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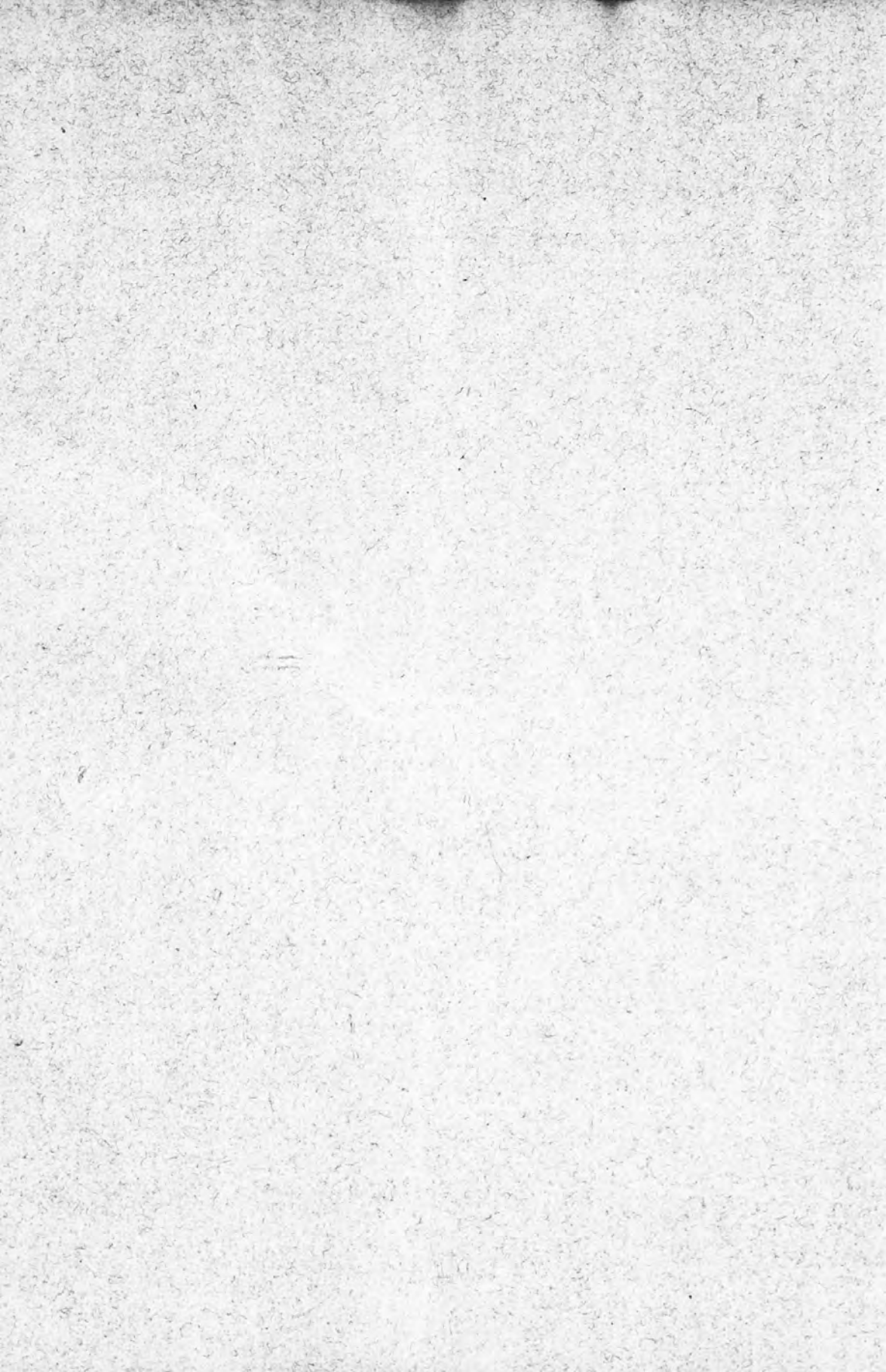
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## Salutatory.

IN presenting this paper to the collectors of curiosities, we believe we are giving them a magazine—the want of which has been long felt. We propose to have departments devoted exclusively to individual objects, conducted by leading authorities upon each subject.

As this is a paper calculated to reach both collector and dealer, we have resolved to make it of as much interest and value to the one as to the other. Besides the information afforded by reading these pages, regarding collections of all species of curiosities, we trust that the advantages afforded by the unusual space devoted to exchanges, which allows collectors in all parts of the civilized world to exchange article for article with other collectors in their own and in foreign countries, will increase the popularity of the INTERNATIONAL COLLECTOR.

In order that our exchange lists may give satisfaction to all, we have determined to publish from time to time a list of such persons as do not act according to the provisions of their exchanges. We shall in all cases publish the names of the accuser as well as accused, and shall reserve the right to decide all such cases according to the best of our knowledge.

We have decided to have departments treating of Philately, Numismatics, Mineralogy, Oology, Autographs, Conchology, Bibliography and Post Marks. A part of the space devoted to each subject will be given to exchanges, and the rest to items of interest, etc. As there will not be

room enough for the departments of each of the aforementioned subjects to be published in every issue, only the most important ones will appear in all issues, and the lesser ones will alternate.

By these proceedings we hope to give our paper a popularity not second to that of any amateur paper in the world, and to gain to the cause of collecting many persons all over the globe who will raise the banner of collecting, and under it will bring together the treasures of land and sea in collections that will be dearer to their owners than anything on earth.

## COLLECTING.

THE pleasure that both young and old feel in bringing together objects of interest, whether the objects are worthless or not, can be traced to the innate desire of mankind to make collections, and the same result almost invariably attends; the man finds his stores of knowledge agreeably increasing and the boys' stock of general information gradually grows larger and larger as he goes deeper into the mysteries of numismatics or whatever he may be interested in.

The British Museum, which has undoubtedly the finest general collection in the world shows to what heights the science may be raised, and the collector can find most of the coins of the world here, in the original or fac-simile, and the thousands of other objects of interest from the magnificent "Portland vase" that symphony in porcelain, to the fossil of the Ichthyosaurus. The collection of books is the largest *catalogued* one, that of the

National Library at Paris being as yet not wholly catalogued and the bibliomaniac, as an ardent *collector* not *reader* is called, can wander at will among Caxtons, Aldines and Elezeavirs, but unfortunately the "Mazarin Bible" and "Codex" are not there and are not likely to be until a very liberal appropriation is made for their purchase.

The coins of the present day are much inferior in design to those of ancient Greece, which are perfect gems in execution and design and which only advanced collectors can afford to buy, for some sell at about \$500. The collecting of coins is an exceedingly fascinating pursuit for the collector can understand the historical changes which called forth new coins and also see the characters of the rulers depicted as faithfully as if they were written down by a biographer. Coins also confirm history but never add to it.

Philately is a very interesting science, and thousands of dealers and collectors are engaged in it. The collecting of the most common objects is, if the collector is enthusiastic, just as interesting as the collecting of coins, and the collector of tin tags views his shining bits of tin with as much satisfaction as the stamp collector looks at a completed page of English stamps. (?)

Of course, hundreds of books have been written on all kinds of collecting so to say anything on any especial kind of collecting would be useless here, but we may say that from our experience we never have met with a collector who had not always found collecting a source of interest and instruction. —J. W.

## PHILATELY.

AS Philately occupies the attention of more persons—collector or dealer—than any other class of collecting, it is by no means amiss to review the progress of that interesting pastime and study during the past quarter of a century.

Stamp collecting had not obtained much popularity in this country until J. W. Scott, now a dealer in Philatelic goods, commenced forming a collection of these unique mementoes of different countries; and after a short time, as much enthusiasm was awakened in this country as in Europe.

For many years it was the desire of the majority of collectors, to obtain one specimen of each country's postage stamps, but as there are or were but about 350 stamp issuing countries, and as there was no one country whose stamps were so rare but that some one variety could be easily obtained, the collector soon found the wish, which he entertained when he first resolved to devote himself to Philately, fulfilled to his most intense satisfaction. But does our collector now forever banish all thoughts on Philately? No, he sets to work even more energetically than before and soon almost all of the stamps of his his country may be found in his beloved album.

There are, however, as in all other pursuits, two distinct classes of collectors—the collector who collects simply because his acquaintances do and who may admire a gaudily embellished stamp, and the collector who collects from love of the pursuit and who judges a stamp, not from its general appearance, but by careful examination and study of its minutest sections. Luckily for Philately, the former soon grows tired of this pastime, for which he never had any real regard and gives it up as he most likely will anything else

HAS anyone ever noticed the difference between some of the 1885 issue of the 5c. Guatamala stamp? We have seen two shades, so different that the most superficial observer cannot fail to perceive the difference by comparing the two varieties.

he undertakes, which is not in accordance with his habits; while the latter passes from boyhood to manhood and bids farewell to his boyish pursuits yet the love of Philately clings to him and in all probability will not leave him till Life leaves him in the hands of remorseless Death.

It has been the aim of many countries to issue stamps, which from the very first set to the last, are master-pieces of designing and execution. Now, undoubtedly, Guatamala has succeeded in this most laudable undertaking; but our island friends, the English, can lay claims to no such pretensions, for of all the stamp issuing countries of the globe, her stamps show the greatest lack of designing, color and variety.

— EXCHANGES. —

PHILATELY.

Maurice Rosendon, 2132 Post Street, San Francisco, Cal. Stamps in exchange for same; correspondence solicited.

Jesse Silverstein, 1818 Union Street, San Francisco, Cal. I would like to exchange some stamps and post marks for shell; not in my collection.

A. Bienenfeld, 1018 Post Street, San Francisco, Cal. I would like to exchange stamps for others not in my collection, and correspond with eastern collectors.

A. Cohen, 724 Geary Street, San Francisco, Cal. Wishing to increase my collection of stamps, exchange and correspondence is respectfully solicited.

Joe Friedman, 909 Polk Street, San Francisco, Cal. Stamps to exchange for stamps, and post marks from the West for stamps.

Max Seligman, 523 O'Farrell Street, San Francisco, Cal. Stamps from Central America, Mexico, etc., to exchange for rare foreign and old U. S. stamps.

Menard Gilbert, 2132 Post Street, San Francisco, Cal. U. S. and Foreign stamps in exchange for U. S. revenues.

AS we intend to devote a considerable space every month to Numismatics, it may be well to explain what it is.

To begin with, it treats of Coins and Medals, acquainting us with the metals used in their composition, their various inscriptions and devices, their mechanical execution and artistic merits. It tells the different denominations of coins, their relation to one another, and the laws by which they are regulated.

The earliest known coins were issued by the Greeks in the seventh century before the Christian era. By the fourth century, the whole civilized world used money, each state generally having its proper coinage. This has continued to be the case to the present time so that now there are but few nations without a metal currency of their own, and of these but a small proportion are wholly unacquainted with the use of coins.

The number of varieties of coins and medals of which specimens are preserved in collections may be estimated at not less than several hundred thousands; and future discoveries will probably greatly increase this number, which will illustrate history and kindred branches of knowledge with the greatest completeness. This is the real value of Numismatics and the collector may well keep it constantly before him.

The science of Numismatics is of comparatively recent origin. The ancients do not seem to have formed collections although they appear to have originally preserved individual specimens for their beauty. Petrarch has the credit of having been the first collector, but it is probable that in his time, ancient coins were attracting but little notice. The importance of the study of all coins has since been by degrees, more and more recognized, and at present no branch of the pursuit is left wholly unexplored.

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## MINEROLOGY,

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NO study is so fascinating as that of chemistry, especially when it relates to substances belonging to the mineral kingdom. But this column has nothing to do with chemistry, or advanced mineralogy as yet. We simply intend to give a few facts that may be helpful or interesting to one who makes the collection of Minerals a pastime or a study. In this relation there are so many terms that confuse and perplex the mind, that we shall endeavor to avoid technical expressions, only understood by professional chemists, etc. This subject is one of vast extent and importance, and beside being amused for the time being in gathering Mineralogical Specimens, one is laying up the foundation of a useful store of knowledge relating to the subject, which cannot help being of service to him in after life. We do not intend to show how or wherein such knowledge can be obtained, but advise the collector to obtain some book on the subject, and profit by its pages. With this introduction, we begin our duties.

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ONE of the chief difficulties a young collector experiences, is in labelling the results of his labor. This should always be done, and a valuable aid is a book giving the peculiarities of the various minerals and metals. But even then it is all guess-work, and the collector can be comforted by the assurance that the most distinguished metallurgist can do no more. For instance, a piece of ore contains some sparkling pieces looking like gold. It is truly said that "All is not gold that glitters," and the ore may contain any of the thousand and one things, noticeably pyrites of iron, that resemble gold.

There is no *sure* method of ascertaining the composition of an ore, except by long and costly analysis. There are a few

simple tests however, that give the collector a tolerably correct idea of his specimens. One of these, which only applies when the metal or mineral in the ore is pure and not mixed with any other substance, is to chip off a small piece of the ore, and apply to it great heat. Small globules of molten metal soon exude from the chip, and their character can be told by the color.

Copper ore is always coated with a green substance (verdigras) caused by the combination of the copper with the oxygen of the air.

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## OOLOGY,

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THE first thing which strikes the eye of one who beholds a large collection of egg-shells, is the varied hues of the specimens. Hardly a shade known to the colorist is not exhibited by one or more, and some of these tints have their beauty enhanced by the glossy surface on which they are displayed, by the harmonious blending, or by the pleasing contrast of the pigments which form markings as often of the most irregular as of regular shape. At the same time, the eggs of a great number of birds, bear, beside these last and superimposed markings, more deeply seated stains, generally of a paler and often of an altogether different hue, and these are evidently due to some early dyeing process. It is commonly believed that the older a bird is, the more intensely colored will be its egg, and to some extent this belief appears to be true. It is also thought that at a certain time the colors reach their highest development and then grow lighter and lighter as the bird ages.

Eggs of different birds vary greatly in form and color, and in some of our next chapters we will endeavor to describe some of the eggs of the best known American birds.



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ALTHOUGH San Francisco has a very few Stamp Dealers in proportion to its size, yet the dealers have a stock of stamps and other philatelic goods which equal, if not exceed the stock of many Eastern dealers.

THE new 10c. orange Salvador is considered a great improvement upon the corresponding one of the 1879 issue, and it is hoped that a complete set of this new kind will be issued. But if Salvador has improved, Costa Rica has done just the reverse.

**READ!** To anyone sending us six subscribers, we will send the INTERNATIONAL COLLECTOR for one year free, and a pack of 50 visiting cards with name neatly printed thereon.

To anyone sending us four subscribers we will send this paper one year free.

To any one sending his own and another's subscription we will send the Number 1 Packet, which contains 50 stamps, including Mexico, Guatamala, San Salvador and Japan.

WHY can't we have a branch of the

American Philatelic Association in 'Frisco? Surely there are enough collectors, among whom there ought to be one enterprising enough to effect this consummation.

ON looking over a Philatelic paper it seems from the large number of advertisements that they are to be more desired in a literary point of view than other reading matter. Why not have it the other way, brother journalists? Surely a page of advertisements will pay for the printing of a page of literary matter, and we should not let our love for the "filthy lucre" run away with us so far as not to have the same amount of reading matter as of advertisements, at least.

SOME people are extravagant! We have heard of a stamp dealer who pays registry fees on all of his approval sheets, both ways. Probably he thinks Uncle Sam is jealous of his great notoriety!

THE *Curiosity World* is about the best paper of its kind we have yet seen. We hope it will visit our sanctum regularly.

WE would like to correspond with some ardent collector of Tin Tags. Address this office.

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## AUTOGRAPHS.

THE interest attached to the possession of Autographs of distinguished men, which has created a new branch of industry, is partly historical, partly psychological. The signatures, or original manuscripts, are interesting, and it has been thought that from the autograph, some conclusion might be drawn as to the mental characteristics of the writer. It is doubtless true that temperament will in some degree affect handwriting, but the conditions to be taken into account are so numerous and variable that the attempt to infer the one from the other seems practically hopeless.

Poe, in his ingenious "Chapter on Autography," speaks very strongly on the subject; he thinks that none but the unreflecting can deny "that a strong analogy does generally and naturally exist between every man's chirography and his character," and to support his statement, compares the signatures and mental characteristics of a large number of contemporary American writers. He is obliged to confess however, that in many cases no inference whatever can be drawn, and in others the analogy is extremely forced.

The value placed by the *amateur* on an autograph will, of course, vary with the celebrity of its author and the scarcity of genuine specimens. The taste for collecting autographs is not confined to modern times. Many large collections, e. g. those of Lamenie de Brienne of Lacroix du Maine and others were formed in the Sixteenth Century, and during the same period we know that albums used to be carried about for the purpose of obtaining the signatures of famous persons. One of these albums preserved in the British Museum is of the date 1578. Many other old albums are still extant, and are quite valuable.

—SELECTED.

## POST MARKS.

ALTHOUGH many have derided the collecting of Post Marks as a pursuit unworthy of their attention, yet it is as valuable in its way as Numismatics or Philately ever can be. If kept according to the following system it fixes the location of all the large cities and of many of the smaller ones firmly in the mind, and gives the collector a better idea of the extent of his country, than can perhaps be gained in any other way.

This is the method which is in our estimation far superior to all other ways of arranging Post Marks. First procure a large album, an old ledger will do if the collector is not particular about the appearance, and in it place the Post Marks after having numbered them and the pages. Then procure a Postal Guide of the U. S., and as soon as you receive a new specimen, number it and write down opposite its name in the Postal Guide, its number, and that of the page on which you put it. By this method you can easily find out whether you have a certain Post Mark already, and also by placing a peculiar mark beside it whether it is in good condition or not. After you have been following this method for a while, you will find that frequent reference the Postal Guide has familiarized you to the names and locations of a number of places in a degree that you could never have expected to obtain, had you studied geography for a long time.

FOR a collection of Postage Stamps, made by Sir Daniel Cooper of Australia, between 1862 and 1878, \$15,000 was given.

THE Galliera collection of stamps at Paris is said upon credible authority to have cost up to 1883 in acquisition and arrangement, no less a sum than 1,400,000 francs or about \$300,000.

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## AMATEUR JOURNALISM.

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WHENEVER an amateur journalist wants to do something desperate, something that will be the means of causing all sorts of maledictions to be hurled at his poor defenseless head, he does not commit suicide, but simply joins the Literary Lyceum of America. We have no doubt that Messrs. Emery and Edkins can certify to the correctness of this by experience.

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SOME years ago, nearly every new paper its "Salutatory" in this manner: "In launching our paper on the broad sea of Amateur Journalism, we expect" etc., etc. The amateurs justly exercised their voices in yelling "Rats" and "Chestnuts," at such proceedings, and soon papers began their initial numbers with "We do not intend to say anything about our starting out on the broad sea of Amateur Journalism, but go straight to business," until the latter is about as much of a "chestnut" as the first. Desist, ye editors, and go straight into business without any sentimental journalism at all.

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THE eighth wonder of the world resides in our midst. The San Francisco *Our Boys* has actually succeeded in issuing five very good numbers, all out on time. This paper desires exchanges. Address, S. A. Moss, 610 Ellis Street.

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WE have two trade journals in 'Frisco. The *Pacific Currant* represents the horticulturists, and the *Mustard Poultry* the druggists.

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THE *Bay State Amateur* is doing finely considering its age.

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## EXCHANGES.

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### SHELLS.

Jesse Silverstein, 1818 Union Street, San Francisco, Cal. Foreign stamps for Shells. List of shells requested.

S. I. Samuels, 713 Post Street, San Francisco, Cal. Shells of the Pacific Coast to exchange for those from the Atlantic coast of North America.

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### NUMISMATICS.

V. Cragin, 1921 Buchanan Street, San Francisco, Cal. I would like to correspond and exchange with Eastern collectors. Lists of duplicates exchanged.

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### POST MARKS.

Joe Friedman, 909 Polk Street, San Francisco, Cal. Western Post Marks for Stamps or Eastern Post Marks. Please send lists.

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### EGGS.

S. I. Samuels, 713 Post Street, San Francisco. Mexican and Central American Stamps for good specimens of birds eggs. Send list of exchanges.

S. A. Moss, 610 Ellis Street, San Francisco, Cal. Petrified wood for Eggs.

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A SOLDIER running for Congress, said: "Fellow citizens, I have fought and bled for my country. I have slept on the field of battle, and have walked over frozen ground, till my footsteps were marked with blood." A voter, wiping his tearful eyes with his coat tail, said: "Did you say you followed the enemy over frozen ground till every footstep was covered with blood?" "Yes." "Well then, I'll be blamed if you haven't done enough for your country. I'll vote for the other chap."

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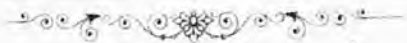
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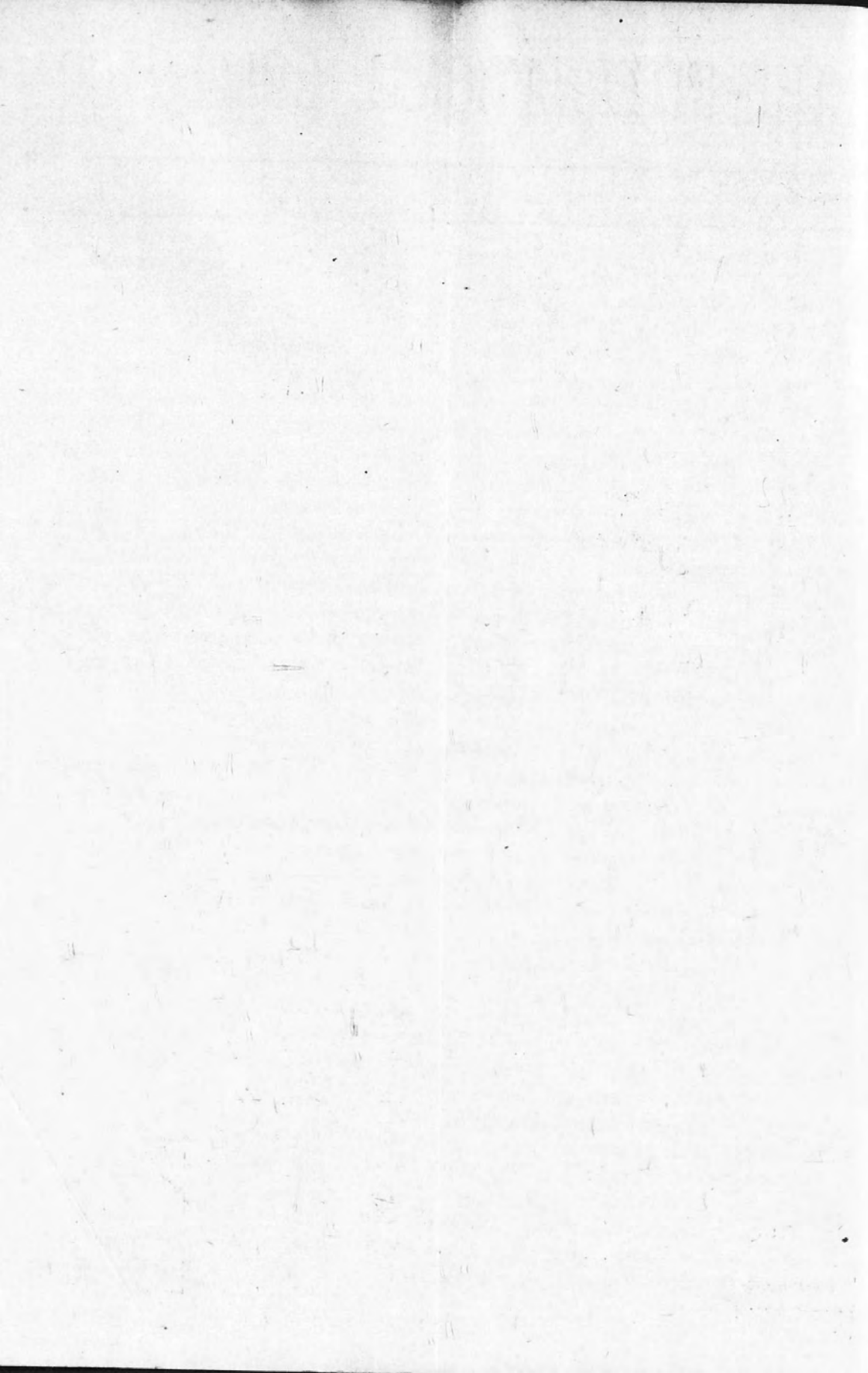
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## COUNTERFEITS.

COUNTERFEITS are the bane of every collector's life, for there are but few kinds of collecting in which the making of them is not possible, as many a collector has found to his cost. Indian relics are turned out by the hundreds, while counterfeiting stamps and coins is a regular business. In fact everything, except Nature, is counterfeited, but we are even not sure of that; birds-eggs have been received that look very suspicious; dyes skillfully used changing color of eggs in a most wondrous manner, but this we only know by hearsay, so we will now look at true counterfeits.

The most noted stamp counterfeits include all the old German states, Saxony, Baden, Schwerins and Hanover chiefly, the entire set of the Confederate States of America, and many others too numerous to mention. The reason for the scarcity of the stamps of the Confederate States is easily explained—the government being in existence only four years during which time but few stamps were used, and the former states being absorbed by Prussia to form what is now the German Empire before many of their stamps were in use.

There is one very famous set of stamps, which, although they can hardly be classed as counterfeits, are well worthy of mention. These stamps were issued during a stamp craze in America by an ingenious engraver of Hamburg, who sent them to America where they were sold for fabulous prices until the fraud was discovered, and now they have become so rare that they are counterfeited. They

are the "Hamburg Locals."

The magnitude of the stamp counterfeiting business is very great, there being a number of factories in Europe and one or two in America, so it is no wonder that the market is flooded with spurious stamps.

Ancient Roman, Grecian, Byzantine and Assyrian coins are the chief ones copied, while a large business is done in making early American and European coins, previous to 1800.

The difference between the making of stamps and coins lies indirectly in the profits, which are so large in the coin trade, that the best engravers are employed and the spurious coins are almost perfect, while the stamps which are worth reproducing often are steel cuts or have a peculiar watermark which makes it almost impossible to deceive the expert. The following story which was once current, is an apt illustration of the perfect work of the counterfeiter, was told by a well-known numismatist. "One day, a well-dressed gentleman came into my store and said he had heard that I had a very rare old coin which was said to be the only one of its kind extant. I replied in the affirmative that I had, when he said that he also had one but would like to see if it was genuine by comparing it with mine, but unfortunately he had forgotten his but offered to leave a deposit as security for the coin. Something in his manner made me trust him and I accepted his offer, and he took the coin and left. A week passed and I had begun to feel scared, when one day he again entered and took from his vest pocket three coins

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## The Stamps of Guatemala.

THE stamps of Guatemala possess a peculiar interest to all collectors, for they are generally acknowledged, taking them all together, to be the handsomest stamps ever issued by any government. We propose to give a brief description of the country to which we are indebted for these beautiful works of art.

Guatemala, the most famous of the Central American states, or republics, as they are often called, is washed at once by the Pacific Ocean and the Caribbean Sea. It has an area of over 40000 square miles, and a population which exceeds a million. Great variety of both climate and surface is here exhibited. Mountain and valley, hill and plateau, all combine and give the country great variety in appearance.

Although subject to frequent earthquakes and abounding in active volcanoes, Guatemala's population is nearly equal to that of all the other Central American states combined.

The government of Guatemala corresponds to a certain degree with that of the United States, since its presidential term is four years and while its council of state is almost identical with our Senate, in both countries a certain power is vested in a House of Representatives. For a time, it is true, the President held his office for life, but this led to such excesses on the part of that official, during the administration of one Rafael Carrera, that a new code of laws was adopted.

For many years Guatemala had but very little commerce, and for a while cochineal was almost the only export; but now, coffee, sugar, hides, mahogany and indigo, have contributed their share in making her so important to commerce as she has become.

Postage stamps were introduced into Guatemala in 1871, the very first set

issued, being as many claim, the most excellent, that she has ever issued, in design and execution. This famous set consists of four stamps all of the following design: A shield, bearing the arms of Guatemala, with the sun above, and a wreath half way round. Above, in an oval, is "Correos de Guatemala," and below is the number of centavos; in the lower corners is the value. To this set belong

- 1871—1c. bistre.
- .. 5c. brown.
- .. 10c. blue.
- .. 20c. rose.

In 1872, new stamps appeared which bear, in place of the shield containing the arms and sun above, a larger shield, which contains a partly enrolled scroll.

- 1872—4r. mauve.
- .. 1p. yellow.

The same year, two unperforated revenues used for postage appeared. The design bears a very slight resemblance to that of the 1871 issue.

- 1872—4r. blue.
- .. 1p. green.

In 1875, two entirely new designs were used, which are alike in but one respect—the same features are upon both, the oval containing the wreathed head of a young woman.

- 1875— $\frac{1}{4}$ r. black.
- ..  $\frac{1}{2}$ r. green.
- .. 1r. blue.
- .. 2r. carmine.

The design was again changed in 1878, this time the stamps being enlarged. The head upon these stamps is more striking and natural, while the "Correos de Guatemala" crosses the upper part of the stamps instead of being on the sides as on those of the 1875 issue. In the lower corners are scrolls bearing the value.

- 1878— $\frac{1}{2}$ r. green.
- .. 2r. carmine.
- .. 4r. violet.
- .. 1p. yellow.

The well-known "parrot on the pedestal stamps" were first issued in 1879, but as all are familiar with this design, a description is unnecessary. Only two varieties were then issued, the

1879— $\frac{1}{4}$ r. brown and green.  
1r. black and green.

In 1881, the following stamps were surcharged:

1881 1c. on  $\frac{1}{4}$ r. brown and green of 1879.  
5c. on  $\frac{1}{2}$ r. green of 1878.  
10c. on 1r. black and green of 1879.  
20c. on 2r. carmine of 1878 issue.

The following set was issued in 1882, the design on all the stamps being the same as on the 1879 issue.

1882—1c. black and green.  
2c. brown and green.  
5c. red and green.  
10c. violet and green.  
20c. yellow and green.

Last year, besides the following, five provisionals were issued. They are

1886—25c. vermilion, black surcharge.  
50c. " " "  
75c. " " "  
100c. " " "  
150c. " " "

Regular issue of 1886:

1c. light blue. 25c. orange.  
2c. brown. 50c. sage green.  
5c. purple. 75c. carmine.  
10c. red. 100c. mauve.  
200c. emerald green. 150c. dark blue.  
200c. orange.

—MAURICE V. SAMUELS.

### COUNTERFEITS

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and laying them on the counter said, "You see you do not possess the only coin, I have two more; which one is yours?" I examined them all carefully but was unable to pick out my own, the three were so exactly alike. At last I took one, when the gentleman said with a

smile "You are wrong," and gave me the genuine one, saying, "It took me a week's hard labor to make the die from which these coins were taken, but now it is made and I can make all I want." This story may be true and may not, but it is not exaggerated in the least and simply shows the skill of the engraver.

Even the uncultured Egyptian fellah knows the value of ancient relics, and coins and ornaments said to come from the mummies are manufactured almost under the very shadow of the pyramids and among the ruins of Karnak and Thebes. So great is the quantity of bogus relics in the market that no collector can say for sure that his collection is free from them; and as long as high prices are given for stamps, coins etc., so long will the deluded collector lament over his misspent confidence and wasted money. —EDWARD MENDELSON.

### POST MARKS,

HAVING in a former issue explained the best mode of indexing Post Marks, we will now give several modes of procuring and pasting them in books.

Should a beginner try to gather Post Marks from his own letters we are afraid that he would not progress with much rapidity, unless he had a very extensive and wide-spreading correspondence. So the best mode is to interest your friends and request them to save all the Post Marks they can for you. If you can get hold of the waste basket of some newspaper office, we think you will find a great many and at the same time a great variety of Post Marks, more, in fact, than you could get at any other place.

After having collected, say, two or three hundred, the best way is to index them before pasting them in your book as it will often occur that you have several from the same place and if you were to

paste them in before indexing them it will be necessary to tear them out, spoiling them and at the same time defacing the book. As you index each it will be well to number them in the Index Book and at the same time on the Post Mark in small figures so that they can be erased.

The next thing to do is to paste them in the book. If you cannot get an old ledger, you can get a small album which will hold several thousand Post Marks for a very small amount. There are two ways of pasting in Post Marks; one is to paste the end of a small strip of paper to the back of the Post Mark and the other end in the book. This will hold them in position, and at the same time if should be necessary to tear out, it will not deface either the Post Mark or the book.

This will be found a very tedious method, but your labor will be rewarded when the book is finished.

The other way is not so neat but a great deal simpler; being merely to put a little paste on the back of the Post Mark and pasting it in the book. It will be impossible to tear them out without destroying them.

You will perhaps still have a great many duplicates left over; do not destroy these, but save them until you have a sufficient number, when you can exchange with some other collector.

It will be well for you to take some paper that inserts exchanges, as, for instance, the paper before you, not only for the purpose of inserting your own exchanges but also to find the addresses of other collectors.

The collecting of Post Marks if conducted in this way becomes of the greatest interest; there is very little need of money except for stamps to carry on your correspondence, and not only will it afford a pastime and pleasure, but at the same time it becomes instructive. By corres-

ponding you get a good idea of letter-writing, your hand-writing will be improved, and you will get an idea of what is going on in the world around you.

—HANDY ANDY.

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### Numismatic Definitions.

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**T**HE need of a Numismatic Dictionary is always felt when an article or series of articles on Numismatics is about to be read, so here we give a few which we hope will prove useful in the study of coins. Every young collector in that branch should commit them to memory.

1. A *coin* is a piece of metal of a fixed weight, stamped by authority of Government and employed as a circulating medium.

2. A *medal* is a piece having no place in currency, struck to commemorate some event or person. Medals are frequently comprised with coins in descriptions that apply to both equally; thus, in the subsequent definitions, by the term *coins*, coins and medals must be generally understood.

3. The coinage of a country is usually divided into the classes of gold, silver, and bronze (copper), for which the abbreviations AV, AR, and Æ, are employed in catalogues. In each class are comprised, not only the coins of the metal from which it takes its name, with no more than a necessary or inseparable proportion of alloy, but coins of other metallic substances usually base, and always compound, which were generally struck in the place of the purer pieces. The principal metallic substances then used were electrum for gold, billon for silver, brass for copper, and potin for silver and copper.

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The remainder of these Numismatic Definitions will be published in our next issue.

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PUBLISHERS of papers referring to us in any way will greatly oblige the editors by sending copies to this office.

WE never appreciate what we have— we all want that which belongs to somebody else. This is certainly true as you may believe when we say, and what is more it is true, that an acquaintance of ours recently obtained a genuine Guadalajara stamp from a "small" boy for a piece of candy, costing at the most a cent and a half. An offer of \$5 for the stamp was refused. Verily, "where ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise."

ONE of the leading features of the *Phi-*

*latelic Journal of America* is the price catalogue, contributed by Major Evans, who is said the best authority upon postage stamps now living.

WITH a collecting population of many thousand, California has been for many years without a single paper like the one now before you. Show your appreciation, inhabitants of the Golden West, and send in your subscriptions to this office.

THANKS to the papers, which appreciating our endeavors, have kindly favored us with notices of welcome to the collecting world.

THE European dealers are clever. They design and make up "genuine United States postage stamps" long before we ourselves have thought of such appearing stamps. There is one of these before us now.

WE are glad to say that we have not yet had occasion to publish a single name in a Black List. This speaks well for collectors, and we hope we may be able to say the same at the end of the year.

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## MINERALOGY.

THE study of Minerals affords such a great amount of pleasure, that it is surprising to see how few collectors know even the foundation of this science. For the benefit of these, I propose to go through a series of lessons, which I shall endeavor to make simple enough for all to understand.

Suppose then, that the student has before him three minerals, the names and qualities of which he is entirely ignorant of, and that these are common quartz, common lime stone, and iron ore. I have selected these three for the reason that they are to be found in nearly every section of country. In appearance, the first two named may resemble each other, viz., in form, color and transparency; but in these, as in nearly every other respect, they differ from iron ore, which is more weighty and of a darker color.

The most marked properties of quartz are its glassy lustre, a splintery appearance, and such a degree of hardness as to scratch glass and give fire under steel.

Limestone has an uneven appearance, a glassy lustre, is so soft as to be easily scratched with a knife, and will never scratch glass. If a drop of acid is made to touch it, it will effervesce or seem to boil; and if strongly heated, and thrown into cold water, it will crumble into a fine powder; which is well known under the name of quicklime.

On quartz, acid has no effect, and when heated and thrown into cold water, will crack into pieces like glass instead of being reduced to a powder like lime. Besides their weight and dark color, the ores of iron have a lustre like a metal; or are sometimes dull and earthy, having no lustre at all. If a pupil has a number of specimens before him, and undertakes to learn the names of each, he will soon be-

come confused and discouraged. The best method, therefore, will be to select all the minerals of certain families or kinds, leaving the others for future examination. Thus, let him take all the specimens which scratch glass; then those which effervesce with acids; and then all such as are magnetic, allowing each kind to be laid by itself. Lastly let all the crystals, of whatever form, also have a place by themselves.

In the coming numbers, I shall give a description of the varieties of each of these minerals, and the student having found out that the specimen is quartz, lime, or iron ore, has only to compare it with the description to find out its name.

—S. ARMER.

## BIBLIOLOGY.

THE mania for collecting rare and curious books may be traced back many centuries, and the feeling which prompted the Marquis of Blandford to purchase the first dated edition of Boccaccio's "Decameron" for nearly \$11300 may be identical with that which caused the literary king, Ptolemy Philadelphus, when he gave magnificent gifts to those learned men who translated the Hebrew bible into his native tongue for him.

The majority of bibliomaniacs prize a volume because of its rarity, but there are not lacking those who treasure such, simply on account of its connection with famous people of the past. These latter have discovered four kinds of evidences of former proprietorship; viz., tradition, the written signature of owner, the insertion of book plates, and some peculiar device upon the cover. But even in the first three mentioned confidence may not be too implicitly relied, for tradition may be unreliable; a signature may be forged; while the thin card book plate, which is

generally pasted on the inner cover or fly leaf, may be sponged off and reattached, so that nothing really decisive is left but the stamps on the cover, which cannot be removed without rebinding the entire volume. And it was for this reason that the most enthusiastic bibliophiles, of which class of collectors France possesses the most, began to adopt some peculiar designs with which they stamped their entire library of rare works. Among these may be mentioned those of Diane of Poitiers, Catherine De Medicis, Mary Stuart, Mlle. Le Duc, Cardinals Richelieu and Mazarin, Louis Phillips, Ulyse Capitaine, and N. C. Penesc. And is it strange that volumes bearing such stamps possess so much value in the eyes of collectors, when even those who are not such, seem to feel their fingers faintly thrilled, as they touch them, with the far-off contact of Kings and cardinals, scholars and coquettes, pedants and poets—dead many a century.

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### AMATEUR JOURNALISM.

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SO many plans are put forward for the advancement of Amateur Journalism, that we are tempted to bring forth the following: Why not have some member of the Credential Committee of the National Amateur Press Association empowered to keep a faithful record of all Amateur Papers. Whenever a paper enters the 'Dom, let a copy be sent to this officer, and let him add it to his list. If a paper be not issued for, say three times when it is due, without due notice of suspension, let it be stricken from the list until it is reissued. An account of papers so added, or stricken, might be published in the *National Amateur*, together with the number of papers still on the roll. Of course, this is only an improvement on the Census Plan, but still it is an improvement, and

all arguments in favor of the original plan can be urged in favor of this, together with the advantage of taking a *constant* census, and the stimulus it will give to those who issue their papers tardily. The adoption of this plan will always keep before the adherents of Amateur Journalism the exact number enrolled under its banner.

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WE intend to publish monthly in this paper, the names of all collectors of coins, stamps, etc. Those of our readers who would like their names inserted in this directory, will please send to this office their name together with their address and the branch of collecting in which they are interested, when we will publish the same as soon as possible.

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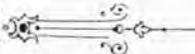
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Few, of the many who devote their leisure moments to the study of this interesting yet laborious branch of philately, can really determine upon first looking at a stamp whether the vignette which it may bear be well-executed or not, and whether it is sufficiently like the person represented as to be easily recognizable to a stranger to philately.

From this it will be easily seen that the vignettes upon the postage stamps issued by our government may not very favorably strike the eye of a superficial observer, yet to anyone who carefully examines them, they show themselves to be indeed well executed and to bear a striking resemblance to the person whose portrait is here given. Indeed, who could mistake the well-known features of Geo. Washington, "The Father of his Country," upon the 2 cent stamps as well as on several other denominations of the earlier issues, and those of Franklin, the patriot and scientist upon the 1 cent stamp now in use?

The stamps of England, as well as those of the majority of her colonies, fulfill one of the two conditions; the vignettes are well-executed but they bear no resemblance whatever to the Queen Victoria, who now celebrates the 50th year of an eventful reign. With the exception of those of Newfoundland, the *ideal* head is found upon all the stamps; that is, the vignette of Victoria as she appeared at the age of eighteen — and even the stamps of the former are but fair.

Without a single exception, the stamps

of England bear the portrait of the now reigning Queen, but the effigy of Napoleon can be found only upon the earlier issues of France, for now vignettes are no longer used there.

The vignettes upon Grecian stamps are almost invariably poorly executed as are also those of the earlier issues of Spain.

The majority of the stamps issued by the Brazilian government bear the vignettes of Don Pedro, the Emperor, while that of Bolivar, "The Deliverer of South America," may be found upon the various issues of Venezuela.

Every postage stamp ever issued by Chili bears the vignette of the great Colon and there indeed seems to be no probability of a change being made.

If space permits, a list of a few once-famous vignettes will be given in our next issue.

It was lately our good fortune to view the stamp collection of C. H. Bogart of this city. As Mr. Bogart collects the various shades of stamps, his collection of 14000 is fully worth \$3,000. His set of Guadalajara, which includes the rare perforated one, is with but one exception complete. While the rare stamps themselves delight the eye of the connoisseur, the manner in which they are arranged please even those who do not admire the *science* of philately. Sheets of white bristol-board, about 12 x 14 inches, are so well ruled with india ink that they make a finer appearance than the finest album. His collection is one of which California may be indeed philatelically proud.

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## Numismatic Definitions.

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4. *Electrum*, a compound metallic substance, consisting of gold with a considerable alloy of silver. Pliny makes the proportion 4 parts of gold to 1 of silver. The material of the early coins of Asia Minor struck in the cities of the western coast is the ancient electrum. It appears here to have at first consisted of three parts of gold to one of silver; but afterwards the proportion of silver was increased in most places. Gold largely alloyed with silver, not struck by the ancient Greeks or their neighbors, should be termed *pale gold* as in the case of some of the late Byzantine coins.

5. *Billon*, a term applied to the base metal of some Roman coins, and also to that of some mediæval and modern coins. It is silver with a great proportion of alloy. When the base silver coins are replaced by copper washed with silver the term billon becomes inappropriate.

6. *Brass*, a compound metallic substance employed for coins. It may be used as an equivalent of the orichalcum of the Romans, a fine kind of brass of which the sestertii and dupondii were struck, but it is commonly applied indiscriminately to the whole of their copper currency.

7. *Potín*, a term applied to the base metal of which some ancient coins are composed. It is softer than billon.

8. Various other metallic substances have been used in coinage. The so-called "glass coins" of the Arabs are merely coin-weights.

9. The *forms* of coins have greatly varied in different countries and at different periods. The usual form in both ancient and modern times has been circular, and generally of no great thickness.

10. Coins are measured by *Minonnet's scale*, from which the greatest dimension is taken, or, when they are square, the greatest dimension in two directions. This is, however, a very unsatisfactory scale, as its divisions are of an arbitrary character, and the instruments for applying it are such as make exactness scarcely possible. A gauge graduated to inches and decimal parts of an inch, or to millimetres is far more satisfactory.

11. The *weight* of a coin is of great importance, both in determining its genuineness and distinguishing its identity. To ascertain the exact weight even to the tenth of a grain is therefore necessary, and this can only be done by the careful use of excellent scales.

12. The *specific gravity* of a coin may be of use in determining the metals in its composition.

13. Whatever representations or characters are borne by a coin constitute its *type*. The subject of each side is also called a type, and when there is not only a device but an inscription, the latter may be excluded from the term. This last is the general use. No distinct rule has been laid down as to what makes a difference of type, but it may be considered to be an essential difference, however slight.

14. A difference too small to constitute a new type makes a *variety*.

15. Of the two sides of a coin, that is the *obverse* which bears the more important device or inscription. In early Greek coins it is the convex side; in Greek and Roman imperial it is the side bearing the head; mediæval and modern that bearing the royal effigy, or the king's name or the name of the city; and in Oriental, that on which the inscription begins. The other side is called the *reverse*.

(To be Continued.)

## MINERALOGY.

IF the student has carefully read the article on Mineralogy in the last number of this paper, he will have acquired a general knowledge of the appearance of quartz, limestone, and iron ore.

This, however, is insufficient, as it is necessary to be able to recognise the varieties of the three classes. The names of the principal varieties of quartz are granular quartz, smoky quartz, fetid quartz, yellow quartz, brown quartz, limpid quartz, milky quartz, rose quartz, ferruginous quartz, and violet quartz or amethyst.

Many of the varieties of quartz are found uncrystalized and in crystals. But there are several varieties of quartz which occur massive, being never found in the form of crystals. These varieties also agree in many respects with the description of quartz already given. They scratch glass, give fire with a steel, and most of them are more or less transparent, although they want the shiny lustre which is so distinct in pure quartz. These species are: flint, chalcedony, opal and carnelian.

Flint is of a gray or blackish color, or various shades, its lustre is glimmering; when broken, the fragments are sharp-edged. It gives lively and copious sparks with steel. It is never transparent, but generally translucent in thin pieces.

Chalcedony is characterized by a milky or cloudy translucency, when held between the eye and the light; the color being similar to that of milk diluted with water.

Carnelian is thus named because its color resembles flesh; although generally pale red, it is sometimes found blood red.

The common opal is of a milk white color; it emits slight changes of color, according to the position it is held in the

light. The precious opal may readily be known by its change of colors as it is turned in different directions towards the light.

Agate is made up of carnelian, chalcedony, and a number of other minerals, arranged in stripes, dots, zones, or clouds of different colors. Agate bears a high polish, and having such a variety of colors, is a very beautiful mineral.

Having given this short account of the quartz family, in the next number we shall resume the lime-stone species.

## CONCHOLOGY.

A NUMBER of years ago the science of Conchology was much more studied than it is now, for about that time it was the *fashion*. Rich *virtuosos* paid fabulous prices for rare shells, and boasted in the club rooms of their latest acquisitions. But soon a reaction came; scientists said that the shell of the animal could not compare in scientific value with the animal itself, so as is usual in such cases, the students went from extreme to extreme and the science was almost forgotten.

Of late years, however, through the efforts of eminent zoologists it has been gradually recovering; this is chiefly from the value it has when used as geological evidence. In order to use it in this manner, not only the shell but the animal also must be known, for while the animal is perishable, still the shell it has inhabited is fossilized and kept for thousands of years, and by comparing it with the shells of living animals and by knowing the habits and wants of these animals we can often be able to say whether the salt sea once flowed over this spot or whether it was the seat of a clear, fresh lake. This and the many other evidences it affords geologists makes Conchology a most valuable science, but it must not be imagined

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ANOTHER instance of fraud practised by that well-known dealer in counterfeit stamps, E. A. Dresser of Salem, Mass., has recently come to our knowledge. Why in the name of ever-lasting Philately, do not the important stamp papers of the country drop the Chalmers-Hill question and the dispute about what paper should be the official organ of the American Philately Association, and adopt some stringent measures that will keep the inexperienced collector from wasting his saving on worthless stamps.

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It would pay any ingenious person well to invent some kind of a contrivance which would enable oologists to send birds' eggs through the mail without fear of breakage in transit. This is one of the greatest drawbacks to the progress of oology.

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## OOLOGY.

## BIRD EGG COLLECTING.

WHAT boy is there, who has not at some time, especially if he has lived in the country, despoiled the little birds of their nests and eggs, that he might gratify his ambition and have a collection?

This, perhaps, to him has been an innocent and pleasant pastime, but how about the Birds who have been robbed of all they possessed? Many with wanton cruelty take even the young birds newly hatched and destroy them. These are not genuine collectors. On the other hand, there are a great many people who collect and gain a useful knowledge of the habits of the feathered tribe, as they make it a study. These collectors as a general rule exercise discretion, and if they do not require the nest or eggs, leave it undisturbed. They hardly ever take the eggs when in embryo, except in the case of rare species.

Some collect eggs, single specimens; others in sets, but the enthusiastic collector as a general thing keeps Nest Eggs and the branch on which built. In this case, care is taken to cut the branch as close to the nest as possible, so as not to destroy it, and at the same time making a note of the locality where found, and the date and species, which is to be attached to the branch on a tag. Those who collect single specimens should, after the eggs have been blown, take a little square slip of paper, number it to correspond with Smithsonian Catalogue and then attach it to the egg with mucilage. This is the way nearly all advanced collectors have of keeping a record of the different species.

Now as to the blowing or renovating the inside substance. The collector should provide himself with a blow-pipe which

can be obtained of some jeweler; also with two or three drills for different sized eggs. Dentist's drills are the best, as they are of good material and do not get dull so easily; also with an embryo scissors and embryo hooks. The hooks can be made by bending a thin wire and filing the hook part to an edge. After drilling a hole in the side of the egg, place the hole downward and by forcing a gentle current of air through the pipe into the hole, the contents are easily removed. After removing the matter, force a stream of water inside the egg to cleanse it, and then place the egg on a blotting pad to dry. When an Embryo or young bird is found inside, the hole should be drilled larger, and the scissors used to cut it up; after which remove the particles with the hooks; cleanse thoroughly and after drying, seal the aperture with a strip of paper as near the color of the egg as possible.

The collector should have a case or box with the bottom covered with cotton batting, as this will save the shells in case they receive a jar. A collection well arranged is very interesting and well repays the collector for the time and labor expended in obtaining it.

—C. H. BOGART.

## CONCHOLOGY.

(Continued.)

it is an easy or comparatively easily learned science, for when used in conjunction with geology which is its only practical value it forms one of the most complex sciences there is; the student being obliged to have the whole history of the mollusca at his finger ends, including the structure of all the classes, sub-classes, orders and sub-orders down to the least variation of genera, and the habits, the waters they inhabited etc., written down on the tablets of his brain.

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 JOURNALISTIC NOTES.
 

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THERE seems to be a great wrangle East just now about the official organ of the American Philatelic Association. The *Quaker City Philatelist* is politely (?) showing or is attempting to show that Secretary Bradt is a rascal, and at the same time carrying on a wordy war with the *Curiosity World*, while amid all this the *Philatelic Journal of America* calmly disdains to enter into the contest, secure in the majority of votes, and looking down on the quarrelling journals like a big St. Bernard dog observing two small puppies.

EIGHT and one half pages of ads. and six and a half pages of reading matter—and not very good reading matter at that—is a poor showing for the *Quaker City Philatelist*.

THE *Stamp* is the representative Philatelic journal west of the Rockies. Its pages are always filled with interesting information.

THE *Useful Instructor* issued its May and June numbers combined in one. The name of this paper will be changed to the *Canada Stamp and Coin Journal*.

THE proceedings at the last convention of the National Amateur Press Association are likely to cause more harm than a dozen L. L. A's. The papers favoring Boechat are rather uncertain as to what to make of the proceedings, while the other side are coming out strongly in their disapprobation and lively times in amateur circles can soon be looked for. The most satisfactory name on the ticket is that of F. D. Woolen. This gentleman is well-known throughout amateurdom, and will undoubtedly give general satisfaction in his management of the *National Amateur*.

THE July *Norm* has left politics behind and is again giving its attention to literature, which has been somewhat neglected during the past few months.

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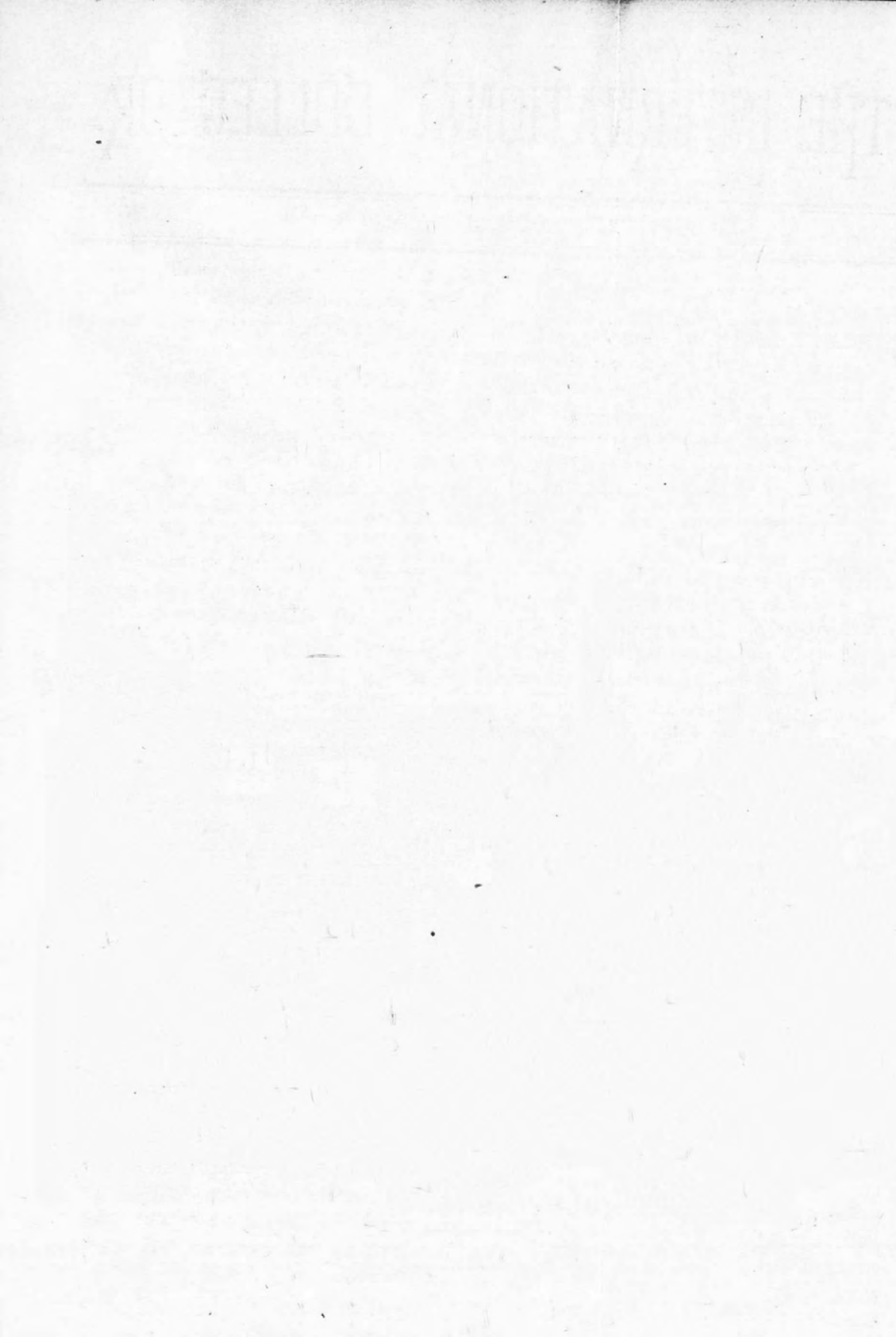


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## ARCHÆOLOGY.

ARCHÆOLOGY is from two Greek words, one of which means ancient and the other a description. The term archæology, like that of Antiquities, has been employed until a very recent period in a sense so restrictive and arbitrary as to strikingly contrast with the latitude admissible according to the original derivation of the word. Literally it signifies the study of antiquity or ancient things; but its precise significance has been determined from time to time, by the range of study and research most in favor. To some extent it has always been recognized as embracing whatever pertained to the early history of any nation, but in its details it was applied almost exclusively to the study of Greek and Roman art, or of classical antiquity generally.

The progress of geology, and the application of the sound principles of induction to the study of primitive antiquities, have wrought a great revolution, and few studies now rival archæology in comprehensive interest. The alliance of archæology with geology, and the direction of geological research to the evidences of the antiquity of man, has largely contributed to its expansion, until in its comprehensive unity it embraces the entire range of human progress from the infantile stage of primeval arts to the earliest periods of written records. It has thus been developed into a systematic science, by which the intelligent investigator is enabled to pursue his researches with the aid of evidence older than all written chronicles, and to recover chapters of national infancy and youth

heretofore deemed beyond recall.

The geologist with no aid from written records, follows out his inquiries through successive periods of the earth's history, and reveals the changes it has undergone and the character of the living beings which animated epochs of the globe ages before man was called into being. Beginning with the traces of life in the primary fossiliferous strata, he passes on from system to system, disclosing a vast succession of long extinct life, until in the latest diluvial formations he points to the remains identical with existing species, and even to traces of Roman art—the evidence of the close of geological and the beginning of archæological periods. Here archæological science ought to be ready to take up the narrative, and with a more comprehensive minuteness of detail and greater certainty as to conclusions arrived at,

Such however until recently has not been the case. The geologist himself long confused the records of the transitional period by his mistaken reference of all diluvial tracers to the Noachian deluge; and when perusing as he thus believed at the dawn of the historic period, he turned to archæology for the subsequent chapters of the history of life on our globe, it was only to achieve a record of Roman traces at best but meagrely supplementing the minuter details of the historian. Nearly the same was the case with all historic antiquity, with the single exception of the wonderful monuments of Egypt, which preserve to us the records of a civilization in which we can recognize the origin of arts, letters and all else to which the oldest historical nations may be traced.



Nevertheless, the evidences of the primitive arts and the traces of a native civilization originating among the prehistoric races of Europe, had been long familiar to the antiquary, though he failed to form any intelligent conception of their significance as historical records. Their interpretation on an intelligent and systematic principle is mainly due to the archæologists and ethnologists of Denmark and Sweden, who from their very geographical position were happily freed from the confusing of classical prejudices, and were compelled to seek in other than Roman sources an origin for the abundant traces of metallurgic art. British antiquarians speedily caught the hint, and freed themselves from the trammels which had so long narrowed their aim.

The system of primitive archæology thus introduced has since been modified and carried out into ampler details as the fruit of more extended discoveries, chiefly effected in France and England, but the three primary divisions, the Stone, the Bronze, and the Iron periods are still retained.

(1) The Stone Period is that in which the rude aboriginal arts, which the commonest necessities of man call into operation, are assumed to have been employed entirely on such available materials as stone, horn, bone, etc.

(2) The Bronze Period may in a like manner admit of subdivision, though the term is conveniently employed in its most comprehensive sense, for that era of progress in which the metallurgic arts appear to have been introduced and slowly developed.

(3) The Iron Period marks the era of matured metallurgic arts, and the accompanying progress consequent on the degree of civilization which inevitably comes with such a state of things.

## SOME RARE BOOKS.

THE first production to which the name of books has been applied were printed, not with movable types, but from solid wooden blocks. These consisted of a few leaves only on which were impressed images of saints and other historical pictures, with a text or a few explanatory lines. The ink was of a brownish hue, and of a glutinous quality to prevent it from spreading. These are known by the name of *Image Books*, or *Block Books*, and are generally supposed to have succeeded the earlier impressions for playing cards which are dated back to the end of the 14th. century.

Strictly speaking, they were the immediate precursors, rather than the first specimens of typography; in fact, they mark the transition to that art from engraving. Peignot puts their number at seven or eight but others extend it to ten. They belong chiefly to the Low Countries, and were often reprinted, as is generally thought, during the first half of the 15th century, and indeed, after the discovery of printing so called.

One of the most celebrated is the *Bible Pauperum*, consisting of forty leaves, printed on one side, so as to make twenty when pasted together, in which passages from scripture are represented by means of figures with inscriptions. It appears to have been originally intended for the use of those poor persons who could not afford to buy complete copies of the Bible.

Some fugitive sheets still attest the primitive attempts at printing in the modern sense of the word. *The Letters of Indulgence* of Pope Nicholas V., two editions printed in 1454, fix the earliest period of the impression of metal types, with a date subjoined. The earliest known book, however, of any magnitude, and probably the first thus printed, was the undated *editio-princeps* of the Bible, commonly known as the Mazarin Bible, from a copy having been found by De Bure in the library of the Cardinal. It is undated but authorities generally concur in ascribing it to a period between 1450 and 1455.

## Numismatic Definitions.

(Continued.)

16. A *bust* is the representation of the head and neck. It is commonly used of such as show at least the collar-bone; other busts being called heads.

17. A *head* properly means the representation of a head alone, without any part of the neck; but it is also commonly used when any part of the neck above the collar-bone is shown.

A bust or head is either facing, usually three-quarter face, or in profile, in which latter case it is described as *to right* or *to left*.

A bust wearing a laurel wreath is said to be *laureate*.

A bust wearing a regal fillet (diadem) is called *diademed*.

A bust of which the neck is clothed is said to be *draped*.

18. An object in the field of a coin which is neither a letter nor a monogram is usually called a *symbol*.

19. A *mint mark* is a difference placed by authorities of the mint upon all money struck off by them, or upon each new die or separate issue.

20. A coin is said to be *surfrappe'* when it has been struck on an older coin, of which the types are not altogether obliterated.

21. A *double struck* coin is one in which the die or dies have been shifted so as to cause a double impression.

22. A coin which presents two obverse types or two reverse types, or of which the types of the obverse and reverse do correspond, is called a *mule*; it is the result of accident or caprice.

(The End.)

## Valuable Coins.

Strange as it may seem, the oldest coins are not the rarest, neither do they com-

mand the highest prices. For example, the coin of Ægina, said to be the most antique Greek coin, sells at from \$2.50 to \$8 at auction, while an American dollar of the date 1804, in good condition, is valued at \$1000. A collection of Roman coins can be readily and comparatively cheaply acquired, so far as specimens of each epoch are concerned, though a collection of all varieties of Roman coins would be priceless, and a load for a wagon.

The early colonial coins are scarce, and the demand for them is brisk; thus the market for them is always active. The dealers in coins, however, pursue the system of buying cheap and selling high, as those from whom they purchase are ignorant of the value of the coins they sell, and regard all above its face value as clear gain.

A dealer will offer for an Oak Tree shilling \$1, when he can readily sell it for from \$5 to \$10, and the same for other varieties. A Pine Tree shilling is rare, and will sell from \$10 upward, while an Oak Tree shilling, same year (1652), is worth but half as much. A Carolina half-penny, for which a dealer coolly offers from \$5 to \$8, has been sold at auction in New York City for \$25. This coin was struck in 1694. The Louisiana copper coinage of the French royal and republican governments are worth from 50 cents to \$2, while what is called the George Clinton cent, struck in New York in 1787 if in good condition, is valued at from \$30 to \$50. The Washington cents are all rare, that struck in the die from which the so-called Washington half-dollar was struck selling from \$26 to \$30, according to condition. The Kentucky cents are also rare, and sell for a good price.

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## MINERALOGY.

THE means of distinguishing limestone or carbonate of lime has already been described.

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Common Limestone:—The color is grayish white or yellowish; sometimes also reddish bluish or nearly black. This is a common rock, and in some parts of the country entire mountains are formed of it. It is burned to form quicklime, of which mortar for laying bricks is made.

Granular Limestone:—This when broken appears to be composed of small grains; its colors are numerous, being found yellow, brown, green, blue or black; but most commonly, white. This variety is extensively employed, under the name of marble, for monuments, statues, and architectural decorations.

Stalactite:—This variety occurs in long tapering forms resembling icicles. Its color is yellow or gray. It is formed by water penetrating limestone rocks, and thus becoming impregnated with particles of lime. As the water drops slowly through the crevices of rocks into the cavern below, it evaporates and leaves the particles of lime, which adhering together form the stalactite.

Satin Spar:—The color of this beautiful variety is white or yellowish white. It consists of fine, delicate fibres adhering closely together, and forming compact masses, which when polished have the lustre and appearance of satin, and hence

its name.

Fetid Carbonate of Lime:—This mineral does not differ in appearance from common limestone; but when struck, or scratched with a knife, it gives off a most offensive odor, resembling that of rotten eggs. This is owing to a small quantity of bitumen which it contains.

Chalk:—The appearance of this variety is well known. It effervesces strongly with acids; adheres to the tongue, and burns to quicklime. It is nearly pure carbonate of lime.

Calcareous Tufa:—Its color is gray, brown or yellowish. It occurs in porous, spongy masses, often containing leaves, sticks of wood, pebbles, and other impurities. It is formed by the gradual deposition of lime from the water of springs or that which has flowed over calcareous rocks. It is therefore an impure carbonate of lime, containing such foreign materials as happen to fall into the water by which it is formed.

In the paper of next month we will resume the study of the ores of iron.

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Department Designs for the Minor Denominations.

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The Post Office Department officials are having prepared a series of new designs of embossed stamps for stamped envelopes of one, two, four and five-cent denominations. The head of Franklin has been selected for the one-cent stamp, and the heads of Washington, Jackson and Grant for the two, four and five-cent denominations respectively. The general design of the new series is uniform on the upper side, and following the oval shape of the stamp is the legend, "United States Postage," instead of "U. S. Postage," as on the stamps now in use. The border on the one-cent adhesive stamp has been slightly modified to conform to the design of the two-cent stamp.

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THE philatelists of Canada have taken the first steps towards establishing a National Philatelic Association in the provinces. H. F. Ketcheson, Jos. A. Leighton and John B. Hooper constitute the committee in charge.

Those Canadian philatelists desiring to join are requested to communicate with John B. Hooper, at 68 Albert St., Ottawa, Canada. The organizing of this society is due in a great measure to the beneficent example set by the American Philatelic Association.

Speaking of the American Philatelic Association, we must say that we think the movement to abolish the law making it necessary for any one wishing to join to be of a specified age, a very good one. Instead of this it was proposed to admit anyone whose collection consisted of at least a certain number and who had any real knowledge of stamps. If this were carried, the success of the association would be assured, as many of advanced collectors have not yet nearly attained the requisite age.

By this time, it must have become evident to all philatelists that something else

besides the denouncing and indictment of dealers in counterfeit stamps, is necessary to put a stop to this nefarious business.

What use denouncing does, and even indictment is here illustrated, is proved by the fact that in 1876 S. Allen Taylor was denounced as one of the above mentioned dealers, and punished accordingly, and yet *ten years later* he was found to be guilty of the same offence for all the time that had elapsed.

Why if things continue to be like this even in 1897 we will yet find that fellow selling his vile stuff to collectors.

THE long hoped for convention of the American Philatelic Association has taken place at last, and at its meeting the following questions have been decided upon. The association will print its own official organ, the resignation of the *Western Philatelist* having been accepted. This will, we hope, put an end to much unkind feeling that has arisen during the short time the official organ was to have been chosen among outside papers. Boston will be the next meeting-place, and the location being favorable, the convention of 1887 will undoubtedly be well attended,

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## CHALMERS vs. HILL.

IN order that our readers may better understand the subject, we will make a few introductory remarks before beginning upon the claims of the above mentioned gentlemen.

For all practical purposes, the history of postage stamps begins in the United Kingdom, and with the great reform of its postal system in 1839-40.

A post-paid envelope was in common use in Paris in 1653. Stamped postal letter paper was issued to the public by the government of the Sardinian states in November 1818, and stamped postal envelopes were issued by the same government from 1820 until 1836. Stamped wrappers for newspapers were made experimentally in London by Mr. Charles Whiting under the name of "go-frees" in 1830. Four years later (June 1834) and in ignorance of what Mr. Whiting had already done, the stamp-office authorities, in a letter addressed to Lord Althorp the chancellor of the exchequer, by Mr. Charles Knight, recommended similar wrappers for adoption.

Finally and in its results most important of all, the adhesive stamp was made experimentally by Mr. James Chalmers in his printing office at Dundee in August 1834. These experimental stamps were printed from ordinary type, and were made adhesive by a wash of gum. Their inventor had already won local distinction in matters of postal reform by strenuous and successful efforts, made as early as the year 1822, for the acceleration of the Scottish mails from London. Those efforts resulted in a saving of 48 hours in the double mail journey, and were highly appreciated in Scotland.

There is evidence that from 1822 onwards his attention was much directed towards postal questions, and that he held correspondence with the postal reformers

of his day both in and out of Parliament. It is also plain that he was far more intent upon aiding public improvements that upon winning credit for them. He made adhesive stamps in 1834, and showed them to his neighbors but took no steps for publicly recommending their adoption by the Post-Office until long after such a recommendation had been published—although very hesitatingly—by the author of the now famous pamphlet entitled *Post-Office Reform*.

Mr. Hill brought the adhesive stamp under the notice of the Commissioners of Post-Office Inquiry on February 13, 1837. Mr. Chalmers made no *public* mention of his stamp of 1834 until December, 1837.

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A Curious Exhibition.

AN Austrian locksmith, Herr Andreas Dillinger, has been for eighteen years collecting locks and keys of ancient and modern manufacture. The work was undertaken with a view to benefit the locksmith trade, by diffusing useful knowledge, and the articles were exhibited two years ago, in an industrial museum at Vienna. On the initiative of the Educational Department of the Austrian Ministry, the collection was sent for exhibition into various towns in Austria, and after the round was completed Herr Dillinger carried his collection to Germany, and exhibited it there in various important industrial centres, the last in turn being Berlin, where the collection has recently been on view. It contains 606 different locks, the earliest examples dating from the year 400, and the latest being quite modern. Amongst the collection are seventeen locks from the middle ages, which, in point of workmanship and artistic design, show the high state to which this industry was developed in those times.

## JOURNALISTIC NOTES.

THE *Curiosity World* comes out for August in fine style. If as it promises, it is regularly published twice a month, it will be the first paper of its kind in America.

WM. B. HALE of Williamsville, Mass. is about to issue the *Collectors' World*.

Our exchange list now includes the *Philatelic Journal of America*, *Quaker City Philatelist*, *The Stamp*, *Youth's Ledger*, *Canada Stamp and Coin Journal* (*Useful Instructor*), *Keystone State Philatelist*, *Curiosity World*, etc. We would be pleased to add to the above *Stamp Collectors' Figaro*.

A marked improvement may be noted in both the appearance and contents of the August number of the *Quaker City Philatelist*. The articles are of far more interest to philatelists than those of the preceding month.

WE are indeed pleased to welcome the *Collectors' Figaro* to our exchange list. Its typography is almost faultless and the doings of the various philatelic societies are well recorded.

THE *Youth's Ledger* contains some very interesting stamp items. Its San Francisco notes, however are by no means correct.

AMATEURDOM is looking well after the recent election of officers in the N. A. P. A.

Three, a small but neat amateur sheet of this city, after a vacation of several months has again appeared. Mr. Mackay may be glad to know that the common sense facts given in this number are far more pleasing to the public than the fanciful nonsense which the April number contained.

THE VIOLET is a fine amateur paper. The reading matter shows that the editor did not choose any articles whether they were good or not in order to fill up the paper, but chose only such as would enhance the merit of THE VIOLET.

H. W. FURLONG desires us to inform the amateur fraternity that he will again issue his *Mustard Seed* in the month of September.

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## Varieties of the Centennial Envelope.

MANY collectors who have stamp albums in which separate places are accorded the Hartford and Philadelphia dies of the Centennial envelopes, are often at a loss to determine which of the varieties they may have in their possession or even if two varieties be shown them be unable to see any difference between the two. For the benefit of these collectors we here give a few distinctive points of the variety.

(a) On those of the Philadelphia manufacture, the top of the 7 is perceptibly above that of the 1. (b) The lower end of the banderole, containing "postage" is formed of two lines. (c) The rider's cap is perfect in shape, the horse's tail is longer and thinner, the ground is cut on the left by the inner line of the border.

(a) The lower line of the banderole, containing "Three Cents," is thick and irregular. Just the reverse of the signs of the Philadelphia die. The 7 and 1 are almost in line. (b) The lower edge of Banderole is a single line very thick toward the left. (c) The rider's cap is somewhat elongated as if dented. The horse's tail is short and thick; the front being nearly in a line with the extremities of the hoofs beneath. One of the feet has a protuberance just above the hoofs.

The ground to the outer line of frame. (a) The lower line of Banderole is very thick and regular. There are also a few other distinctions between the Hartford and Philadelphia dies, but we trust the above given are sufficient to enable the collector to recognize the two varieties.

The Centennial envelopes are printed in ten sizes in green, and on ordinary letter size; and in red, on commercial letter size.

## Philatelic Notes.

AMONG Amateur collectors, Spanish stamps, especially those of old issues, are regarded with great distrust. This is due to the numerous counterfeits that they have bought considering them to be rare genuine Spanish stamps. The 1874 issue in particular, the 1, 4 and 10 pesetas, are often counterfeited. Here is a description of the above. In the counterfeit stamps of this issue, the value is engraved differently on each of the three. The "s" of "Comunicaciones" is, in the counterfeits, more open and larger than in the genuine. It also nearly touches the head of "Justice" in the one in 10 pesetas. In the genuine stamps, the "s" of "Pesetas" represents a kind of "s," but in the counterfeits it is very open.

ALTHOUGH we do not consider them regularly issued stamps, we still think a description of those employed in 1774 by the English government for use by her American colonies, would prove by no means uninteresting to our readers, and so we now proceed to describe the famous stamps which were a minor cause of the Revolutionary War. They are about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches in length by 1.15 inches in width, and were printed on a dark blue paper. The device was a double Tudor rose enclosed by the royal garter. The legend is "Honi soit qui mal'y pense" above which was represented a crown and below a statement of the money value of the stamp. They were not to be *pasted* on legal documents but attached by means of narrow strips of tin-foil, whose ends were passed through the stamp and package by means of another piece of paper bearing a rude design and the number of the stamp which was pasted over it.

THE latest albums have places for American revenues as these stamps are now being extensively collected.

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it on, and for instructions of Chinese officials in the operations of coining. Five denominations are to be produced—namely, the dollar (equal in value to five shillings of English money) and three subdivisions, a half, a fifth, and a tenth, in silver, and the "cash" or "nil" (one thousandth part of a dollar), which is to be made of rolled brass.

## OLD WAR MEDALS.

*London Times.*

THE remarkable collection of war medals and decorations of the army and navy formed by Captain Hyde Greg during the last twenty five years, sold by Messrs. Sotheby, Wilkinson, & Hodge, contained some exceedingly interesting medals commemorating great battles and heroic acts of bravery by officers and men. The important medal for its unusual weight in gold, 4 ounces 7 pennyweight, with a chain weighing rather more, was that of the Order of St. Theresa, with medal of the Emperor of Germany, Francis II., presented to eight officers of the Fifteenth Light Dragoons for the brilliant charge at Villiers-en-Coche, near Cambrai, April 24, 1794, against a corps d'armee, the 15th, in front. This medal had belonged to Cornet E. G. Butler (afterwards Major-General Sir E. G. Butler.) It measures nearly two and a half inches across, and is not to be found in any other collection. It sold for £240 to Colonel Eaton. A Victoria Cross, Crimea medal, Turkish and French, of which only 250 were granted, that had belonged to Corporal Philip Smith, 17th Regiment, the brave fellow who several times at the assault on the Redan brought in under fire wounded men on his back, sold for £18 ros. Two bars and medal for Fort Detroit and

Chrystler's farm, to I. Sterland, private, artillery, 1812, Canada, £25. Two medals, Peninsula and Waterloo, with thirteen bars, to T. Hopkins, 32d Foot, acting in the Peninsula and Waterloo, £10 5s. Medal and fourteen bars, Peninsula, to Peter Marsh, 95th Foot, £14. Marsh found that his clasps were wrong and belonged to another man, but this mistake was rectified afterwards at the War Office, though the entry in the books was not corrected. The Trafalgar gold medal, Britannia on an ancient gallery crowned by Victory, to Charles Bullen, Captain Her Majesty's ship *Britannia*, afterwards Admiral Sir C. Bullen; also his medal for June 1, 1794, Camperdown, when Lieutenant, and with these, Nelson's sailing orders from on board the *Victory*, signed by him, sold together for £70. A gold-specimen medal, from the East India Company to General Braithwaite, 1801, £90. Gold Peninsula medal for Nivelles, to Captain Balvaire, ninety-fifth foot (Rifle Brigade), £46. The Waterloo medal, to Lieutenant-Colonel Doherty, Thirteenth Light Dragoons, who was wounded and would have been killed, but the ball struck his watch in the breast of his jacket—his son commanded the distinguished regiment in the Crimea—£5 5s. Total of the two days, £1,850 11s. 6d.

THE first apple tree raised on the Pacific Coast, from seed sent out on a Hudson Bay Company's ship to Vancouver in 1827, is said to be still standing on the Government reserve near Vancouver.

IN 1875, a large robbery of unused stamps of Porto Rico took place on that island, and immediately the government surcharged the then new issue with the parape or eight like formation. This we believe, explains the reason for the surcharge.



## MINERALOGY.

THE ores of Iron are the third family of minerals which I propose to examine.

Many of them are magnetic, that is, are attracted by the magnet in their natural state, while others being combined with sulphur, oxygen, or the other metals, do not move the magnet until heated, by which the sulphur or oxygen is driven off.

The most common magnetic iron ores are:—magnetic oxide, specular oxide, micaceous oxide, brown oxide, and magnetic sulphuret of iron.

Magnetic Oxide of Iron:—This species is found in crystals, of an iron black color, and often with considerable luster. It also occurs in the state of sand. Some specimens of this ore attract iron, thus being natural magnets.

Native Iron:—This variety is found in masses and resembles wrought iron. It may be welded like purified iron.

Micaceous Oxide of Iron:—This is of a black color and is found in masses composed of thin layers which are easily separable from each other often with the finger nail. In very thin pieces it permits light to shine through it, when it appears of a blood-red color.

Specular Oxide of Iron:—This beautiful variety occurs in crystals, which possess the polish of burnished steel, although some are tarnished and appear of a red, blue, or yellow color.

Brown Oxide of Iron:—The color of this species is brown. It is found in masses which present smooth polished surfaces, appearing as though they had been carefully smoothed and then varnished by the hand of man.

Magnetic Sulphuret of Iron:—The color of this species is yellowish with a tinge of brown, being a shade between the colors of brass and copper. The magnetism of this species is a remarkable property, it

being the only native compound of iron and sulphur which moves the magnet in its natural state. This property is perhaps owing to small particles of iron which exist in the mineral not combined with sulphur.

There are a number of species of iron ore which do not attract the magnet, until they have been heated on charcoal with a blow-pipe.

In the coming number, I will endeavor to explain the blow-pipe and how to use it to advantage in the study of mineralogy.

THE British Museum is in possession of a whole collection of ancient Greek advertisements, which were dug up in the island of Kuidos in the year 1758. They are in the form of leaden plates, upon which are inscribed the names of honest persons who had found articles, or of rogues who had stolen them. Such a plate could, of course, be used again and again, the old advertisement being erased, the plate smoothed, and a new advertisement being indented upon it.

These, however, are by no means the oldest advertisements in the world. That wonderfully cultivated people, the old Egyptians, seem to have been regular advertisers. Papyrus leaves have been excavated amongst the ruins of Thebes more than three thousand years old. They are inscribed with the description of runaway slaves, and the offering of a reward to any one who can catch them and return the wretched men to their proprietor.

Possibly it was a custom in Egypt, as it certainly was in Greece and Rome, to fasten advertisements upon the walls of public buildings, on the pedestals of statues, in the most frequented spots. The ancient Greeks employed a public crier, who went out into the streets with a bell, sometimes accompanied by a musician. Ancient advertisements may still be deciphered on the walls of Pompeii which will remind the tourist of those which he sees daily in London and Paris.

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APROPOS of the statement that there are said to be 3,000 collectors in San Francisco, we would like to make a few remarks. We don't believe that a canvass of San Francisco would produce 100 collectors to say nothing of 3,000, etc.—*Stamp*.

Really we must say we think the above assertion is about as far from correct as is Brother Hubbard with his statement of there being 3,000 collectors in San Francisco. It is evident that neither of our respected contemporaries are well informed upon this subject. It might be well for one of them to learn division and the

other multiplication, and then divide or multiply by something like five as the case may be.

WE have decided to double the circulation of this paper. This decision is partly caused by the popularity which in the short space of five months it has attained, and partly because the number of our foreign subscribers and correspondents has become too great to supply all from the number now issued. Requests have come pouring in from Canada, Japan, Hawaii and Europe for sample copies, which we always supply on application. We have also decided to make no advance in our advertising rates, trusting that the extra expense necessarily incurred in taking this step will be defrayed by the increase in the number of advertisements received.

WE have received a printed copy of Mr. Tiffany's address as delivered at the last convention of the American Philatelic Association. It is really excellent, and as it reviews the progress of Philately during the last quarter century, and what is more does it thoroughly, no philatelic library should be without a copy. It is our belief that if in some way this neat little pamphlet could be circulated among other than philatelic communities, the vast number of collectors would in a very short time be doubled. Published by the Western Philatelic Publishing Co. Price 10 cents.

THE chief value of the *Western Philatelist's* September number is the correct account of the proceedings of the late convention.

WE are indebted to the *Stamp and Coin Journal* for some valuable philatelic information in this number.

## A Few Hints About Egg Collecting.

To collect eggs is one thing, but to form a good collection is another. There is one precept in egg collecting which may be laid down as a good rule, and it is this; to see the bird to which the nest belongs before you take any of the eggs. To this rule, if it may be so termed, there are very many exceptions; for instance, if you find a hedge-sparrow's nest, containing eggs, you do not require to see the bird to prove that it is a hedge-sparrow's nest, and so it is with a great many others.

But sometime, sooner or later, you will come across a nest containing eggs, which you do not recognize, and your first impulse will naturally be to possess yourself of all or part of the contents of the nest, and you will think to yourself, I have So and so's book on birds' eggs at home, I shall easily be able to make them out, and besides if I leave them, the chances are somebody else will take them. They are therefore taken home to be compared with the plates of eggs in your books upon that subject, and the general result of this comparison will be, that there are two or three plates in the book which all, more or less, resemble your eggs, you cannot tell for certain what your eggs are. Your only remedy is to ask someone else who is more learned than yourself his opinion, and he may tell you they are such and such birds' eggs, but he is equally likely to tell you that they are this bird's or that bird's eggs, he is not sure which, and so you have to be contented with the knowledge that they are the eggs of one, two, or three birds, but you cannot tell for certain of which bird, and can only put them in your cabinet as doubtful eggs.

The best and safest way of finding out what they are (I speak with reference to small birds) is to visit the nest from time

to time, and try to get a glimpse at the old birds, taking care not to come too often for fear of the old birds forsaking; or lie in ambush and watch, for the old birds are sure to return sooner or later. Some birds forsake very easily if they have not begun to lay, or even when they have begun, as for instance, the Long-tailed Tit, the common Raven, etc., but others are very faithful to eggs or young, as for instance, the Hedge Sparrow.

As a rule only one egg should be taken from each nest, except when the eggs are very rare, and then perhaps two should be taken, but certainly not more, as if we take the whole contents of the nest, and shoot rare birds when we see them, we cannot expect them to become any commoner. I do not in any way condemn the shooting of rare birds for collections, but only say if we take all their eggs, and shoot the birds, we cannot expect them to increase. I would also say that I do not wish to discourage you from reading and studying books upon birds and eggs, do so by all means, but to tell what eggs are, by comparisons with the plates, however well they may be done, is often a most difficult matter, and the reason is a very simple one, viz., that eggs, even sometimes in the same nest, vary to such an extent that when placed side by side, you would not sometimes recognize them as those of the same bird, much less as those out of the same nest.

And this variableness in eggs is not confined to one or two of the eggs in a nest, but it not unfrequently happens that the whole contents of a nest vary so much, that they closely approach in color and markings the eggs of some other bird, and unless the old birds are seen and recognized, you may think you have got a prize, when really the eggs are only common ones. The nest often goes far to solve the difficulty, but this, as regards materials cannot be always altogether relied on, for many birds use the same or nearly the same materials.

## REVIEWS.

THE *Western Philatelist* for September is about the finest number of that paper ever brought out, being almost perfect in every respect. We wish that it would always be kept up to this standard, and hope that we may not wish in vain.

THE *Philatelic Journal of America* is in most parts by no means as good as usual, but the Philatelic Catalogue seems to grow better and better with every number, and if it keeps on at the present rate will some day be the leading feature of the paper.

WE would like to see the *Canada Stamp and Coin Journal* before we die, but are afraid that that bliss (?) is not for us, even if we live to be a hundred years.

WE have received the following; publishers please accept thanks.

*Youth's Ledger*, Vol. II., No. 22. . . *Curiousity World*, Vol. II., Nos. 1, 2. . . *Stamp*, Vol. II., Nos. 7, 8. . . . . *The Quaker City Philatelist*, Vol. II., Nos. 7, 8. . . . . *The Western Philatelist*, Vol. I., No. 9 . . . . *The Philatelic Journal of America*, Vol. III., No. 30. . . . . *The Philatelic World*, Vol. V, Nos. 7, 8, 9. . . . . *The Tiny Collector*, Vol. I., No. 3. . . . . *The Figaro*, Vol. I., No. 6. . . . . *The Occident*, Vol. I., Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8. . . . . *The Irving*, Vol. II., No. 8. . . *The Norm*, Vol. XI., Nos. 20, 21, 22. . . . . *The Violet*, Vol. VI., No. 32, No. 33.

*The American Philatelic Record* has suspended in its second number. The subscriptions were repaid in full.

THE Philatelic season has opened in New York, the auctions of the Cunningham collection taking place on Sept. 22, and the auction of the Mason collection to take place on Oct. 13. The catalogues

were prepared by Joseph J. Casey and are as usual excellent.

BEING situated in a place at least a week's journey from the centres of philatelic activity and being only in our fifth number, we are unable to procure as many philatelic advertisements as we could wish, and in order to pay the expense of publishing the paper we are compelled to have other than Philatelic advertisements in it. The "Quaker City Philatelist" may have had more than we have in the third number, but we have no proof to that effect.

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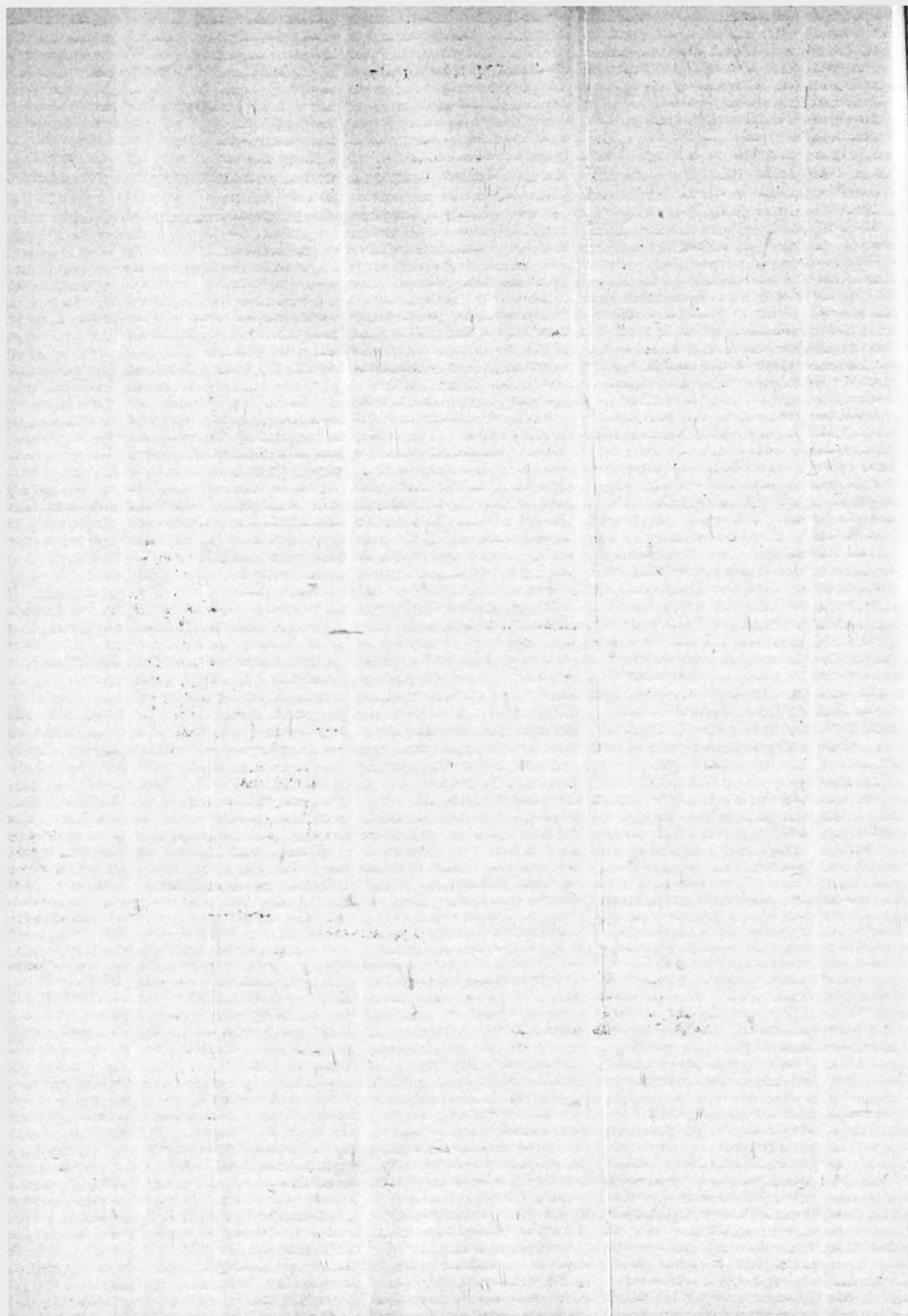


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## IN A VIKING'S GRAVE.

### Curious Relics Found in an Ancient Warriors's Tomb.

*Blackwood's Magazine.*

HIS feet were turned a little north of west, as if laid to face the direction of the setting sun, for several vertebræ of the back lay continuously along the center, and beyond these was the left thigh-bone. He had worn a woolen surcoat, edged with a beautiful frilling of gold and buckled at the neck with a golden clasp, for some traces of a woven woolen fiber were found adhering beneath a fragment of decayed wood, and numerous shreds of gold tissue, sometimes ten inches in length, gathered up into fringe of an inch in width, were scattered for some two yards along the middle of the grave; and above these was a buckle four inches long made of four ounces of pure gold, richly chased and set with garnets and with ornaments of colored enamel, which still retains its brilliancy. He wore also a belt of stamped leather, fastened by two gold buckles, of only less beautiful workmanship than that which clasped his mantle, for the buckles were lying at about the centre of the body, and a fragment of leather remained in one of them. Over his lap was laid his shield, circular, two feet in width, its under side of wood, strengthened with a ring of iron, its outer side incased with bronze, and portions of this were found, the central ring lying three feet from the brooch buckle, and serving to give some idea of the hero's stature. His hands were placed across the shield as he lay, as if to clasp it to his breast, and attached to his sleeves he wore bracelets or armlets of bronze,

with serrated edges and rims of gilded silver—for these were found, with traces of the woolen fabric of his undergarment still adhering to the rims, lying above the fragments of the shield. His large two-edged sword of iron, thirty inches long, in its sheath of wood, was laid at his side, and close to his hand was the seax, or dagger of iron, and a barbed javelin lay near; for all of these were found, some in the last stages of decay, together with many lesser fragments of bronze and iron, which may have been portions of his armor. To the right of his feet was placed a bucket, such as the Saxons commonly carried in their warships; and though flattened by the pressure of the earth upon it, this bucket was sufficiently preserved to show that its materials were of the same character as those of the shield.

## Feathered Beauties Killed by the Bartholdi Statue.

Professor Riddway, curator of birds at the Smithsonian Institute, says the specimen birds which were sent to him from New York, where they were found dead near the Bartholdi beacon light, are nearly all of the species known as "warblers." They are insectivorous. These birds are night-migratory in their movements, and thousands have been attracted from all directions by the brilliancy of the light and killed by flying against the glass. He says scientists fear the destruction will be so great that the species will become extinct before many years. He also reports that there have been found a great many crows and wild ducks near the Washington monument. They fly at dawn when the mists are thick, and are killed by contact with the monument, which is hidden in the fog.

## BRITISH NORTH BORNEO.

PERHAPS no stamp issuing country of the world is so little known about as British North Borneo. The description below taken from the *Illustrated London News* will perhaps throw some light upon the customs, history, etc., of one of Great Britain's recent acquisitions.

The public were startled about six years ago, by the news that the British Government had granted a charter giving large powers to a Company which had acquired, by treaty and by purchase, sovereign rights in North Borneo. Since then, the newspapers have reported from time to time, the existence of valuable timber, and of rich tobacco growing soil in the territory of the British North Borneo Company; and quite recently the existence of gold-bearing deposits in the valley of the Segama river. Rumors have also reached England of a tension of relations between the new company and the older established rule of the English Rajah of Sarawak; and questions have been asked in Parliament as to the position of North Borneo in regard to the decaying British imperial settlement of Labuan. Our readers will, therefore, be interested by a few notes of a visit to the Company's dominion showing how British energy and enterprise has transformed a jungle-covered country, whose forests were infested by ruthless head-hunters, and whose coasts were ravaged by remorseless pirates, into a law-abiding territory, where life and property are as safe as in England, and when planting, wood cutting, and gold-digging have replaced the primitive industries of the jungle tribes.

The shores of Sandakan Bay were covered only a few years ago by dense jungle; but now the town of that name has sprung up, with a frontage of nearly a mile and a half to the sea. The harbor

is very good, and the climate so healthy that Sandakan is manifestly destined to be an important town in the future.

Growing along with the tobacco is the iron wood tree or "bilian." This is a source of considerable wealth to the company, for the timber has the rare property of resisting the attacks of the destructive teredo that infests the Eastern seas; and it is invaluable for wharves that have to stand in salt water.

Lovers of natural history will be much interested in the account of the celebrated edible bird's-nest caves of Gamanton. After a long tramp through dense jungle the traveler unexpectedly comes on a great hole in the side of a mountain, and then passing around the bushes suddenly finds himself in a great vaulted chamber 450 feet high. The cave is inhabited by hundreds of thousands of small swifts, and hundreds of thousands of bats. These live a "Box and Cox" sort of a life, the bats swarm out by myriads at dusk, and as soon as they are nearly cleared out the swifts begin to return to the cave in countless numbers. At daybreak the bats return to their dark crevices while the swifts come forth to enjoy the sunlight. The edible nests are built by the swifts and the birds are robbed by the Booloopies, a jungle tribe who live at certain seasons in the cave, in their houses built on piles. A bird's nest generally suggests the idea of a mixture of moss, mud, and feathers; but an edible nest is a delicate fabric, built like a small bucket against the sides of the cave, and formed of the glutinous saliva of the swift. A good nest is entirely made of opaque white threads, rather thicker than very coarse vermicelli, and contains neither dirt nor feathers. They are so highly relished by Chinese epicures that the best quality fetches £3 a pound in Sandakan and not

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## MINT REGULATIONS.

**An Explanation of Technical Terms for General Information.**

The Secretary of the Treasury has issued the following circular:

Definitions of the following technical terms used in Mint regulations and circulars are hereby communicated for the information of numismatists, collectors of coins, coin dealers, etc.:

1. Proof.—A coin specially struck by hand-press instead of steam-press from a polished planchet.

2. Proof-Set.—A complete set of proofs of current coins.

3. Pattern Piece.—An early specimen or proof from a newly adopted coinage die or dies.

4. Trial Piece.—An impression in soft metal to test an experimental die or dies.

5. Experimental Piece.—A piece struck from regular dies in experimental metal or alloy, or from experimental dies with experimental legends, devices or designs.

Pieces 1, 2, 3, as above described, are issued by the Mint at Philadelphia on terms and in the manner set forth in the following extract from instructions and regulations:

Proof-coins and pattern-pieces may be struck and sold subject to these regulations.

The price of medals, proof-coins, pattern-pieces, etc., shall be fixed by the Superintendent of the Mint, with the approval of the Director.

No coins or pattern-pieces shall be struck after the year of their date, or in any other metal or alloy other than that in which the coin is issued or was intended to be issued, except experimental pieces in copper or other soft metal, to prove the dies, under the direction of the Superintendent.

The dies shall be defaced at the end of each year, and such impressions as the engraver may find necessary to take while

preparing the dies shall be destroyed in the presence of the Superintendent when the dies are finished.

When a pattern is adopted and used in the regular coinage in the same year, it will then be issued, as a proof, at a price near its current value, or if it comes out early in the year it will be placed in the regular proof-set.

The Superintendent will furnish, without charge, on application therefor, a pattern-piece to any incorporated numismatic society in the United States. In such cases, if the pattern is in gold or silver, the value of the metal will be required.

In the case of a pattern-piece (3), if it comes out early in the year of its date, it takes its place in the regular proof-set of that year. As none other than a specimen of the regular coinage of the current year can enter into a proof-set or be sold as a proof, the term "pattern-piece" is employed in all editions of Mint regulations and in Mint circulars in no other than the limited sense above defined.

Trial and experimental pieces (4, 5), struck for Mint purposes only, as prescribed by the above sections, cannot be issued, circulated, or sold.

Pieces popularly known as re-strikes, false-metal pieces, mule-pieces or hybrids and metallic replicas or copies are prohibited by the Revised Statutes.

JAMES P. KIMBALL,  
Director of the Mint.

Stuart Robson is a collector of books, pamphlets and curiosities belonging to the stage. He has the rapier with which actor Quinn, in 1719, killed actor Bowen; a prompt copy of the "Merry Wives of Windsor," dated 1623, and a letter by John Calvin on the wickedness of the theater. "Hell is neither deep nor hot enough for players," wrote the dyspeptic theologian, "and the man who would enter a playhouse will be burned in fire everlasting."

## MINERALOGY.

THE chemical characters of minerals may be ascertained by means of the blow-pipe.

The blow-pipe is a very simple instrument, but in skilful hands is of great power, and to the mineralogist, is indispensable as well as highly convenient.

It most commonly consists of a slightly conical, or tapering tube of brass, 10 or 12 inches long, curved toward the small end, and terminating in a fine orifice. A more convenient form consists of three pieces, which are made to fit each other accurately, by grinding. For the convenience of transportation, the smaller long piece, when the instrument is taken apart, fits into the larger, and into this the tip is put, as a stopper.

This instrument is used by taking the larger end into the mouth, placing the small end in the flame of a lamp, and gently blowing, so as to direct the flame on the mineral which is laid on a charcoal support.

To keep up a constant stream of air is the chief difficulty which the beginner will experience in the use of this instrument.

To do this the inspiration must be made through the nostrils, while the cheeks are employed as bellows. This art is soon learned by practice.

A small pair of forceps is used to hold the charcoal on which the fragment ore is laid. When a very intense heat is required, and the fragment is so light, as to be in danger of being blown away, by the air, it may be confined by making a small cavity in the charcoal, into which the substance is put and partly covered by another piece of charcoal.

By means of this simple instrument, the most violent heat of a furnace may be produced, while the experimenter has the

advantage of constantly seeing how the specimen is affected by heat.

In refractory minerals the fragment should not exceed the size of a grain, or even half a grain of wheat.

In respect to the intensity of the heat, there is considerable difference depending upon the kind of fuel employed for this little furnace.

The flame from a tallow candle is better than from oil, and wax makes a stronger heat than tallow, while alcohol is preferred to either of these.

In making experiments on the metallic ores, *fluxes* are used; and it is often the case, that the best test of the presence of certain minerals is the color imparted to the flux. One of the most common fluxes, is glass of borax. This when heated always takes the form of a globule.

The mineral and the borax, should be in the state of powder, and formed into a little ball with a drop of water.

The heat should be gradually applied until the borax is melted, when it may be raised to the utmost.



## Volcanic Silver.

Professor Mallet has analyzed a specimen of volcanic ash collected on the Pacific coast of Ecuador, 120 miles west of Cotopaxi. The ash fell on July 23, 1885, and formed a deposit to the depth of several inches. The interesting feature in the composition of the material was the presence of a small amount of silver, probably as silver chloride. Several experiments showed that silver was present to the extent of one part in 53,600 of ash. This is the first time that silver has been identified in material ejected from a volcano.

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THERE is very little doing or saying in Philatelic circles now. All the after talk about the Convention has died away, and philatelists seem to be taking a breath, as it were, after events of the past few months. It may be noticed in peculiar contrast to this that the stamp business is booming.

WE have decided to make six numbers constitute a volume, so that our next number will be Vol. II. No. I. This course has been decided upon because of changes which are to be made in the improvement of the paper. Thus the two volumes will be uniform in appearance.

THE *Western Philatelist* is undoubtedly the finest philatelic magazine in America now. The typography is faultless while some of the articles are the finest that have appeared for some time.

By the way if the *Western Philatelist* is the finest, which magazine ranks next to it? We fancy that three of four eastern

papers of our acquaintance are ready to take the place, but which one really deserves it?

THE *Figaro* is out in fine style for September. Brother Voute is evidently pushing his paper.

THE *Curiosity World* comes out regularly twice a month, and no diminution in either the quantity or quality of the articles is noticeable. This puts to fault a great many wisecracs who predicted a falling off in both.

THE *Buckeye State Collector*, devoted to collecting in general, is a good one, from Ohio.

THE *Cyclopedia of Philately* compiled by E. Baker is a valuable little work, and will be found by every philatelist to often come in handy. Published by the Quaker City Philatelist Publishing Co. Price paper binding 10 cents, cloth 25 cents.

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## BRITISH NORTH BORNEO.

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less than £10 a pound in Hong Kong. The royalty paid by the jungle tribes for the collection of nests forms an important item in the revenue of the Company.

There is nothing in which the North Borneo Company has been more successful than its native policy; for an Englishman can go through all the territory without molestation. This is greatly due to the firm but conciliatory rule of Governor Treacher. It is an old proverb "to set a thief to catch a thief," and a reformed poacher makes the best game-keeper. So the company have enlisted some of the lawless Dyaks into their service; one native who was a notable head-hunter in former days is now transformed into a policeman dressed in European clothes, who patrols the streets of Sandakan.

So much has been written about the relationship between men and apes, that we were particularly anxious to see the great orang-outang in his native home; and marching through the jungle to the nest caves we were fortunate to see and secure two apes. The world of jungles in Borneo is built in two stories. The bright and beautiful upper story is on the tree tops, where splendid orchids bloom and numerous brilliant birds flit among the branches. Here the great apes live feeding on mangoes and durrian, and swinging themselves by their great arms from tree to tree. The forest is so dense that they need rarely come down to earth but travel for miles overhead among the branches. The ground floor, a damp gloomy world, where a ray of sunshine rarely penetrates, for a tangle of monotonous green jungle growing, shuts out the light, and swarming with blood-sucking leeches, is sparsely inhabited by men, and pigs, and deer, by the elephant, the wild ox, and the rhinoceros.

In 1883, British North Borneo issued the following stamps:

2 cents, brown  
4 " rose  
8 " green  
50 " violet  
1 dollar, carmine.

The same year the two cents brown was surcharged in two ways; one was horizontally across the face, the other vertically up and down, the amount of the surcharge in each instance was 8 cents.

The surcharges were also arranged differently in the horizontally surcharged stamp. It was arranged like this

**EIGHT  
CENTS.**

In the vertical surcharge like this

**8  
Cents.**

Both surcharges are quite valuable. The design of the 50 cents and 1 dollar is entirely different from that of the smaller denominations, and the stamps themselves are of much larger size.

The stamps issued in 1886 are mainly of the same design with the exception that instead of a "North Borneo Postage" being over the arms, the inscription is "British North Borneo;" the following values were issued:

½ cent, violet  
1 " orange  
4 cents, rose  
8 " green  
10 " blue  
25 " blue  
2 dollars, olive.

It is a curious feature of the Aztec houses which still exist in New Mexico that the rooms have no windows, save two little square portholes, and there are no doors on the inside opening from room to room. Many rooms are sealed up, for some unknown reason.

## ARCHÆOLOGICAL NOTES.

ROMAN remains said to be in a perfect form have been discovered on Tockington Court Farm near Bristol. Excavations have revealed the foundations of a Roman villa consisting of five rooms and a portico, with tessellated pavements, the largest piece of the latter being 50 feet by 10 feet without a break, and all in a remarkable state of preservation. The design is choice and the colors are beautiful. The farm is rich in Roman remains.

—By direction of the Kent Archæological Society, excavations are being made in the neighborhood of Richmond Castle with a view to discover if any foundations of buildings can be detected outside the walls of the castrum, where the growing corn exhibits traces of roads or streets at right angles. These streets have been laid bare, and found to be composed of pebble roads, and the adjoining grounds have been trenched. Only slight traces of wall foundations have been met with, but everywhere there are traces of fire and destruction of Roman buildings. Nothing of value or importance has been met with except two legible brass coins belonging to the latest periods of Roman rule in England. Many portions of pottery of all descriptions have been met with, and quantities of burnt wheat, some of which appeared stored in Roman amphoræ.

—THE excavations that are being carried forward at Pompeii are giving most interesting results. Early in September a wooden case was dug up, containing a complete set of surgical instruments, many of which are similar to those used at the present day. A few days later four beautiful silver urns of considerable height were found, together with four smaller cups, eight open vases, four dishes orna-

mented with foliage and the figures of animals, and also a beautiful silver statue of Jupiter seated upon his throne. Besides these silver objects several gold ornaments were found, such as earrings and rings. The excavations are being rapidly pushed forward.

## REVIEWS.

THE *Collectors' World* published by William B. Hale, Williamsville, Mass., will be out during the latter part of November.

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Dew was regarded by the ancients as ethereal, and they believed that if a lark's egg were to be filled with it, that at sunrise it would fly off into space. But we are not informed that this experiment was ever performed. The Greeks knew that amber, when rubbed, would attract bits of straw, feathers, etc., and from this remarkable quality it was supposed to possess a soul! From the Greek name for this substance (*electron*) our word electricity is derived.

As late as the fifteenth century, questions like the following were discussed in France: "How many angels can stand on

the point of a needle at the same time?" Such a question at the present time would be regarded as ridiculous in the extreme; yet that and many similar ones were once as earnestly discussed by the best educated men of France, and with as much interest, as the scientists of the present day discuss some newly discovered phenomenon in geology, chemistry, astronomy or other branch of science.

The ancients regarded the stars as gods. There was a god of war, a god of the vine, and so on, every department of art having its special divinity. But the investigations of the modern science prove that many of these stars (the planets) are worlds, and with like diurnal revolutions; while some of them are accompanied by satellites, and it is very probable, also, that some are inhabited. Others of these stars are suns, which, like our own luminary, have their peculiar systems of planets revolving around them. These stars are so very remote from us and each other, that the human mind is totally incapable of comprehending the distance.

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Dew was regarded by the ancients as ethereal, and they believed that if a lark's egg were to be filled with it, that at sunrise it would fly off into space. But we are not informed that this experiment was ever performed. The Greeks knew that amber, when rubbed, would attract bits of straw, feathers, etc., and from this remarkable quality it was supposed to possess a soul! From the Greek name for this substance (electron) our word electricity is derived.

As late as the fifteenth century, questions like the following were discussed in France: "How many angels can stand on

the point of a needle at the same time?" Such a question at the present time would be regarded as ridiculous in the extreme; yet that and many similar ones were once as earnestly discussed by the best educated men of France, and with as much interest, as the scientists of the present day discuss some newly discovered phenomenon in geology, chemistry, astronomy or other branch of science.

The ancients regarded the stars as gods. There was a god of war, a god of the vine, and so on, every department of art having its special divinity. But the investigations of the modern science prove that many of these stars (the planets) are worlds, and with like diurnal revolutions; while some of them are accompanied by satellites, and it is very probable, also, that some are inhabited. Others of these stars are suns, which, like our own luminary, have their peculiar systems of planets revolving around them. These stars are so very remote from us and each other, that the human mind is totally incapable of comprehending the distance.

Then again, the earth was regarded as an extended plain which rested upon the back of an elephant, that on a tortoise, and that on an immense serpent, and so on indefinitely. But modern science has shown the fallacy of the theory also, and proved that the earth is a globe, suspended in space and revolving around its source of light in an orbit of over 500 billion miles in circumference.

Fossils formed during the different periods that passed in fitting this earth for the habitation of man, were regarded as freaks of nature; and fossil remains were

supposed to be the tons of fallen angels! Later, these and similar remains were thought to be the skeletons of a race of giants, supposed to have once inhabited the earth. But as time flew on, the science of geology arose, and has successfully proved these to be the remains of mammoth quadrupeds, which unknown ages ago, roamed over this earth in perfect freedom, while huge reptiles, equally terrible, took possession and maintained undisputed sway over the Triassic and Jurassic seas. Fragments of the bones of these huge monsters, and also gems like the amethyst and ruby, were supposed to possess miraculous virtues and great healing properties.

Electricity, as lightning and in other forms, was regarded as being sent out by the gods to manifest their displeasure for some offence. But here again modern science has triumphed, and has made even this powerful element subservient to its will. And, while we have no proof that the ancients had any superstitious fear of steam, it is certain that they knew nothing of its great power. But this too, by the aid of modern genius, man has brought under subjection and caused to labor for his benefit.

Of the art of printing they knew nothing, and it seems strange, too, that they should not; for the Babylonians used a kind of hand stamp in stamping their tablets, bricks and pottery; and the Romans used a ring with a device for stamping seals upon their parchments. But they went no further. This, too, was left for a more modern mind to discover. But let us remember that though, through the investigations and discoveries of modern science, we possess many advantages and of inestimable value. Egypt, Chaldea, Greece and Rome, all contributed in some way to the general advancement of science, whether by their errors or by their dis-

coveries, they may each claim a share. As the ages roll on, new discoveries will be made and new facts added to science, which is ever seeking new and important truths to add to its already well filled garner.

But science is still in its youth, and its alphabet is hardly learned. As we turn over the pages of the book of Nature, the mind is bewildered with the magnitude and splendor of the study. But the study is as attractive as vast, and the close observer ever

*Finds tongues in trees, books in the running brooks,  
Sermons in stones, and good in everything.*

*West American Scientist.*

### Business Centralization in the British Post-Office.

CONSUL-GEN. THOMAS M. WALKER, under date of London, October 30, 1886, furnishes the following report: The British post-office is a marvel of business centralization. In addition to the forwarding of mail matter, transmission of telegrams, the use of the telephone, the delivery of small parcels, the exchange of money by postal orders, and receipt of small savings—features to which allusion was made in the last annual report—it receives money for investment in Government stock, insures lives, grants annuities, issues inland-revenue stamps and licenses, and recruits soldiers for the army.

Money orders are issued for sums varying from 1s. (25 cents) to £10 (\$50), to rates varying from 2d. (4 cents) to 1s. (25 cents). This is regarded as a safe mode of transmitting money. The original order being issued to the applicant, and a duplicate being sent to the post-office to which it is made payable, the recipient having, upon application for the amount, not only to sign it, in exact accordance with the printed directions, but has also to state the full name and address of the

sender, which information does not, of course, appear upon the original order in his hands, but on the duplicate sent to the postmaster at the office at which it is made payable. The total number issued for the year 1885 was 10,703,320, representing \$111,319,495.

Postal notes are issued for sums from 1s. (25 cents) to £1 (\$5), at rates from ½*d.* (1 cent) to 1½*d.* (3 cents). If an odd amount of pence is required to be transmitted, the sender may affix postage-stamps of the required value on the back of the postal note. The special advantage of these orders or notes is that they can be cashed at any post-office at which they are presented (unless the name of a particular office is designated), and it is only necessary for them to be signed in the name of the person appearing upon them. The fact that they are so cashed, or passed as current "coin," renders this a rather insecure way of transmitting money. The total number issued during the year 1885 was 24,085,015, representing \$50,483,850.

The savings bank is the largest and most popular branch of the department. In this the public may invest their savings, at interest in sums of from 1s. (25 cents) to £150 (\$750), but not more than £30 (\$150) may be deposited in any one year. The total deposits, including interest accrued, in the post-office savings bank on the 31st of December, 1885, amounted to \$238,489,190. In order to encourage thrift among the poor, blanks are supplied gratuitously at all post-offices, divided into twelve small spaces on which unused 1*d.* (2-cent) postage stamps may be affixed, one by one, until filled up, when the slip will be received at any post office as a deposit for 1s. (25 cents).

A person who has thus deposited his savings can, when the usual deposit book has been supplied to him, make fresh deposits or withdraw his money at a day's

notice from any of the 8000 offices in the United Kingdom.

A person wishing to invest any sum from £10 (\$50) to £100 (\$500) in Government stock, can do so at any post office, at the current price of the day, at a small commission, varying from 9*d.* (18 cents) to 2s. 3*d.* (56 cents).

The post-office also issues life policies upon the lives of persons between the ages of fourteen and sixty-five, and for sums of from £5 (\$25) to £100 (\$500). The premiums may be paid annually, half-yearly, quarterly, monthly, or weekly, and at any post-office near which the insured may be located when the premiums become due.

In a like manner the post-office also grants immediate or deferred annuities of from £5 (\$25) to £100 (\$500) per annum, under similar conditions, payable either in one sum or by periodical installments. Persons whose lives are insured or to whom annuities are granted by the departments, have direct government security for the payment of the money. Husband and wife may each be insured, or purchase annuities for the maximum amount £100 (\$500).

Bill stamps, indicature fee stamps, and dog, carriage, game and all other licenses are also issued at most of the head and district post-offices in London and the provinces.

The lowest rate for inland telegram is 6*d.* (12 cents). The total number of messages transmitted for the year ending March 31, 1886, was 39,235,813.

The department has a large number of telephone exchanges, the subscription to which amounts at present, to about \$125,000 per annum, but the greater part of the telephone business is conducted by private companies, who pay royalties to the department of upwards of \$100,000 per annum. The department also leases private telegraph wires to individuals at yearly rentals.

## GYPSUM.

BY E. P. NEWCOMER.

**G**YPSUM is a common mineral, frequently crystallized, oftener amorphous, and sometimes forming rock masses. Its crystallization is monoclinic; hardness 1.5 to 2; specific gravity 2.2 to 2.4; transparent or translucent, vitreous, on cleavage, pearly or silky; colorless and snow white but often yellow, red, or brown from enclosing coloring matters.

Gypsum often occurs in aggregated needle-like crystals and is then called fibrous gypsum. In its amorphous condition, when translucent and compact it is named alabaster. More commonly it is white, opaque and soft and is then called snowy gypsum.

Gypsum occurs in nearly all geological formations and countries. In clay and shale it is frequently found in beautifully defined, detached crystals. The great repository of gypsum is the water of the ocean, which always holds it in solution and from which it has been precipitated by evaporation to form all the great masses of this substance. It can also be solved in fresh water in the proportion of one part to 400 or 500 of water.

The most important deposits known are those of the Paris basin, at Montmartre, which are of eocene age; those of Virginia, Michigan and Nova Scotia, of carboniferous age; and of Central New York and Ohio and Canada West, in the upper Silurian. Gypsum is known to exist in large quantities in South America, Africa, India, China, Australia and Mexico.

The origin of the strata and great masses of gypsum found in many countries has been a subject of much discussion. They are represented by most writers to have been produced by the action of sulphuric acid contained in the water of acid springs, acting upon strata of limestone. The theory is, however, inapplicable to all the most important deposits, which are undoubtedly derived from the precipitation of gypsum, by evaporation from its solution in circumscribed basins of salt water like the Dead Sea and Great Salt Lake.

The uses of gypsum in the arts are varied and important. It is used principally in making casts, mortar, and for fertilizing the soil.

The commerce of gypsum in the United States amounts to about \$1,000,000 per annum. The annual production of gypsum in New York and

Michigan may be estimated at about 100,000 tons each.

## O O L O G Y.

**O**NCE more to the front! This time with a few instructions to the egg-collector, which I trust may prove useful to him.

No instruction is necessary for Brush hunting, except to part the bushes carefully and watch from where the bird flies. Hunting in forests where there are large trees is most difficult work, and oftentimes the ordinary collector misses some fine specimens through not knowing how to get up in the large trees, where the trunk is so large that he can not "shine up" and the branches are not low enough to reach.

The collector should provide himself with a short rope, Manilla clothes-line is the best, say about 60 feet. To the end of this he can tie a sinker to be used as a weight.

This is to use when the branches can not be reached by throwing the weight over the stoutest looking branch and then the collector can draw himself up hand over hand. Another way is taking the same rope, and passing it around the trunk of the tree and the body of the collector, making sure that it is knotted securely. Then by working upwards and moving the rope up at the same time, he can manage to get to the lower branches of almost any tree. He should also provide himself with a small sharp hatchet, carrying it in a belt. It comes very useful when a nest is found inside the tree and the opening to the hole is too small for the hand to pass through.

The best thing to carry the eggs in is a flat box, say 2½ inches deep, with plenty of cotton batting, as each egg should be wrapped separately. If collecting in sets, it is better to have several small boxes, so as to keep each separate, and one large box to put the others in.

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As we have never taken a canvass of the stamp collectors of San Francisco we are unable to comply with the *Stamp's* modest request for the names of a hundred collectors of this city although at least half that number are known to us personally; but we have now set inquiries afoot and from the rate at which the names are coming in we believe that before long we will have the names of about three hundred collectors.

MR. WARREN K. MOORHEAD has sold out his collection of Ancient Indian Relics to Mr. Joseph Wigglesworth and will no longer continue to collect.

As the vote cast in the ballot for Treasurer and Secretary of the A. P. A. was not two-thirds of the vote of those entitled to vote, the ballot was productive of no result and Mr. Bradt is still secretary.

SOME of the Philatelic societies are adopting resolutions declaring the famous issue of the United States Envelopes that

have created such an excitement lately, to be of no philatelic value whatever. The "National Society" of New York however have decided that these envelopes *are* of philatelic value.

This society has also adopted the following resolutions, which we reproduce here as we are heartily in sympathy with them:

WHEREAS, it is reported that certain stamp dealers and others have petitioned the United States Postoffice Department to reprint some of its obsolete postal issues, and

WHEREAS, this reprinting and reproducing (being ostensibly for the aid of collectors) are entirely uncalled for by any Philatelic Student worthy of the name, but can only result mischievously and to the detriment of those engaged in preserving original specimens of rare and obsolete stamps and envelopes, and

WHEREAS, such reprinting would lower the United States to the level of such governments as Antioquia, Baden, Bergedorf, Roman States, etc., whose officials have adopted this means of increasing their revenue, and

WHEREAS, this Society put itself on record against reprinting of obsolete issues on the 19th of May, 1875, at the time of the first reprinting of United States stamps,

Therefore be it RESOLVED, that The National Philatelic Society strongly protests against all reprinting by the United States Postoffice Department, as tending to throw discredit on collections already formed, and as destroying the interest and pleasure which all true collectors feel in gathering the postage stamps of the different governments.

JOSEPH RECHERT, President.  
W. A. WARNER, Secretary.

WE have received the catalogue of Mr. R. R. Bogert's 3rd. auction sale of postage stamps, also the wholesale list of the same dealer; the latter is very neatly gotten up, and some very good bargains are offered in it.



## An Appeal to Archæologists.

[IN response to a request from Mr. Alvah Davison of Helmetta, N. J. we publish the following appeal to archæologists. This science has always been our favorite study as it is one of unsurpassed interest. The American Continent offers in every part hundreds of opportunities for the archæologist, from the cliff dwellings of Arizona to the mounds of Ohio, and we believe that such a society will by encouraging the exchange of communications from all over the country be of great benefit to all concerned.—[ED.]

There has been more or less talk of late of starting a society to be composed of archæologists throughout the U. S. That such a society will prove of great value to every collector of this branch no one will deny. Similar societies have been formed in other branches of collecting and why not in this? Such a society will bring together the collectors of Indian and mound relics, fossils, etc., and by forming them into one grand body will be the means of bringing out knowledge of this science which otherwise might never be known. It would bring the archæologists of the country to know each other, it will facilitate the exchanging of specimens, and accomplish many things which union only can accomplish.

This matter has been talked of and written about by hundreds of collectors during the past year, and the time has now come for action. In order to see the thing started the undersigned have consented to act as a committee to receive the names of those who are willing to join the proposed society. If you desire to see the society started, if you wish to see archæology take a high place among the sciences, if you have the interest of your science at heart, then send your name to any of the committee, stating that you are willing to join.

Don't delay, but do it *at once*, it will take but a minute and the sooner the names are in, the sooner steps can be taken to call a meeting for the purpose of organizing. Tell your brother collectors of this matter and let their names be sent in. *Now is the time for action.*

WARREN K. MOOREHEAD,  
*Xenia, Ohio.*

JOSEPH WIGGLESWORTH,  
*Wilmington, Del.*

ALVAH DAVISON,  
*Helmetta, N. J.*

We give below a few letters from collectors, to show what is thought of the proposed organization.

An archæological society would prove of great benefit to both collectors and dealers, as it would bring them into closer relations. If such a society is formed, count me in as a member.  
—CHAS. BISSETT.

*Spotswood, N. J.*

The proposal to form an archæological society is an excellent one. It would without doubt be a great benefit to all collectors interested in that branch of science.  
—D. HITCHCOCK.  
*Orange, N. J.*

I see no reason why such a society should not be a complete success.  
—LOUIS E. HUDSON.  
*Ellisburgh, N. Y.*

I think your suggestion as to the formation of an archæological society is a most excellent one, and am sure if organized it would have an extensive membership and be a great success. The number of persons interested in this branch is at present very large and increasing rapidly. I hope to hear more concerning it.  
*N. Y. City.*  
—M. V. B. KIP.

An archæological society has been my pet scheme for some time, and I think if well managed it would prove a success and a decided benefit to its members. If started you can rely on me for any assistance I am able to give.  
*Wilmington, Del.*  
—JOS. WIGGLESWORTH.

If the object of the society is for the purpose of advancing the science of archæology in the interest of the young and advanced collector, I would be pleased to see it organized at once. You may depend on me to freely give my mite for its support.  
—J. R. NISSLEY.  
*Ada, Ohio.*

## JOURNALISTIC NOTES.

WE have received the initial number of *Collectors' World*, and cannot say that typographically it is much of a success, as for the articles we cannot judge until we receive a translation; we being unable to read our copy although we are pretty good linguists,—but maybe language had nothing to do with the case here.

THE *Toronto Philatelic Journal* is a well printed sheet, devoted to the interests of philatelists and numismatists.

WE have received the following; publishers please accept thanks.

*Western Philatelist*, Vol. I., No. 12... *Philatelic Journal of America*, Vol. III., No. 33... *Collectors' Review*, Vol. II., No. 1... *The Mohawk Standard*, Vol. II. No. 9... *American Philatelist*, Vol. II., Nos. 2, 3... *Youths' Ledger*, Vol. III., No. 25... *Curiosity World*, Vol. II., Nos. 6, 7... *Quaker City Philatelist*, Vol. II., Nos. 11, 12... *Keystone State Philatelist*, Vol. I., No. 8... *Stamp*, Vol. II., No. 10... *Figaro*, Vol. I., No. 9... *Collectors' World*, Vol. I., No. 1... *Common Sense*, Vol. I., No. 7... *Witch City Philatelist*, Vol. I., No. 5... *Philatelic World*, Vol. V., No. 12... *Toronto Philatelic Journal*, Vol. II., No. 6.

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By H. G.

**S**T. HELENA lies in latitude  $14^{\circ} 55'$  south, and longitude  $5^{\circ} 42'$  west. It is 1140 miles from the African coast and 1800 miles from the South American coast. The Island is a rock of volcanic origin in mid ocean. Its area is about 45 square miles, its extreme length  $10\frac{1}{4}$  miles, while the length of the irregular coast line is about 29 miles.

The Island was discovered by Juan de Mora Castella, commander of a Portugese fleet returning from India, on the 21st of May 1501, the anniversary of Saint Helena, mother of the Emperor Constantine.

In 1513 a disgraced Portugese nobleman landed on the Island, and with a few negro slaves formed the first settlement. The Portugese abandoned it some years later and in 1545 it was colonized by the Dutch, who deserted it in 1551, and in the same year, the English East India Company permanently settled it. But in 1572 it was taken with force by the Dutch, who only kept it in their possession for one year when the English Government retook it and the British East India Company then received a second grant of the Island and retained it until April 1834 when it was transferred to the British Government.

Its population is only 4500, of whom 2435 live in Jamestown, the capital of the Island.

The first Postage Stamps were issued in 1856.

All the stamps are of one type, the value on them is printed in different type sets, in black.

1856 issue: Profile of Queen Victoria of England to left in circle, above "St. Helena" in a curve, underneath "Postage"

on a white field measuring  $9\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{3}$  mm. in small colored capital letters, on bottom "six pence" in large upright letters on a colored field measuring  $12\frac{3}{4}$ - $2\frac{1}{4}$  mm.

No. 1. 6d. blue unperforated. Watermark star.

1862. No. 2. 6d. lilac perforated. Same watermark,

1863. Wmk. Crown and C. C. unperforated.

No. 3. 1d. red surcharged type measuring  $16\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$  mm.

No. 4. 1d. red measuring  $18 \times 2\frac{1}{2}$  mm.

No. 5. 4d. carmine "  $16\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$  mm.

No. 6. 6d. red, this is an Error, and are hard to obtain at any price.

1864 issue: Perforated, Watermark the same as before.

No. 7. 1d. dark red surcharge  $17.5 \times 2.5$  mm.

No. 8. 4d. carmine surcharge  $17.5 \times 2.5$  mm.

No. 9. 1s. green surcharge  $17 \times 2.5$  mm. 1868 issue same as last issue.

No. 10. 2d. yellow surcharge  $15.5 \times 2.5$  mm.

No. 11. 3d. violet surcharge  $17.5 \times 3$  mm.

No. 12. 5s. orange "  $17.5 \times 3$  mm.

1871 issue: No. 13 1d. red surcharge  $17.5 \times 3$  mm.

No. 14. 2d. yellow surcharge  $17.5 \times 3$  mm.

" 15. 4d. carmine "  $17.5 \times 3$  "

" 16. 4d. " "  $18 \times 3$  "

" 17. 1s. green "  $18 \times 3$  "

1873 issue: No. 18. 6d. pale blue no surcharge.

1883 issue: No. 19. 4d. carmine surcharge  $16 \times 3$  mm.

1884 issue: Watermark Crown and Coat of Arms, perforated.

No. 20.  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. green surch.  $17.5 \times 3$  mm.

" 21. 2d. yellow "  $17.5 \times 3$  "

" 22. 6d. light lilac, no surcharge.

1887 issue: same as last issue.

No. 23. 3d. lilac surcharge  $17.5 \times 3$  mm.

" 24. 6d. slate gray, no surcharge.

## MINERALOGY.

CARBON is found in abundance in the earth, being the chief element in the composition of coal. It is also found combined with iron, forming a carburet of that metal.

The diamond is composed entirely of carbon.

IODINE is contained in sea-water and in the waters of several springs.

BORON is the basis of boracic acid, which is part of the composition of the well known substance called borax.

All the metals except platina and gold, are found mineralized or in the state of ores. Many of them are also found in the native or metallic state. This is the case with silver, bismuth, copper, antimony, arsenic, iron, nickel, and quicksilver.

Gold and platina, though never found mineralized, or in the state of ores, seldom occur perfectly pure. Gold exists in its native state, alloyed, or mixed with silver, copper, iron, and several other metals. Some of the metals are mineralized by only one or two substances, while others are found combined with several.

Thus mercury is chiefly mineralized by sulphur, and is never found in combination with oxygen, carbon, or any of the mineral acids, except the muriac. Its ores are therefore few in number and rarely found. Iron, on the contrary, is capable of very numerous combinations, being mineralized by oxygen, sulphur, carbon, phosphorus, carbonic acid, and many other substances. Its ores are consequently very numerous and exist in nearly every section of country.

COPPER and LEAD are also widely disseminated, and are each found in combination with a variety of mineralizing substances.

We come now to the classification and description of Minerals, the object of which is, to distinguish them from each other. At the head of each class the elements, or ingredients which chiefly compose the species, are enumerated. The particular composition of each species when important is given with the description.

## CURIOS.

## An Expensive Egg.

London Times.

AT J. C. Stevens' auction-rooms in King Street, Covent Garden, recently a large number of ornithologists gathered to witness the sale of an egg of the great auk. Before offering the lot, Mr. Stevens remarked that in 1880 two eggs of this bird, both of which had been broken, were sold by him, and they fetched, 100 and 102 guineas respectively. Of the recorded eggs twenty-five were in eighteen museums and forty-one in nineteen private collections, forty-three of the sixty-six being in Great Britain. The first bid was made by a well-known ornithologist, and this was followed by one from L. Field, to whom the egg was eventually knocked down at 160 guineas (\$840).

## BUNYAN'S WARRANT.

An Old Document Found in the  
Chauncy Collection.

London Times.

AMONG the Chauncy collection of autographs recently dispersed by Messrs. Sotheby, there lay, hidden and unnoticed, the original warrant under which Bunyan was apprehended for that third and final imprisonment of some six months' duration, during which, according to his latest biographer, he wrote the first part of "The Pilgrim's Progress." It fills a half sheet of foolscap, and is dated March 4, 1674-5, under the hands and seals of twelve justices, six of them either then or in the Parliament of 1678, members for county or borough, and three of whom had originally committed him for the previous twelve years' imprisonment.

The sufferer is described as a "Tynker," which may indicate that he worked at his trade while ministering, a fact hitherto doubted. Dr. Chauncy probably acquired it with some other articles also included in the sale from his grandfather, Ichabod Chauncy, who died in 1691. It may possibly have been sent to him by Bunyan's friends in the faint hope that a habeas corpus might lie, and as no loophole existed, remitted to one of his pigeon-holes.

## The Indian Shell Mounds of California.

San Francisco Chronicle.

IT has almost ceased to be the exception to find that what we consider of little note is held by the outsider to be of much value. Some six or seven months ago Alfred R. Wallace visited San Francisco and California. Wallace is the author of a comprehensive work on the Malayian peninsula, is an archæologist of some repute, and while in this city he showed a decided leaning toward spiritualism, and delivered two or three interesting lectures on that and kindred subjects. He devoted some time to a study of the evidences of prehistoric races found in California, and, putting all his information and generous extracts from Government reports together, has turned out a paper on the "Antiquity of Man in North America," which was published in the *Nineteenth Century* for November.

Without attempting to review the article, it may be said that without much originality it is of value as grouping together a number of facts which prove that California is one of the richest fields in the country for the exploration of those who believe that the native American lived not only in the paleolithic times, when the glacial period was passing away, but even in the pliocene period, before the flood of ice changed the face of the world. Among the evidences adduced to support this theory are the facts that stone mortars and platters have been found by the hundred in Tuolumne, Calaveras, Amador, Placer, Nevada, and Butte counties, imbedded in lava and gravel at varying depths of from ten to ninety feet below the surface; that human remains have been found at even greater depths; that the Stanislaus river has cut through a basalt-covered hill to the depth of 1500 feet; that the American and Yuba valleys

have been lowered from 800 to 1500 feet, and that these works of erosion must have taken ages in their accomplishment; that the fossil remains show the one-time existence of an animal and vegetable creation entirely different from that now known, and that California abounds in Indian shell mounds.

Upon the latter topic it will be necessary to speak somewhat more fully. The existence and widespread area of these shell-heaps are, of course, no new thing, but it is with their application to the uses of paleontological proof and with their local significance that this article has to do. The shellheaps of the Damariscotta river in Maine consists almost exclusively of oyster-shells of remarkable size, frequently having a length of eight or ten inches and sometimes reaching twelve or fourteen inches. At the present time oysters are only found in very small numbers and of very small size in that neighborhood, and this is taken as an evidence of the important change in the distribution of a species of a mollusk since the heaps were formed—such a change as this being accepted as a certain test of great antiquity. Another proof of the same sort is offered by the enormous shell heaps on the St. John's river, Florida. These are composed of fresh-water shells which now exist in very small numbers in the river and its lakes.

(To be Continued.)

At a recent autograph sale in Boston, one of Isaac Allerton, who came over in the *Mayflower*, fetched \$28; an autograph poem of William Cullen Bryant, \$7; a letter of Robert Browning, \$2 25; of Henry Ward Beecher, \$1 25, of Jeff Davis, \$1 75, and of General Garfield, 75 cents. Three pages of manuscript signed Henry W. Longfellow were sold for \$3 25; one page of James Russell Lowell, \$1 85; two pages of Harriet Martineau, \$1 37; two pages of Christine Nilsson, \$2 12, and two pages of Wendell Phillips, 37 ½ cents.

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THIS seems to be the season for the formation of societies; on every hand they are springing up with a prospectus in hand and the determination to exist more years than they very probably will exist months.

ONE of the soundest and most sensible projects heard of this year is the proposed "Dealers Protective Association." It will be easily seen that a society like this, if in able hands, will do a great amount of good in rooting out approval sheet frauds and other pests of philately. For further information apply to T. J. Mitchell, 263 West Lake Street, Chicago. All communications requiring answers should have a stamp enclosed.

THE stamp collectors of Ohio have now a chance to organize as W. S. Kinzer and E. J. Smith have formed a committee to take charge of affairs until further advance is made in the formation of the Ohio Philatelic Association. Further information may be obtained by enclosing stamp to W. S. Kinzer, Wooster, Ohio.

WE have received a catalogue of the collection of Mr. Wm. Adams of Mapleton, N. Y. This gentleman's collection comprises about 18,500 pieces and judging from the catalogue it would be well worth seeing.

COLLECTORS desiring good stamps at low prices will do well to pay attention to the advertisement of Mr. Henry Gremmel on the last page.

J. R. NISSLEY of Ada, has sent us his price list of Indian stone implements; for those just forming collections nothing can be better than one or two of his "lots" and more advanced collectors will undoubtedly always find what they want in his stock.

### A Singular Gem.

NO explanation ever has been, or ever will be, forthcoming of the extraordinary freak of nature in the formation of the famous pearl known as the Southern Cross. Originally discovered at Roeburn, in Western Australia, it consists of nine pearls adhering together in the form of a Latin cross, seven in the shaft and two in the arms, one on each side of the shaft, nearly opposite the second pearl from the top. The pearls are slightly compressed, like peas in a pod, and no trace of any artificial junction can be observed. It has been suggested that a fragment of seaweed may have gotten into the shell and formed the frame of the construction. The pearls are of fine quality, though slightly misshapen at places, and the value of the gem is very high. Its character is unique, and so filled the owner—an Irishman, named Kelly—with superstitious awe, that for a long time he was induced to hide it away, and keep his possession a secret.



## THE GREAT AUK.

WHAT is curious about this creature is its comparatively recent extinction. In 1838, a Danish Professor gave warning that in consequence of the raids made upon its breeding haunts, for it was good to eat, and also because the female (one hardly likes to call her "a great auk," it sounds so rude) only laid one egg each season, the species was in danger; but even he did not look forward to the fact that within five years there would not be a single specimen of it alive. In America, its biographer, Mr. Symington Grieve, of Edinburgh, tells us, more than thirty years have passed since there has been even a report of its existence, and all authenticated manifestations of it have ceased in both hemispheres since 1884. This is, of course, why the great auk's eggs have grown to be so valuable to the collector. There are now but 68½ of them in the world (if the remains of the egg broken by the clumsy footman of Lord Garvagh, and very carefully preserved, can be called a half), forty-five of which are in the British Isles. In 1833 one was bought by a Paris dealer for 3*fr.*; in 1835 one at Leipsic for a guinea, and was sold in 1857 for £7 10*s.* In 1860 the price was £18. In the same year, according to Mr. Grieve, a curious incident took place, similar to the strokes of luck which sometimes happen to the hunters of bookstalls. A naturalist walking near Boulogne was offered by a fishwoman some guillemot's eggs, which she said she had at home; he went to her cottage, and found among them a great auk's egg, which he bought for 2*fr.*, and sold at Stevens for £26. In 1865 four were sold in London at an average of £32 apiece. These were from a box found, Professor Newton tells us, in the College of Surgeons, simply ticketed "Penguin's

Eggs," and containing ten of these costly curiosities; but "when or how they came into the possession of the college there was no record." In 1869 the price rose to £64. In 1880, at Dowell's auction-rooms, in Edinburgh, a "job lot" of eggs was bought, comprising two of the great auk, for £1 12*s.*, which was sold two months afterward, at Stevens', for £100 and £107, respectively. It is, therefore, by no means wonderful that the price of these rarities should be now 120 guineas, which, I believe, is the last quotation. There is one great advantage enjoyed by the possessors of these golden eggs—they can never be tempted to kill the bird that lays them.

—*Illustrated London News.*

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## A Manuscript by the Great Napoleon.

A UNIQUE manuscript has been sold at the Hotel Drouot, in Paris, for 5,500 *frs.* It is a manuscript of eight written pages, by the first Napoleon, giving a history of the island of Corsica and written by him at Ajaccio in 1790. There is much in it which shows that the future emperor was then a disciple of Robespierre, of whom he speaks with the fervor of an enthusiast. The language is somewhat involved and obscure, and the orthography that of an uneducated person, and it altogether bears evidence of the production of a brain which thought too rapidly for the hand which set down the ideas. The erasures are frequent and the changes many, but the manuscript is a sincere reflection of his mind in the year 1790. He dwells at length on the degradation of the governed classes all over Europe, and insists that French armies possessing the genius of liberty shall ultimately overthrow and dominate the existing powers.

## JOURNALISTIC NOTES.

PHILATELISTS who have not read a stamp paper for a year need not fear to fall "behind the times" if they see the Christmas number of the *Figaro*. It contains a full and comprehensive list of all the stamps issued in 1887, besides most data concerning papers appearing for the first time this year. Besides this, it contains much other valuable information.

THE January number of the *Western Philatelist* contains the continuation of an excellent article on the "Emissions of China, Shanghai, Corea, and Japan," besides other valuable philatelic information.

AN excellent article, "The gold coins of California" appeared in the January number of the *Collector*.

THE portrait and biography of E. F. Gambs, the enterprising stamp dealer, appeared in the *Youths' Ledger*. Also a good article on so-called oddities in post-cards, which undoubtedly contains much that is true.

THE *Toronto Philatelic Journal* for January comes to hand with a little over four pages of a fair quality of reading matter and almost seven of advertisements. In our opinion as this is termed a *philatelic* journal, the numismatic column might be well dispensed with.

THE *American Philatelist* deserves success and is certainly attaining it. Its contents are of the utmost importance to collectors and all A. P. A. members seem well satisfied with the official organ of the association.

THE first page of the January *Stamp* is adorned by the portrait and biography of Henry O. Harris. By the way we notice

several other stamp papers are following the example set by this enterprising publication, but the *Stamp* leads where others follow.

THERE is an article in the *Curiosity World* entitled "That Old Stamp" which sounds too much like those we read in the dailies about rare stamps to be deserving of a place in this paper. Even if founded on fact, it is very greatly exaggerated. Mr. Hubbard announces his intention of changing the present form of his paper to that of a magazine in case his subscribers approve of this measure.

## EXCHANGES.

[This column is open to all for exchanges under thirty words. 5 cents will be charged for each additional ten words.]

J. T. Humphrey, Jamaica Plain, Mass. A. P. A. No. 127. A large number of philatelic papers and auction catalogues to exchange for others. Send list and receive mine.

Theo. J. Moll, Evansville, Ind. 7500 square-cut Post Marks to exchange for back numbers of the *Golden Days* or *Golden Argosy*, or for volumes of "Munsey's Popular Series."

O. C. Fodrea, Cambridge, Furnas Co., Neb. I will exchange Minerals, Indian Relics, pieces of Mastodon tusk (small and rare), for other minerals, Indian relics and sea curios.

The coldest spot on earth is Werchojansk, in Siberia. The mean temperature for the year 1885, was 2.9 degrees Fahrenheit, below zero. For January and December it was 62.9 degrees below zero. The lowest temperature in July was 30.2 degrees above, while in January a fall to 88.5 degrees below zero was experienced.

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10 Post Office, " . . . . .	2.50	1.25	9 " . . . . .	.....	.25
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## TAXIDERMY.

It is but seldom that we find collections of stuffed birds belonging to the young people of our city. The reason is perhaps owing to the fact that stuffed specimens are so difficult to procure. I will therefore give a few directions as to the method of skinning and stuffing birds.

Immediately after a bird is killed, the throat and nostrils should be stuffed with tow or cotton, to prevent the blood from staining the plumage. In proceeding to skin the bird, it should be laid on its back and the feathers of the breast separated to the right and left. A sharp pen-knife must be inserted at the point of the bone, and then cut the outer skin from thence to the vent, taking care not to penetrate as deep as the flesh.

The skin will then be easily separated from the flesh by passing a small blunt instrument between the skin and the body; with this you may reach the back. The thighs should now be pressed inward so far as to enable you to separate the legs from the body at the knee-joint. The skin is then pulled down and the skin cut from the flesh at the insertion of tail. The skin is now drawn upwards the length of the wings, the bones of which must also be cut at the shoulder-joints. It is then pulled up, till all the back part of the skull is laid bare, when the neck is separated from the head; now the whole body is separated from the skin.

We next proceed to remove the brain, through an opening made in the back part of the skull. The eyes must then be taken out, by breaking the slender wall between the orbits and the brain. The whole of the flesh is next removed from the lower mandible. The whole inside of the skin, head, etc., must be well-rubbed with preservative powder, the recipe of which will be found at the end of this article.

When it is desired to stuff the bird it may immediately be done as follows: The first thing to be done is to replace the skull. This is done by turning the neck back to its original position, not, however, before it has been well-rubbed with the powder. The bird is now laid on the table with the head turned toward the

left hand, and the legs and wings adjusted to their proper situation. Flax is now stuffed into the neck and the whole skin is well rubbed with powder. The body should now be stuffed with tow, to about a third of the required thickness.

Four pieces of wire are then prepared, of the thickness proportionate to the size of the bird. The center piece should be somewhat longer than the body. At about a fourth of its length a small ring is formed and the other end is pointed with a file. The wire is introduced across the skull and passed into the neck through the center of the flax with which it is stuffed. The ring being situated toward the anterior part of the skull, for the purpose of receiving the points of each of the wires that are passed through the feet and thighs.

A wire is now passed through each of the legs and fastened to the ring of the central wire. The tan bearer is next formed, which consists of the fourth piece of wire, with which an oval is formed by twisting the two ends, two or three turns, so that they may form a kind of fork. The two points of the fork must be sharpened with a file. The stuffing is now proceeded with by inserting tow, till it has attained the proper dimensions. The skin is brought together and sewed up, taking care to separate the feathers at every stitch.

Preservative powder is made of:

Sulphur  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz.

Alum 1 oz.

Corrosive Sublimate 1 oz.

Camphor 1 oz.

A few years ago, a call was issued from London, England, to the scientists of the world to assemble for the discussion of whatever scientific subjects might be presented, every statement to undergo most rigid scrutiny. One member said: "Tobacco is not injurious. I have chewed it for fifty years, and my father for sixty years, without perceptible damage. All this hue and cry about it is nonsense." The actuary answered: "Step forward, sir, and let us canvass this matter thoroughly. How much do you chew?" "I chew regularly three quids per day, of about this size," cutting them from his plug. One was given to a Russian and another to a French

chemist with "Please return their extracts." Then the actuary said: "Will any young man unaccustomed to the use of tobacco chew this third quid before the audience? Here are \$20 to any one who will." A young man stepped forward. The audience was requested to scan his looks—cheeks, eyes and general appearance—before he took it and closely watch its effects. He soon became pale from sickness, then vomited and soon fainted before the assembly. The extract of one quid was given to a powerful tomcat. He flew wildly round and there and then died. The other extract was put upon the tongue of a premium dog, which uttered a yelp, leaped frantically, lay down and expired.

### DIAMONDS.

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loaned \$6,000. This stone weighed eleven carats after cutting, but it would scarcely bring as many hundreds to-day, except for associations.

To be really fine, a diamond should be cut neither too deep nor too shallow (spread, as it is termed), but should be mathematically perfect in its proportions. A dealer usually buys either a deep or a spread stone for as much less than the price of the perfect stone which can be cut from it as will pay the expenses and the risk of recutting. For example, a three-carat spread or deep stone may furnish only a two-and-a-quarter-carat stone of perfect shape, and is therefore worth the price of the latter less the risk and cost of recutting, and not as much, or more than a three-carat simply because it spreads over more surface. Very often Brazilian gems, the very finest as regards purity and brilliancy and perfection of cutting, yet containing some almost microscopic carbonaceous fragment or some slight flaw, may be rejected by a person who wishes absolute perfection; but this same person may select a stone that, though perfect in every way, lacks that essential feature of a fine diamond, brilliancy, and is almost lusterless when compared with the stone that he had rejected.

There are as many different qualities in diamonds as in horses. Diamonds may

be round, oval-oblong, rounded squares, or square; the cuttings may be mathematically correct, fine, fair or poor. A diamond may be of the proper depth or it may be too deep; it may be shallow or spread; it may be perfect; it may be slightly flawed, contain black spots, be brilliant or medium brilliant. Its color may be pure white, milky, steel blue, or it may be off color, tinted or bye-water; in fact, there can be hundreds of differences in a one-carat stone.

As Jefferies, the diamond dealer and authority, said in 1750, the fine diamond should be as clear as pure rock water, perfect in shape, and not only pure white, but lively, showing fire, as it is called. Any undecided tint of brown, yellow, gray or other color is a positive blemish. But when the tint is decided, as blue, pink or green, in which case the colors are called "fancy," they are held in high estimation.

### Varieties of the 2c. Salvador.

UNLIKE the other Central American Republics, Salvador has not been a prolific stamp-issuing country. In fact, up to date, there have not as many varieties been issued as years have passed since the first was in use. (First postage issued in 1867 and there are but 19 varieties in all, including envelopes).

Therefore additions to this are always welcome, and since we cannot have new issues of complete sets, we must seek varieties of the old. And of the 2c. rose, 1879 issue the following distinct types may be found, all but the first being common. Of this rare variety the writer has seen but one specimen, the one in his own collection.

FIRST TYPE differs from ordinary in this respect: The scroll to the right of upper left hand numeral is *reversed* and somewhat smaller than ordinary, while the right upper scroll is a little larger. This stamp, like the following, has a row of white dots between the outer circle and border on both sides. (The specimen in writer's possession bears a single curved line pen cancellation).

SECOND TYPE differs from above only in respect to the position of the scroll, which is as usually found.

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## The Indian Shell Mounds of California.

(Continued.)

One of two things is obvious here: Either

Section of shell heap at Cedar Keys, showing different periods of its formation.

Six inches of modern soil.
Three feet of fine, thin pottery, beautifully ornamented; neatly made implements of bone, shell, etc., axes, arrow and spear heads of stone; also stone beads.
Two feet of soil, containing a few fragments of pottery.
Four feet of rather good pottery, rudely ornamented; primitive implements of bone and shell.
Three feet of rude, heavy pottery, entirely destitute of ornament.

the prodigious quantities of these shells found in the mounds show a former great abundance or the collection of the shells must have extended through very long periods of time. Other shell mounds in Florida have growing on them enormous live oaks from thirteen to twenty-six feet in circumference at five feet from the ground, some of them being estimated to be 600 years old, they indicating the minimum age possible for the heaps, but not necessarily approaching to their real age.

Complete cross-sections of the extensive shell heaps in the Aleutian isles having been made by Mr. Dall, they were found to consist of a series of distinct layers, each marked by some well-defined characteristic. In the upper layers were found mammalian remains, seal, walrus, bird, fox and dog, together with well-made weapons and instruments. In the next layer below, the dog and fox were absent. In the next there were seal and small cetacea, while the weapons were ruder. Then came a layer in which no mammalian remains whatever were found, but only fishbones and molluscan shells, with rude knives, lance heads, etc. Below this again was a bottom deposit consisting entirely of the shells of the echini (sea-urchin), and containing no weapons or tools whatever, except toward the upper

surface of the layer, where a few "hammer stones" were found—round pebbles with an indentation on each side for the finger and thumb. Some of the heaps covered five acres, and from a careful estimate founded on experiments and taking the probable numbers of a colony which could have lived on such a spot, Mr. Dall has calculated that it would take about 3000 years for the accumulation of the entire series of layers, that is supposing—which is not natural—that they were formed continuously.

Then comes the following passage:

"Equally indicative of long occupation and great antiquity is the enormous shell mound at San Pablo, on the bay of San Francisco, which is nearly a mile long and half a mile wide, and more than twenty feet thick. Numerous Indian skeletons and mummies have been found in it, showing that it has been subsequently used as a place of burial.

Most people are aware that there is a shell mound across the bay, but it is generally associated with a shooting range and a dancing pavilion, while even to those best acquainted with the spot it would certainly be news that the mound was anything as extensive as Mr. Wallace states. It was determined to investigate the matter, and as the first best step to that end a visit was paid to the Academy of Sciences. Four amiable people—two ladies, a man and a boy—were found clustered around the stove. To them the extract from the *Nineteenth Century* was read, and they were asked if they could throw any light on the matter. No, they said, they could not, for the academicians had not made any researches in that direction. The existence of shell mounds in California had been spoken of, but no great attention had been paid to that branch of ethnology. They were then asked if the academy possessed any literature on the subject, and again the answer was in the negative. Getting rather desperate by this time, the writer asked if he could be directed to anyone who did know anything about the matter, and the reply was made that Theodore Hittell, it was believed, had at some time investigated the matter.

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SPEAKING of the A. P. A. we would call the attention of voting members to the fact that there is *no good reason why all should not be entitled to vote*, that is, all members who pay their dues regularly. Many collectors and members not of the required age (17) lose much of the interest they would otherwise feel in the Association since they consider themselves as fitted to vote as those a year or two older than themselves are just as ardent collectors and have as much and often more real philatelic knowledge. If another opportunity to amend the constitution in this respect is neglected, it will mean the resignation of many old members and will keep many collectors from joining the A. P. A.

It is evident that many of our contemporaries espousing the cause of Messrs. Calman, Bogert, Holton and Co.'s envelopes, can advance but one argument in favor of their claim, viz: "they can be legally used for postage," totally ignoring the fact that they were issued merely for sale to collectors, and that at exorbitant rates. Often a man whom every one is confident is guilty must be acquitted simply because there is no law exactly fitted to his case.

Yet because that man *cannot be proved guilty* is he *considered* innocent. It is pretty much the same with these envelopes. They certainly may be used for postal services and thus we cannot *prove they are of no value*. Yet we feel confident that they are so; a few of our contemporaries take this advantage to make the above statement. Still but a few first class philatelic papers purposely refuse to look at matters in a true light.

WHY is there such a cry for the restoration of the two cent of the last issue, we cannot understand nor do we see that the current stamp is of a cold, sickly, greenish hue, and the old brick red stamp of which we have just been rid, is a very beautiful color. If we must call back the days that are past let us have the 2c. brown of '72 or the vermilion of '75, but from the claret, brick red or whatever else it may be called of '83, Ye Gods preserve us!

WE would like to receive the opinions of advanced collectors on the question, "Should entire envelopes be collected?" If we find any argument either *pro* or *con* worthy of mention, we shall publish it in the columns of the COLLECTOR. It is fact, not language that we want, so send in your argument without fear of criticism.

THE Philatelic Society of America will undoubtedly be a success. The constitution will be liberal, and *all* members be entitled to vote. Already there are quite a number of members including some publishers and dealers. It is, however, in every respect a *collectors'* association.

THERE are some excellent remarks and criticism on the articles in papers not philatelic, which cite extravagant accounts of the "stamp collecting mania" in the *Eastern Philatelist* for February. This paper commenced well and certainly has not deteriorated.

THE *Quaker City Philatelist* contains a description of an excellent way to arrange stamps in a blank album with a diagram to illustrate. Otherwise there is little of value in the February number.



## HISTORIC LETTERS.

A Time When Jefferson Davis Said  
Rebellion Should be Crushed.

WRITES a West Chester, Pa., correspondent of the *Philadelphia Press*: "Hon. R. E. Monaghan, of this borough, presented to the West Chester State Normal School a valuable collection of historical letters, which were at one time the property of the late General Persifer Frazer Smith, United States Army. They passed from the General to his nephew, the late Hon. P. Frazer Smith, and from him to his daughter, Mrs R. E. Monaghan. Among the most notable of the collection is a letter from General Winfield Scott, and is as follows:

AUGUSTA, Ga., May 27, 1836.

DEAR GENERAL: I am bound for Chattahoochee to take upon myself the war against the Creeks. Would to God that you and your efficient corps were here to assist me in putting down this new enemy. Your obedient servant,  
W. SCOTT.

"Another is from Gen. (then Lieut.) G. T. Beauregard, and is dated Tacubaya, August 25, 1847, in which he announces to Gen. Smith that he sends his report of the operations at Fort Raymond on the 19th and 20th of the same month. There is another which is from Gen. G. B. McClellan, then a Lieutenant of Engineers, in which he says: "I am quite tired of civilization, and am anxious to go with you to Oregon. I take the liberty of asking if you would have any objection to take me."

"In the collection is one from President Zachary Taylor, dated Washington, April 3, 1849, in which he bewails that Congress had adjourned without making adequate provision for the formation or establishment of a government over the lands in California. The President says: "It is greatly to be deplored by moderate men of all parties that nothing has been done to meet the wants of that country, now filling rapidly up with a hardy and enterprising population."

"There is also one from President Buchanan, and is one of personal request—to wit:

WHEATLANDS, NEAR LANCASTER, }  
June 26, 1851. }

DEAR SIR: I have a favor to ask of you which I know you will grant if this be in your power. Lieut. Pleasonton of the Second Dragoons is now stationed at Santa Fe'. His mother, a lady whom I esteem as warmly as any other friend on earth, has recently died and has left a disconsolate family of two daughters, who, in their affliction, are naturally anxious to see their brother. I think this presents a case in which Lieut. Pleasonton ought to be indulged, not with a furlough, but with service somewhere in this quarter of the Union which would enable him to see his aged and respected father and his sisters. I feel a deep interest in the whole family, and shall esteem it a great personal favor should you accomplish the object. I shall send this letter to Miss Clementine Pleasonton, and shall advise her to deliver it to you in person. With the highest respect I remain your friend,  
James Buchanan.

TO GEN. P. F. SMITH, U. S. A.

"The next letter of interest is one from Jefferson Davis when he was Secretary of War, and in it he expresses himself as a great Union man. The letter is as follows:  
War Department.

Washington, Sept. 3, 1856.

SIR: Your dispatch of 22d August and its inclosures sufficiently exhibit the inadequacy of the force under your command to perform the duties which have been devolved upon you in the present unhappy condition of Kansas by the orders and instructions heretofore communicated. To meet this exigency the President has directed the Government of the Territory to complete the enrollment and organization of the militia, as you will find fully set forth in the inclosed copy of a letter addressed to him by the Secretary of State, and the President has directed me to say to you that you are authorized, from time to time, to make requisitions upon the Government for such militia force as you may require to enable you promptly and successfully to execute your orders and suppress insurrection against the Government of the Territory of Kansas, and under the circumstances heretofore set forth in your instructions to give the requisite aid to the officer of the civil government who may be obstructed in the due execution of the law. Should you not be able to derive from the militia of Kansas the adequate force for these purposes, such additional number of militia as may be necessary will be drawn from the States of Illinois and Kentucky, as shown in the requisition, a copy of which is here inclosed.

The position of the insurgents, as shown by your letter and its inclosures, is that of open rebellion against the laws and constitutional authorities, with such manifestations of a purpose to spread devastation over the land as no longer justifies further hesitation or indulgence.

To you, as to every soldier whose habitual feeling is to protect the citizens of his own country, and only to use his arms against a public enemy, it cannot be otherwise than deeply

painful to be brought into conflict with any portion of his fellow-countrymen. But patriotism and humanity alike require that rebellion should be promptly crushed and the perpetrators of the crimes which now disturb the peace and security of the good people of the Territory of Kansas should be effectually checked. You will energetically employ all the means within your reach to restore the supremacy of law, always endeavoring to carry out your present purpose to prevent the unnecessary effusion of blood. In making your requisitions for militia force you will be governed by the existing organization of the army and the laws made and provided in such cases. When companies, regiments, brigades or divisions are presented to be mustered into the service of the United States you will cause them before they are received to be minutely inspected by an officer of your command appointed for the purpose. Very respectfully, your obedient servant.

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(Continued from page 19.)

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Besides the distinctions given above, a few others may be found, but it is more probable they are the result of poor printing; for instance, width of outer circle, slant of the left side of volcano, distinctness of the rays of the sun near the surface of the ocean; same regarding the S. S. above volcano, and the appearance of the water.

All these varieties except the first are quite common, two or even three different

types being often found upon one envelope as has been the case with some of those described above.

Besides varieties in type, different tinted papers may be found, but the only ones the writer has in his collection are white or brownish tinted paper with brown gum.

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#### JOURNALISTIC NOTES.

THE climate of California evidently agrees with the *Old Curiosity Shop*. It is out for February, as interesting as when published in the East.

THE February Toronto *Philatelic Journal* contains a biography and portrait of J. B. Hooper, the organizer of the Canadian Philatelic Association, and the full official report of that society.

NUMBER one of the *Canadian Philatelist* is a success. It has a good article on the "Registration stamps of U. S. of Columbia" by "Stampic" an excellent writer, and a dissertation on Philately.

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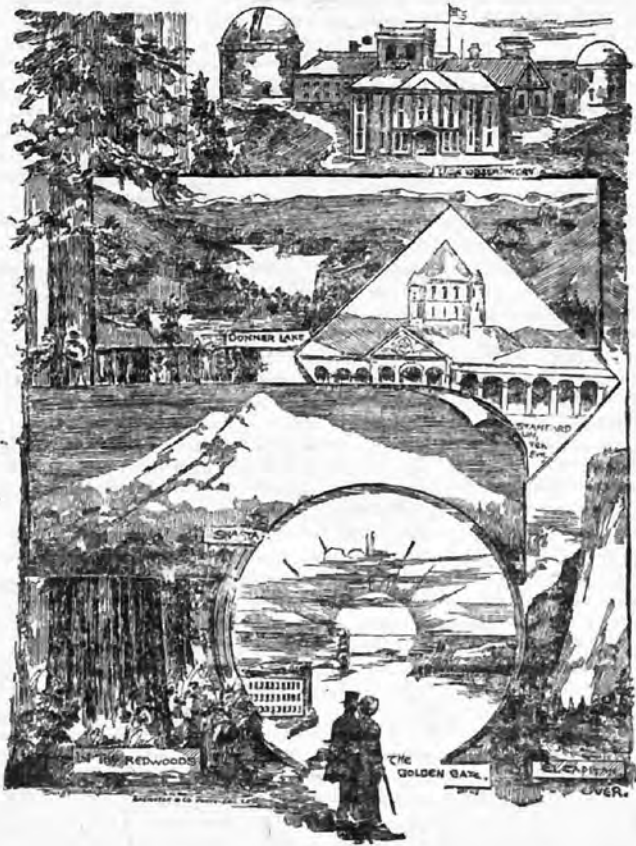
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**F**EW objects of Natural History are more interesting than the nests of birds and their eggs. The building of nests is the work of their lives—the duty which calls forth that wonderful ingenuity which no experience can teach, and which no human skill can equal. The eggs are emptied of their contents by making a small hole in the side.

An instrument called the blower is made by taking a glass tube, about seven inches long, and drawing it to a point. This done, a bend is made about two inches from the point, at an angle of about 130°. This is held about  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch from the opening, air being blown through it into the egg; the contents will be forced through the opening. When this is thoroughly removed, and the interior of the egg has become quite dry, a strong solution of isinglass is blown into the egg by means of a small syringe. This should be blown out again while still warm. This method varnishes the inside, and not only does it strengthen the shell, but is a means of preserving the color, as all eggs when not preserved will in the course of time become faded, or altogether lose their colors.

The best manner of conveying loose eggs to a distance is to put some cotton at the bottom of the nest, and then another layer above them. The nests should all be put up in separate boxes, if possible, and so packed that the pressure of the lid may not injure the eggs, or a box with several compartments should be used, taking care that each is carefully marked. It would also be of consequence to have the nests attached to the branches, with those species which build on trees, which enable us to trace the ingenious means employed by those little animals in con-

structing their habitations. In sending home specimens from the country, the seams of the box should be covered by pitched cloth to protect them from the influence of moisture.

### The Indian Shell Mounds of California.

(Continued.)

Mr. Hittell was thereupon hunted up, the extract once more read, and further information asked for.

"I am inclined to think," said Mr. Hittell, "that Wallace is rather extravagant in his dimensions. I know that there are shell mounds on both sides of the bay, but I never heard of or met any so extensive as the one about which you have just read, nor do I know of any human remains having been found in any of the shell mounds, or kitchen middens—that is refuse heaps—as I believe they are technically called. Those at least that I have examined contained nothing of the sort. My examinations, however, have been of the dilettante order. I remember plying a pick and shovel on some shell mounds at Tomales bay, but the heaps there yielded shells and nothing more, although I don't know what they might have yielded had my work been more thorough. I think it is a great pity that some of our local scientists have not devoted themselves to the exploration of our shell mounds, but my tastes lie in history, rather than antiquities. Suppose you see Davidson."

Professor George Davidson was seen and the paragraph read to him.

"That can scarcely be the shell mound at Berkeley," he said at its conclusion, "because there is nothing of that extent there. It must be further up the coast, perhaps in Contra Costa. There are hundreds of these mounds scattered around the bay, at Saucelito, up Richardson's bay, along the estuary in Alameda, down on the San Bruno and San Mateo flats and even in San Francisco. Some of them have been explored, but I cannot say with what result. I know that Mr. Rodgers cut into one on his estate in Alameda and I believe some relics were discovered, but on the other hand I was told that some

mounds near San Mateo had been carted away for manure and nothing found. I question the human remains."

"They have been discovered," said Captain Dickens, joining in the conversation; "I have in fact seen them myself. In assisting in the different surveys," the Captain continued, "I have come across shell mounds almost without number. Some of them up north I have seen opened, and that they have been made places of sepulture there can be no doubt. Generally the bodies were put in without much regard to their disposition, but occasionally they would be found in a sitting posture and placed within an inclosure of large shells. I never, however, made any study of the subject."

"That is just the trouble with us," said Professor Davidson grimly; "we pay far too little special attention to our antiquities. Others, however, appreciate them, and some time ago a Frenchman came out here for some continental museum and carted off something like ten tons of relics from under our very eyes. A number of us have made hap-hazard collections, but there really does not seem to be any attempt made at centralizing them. I should think Bancroft would say something about it, and now that I think of it, Paul Schumacher, of the Coast Survey, devoted a good deal of his time to Californian aboriginal relics, and, I have no doubt, reported fully, to the Smithsonian Institute."

To Bancroft first, and in his fourth volume on the "Native Races of the Pacific States," a couple of pages on the subject were found. The information furnished, it will be seen, is cursory, but it is valuable as helping to settle the location of the big mound under discussion. Bancroft says:

"Only one class of California antiquities remains to be mentioned—the shell mounds. They are probably very numerous, and a thorough examination of their contents could hardly fail to be here, as it has proved in Europe, a source of very important results in ethnological studies. Little or nothing has been done in the way of such an examination, although a few mounds have been opened in excavating for roads or foundations of build-

ings. These few have yielded numerous stone, bone and shell implements and ornaments, together with human remains, as is reported, but the relics have been for the most part lost or scattered, and submitted to no scientific examination and comparison. Dr. Yates sent to Smithsonian Institute in 1869, a collection of relics taken from mounds in Alameda county. This collection included stone pestles, perforators or awls, sinkers, spindles, a soapstone ladle, stone mortar, pipe-bowls, shell and perforated stone ornaments, and serrated implements of bone.

"A very large shell mound is reported near San Pablo, in Contra Costa county. It is said to be almost a mile long and a half-mile wide, its surface being covered with shrubbery. The shells composing this mound are those of the oyster, clam and mussel, all having been exposed to the action of fire and nearly all broken. Fragments of pottery made of red clay are found on the surface and near the top. Many smaller shell mounds are reported in the vicinity of San Mateo, and one has been opened in making a road at Sausalito, the latter furnishing many stone relics of which I have no particular description. Quite a number of mounds are known to exist on the peninsula of San Francisco, several being in the vicinity of the silk factory on the San Bruno road. One of them covered an area of two acres, was at least 25 feet deep and from it were taken arrow heads, hammers and other relics. One of these shell mounds near the old Bay View track is being opened by Chinamen in preparation for some building as I write this chapter (1875). One shell mound at Como, Vancouver, covers three acres, and is from two to fourteen feet deep. A skeleton is said to have been found here with a bone knife broken off in one of the bones."

Turning then to Dr. Rau, as reported in the "Smithsonian Contributions to Knowledge," much general and special information was found concerning the shell mounds of the world and of California. The shell mounds which first attracted scientific attention were those found on the indented coasts of the Danish islands of Seeland, Funen, Moen and Samsøe.

(To be Continued.)

## ODDITIES IN STAMPS.

THE search for oddities and varieties in types of even common stamps occupies much of the leisure time of all philatelists worthy of the name, and as all discoveries of such are of general interest to them, we have decided to publish monthly any announcements of novelties that will be sent us. We would be much pleased to have a long list each month and offer any party notifying and sending description of any he may find, payment and credit for same, unless otherwise requested.

Below are given a few received from "Sal Vador," the writer of an article on "Varieties of the 2c. Salvador" in the February number of this paper: [Editor.]

Denmark: the 4sk., 1851 brown on paper covered with curved lines. This stamp also appears on plain, white paper. The latter is the rarer variety.

The 12 ore, 1874 may be found in both violet and slate and dull red and slate. Neither variety is particularly rare, and there are several shades of each.

France: The 10c. 1887 may be found printed on lilac as well as a claret colored paper.

The 15c. of the same date appears on both white and blue paper. The difference is not in shade or tint but in color.

The 1c. of the same issue appears on a light as well as on a very dark blue; the latter is seldom found.

Hungary: The 10c., '74, the writer has seen on paper of a bluish tint and ruled on one side with faint blue lines. It also appears in dark and light blue.

The 5c., '74, comes on pink as well as white paper. Various shades ranging from pink to brick-red may be found of the color of the stamp. No variety that I know of is particularly scarce.

South Australia: This subject has been so ably discussed by Mr. J. Tiffany in the *American Philatelist* that I will not repeat to show the varieties; however, he has not mentioned, I believe, the various types of the 1d. green. There is so great a difference in execution between certain specimens that I am inclined to believe not only were both wood and steel plates used for printing this value, but also that the several dies were retouched. I have

noticed four varieties. The first is very rough and offending to the eye and the other varying accordingly; the fourth is soft and pleasing. I have another variety on which I would like some information. It is printed in blue or buff paper. The perforation is rather regular and the outer line of the next stamp on the original sheet is visible. This is also blue. The stamp was the only one I could find out of a hundred I bought from a wholesale dealer of this city.

Switzerland: Many of the last two issues of this country appear in a bright as well as in very dull shades, particularly noticeable in the 25 and 50c. of the '82 issue. The following stamps may be found on a bluish tinted paper as well as on white:

Mexico '74, 25 cents, blue.

Nicaragua '82, 5 " "

Hawaii '82, 5 " "

" '82, 1 " "

Guatemala '86 1 " "

It is possible that this is due to the stamps being laid together before dry and hence the spreading of the color of the stamp in the paper, but in the case of the Guatemala and Hawaiian 1c. above mentioned I am positive it is not the result of such.

## Antiquity of Spoons.

In 1868 a large collection of ancient spoons was exhibited to the Archæological Institute. It included the second known dated example, most probably of the reign of Henry VII. This is a fine example, and was probably made for the baptismal service of a child called Nicholas, in honor of the saint who is credited with a great affection for children. An example of a very early leaden spoon of the sixth or seventh century is considered to have been used for putting incense into the thurible. Mr. Octavius Morgan, M. P., who made these remarks upon the collection, mentioned that Apostle-spoons were not usually earlier than the reign of Elizabeth. They continued to the Restoration, when a new form of bowl came into use; it was oval, with a tongue at the back to strengthen it. Of this period, and of the next, where the handle was turned down, there were many fancy shapes, arrangements, or combinations of spoons with forks and other articles for the table.

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### Our Loss.

WITH this number, the INTERNATIONAL COLLECTOR loses from its editorial staff, an efficient and active worker in the person of Edward Mendelson. To his praise it may be said that whatever success the paper has attained is due mainly to his labors. Always on the alert for what he considered interesting matter, it was his ambition to make the INTERNATIONAL COLLECTOR second to no other philatelic paper. So when other duties compel him to give up the editorship, we feel sincere regret that his name should no longer be connected with ours,—an opinion undoubtedly entertained by all those who have been interested in our paper. The editorship of any paper is no easy task, for although the editorials form but a small part of the paper, there are so many other things to take into consideration that it requires not only considerable judgment but also occupies a great deal of time. The former requirement our worthy associate possesses to a large extent, but unfortunately for us and the COLLECTOR, as regards the latter requirement, he has a woful scarcity at his disposal. Therefore the philatelic world has lost one of its brightest, young editors. We heartily wish him success in all his future undertakings.

### A Growing Evil.

THE old familiar saying, "there is nothing original under the sun," is being verified by the most prominent New York wholesale dealer in stamps. Taking up his trade list we find quoted Hamburg Locals, Alsace and Lorraine, Bolivia, Brunswick, Confederate States of America, Guanacaste, Heligoland, Modena, Naples, Romagna, Suez Canal, South African Republic '69—all of which are of course "GUARANTEED GENUINE." Attention is called to the fact that nowhere on the list are stamps termed ORIGINALS. Thus, since some consider a stamp genuine whether it is original or not, we cannot prove this man sells counterfeits and to avoid a libel suit with which he has threatened a brother editor we must refrain from mentioning this dealer's name who in our opinion has been selling, is selling, and will continue to sell, unless prevented, counterfeits.

Speaking of the Bolivars reminds us of a most gentlemanly action of this same dealer. Somehow or other he obtained a lot of Bolivars of various denominations direct from the engravers. These being obtained for little more than cost of printing, he was enabled to sell them far below face and still make a good profit on the transaction. However, not contented with silver, having gold within his reach, he sold these stamps at wholesale at a fair advance above face. Many dealers purchased them as they were in reality as genuine as any of the recent Bolivars to be obtained as many of their customers are anxious to obtain these Bolivars, Tolimas, etc., manufactured especially for these ardent stamp collectors. But the retail dealers who sell this stuff are not to be blamed since the wholesale list quotes but little other than this trash in the way of unused; and of used, almost only assorted stamps of each country where the purchaser does not obtain any rarities to offer his patrons. It is also the fault of those collectors of stamps, labels, etc., who are willing to buy this stuff simply because it is cheap or handsome or uncommon. With the philatelic papers now to be obtained by all for almost nothing there is no need of a collector's being duped into buying counterfeits, but nothing can



prevent his obtaining "manufactured to order," reprints (from other than original plates) and other things of the same kind if he is himself willing. After selling these Bolivars above face to the trade he lowered the retail price to less than face through the means of a certain well-known stamp company of which he is undoubtedly the proprietor. Thus the dealers to whom he has sold this stuff are forced to dispose of their stock either at rates lower than that charged by this company thereby losing to quite an extent, or else to have their stock left on their hands. This is an action which will be only remembered by the retail dealers whom he has thus treated.

### Take Notice.

OUR readers will please observe that in the future all communications intended for the INTERNATIONAL COLLECTOR must be addressed to 713 Post Street.

### A New Coin List.

WE have received a copy of Mr. E. F. Gambs' new premium coin list. It quotes his offers for many U. S. coins, his buying price of U. S. postage stamps, a list of the years during which certain denominations were not issued, and other things worth knowing. It is very neatly gotten up, and is for sale at 234 Montgomery street, this city, for only 10 cents.

### At Last.

SAN FRANCISCO is at last about to be the fortunate possessor of a philatelic association. Parties desiring to join same may send in application to this office as nothing definite has been decided on as yet. Collectors of this city should look on this matter favorably as at present we need a union of the philatelists of this city to benefit all.

### Et tu.

A CHANCE for Canadian philatelists—"the ½c. Newfoundland '88 with double perforation" like the U. S. 1, 2, and 3c.

### WHERE COLORS COME FROM.

A WELL-KNOWN artist gave some curious information the other day regarding the sources from which the colors one finds in a paint-box are derived. Every quarter of the globe is ransacked for the materials—animal, vegetable and mineral—employed in their manufacture. From the cochineal insects are obtained the gorgeous carmine, as well as the crimson, scarlet and purple lakes. Sepia is the inky fluid discharged by the cuttlefish to render the water opaque for its concealment when attacked. Indian yellow is from the camel. Ivory black and bone black are made out of ivory chips. The exquisite Prussian blue is got by fusing horses' hoofs and other refuse animal matter with impure potassium carbonate. It was discovered by an accident. In the vegetable kingdom are included the lakes, derived from roots, barks and gums. Blue-black is from the charcoal of the vine-stalk. Lamp-black is soot from certain resinous substances. From the madder plant, which grows in Hindoostan, is manufactured Turkey red. Gamboge comes from the yellow sap of a tree, which the natives of Siam catch in cocoanut shells. Raw sienna is the natural earth from the neighborhood of Sienna, Italy. When burned it is burnt sienna. Raw umber is an earth from Umbria and is also burned. To these vegetable pigments may probably be added India ink, which is said to be made of burnt camphor. The Chinese, who alone produce it, will not reveal the secret of its composition. Mastic—the base of the varnish so called—is from the gum of the mastic tree, indigenous to the Grecian archipelago. Bister is the soot of wood ashes. Of real ultramarine but little is found in the market. It is obtained from the precious lapis lazuli and commands a fabulous price. Chinese white is zinc. Scarlet is iodide of mercury, and cinnabar, or native vermilion, is from quicksilver ore. Luckily for the health of small children, the water-colors in the cheap boxes usually bought for them have little or no relation chemically to the real pigments they are intended to counterfeit.

## JOURNALISTIC NOTES.

THE *March Youths' Ledger* contains the commencement of a most profitable article on "How to distinguish the dies of the U. S. envelopes." It is written by John Tiffany, President of the A. P. A., and fills a want long felt by young collectors.

THE *Philatelic Advertiser and Collectors Referee*, from England, is a large 12 page paper devoted to our hobby. It contains mostly advertisements at present but is improving with age. Published by S. Hellier, 16 Duke St., Grosvenor Square, London W.

A WELL-WRITTEN article favoring the collecting of postal cards appears in the *March Eastern Philatelist*. Another article on "Philatelic Papers," though containing some statements that might be well contested, is still quite good. It is an excellent number.

*Quaker City Philatelist* for March contains its usual official decrees and in addition a most interesting philatelic article entitled "Kalermariac Chronicles."

THE advertisements in the *Badger State Philatelist* make too great encroachments on the space that should be devoted to reading matter. This is rather poor policy for a new paper to pursue.

## EXCHANGES.

[This column is open to all for exchanges under thirty words. 5 cents will be charged for each additional ten words.]

E. F. Burkhardt, Delaware, O. A photo outfit, for books. Send list.

E. J. Smith, 46 Gallia St., Portsmouth, Ohio. Wanted Stamps. Send sheets or lists.

Otto Bergmann, 203 East 7th St., New York City. U. S. and foreign postage stamps, for the same.

Charles H. Thompson, New London, Conn. Fifty different tin tags or stamps,

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R. C. Houston, 172 Main St., Bridgeport, Conn. A set of drawing instruments, for U. S. stamps.

O. D. Coulter, Mayfield, Ky. A Sun typewriter, valued at \$8, for 3 books by Optic and Castlemon.

John Sutton, 186 15th St., Buffalo, N. Y. Five picture cards and five postmarks, for every curiosity sent him.

C. E. Frazer, 363 Bergen Ave., Jersey City, N. J. Five hundred stamps in an International album, for books, or a press.

Max Bahr, 983 Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, Ill. Stamps from Australia, New Zealand, and Tasmania, for stamps from Central or South America.

Fred. G. Dunbar, Box 86, Yorkville, Ill. A pair of No. 9½ roller skates, an ocarina, arrow-heads, tin tags, etc., for a guitar or banjo.

William Lennox, 345 West 59th St., New York City. Over 500 stamps, for a pair of Winslow's nickel plated Vineyard roller skates in good condition.

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Of the above, Messrs. Tiffany and Rechert have already served in the positions which we hope they will hold in the future. Mr. Brock has been the chairman of the Literary Board of the A. P. A., and the other gentlemen are best known as ardent collectors. They should be elected.

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## ODDITIES IN STAMPS.

MR. E. F. GAMBS of this city has kindly notified us of the following oddities, errors, etc.

Hayti '83: An unsevered pair of the 5c. green perforated as usual except there is *no* perforation or roulette *between* the two stamps. It is evidently an error and is quite valuable.

The 2c. violet of the same issue appears in two distinct types. In one the numeral 2 appears larger than in the other and the design is somewhat different. The date of issue of the rarer variety is not known.

The 7c. '83 appears in very dark as well as a light blue. They are of more distinct variety than of different shade.

Hungary: The 2k. 1874 comes in 4 distinct shades; viz., light rose, lake, deep carmine and purple.

The 1 kr. 1871 may be found *perforated*, but they are very scarce. Out of 9,000 stamps Mr. Gambs imported direct from Hungary he has only been able to find two of the perforated.

The 20 kr. '74 issue appears in black and steel-gray.

Mr. Gambs has specimens of the New Brunswick 1c. in lake, violet and brown.

West Australia: The 1d. of '65 appears in about ten different shades.

Canada: The 10c. vermilion (or red as it is catalogued) appears in carmine.

A specimen of the 10c. current stamp has been shown us by the above gentleman, printed in a color beyond our ability to name,—a mixture of brown, red, gray, etc. Still the result is not a very ugly color.

United States: The 2c. brown, 1870 appears *unperforated*.

Guatemala: A strange error has been seen by this gentleman in the 5c. green and red '82. It has the bird inverted but the other parts of the stamp were as usual.

It is now in the possession of a well-known collector of this city.

Mexico: The 1879 2c. comes in sky-blue as well as in mauve and deep violet.

And from various sources we have the following to describe to our readers.

Salvador: We have seen several specimens of the 2c. Salvador with upper left hand scroll inverted as noted in the February number of this paper. They are quite scarce.

Lately we purchased at almost face value an unused, unsevered pair Salvador '79 2c. The stamps are of type 2 and 3 as noted before, respectively. Have seen another unsevered pair of the two varieties.

[For the benefit of those who have not read the February number, we would say that Type 2 has a series of 13 white dots between outer circle and border, and type 3 has no dots whatever in that place.]

Mexico: We hear of a 5c. blue on paper ruled in *red* but have never seen a specimen. The 5c. ruled in green has become almost as common as the one without any lines.

Japan postal: The 2c. current postal card appears on white and buff paper. The latter is by far the scarcer variety.

United States: We have a specimen of the 6c. pink '70 issue, with a fair margin at left, no perforation here and part of the next stamp showing. Otherwise it is perforated as regular issue. Is it an oddity?

Mr. F. J. Rolt of Wimbledon, England, has kindly sent us for inspection an unsevered pair Greece of the 11 denomination as well as a pair of the 21. They are *perforated* with very small irregular holes as if made by the point of a common pin. They are the only ones we have ever seen perforated and are very scarce.

We would be pleased to hear from others having oddities, curios, shades, etc., and would like full description of same.

[Editor.]

## The Indian Shell Mounds of California.

(Continued.)

They were formerly supposed to have been deposited by the sea when at a higher level than now. It was noticed, however, that the shell heaps showed no trace of the stratification which always characterizes marine deposits, and that they, instead of inclosing shells of mollusks of every age, contained merely those of full-grown specimens, which, moreover, belonged to a limited number of species not living together under natural conditions. Upon further examination there were found among the shells the broken bones of different species of wild quadrupeds and birds and the remains of fishes; also implements of flint, horn and bone, fragments of a rude kind of pottery, charcoal and ashes, but no metal whatever. The artificial origin of these accumulations being now established, they were recognized as the amassed remains of the remains of a population that dwelled in early ages on the shores of the Baltic. The Danes denominate shell heaps of this description *kjoekkenmoeddinge*, a word meaning kitchen refuse, but the term "kitchen middens" is often employed in English, "midden" being a name still used in the north of England to designate a refuse heap.

Artificial shell deposits have also been discovered in other parts of Europe, as, for instance, in Sweden, Norway, England, Scotland and on the coasts of France, both north and south. As may be imagined, these shell mounds are not confined to Europe. They occur along the littoral coasts of America and have been found from West Greenland to Terra del Fuego on one side, and from Alaska to Lower California, on the western seaboard. The shell heaps of this country attracted the attention of the Swedish traveler, Professor Peter Helm, in 1748; then came Lardner Vanuxem in 1840, and then Sir Charles Lyell made extended examinations of the deposits; all these investigations, however, being confined to the Atlantic border. It then became the fashion to examine kitchen middies, and they have been found and dug into in

Greenland, New Brunswick, Massachusetts, New York, Maine, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia, Ohio, Tennessee, Iowa, Georgia, Florida, and Alabama.

In 1877, Paul Schumacher turned his attention to the shell heaps and village sites of the coasts of California and Oregon and on the Santa Barbara islands. In view of the many facts presented by the explorer, it would be a rather laborious task to give a resume of his results. Fortunately, however, Mr. Schumacher has published in German a short article, "Observations on the Ruined Aboriginal Villages on the Pacific coast of North America," from which a few extracts will be freely translated:

"The shell heaps on this coast mark the sites of former villages of the aborigines. In some places, however, the accumulations of shells were caused by occasional visits to places where edible mollusks are found in large quantities. In such temporary camping grounds, which, as a rule, are unfavorably situated for permanent settlements, the mollusks were extracted from the shells in order to be transported with greater facility to the distant village. By this process, and by the innumerable meals taken for centuries on the spot during such visits, shell beds, often of vast extent, were formed. The shells in these temporary camping grounds are always those of the mollusks occurring in the neighborhood. We see, for instance, upon the downs which extend for a distance of twelve miles between Point San Luis and Point Sal several of such shell beds, composed exclusively of a species of *Lucina* which is found in the neighborhood. At Point Sal, on the other hand, where we observed the remains of a permanent settlement, not only the shells of all mollusks found in the neighborhood, but also those of such as occur on the sandbanks near by, together with an abundance of various sea and land animals, were found.

"The view sometimes expressed, that the shell heaps were built up by the aborigines for burial purposes and were gradually increased by mortuary feasts, etc., is wrong.

(To be Concluded in our Next.)

## THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASS'N.

President's Office, St. Louis, Mo.

April 4, 1888.

EDITOR INTERNATIONAL COLLECTOR:

DEAR SIR,

You ask me for my opinion as to whether United States Stamped Envelopes should be collected entire or cut. I should hardly consider that the question was now open for discussion. In the days when collectors cut off the perforated edges or trimmed down the blank edges of such stamps as the octagonal English or Ceylon stamps they naturally cut out the impressions of the stamp on the envelope, but then they had only a collection of impressions and not a collection of stamps. You might just as well advocate the cutting off of the margins of a collection of fine engravings, prints, or books, as to talk of cutting out the colored impression of an envelope or post card because in all these cases the impressions could then be stowed away in less space. If you want a collection of pretty pictures you can trim your specimens to suit your taste, but if you want a collection of stamps, showing what has been used or intended to be used to prepay postage, then you can cut off nothing. For observe, from the time that stamped envelopes were first discussed in the Committee of the English Parliament, or in their still earlier use in Italy in 1820, down to the present day, every government has had the rule, sometimes broken it is true, that *the impression once cut from the envelope lost its franking power and was refused for postal purposes.*

It is not the colored impression on the envelope alone that gives it its franking power but the entire envelope with its peculiarities of paper, inserted threads or water marks that is recognized by a frank.

You are not compelled to collect every size of envelope issued any more than you are compelled to collect a specimen of every type that appears in the sheets of those countries whose adhesive stamps were not made by the transfer process. In either case if you do collect every one of the variations, your collection is only a sample of what has been used. Some whose means and opportunities permit of it will desire to show every variety, but the average collector will be content with the more limited collection.

Again in these days when reprints and forgeries are abundant, there is often no means of distinguishing the bogus from the original impression unless the entire envelope is preserved, and the sooner collectors learn to reject all such imitations the sooner will we be rid of the pests, and the value of originals be established.

Whatever is put into a collection should be in as perfect a condition as possible, not in a mutilated one. If you collect cancelled specimens, the cleanest and least marred should be selected. If you collect unused impressions, see that you select evenly perforated complete ones. If you collect envelopes at all and don't desire to possess every size and form, at least let those you do collect be entire. Pick out one of each value and color of paper and keep them entire; your collection will certainly not be less complete than it would be if you cut them out. After all it is hardly more difficult to arrange them in a neat attractive manner than it is after they have been cut, unless you use a printed album constructed on a false principle, and the additional space they will occupy will be insignificant in comparison with the increased value of the specimens in the future.

These are my views in brief and while many pages might be written on the subject, it appears to me that the one fact that only the entire envelope is lawfully recognized as a frank concludes the matter.

Very truly yours

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THE temporary organization of the above is now complete and thus far there are 25 members. The officers elected are as follows and we are glad to see the name of a Californian in the list:

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Vice Pres., H. W. Peeke Jr. of Chicago.  
Secretary, C. H. Mekeel of St. Louis.  
Treasurer, W. A. MacKalla of Phila.

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{ E. F. Gambs of San Francisco.  
{ E. B. Sterling of Trenton, N. J.  
{ J. Krebs of New York.

#### Square or Entire?

SEVERAL well-known philatelic writers have kindly responded to our request to be favored with their opinions on the question "Should envelopes be collected entire or cut out square." We are unable to present our readers with both sides of the question as those who responded were all in favor of the former. We publish in this number a letter received from Mr. John K. Tiffany and "Stampie" and believe our readers cannot but be convinced by the powerful arguments of these two

able writers that envelopes should be preserved entire.

#### Philately in Japan.

STAMP collecting appears to be rapidly finding favor in Japan, and a correspondent informs us that there are many well-versed *philatelists* there.

#### Counterfeits and Reprints.

It is often said that counterfeits are every where in these days, but on investigation it will be found that there are less in the collection of to-day than that of twenty years ago. This is because counterfeiting has been punished, time and time again, and because collectors of to-day are better versed in philatelic doings of all descriptions and hence can guard against forgeries; but as to reprints, they are so plentiful at present that it is fast becoming an utter impossibility to distinguish between the reprint, cancelled, and the original.

#### "And Still They Come."

A SHORT time ago the 25c., 50c., and \$1 Hawaii were obtained in quantities either from the manufacturer or government, neatly cancelled, and at almost nothing by certain stamp dealers, and as a result, those which had regularly performed postal duty soon decreased in value. Many collectors would have greatly preferred to pay higher prices and get the latter, but ye powers that now rule Philately in America ordained otherwise. They could sell so much larger a quantity at so much better a profit (for dealers were wont to buy almost  $\frac{2}{3}$  of what they sold the stamps for, to obtain the higher values of Hawaii) that they used their influence to obtain them as above. Now the 40c. Costa Rica is thrown on the market in the same condition, and collectors can tell what will



not be next—perhaps some United States envelopes of the high denominations for these dealers have much influence at Washington.

#### Philately,—What is it?

WILL advanced collectors and scholars kindly favor us with their opinions on the subject "Is philately a science and if not, what is it?" We would be pleased to publish any very good argument received in the columns of this paper.

#### California Philatelist.

MR. E. F. GAMBS is at present at work upon his *California Philatelist*, an excellent publication issued occasionally and for gratuitous distribution. It will be larger than usual and will contain a priced list of his enormous stock of watches and medicine as well as U. S. and foreign stamps besides interesting reading matter.

#### Philately Wants It.

THERE is one thing that *every* philatelist actually requires and that is a list of synonyms of philatelic terms. Many philatelists who are scholars, hesitate to advance an argument simply because they are ashamed to repeat the same word over and over again as is now often necessary in an article, and if somebody would make out such a list we think by publishing it he would pay an unprecedented tribute to the literature of Philately.

#### What "Stampie" has to say.

EDITOR INTERNATIONAL COLLECTOR:

IN the February number of your magazine, you ask the question, "Should entire envelopes be collected?" Although the subject may be rather ancient, and without going too deep in to the question, I would advance the following

in favor of a decision in the affirmative.

The *true* philatelist makes it his purpose to collect every variety of a stamp issued by the country to which he is devoting his attention, be it a difference in design, surcharge, rouletted, all varieties of perforation, re-cut dies, old or silk paper, and other minor divisions. Postage stamp collectors who do not collect entire envelopes will, nevertheless, call certain postage stamps different, which to all external appearances are precisely the same, but upon examining the backs, one will be found plain, and others will have large figures adorning the under side. Stamps of this kind will be found in the "61-62" issues of Greece.

The same class of collectors will make two varieties of the New York provisional, simply because one is on wove paper, and the other upon glazed. Now, if the above mentioned stamps are varieties, surely an envelope stamp which is printed on water-marked paper is different from the same stamp printed on paper not watermarked.

I trust that this is sufficient to show a certain class of philatelists that envelopes should be collected according to their varying watermarks, as well as different qualities of paper, colors, and sizes. Admitting such to be the case (as every fair-minded collector must) it is apparent that there is only one proper way to collect envelope stamps. Unfortunately the water-mark can not be seen in an envelope stamp which is cut out square, and therefore to show these very important devices, they must be collected *entire*.

Such sarcastic and crushing (?) remarks as, "We do not collect stationery" is superfluous, for do not the detractors themselves preserve their rare U. S. Locals, etc., upon the *original* envelopes, when possible? It is not to be expected that boys who buy ten-cent packets of stamps should collect envelope stamps intact, for they are not true stamp collectors, but every philatelist, who can justly claim the title, will collect his envelopes uncut.

—STAMPIE.

## JOURNALISTIC NOTES.

THE *Quaker City Philatelist* for April contains a continuation of that philatelic article, "The Kalermaraic Chronicles," and some "stamp" jottings.

THE *Stamp Collectors' Figaro* comes out with a new cover and the commencement of a comprehensive article on the stamped envelopes and wrappers of the United States. Brother Voute has decided to allow no more personal quarrels to fill up the pages of a paper as interesting as is generally the *Figaro*. That's where you are right, E. W. Voute, Esq.

THE current number of the *International Philatelic Advertiser* makes a very neat appearance but contains little other than advertisements. As a paper devoted to announcements of dealers it is valuable to all.

THE *Scientist* is a new one hailing from Fitchburg from whence we have already a fine philatelic paper. It makes an excellent appearance for a first number. We wish it all success.

THE *Philatelic Gazette* for March contains the continuation of A. Palette's "Descriptive Manual of Philately" and some "Rambling Observations" go to help make up a very good number.

THE *Charleston Philatelist* appears bearing a portrait of James Chalmers on the first page together with his biography. Besides this and the "Constitution of the Charleston Philatelic Society," but little else may be found.

THE *Youths' Ledger* appears with a new cover, a new name and form, and hailing from a new place. It is now in magazine form, and hails from Bloomfield,

N. J., but continues under its former management.

THE April *Eastern Philatelist* received. Its contents are as good as ever and it appears well and healthy as it certainly deserves to be.

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The 5c. gray appears with various perforations as do also the 1, 2, and 10c. stamp now current and the old 3c. green of 1870.

We have a specimen of the 3c. green envelope of '70 with patent lines, and having never seen it mentioned in any lists, believe it to be very rare.

12c. Interior with double perforation.

Cuba: The 25c. d. p. of 1871 appears on thick and ordinary paper. The thick paper is very smooth and white but the stamp appears in a lighter shade than does the variety on thinner paper.

Mexico: We have a specimen of the 2c. unruled and the 2c. on lined paper—both surcharged VALE 1 CVO. on a card used as a postal. The 2c. on ruled paper is comparatively scarce.

Japan: The 20c. blue appears in both dark and light blue.

There seems to be two distinct varieties of perforation of the current 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, and 30 sen (and probably the rest of the series although we have seen no specimen of such). The one is very large and very irregular, the other small and neat.

Canada: The *American Philatelist* announces the 1 and 2c. with double perforation.

C. H. Bogart informs us of the following errors:

France 1872: 15c. in brown on pink, same as 10c. brown on pink. Should be bistre and is an error.

1877 10c. black on green—an error.

1887 10c. black on white paper, error.

We are indebted to E. F. Gambs for the following oddities:

Guatemala 1886: 1c. blue comes in black; 5c. violet comes in blue; the 5c. violet comes in carmine.

Tobago '86:  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. on 6d. comes on 6d. *brown*, as well as 6d. *grey*. I have 5 used specimens of the former and I cannot find them catalogued anywhere.

Prince Edward's Island: 6d. yellow green *unperforated* discovered in an old collection.

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### —\*AN EVIL REMEDIED.\*—

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LAST month we made mention of the "cancelled to order" Hawaii, denouncing the collecting and selling of same.

Probably many agreed with us in this view of the subject, and will join us in rejoicing at the discontinuance of "cancelling to order" Hawaiian high value stamps, as we learn from the following.

EDITOR INTERNATIONAL COLLECTOR:

DEAR SIR,

By last steamer, I received advices authoritatively stating that there would never be any more Hawaiian stamps "*cancelled to order*" unless some future administration takes a different view of the matter from what the present one does. Hereafter, all stamps sold in sets from Hawaiian Post-Offices will have the word "Specimen" printed across the face, and be sold at face value only, no reduction whatever.

Furthermore, the 1862, 2c. rose offered by Eastern dealers at ridiculously low prices are simply reprints and should be offered as such only.

Having large quantities of genuine Hawaiian (no cancelled to order), I have interested myself, and through the aid of influential friends in Honolulu gained this point.

Respectfully

C. H. BOGART.

## The Indian Shell Mounds of California.

(Concluded.)

On the contrary, it is proved beyond doubt that they indicate the places of ancient settlements and are the kitchen refuse heaped up during long periods, and further that they inclose graves only where the ground is rocky and resisted the primitive implements of the natives. We found not only the whole mass of kitchen middins intermingled with fragments of domestic utensils, implements and weapons, but discovered, as evidence of permanent settlements, round depressions, generally still surrounded by a circular embankment, which mark the spot where the huts formerly stood.

"The traces of a village of the aborigines, especially when occurring in grassy or solid ground, remind the observer of a group of enlarged mole-hills sunk in but having a raised circumference or embankment. The digging into one of these cavities reveals the subterranean part of a hut which reached about four feet below the surface. The floor is recognizable by a harder layer, in the midst of which we find the fireplace and charcoal and ashes. The sides of the huts can sometimes still be traced by the presence of split boards running horizontally and by vertical posts. The superstructure of the hut doubtless corresponded to the form embankment, being circular and doubtless terminating conically. On the island of San Nicholas in the Santa Barbara channel we found that the framework of the huts consisted of colossal whale ribs, which were so placed that owing to their curvature the superstructure assumed a conoidal form and thus bore some resemblance to a beehive. The interior of the hut was generally about ten feet in diameter. Generally the hearth cavity was placed in the middle, but sometimes it

was placed at the side and above it a draft passage worked from below the embankment up to the surface.

"There are indications that much of the work of the former inhabitants was performed in the open air. Thus we find all places where arrow-heads, beads, fish-hooks, mortars, etc., were made located between the sites of the huts. As the instruments used in digging the ground consisted at best only of stone, it follows that a rocky condition of the ground hindered the laying out of a village and therefore required the deposition of a stratum of a more yielding substance, which was presented in the sand everywhere plentiful on the coast. If, therefore, a natural, easily worked ground was wanting in a locality otherwise favorably situated for a settlement, it became necessary to cover the surface with a layer of sand corresponding to the extent of the village and the depth of the huts. Upon this the latter were built, and the kitchen refuse began to accumulate, gradually forming what are now shell heaps. In these prepared village sites we find the graves always in the artificial sandbanks, or—what is the same—the shell heaps. If however, the soil is sandy, or otherwise of a yielding character, we have to look for the graves outside of the area of the village. They consist, in the southern part of California, of a communal excavation, five feet deep, in which the skeletons are placed in narrow compartments, formed of slabs of stone or of whalebones. They generally are deposited in layers, one above the other, lying on the back and having the knees drawn up. To convey an idea of the limited space allowed to the defunct Californian, we will state that a cemetery extending over an area of six hundred square feet inclosed nearly four hundred skeletons. In Oregon the hut of a dead native was used as his grave after it had been burned down,

but interment in single graves also took place."

Here the most interesting passages of Mr. Schumacher's report ends. Major J. W. Powell at one time examined the shell heaps in the vicinity of San Francisco, and writes of them to Dr. Rau as follows:

"The shores of San Francisco, San Pablo and Suisun bays, in California, were formerly occupied by a tribe or number of tribes of Indians, who, to a large extent, subsisted upon shellfish, which still abound in the adjacent waters. The shore lines, following all their indentations, must be several hundred miles in length. In the neighboring hills are many beautiful springs, and wherever such a spring or any small pond of fresh water is found, a mammoth shell-heap, or sometimes a group of them, can be seen, so that altogether many thousands of them still exist, and are now held to be valuable sources of fertilizing material. One of the mounds examined by myself—not the largest that I have seen by any means—was 300 yards in length and eighty yards in width, and a shaft sunk through the shells to the virgin earth below was sixty-two feet in depth. In the heap were found, besides the shells, many bones of mammals, birds, reptiles and fishes, showing that the people had a great variety of animal food. Among the many implements found were stone mortars and pestles, doubtless used for grinding acorns, the adjacent hills being covered with oaks."

Here this article must be brought to a close, not because the subject is exhausted because it has really only been entered upon, but because it is believed that the province of a newspaper may reasonably be said to go no further. It is for our local scientists to carry out the work, to collect all the information possible on

this interesting subject, to see that the mounds are not all carted away "for fertilizing purposes" without some examination of their contents, and to gather together the antiquities so found and not have them carted off by the ton to European and Eastern museums. There are many most interesting questions to answer. Do these mounds belong to the neolithic age, or are they of much more recent origin? Are the Indians who are still scattered up and down California the descendants of those tribes who formed the shell heaps? How many of such Indian burial grounds are there, and what was the number of the living? What was the life of these people who lived like rabbits in burrows? These are a few of the questions which present themselves to the ordinary reader or writer, and which surely should be exhaustively considered by a leisurely, powerful and rich Academy of Sciences.

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### In Memoriam.

DEATH has come among us, and taken away one of the fairest and brightest members of our philatelic circle. But the loss of our departed brother, Arthur M. Cohen, is not merely a fraternal loss; it goes far beyond that, for we regarded him with a friendship so stanch and true, that its memory will ever be held sacred by us. Gone to his eternal home in the first flush of his dawning life, it seems doubly sad that a life so full of promise should have so suddenly been brought to a close. As a student in the High School, he was esteemed by all his classmates. As a member of the "California Philatelic Association," he was held in the high regard that his just merits entitled him. His popularity was unbounded, and

"None knew him but to love him  
Nor named him but to praise."

### A Correction.

IN the May number under the title of oddities, the Canada red was listed as the 10c. It should have been the 3c. which appears in two colors.

### A Last Chance.

AFTER this month, the subscription rates will be raised to fifty cents per annum. Subscribe now at the old rates.

### Oddities.

WE would like to see more take an interest in the "Oddity" column. It may be the means of bringing rare types of stamps to view, but cannot be continued without your co-operation. Until now we have been indebted to dealers and collectors of this city for the lists given each month. Have *you* any oddities or errors not catalogued? Send a description of them.

### Californians!

STAMP collectors of this state should all join the Association now in working order with about a dozen members. Information cheerfully given at this office or from the Secretary, Sam Meyer, 1310 Geary St., San Francisco.

### Nicaragua Stamp.

COLLECTORS may have noticed the great and sudden fall in catalogue prices of these *very good stamps*, and thinking those offered are reprints or that they will decrease in value still further, may neglect to finish their sets now. We have good reason for believing the stamps will *soon rise as suddenly as they went down and will be valued higher than ever*.

The stamps generally offered are originals and are now offered low simply because certain dealers have suddenly thrown a quantity on the market which when exhausted cannot be replaced by the dealers at even the present retail price. Of course these dealers have their own reasons for doing this, but collectors had better finish their sets while they are low. Again, the current set we notice is offered by dealers far below face value. How is this? They cannot be purchased



in Nicaragua, even if in quantities, at less than about 10 or 15 per cent discount. The dealer must make something and hence the only conclusion to be drawn is that they cannot supply the stamps at prices quoted. And from this we should infer that they are beating down the price simply either through personal enmity to some of the trade, or to buy up the stamps. Order now and see if you can get the stamps. They are fully worth the catalogue rates. If you cannot get them but have some specimens already in your possession, hold on to them—they will soon rise to a high value.

#### The A. P. A.

MR. R. C. H. BROCK, the able and esteemed chairman of the Literary Board publishing the *American Philatelist*, positively and finally declines the nomination for Vice President of the "American Philatelic Association," and Mr. Van Derlip of Boston is mentioned in his place. We do not know the gentleman personally but have heard the highest accounts regarding his ability and fitness for the position.

#### The Philatelic Society of America.

WE would call attention to the ticket for P. S. A. officers as given on another page. This Association would be of inestimable advantage to collectors if well managed. Many could obtain the privileges not allowed all in the A. P. A., our only other national association. If this latter amend its constitution, granting these privileges, then either a co-operation between the two associations would be to the prosperity of both, or the two could continue separately without being a source of annoyance or trouble to either. The ticket put forward by the *Figaro* includes four publishers and so the Association would have the support of the Philatelic Press, and one or two dealers—just the requisite number.

#### New Publications.

WE have received copies of E. F. Gamb's excellent 40-page publication, the *California Philatelist*, and his new stamp album. The former contains a complete price-list of all United States, Match, Medicine and Proprietary as well as many foreign stamps. Interesting philatelic articles fill up the balance of the paper. The latter publication consists of 104 pages, including blank spaces for new issues. It is just what every collector should have. The beginner who cannot hope to cover many of the blank spaces in the larger and more expensive albums, and the advanced collector for mounting his new issues, oddities and foreign revenues.

#### The "Jay" Locals.

MANY of our contemporaries justly declare these locals of La Hoyt, Iowa, of no philatelic value. Furthermore they say it is but a scheme of J. C. Jay, a stamp collector of La Hoyt, to attain notoriety. Now they are pursuing a peculiar course to oppose his plan of action. They describe the locals, tell how and why they were issued, and some even go so far as to give illustrations of the stamps. If their object is to discourage the collecting of such stamps (?) why do they give it and its author so much free advertising? If J. C. Jay's scheme is to obtain notice and they oppose that scheme, why do they keep calling attention to him? Verily, "Consistency, thou art a jewel."

#### California Philatelic Association.

COMMENCING with our next number, we intend to publish the full reports of the doings of the "California Philatelic Association," so that our brothers of the East may see what the philatelists of the Golden West are doing for the good of Philately.

## JOURNALISTIC NOTES.

THE *Western Philatelist* has given up the pursuit of popular applause. She reached the goal only to die with the honors fresh upon her. One of the finest philatelic papers of America, she has been found of but little profit and much care to the publisher, and the literature of Philately loses one of its best supporters. But we trust that it will revive in better days.

THE *Calmar Exchange* appears in magazine form and with *United States Philatelist* as its title.

THE *Collectors' Review* dated for May comes to hand. Mr. C. G. Woodworth has become proprietor, but Messrs. Babb and Carstapher still wield the pen and that most ably.

A COVER no longer adorns the *Curiosity World*. Wherefore, oh brother Hubbard? Seek not too much improvement(?).

## Our First Year.

WITH this number, the INTERNATIONAL COLLECTOR closes the first year of an eventful existence. It is needless to account the various joys and sorrows with which it has met. The financial difficulties and their overcoming, the blank spaces just needing to be filled and how they were covered, the work delays and consequent vexations of ye editors, all should be buried in oblivion. To those who have stood by us from the beginning, we tender our most hearty thanks. To those who have aided us by encouraging words and deeds (the latter particularly), we duly acknowledge our obligation. And we trust to be favored with a continuance of their support and encourage-

ments—to merit such by our endeavors and results.

To those intending to aid us in the future we would say, we can safely promise that neither the quality of the contents of the paper nor its own reputation shall deteriorate. It has been found necessary to raise our subscription price but only in order to make improvements which we have in mind for the coming year of the INTERNATIONAL COLLECTOR.

## EXCHANGES.

[This column is open to all for exchanges under thirty words. 5 cents will be charged for each additional ten words.]

J. T. Humphrey, Jamaica Plain, Mass., A. P. A., No. 127. Foreign and U. S. postage stamps and stamp papers to exchange. Send list of papers and sheet of stamps and I will do the same.

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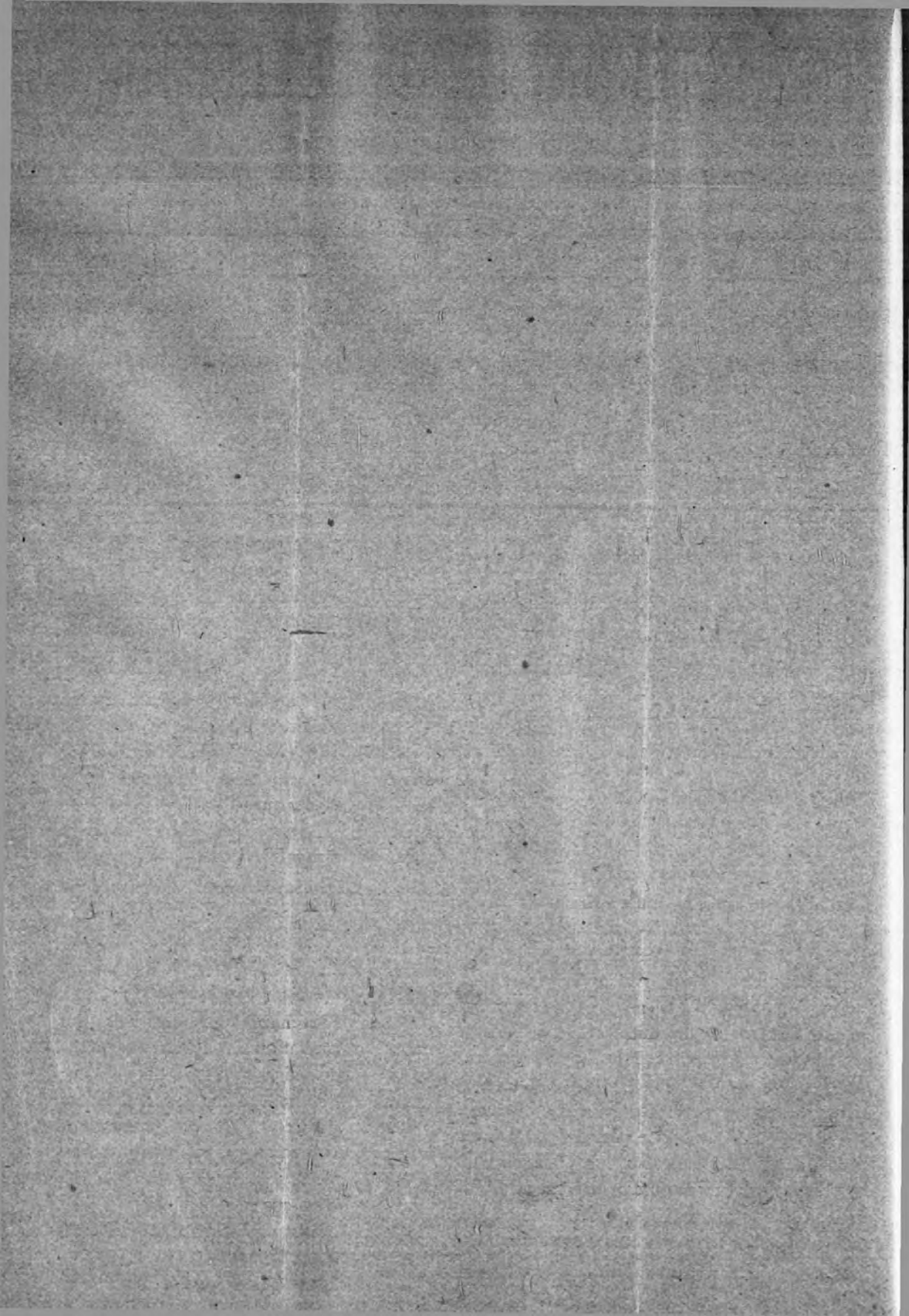
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## PHILATELY IN 1901.

SO many of us are in the habit of showing how great is the sway of Philately at present, by simply pointing back for at from ten to twenty years, that in the humble opinion of the writer it might be well for us by to lessen our good opinion of the mania(?) or science(?) by showing how little are *our* advantages, knowledge, field for collecting, and the general advantages of having dealers always ready to obtain new varieties for us, and philatelic papers always ready to espouse our cause, (after a fashion,) when compared to those to be possessed by our own philatelic brothers of 1901.

Then will philately be speedily acknowledged throughout the world as the grand power swaying the hearts of men. Then will the dealer exult for abundant riches will be his own.

Then will the stamp issuing countries adopt free trade and abolish all internal taxation, for the revenue derived from annual issues of postage stamps for collection shall be greater each year and shall multiply. Then will the philatelic paper, which would warn us of the doubtful character of certain stamps, sink entirely into oblivion. No more interference; if one would have Hamburg Locals or our own Locals or German Locals or Scandinavian Locals, he may buy them. The dealer shall praise his judgment and his album shall contain only "pretty" stamps and their number shall be multitude and their actual value, 2 cents.\*

\* Probably the writer considers the stamps to be of some value as adhesive paper.

And why should he have so much and we so little? Why? Because among us still linger a few who with obstinate disregard to the solicitations of our stamp-issuing dealers have persistently refused the admission of certain stamps into their albums. What stamps? None other than the world famous locals of various countries. (Oh! if only we all knew how "local" many of these are, being manufactured almost at our own door and certainly in our own country.) They do not refuse them because they were not issued to be exactly used for postage—not because they were issued at the request of certain "friends of philately"—dealers, but because the number of them would, if they were universally collected, be as numerous as the grains of sand on the sea-shore. No, these exceeding obstinate philatelists have not the interests of the dealer sufficiently at heart, to advocate their being collected and thus contribute their mite to the dealer's pile.

But pardon this digression. I could not help calling attention to the above. Well, some day, all this will vanish. "Locals" will be collected, the dealer will provide them—hence—etc.—

And as to surcharges and reprints and "bogus" cancellations. Let us view the interior of the office of the stamp dealer of 1901. It is well fitted up (the dealer has made a fortune). He sits at his desk awaiting the reports of his various employees—engravers, printers and salesmen. See! one approaches him.

"Mr. C—, here are those stamps you ordered to be surcharged."

"Which ones? How can I remember

which of the many I ordered to be surcharged I gave to you?"

"I refer to the surcharged Peru. Those not on the list of that Peruvian Philatelic Society."

"Oh, yes, I remember. Let's see. Yes, they are all right. Have this surcharge entered in my catalogue. Who designed the surcharge anyway?"

"I sir."

"Good. Your salary is henceforward raised to —. I like to see enterprise among my workmen." (Exit surcharger. Enter engraver.)

"Well sir, what have you to show to-day?"

"A new design for some Bolivar stamp, Mr. C. Is it satisfactory?" (Hands it to Mr. C.)

"No, too much work on it. Make it simpler. These collectors buy them anyhow, so I may as well make a better profit on them. Try again."

"Very well sir." (Exit designer.)

Mr. C. — "How this stamp business is booming! Ten years ago I was happy to sell stamps which cost me a full third of the selling price. Now what is a thousand per cent profit to me? Nothing! I want ten thousand. And all my good fortune is owing to my brilliant scheme to manufacture for myself instead of having to correspond with a government for six months, and then pay a premium to secure a new issue of stamps. 'If you wish to have a thing well done, you must do it yourself,' is indeed a fine maxim."

Reader, do you not wish the year was 1901 and you were the *dealer, not the collector*.

—SAL VADOR.

A CERTAIN young lady asked of the celebrated Rothchild, the Parisian banker, the difference between the real and the ideal. Whereupon Mr. R. answered, "the real is a Spanish coin while the ideal is a Spanish bond.

## Autobiography of a Surcharged Peruvian Postage Stamp.

IN all biographical sketches, of whatever character they may be, it is customary, I believe, to state at once when and where the hero was born. For this reason I now declare the place to be New York City and the year, 1879. Of my earlier surroundings and other facts incident to all postage stamps, I shall say but little since they in no wise affected my future career.

My home for any length of time was not destined to be my birth-place for when in my mere childhood, in company with my numerous brethren who were all, as I afterward learned, of the same personal appearance and age as myself, I was sent to Peru at the request of the government of that place.

The trip was uneventful. We were not disturbed by anything. However, we probably would have been well shaken by the continual motion of the ship had we not been securely fastened—a result of the heat of the atmosphere upon the gum upon our backs. Well, finally we reached our destination and it was only now that I discovered what a personal appearance I made. I ascertained this by overhearing the address of one government official to another to whom he was exhibiting the new arrivals,—ourselves.

"See," he said, "the new stamps I have ordered for preparing postage in Peru. How beautiful they are in design and in execution, how rich in color and how convenient a shape for affixing to envelopes! Notice the design carefully. Above, you see, is the sun throwing its rays all around. It was a brilliant thought to place the sun in the middle of the stamp. This oval around well prevents the rays from extending too far. The

wording is simple — 'Correos Del Peru' follows the outline above and the value 'Un centavo' is here below. There is scroll work all around. We see the value in the corners also, but expressed in numerals, and how do you like orange for a color?"

Now hearing all the above, I could not well avoid thinking well of myself and learning from a black, ugly stamp upon a letter near me that I, like himself, would soon be cancelled and my face all black and obliterated or "killed" as they express it in the post-office, I could hardly reconcile myself to such a fate even if by so doing I should serve my country and patriotically pay my duty. Yes, friend, you must agree with me that it is wrong to blot, to make hideous, a before beautiful stamp and that the post-office officials have little conscience or appreciation of beauty. *But procedo!*

Presently I felt myself rudely severed from my brethren and for a paltry *centavo* sold to a man who, instinctively, I knew would be the cause of future misfortune to me. Together with stamps of various designs, our value (at least I mean that which we represented in postal services) being fifteen centavos, I was fastened on to a heavy envelope by my coat of gum. Then he carried me to the post-office where I longed to remain.

But no! The merciless fellow left us, the clerk seized the envelope and then — gods preserve us — I felt an iron indelibly brand us and when a second later we were released, I knew that the stain upon me would always remain. Probably my companions felt likewise. But why should I mourn my lot — it was inevitable. All postage stamps (except those purchased from the post-office for collection) must undergo the same ordeal and become suffering martyrs to the sacred call of their country's postal services. And now I find I am bound to the North.

(To be continued.)

## NEW ISSUES.

We would be pleased to hear of all new issues from any of our readers. Willing to pay cash for same. Address M. V. Samuels, 713 Post St., San Francisco, Cal.

**BAHAMAS:**—A new value of the current type is announced by the *American Journal of Philately*.

2½ d. blue.

**BARBADOES:**—The revenue used for postage is declared a humbug by the *Philatelic Record*. It was mentioned in *Le Timbre Poste* for March.

**BRAZIL:** A new stamp of a new design has appeared in this country. In the center are two frames, oblong, containing a view of mountains in the upper, and the value in numerals (1000) in the lower. Brazil at the top and Reis below.

1000 reis, gray-blue.

**BRITISH BECHUANALAND:**—The *American Philatelist* announces a one and a five pound stamp of different design from the others of the set. Victoria's head to left, value above, and British-Bechuanaland at the top of an oval below, and "Postage and Revenue" at bottom of oval. Perforated 14.

1 pound, lilac and black.

5 pounds, " " "

**JAPAN:** We have received from a correspondent quite a novelty. It is an "official seal" stamp. About the size of our own, and printed in light brown, it has a crysanthemum in the center. "Officially" and "sealed," at left and right respectively, native characters above and "General Post Office of Japan" in curve below. Fancy scroll work in corners and all on dotted background.

Officially sealed, — light brown.

A new set of stamps is announced, but we have as yet seen no specimens. The 3, 6, 12, are now out of use and we have for a new issue

4 Sen, rect. - - brown.  
8 " " - - violet.

10 Sen, rect.	dark orange.
15 " "	- purple.
20 " "	- red.
25 " "	- scarlet.
50 " "	- brick-red.
1 Yen "	- scarlet.

MEXICO: The 2c. carmine announced last month among the "oddities" appears to be a regular issue.

2c. carmine, surcharged 1c. - ruled paper.  
2c., " " - plain paper.

RUSSIA: We have specimens of the 2 kopek in light green. It is said that the change from dark to light green was made by the Russian authorities to enable post-office officials to distinguish it from the seven kopek by night.

2 kopek - light green.

SHANGHAI: A correspondent favors us with the 20 cash in gray-black(?). The new color is something hideous, and as the stamps are poorly executed, no great credit can be assigned to the government there.

20 cash - gray-black(?).

CHINA:—Has a 1c. green on yellow, and a 5c. bright yellow.

ECUADOR:—It is thought that the stamps surcharged "Official" are frauds.

COLOMBIA:—We notice a 2c. red, of the map series.

AUSTRIA:—The latest 10kr. appears on pale straw color paper.

HUNGARY:—The *Philatelic World* describes a new series of stamps, resembling the current issue. The 1kr. is black, the others have a groundwork of vertical colored lines and figure of value in center in black. 8 kr. orange and orange, 21 kr. brown and green, 15kr. rose and blue, 24kr. purple and rose, 30kr. green and brown, 50kr. red and orange, 1fl. blue and silver, 3fl. red and gold. The color mentioned last is that of the lines.

CUBA:—A new one, the 20c. lilac gray.

EGYPT:—The 1pi. and 2pi. envelopes,

and newspaper bands are to be issued in a smaller size.

GREAT BRITAIN:—The 1 1-2d of 1887 is surcharged "Govt. — Parcels."

ZULULAND:—The *Philatelic Record* mentions that the following English stamps of current issue have been surcharged in black block letters "ZULULAND." 1d. purple, 2d. green and pink, 3d. brown on yellow, 4d. green and brown, 6d. purple on red.

## ODDITIES IN STAMPS.

[IN our last number we called attention to the advantages that would be derived from a monthly list of many oddities of which descriptions should be furnished by our readers. As yet, however, we have received little encouragement. We are indebted to Mr. Gambs of this city for specimens of those we present.—ED.]

United States: The 2c. War Department before us is *unperforated*. It is on thin paper, with fair margin at left and right and quite a portion of the next stamp showing at the latter side. In our opinion this stamp is as issued and has not had the perforation cut off.

Also we have a part of the original envelope, one-half of a two cent claret, last issue, stamp cut so as to exactly halve the numeral (2) below. It carried a letter requiring a 2c. stamp.

Finland: A rare error is the 10 penin of 1866 printed in rose, the color which should be found in the 40 penin of this issue.

Another error in color of which latter we have a specimen before us is the 20 penin dark blue of 1875 printed in green (color chart 1). We have not seen a specimen of the 1866 issue mentioned but the 20 penin green of '75 is undoubtedly authentic.

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#### New Management.

THE entire management of the financial as well as the literary department of a paper of the size and quality of the INTERNATIONAL COLLECTOR has proved too great for a boy of fourteen summers, and hence with this number, ye editor has transferred the former to the California Philatelic Association, of which this paper is the property and official organ.

Its present editor still has charge of the literary department, and being a most enthusiastic philatelist himself, now has great pleasure in informing its readers that in the future this paper will be entirely devoted to Philately as is the present number. Such being the case, we would again call the attention of stamp dealers to its value as an advertising medium. The summer months are generally the dullest philatelic season. Hence now is the time to advertise at low rates as in reality the average philatelist buys bargains as readily now as ever. Try your advertisement now at the low rates.

#### "On the Original Letter."

THE American Philatelic Press is just beginning to remark the utter foolishness, so prevalent, of collecting rare and often common stamps "on the original letters." Many, priding themselves on their philatelic knowledge, pay often double the regular price for a stamp to get it "on the original letter." Why? Possibly because they believe it must be genuine in such a case. Or perhaps because it is of interest to them as showing old post marks or paper and such reasons in general. If the first, they are wrong, for if it is possible to counterfeit a stamp in a skilful manner, is it not just as easy, (and in fact it is simpler), to paste the stamp on an envelope, forge a cancellation, and by mutilating the paper make it appear old and often used? If they collect the envelopes as curiosities, why collect the stamp? They are simply curiosity or envelope collectors and not stamp collectors. To be one is not to be the other. We trust that the stamp collection of the future will not consist of scraps of paper and envelopes but of postage stamps.

#### Geneo's Article.

AN EXCELLENT article on stamp collecting by "Geneo," who by the way, is

a prominent member of the A. P. A., appears in the *Progressive Age*, Hopkinsville, Ky. The publication of a philatelic article in a newspaper is always a recognition of the benefit of collecting.

#### Subscriptions.

OUR rates are now fifty cents per annum or twenty-five cents in advance for six months, for which time subscriptions will be accepted. In the future no subscriptions at the old rates will be taken. Readers please take notice.

#### Bangkok(?) Stamp.

ALL complete catalogues and many wholesale and retail price-lists quote prices for the so-called "Bangkok stamp" and describe them as the stamps of Straits Settlements surcharged "B." The unsurcharged stamp worth 3 cents is worth 15 cents with the "B" on it. Now, is it not strange that of all the Siamese stamps, with genuine cancellations, that we have seen, every one bears the post-mark Bangkok? If Straits Settlements stamps surcharged with a B are the stamps of Bangkok, why do so many Siamese stamps bear this post-mark? Dealers, an explanation would be acceptable.

#### Exchanges—2 Copies.

WE would esteem it a great favor if exchanges would be sent, one copy addressed to the editor of this paper, and another to the "California Philatelic Association." Same address for both.

#### A Good Innovation.

WE are pleased to hear that in the future the "International" Albums will not contain spaces for United States Locals. There is no more reason why these should be collected than any of the Russian, Scandinavian and German Locals, and those latter also on the "original" (?) envelope. A collector of the postal emis-

sions of a government should not collect the franks of private individuals and corporations.

#### Our Revised A. P. A. Ticket.

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AGAIN we would call attention to the above ticket for the "American Philatelic Association." The time is rapidly approaching when it will become your duty to vote for the right man for the right place, and to amend the constitution. The above mentioned gentlemen are too well known and esteemed to need any eulogizing. The necessity of allowing all members to vote is too evident to need to be proved.

### OFFICIAL REPORT

—OF THE—

#### CALIFORNIA PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

THE last meeting of the C. P. A. was held Saturday evening, June 9, at 713 Post Street. The President, M. V. Samuels occupied the chair. Following were the members present. M. V. Samuels, S. Meyer, H. Asher, D. Manheim, S. Moss, and O. Sutro. No minutes were read of the previous meeting as the appointed secretary was absent. A discussion arose as to whom should take charge of the INTERNATIONAL COLLECTOR during the vacation of its editor, but no decision being reached, the paper is still conducted by the President and one or two members remaining in the city. The meeting then adjourned to meet Saturday evening, Aug. 11, at 713 Post St.

SAM MEYER,

Secretary, No. 2, C. P. A.

## REVIEWS.

THE *Canada Stamp and Coin Journal* has actually appeared at last. When the *Useful Instructor* announced its intention to don the above name and be entirely devoted to collecting, we expected much indeed. But the new paper never came and we were just becoming reconciled to a total extinguishment of all our hopes, when low and behold! before us is the 8 page paper and a good one it is. Long may it live and make up for lost time.

THE *American Journal of Philately*, a very ancient journal but lately resuscitated, comes to hand in best style. Printed on a fine quality paper, excellent typography, and with most interesting contents, it will soon gain a place among our foremost American journals.

"KALERMARAIC KALLENDERS" in the *Quaker City Philatelist* is at length concluded. Rejoice, oh ye happy and blessed mortals, readers of the wondrous legacy of old!

THERE are more varieties in size of F. A. Thomas of Mexico's *Common Sense* than exist varieties of Peruvian surcharges for sale in New York.

THE *Hawkeye State Collector* now appears weekly and quite regularly. We are on principle opposed to a stamp paper appearing more than once a month, but this paper seems to succeed well enough in doing so.

## Contributions.

ORIGINAL articles on subjects pertaining to stamp collecting, and descriptions of new issues and oddities are at all times welcome and the sender will receive credit for same unless we are specially notified otherwise.

## EXCHANGES.

[This column is open to all for exchanges under thirty words. 5 cents will be charged for each additional ten words.]

Robert C. McConnell, Salina, Kan. 100 square-cut Western postmarks, for 100 like Eastern postmarks.

E. P. Newcomer, Ida Grove, Iowa. One large philatelic paper for every U. S. stamp sent me catalogued at 5 cents or over; not less than 2 accepted.

J. T. Humphrey, Jamaica Plain, Mass., A. P. A., No. 127. Foreign and U. S. postage stamps and stamp papers to exchange. Send list of papers and sheet of stamps and I will do the same.

John C. Moore, 133 Broadway, Brooklyn, N. Y. Either Vol. III., No. 1 of the *Stamp* or Vol. II., No. 3 of the *International Philatelic Advertiser* for any number of the *American* or *Western Philatelist*.

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## A Question. Who can answer?

Mr. E. P. Newcomer of Ida Grove, Iowa, would be pleased to be informed as to the value of stamps of the following description:

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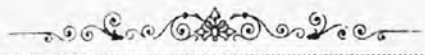
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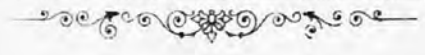
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## Autobiography of a Surcharged Peruvian Postage Stamp.

(Continued.)

"When weeping does no good it is best not to weep," as many a young collector has found out to his cost upon seeing the utter hopelessness of getting his money back on reprints bought as originals and with the offer "to refund money if stamps are not entirely satisfactory;" and so I resolved to make the best of circumstances and be prepared for whatever consequences that might result from my departure (involuntary as it was) from my beloved country.

Being tightly fastened to the envelope and therefore not disturbed to any extent by the rocking of the ship, I suffered but little discomfort during my voyage northward, and finally, after a long journey, I reached my destination. Imagine my surprise on finding it to be my birth-place, New York.

But it was not to a familiar place I was now carried. Instead, I was at once taken to the Post Office, carelessly, yet with a certain surety, I was handled by the clerks and later I found myself in a large, leather bag, together with numerous other letters, carried by a tall man dressed in gray. Shut up in this dark bag I made no attempt to hazard a guess as to my destination and future career.

I simply abandoned myself to fate and remained in a perfectly passive state of mind. From time to time I saw bundles of the envelopes removed from the bag by the carrier and when the bag was about half empty I found myself together with a number of envelopes removed from the bag and again I beheld the light of heaven but imprisoned in the carrier's hand.

As he passed the various houses on the block, he paused now and then to ring the bell of some of these and hand one or

more of these letters to whoever opened the door. Finally my turn came. I was carried up a pair of stairs and silently handed to a boy who opened the door. To this person I am indebted to all the suffering I afterwards endured. He carried me to his room and opening the envelope took therefrom a letter and a few hundred cancelled stamps of Peru.

From the careful and attentive manner with which he examined them I judged him to be a stamp collector (of which sort of person I had heard during my short stay in the New York Post Office) and I now believe this opinion to be correct. After examining the stamps enclosed, he turned his attention to ourselves (those on the outside of the letter) and finding no new variety among us he removed us from the letter by tearing off the part of the envelope to which we were affixed, and placing it in water. And when we were removed and were dry, he mixed us with the other stamps.

I will not attempt to describe him or his home, since notwithstanding my resolution to take things easily, my mind was very much agitated and I examined nothing carefully. After placing us in a large white envelope, he put that in a small bureau drawer where we reposed in undisturbed solitude for several days. After the elapse of this period, we were unexpectedly taken out and put in the pocket of our owner. Here we must have remained a full half hour before we were again taken up. The envelope being opened and I being among the uppermost stamps, I found we were in a large wholesale paint shop and in the act of being passed to a gentleman there. This gentleman, whom my owner addressed as a dealer in stamps, after carefully examining us, made our owner an offer of one or two dollars for the lot, explaining to our disappointed owner, who expected more,

that there were no rare varieties among us. The offer was accepted and Mr. — who was engaged in the paint business and who only devoted his evenings to the trade in stamps, became our owner.

Again we were put in the pocket of a coat and this time when the envelope was opened, we found ourselves in the office of a job printer surrounded by various instruments of modern torture to postage stamps.

(To be continued.)

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## CANADIAN NOTES.

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BY OUR CANADIAN CORRESPONDENT.

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THE Canadian Philatelic Association is booming gradually with Major Grenny, Lieut. Hooper, Captain Hechler and many others at its helm. The question now arises where will the first convention be held—Montreal or Toronto; the latter will likely be selected, it being more convenient for our Yankee brethren.

The Philatelists of Nova Scotia have formed a branch society of the C. P. A. and Mr. Lowe is about to form another in Toronto. Mr. Hart thinks there will be one formed in St. Johns, N. B., at an early date.

The April number of the *Toronto Philatelic and Numismatic Journal* contains a portrait and biography of Major Grenny and the C. P. A. reports for its philatelic department, and, as usual, its numismatic department is excellent, conducted by Joseph Hooper of Port Hope, Ont. We hope to see a portrait of President Ketcheson sometime before the year is out.

The *Halifax Philatelist* is by far the best philatelic journal published in Canada for stamp collectors. Next comes the *Canadian Philatelist*, although a few months behind time.

The publisher of the *Niagara Falls Philatelist* is evidently trying to defraud its subscribers out of their money by promises, etc. First, it promised to issue the *British American Philatelic Advertiser* to fill its subscription list, etc.; this failing, then made arrangements with the *T. P. and N. J.* to fill its subscription list. This failed also, leaving its subscribers without their money or paper. Come publisher, be honest.

Mr. Ketcheson will soon issue a second edition of his standard catalogue of Canadian stamps.

The *Canada Stamp and Coin Journal* has appeared. It is a neat little 8 page monthly and deserves the support of all, subscription price being only 15 cents per year for 12 numbers.

We have heard of a *Prince Edward Island Philatelist*, but have not yet seen a copy.

Mr. H. E. French is about to publish a Directory of Canadian stamp collectors, and wishes Canadian collectors to send him their name and address for insertion in above directory free.

We expect to soon hear of some of our Canadian philatelic papers suspending on account of the postage rate which has been put on second class matter to the United States. It now costs more to send second class matter to the United States than it does to Great Britain. We hope to soon hear of some common sense restored to the postage rate on second class matter.

—TIMON.

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OUR readers will take notice that no official report of the California Philatelic Association is published in the present issue of the INTERNATIONAL COLLECTOR as that association has adjourned until August 11, when it will commence to hold its regular meetings.

## NEW ISSUES.

We would be pleased to hear of all new issues from any of our readers. Willing to pay cash for same. Address Maurice V. Samuels, 713 Post St., San Francisco, Cal.

**AFGHANISTAN:**—The *Philatelic Record* lists ten newly discovered varieties.

**ARGENTINE:**—A 50c. stamp appears in the new set.

50c., blue.

**ANTIOQUIA:**—The *Philatelic World* mentions the following:

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**COLUMBIA:**—A 5 pesos of a design similar to the 1c. of the last issue is announced.  
5 pesos—yellow-brown.

**GREAT BRITAIN:**—We have seen a specimen of the 1½d. of the Jubilee set surcharged Govt.—Parcels.

**INDIA:**—The *American Philatelist* announces a change in the inscription on the 12 anna stamp. It now reads "India Postage" and has a five pointed star as a watermark.

12 anna, brown on vermilion.

**MEXICO:**—The stamps on lined paper are still scarce, the 5c. blue being the commonest. We have seen the 1c. green, 2c. carmine, 5c. blue, and 10c. lilac on such paper and believe others to exist.

1c. green — lined paper.  
2c. carmine " "  
5c. blue " "  
10c. lilac " "

**NATAL:**—The one shilling surcharged Postage is now printed in orange.

1 shilling, orange.

**SHANGHAI:**—The 60 cash appears printed in rose.

60 cash, rose.

**VENEZUELA:**—From an official decree published in the *American Philatelist*, we learn that the government of this country seeing the difficulties that exist in manu-

facturing stamps at home, have awarded to the American Bank Note Company at New York the contract for printing large quantities of the following values.

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**VIRGIN ISLANDS:**—The six pence is now slate.

6d., slate.

## ODDITIES IN STAMPS.

**United States:** Mr. F. J. Rolt, Wimbledon, Eng., has kindly favored us with specimens of the 3c. green and 2c. vermilion partly unperforated. Broad margins exist at the left and part of the next stamp as well as an extra wide margin are to be found at the right. It seems that many unsevered pairs might be found with no line of perforation between the two stamps.

Mr. Wm. B. Hale of Williamsville, Mass., writes us he has several specimens of the 1c. unpaid on yellow paper.

The 1857 as well as 1861 1c. stamp appears in very dark as well as ordinary blue. Specimens of these stamps are sometimes found on apparently blue paper, but on close examination it generally is found that only the upper surface of the paper is colored and this probably the result of careless printing.

There appear to be many varieties in shade of the so-called "buff." The 1853 envelope stamp appears on paper varying from light yellow to a dark fawn color. The 1864 3c. brown on buff(?) appears in three or more distinct shades of paper.

**Mexico:** The 10c. green and 25c. blue envelopes of 1874 each appear in a very dark as well as a very bright shade.

Mr. Newcomer sends the following list of U. S. oddities.

1861—1c. blue on green paper.

1863—3c. light red, the left side entirely unperforated and bearing a portion of the opposite stamp.

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### "Soreheads" and Boys.

THE philatelic papers of the day have finally come to the conclusion that if they expect any support from collectors, they must at all times be ready to espouse the cause of philately and the interest of philatelists, even if thus opposing and annoying the dealers—good advertisers.

This decision having been attended by necessary criticism of some of our most

prominent dealers, the writers in these papers have been termed by the former "soreheads," and described as a class of boys seeking notoriety and as making attacks on parties high above all suspicion.

Surely this is a strange name for distinguishing those who are not content to see themselves and their fellow-collectors constantly imposed upon, who have the audacity to imagine that a dealer in postage stamps notwithstanding his actions towards the collector is — — —

Is a man a "sorehead" because he protests when he sees himself defrauded and with little opportunity to protect himself? Is he a "sorehead" if he urges others in the same situation to co-operate and make a stand for their rights? Certainly not! And it is ridiculous to trust the dealer who says "Oh my reputation is unblemished. It is only the "soreheads" who find fault with my dealings."

If every person who protests when a dealer defrauds him is a sorehead and the opinion of soreheads is of little weight, how can any dealer enjoy other than an unblemished reputation. And then to that second remark that "boys seeking for notoriety frequently abuse me."

Many of our leading philatelic journals are published and edited by boys. Does Voute of the *Figaro*, the finest independent philatelic journal of America seek, or ever have reason to desire notoriety? And yet he does not hesitate to rate the dealers as they deserve. Mr. Voute is but eighteen or thereabouts. Or does Mr. Gustave Aue of the *Collectors' Ledger* or Mr. Babb of the *Collectors' Review* or the editor of this paper,—do any of these show signs of discontent at the actions of certain unscrupulous dealers simply in order to gain notoriety? They are the boys who "abuse" the most upright dealers of America who sell Hamburg Locals and Baden Land Post and other

counterfeits under guarantee as to their being genuine. And they certainly are boys, for of those mentioned, the first is about eighteen, the last is fourteen, and the others rank between.

If these "abuse" the dealer and the entire abusing consists in calling attention to the fact that such and such a dealer sells counterfeits, then the collector who has been imposed upon should do something more than abusing. He should never purchase another stamp from that dealer,—he should boycott him in regular "strike" style.

#### The Two Associations.

WE notice that several of our contemporaries are calling attention to the statement that of all the reliable and in fact all the principal dealers of America are members of the American Stamp Dealers Association, and that only those unable to rule in this have joined the National Stamp Dealers As'sn., organized through the efforts of C. H. Mekeel of St. Louis. They say only small dealers who can be led by Mr. Mekeel are members of the N. S. D. A., and that while the A. S. D. A. is now in working order, the N. S. D. A. is but in process of organization. We regret to inform our esteemed contemporaries that they are mistaken. Such persons as Messrs. Sterling, Edward Peeke, Holton, Gambs, Mekeel and others we might mention are not "small" dealers. Neither is the N. S. D. A. of no value to its members. They are not dissatisfied, nor have they reason to be. The first number of the "Bulletin" was perhaps of little value but the July number fully reaches the expectation of all of the members.

#### →PHILATELIC NOTES.←

ABOUT twenty five varieties in the current "Letter Sheets" have appeared. The varieties are mainly in the perforations.

The *Philatelic Gazette* for June exposes the Samoa stamps in their true light.

The *National Philatelist* is still keeping up its fight against those who favor the restriction in regard to voting by members of the A. P. A. We are with you Brother McSmith and I hope the A. P. A. will attend to it next August.

The philatelic papers are rather slow in appearing during the summer months. Perhaps it is because so many of our philatelic editors are spending their time at summer resorts.

Philatelists are at last regarding Jay's Locals in their true light. We offer as a suggestion, Brother Jay, that the next local you see fit to manufacture that you use as a design a prancing horse surrounded by a wreath of letters containing the following in large type "JAY-I-SEE."

*S. C. Figaro* comes out for May in fine style. It is now published by a company.

The ticket for the A. P. A. as published by the leading papers is very satisfactory to the majority of the members who agree with it in about every particular.

Collectors should send the following telegram to President Tiffany:—Ah there! Stay there! for another two years.

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#### Berlin Postal Museum.

THE stamp collection of the German Postal Museum at Berlin is considered to be one of the largest in existence. According to the new catalogue just published its first division contains 6,561 different post stamps (nearly all not obliterated); its second is formed by the envelopes and wrappers, of which there are more 1,800 in the museum; the third division consists of 1,116 postal cards; the fourth shows 391 forms for money orders and the like. A fifth division has reference to the telegraphic department.

## REVIEWS.

THIS month welcomes two new philatelic papers. *The Stamp Collector*, Ottawa, Ill., published by Messrs. Bradford, McManus and Farrel; all members of the A. P. A., is in many respects the successor of the *Western Philatelist*. The cover is of the same design and the general "make up" of the same quality. Among its contributors are "Philo," "Wanderer," Harte and Wolsieffer, as well as other lesser lights of Philately. With number 1, this sixteen page paper ranks among the foremost American philatelic journals.

THE July number of the *Charleston Philatelist* contains a portrait and biography of Mr. I. B. Cohen, a prominent dealer in Confederate stamps, a most thorough account of the "Charleston City Post Local," and other interesting philatelic items. This number far surpasses all previous endeavors.

W. C. STONE's portrait and biography appear in the July *Stamp*.

## EXCHANGES.

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made a task rather than a pleasure, and a source of expense rather than of profit. Match and medicine stamps have positively *no* right in an album. They even lack the virtue of the Document stamps—that of being issued by the Government and bearing pictures of our country's heroes. It is true that they were issued with the sanction of the Government and that the revenue derived from them went into the U. S. Treasury, but by what a miscellaneous set of quacks and cranks were they issued. What pleasure can there be in the collecting of stamps bearing the "noble lineaments" (?) of Dr. Zebedee Surecureem, maker of the "most wonderful discovery of the age," Surecureem's Mustard Plaster; or the pictures of Strikem & Lightem, manufacturers of sulphur matches? Of course they resemble stamps, have "gum stickum" on the back and their value in cents, and this, I regret to say, is to some collectors all that is deemed requisite. But they are not stamps, any more than the moon is green cheese (notwithstanding the old tradition to that effect.)

The Beer, Snuff and Tobacco stamps are collected by the same "cranks" who treasure up tin tags, postmarks and buttons, and have about as much value. Collecting of this kind is but a "mania" for gathering scraps of paper, etc. There is neither art nor science in it.

Telegraph stamps are not used to pay postage and consequently are not postage stamps. Philatelists, let these side branches go and devote your time and spare change to the collecting of adhesives and envelopes; you will find your field of labor large enough.

It is claimed by many that the only true way to collect envelope stamps is entire. This is true enough in some particulars. There is no denying the fact that the size of the envelope and the watermark is *non est* in the cut specimens. The cut envelope, however, is much more convenient, it takes less space, and the color of the paper is retained. The stamp is the only part which has any postal value.\* There is nearly as much sense in collecting medicine stamps on the wrapper which enclosed the bottle or box, for after all, the envelope is only a wrapper.

I am aware that my views will conflict with those of many who read this article, and I have simply given my opinion. I do not claim to know any more about stamps than hundreds of my brother philatelists, but I do think that the stamps named are not worthy of a collector's time and attention. My idea is to collect only those stamps which have, or have had, a postal value.

### Autobiography of a Surcharged Peruvian Postage Stamp.

(Continued.)

The room was small and there was scarcely sufficient space to contain a couple of chairs, as the large printing presses, cases, etc., filled the greater part of the place. The printer himself I did not particularly notice. In fact I had little time to look about me. Almost immediately upon my arrival I was consigned to a shelf upon the wall, from where I could hear but could not perceive what was occurring.

I heard the dealer say that the stamps must be delivered without fail on the following morning and in a condition that

would allow their being placed on exhibit during the afternoon of the same day, and then from the silence that ensued after the workman's affirmative reply, I judged that he had departed.

After some time had elapsed, we were removed from the shelf and then singly were subjected to the most horrible tortures. I was among the first to be thus afflicted. I did not particularly fear when I found myself passed against a flat surface and there supported by a sort of pins placed on all sides of me, but my heart leaped with terror upon my seeing a great iron mass quickly approaching me and evidently intent upon pressing me against the surface behind me until I should bear a certain impress. This it ultimately accomplished and when I was released to make way for another unfortunate, I knew that for a second time I was branded and indelibly as before.

To this day I do not know what fanciful design was impressed upon me but whatever it was, the result is the same. I was again damaged and this time I had not even the satisfaction of knowing that I was doing my duty to my country. Instead I believed I was thus branded for fraudulent purposes.

After we were all surcharged, as philatelists would say, we were restored to the envelope and put back on the shelf where we passed the night. The next morning we were carried to the paint shop and restored to Mr.—. This gentleman, at noon, brought us to a store upon one of New York's most prominent thoroughfares, and we were then given to a clerk with instructions to be placed in a show-window. Here we found numerous other stamps, albums, catalogues and other philatelic necessities, including some sets of 116 different picture cards, as I thought, but which the clerk had labelled "Hamburg Locals" stamps.

\* We cannot agree with the writer in this statement. It is the so called "wrapper" as much as the colored impression that the government accepts as available for postage services.

I forgot to mention we were mounted on card-board (that is, some of us were as others were "put in stock" and in small square chests were hidden from view) and consequently we made a fair appearance to any one and seemed to be excellent to philatelists passing.

I had noticed in particular that one boy, examining the contents of the window, paid particular attention to the sheet of Peruvian stamps. He probably made a specialty of the stamp of this country. He must have been surprised at seeing some of us, for entering, he asked a salesman what stamps these (pointing to three including myself) were.

The answer was, "A scarce issue of Peruvian surcharges." The price he wanted for us upon being told to the boy seemed to be beyond the latter, for he hesitated some time but finally he said, "All right, I'll take them. I can go without that theater ticket I wanted." The cash paid, we were put in a small envelope, stamped from — —, limited and delivered to the buyer.

In less than no time we found ourselves pasted down tight in a large International Album, and there we are still, the most highly prized of all the stamps in the collection. —SAL VADOR.

—♦♦♦—  
*THE ADVANTAGES OF BEING A  
MEMBER OF A PHILATELIC  
ASSOCIATION.*

**¶** HERE are a large number of societies devoted to Philately, and nearly every *real* stamp collector is a member of one. There are some, however, who do not seem to take an interest in such organizations. It is for the benefit of these that this article is written,—that they may advance the cause of Philately and their own interests by immediately hieing themselves to the nearest association, and becoming a member thereof.

Stamp Societies may be considered under two heads, viz., sectional and general. The latter class recruits itself from a large section of country, its business being transacted mainly by correspondence, and officers elected by proxies. Such associations offer various attractions to members, such as the free distribution of the official organ, stamp-purchasing agencies, etc. Each society generally has attractions peculiar to itself and every philatelist should judge for himself whether they are sufficient to warrant his joining them.

But it is of the former class that we desire to treat. These exist in a single city and meet at certain stated short intervals as weekly, monthly, etc. We hold that one can hardly be a real philatelist (in the modern usage) unless he is a member of an association of this character; and one always has duplicates to dispose of in exchange for stamps not in his collection. One member finds out a cheap place to purchase stamps and allows the others to profit by it. A certain dealer is discovered to have sold bogus stamps, and all of the members are warned. Counterfeits are displayed that they may avoid allowing these vermin to creep into their collections. Rare stamps are exhibited for the edification of all present. New issues are brought to notice. Oddities are shown. Doubtful stamps are declared to be either genuine or counterfeit. In fact in ways too numerous to mention is a member's knowledge of Philately added to.

Then the spirit of progression is adhered to and one is informed what good collectors are doing. For instance, how could a person not acquainted with a body of philatelists become aware of the fact that locals are going out of fashion, and revenues coming in? He might ascertain this latter fact by reading a stamp paper, but such papers are often preju-

diced or conservative, and fail to give the latest philatelic news, or give it incorrectly. Several philatelists often talk together and impart to each other bits of stamp gossip, but there is never such an interchange of ideas as at a meeting for such purposes; neither are stamps displayed.

Besides being invaluable for the philatelic knowledge imparted, one should join a Stamp Society for its social features which are always as agreeable, if not more so, than in any other class of associations. For many reasons, therefore, every stamp collector should familiarize himself with his contemporaries by joining a Philatelic Association.

—S. A. M.

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**COLUMBIA:**—A 20c. of the map series is announced.

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**FORMOSA:**—It is reported that this colony has now its own postage stamp and as the same value stamp may be found in two colors, it is to be assumed that this government needs money and believes stamp collectors have some to spare. The design is as follows:—a dragon above, a horse on lined ground below, Formosa above, China below, and inscriptions (native) at the sides.

20 cash, red.

20 cash, green.

**MEXICO:**—Mr. Mekeel has been informed that the surcharge 1c. on 2c. carmine, was for use in Colima only (from whence our several specimens were obtained on letters) and were used for about a week. Full information will probably be soon obtained.

**NEW SOUTH WALES:**—The current 1 shilling has been found in green. It was regularly noticed in the *Gazette* for Feb. 28, 1876. We learn this from the *American Philatelist*.

1 shilling, green.

**TUNIS:**—We learn from L. Echo de la Timbrologie that a full set of stamps, cards, and envelopes has been issued for this colony which entered the Postal Union on July 1. Under an arch in the center are the arms, "Postes" above and Regence de Tunis below. The values are:

Adhesives:—1c., black on blue.  
2c., brown on straw.  
5c., green on green.  
15c., blue on gray blue.  
25c., black on rose.  
40c., red on yellow.  
75c., carmine on rose.  
5 franc, lilac on lilac.

Envelopes:—5c., green.  
15c., blue.

Cards:—10c. and a double card 10c. plus 10c.  
Letter cards:—15c. and 25c.

**SALVADOR:**—A few more values of the new set are announced.

1, 2, 5, 20, 50, 100c.

**PHILIPPINE ISLANDS:**—The *Philatelic Record* notes a 30 mil. pale bistre of the current type.

Mr. E. P. Newcomer of Ida Grove, Iowa, would be pleased to be informed as to the value of stamps of the following description:

2 U. S. Express Company's prepaid stamps for "Packages not over 20 lbs."

5c. yellow, no value red. Neither of them catalogued. The design is a horse-shoe which bears the inscription "U. S. Express Co.," and to the right "Not over 20 lbs.," and to the left "For Packages." Both designs the same.—The INTERNATIONAL COLLECTOR, June, '88.

We have received the following postal from H. E. Deats, Flemington, N. J. in reply to the above query: The U. S. Express Co.'s stamp you inquire about, the agent here tells me are franks, complimentary, I presume, but will write again if it is anything else.

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**A Welcome Visitor.**

GEO. VON UTASSY has been spending a couple of weeks in San Francisco and has favored us with a visit. He has been across the continent and we are pleased to say finds California a great state. We can not but say he has caused us to form an excellent opinion of the Philadelphia philatelists, notwithstanding their famous "kicking." We regret we cannot again see Mr. Von Utassy upon his return to his home as he travels via St. Paul and Minneapolis.

**Reviews.**

THE *Eastern Philatelist* is now published bi-monthly, and consists of 8 pages and cover, 7 x 11. It is, typographically, almost faultless and the July issue contains some excellent reading matter.

THE *Collectors' Standard* contains some interesting facts regarding the Fraser-Hechler affair. As usual Quetzal's notes are quite interesting.

AND still they come! Undaunted by the fate of so many fine stamp papers, new ventures are constantly coming to hand. The latest is the *Collector and Exchange*, published by H. S. Pickett & Co. of Buffalo, N. Y. It consists of 12 pages, is published semi-monthly at 50 cents per annum, and is devoted to general collecting. We wish it all success.

# The Philatelic Society of America.

THE occasional reports as to the progress of this Society have perhaps made some believe that the scheme had fallen through. Not so. The fact was that the former Secretary pro tem, at the time sole manager of the *Stamp Collectors' Figaro*, cannot give his undivided and earnest attention to the business of this society. Maurice V. Samuels, the editor of THE INTERNATIONAL COLLECTOR has therefore taken the matter in hand and will cause the Society to make a few rapid strides in the right direction. We print below the complete membership roll to date:

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fee, must enclose 25 cents in stamps with their vote, *or it will not be counted.*

A bright future is before us. We are not in the field to antagonize the A. P. A.; far from it. The two societies will work hand in hand.

MR. JOS. J. CASEY has written, declining the nomination for President or for any other office at the disposal of the members. Professional duties occupy too much of his time for him to be able to devote the necessary time to the duties of any office.

Mr. Voute, who has been nominated for the same position, requests the withdrawal of his name for similar reasons.

Stamp collectors must not suppose that this society will in any way be opposed to the American Philatelic Association. There are advantages enjoyed by the latter that we cannot expect to possess, but on the other hand we propose to be favored as the A. P. A. members are not. What has proved poor policy in this society we propose to amend in the Philatelic Society of America. In fact, there is no reason why any active philatelist should not be a member of both of the Associations, for what advantages our society offers, the other can show some equally good yet of an entirely different nature. For example see what Mr. McNamara says:

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after years. Another thing to be considered is that all have equal rights, young as well as old—a great difference between it and most other societies, that take the money of the young collector, and deprive him of the right to vote. There is no reason why this society should not, at some day, be as large as the A. P. A., embracing as is intended a great number of our younger collectors. It should be borne in mind that they are the future philatelists."

## ENGLISH PHILATELIC NOTES.

Conducted by

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RESPONDING to the cordial invitation of Mr. Maurice V. Samuels, chairman of the publishing board of THE INTERNATIONAL COLLECTOR, to conduct this column, I have much pleasure in accepting the honor, and trust that my efforts, feeble though they be, may be instrumental in cementing still more closely in the bonds of sympathy and good-will, the philatelic relationship between England and America. I shall endeavor month by month to give my American readers the freshest and most palatable philatelic news I possibly can, sparing no pains to procure the same, and I sincerely hope that my acquaintanceship with the readers of this journal may be long and happy.

BRITISHERS are beginning to grumble about their penny postage stamp, and it has been mooted that the Government is about to seriously take into consideration the advisability of a new issue. The present penny English stamp is, no doubt, very familiar to American philatelists, and those who have taken the trouble to expend a few moment's observation upon it, will certainly agree with me in saying that such a postal label is unworthy of representing so powerful and great a kingdom as that of Great Britain.

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Registered letters appear to be safe, on the other hand, but the extraordinary precautions taken to make them

safe appear like an accusation of general dishonesty. If you receive a registered letter, you have to return the envelope with the signature of your receipt. This is simple enough. The difficulty lies in knowing how to send off a registered letter. I shall never forget my first experience in that line. When I handed in my letter it was returned with the remark that it must be sealed. I took it to a cigar store and had a seal put on but again it was handed back. "There must be five seals," said the clerk. Not wishing to expose my ignorance to the black-eyed beauty in the cigar store, I went to a stationer's and bought a bar of sealing-wax, but, having no stamp, used a coin instead. Once more the letter was returned. "The stamps on the sealing-wax must be all the same." In despair I took it back to the black-eyed girl and explained my difficulties. She put on the five seals, and then at last the letter was accepted. The most absurd part of the story is, that although Seville swarms with foreigners in spring, there are no directions regarding the matter posted up anywhere. Indeed, not even the time (three or four hours a day) when the postoffice is open is announced at the window. Obviously, the Spaniards are not much in need of postal facilities, and for a good reason, since not much more than 25 per cent of the population can write and read.

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### THE VALUE OF U. S. STAMPS.

WITH the annual increase in the number of new issues and in the list of stamp issuing countries, collectors are beginning to perceive the utter impossibility of "keeping up with the times" in so much as it requires too much cash to purchase as well as time to study about the various stamps that appear for the first time each year. For this reason "specialism" is fast gaining favor and it is by no means uncommon to find philatelists who devote their entire attention to the stamps of some one country or group of countries. And if we Americans would become specialists, what should interest us so greatly as the stamps of the United States?

Leaving all private proprietary stamps out of the question, for we do not consider them worthy of collecting, there certainly exist as great a number of varieties as one could desire. There also may be obtained stamps of this government worth from one cent to many dollars a piece. What stamps could be of such historical interest—what stamps show better workmanship and are more artistic than our own? And for many reasons besides the above collectors make a specialty of United States stamps. Such being the case, some idea of the real relative value of rare U. S. should not come amiss.

Taking up Scotts' (the standard American catalogue at present) we find the adhesive stamps marked at fancy prices. This is especially noticeable in the prices of those stamps once used in the various official departments. Still

many of our old postage stamps, such as were issued to the general public, are fast becoming scarce and the raise annually made in the prices is not greater than may be expected. In fact, we predict that in less than ten years, the prices will be doubled. Dealers have not these stamps in quantities for they are well distributed throughout the country and collectors are loth to part even with their duplicates.

On the other hand the Department stamps are quoted at prices far beyond their actual value. As the quantities of these are in the hands of dealers they can charge what prices they please, and we see to what extent this has been done upon comparing the price of, for example, the Treasury 24c., quoted in '75 at 8c. and now at \$1.00. Other department stamps show similar changes. It is certainly not that the stamps exist in but small quantities. Quantities were issued and comparatively few destroyed. This raise means simply that dealers have a hold on stamps we all desire and intend to make us pay to get them. For our part we believe the prices of Department stamps will soon reach their maximum and then, later, we will find means to increase our collections at less exorbitant rates than now. Wait and hope.

High rates are those of locals at present. In fact, so great is the expense that few collectors can afford to collect them at all. And then what security against reprints? Nine advanced collectors out of ten can not distinguish reprints from originals. "Only trade with reliable houses." Which are

reliable? Not those who have long borne the reputation of fairness. Why? A prominent New York dealer long respected and esteemed openly sells reprints under guarantee of their being originals. Whom can we trust? For our part we would advise that collectors leave them alone. The Scott Co. announce there will be no place for locals in the next edition of their album. Is your stock exhausted? Despair not. The plates still remain.

Revenues deserve to be collected. They are government issues, easily obtained, interesting as any other stamps and an addition to any collection. Moreover they can be obtained for a great part from old documents. You need not buy all. Our revenue stamps are unsurpassed in appearance. No collection is complete without them.

Last but not least we would speak about stamped envelopes. While we are firm believers in collecting them entire we think cut specimens better than none. Adhesives do not afford by any means the source of pleasure to a collector that envelope stamps do. First because of the different dies. The constant search for points of distinction is almost fascinating when we find two stamps, to all appearances alike, but which show minute differences upon close examination but marked differences by glancing at a price-list and seeing one priced at 2c. and the other at \$5.00. Such are the prices of the varieties of the 3c. green of 1870.

In conclusion we would give a summary of the above. It is the firm, unprejudiced belief of the writer that the

regular issue of adhesives will rise and the official stamps will decrease in value, and that with the increase in the desire for revenues they will suddenly rise to a high value as will likewise do entire envelopes. Locals, together with match and medicine and card stamps, can never attain universal popularity; in the one there being no guard against reprints and the other having never had any postal value and beyond being printed at the care of the government, having no more philatelic value than the "stamps of Jay" who, as the *Figaro* remarks, should be indulged with a taste of his papa's slipper.

—SAL VADOR.

In connection with the above we think a comparison of the retail prices of stamps in '75 with those of to-day would not be out of place, and not having Scott's list of that date, we quote from Trifet, another well-known dealer of the East. On account of lack of space, we quote only for those which have changed to the greatest extent. As will be seen, the prices have in all cases advanced 100 per cent, in many tripled or quadrupled and in some, more. Prices quoted are for used specimens.

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## ENGLISH PHILATELIC NOTES.

Conducted by

ROBERT MORRISON, JUN. M. A. C. A.

(Continued.)

AT present the post office authorities are giving their attention to the well-timed proposal that they should sell stamps divided, and made up into packets ready for use. If this suggestion is carried out, it will be a revolution in postal matters here and a revolution which cannot but be hailed with satisfaction by all classes, especially commercial.

FOR a concise, interesting and valuable a memorandum on the "registered envelopes of Great Britain," I would refer my readers to that which appears in the July issue of *The Stamp Collectors' Journal*, by Mr. George H. Hunt, F. C. S. Every desirable information on this interesting subject is to be found in the memorandum, and I recommend a careful perusal of it by all philatelists, American ones particularly.

SOME time ago the British Houses of Parliament had before them a Bill for the suppression of the sale of forged stamps, and all accessories for producing the same; and fortunately the Bill eventually became a law. Despite this fact, however, the trafficking in forgeries still continues to an alarming extent, and the English market is at present glutted with some of the most cleverly executed, but at the same time glaring forgeries, which were ever struck off from an illicit die. Amongst the best

of these pests are the Porte de Mar stamps of Mexico, which have been glaringly falsified. To such readers as may have these stamps in their possession, I give the following details which will help them to detect the genuine from the forged. To begin with I should have mentioned that the colors of the stamps in question are black on white and colors on white. In the black set the paper is white azured, instead of white yellow, and the wording is too near the net in the oval. In the colored set there is an entire absence of lines upon the white net of the oval, which are plainly visible on the genuine specimen. In addition to this the letter "O" in the word "Mexico" is too wide instead of too narrow.

## MISTAKES OF PHILATELISTS.

The young collector who pastes his stamps down tight in his album makes a mistake.

The dealer who sent the philatelist a sheet on approval without reference and which was never returned thought the philatelist makes a mistake.

The collector who subscribed for a philatelic journal hoping to receive one of the many prizes offered subscribers was rewarded by the busting up of the paper which was regarded as a mistake both on the part of the publisher and subscriber.

The dealer who joined the A. P. A. intending to get rid of a large stock of reprint locals has made quite a success but the members say his admittance was a mistake on the part of the officials.

—E. P. NEWCOMER.

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printer. We shall use every means to  
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J. C. JAY has been expelled from the  
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THE names of three San Franciscans  
appear in the list of applications for  
membership in the "American Philate-  
lic Association" this month.

S. ALLAN TAYLOR was present at the  
convention, so say our contemporaries,  
calling attention to the days long past  
when this gentleman furnished unsus-  
pecting youngsters with counterfeits at  
low rates. However, he is no worse  
than the famous "reprinter" of New  
York who was also present and acted  
most conspicuously at the Convention.

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by Scott at fifty cents. To the tenth  
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green on white envelope of 1861. To  
the twenty-fifth subscriber, a complete  
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eth subscriber, a complete set Post  
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## The Philatelic Society of America.

THUS far the following gentlemen have been nominated for office in this Association. President, Voute, Aldrich, Fraser, Woodworth, McNamara, Samuels, Feldwisch. Vice President, Feldwisch, Voute, Massoth, Babb, Deats, Samuels. Secretary, Babb, Mitchell, Scarlett, Samuels. Treasurer, Pollard, Reimers, Mitchell, Voute, Deats, Babb, Douglas. Official Organ, INTERNATIONAL COLLECTOR, *Philatelic Review*, *American Philatelist*.

ALL nominations must be received by Nov. 10. A complete list will then appear in this paper; all sealed votes must be in the hands of the secretary pro tem before Jan. 1, on which day they will be opened by the Secretary pro tem and the report published in the INTERNATIONAL COLLECTOR for January, which will be out Jan. 15.

MR. DRURY has sent in his resignation as a member of this Association. No reason assigned.

Two new members,—E. D. Kline of Toledo, Ohio and Thos. G. Kershaw.

OUR Association cannot but be a success if all members maintain an active interest.

It is with great pleasure that I announce that at the request of many members, Mr. Voute has made arrangements so that he can withdraw his declination of the nomination for president of this Association. This cannot but give pleasure to many members.

I THANK those who have used my name for the office of secretary, but owing to my limited time and poor pen-

manship I do not feel at liberty to accept the honor. I have also been nominated for the Presidency but owing to my personal friendship with several nominees for president, I would not think of opposing them. M. V. S.

### THE LANGUAGE OF AMERICAN STAMP DEALERS.

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*G. B. Calman.*

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"I've got some Mexico rare-e-ties! Cut in half or in any other shape you may desire. Send for some."

*C. H. Mckel.*

"I am Sterling of America."

*E. B. Sterling.*

"I am the old reliable dealer."

*Wm. B. Hale*

(His etymology of the "reliable.")

re (latin) again	}	able
li (short of lie)		to lie again (and
able able		again.)

"Though I am Rechert by name, I'm jolly by nature."

*Jos. Rechert.*

"I am not green whatever you may say. What's in a name!"

*W. F. Greany.*

"All stamps guaranteed genuine. Have some Hamburg Locals?"

*J. F. Strauss.*

"I do not care for Hawaiian stamps, cancelled to order in New York. I can sell (cancel) what I have. I can do it as well as others."

*C.H. Bogart.*

"I have always been a believer in taking in revenues."

*C. G. Woodworth.*

## REVIEWS.

VOUTE still at the helm! What a welcome surprise! *Stamp Collectors' Figaro* after a vacation of three months again appears, and under the old management, the best management. Just as spicy as ever. Tremble ye culprits, ye dealers in reprints, the *Figaro* still survives!

THE September *Stamp* comes to hand filled with most interesting philatelic matter. A full report of the A. P. A. convention, Chronicle of New Issues, Canadian and Chicago notes, and last but not least, a portrait and biography of W. V. Nicholson, all combine in making this an unusually fine number.

THE contents of the *Collectors' Ledger* are of a similar quality. Mr. Wienstedt's portrait, however, is here to be found.

THE *Curiosity World*, now the *Stamp World* also contains a full report of the convention. A cover would greatly improve this paper.

THE *Badger State Philatelist* has improved. The August number contained six pages of reading matter and a large number of advertisements.

THE *Philatelic Gazette* now hails from Chicago. Messrs. Mann and Kendig, who for four years have most ably managed this paper having sold all claims to an incorporated Chicago Publishing Co., the same who it has been announced had purchased the *Stamp Collectors' Figaro*. The editors, Brodt,

Holman, and Wolsieffer, have shown what they can do in number one of the new volume. It is a well printed 16 page paper being about 10 x 8 inches, and the best quality reading matter besides. We cannot but think this number superior to any that has ever been issued.

BOTH the *American Journal of Philately* and the *Philatelic Journal of America*, besides a full account of all the convention proceedings, contain President Tiffany's address unabridged. This necessarily crowds out other philatelic matter, but, nevertheless, the current numbers of both publications are up to their average,—the number of pages having been increased.

IT is needless to say that the *Quaker City Philatelist* contains the report of the convention. All the foremost publications contain it. But it is worth remarking that an "official decree" is not visible in the current number. Has the supply suddenly become exhausted?

THE *American Philatelist* contains so complete a report of the convention that to read it is as good as to have been present. This paper never does anything by halves.

FRIEND BRADT must have a fine knowledge of matters philatelic if he expects to be able to continue providing original articles for three different papers every month. At present he is connected with the *Curiosity World*, *Philatelic Gazette*, publishes *Philatelic Monthly* and contributes occasionally to several other papers.



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Coins and stamps have many things in common, though the former is by far the nobler pursuit. History would be wanting in many of its interesting details, those, for instance, concerning the inner workings of the people or nation, if numismatists had no higher motive than the perfect formation of their cabinets in their several specialties. There may be coin collectors as there are stamp collectors, whose only ambition may seem the accumulation of pieces of copper, or silver, or gold. From these one may learn the rarity of a certain piece, or its market value, but never the cause of its origin, the motives for its change—in fine that solid information, without which, the cabinet, however rich it may be, is yet a mere plaything.

Numismatics has long been considered one of the sciences, because, uniting pleasure with study, it tends to diffuse knowledge made available to every one. Its great strength may be seen in the ancient coins—particularly those of Greece and Rome—which are an open book of the inner life of those nations. We venture to say, however, that the results now evident in numismatics would never have been obtained

if collectors gathered their specimens without a thought beyond their market value.

In stamp collecting there is no reason why similar results can not be obtained. It, too, has its selfish pride—the personal gratification of the collector, depending upon the length of his purse. Here ambition goes no further than the amassing of quantities. But there is the nobler side, and for this we have always contended.

If stamp collecting lacks that respectability which age confers, it must be remembered that the stamps themselves are but recent innovations. There is that in them which more than counterbalances this respectability and gives stamp collecting a tone at once marked and decided. It is an educator in every sense of the word, and in its curriculum embraces all the other arts and sciences. Your true student of philately looks beyond the printed or embossed impressions and though the field in which he works may be limited by the recent origin of his specimens still there is nothing to prevent him going beyond into all the past. However, if he confines himself to what is directly suggested by his collection, he will have ample material for the most elaborate study. And herein will be found that higher plane to which we invite every collector. Here will be found those incentives which make stamp collecting more than an amusing pastime, and lasting long after your collection will have been completed.

To illustrate: On the current stamps of the United States are certain portraits.

These represent certain individuals, named in the catalogues. Who they are, why they are so represented, what they have done, are natural inquiries, and lead at once to a knowledge of the history of this country. A 5c. stamp makes its appearance, and, from the stamp papers, one learns it is for postage between certain countries, and represents one of the heroes of the Mexican war. Insidiously one is led to inquire into this war, and soon learns the relations which have existed and now exist between Mexico and this country. The reasons for the use of the stamp are taken up, and one is brought face to face with certain other foreign countries. Another instance: A collector obtains a set of stamps which he is told comes from Montenegro, or perhaps Servia. Inquiries are made and history and geography come into play, to tell him where those countries are, the people inhabiting them, their importance in the political world. With renewed interest he follows their struggles for independence, and suddenly the despatches in the newspapers of the day open new regions for thought which he eagerly proceeds to lay bare, and this unceasingly and untiringly, because there is a certain pleasure behind all to urge him forward.

We might go on indefinitely in this strain, showing how the judgment is sharpened to detect the true from the false; how the taste is strengthened or cultivated in the efforts to acquire neatness and precision; how the eye is improved in its desire to attain certain effects by the proper adjustment of colors and shades; and so on through the whole scale, almost, of human knowledge.

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—Selected.

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OCT. 13, 1888. Meeting was called to order at 7. 30 P. M. by Pres. Asher. Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Board of Directors was abolished. Upon motion, a portion of the club's property was raffled. Upon motion, the secretaryship was declared vacant and Mr. E. M. Leventritt elected.

OCT. 20, '88. The meeting was called to order by Vice Pres. Meyerstein, the President being absent. Upon motion, a portion of the club's property was sold at auction.

NOV. 11, 1888. Meeting called to order by President Asher. Mr. Davis was proposed for membership and was unanimously accepted. Then election of a new staff of officers took place and Mr. Asher was unanimously elected Pres. The results of the election were as follows: Mr. Asher, President; Mr. Weil, Vice President; Mr. Sutro, Secretary; Mr. Leventritt, Treasurer; Mr. Holzheiser, Librarian. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the words in the constitution "the President must call a member to order three times before fining him" were changed to "the Pres. must call a member to order twice." The Pres. appointed a literary committee to prepare a programme for every regular meeting. The President was instructed to call a special meeting after every regular one in order to enable the club to meet every week. The meeting (after a recess) then adjourned.

—O. SUTRO, *Secretary.*

## NEW ISSUES.

From *The Philatelic World*.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC:—The new 1c. stamp will bear the effigy of Dr. Velez Sarsfield, and the 20c., Gen. Julio A. Roca. The 3c. is very well engraved. It has the head of President Celman, above which in a curve is "Republica Argentina." Below is "Tres Centavos," and in upper corners figures of value.

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COSTA RICA:—The new 5c. stamp is surcharged "Guanacaste" in black in two styles.

DANISH W. I.:—The 1 cent stamp is in yellow, green and rose.

FARIDKOT:—The stamp of the first type comes in green and in black, and the *I. B. J.* illustrates a new stamp of similar design but clearer and much better engraved. It is blue. *Le T. P.* also illustrates a new type somewhat resembling the second, 1-4a blue, two shades.

GREAT BRITAIN:—The 1-2d. band has the instructions now in four lines instead of five. The £1 stamp has now three globes for watermark.

INDIA:—A 1 rupee stamp, lithographed, and made in India, was in use from the 16th to the 31st of July.

NEW SOUTH WALES:—The 20sh. stamp bears the portraits of the Governors in 1788 and 1888. Color, ultramarine blue. The 2d. stamp has appeared. An emu is in the middle of an oval band, inscribed "One Hundred Years. Two pence." Color, blue.

ORANGE FREE STATE:—The 3d. blue has been surcharged "2d." in black.

PHILIPPINE I.:—We find two varieties of the surcharge 8c. on 2 4-8c. In one there is a period after "cent," and there is only a very faint trace of the inner line of the oval.

TUNIS:—We have received a 1 franc stamp, of same design as the others, and printed in bronze green, same as the French stamp of same value.

## ADDITIONAL REPORT P. S. of A.

MR. REIMERS has declined the nomination for Treasurer in favor of Mr. T. J. Mitchell. He also states that the *Philatelic Review*, nominated for Official Organ, is not eligible to that office, as it is published quarterly.

IN the list of charter members sent me by the former Secretary pro tem, the name of George Von Utassy, Box 575, Exeter, N. H., was omitted.

ROBERT A. SHELDON, Mobile, Ala., has become a member.

A COMPLETE list of nominations is published in this number. All members will please send their sealed ballots to me before Jan. 1, when they will be opened, and the report published in the January issue of the INTERNATIONAL COLLECTOR.

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# The Philatelic Society of America.

—OFFICIAL REPORT.—

As promised last month, a complete list of nominations for office in this Association is here given.

For President.—Messrs. Aldrich, Voute, Fraser, Feldwisch, McNamara, Woodworth and Samuels.

For Vice President.—Messrs. Deats, Massoth, J. J. Casey, Babb, Feldwisch, E. S. Engel and Samuels.

For Secretary.—Messrs. Babb, Mitchell, Scarlet, J. C. Feldwisch and Samuels.

For Treasurer.—Messrs. Pollard, Reimers, Mitchell, Voute, Deats, Babb, Douglass and Samuels.

For Official Organ.—INTERNATIONAL COLLECTOR, *Philatelic Review*, *Stamp*, *American Philatelist*, *Collector's Review*, *Stamp Collector's Figaro*.

THE following is the ticket adopted by the Black Hawk Philatelic Society, a branch of the P. S. of A.

For President	E. R. Aldrich
For Vice Pres.	Maurice V. Samuels
For Secretary	H. A. Babb
For Treasurer	T. J. Mitchell

For Official Organ—a paper published by a Literary Board consisting of three persons.

THE following gentlemen have just joined the Association. E. Harms, Box 7, Urbana, Ill., and Chas. Evans, Coalport, Clearfield Co., Pa.

No. 24's name is W. M. and not W. R. Fraser as published in the list of members.

THE letter from Mr. Babb here given explains itself.

DENVER, OCT. 30, 1888.

MR. MAURICE V. SAMUELS,

DEAR SIR,—

Your favor of the 22, duly received.

I shall be unable to reconsider my decision as my "philatelic time" for the present is more limited than ever and I shall be positively unable to devote the proper amount of care and time necessary to the faithful fulfillment of the duties of Secretary of the Philatelic Society of America.

Again thanking you and the gentlemen of the Society for the suggestion of my name for that office, I remain,

Yours very truly,

H. A. BABB,

P. S. of A. 14.

REGARDING the circulars to be sent to collectors I would say that Mr. Voute while Secretary pro tem made arrangements for the printing of all, and will send them out shortly after receipt of this complete list of nominations. I trust each member will do his best to induce collectors to join this Association as several have already done.

MR. REIMERS, writes us that Mr. Deats has withdrawn his name for Treasurer in favor of Mr. T. J. Mitchell.

COLLECTORS join the Philatelic Society of America now and be charter members. You will never have cause to regret it. Our Association will be a success. We should have at least one hundred members before Christmas.

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(See also page 35.)

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Before accepting the word however, it might be as well to ascertain whence the same high sounding term is derived.

The coiners of the word gravely inform us that "Philately" is compounded from two Greek words, one of which means a *friend* and the other *exemption from tax* and on the strength of these two words, the word "Philatelist" literally "anti-taxationist" is introduced to an enlightened community. So far, so good; in that sense, we have no objection whatever to the word "Philately," nay more we are an ardent Philatelist ourself and have a righteous contempt for income rates, special licenses, manufacturer's taxes, beer barrel stamps and other impositions as well as for the mercenary officials who impose them; but we respectfully submit that anti-taxationist and Stamp Collector are not synonymous terms, and further that not even the widest stretch of the imagination of the amateur lexicographers who coined the term can convince any sensible collector that the word "Philately," either in its derivation or its literal sense, is in any way applicable as designating the science of stamp collecting and for which purpose we will venture the remark that the word Timbrophily has hitherto been found in every way suitable without taxing either the patience of collectors or the brains (if they have any) of the pedantic egotists who coined the lovely phrase Philately.

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from sheets, is it not better than to buy package after package in the hope of obtaining certain stamps at one-fifth of a cent which would cost you only a cent apiece from sheets. In short, is it not better to obtain your common stamps—we do not mean such stuff as "continentals" but such as Egyptian etc., when you want them at a cent apiece than to wait and buy six packages, all of which probably contain stamps of similar quality and then not find what you want any way.

The above was written with an object not that of simply having something to say, but to convince a dealer that he cannot do his customers justice by selling stamps in packets, and the collector, unless he desires some stamps as a "starter," will five times out of six be disappointed in the quality of his purchases.

—SAL VADOR.

## ENGLISH PHILATELIC NOTES.

Conducted by

ROBERT MORRISON, JUN. M. A. L. A.

THE following notes on the English Post Office report were written by me for the *Philatelic Referee and Young Men's Miscellany*, the leading organ of the British Philatelic press, and are extracted therefrom.

No doubt many of my readers have read with the greatest interest, not to mention wonder, the last annual report of the British Postmaster-General, which has just been issued. Nearly the whole of the public newspapers and periodicals have published a brief summary of it, embracing the most interesting points. The report in *extenso* can be had direct from Messrs. Eyre and Spottiswoode, publishers of Parliamentary papers,

London, and I would strongly recommend all Philatelists to obtain a copy of it and carefully pursue the same. It is computed that during the year ended March 31st last, the aggregate total of letters, postcards, newspapers and parcels, which were dealt with by the British Post Office was, 2,279,532,000. In comparison with the previous year these figures show an increase of 39 per cent. It is calculated that the average number of letters, newspapers, &c., addressed to each person was 61. And yet again calculating that this vast number of missives contained *on an average* five stamps each, we have the enormous total of 11,397,660 stamps, which consequently must have been struck from the dies of British Office. Placed side by side all these stamps would reach a distance of 179,541 miles or nine times round the world. The weight of all these letters, &c., &c., was over 300,000 tons, and the total cost of transmission was between 20 and 30 million pounds.

A most important item in the report is the working of the Parcel Post Department. The number of parcels posted was 36,732,000, or an increase 11.8 per cent on the number of the previous year. As most forcible illustration of the value and use made of the Parcels Post, I may state that two large firms in London each posted at the same time, 70,000 parcels, whilst a third posted 5,000 pencils! The total postage on these parcels amounted to £1875. Something like business this, eh!

WHAT is popularly known as the "Dead Letter" Department, was called upon to deal with 13,436,500 letters, newspapers, postcards, packets and parcels. These figures, high as they are, show a decrease of 785,387, a fact which is attributed to the absence of a general election, and secondly to the progress and dissemination of education amongst the lower classes. Of the total number received 412,122 were unreturnable, whilst 25,726 were wholly unaddressed. Of the unaddressed letters 1553 contained money, cheques, etc., to the value of £7111.

THE latest departure of the British Government is in the shape of a farthing postcard, which I hear is shortly to be issued. This is most certainly a novel, and at the same time highly beneficial and useful revolution in postal matters, and England claims the

invention. I have no doubt, whatsoever, but that other countries will follow in the wake, and thus place within the reach of the poorest, the means of communication.

THE philatelic season has opened under somewhat favorable circumstances in England, and there are prospects of a good business being done. The tone of the market is decidedly healthy, and orders—retail and wholesale—are plentiful.

MESSRS. WHITFIELD, KING & CO., the great English dealers, have succeeded in bringing to a well merited justice a stamp swindle in the person of a cunning German, who by means of a well laid scheme induced Messrs. King to purchase £75 worth old Spanish stamps, which eventually turned out to be rank, but at the same time, cleverly executed forgeries. A full account of the matter can be found in the 1st volume of the *Philatelic Advertiser and Collector's Reference*.

### Preserving Entire Envelopes.

WHETHER envelopes should be collected or not, is not the province of this article to discuss. We simply propose to give a very good method for the safe keeping of the collections of those who do collect entire envelopes. This plan, while it preserves the envelopes in as good condition as any other method, at the same time guards against loss, makes reference to a collection very easy, and takes up an exceedingly small space.

The envelopes are to be kept in an

album; all those of the same size being together. Spaces, the size of the stamp, cut square are to be ruled, and the description of the envelope written in its proper place, only a margin is to be left on top, equal to the difference between the distance from the top to the bottom of the stamp cut square, and the distance from the top to the bottom of the entire envelope. A margin is also to be left on the right, equal to the difference between the distance across the stamp cut square, and the distance across the entire envelope. The lower left hand corner of each envelope is to be pasted in the album, so as to coincide with the lower left hand corner of the space devoted to it, leaving blank, of course, the spaces of those envelopes not in the possession of the collector.

—S. A. M.

### Government Reprints.

THE following distinctions will make it easy to detect a government reprint of the old U. S. stamps.

1857.—Originals are perforated 15½ and on tinted paper; reprints 12 on white paper.

Eagle Stamp.—Originals are unperforated; reprints perforated 12—difference in paper as in 1857 issue.

1861-5.—Originals grilled and also ungrilled; reprints are not grilled. Gum of originals is brownish, while that of reprints is white and cracks.

1869.—Originals were grilled; reprints not so. But some claim that originals may be found ungrilled also. However, in any case, a grilled is preferable to an ungrilled variety.

### Boys in the Stamp Trade.

THE boys want to try a hand in the stamp business. Why should they not? But we do not want them to lose their invested capital and become disgusted with stamps and give up all further interest in them. So we must warn them of the shoals, and help them along when aground.

Boys, however, cannot be taught the business as they would a trade. In the stamp business, much depends on natural quickness and ability to make the best of a situation. We cannot stand behind and whenever a rare chance to purchase at favorable rates turns up, bid them be watchful. We can simply start them on the voyage, advise them of the known harbors and shoals, and then to be successful, they must discover terrestrial paradises, or on the other hand, must keep a sharp eye for squalls.

Parents must start them or their own savings may suffice. We can only give the advice,—subscribe for at least one good philatelic paper. You will learn of frauds, and what is also necessary, you will gain a good idea of what certain stamps bring and who has quantities. This is of vast importance. You cannot buy safely unless you know what is in various hands. No dealer will inform you, but you can certainly judge if a person has quantities on hand by noting how often the same "ad" appears. Furthermore you must keep informed of new issues as fast as they appear. Perhaps you have a friend in Hungary. A new set appears—write for a few of each kind and you can get good rates for the "novelties." In a few years, the stamps are almost valueless. Another thing—advertise. It is

indispensable. Your sales quickly double if you have something to sell at a low rate and let all know it. Few can afford to issue lists, and then if you do, it is necessary to keep quantities of quoted stamps in stock at all times.

Enter into foreign exchange. In America, we have abundant opportunity to secure good South American stamps at low rates. There is a big demand for them in Europe. Many European dealers advertise in our papers desiring to enter into exchange with those having quantities of S. American at wholesale rates. Answer the "ad." Give reference, and request a trial consignment of good stamps at wholesale rates, promising to send them stamps desired in return. Note the prices of stamps that are sent you. If they are above market rates, price yours accordingly. Your exchange if systematically carried on will prove profitable. You will have good variety in stock which is far preferable to having quantities of one kind.

And now for a few final hints. Register all exchange packets and preserve receipts. Always prepay fully all letters. Use embossed envelopes when possible and you will oblige your correspondent who will soon return the favor. Never send out a counterfeit even if such are sent to you. Return them and request in future genuine stamps or declare you will not continue to exchange. Certainly not much benefit can be gained from the above, but it may encourage parents to allow their boys to engage in the business if they so desire, feeling sure, as they well may, that in a surprisingly short space of time, their boys will have gained a practical experience in the art of buying and selling which will prove of advantage to those desiring when older to enter some mercantile pursuit.

—M. A.

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Præcognita. (See page 46.)

PAPER deteriorating? Reprinting to fill up? No sir—e—e! None of that in this office. Want to know the truth? Well, the philatelists of to-day who do write for ye papers, for the most part don't know how, and those who have the ability, do not employ it, but prefer to retire upon laurels won years ago. So our papers are now filled with witticisms and criticisms that teach the beginners nothing, or simply tell them to buy an album, "puffing" the publishers thereof, and other information they knew long before. Hence our novel plan of reprinting articles from the old philatelic papers; and the plan is novel

in so much as few admit that they do sometimes reprint. But we need not reprint from ye papers of to-day, for our object is to *teach* not amuse the collectors. A sensible description of varieties, etc., is preferable to interesting notes. If you do not think so we regret it, for we endeavor to please, but we intend in this to use our discretion, and trust that our assignment of one page space each month to old articles may prove what we wish it to be—useful and finally popular.

## The Philatelic Society of America.

—OFFICIAL REPORT.—

THE complete list of nominations is as follows. Those whose names are in italics have declined.

For President.—Messrs. Voute, Fraser, Aldrich, *Samuels*, Feldwisch, Woodworth, Deats and *McNamara*.

For Vice President.—Messrs. Deats, *Samuels*, Massoth, *J. J. Casey*, *Babb*, Mitchell, E. S. Engel and Feldwisch.

For Secretary.—Messrs. *Babb*, Mitchell, Scarlett, J. C. Feldwisch and *Samuels*.

For Treasurer.—Messrs. Pollard, *Reimers*, Mitchell, *Samuels*, Voute, *Deats*, *Babb* and *Douglass*.

For Official Organ.—INTERNATIONAL COLLECTOR, *Philatelic Review*, "Stamp" "American Philatelist," *Collector's Review*, "Stamp Collector's Figaro."

Votes *must* be in by Jan. 1.

THE Black Hawk Philatelic Society, Branch 1 of P. S. of A., is sending out circulars on its own account. Almost all the members of this Society will soon be enrolled on our list. That's the way things should be done.

—MAURICE V. SAMUELS, *Sec. pro tem.*  
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## PRÆCOGNITA.

From "Stamp World," 1833.

### A FEW FACTS NOT GENERALLY KNOWN.

THERE are two varieties of the 1 peseta Spain 1876. The common variety has the numeral 1 in the blocks at the lower angles considerably thicker than are those in the other, whilst the letters forming the word Peseta are thinner.

NAPLES  $\frac{1}{2}$  Tornese arms and cross— Both are made from the plate of the  $\frac{1}{2}$  grans. In the case of the  $\frac{1}{2}$  tornese, arms, the only alteration (color excepted) is that of the G. to a T. This has not been perfectly done, and the G. in all genuine stamps has a blotched appearance. The  $\frac{1}{2}$  tornese, cross, was formed from the plate of the former, by the erasure of the central arms. Both stamps are very rare.

THE 15 rappen Rayon III stamps of Switzerland were engraved on stone in in two rows of five each, each stamp differing from the others in some minute details, and transfers were taken from this engraving. The letters RP. were then effaced and replaced by the letters C4S., so that the same varieties in the design are formed in the centime series as in the rappen series.

It was in Austria, on the 1st of October, 1869, that the first postal card appeared, and on the following 1st of November, Hungary enjoyed the same advantage. Germany adopted them in July 1870.

THE 1861 Austrian envelope series present a curious error in the shape of the 5 Kr. struck in yellow, and after-

wards, as a correction, with an impression struck over it in red.

THE first issue of Bergedorf stamps appeared in November, 1861, and were in use but eleven days. The rare and the common Bergedorfs are one and all from the same dies, and the slightest variation from the common type is damnatory.

STAMPED letter sheets were issued by the United States on the 1st August, 1861, and their issue discontinued in April, 1864. These stamped letter and note sheets are very scarce, and entire copies are almost unattainable.

THE common 15 cent stamp of Italy surcharged 20c. in the corners, has had many adventures in its day. It was originally stamped of a pale sky-blue tint. The Italian government wished a darker shade, and gave the printers instructions to that effect. An accident happened to the matrix and the flaw was concealed by means of four small white dots on the sides of the oval frame. We thus have four varieties, pale blue, dark blue, with the two white dots on each side, and the provisional 20c.

CHEMICAL action is solely responsible for the bluish tint which is found on the Barbados Britannia, the Ceylon 6d., the Chili 5c., the Cape 1d., the Great Britain 1d., the early Mauritius, &c.

THE early Prince Edward Island stamps were engraved by Charles Whiting of London, and were authorized by George Dundas Esq., Lieut. Governor in 1860. They were issued Jan. 1st, 1861.

## REVIEWS.

THE review column of modern philatelic papers has become a medium for the exchange of taffy with each other. Such a column is of no possible use to the collector, so we have decided to publish the contents of philatelic papers instead, believing that it will be of much greater value. Of course, we have not room for the complete contents of each paper, so only those articles useful for reference are mentioned.

*American Philatelist*—November.  
Philadelphia, Pa.

List of foreign envelopes—Germany.  
Gov't. postal issues Confederate states.  
Postage stamps of Greece.  
Revenue Stamp Tax Laws.  
Bogert, Sellschopp & Evanson Reprints.  
Official Reports, etc.

*Stamp Collector's Figaro*—October.  
Chicago, Ill.

Plate numbers of British stamps.  
Stamps of the Confederacy.

*Collector's Ledger*—November.  
Bloomfield, N. J.

Portrait & Biography of H. A. Reuss.  
Stamps of S. Bulgaria & E. Roumelia.

*Collector's Magazine*—October.  
Patterson, N. J.

Report of C. P. A.  
Philatelist's Guide.

*Quaker City Philatelist*—November.  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Historical summary of the Post Office in Scotland.

*Plain Talk*—November.  
New York, N. Y.

Philatelic Department—Davison.

*Philatelic Gazette*—November.  
Chicago, Ill.

Organization of the A. P. A.  
Patent Medicine Stamps. Open letter No. 2.  
Full account of a stamp swindle of to-day.  
Gadsen on Reprints.  
Auction Sale Report.

*Stamp World*—November.  
Lake Village, N. H.

Portrait & Biography of Henry Hechler.  
Proxy System.

*American Journal of Philately*—Nov.  
New York, N. Y.

History of Postage Stamps of all nations—U. S. Locals.  
Watermarks—Hollick.  
Postal Card Catalogue—illustrated.

*United States Philatelist*—November.  
Calmar, Iowa.

"Wander" on Revenues.  
Revised list of philatelic monthlies (very complete and useful.)

*Stamp*—November.  
Denver, Colo.

Portrait & biography of Henry Gremmel.  
"Phoenix" on a Literary Exchange.  
American Philatelic Press Association.

Wholesale price-lists.

G. B. Calman—Nov.

Geo. F. Calf & Co.—'88-9.

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The California Philatelic Association has had no meetings since our last issue, so no report is published.



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"How many special delivery letters are handled in a good month?"

"That can be learned by looking over the records. For instance we'll start back in February, 1887, when 3,276 letters passed through the special delivery. In February, 1888, 3,443 letters were delivered, while last August the quantity had grown to 4,031 pieces. Of this number 2,427 were received from other cities, and 1,604 were local letters."

—S. F. E.

### PRÆCOGNITA.

From the "American Journal of Philately," 1876.

### THE REPRINTED (?) UNITED STATES STAMPS.

The U. S. Government having sanctioned the issue of what it is pleased to call "specimens" of its obsolete postage stamps for sale at face value, I think a few words of caution may not be amiss. So far as stamp collecting is concerned, the majority of these stamps are worthless reprints, and the others being from new dies, are counterfeits (or at least

would be so called if emanating from a private source) so that exactly where the specimens come in I cannot see. To take up the stamps in their order:

#### 1847 ISSUE.

The stamps of this issue, now offered for sale, are evidently from new dies; and as I prefer to call things by their right names, I shall in the following descriptions designate them by the term "counterfeits."

The counterfeits are considerably shorter, but wider than the genuine; in fact the difference (in length particularly) is so great as to be noticeable upon even a cursory examination.

Another striking feature is the prominence given to all foliage, and other ornamental work, which is brought out very much more boldly than in the genuine.

Upon careful examination, almost innumerable minute differences will be found to exist in the engraving, but they are generally impossible to describe, and I must therefore content myself with a brief mention of a few of the more important ones which will serve as tests.

#### FIVE CENTS.

##### COUNTERFEIT.

The figure 5 is on the left hand further from the bottom than the *right hand* one.

##### GENUINE.

No important difference in this respect.

The hair on the right side of Franklin's head (*i.e.* the left side of the stamp) is rather straggling, and one lock in particular

The hair is compact, and no stray locks are noticeable.

(about on a line with the eyes) is distinctly separated from the rest of the hair, so that daylight can be seen between.

The left side of Franklin's mouth stops abruptly with a dot; and distinctly separated from it, is another dot, giving the appearance of two moles or dimples.

The right eye is in proportion with the left.

The top line defining the shirt bosom reaches the oval frame almost opposite the centre of the top of the F of FIVE.

#### TEN CENTS.

The circle noted in the counterfeit does not exist.

There is a very small line finishing Washington's cravat just above the inside black line surrounding the disk.

Washington's lips are

The mouth is a veritable *meat-trap* apparently elongated into his left cheek by some fault of the engraver.

The right eye seems to possess an unusual quantity of white space beneath the pupil.

It reaches the frame almost opposite the top of *figure 5*.

Near the end of the hair on the left side of Washington's face, one of the curls forms a *very minute white circle with black centre*.

This line is absent so that the cravat reaches to the edge of the disk.

They are very

not unusually thick. thick.

The right side of the collar is shaded by several lines, but is plainly distinguishable from the coat. It is so heavily shaded as to be barely distinguishable.

(To be continued.)

#### REPRINTS.

REPRINTS is the philatelic topic of the day, and we are glad that it is so. Too long we have endured the traffic in this trash. Perhaps some valuable proofs as to who sells them may come out in the discussion on reprints. If so we are amply repaid for any trouble in writing on the matter. In the A. P. A., it seems, all hope of putting down the reprint must be abandoned for the present. One of the board is known to sell reprints or to share the profits derived by the sale thereof. Surely he will not attempt to ruin his own business. The reprint is worse than the counterfeit. Against the latter, we have some protection, such as watermarks, workmanship and sundry trifling yet important variations in design. How can we detect the reprint unless by accident it is on different paper, in changed shade or has different gum from the originals? A counterfeit is never a *perfect* copy of a genuine stamp, but a reprint generally may be in all respects the same.

So to guard against reprints, we must keep a suspicious eye on all believed to trade in them and require a written guarantee with all doubtful stamps. In the Philatelic Society of America, the officers will probably be collectors and as such all precautions possible will they take against reprints and we trust it may be our boast that in the Society there is not one person who would defraud a collector by the sale of those worse than imitation stamps.

—M. A.

## REVIEWS.

*Philatelic Beacon*—January.  
Newton, Mass.

How Government Stamped Envelopes are made.

Mail Service, XII. Century—Heinsberger.

*Stamp Collector*—December.  
Ottawa, Ill.

Mail Forwarding System in Interior China.

Canadian Law Registration Stamps.

*American Philatelist*—December.  
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Government Postal Issues of Confederate States—Evans.

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Official Reports, etc.

*Philatelic Press*—December.  
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How to Describe a Stamp.

*Stamp*—December.  
Denver, Col.

Portrait and Biography of C. F. Rothfuchs.

Specialism vs. Dealer—Roberts.

*Alabama Philatelist*—November.  
Mobile, Ala.

*Wanderer on Locals.*

Weeks' Supply of Stamps—(our old issues.)

*Halifax Philatelist*—November.  
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American rapid telegraph Co.'s stamps.

Mr. Hechler's Vindication (charges of *Collector's Standard*).

Watermarked Stamps of Canada.

Official Report C. P. A.

Chalmer-Hill Controversy—Hooper.

*American Journal of Philately*—Dec.  
New York, N. Y.

History of Postage Stamps of all nations. U. S. Locals—Scott.

Watermarks—Hollick.

*Philatelic World*—December.  
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St. Louis, Mo.

Major Evans' Catalogue German States.

U. S. Proprietary Stamps—Williams.

U. S. Stamped Envelopes (illustrated) 78-9—Mekeel.

Merchants' line telegraph stamp letters.

Bokhara Stamps—Letters.

*Quaker City Philatelist.*  
Philadelphia, Pa.

List of Russian District stamps—Lynde.

A New Discovery (Local Bloods).

Mr. Voute has issued a circular stating that the *Figaro* will appear in January '89, and thereafter we will regularly see it. Welcome back again but don't come unless to spend a reasonable extent of time with us.

*Canadian Philatelic Journal*, subscription gratis, now hails from St. Catharines, Ont. It is little more than an advertising medium for dealers. As such it is of value to collectors. It consists of four (9 x 11) pages. H. E. French publishes it.

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**S**OMETHING has at last been accomplished that is of untold importance to collectors.

The reprint question has won the attention of the leading collectors and now different views of the subject are being brought to light by various individuals. With very few exceptions we all seem opposed to the reprint, and these exceptions are mostly dealers whose finances would suffer severely in case the sale of these stamps becomes discouraged. For with the reprint will probably go all the trash, the

Corea, the Monacos, the foreign locals, etc. These are of no more real philatelic value than those stamps reprinted by money loving governments.

Mr. Bogert of New York has always condemned them and is now particularly energetic in raising objections to these pests. Major Evans is on the right side. He opposes them. Mr. Sellschopp of this city has written a very useful and at the same time interesting letter against the reprint. Mr. Mekeel of St. Louis also takes that stand. "*Figaro Voute*" pitches into them still. Many others are interested in the matter but almost all are on the side of Bogert, Evans and other anti-reprinters.

The A. P. A. having at the last convention decided that reprints should not be allowed to circulate on their sheets unmarked, still make an exception in favor of those of our own government. In fact, a short time ago a reprinted 90c., 1869 brought \$2 or thereabouts at auction. And for our own part we are inclined to make an exception in favor of the reprinted early issues of the U. S. U. S. reprints that are available for postage were, by the government at the request of collectors, sold at face value and are not controlled by dealers.

On the other hand, the reprints of foreign countries, such as the stamps of Bergedorf, Heligoland, etc., are reprinted from *plates in the hands of dealers*, are sold at less than face value, are not receivable for postage in their respective countries and here have neither a face nor a philatelic value.

It is evident that reprints have had their day and no matter what havoc the action makes in our completed sets, it is our duty to our fellow-collectors to remove the stamps and brand them "reprint" indelibly across the back.

# The Philatelic Society of America.

—OFFICIAL REPORT.—

ALL is ready. The complete list of nominations contains excellent names to select a board of officials from. We have not yet one hundred members, but the number will rapidly increase after all is settled and affairs are in working order. Some will then regret not having joined as charter members. Do the next best thing and join at an early date. All fair-minded collectors are invited to join.

WILL those who have not yet paid their initiation fee of twenty five cents, please remit at once. Only the votes of those who have paid will be counted.

MR. VON UTASSY has been proposed for the Secretaryship since the last report.

VOUTE writes that the *Stamp Collector's Figaro* is not in the field for official organ.

IN the next number of this paper will be published the full account of the election of officers.

OWING to a delay occasioned in the mailing of circulars, a number of members have asked that the time for voting be extended until January 15, 1889, at which date all votes in the hands of the Secretary will be counted, and the result made known in the January issue of the INTERNATIONAL COLLECTOR.

All joining now will be considered charter members, and may take part in

the first election of officers of this association.

MR. MASSOTH has declined to accept the nomination for the Secretaryship.

The name, Geo. R. Hawley, Round Grove, Ill., should be Geo. P. Hawley, Suspension Bridge, N. Y. The change should have been made before, but was inadvertently neglected.

SINCE a complete list of members appeared in the August number, the following have been added.

- 51 A. Harms, Box 7, Urbana, Ill.
- 52 Chas. Evans, Coalport, Clearfield Co., Pa.
- 53 Robt. A. Sheldon, Mobile, Ala.
- 54 J. R. Moreland, Mobile, Ala.
- 55 E. H. Harms, Box 7, Urbana, Ill.
- 56 C. O. Grotjan, Rock Island, Ill.
- 57 A. Copp, Rock Island, Ill.
- 58 Silas Reed, Taunton, Mass.
- 59 H. G. Copp, Rock Island, Ill.
- 60 Ernest C. Bonner, Alameda, Cal.
- 61 B. L. Drew, 122 Oxford St., Cambridge, Mass.
- 62 G. W. Cross, Box 570, N. Brookfield, Mass.
- 63 F. L. Harris, Box 570, N. Brookfield, Mass.
- 64 W. H. Freeman, Mt. Juliet, Tenn.
- 65 George Washburn, 1418 California St., San Francisco, Cal.

—MAURICE V. SAMUELS, *Sec. pro tem.*  
713 Post St., San Francisco, Cal.

## California Philatelic Association.

The California Philatelic Association has taken a holiday vacation, so no record of its meetings appear.

## PHILATELIC NOTES.

ALL five values of the Austrian issue of 1860 exist on thick, thin and laid paper.

All the stamps of the 1866 issue of Egypt may be found perforated, unperforated and perforated horizontally also.

By the term "perforated 13" is meant not that there are 13 perforations on the side of a stamp, but that number is found within the space of two centimetres, and under *all* circumstances perforations on the *side* of the stamp are counted.

There are two varieties of the 2c. postal of the United States. One is on pale buff, the other on rose paper.

In Great Britain, any person ordering stamps to the value of four or five hundred dollars, at one time, may have his initials perforated in the stamps. This is to prevent the sale of stolen stamps. The same is often found in the stamps of English colonies.

*Tete-Beche* is a term applied to two stamps, an unsevered pair, one of which is printed upside down.

Special Delivery stamps will not become scarce for some time after they go out of use, since there are so many collectors saving up quantities of these stamps.

Foreign dealers offer lower prices for rare United States than do American dealers.

One rarely sees an article on Forgeries in current magazines. In the early days of philately, no large philatelic paper thought of neglecting this sub-

ject. Watermarks, too, are not now appreciated by the philatelic press.

"Wanderer" is doing his "level best to boom" revenues. Revenues are all right out here, but do not try to advocate "Locals." It won't work! And surely there is more than enough variety in *postage* stamps to let others alone. But we are patriotic here and will keep all Uncle Sam gives us, provided no New Yorkers aid him.

Mr. Bradt must I believe leave Chicago owing to poor health. Come right out here. California is the best place in the world for a sick philatelist. He soon regains his health through our delightful climate and his bank account through our many free-handed collectors. Moreover, San Francisco is the place to get rare varieties.

The Philatelic Society of America is being badly represented by the Eastern stamp papers. When this society is an equal of the A. P. A. then upon its being asked "who started the affair" don't all talk at once. The *Stamp* may as well destroy that "pigeon-holed obituary notice."

Carter accuses Kinzer of fraud in the stamp trade, sending stamps of no value in exchange for good ones. Carter, how is your own record? Have you never done the same thing?

Who wrote "As You Like It" in the *Minnesota Philatelist*? He advises young ladies, graduating from school, to collect stamps, and then *time would not hang so heavy on their hands*. No! I guess not. Certainly not, if young gentlemen philatelists should desire to visit young lady philatelists just to exchange stamps and—

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| 1 piece Big Tree Bark.    | 20 " Black Eyes.           |
| 1 Purple Sea Urchin.      | 1 Specimen petrified wood. |
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FOR the advanced collector, no advice on this really important matter is necessary. His knowledge of stamps and his experience will at once suggest to his mind some especially admirable mode of arranging his treasures. But to the beginner, a few remarks are not out of place. We will suppose, as is probable, that he has no knowledge of stamps. Now to gain this, he will require both a printed album and a catalogue; the one to impress on his mind the stamps that exist, the other to gradually teach him their respective values.

A printed album acts in this manner. The collector adds to a set, stamp by stamp. Of course he remembers which he has already, and what he needs will be impressed on his mind by the gaps in the line. Thus he learns in a short time what stamps are easily found, which are scarce, and which are the most desirable to improve his collection. By the use of a priced catalogue, which he should continually consult, he will unconsciously acquire a knowledge of the selling prices of stamps that will enable him to readily seize opportunities to secure rarities at low rates in exchange and purchase. Thus by using a printed album, one's philatelic information should be partly obtained.

Now that such is acquired, the printed album should be dispensed with. The collector is limited to too small a sphere. He may desire to collect all the stamps of a certain country, but the inexorable printed album finds no space for revenues or oddities. What shall he do? Paste them in the margin, marring the appearance of his page? Or, on the other hand, suppose he does not collect certain stamps, such as our own Locals, must he see four pages without a stamp affixed thereto, and make his collection look incomplete?

In a blank album, or on cardboard sheets, these obstacles are overcome. He can collect what he likes, have no vexatious blank for some unobtainable variety, see no beautiful engraving by the side of a coarse woodcut, and finally feel himself confined to a commonplace arrangement of his stamps. He may mount his stamps in fanciful designs, thereby improving the appearance of a set. He may decorate a page with colors—in short may make a small collection of stamps more pleasing to the observer than a large but poorly arranged one. Blank albums can be obtained at the cost of printed ones. Cardboard sheets may be purchased for very little. Drawing implements are low priced. Only time and care is necessary to mount your collection and what philatelist does not bestow both on his beloved collection.

—SAL VADOR.

## PRÆCOGNITA.

THE REPRINTED (?) UNITED STATES  
STAMPS.

(Continued from: last number.)

There is one other difference which I may also mention, it being common to both values. I refer to the small letters at the very bottom of the stamp, just inside the line which encloses the entire design. They can be comparatively easily made out on the originals (especially the 10c.); while on the counterfeits they are smaller and almost illegible, and on the 5c. particularly are little more than specks.

I now take up the reprinted stamps of the subsequent issues, for which the old dies were found and used. Consequently no differences exist in the engraving (except perhaps some very minute ones in the 1857 issue, of which some values are said to be made from new plates, made from the original matrix), but the paper, printing, perforation, and gum are dissimilar from the originals, and it is by these details that the worthless reprints are detected.

## 1851 ISSUE.

The stamps issued from 1851-6 were imperforate, and these have not been reprinted.

## 1857 ISSUE,

was identical in design with the foregoing, but the stamps were perforated. In the originals the perforation is on the scale of  $15\frac{1}{2}$  per two centimetres, in the reprints it is 12. This test will of itself suffice, though if it be not enough I may mention that the reprints are on white paper, whereas the originals are on decidedly tinted paper.

## EAGLE (Carrier) STAMP.

The originals are always imperforate; the reprints are perforate; the reprints are perforate 12 per two centimetres. The paper differs as in the 1857 issue.

## 1861-65 ISSUE.

These stamps were issued in two ways, first with a smooth surface, and afterwards with a small gridiron pattern (*grille*) embossed on the centre of each stamp, for the purpose of making it more difficult to remove the cancelling mark. The reprints are without the *grille*; and approach so closely to the originals, that collectors should be very cautious in accepting any specimens. The best test is the gum as explained further on.

## 1869 ISSUE.

The originals *all* had the *grille*, the reprints have not.

*Newspaper Stamps of 1865.*

The reprints are almost impossible to detect from the originals, and I am at a loss to give any test. If any thing they (the reprints) have been too carefully worked, and the design stands out too clearly especially, on the 10ct.

*General Remarks.*

In addition to the tests given above, there is one which may apply to all the issues. On original copies of the 1857 issue the gum was decidedly brownish, Eagle stamp ditto, and 1861 issue was generally brownish especially the stamps without the *grille*.

## 1869-70

issues the gum varied from decidedly brownish to almost white. On the 1861-9 issues of the reprints (as also on the "eagle") simple gum arabic seems to

have been used, the color being perfectly white; furthermore, if the stamps are bent at all, the gum *cracks*, which is in no case true with the originals. The 1847, 1857, and 1870 issues of the reprints are not gummed at all.

COLOR.

The following are among the more noticeable points of resemblance and difference, 1857—3 cents reprints approaches a red orange, the originals are red to red brown. The 1-5-10-12c. are too light. The 24c. is too dark, 1861, many differences exist in the colors. The 3 and 30c. are too dark. Any one having a proof set of this issue cannot be for a moment deceived, as exactly the same shades are reproduced on the reprints. 1869. The colors are very good.

Eagle Stamp. In the originals the color is dull blue, while in the reprints is clear dark blue.

## The Philatelic Society of America.

—OFFICIAL REPORT.—

THE result of the election is as follows:

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INTERNATIONAL COLLECTOR	- - -	32
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I AM surprised at the small number of votes cast. Less than half of the members have voted. Is this not a poor showing?

ALL the ballots, communications, etc., will at once be forwarded to the elected Secretary to whom in the future all letters should be addressed.

A CONSTITUTION for this society will probably be submitted to the members either at the first convention, or will be published in the Official Organ.

THE next report published will be that of Mr. Beardsley which will probably be in the February number. Mr. Beardsley's address is 422 North 7th St., St. Joseph, Mo.

—MAURICE V. SAMUELS, *Sec. pro tem.*  
713 Post St., San Francisco, Cal.

SOME VARIETIES IN STAMPS.

The 1854, 10c. stamp of the Dutch Indies is said to exist perforated and unperforated. The same may be said of the '75, 2 and 2½c. and the 15c. Unpaid Letter stamp,

The 1d Bahamas exists unwatermarked and unperforate, while the 1, 4, and 6d, perforated, has been found unwatermarked.

The 1861, 1 kr., Baden is known perforate 10 and 13½.

The 1863 issue of Austria—2 sizes of perforation 14 and 9½—both are quite common.

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list is the longer or if of equal length,  
both will get a prize.

### Philatelic Society of America.

THE election of officers for the first  
year as given on another page, shows a  
unanimity of sentiments among collect-  
ors that enables us to have high hopes  
of the Society's future. The elected  
officers are almost unanimously chosen  
and if the members will only maintain  
their interest and good will, we may  
hope to see the Philatelic Society of  
America in another year, not a rival of  
the American Philatelic Association,  
but earnestly co-operating with it.  
There are many who err in supposing  
there is no need of another national  
society beside the American Philatelic  
Association, but let us ask whether col-  
lectors who have not yet attained the  
age of seventeen are of no value to the

philatelic community? Does it make no difference whether they may be well versed philatelists so long as they are below the requisite age? Why are dealers so anxious to keep *boys* out of the American Philatelic Association? Why? Because the boys are good customers and if they belong to such a society, they have opportunity to purchase at wholesale and to exchange—a bad thing for dealers. So if they keep boys from having a vote when they join the American Philatelic Association, why should boys desire to become members? Moreover, the American Philatelic Association is not simple enough in its various departments. In the exchange department one cannot get returns in less than three months, too long a time; nor can one risk removing valuable stamps from exchange sheets. He may send out good low priced stamps, and feeling sure of good sales he may remove many dollars' worth. Three months later accounts are settled; he receives back the stamps he sent out and must pay cash for those removed. In short, the affairs are too complex. So there *is* need of another Society and the Philatelic Society of America will *fill* the want.

IN regard to the honor conferred on us in the election to one of the most important offices at the disposal of the members of this promising society, we can only say since we have never had much practice at speech-making, that we heartily thank all the gentlemen who have shown their confidence in us by voting as they did, and we will fill the office to the best of our ability,

trusting that the manner in which the same is performed may meet with the approbation of all. Then too, the INTERNATIONAL COLLECTOR having been chosen as Official Organ will do its utmost for the welfare of the Philatelic Society of America, and thus show that its owners appreciate the distinction bestowed on it.

## REVIEWS.

JUDGING from the few January issues of our contemporaries received as yet, it is to be assumed that the printers to say the least, or possibly the editors, have not yet recovered from the holiday celebrations. Consequently our list is unusually short, but if we credit the different promises of "mammoth New Year issues," the space usually accorded will be in no proportion to that necessary for a list of the contents next month.

*American Journal of Philately*—Jan.  
New York, N. Y.

History of Postage Stamps of all nations. U. S. Locals—Scott. (Hussey—Moody, alphabetically arranged.)

Proofs and Essays—Tiffany.

Olla Podrida—Corwin.

Stamps of U. S. Sanitary Fair—Scott.

Postal Card Catalogue. [This is continued from last month but we inadvertently omitted to mention it.]

*Philatelic World*—January.

New York, N. Y.

Postal Card Catalogue—Roumania to Turkey inclusive.

THE *Alabama Philatelist* has added a very neat cover. Number two is quite an improvement over its predecessor.

## STAMP COLLECTORS OF CALIFORNIA.

It has occurred to us that a description of some of the fine collections of California might be the means of gaining for this state a recognition of the place it is entitled to among the philatelic states of America. With this purpose in view, a series of questions was sent to different collectors who have already returned answers to the same. A collection or two will be described each month. Mr. Bogart was the first to respond to our request and we are glad that such was the case for we believe his can justly claim the first place among the collections of the Golden State.

—C. H. BOGART.—

THIS gentleman who has long been known as one of our most enterprising and successful stamp dealers started his own collection in 1884. With almost unprecedented rapidity, his collection has increased and now numbers over 16,400 varieties. Of course this magnificent collection includes shades and varieties of perforation, but what advanced collector ignores these varieties and yet how few can exhibit that number of stamps. And Mr. Bogart's collection is mounted so admirably that one who has the pleasure of viewing the collection can scarcely decide whether the stamps or the arrangement pleases him the more.

His United States are a pleasure to look at; his envelopes being especially worthy of note, for out of his magnificent stock of varieties, Mr. Bogart in-

variably retains the best of each kind for his collection.

The Hawaiian sheets are enough to make the observer turn away from envy. Rarity after rarity may be seen.

Guadalajara, at the time we saw the collection, was about complete,—no, one we believe was missing.

Among the rare errors may be mentioned the 1866 Brazil 20rs. violet on green paper.

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Among those he particularly desires to obtain are

Dominican Republic—1862-5—all.

Tobago—£1 violet.

Bolivia—1867, 5c. violet, 10c. brown, 100c. green; 1876, 50 and 100c. blue.

In the next number will be given the description of another collection, but we doubt whether another as fine as this can be found in California.

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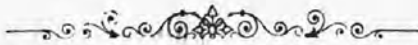
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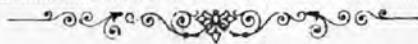
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unperforated stamp—leave such acts to ye dealers.) You must admit it is a distinct variety and hence entitled to a place in your collection.

Sixth—You claim that oddities are often due to the desire of dealers, or something to that effect, but has it never occurred to you that if a dealer has sufficient influence with "ye powers that rule" to cause the existence of an "error," they could also insure annual issues of stamps of high facial value, such as is the case with 10 pesos stamps of Bolivia? That would prove just as profitable.

Seventh—There is an objection made by young collectors that requires but a few words to dispel. It is "there is no place in the album for them." Do you collect no new issues because the publishers of your album did not foresee their emission and provide space? There is always some blank space in the album; so rule squares for the rarities.

Eighth—"It is too late now. It might have done if I had commenced sooner, but now—now I will not try to get the errors." It is *not* too late. There is quite a chance that your duplicates contain some oddity in watermark, in perforation, in design. If you have two of the rarities, have the duplicate valued and offer it in exchange for scarce stamps. In regard to the value of oddities, I illustrate by calling attention to the fact that while a block of 4 unused 1869, 24c. stamps is worth about six or eight dollars, the same with picture inverted was sold some time ago for two hundred dollars to a gentleman in New York.

At the present moment I can think of no other reasons that might be given against the collecting of errors and oddities, but if any reader can produce others, I would be pleased to have an opportunity to attempt to convince him of their fallacy, for can an intelligent collector deny that errors in general are issued by the government, available for postage, different in design from those usually seen, and in fact—*collectible*?

—SAL VADOR.

The chief points of difference between the "rejected die" and the common two cent green envelope stamp are:

Common	Rejected die
G of "Postage" thus <b>G</b>	Without cross bar thus <b>G</b>
I of "United" directly above point in inner oval.	above <i>space</i> between two points.
Letters shorter and thicker.	letters rather thin and long.

The 1869, 24c. was printed in two impressions and thus mistakes chanced to happen. The inner portion was inverted. The 1882 Guatemala set is known to exist in a like form, but the oddities are not nearly as valuable as the U. S. [Editor.

What in the world is it thought we when a 128-page magazine made its appearance in the "sanctum." The wrapper is opened. What! The *Philatelic Journal of America*—we needed not to open it to form an opinion. Happy Mekeel, his enterprise must win success! And when we turned the leaves, the "Illustrated Review of American Stamp Trade," articles by Tiffany, Corwin, Evans, Mitchell, Gregory, Bogart, and others. Biography and portrait of Major Evans and numerous items of interest. This January issue is finer than any philatelic paper ever before published.

## PRÆCOGNITA.

From the "Foreign-Stamp Collectors' Journal," Sept., 1880.

## THE REGISTERED ENVELOPES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

THE 1st of January, 1878, witnessed the inauguration of a new departure in the history of postage envelopes: the issue by the British Post Office of an envelope designed for Registered Letters. The Postal authorities not knowing how this new idea would find favor with the public, at first only issued an experimental or provisional envelope, which however was rapidly followed by the issue of a permanent design, the public having, by the support they gave to the first issue, shown their appreciation of the value of the idea. The envelopes in shape are of the kind known as "Pockets," that is the flap is at one end instead of (as in the ordinary envelope) at the side. The stamp, of the value of 2d., (which represents, however, only the charge for registration; the postage being paid by attaching other stamps to the envelope) is impressed on the flap. There are two types of the stamp:—Type 1, which characterises the first issue; and Type 2, the permanent design. I will give details of the design later on.

On the front of the envelope, at the top, are printed the necessary instructions. At first these instructions only occupied a single line; later on they were extended, and made to take up two lines. Below the instructions, and on the left of the envelope, is an oblong space, with the word "Registered." In the later issues a rectangle, with in-

structions as to placing the stamp, was placed in the upper angle of the envelope. The details of all these points I will deal with later on.

Across the back and front of the envelope are drawn two lines at right angles to each other. The whole impression is printed in blue, and the envelopes are lined with a thin coarse calico. My study of these envelopes leads me to think that two methods have been adopted in their manufacture. 1st: the envelopes have been completely made before printing. 2nd: The paper was cut out, then printed, and finally made up. I think it will be readily seen that when made by the first of these modes, the envelopes would have to pass through the printing press three times: 1st, to print the face; 2nd, to print the back; 3rd, to print the stamp; and therefore it may happen that we may have envelopes printed in three distinct shades of color. When printed by the second mode two printings only are necessary. The first method is the one more generally adopted. I may mention in passing that the stamp is always impressed separately from the rest of the impression, and (my idea is) at a different printing-office.

At first they were issued with the edges of the flap and seams cut plain; then the edges of the seams were cut serrated like saw teeth, and the flap with scalloped edges. Afterwards the edges of the flap were cut plain, while the seam edges still kept their serrated appearance.

In compiling a list of these envelopes the only points I shall take note of are,

1st. Differences in type used in printing. 2nd. Differences in shape of flap. Differences which may be due to the color of paper or impression I shall not note, but still I think that collectors ought not to neglect differences in paper and impression. They will find at least four different kinds of paper—cream, white, bluish-white, and blue-white; and several shades of color in the impression—deep blue, blue, greenish-blue, and pale blue.

In commencing this article I pointed out that the first issue was an experimental one, and only in use a few months. This issue I have called Type I. The permanent issue I therefore call Type II.

**TYPE I. (EXPERIMENTAL OR PROVISIONAL ISSUE.)**

Design of stamp impressed on the flap of envelope; embossed profile of Her Majesty to left on solid oval disc, surrounded by engine-turned inscribed frame, bearing three date discs above; POSTAGE TWO PENCE below; Oval, surmounted by solid-arched label inscribed FOR REGISTRATION ONLY.

The front of this type of envelope bears the instructions—"This Letter must be given to an Officer of the Post Office to be Registered" in single line across the top; beneath, and on the left, is an oblong label with the word "REGISTERED."

This Type was issued in two sizes of envelopes, A,  $5\frac{1}{4}$  by  $3\frac{1}{4}$  in.; B  $6\frac{1}{8}$  by  $3\frac{7}{8}$  in.

**TYPE I. Size A,  $5\frac{1}{4}$  by  $3\frac{1}{4}$  inches.**  
No. 1, Nov. 1877—The instructions in ordinary letters except the prin-

cipal words which have capitals. "REGISTERED" in Roman capitals. Flap and seams plain.

No. 2, Nov. 1877—The instructions in capitals of two sizes. "REGISTERED" in Egyptian or block capitals. Flap and seams plain.

No. 3, Dec. 1877—The instructions as in No. 2, but in larger letters. "REGISTERED" in larger letters but smaller label. Flap and seams plain.

No. 4, Feb. 1878—The instructions and "REGISTERED" in larger letters than in No. 2 and 3. Flap scalloped, seams serrated.

No. 5, Feb. 1878—The larger capitals in the instructions nearly twice the size of the others. The lettering of "Registered" is much rounder than in Nos. 2, 3, or 4. Flap and seams as in No. 4.

No. 6, Feb. 1878—Instructions as in No. 2, but occupy more space. "Registered" in letters a little larger than No. 2, but in a smaller label. Flap and seams as in No. 4.

No. 7, Feb. 1878—Instructions as No. 5, but occupy greater length of line. "Registered" label has a thick line round it. Flap and seams as in No. 4.

**TYPE I. Size B, 6 by  $3\frac{7}{8}$  inches.**

No. 1, Dec. 1877—Same as A 1 except in size.

No. 2, Jan. 1878—Same as A 2 except in size.

No. 3, Jan. 1878—Instructions in larger letters than in No. 2. Flap and seams plain.

No. 4, Mar. 1878—Instructions smaller letters than in 2 and 3. Flap scalloped, seams serrated.

No. 5, Mar. 1878—Instructions same as No. 4, but occupy more space. "Registered" label small. Flap and seams as in No. 5.

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## J. C. Jay Again.

In the January *Stamp* we notice a letter from J. C. Jay in which he says he has acted unfairly to no one, yet just below he begs the philatelic community to forgive his past offences against it and promises to amend his conduct if restored to the fold. There is something almost contemptible in the style in which the letter is written; and for our own part, though we do believe all that Shakespeare says about the quality of mercy, we think it would be best not to re-admit him into the American Philatelic Association until

fair dealings and attempts to advance Philately during say two years shall have won back the respect of all. His scurrilous letter to Mr. Voute was the principal cause, we believe, of his expulsion from the American Philatelic Association, and now his cringing, hypocritical letter will not have the effect that a straightforward apology would. It is ridiculous to suppose there is some one in La Hoyt who has been doing under the name of Jay, what the latter is blamed for and it is sure that among the things Jay should never do is *to write a letter.*

MR. T. J. MITCHELL, the popular stamp dealer and Treasurer of the Philatelic Society of America, is the subject of a very derogatory attack in a letter of Stanton's in his miserable sheet, the *Philatelic Tribune*. That a paper whose quality can be judged by a glance at the style of advertisements contained should dare to make remarks against a gentleman like T. J. Mitchell is scarcely to be wondered at when we consider the vile abuse to which a respectable person may be subjected by the small, amateur philatelic sheets of the day. An apology to Mr. Mitchell is the least to be expected.

THE *American Journal of Philately* has started the further discussion of the Chalmers-Hill claims. What we want is a means to put an end to it. No use in arguing on what has already been submitted as proofs. Let us wait until some other facts (or fancies) of either party are set forth. Why not?

## STAMP COLLECTIONS OF CALIFORNIA.

THE second reply to our request for information was received from Mr. Sturtevant, another dealer. It is probably due to the fact that they have better facilities for obtaining rare stamps that the finer collections are those of dealers.

### CULLEN K. STURTEVANT

has for many years been an active philatelist though somewhat partial to the collection of birds' eggs. He must have been young when he commenced for he says it was in 1876, and Mr. Sturtevant is still a young man judging from his handsome appearance.

His collection of 8,200 includes many rare errors and oddities and he has also scarce "shades." The collection is valued at \$1,750.

Quantities of scarce duplicates are ready for exchange at all times, for he is on the lookout for Hawaii, "Missionary" and British Columbia rarities. We asked for his opinion of reprints. Mr. Sturtevant is cashier of a firm in this city and is thoroughly business-like. His answer was a proof of it—"N. G."

Like most collectors who have not already cut the envelope stamp square, the owner of this fine collection preserves them entire—a laudatory statement with which the description will be closed.

THE *Hoosier Philatelist* will appear from Hanover Centre shortly. F. N. Massoth will publish it. Something fine is expected by all who know the publisher.

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NOTHING like the English for coolness! I was looking over an exchange list of a large British firm the other day. "The party supplying stamps wanted must pay postage both ways. The exchange must be selected from the dealers' sheets. No unused stamps given." Here are some prices they are willing to pay.

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MR. TIFFANY'S *Stamp Collectors' Library Table* is almost finished. It is claimed that this will be almost as valuable to the collector as a catalogue. And no one need doubt this who sees the compiler's name.

# The Philatelic Society of America.

—SECRETARY'S REPORT.—

To the members of the P. S. of A.

It gives me much pleasure to present you with my first report of our society. Our success is now assured. At the present writing the membership is seventy-one. Members will please bear in mind that dues for 1889 are now due and if they will please remit \$1.00 they will not only have the thanks of myself, but will save themselves lots of time and trouble. Members who prefer may pay their dues in two installments of fifty cents each, in January and July. Send a postal note if possible, or a paper dollar, or if you can't get either, unused 1 and 2c. stamps will do. Membership cards will be issued as soon as possible, and will be sent to members paying their dues.

THE Librarian, Exchange Superintendent, Purchasing Agent, and Official Editor will be appointed during the coming month. In regard to the Exchange Department, it has not been decided as yet how this department will be run. However, this can be decided later on.

ANY person desiring to become a member should write to me for particulars, which are free.

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SINCE the list of members appeared in the January issue of this paper, the following have joined:

- 69 M. G. Bitting, 2622 Jessup St., Philadelphia, Pa.
- 70 M. B. Holley, Traverse City, Mich.
- 71 Max Rosenberg, 1721 California St., San Francisco, Cal.

THE By-Laws will be published as soon as the plan of exchange department is agreed upon.

—H. C. BEARDSLEY, Secretary,  
Box 616, St. Joseph, Mo.

THE review column being crowded out this month, in the March number that of two months will be given. This list being for reference only, it will make but little difference whether published this month or next.

We would call special attention to the first Auction Sale of Chas. H. Bogart, at which among other rarities may be mentioned some of the rare Hawaii Unpaid, Macau Provisionals, U. S. envelopes; and some good *wholesale* lots will be sold. Mr. Bogart is perfectly reliable and the bidder may be sure of securing genuine original stamps only.

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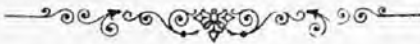
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place for them in the late issues of their printed album.

The philatelic societies and papers can, however, lay just claim to the honor of having extinguished the light which for so long has thrown a deep shadow, hiding the value of the reprint from investigation. Perhaps it was a dealer who, dispelling this cloud which prevented the reprint question from appearing in open view, challenged the philatelic world to make its advent into universal popularity impossible. Bravely was the challenge accepted, the heretofore impregnable defense of the reprint, assaulted on every side by the pride of philately, and furthermore besieged by a band of youthful heroes whose inexperienced shots did considerable execution, has given away before repeated shocks. The reprint has long towered among us. Under its protection, frauds from the sale of perforated stamps trimmed as imperforate to the very counterfeit itself have flourished. Wealth has poured into the coffers of its defenders. The booty will be distributed among the victors, for much of the trade of the reprinters will now be transferred to the opposition dealers. Let us exult!

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30	" " vol. II., Nos. 1, 2, 6, 7, 12	5
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37	" " vol. III., From 25 to 35	10
38	<i>Quaker City Philatelist</i> vol. II., Nos. 8, 10, 11, 12	4
39	" " vol. III., Nos. 26, 28, 29, 30	4
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## “Nonsense”—An Appeal!

WITHOUT doubt philatelists are daily growing more awake to their own interests and the welfare of this science. What is moving them? The philatelic papers and societies of to-day! Slowly but surely they are losing faith in the Hamburg Locals, the reprints and other frauds of the true character of which our predecessors were ignorant. Counterfeits are becoming scarcer and scarcer every year, but the papers and societies can claim little credit for this. They, (for we are omitting their intentions), do little to lessen the chance of a reader or member being deceived by an imitation. And it is not necessary, perhaps, that they should. The stringent laws of our country have put an end to the manufacture, and as advanced collectors generally brand or destroy them, the counterfeits made years ago are steadily disappearing. The zeal of certain collectors has shown up the Locals in their true light. No reader of a philatelic paper would place the least value upon them, and the chances of an inexperienced youngster being cheated on them has been lessened by the action of a firm (who for years, either through ignorance or intentionally, has fostered the sale of these valueless bits of paper by providing space for them) in omitting to give

place for them in the late issues of their printed album.

The philatelic societies and papers can, however, lay just claim to the honor of having extinguished the light which for so long has thrown a deep shadow, hiding the value of the reprint from investigation. Perhaps it was a dealer who, dispelling this cloud which prevented the reprint question from appearing in open view, challenged the philatelic world to make its advent into universal popularity impossible. Bravely was the challenge accepted, the heretofore impregnable defense of the reprint, assaulted on every side by the pride of philately, and furthermore besieged by a band of youthful heroes whose inexperienced shots did considerable execution, has given away before repeated shocks. The reprint has long towered among us. Under its protection, frauds from the sale of perforated stamps trimmed as imperforate to the very counterfeit itself have flourished. Wealth has poured into the coffers of its defenders. The booty will be distributed among the victors, for much of the trade of the reprinters will now be transferred to the opposition dealers. Let us exult!

And now that Carthage is destroyed—shall we allow the ruins, the reprints already existing, to be the foundation of a new Carthage, impregnable at every point, its defenders constantly

augmented by the arrival of unscrupulous men wanting a share in the benefits of evil doing? No, never. Be on the alert, level down the first attempt to rebuild, or better destroy the old foundation by branding the reprints indelibly.

Our predecessors sought to advance the science at any cost. They devoted their entire energy to the increase of philatelic knowledge. They neglected to remove the weeds that grew up all this time right before them. Having the advantage of inheriting this knowledge, ours is to step aside from the path of rapid advancement and treading the slower route, remove them. This done, let us regain the better road as we have said before, the pests bequeathed have disappeared through our gallant action. But we too have left one species of weed. Now it is small and insignificant but it will grow if neglected. It is the influence of dealers upon small governments. It is their ability to secure the issue of stamps especially for sale to collectors. If we pass quietly by our knowledge of this existing state of affairs, shall we not leave our successors in a doubt and uncertainty such as has been our experience with the reprint?

The matter is important then. If you are not exhausted by the fight against the old enemy, come at once, flushed with victory, against the new. Let us leave the ground, fertile, and weedless to our successors. Show zeal in ascertaining if any dealers have had correspondence with the stamp issuing French Colonies, so apt to surcharge carelessly, and to occasion errors and oddities. —An Anti-Reprinter.

[The writer tells us he will not sign his name because his article is "nonsense, written on the spur of the moment," and further on he says, "I have certainly expressed my ideas but in what words!" And yet we do not think it nonsense nor do you. [Ed.

## PRÆCOGNITA.

From the "Foreign-Stamp Collectors' Journal," Sept., 1880.

### THE REGISTERED ENVELOPES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

(Continued.)

- TYPE II. Size A,  $5\frac{1}{4}$  by  $3\frac{3}{4}$  inches.
- No. 1, Aug. 1878, Die 2—Instructions in single line as in I A 4. Flap scalloped, seams serrated.
- No. 2, Aug. 1878, Die 2—Instructions in two lines thus:—1st line. "This Letter must be given to an Officer of the Post Office." 2nd line. "To be Registered, and a Receipt obtained for it." A rectangle for Stamp in the right upper angle, with instructions in five lines thus:—1st line. "The Stamp."—2nd. "To Pay the."—3rd. "Postage."—4th. "Must be."—5th. "Placed here" Flap and seams as in 1.
- No. 3, Dec., 1878, Die 1—Instructions, &c., as in No. 2. Flap plain, seams serrated.
- No. 4, May 1879, Die 2—No punctuation after the instructions. Instructions as in No. 2. Inscription in Stamp space in larger letters. "REGISTERED" in smaller letters. There appears to be a colon after the word instead of a full stop; two copies which I possess show this peculiarity, but I rather think it is due to accident, and not design.
- No. 5, June 1879, Die 3—Instructions and Stamp space as in No. 4. "REGISTERED" same, but with stop after it.
- No. 6, June 1879, Die 3—Instructions as in No. 4. Positions of letters in Stamp space altered. Other particulars as in No. 5.

*To be continued.*

## EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT, P. S. of A.

WE would like to hear from members and others intending to join us in regard to the exchange department. Would it not be less implicated to follow the plan proposed by Mr. S. B. Bradt when the A. P. A. was started? We reprint below an extract from Mr. Bradt's plan, which he submitted to the members of the A. P. A. when that Society was started.

"The existing systems of exchange, as far as I am acquainted with them, do not appear to give equal chances to all; in each case some person or persons has first choice and the balance are compelled to take what they can get after the choice stamps are taken, or go without.

I would propose that the exchanges of the society be accomplished through a committee of three members, to be known as the Bureau of Exchange. The chairman of this committee, or bureau, shall be the actual agent in making exchanges, the remainder of the committee serving as overseers of his work, and also rendering him such services as they can. Each member of the society shall have the privilege of sending any stamps he may desire to dispose of, through exchanging,—but not exceeding in value twenty-five dollars,—to the bureau of exchange, and the value of the same, according to the standard price-list of the society, shall be placed to his credit in the exchange account,—subject, however, to the

discrimination of the bureau, as herein-after provided for. Each member shall be entitled to receive such stamps as he may select from the monthly bulletin, but not exceeding the value of the stamps standing to his credit; and, furthermore, each member ordering from the bureau must enclose sufficient stamps for the return postage on his order, and must also fully prepay all parcels of stamps and communications addressed to the bureau. Members not having stamps for exchange may purchase any of the stamps listed in the bulletin for cash, at 25 per cent. discount from the prices there quoted.

The bureau of exchange shall credit to the individual members sending them the value of all consignments of stamps sent in, before placing the same in the general stock of the society, and no member can reclaim the stamps sent in by him except by ordering them from the bulletin list. And in case any member shall fail to receive full exchange for his consignment within six months from the date of sending it, he shall be at liberty to demand a settlement in cash from the bureau, at 40 per cent. discount from list prices; such accounts to be drawn up by the bureau and to be paid by the treasurer in the same manner that other obligations of the society are discharged.

In order to prevent an accumulation of undesirable stamps the bureau of exchange shall be at liberty to reject any stamps sent them for exchange that, in their opinion, may be too common or in poor condition, or of which it may already have a sufficient supply; such

rejected stamps to be returned to the members sending them at their own expense.

The bureau of exchange shall make and publish, monthly, a list of all the exchanges offered; giving the quantity of each specimen on hand, and any remarks about the specimens offered, such as "reprint," "specimen," "poor condition," "doubtful," "bad cancellation" etc. This list will be mailed to all members on the same day; and on a set day afterward, say ten or twelve days, in order to equalize distances, all the orders received shall be placed in a bag, well mixed, and then be taken out by the chairman, in the presence of at least one of the other members of the bureau and one member of the society who is not a member of the bureau; as the orders are taken from the bag, they shall be numbered consecutively by a member of the bureau, and the chairman, at his convenience, shall fill all orders in rotation, commencing with number one.

Finally, the chairman should receive some remuneration for his services; and I think a satisfactory officer could be had by allowing him, in addition to his actual expenses, five per cent. on all consignments received by him,—of course this would have to be taken in stamps and in the same manner that other members would get their stamps. Furthermore, in order to protect the society from possible loss, the chairman of the bureau should be compelled to give bonds to the Society.

Whatsoever objections may be raised to this plan, I do not think anyone will

say that it does not provide equal chances to *all* members. No individual in the Society will be privileged at all under such a system. It will be urged, perhaps, that it is expensive, and, perhaps, that the machinery is too complicated. In regard to the first point, I do not think it necessarily involves much expenses. A monthly publication of some sort will have to be issued anyway, and the additional printing of the exchange list will not greatly increase its expense, and certainly will not increase the postage on it. The expense for postage will fall on the members availing themselves of the bureau,—a slight expense to each, but a considerable amount in the aggregate, if borne by the society.

In regard to the machinery necessary to carry out this plan, it may require a little more work than some other systems, but if it gives the satisfaction we ought to derive from it, the extra work involved would cut little or no figure. It would be necessary to have as chairman of the bureau a person sufficiently acquainted with book-keeping to properly keep the exchange accounts of the members; but, on the other hand a certain amount of book-keeping would be necessary under any system that could be advised."

If this plan is adopted, we think arrangements could be made with the Official Journal to let the Association have a page advertisement each month at a reduced price. This would do away with the trouble of printing and mailing circulars each month and the accordingly extra postage. [*Secretary,*

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THE last three months has welcomed numerous new papers of various degrees of excellence.

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The *American Stamp* hails from Newark, N. J., publisher D. B. Crockett. A tasteful cover incloses twelve

well-printed pages. Another excellent commencement.

The *Flour City Philatelist* is another publication whose advent must have been hailed with delight. It is ably edited although we notice a "defense of the reprint" in the first number.

Mr. 'Tiffany's *Stamp Collector's Library Companion* has appeared. Full accounts of 284 "dead" and current papers, such as date of issue, publishers and other information, as well as ruled space for memorandum are given. To a collector of philatelic literature it is invaluable as a means of cataloguing a collection. Published by Western Philatelic Publishing Co. of Chicago.

*Philately* is the title of a very large twelve page paper sent us by the "Philately Publishing Co." It is edited by Messrs. Holmes and Wylie, both of New York. Its appearance is surpassed by no philatelic paper of to-day.

*Buffalo Philatelist* is another aspirant for philatelic favor. It is a four page monthly, neat and interesting.

Percival Parrish has entered the arena with a paper rather poorly prepared to meet criticism. There are only two pages (philatelic) in the *Rhode Island Philatelist*. Make it four, Parrish.

The *Stamp Collector's Figaro* is again in the ranks and no great distance from the head. The January number commences Vol. III., and consists of 20 pages of spicier reading matter than has been in print for many a day. There is no small number of "kickers" and "cranks" (i. e. those who object to reprints and their sale) who will welcome back the *Figaro*.

# The Philatelic Society of America.

—SECRETARY'S REPORT.—

To the members of the P. S. of A.

OWING to a misunderstanding between members of the Official Board, the offices of Librarian, Exchange Superintendent, Purchasing Agent and Official Editor were not filled since my last report, but will be filled before I send in my next report. Members who have not remitted their dues for 1889 will please do so as soon as possible. The dues are \$1.00 per year and can be paid in two installments, (January and July). Membership cards will be issued soon and sent to all members paying their dues.

SINCE my last report, the following have joined:

- 72 T. C. Keyes, Newbury, Vt.
  - 73 D. B. Crockett, 34 Clay St., Newark, N. J.
- Mr. George S. Wilson, 117 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill. (Member No. 43) has resigned.
- The following have written me, asking me to have their address changed, it being incorrect in No. 2 of the COLLECTOR.
- 23 E. Peterson, Box 133, Dayton, Webster Co., Iowa.
  - 44 J. A. Pierce, 242 W. 4th St., Cincinnati, O.
  - 51 A. Harms, Box 116, Rock Island, Ill.
  - 54 J. P. Moreland, P. O. Box 864, Mobile, Ala.

MESSRS. Beardsley and Reimers have kindly offered to give their magazine, the *Western Philatelist*, (No. 1 will be out soon) to every member of the P. S. A. one year, and to every new member

who joins between now and May 1st.

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PUBLISHERS would confer a favor on the Society by sending us a copy of their papers monthly. Please send to the Secretary until the Librarian is appointed. Address as below, and mark "For P. S. of A. Library."

—H. C. BEARDSLEY, Secretary,  
Box 616, St. Joseph, Mo.

CARTER, a notorious stamp dealer supplying Jay's Locals in exchange for good United States envelopes, publishes a philatelic paper or rather advertising sheet, called the *Badger State Philatelist*. Mr. Carter is clever. When he attacks any one, he sends the accused no copy of the paper. So of course there is no chance for denial, but sometimes the latter gets a copy anyhow. Then it is perhaps his duty to call attention to the fact that Carter supplies Jays's Locals and other stamps of that kind, and gets angry when his reputation is questioned, and calls people "over-grown infants" and thinks the INTERNATIONAL COLLECTOR poorly edited. A mistake (?) once crept into its columns! If the I. C. is poorly edited, can the *B. S. P.* be edited at all with "subscribe," etc. filling its pages? Carter, be advised of an old saying: "People who live in glass houses, should never throw stones."

## STAMP COLLECTIONS OF CALIFORNIA.

A SHORT time ago we were invited to see the stamp collection of

Mr. WILLIAM CROCKER.

This gentleman's wealth and influence being known, we expected to see quite a fine collection, but had no idea of the treat in store for us.

We found the stamps arranged on blank sheets, with an artistic border. Each stamp is neatly hinged after all paper has been removed from the back, to a sheet. Except in the case of rarities only fine specimens are mounted. Entire unused envelopes are so hinged that the envelope may easily be raised to examine the watermark or knife. In the arrangement of adhesives, date of issue is noticed, but in the envelopes, all of one denomination are kept together. Thus reference is easy.

The sheets are kept in beautiful boxes resembling books and have the title in gilt, as "U. S. Envelopes," etc. These boxes were especially made for this collection. There are, we believe, twelve such volumes in all. Each United States stamp added to the collection is checked in Sterling's catalogue and those of Meyer and Moens are used for reference to foreign stamps.

And now for the stamps themselves. We commenced with the entire envelopes—our favorites. We saw variety after variety of the 1c.,—watermark, knife, quality as well as color of paper, all known varieties are well represented.

Of the 2c. there were so many varieties that we could hardly keep note of all. All the dies were there. We soon came to the rare 5c. on blue and fawn, and noted that many scarce envelopes furthermore bore rare franks.

"Booby" dies on various colors were comparatively common. Shades from

the darkest brown to almost an olive were seen. There we saw the rare 12c. on white and amber with the Eureka & Ex. Co.'s frank. A specimen of the 15c. printed in red olive next attracted our attention. The 24c. purple surpassed all in appearance, not the rare 30 & 90c. envelopes were as striking. Our time being limited, we could not see Mr. Crocker's collection of rare "franked envelopes" but we were informed that 32 different companies are represented.

Then we saw cut envelopes. Here were used specimens of many varieties we had seen entire. Unused envelopes he preserves entire. All used envelopes are cut to a certain size—care being taken to keep all of a uniform size. Of the first issue more than the catalogued number of types are in this collection. The 10c. green both dies abound—therein being numerous shades. But we must leave the envelopes and see the rare adhesives. *What's that?* A Brattleboro! Well, we were then prepared for anything.

So we did not burst with envy upon seeing a beautiful New Haven signed reprint, or the two St. Louis, or the two New York, and the variety of the 5c., or the Carrier stamps, or the numerous government issues. The list is long but the collection is fine. We noted a beautiful 90c. blue of '51, another imperforate, six or seven shades of the 5c. brown of this issue, a 5c. yellow, unused, 1869, complete, grided and ungrided, and in short what did we not see! Next the newspaper stamps—COMPLETE!! Yes and unused, every stamp perfect. We had never before seen the 60, 48 & 36 dollars in good condition and the beautiful appearance almost astounded us. A set of German fac-similes was shown for comparison. These are excellent imitations.

Departments—every one of the adhesives, except the 5, 10 and 20 dollars State. All were unused except the \$2 State, a finely cancelled stamp. Some rare War envelopes were seen among the cut specimens. Puffs of the New York 5c. black of 1847 issue, of 1869 issue complete, and others were shown to us.

Mr. Sterling himself would have envied the revenues, and as they are a collection in themselves, we will reserve a description for next month.



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Is the reprint war to be abandoned? Don't let the subject be dropped until something is accomplished. Can any one offer a suggestion telling how to punish those proven to have sold reprints?

Is there any sense at all in collecting the "double perforate" stamps?

Is it right to collect a piece of a stamp, half of it, if the entire stamp is too rare to be easily obtained? The *Flour City Philatelist* favors reprints saying "half a loaf is better than none."

Is there any possibility that the stamp dealers of San Francisco will have a fine exhibit at the next Mechanics' Fair? It would be profitable.

Is Jimmy Jay to be excused for ungentlemanly behavior because he has apologized by stating he had never done any dishonorable action and yet says, "Will you not take me back into your fold and I will never stray again?"

Is Hooper going to convince us that Hill invented the adhesive postage stamp by calling Chalmerites lunatics and other pet names? And are we going to let him continue so doing, or rather can we prevent it? Your opinion?

Is the *United States Philatelist* still in existence? If so, where, O, where can it be?

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worth the price of a year's subscription to the *American Philatelist*?

Is not too much of the contents of *Philately* selected? And is it not, from a typographical point of view, one of the finest of American stamp papers? A strange combination, not so?

Is the Scott Stamp and Coin Co. not to be censured for listing stamps never really issued as postage stamps, Formosa for instance?

Is the *American Philatelist* to be a paper in which private grievances may be avenged? The article of Wm. P. Brown describing a model stamp paper is a poorly disguised attack on Mr. Mekeel. How did the able Literary Board come to establish so dangerous a precedent as to publish such an article?

Is Carter a "prominent philatelist?" So says the *Collector's Ledger*. Does the editor know that such men as Tiffany, Brock and other respectable philatelists are always styled "prominent." How comprehensive must be the term!

Is there any means of ascertaining how many of the "Rejected die" envelopes were issued? Who knows?

Is it known that Revenue stamps are less in demand since the International Albums provide no space for them? This shows the influence of the publishers and they can not be too greatly blamed for providing spaces for stamps never recognized as such. Who controls this company's publishing?

Owing to our failure to receive a full description of the magnificent Revenue collection of Mr. Crocker of which we had but a hasty view, the article will not be published until next month.

## PRÆCOGNITA.

From the "Foreign-Stamp Collectors' Journal," Sept., 1880.

## THE REGISTERED ENVELOPES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

(Concluded.)

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No. 8, Aug. 1879, Die 4—Instructions in similar letters to No. 7, but arranged a little differently. Inscription in Stamp space in large capitals. "REGISTERED" in large letters.

No. 9, Oct. 1879, Die 3—Instructions in same letters as in Nos. 7 and 8, but differently arranged. Inscriptions in Stamp space in smaller capitals than in Nos. 7 and 8.

No. 10, Oct. 1879, Die 3—Instructions as in No. 2. Inscriptions in Stamp space in larger capitals.

No. 11, Dec. 1879, Die 3—Instructions as in No. 7. Rectangle for stamp along the envelope instead of across it.

No. 12, Feb. 1880, Die 3 or 5—The larger capitals in the instructions in two sizes. Inscription in stamp space in large capitals. The flap and seams in Nos. 4 to 12 are the same as in No. 3.

TYPE II. Size B, 6 by  $3\frac{7}{8}$  inches.

No. 1, Mar. 1878, Die 2—Instructions, &c., as in A 1.

No. 2, April 1878, Die 2—"REGISTERED" in smaller letters than

in No. 1. Flap scalloped; seams serrated.

No. 3, Oct. 1878, Die 2—Same as A 2, except in size. Flap scalloped, seams serrated.

No. 4, Oct. 1878, Die 2—Same as A 7, except in size. Flap scalloped, seams serrated.

No. 5, Nov. 1878, Die 2—Instructions as in No. 4, but letters differently arranged. Flap and seams as in No. 4.

No. 6, Dec. 1878, Die 3—Instructions as in A 2. "REGISTERED" in small capitals. Flap and seams as in No. 4.

No. 7, Mar. 1879, Die 1—Instructions similar letters to No. 6, but differently arranged. Flap plain, seams serrated.

No. 8, April 1879, Die 1—Differs from 7 only in the size of Stamp space, and in the word "REGISTERED."

No. 9, Jan. 1880, Die 4—Instructions as in No. 7. Inscription in Stamp space in larger capitals.

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In Nos. 1 to 6 the flap is scalloped, in Nos. 7 to 10 it is plain.

TYPE II. Size C, 8 by 5 inches.

No. 1, May 1878, Die 2—Instructions in two lines, and large capitals. Stamp space and "REGISTERED" as in A and B. Flap and seams with serpentine edges.

No. 2, Oct. 1878, Die 2—Similar to No. 1. Flap plain, seams serpentine.

TYPE II. Size D, 10 by 7 inches.

No. 1, May 1878, Die 1—Instructions in round lettering. "REGISTERED" in large capitals. Stamp space as in A, B, and C. Flap and seams with serpentine edges.

No. 2, Sept. 1879, Die 3—Instructions, &c., same as No. 1. Flap plain, seams serpentine.

TYPE II. Size E, 11½ by 6 inches.

No. 1, May 1878, Die 2—Same as D 1, except in size.

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The Constitution of the Sociedad Filatelica Argentina has reached us. This society has about fifty members mostly residing in South and Central

America. Another society has been started in Mexico. It publishes the *Boletin De La Sociedad Filatelica Mexicana*, subscription for which is 50 cents per annum. Pretty soon we will be having philatelic societies everywhere from British Columbia to Patagonia.

The now well-known 5c. red brown of 1856 was scarcely known until a few years ago. In a stamp paper of 1886, we see a letter from Mr. Rothfuchs in which he states that he has found some 50 or 70 (we have forgotten which) of them and believes that 30 or so more must exist and *possibly* more. Strange that this now comparatively common stamp should not have been seen sooner. Who can tell why?

### About Some Prominents.

G. B. CALMAN, since his attempt to vindicate the sale of Hamburg Locals proved in vain, has relapsed into a state of absolute silence. Does the sale of Locals still go on?

C. B. CORWIN has admitted that he is a "kicker" and is doing some very worthy kicking in behalf of the A. P. A. members in general.

WM. P. BROWN is getting much free advertising, at first through his stand in the Reprint question, and now on account of his article in the *American Philatelist* on "How to Make a Stamp Paper Pay."

J. W. SCOTT is not connected with the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., nor has he been so for a long time. Probably the Co. is now "run" by the two "Cs"—Calman and Collins. We doubt whether it bears a better reputation now than formerly. Mr. Scott personally is really popular.

VALCIN of the Denver *Stamp* seems to have blunted the edge of his little hatchet. No more sharp incisions.

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THE *Stamp Collector's Figaro* now is accompanied by a cartoon philatelic. The February number encloses a representation of our most prominent New York dealer in the act of printing some of his genuine locals, and beneath it is a parody on "The Village Blacksmith." The idea is novel and Voute deserves credit for it.

MR. CORWIN in the current *Philatelic Gazette* severely criticises the management of the A. P. A. The faults he mentions certainly do exist, and the sooner they are remedied the better for all of us. Mr. Corwin has fearlessly told the truth and can therefore expect to be called a kicker, a seeker for notoriety, and, in fact, everything that the occasion can suggest in the way of annoying remarks. Ye editor, for one, appreciates his manliness.

THE Constitution of the Philatelic Society of America will be sent in for publication in the May INTERNATIONAL COLLECTOR.

# The Philatelic Society of America.

—SECRETARY'S REPORT.—

To the members of the P. S. of A.

THE appointive officers will be appointed surely before our next number. A great many members have not yet remitted their dues; please do so at once. I have mailed every delinquent member a notice. Several members have complained that they do not receive the official organ regularly.

THE following persons have expressed their desire to become members and if no objections are received against them before thirty days from date (May 20th), they can become members by remitting the half-yearly dues (50 c.)  
Will F. Weber, Pawnee City, Neb.  
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PERCY POLLARD desires me to state his address now is care of K. C. St. J. & C. B. R. R., General Offices, St. Joseph, Mo.

YOU should not forget to join this society. You can exchange your duplicates, buy stamps at retail at wholesale prices, and have the free use of the library, receive the INTERNATIONAL COLLECTOR (Official Organ) and *Western Philatelist*, beside various other advantages too numerous to mention. The dues are only \$1.00 per year, which can be paid in two installments. An admission fee of twenty-five cents is

charged, which must accompany the application. Address the secretary.

THE Constitution will be printed in the next number.

WE desire to hear every member's opinion as to how the exchange department should be run. Address the Secretary.

—H. C. BEARDSLEY, Secretary,  
Box 616, St. Joseph, Mo.  
April 20, 1889.

The Philatelic Society of America is obtaining the approval it deserves. It is opposed by the *Philatelic Beacon* and perhaps one or two others but on the other hand, the leading papers support it. Some claim that the officers are all dealers but what collector does not trade in stamps to some extent! Messrs. Aldrich, Beardsley and Samuels, and possibly Mr. Mitchell, are better known as collectors than as dealers, although all handle stamps to some extent. At any rate there is but little doubt that they would gladly sacrifice their interest as dealers to the welfare of their private collections. [ED.]

THE Western Philatelic Union is a newly organized society which deserves the support of every stamp collector west of the Mississippi. It was organized by three Californians, one of whom, K. Brewster Cox is well known as an A. P. A. member. Its aims are similar to those of the P. S. of A. but it is intended to be a representative society of *Western collectors*. Its first president will probably be Lieut. Partello, and the Exchange Department we hope under the charge of Mr. Cox. The dues are \$1.25 payable to the Sec. *pro tem.*, K. B. Cox, Long Beach, Cal.

## INTERESTING ITEMS.

AND now the "Formosa stamps" have been proved of no philatelic (or other) value. The true facts regarding the Coreas would be welcome. The latest we have heard is that the 5 & 10 mons only were intended for postage. A German seeing how well they sold, conceived the brilliant idea of supplying sets of five. As the government had issued but two, he on his own account made three more values of a similar design and obtaining some 5 and 10 mon values, sold "complete sets." Suppose there should be truth in this! Then how about those who have sold sets as genuine, and how about Scott & Co. who have provided space for them in all their albums?

THE set of Transvaal stamps which for some time have been common was, we believe, manufactured by a German for that Government. He, having an eye to philatelic wants, sold five stamps to dealers for everyone sent to Transvaal. They were issued "OK"—are not reprints. Yet who would knowingly collect them? There's a poser!

SAMOA stamps of the present issue only pay postage from Samoa to a country. Then the stamps of that country are necessary to have the letter reach any destination. This accounts for the U. S. stamps or Postage due stamp always accompanying the Samoan stamps on letters to America. And yet of course these stamps are really postage stamps and are worthy of being collected.

THE Mexican surcharge for Colima,

"Vale 1 cuo," is now very rare. Although Mexican stamps are comparatively common here, not more than one collector out of a dozen has a specimen in his collection. That the surcharge was recognized by the P. O. there is no doubt. That it was in use but a short time is evident. So these surcharged 2c. stamps will, unless again issued, soon rank among the rarities of Mexico.

THE 1883 set of Hayti exists with large and small numerals. Specimens were shown us some days ago by Mr. Gambs of this city. Collectors should look out for a set of each variety for such they certainly are.

OUR doubts regarding the authenticity of "Bangkok" has been dispelled. It seems that St. Settlements stamps surcharged "B" were used in that city before the Siamese stamps were in existence. They command fancy prices now.

It is our belief that Macau stamps can be obtained "Cancelled to order" at the Post Office there. We have seen whole sets postmarked with the same date and as they were purchased by one who knows nothing about stamps and who naturally would consider an unused stamp rarer, but who would save as much expense as possible; it is to be inferred that "cancelled to order" Macaus are obtainable at a discount from face value. The set had '87 in the post-mark. Cards addressed but without anything on back bearing the same post-mark accompanied the stamps.

THE Rejected Die is keeping up its reputation for rarity. We had our lucky find, but since then, searching ceaselessly, not another one have we come across among the envelopes examined. Mr. Harris' letter in the *Philatelic Journal of America* explaining its existence proves it collectible.



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- 34 \$20 Conveyance unperforated
- 35 \$50 Green perforated
- 36 \$50 Green unperforated
- 37 \$25 Black and blue, fair condition

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- 22 1870, " " " Reay
- 23 1861, 3c., Langton Ex. Co.
- 24 1851 (3c. adhesive), Rhodes & Lusk, Yreka Ex. Co.
- 25 \*1853, 3c. red, entire, Wells, Fargo and Co.
- 26 1864, 3c. brown, letter size, stained, N. O. Pauly's Express, very rare
- 27 1853, 3c. env., Blake & Co., Weaverville Express.
- 28 United States "Official Seal." *Post Obitum*, used in good condition

## REVENUES

- 29 3c. Playing Cards, green, rare
- 30 \$5 Charter Party unperforated
- 31 \$10 Black and blue, second issue
- 32 \$10 Green, third issue
- 33 \$15 Mortgage, blue
- 34 \$20 Conveyance unperforated
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SEC. 3. The officers shall hold their offices for a term of two (2) years, and until their successors have qualified; the election of officers—except those appointed by the Board—shall be by ballot. At all elections one-third ( $\frac{1}{3}$ ) of the whole number of the members that are entitled to vote, must vote, or the election is void; a plurality of votes cast is necessary to elect.

SEC. 4. In case of death or resignation of any elective officer during his term of office, the President is empowered to call a special election, unless such vacancy occur within six months of the general election, in which case he will temporarily fill the vacancy created.

#### ARTICLE V.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. PRESIDENT. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association. He shall submit an annual report, to be printed in the Official Organ. He shall sign all warrants on the Treasurer for monies required by the Association. By and with the consent of the Official Board, or at the call of thirty (30) members, he shall call for a general vote of the Association upon any desired question. The vote will not be decisive unless at least one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of all the members shall vote. A majority of the votes cast shall determine the question submitted.

But the Constitution can be amended only as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 2. VICE PRESIDENT. The Vice President shall act in case of vacancy in the office of President, or in absence of the latter, and shall have charge of all complaints made against members, except when he is interested.

SEC. 3. SECRETARY. The Secretary shall keep a true record of proceedings of the Association. He shall preserve all documents and other correspondence belonging to the Association. He shall receive all dues and monies from members, and shall issue certificates of membership and shall receive applications for membership. He shall furnish each member in good standing with a copy of the Constitution and any official matter of the Association. He shall receive an admission fee of twenty-five (25) cents from every member and a salary of fifteen dollars (\$15) per year. He shall have published in the Official Organ of the Association a list of applicants and new members each month, together with any items of interest to the members that he may have. He shall pay over all monies in excess of ten dollars (\$10) to the Treasurer.

SEC. 4. TREASURER. The Treasurer shall receive and take care of the funds of the Association, sent him by the Secretary. He shall pay all warrants, regularly drawn on him and signed by the Secretary and President. He shall keep a correct record of all monies received or paid out by him, and shall deposit all monies in some

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SEC. 9. INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY. The International Secretary shall have charge of all foreign correspondence of the Association.

#### ARTICLE VI.—REVENUES.

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SEC. 2. The revenues shall be used for defraying the expenses of the Association, including the Official Organ.

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SEC. 4. The fiscal year shall commence on the first day of January, and shall be divided into quarters. The dues to be paid by new members shall be computed from the beginning of the quarter in which they shall have been elected to membership in the Association.

#### ARTICLE VII.—PROPERTY.

SEC. 1. The officers shall turn over all property of the Association to their successors, when their term of office expires.

#### ARTICLE VIII.—BRANCH SOCIETIES.

SEC. 1. Branch societies may be established at any place having five members of this Association, to be governed by their own laws, provided same do not conflict with those of this Association. Branch societies may contain persons not members of this Association.

#### ARTICLE IX.—OFFICIAL ORGAN.

SEC. 1. The Official Organ of this Society shall be selected from American philatelic papers every two years, by vote of the members, and shall consist of not less than eight (8) pages each issue. The publisher shall mail to each member of the Association, a copy of the Official Organ free of charge.

SEC. 2. For the publication of official reports each issue, the Secretary shall pay the publisher thereof twenty dollars (\$20) per annum in monthly installments.

#### ARTICLE X.—BY-LAWS.

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ciation, not in conflict with this Constitution, may be made by the Official Board, but in case of objection thereto by twenty-five (25) members, they must be submitted to a general vote.

SEC. 2. This Constitution can only be amended or altered by a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) vote of all the members of the Association.

SEC. 3. It shall require the assent of a majority of all the voting membership of the Association to make, amend or alter any By-Law in convention.

SEC. 4. In all cases where an election or a general vote of the Association becomes necessary under this Constitution or the By-Laws, not less than thirty (30) days shall intervene between the date of mailing the notice of such election or vote and the date of closing the polls.

### Some Remarks.

STRANGE isn't it that the 2r. red Costa Rica surcharged 10c., quoted at \$1.00 by Scott, is offered by a prominent Minneapolis Stamp Co. for *only two cents*. Look out for counterfeit surcharges is our advice.

THE tragic death of Mr. J. B. Smith of the *Springfield Republican* will prove a shock to philatelists from Maine to California. This popular collector was shot by his own brother-in-law, being mistaken for a burglar. He was a prominent member of the A. P. A. and his many friends mourn his great loss.

IN response to our request, a very prominent member of the A. P. A. has

avored us with his views on "A Standard Catalogue." He proves, convincing us, that it would be absolutely impossible to publish a list of every known variety of stamps and cards, for in description of shades, breadth of lines etc., "buff," "broad" and other such words are too comprehensive; and besides authorities disagree in distinguishing shades and slight varieties. Yet the idea of a Standard Catalogue need not be abandoned. Instead let us take Major Evans' and price every stamp mentioned in unused as well as used condition, price Horner's list of United States envelopes, Bogert's list of cards, and a list of oddities obtained by requesting collectors and dealers to describe and value those in their collections and stock. Then let us have the supplement "Sal Vador" describes in our last numbers. That would give us a standard catalogue. Complete lists of stamps now exist—complete enough, except in regard to oddities,—but they are not priced, and it is very important to collectors to know exactly what their stamps are worth. So if the Society cannot afford to publish the various catalogues in one, *let it publish only a list of prices which can be affixed to the catalogues of Messrs. Evans, Horner, Bogert and any others they may select*, and with that list supply a supplement as described for say \$1. Please let us have your opinion upon it, collectors. You will confer a favor upon your fellow collectors if you offer any feasible plan.

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Too late we noticed that an editorial in our last issue regarding Mr. Corwin could be easily misconstrued. Let us now state that we did not intend to say that we sympathized with that gentleman in his attacks on Messrs. Sterling and Bradford. We think it ridiculous to call on Mr. Bradford to resign simply because some petty affairs are unsatisfactory. There are other portions of Mr. Corwin's article of which we do not approve. What we do admire is the *fearless tone of the article*, its praise

of the *American Philatelist*, and the remarks upon the Proxy System.

INSTEAD of attempting to refute the charges made against him in the March issue of our paper, N. E. Carter has accused us of lying and resorting to any means to injure him. If we lie, Mr. Carter, please inform us in what respect. Do you not publish a paper containing little other than advertisements and did you not attempt to supply such trash as Jay's Locals, Musgrave College stamps, etc., in exchange for such stamps as Centennial envelopes? Did we receive a copy of the *Badger State Philatelist* in which you called us various pet names, *from you?* Deny the charge or admit it by silence, but do not repeat the substance of the editorial in the April *Badger State Philatelist*. It would necessitate this matter being referred to other parties.

WILL the *Stamp and American Journal of Philately* please let us see them once more. They have not visited us for some time.

THE *Flour City Philatelist* thinks "The Anti-Reps. are getting discouraged and will undoubtedly 'throw up the sponge' shortly." Never more mistaken in your life! We are simply a magnanimous foe, who now ceases hostilities long enough for you to collect some weapon of defense, surer than those hitherto employed.

ABOUT \$1,025.00 was realized at Bogert's 13th Auction Sale.

OUR very late appearance this month is due to our having awaited the arrival of the Philatelic Society of America's Constitution, which we resolved to publish this month, no matter how long we would have to wait for it. Our reason is that members are becoming impatient, but now of course everything can go ahead quickly. It will probably be adopted as printed this month. At least, we hope so, for otherwise delays must ensue.

AND speaking of the Philatelic Society of America we would again advise every collector to consider the advisability of joining it. The Exchange Department will enable you to dispose of your duplicates for stamps not in your collection, and without losing 50 per cent as you do if trading with dealers. The Purchasing Department will buy unused foreign stamps for you at almost face value. A dealer must of course charge many times face value for stamps of low denomination. But by our system you can get a 20c stamp of Norway, for example, a surcharged stamp that does not long remain in issue, for *less than a cent*. The Official Organ you will receive free. You will become acquainted with other collectors. You will be able to examine a philatelic publication without purchasing it, by sending to the Librarian. There are other advantages which can not be especially named but which you will derive. And all this for a dollar a year. Can you hesitate? Remember that whatever may be your age, you have *every* right possessed by those

older than yourself—not excluding the right of voting for officers, etc.

THE Chalmers-Hill controversy soon must be ended. We doubt if Mr. Hill can hold his own much longer. Chalmers is supported by proofs—Hill by gentlemen whose only arguments are: "You Chalmerites are lunatics." And by the way how many active philatelists believe in Hill?

C. W. STUTESMAN of Bunker Hill, Mass., has favored us with a copy of one of the neatest and most comprehensive list of coins, stamps, relics, etc., we have yet seen. The description of counterfeit U. S. Treasury and National Bank notes and the means of detection given, makes it of value to every body.

LISTS of the prices realized at J. J. Casey's auction sales are now published in sheets, which can be cut so as to allow the price to be placed opposite each lot in the catalogue. The cost is only 15 cents apiece. Until now, priced catalogues have generally been valued at 50 cents a copy.

RECOGNIZED at last! Mr. Sellschopp, one of the best informed philatelists of California, has been appointed first purchasing agent of the American Philatelic Association. Good judgment has been shown in pleasing California, better in giving its representative an important office, best in choosing a man like Mr. Sellschopp to fill the position.

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—SECRETARY'S REPORT.—

To the members of the P. S. of A.

A GREAT many members have not yet remitted their dues. Please do so at once. The following persons have expressed their desire to become members, and if no objections against them are received before thirty days (June 30), they can become members by remitting the half-yearly dues of fifty cents.

E. D. Ibbottson, Richfield Springs,  
N. Y.

W. L. Brower, Orange, N. J.

THE Constitution is printed this month, and will also be printed in book-form and mailed to all members who have paid their dues.

THE system of exchange has been accepted by all the members, at least no one has objected to it, except one. He says: "I agree with you in your article in regard to the exchange department, except that I think instead of having a page "ad." in the Official Organ, which would not be enough space, that we publish a monthly bulletin of four pages, one of advertisements which would pay for the publishing of the bulletin."—R. I heartily agree with him, and if no objection is received before June 30, this method will be accepted as the P. S. of A. exchange system.

THE Librarian and other appointive

officers will be chosen during the month.

—H. C. BEARDSLEY, Secretary,  
Box 616, St. Joseph, Mo.  
May 20, 1889.

\* Mr. R—'s plan of a monthly publication to be called the *Bulletin* lies open to the following objection. The cost of such a paper each month would be about five dollars for printing, seventy-five cents (and later on more of course) for postage, the envelopes for mailing and the labor of the Exchange Superintendent in folding and addressing. *There would be no receipts from advertisements, for what dealer would advertise in a paper which claims the unrivalled circulation of seventy-five copies per month?* The Collector Publishing Co. has authorized me to offer the Society a two page advertisement for only \$5 per insertion. This is of course offered because the INTERNATIONAL COLLECTOR is the Official Organ and as such should publish the Society's affairs, and it is evident that it is the duty of members to aid it in any way possible. If this offer is at once accepted, there need be none of the delays which the publication of a *Bulletin* would necessitate, nor the extra expense which would be yet a greater loss since the list of stamps of the Exchange Department if published in the Official Organ which is seen by so many collectors who are not members, would induce them to join.

As a member desiring to avail myself of the advantages of the Exchange Department, I echo the sentiments of others in advising immediate action, and therefore I trust the Secretary will at once adopt this plan, it being easier of execution and more favorable financially than the other, unless some objection is received.

P. S. of A. 28. MAURICE V. SAMUELS,  
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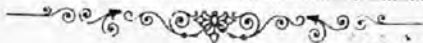
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| 1 Interior, complete set              |     |          |     |
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| 3 War, complete set                   |     |          |     |
| 4 Treasury, complete set              |     |          |     |
| 5 1869 90c., Black and carmine        |     |          |     |
| 6 1869 30c.                           |     |          |     |
| 7 Unpaid, complete set                |     |          |     |
| 8 Newspaper 1865, 25c. Red            |     |          |     |
| 9 1853-5, 3c. Red on White, Scott No. | 210 | En. Env. |     |
| 10 " 3c.                              | "   |          | 211 |
| 11 " 3c. on Buff                      | "   |          | 219 |
| 12 " 3c.                              | "   |          | 220 |
| 13 1864 9c., Yellow                   | "   |          | 269 |
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| 18 " 90c., Carmine                    | "   |          | 330 |

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- |                            |             |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| 19 50c. Lease,             | Imperforate |
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| 32 \$15.00 Mortgage,       | "           |
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| 34 \$50.00, perforate      |             |

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| 35 Argentine, 90c.                        |
| 36 * " Envelope, 5c. 1876, cut square     |
| 37 Bahama, 1862, 6d. purple               |
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| 39 Chili, 1878, 50c., violet              |
| 40 " Revenue used postally, 1c. Vermilion |
| 41 " " " 2c. Brown                        |
| 42 Fiji, 1 sh., Brown                     |

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|---|--|
| 43 Fiji, 5 sh.  |  |
| 44 Guatemala, 1886, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25c.                     |  |
| 45 Hawaii, 1859, 2c. Black on Bluish                          |  |
| 46 " 1859, 2c. Black on Bluish-gray                           |  |
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| 48 " 1865, 2c. Blue on White                                  |  |
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| 51 * " Envelope, complete entire set                          |  |
| 52 Hong Kong, 20 on 30, 50 on 48, \$1.00 on 96c.              |  |
| 53 Macao, 1887, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 50, 80, 100                |  |
| 54 " provl., 5 on 100, 5 on 80, 10 on 80, 20 on 80            |  |
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—W. SELLSCHOPP.

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Before the P. S. of A. was organized, the A. P. A. *was* tried. And were we not "willing to do for the old society what we must necessarily do for the new?" Yet we are dissatisfied and with cause. Are all fairly treated when some are not allowed even to vote? Do *you* think so, Mr. Sellschopp?

If there is but one national society, and that does not care for "children" on its membership roll, what shall we collectors who gladly spend time and

money on our collections, who feel ourselves philatelists, not merely stamp collectors, who subscribe for the philatelic undertakings which benefit our elders, who in certainty are the future "old" collectors and finally whose only requirement is age—what shall we do? Shall we remain inactive awaiting our seventeenth birthdays? Or shall we join a society where we are not credited with sufficient discretion to cast a vote, and where we are, it must be inferred, tolerated because our dues are of benefit to older members and our names swell the rolls?

If, on the contrary, the Philatelic Society of America flourishes, the A. P. A. will still progress. All of the various American societies are now doing quite well, although of course, some would do better were they better managed. Why need we unite and run the risk of having a single national society, which, if carried on as now our leading society is, would be unsatisfactory to very many members. There is a sufficient number of collectors in America to constitute a dozen large societies instead of only two national ones, the A. P. A. and P. S. of A. Let both prosper separately as they certainly can, and then there would be no possible objection to a "steadfast alliance." It works in Germany, then surely it would here.

Judging from his article, we infer that Mr. Sellschopp admits that separate societies do not keep the International Philatelisten Verein from being a "model." Then why need we risk the possible evil consequences of amal-

gamation? Fellow Collectors—Do not unite, yet prosper.

—MAURICE V. SAMUELS.

†And the wind whispered "C-o-r-w-i-n"

### Exchange System, P. S. of A.

MR. R—in a personal letter to the editor—objects to the Constitution's not mentioning dues, and to the Exchange System, because by it, stamps are not handled except by purchasers. He believes that "good, very good, heavily cancelled," etc. is not definite enough, and is for having the A. P. A. system serve as a model. I can not agree with him in regard to the Exchange Department. The A. P. A.'s is not at all satisfactory. The settlements and returns are much too slow, (and so is our progress, many think justly, in coming to working order).

We must have a system whereby *members always know how their accounts stand and do not have their stamps out of their possession for months.* The system proposed answers the need. Why should we not adopt this for want of better? The only objection is that your stamps do not pass through many hands before being retained or returned to you, and that is not very annoying. Besides if a better scheme turns up it will "never be too late to mend." *But at any rate let there be no more delays!* There should be no resignations! Unless we get into working order, and that *at once*, the society will fall to pieces. Already many are becoming disgusted. Officers, upon us it depends whether or not the society prospers!

### PERSONALITIES.

MR. BRADFORD, Secretary of the A. P. A. is at present in San Francisco.

MR. WIENER of the Fargo Stamp Co. has engaged in business in this city.

MR. SELLSCHOPP has gone on a trip to Europe. It is believed he will devote considerable time while there to increasing his already magnificent collection.

MR. STURTEVANT says business leaves him little time for stamps. And with his fine collection too!

MR. GAMBS, it is affirmed, has fallen into the habit of presenting all acquaintances with his new business cards as well as circulars recently printed. The other day he was introduced to a pretty Oakland maiden. "Excuse me, I did not catch your name" resulted in Mr. Gambs pulling out a *business* card and circular and presenting them with the remark that the young lady would find the latter interesting reading matter for Sunday. Verily, the force of habit is strong. Mr. G—remarked to us "Have you seen this new circular of mine" only three times.

MR. BOGART'S business, it is said, is a booming. Wish ours was! (Sigh).

MR. BROWELL'S philatelic interest at present centers in his private collection.

MR. GREANY, we hear, intends to open a store to accommodate his customers, who do not like mail by trade. (?)

MR. RICHARDSON of this city enjoys the reputation of being the least energetic dealer in the world.

MR. F. L. FISCHER is believed to know more about U. S. envelopes than any one else in San Francisco. 'Tother 'Frisco Fischer has retired from the stamp business.

"MR. SAMUELS has been off on a jamboree" so the printer's devil sent to him for copy, reported to his master.

MESSRS. MACDONALD and MOSS have spent their vacation in the country.

MR. HEINEMAN of the *Eureka Philatelist* is looking fine.

MR. H. E. DEATS, we are informed, is now on a western trip.

MR. GUSTAV AUE is not in good health. We trust he will soon regain his strength. For you, the same advice as for Mr. Bradt—California!

### American Philatelic Papers.

The *Collector's Ledger* has followed the *Figaro*. The *New York Philatelist* assumes its responsibilities. The list of philatelic papers will, if this falling off continues, soon reach its normal size. But unfortunately it is the better quality papers that are disappearing.

The *Quaker City Philatelist* has long been a paper worthy of its native city. That is, is very quiet and uninteresting. Under its new managements, however, we believe it will wake up. We hope so, at any rate.

The *American Philatelist* ranks foremost among philatelic papers.

Number two of the new *Texas Philatelist* is yet to appear. Texas is not a state in which Philately seems to flourish.

The *Old Curiosity Shop* now contains several good philatelic articles.

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THE *Beacon* and *Philately* without covers look "queer." In the latter case especially the change is noticeable. Our "big" contemporary is undoubtedly the most stylish of all, and with original contents, found in the last number for the first time, it seems to rank among the foremost. Take the advice of a well-wisher and resume your cover.

PERHAPS our readers think us "great on beginnings only" for we have

dropped our "Exchange Column Contents of stamp papers" and "California Collections" after giving them a fair trial. They did not attain much popularity and we have concluded that the space may be more profitably employed. So other matter now fills our columns.

WE just hear from the *P. J. of A.* that the *Stamp Collector's Figaro* has suspended for good. It leaves many mourners for there is no doubt that it enjoyed the reputation of being the spiciest of American philatelic papers. We trust Voute will enroll himself on the editorial staff of some other paper, and at least now and then we can expect—something!

IT appears that Seagrave has resigned the Treasurership and "Billy" Brown his membership in the A. P. A.—two prominents. Come, let us have the reasons, gentlemen. We are "awful inquisitive."

WE believe Mr. Sellschopp is modeling the first purchasing department of the A. P. A. after that of the Dresden Society. The success of the latter more than warrants Americans to copy Europeans, however disagreeable the idea appears to them.

MEDICINE stamps are at a premium at present. Very good prices were realized at a recent Auction Sale.

A LARGE quantity of the Costa Rica 2r. scarlet bearing fraudulent surcharges (10c.) is now thrown on the market. They are unused as yet, and emanate, we believe, from a well-known Parisian dealer. Beware!

### OUR LAST SAY.

WE have just come across a "Sample copy" of the *Badger State Philatelist* at the office of our old friend, E. F. Gambs. We see that Norton Carter *does* deny the charges made in our last number, challenging the proof. Charge one, "he publishes a paper containing little other than "ads." Even the July No. contains only four pages of reading matter other than advertisements. This is far better than other numbers we have seen. Let anyone who doubts this send for a sample copy (he offers one free). At the risk of being shown how "week and babyish" we are "viewed from a business standpoint" we refer to the "old deal" mentioned.

Having at one time duplicates of U. S. envelopes, and knowing N. E. Carter was willing to exchange stamps, we sent him on Aug. 20, 1888, ten entire unused Centennial and one '64—3c. brown envelopes. After waiting a reasonable time, we commenced writing for a reply or return of stamps. Then in a letter dated Sept. 17, he enclosed some trash among which we noticed *Jay's Local*—imagine the quality! Upon the return of these, he sent a sheet on approval which we showed to a gentleman, Mr. Klaus Olsen of this city, who smiled upon seeing the *Musgrave College stamps priced at 3 cents each* and certain so called Norwegian Locals. Then these went back to Norton Carter, with an offer to supply him for 30 cts. with 100 fine specimens of the Japanese Revenue stamp for which he expected us to take a clipped

specimen at 10 cents. Then he sends a third lot of a fair quality (for by this time we were about indignant enough to report him to the A. P. A.) and despairing of receiving better, we accepted them. That is the deal in which we are to be shown "week and babyish," etc.

By the way, the publication of this Delevan person's letters would warrant the statement that to himself, these terms do especially apply. We wonder if such dealers as Mekeel or Sterling or Gambs commence business letters like the following which is the first sentence in a letter dated Jan. 2, 1889, and signed "Carter,"—"I am tired of this monkeying." Our third charge that we do not receive copies of the *B. S. P.* (which is on our Exchange list) from the editor, is of course *impossible* for us to prove from a legal standpoint, but if we did receive it would we have had to request a copy for reference from a friend over in Rock Island, Ill., as friend Gambs had mislaid his copy.

We have finished. Carter may persist in denial, he may continue calling us pet names, but now that the facts are given in full, collectors know what opinion they may form of this Norton E. Carter.

So J. W. Scott is again in the stamp business. We can look for some sharp rivalry between the two New York firms—Scott Stamp and Coin Co. L'd. and J. W. Scott Co. L'd. If the new firm would wish to lead, it must commence with the determination to sell no reprints, except as such and none but legitimately issued stamps. That is what the other company can not claim to have done.

# The Philatelic Society of America.

—SECRETARY'S REPORT.—

To the members of the P. S. of A.

C. D. REIMERS,

Rock Island, Illinois, has been appointed Exchange Superintendent, and H. E. Deats, International Secretary of this society; the other appointments will be made during the month.

THE following person has expressed his desire to become a member, and if no objections are received against him before thirty days (Aug. 15) he can become a member by remitting the half yearly dues of twenty-five cents.

C. E. Curtis, Sawens, N. Y.

The following is a list of new members.

74. Will F. Weber, Pawnee City, Neb.

75. Wm. Mackey, Pawnee City, Neb.

43. J. A. Shannon, Carbon, Wyo.

This last person was one of the charter members, but through some mistake this name was left out of the lists, and I have given him the number of Geo. Wilson now resigned.

No. 10 has resigned.

Mr. McNamara desires me to state that his address is now Tower, Minn.

I WILL be able to mail every member who has paid his dues a copy of the Constitution before they receive this.

I DESIRE to state that a great many members have not paid their dues yet for the first half-year and I wish they would please do so. Dues for the last half-year are now due and payable to

me. Remember if you don't pay your dues, you will not be entitled to the use of the exchange department, nor will you receive a copy of this paper or of the Constitution nor the membership card which will be ready soon.

THE system of exchange in April number of INTERNATIONAL COLLECTOR has been accepted.

THE publishers of the *Western Philatelist* inform me that their number one is now in press and members will receive their copies soon.

COMMUNICATIONS for me should be addressed to BOX 616, ST. JOSEPH, MO., not St. Louis, Mo.

—H. C. BEARDSLEY, Secretary,

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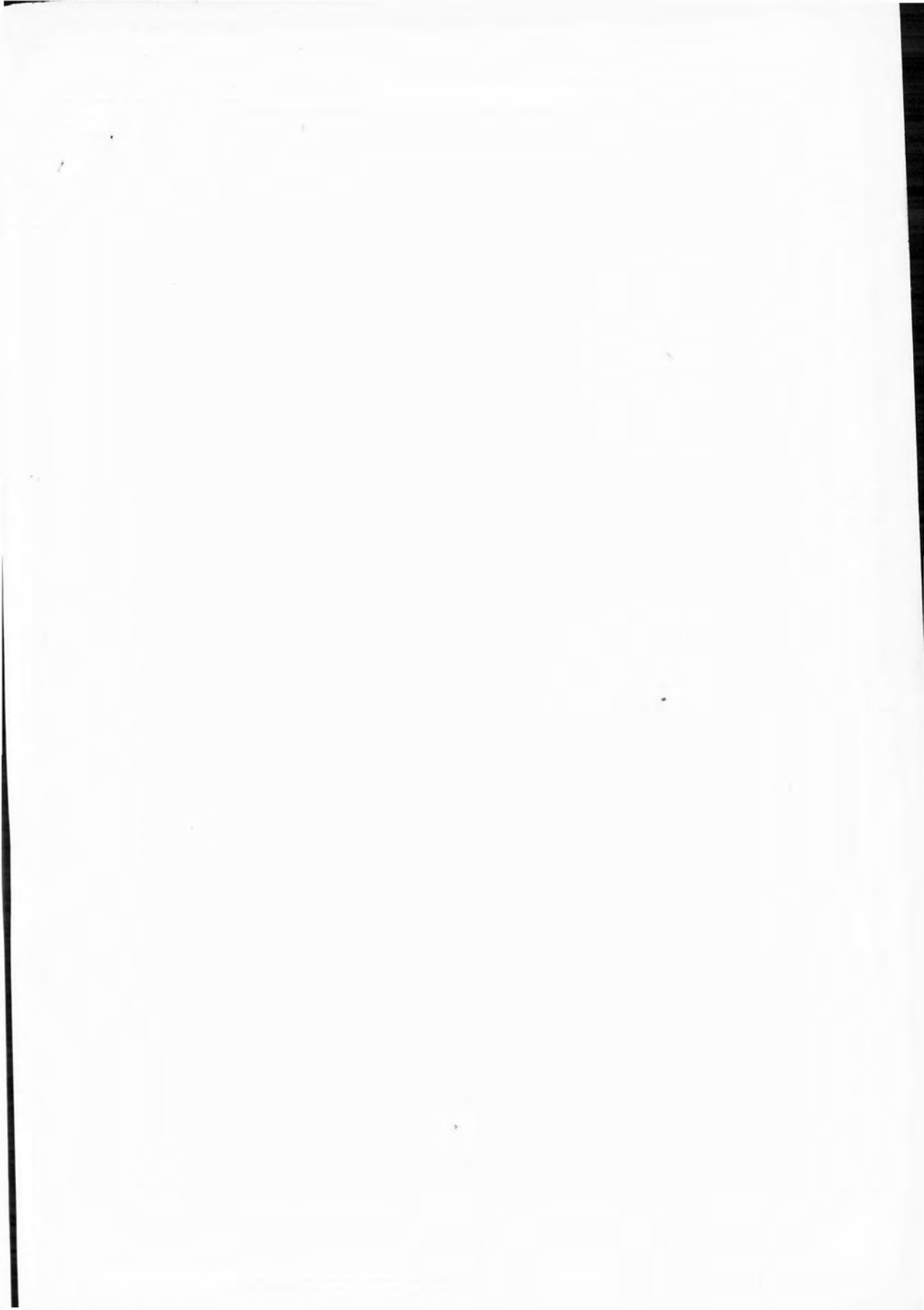
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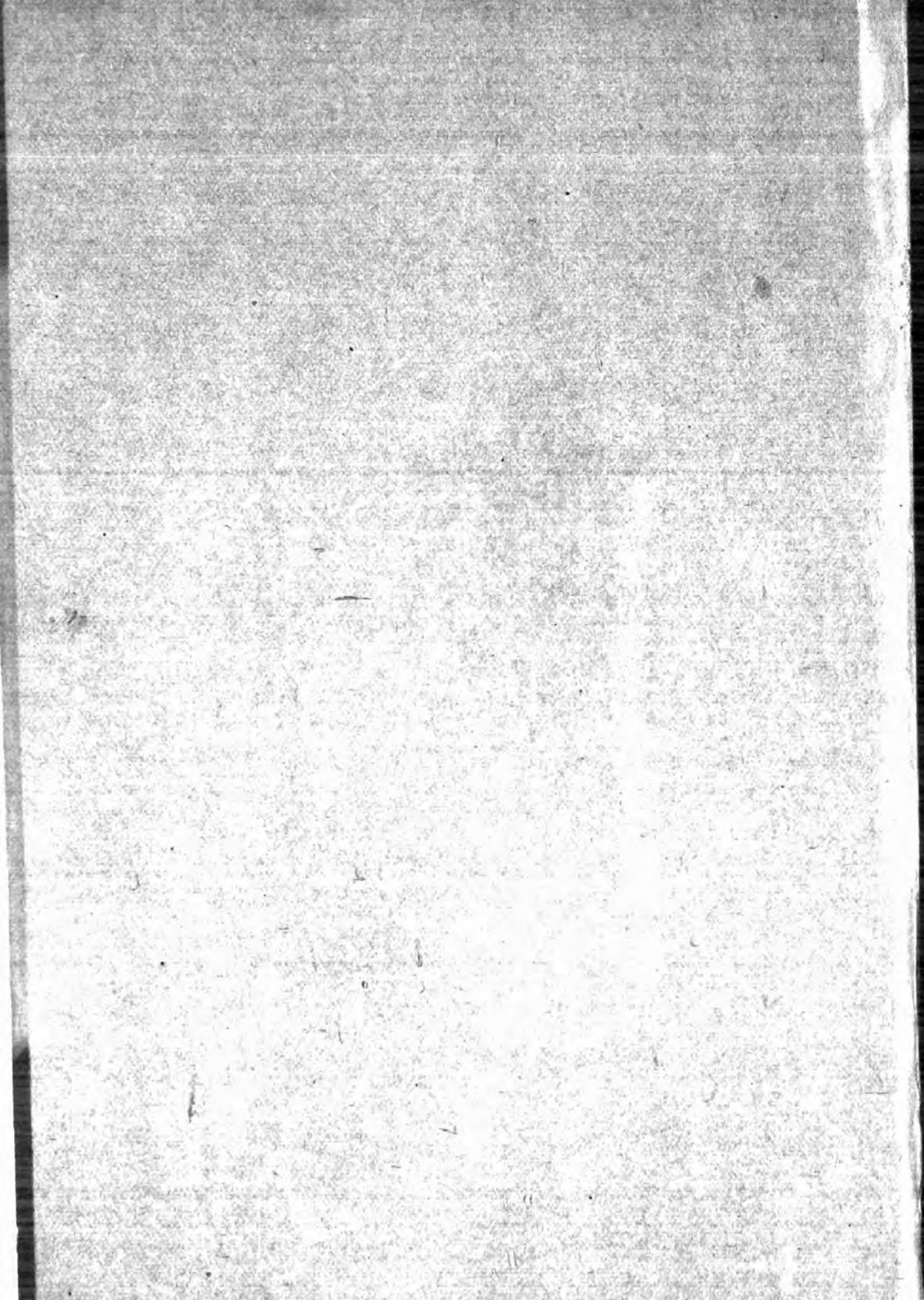
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