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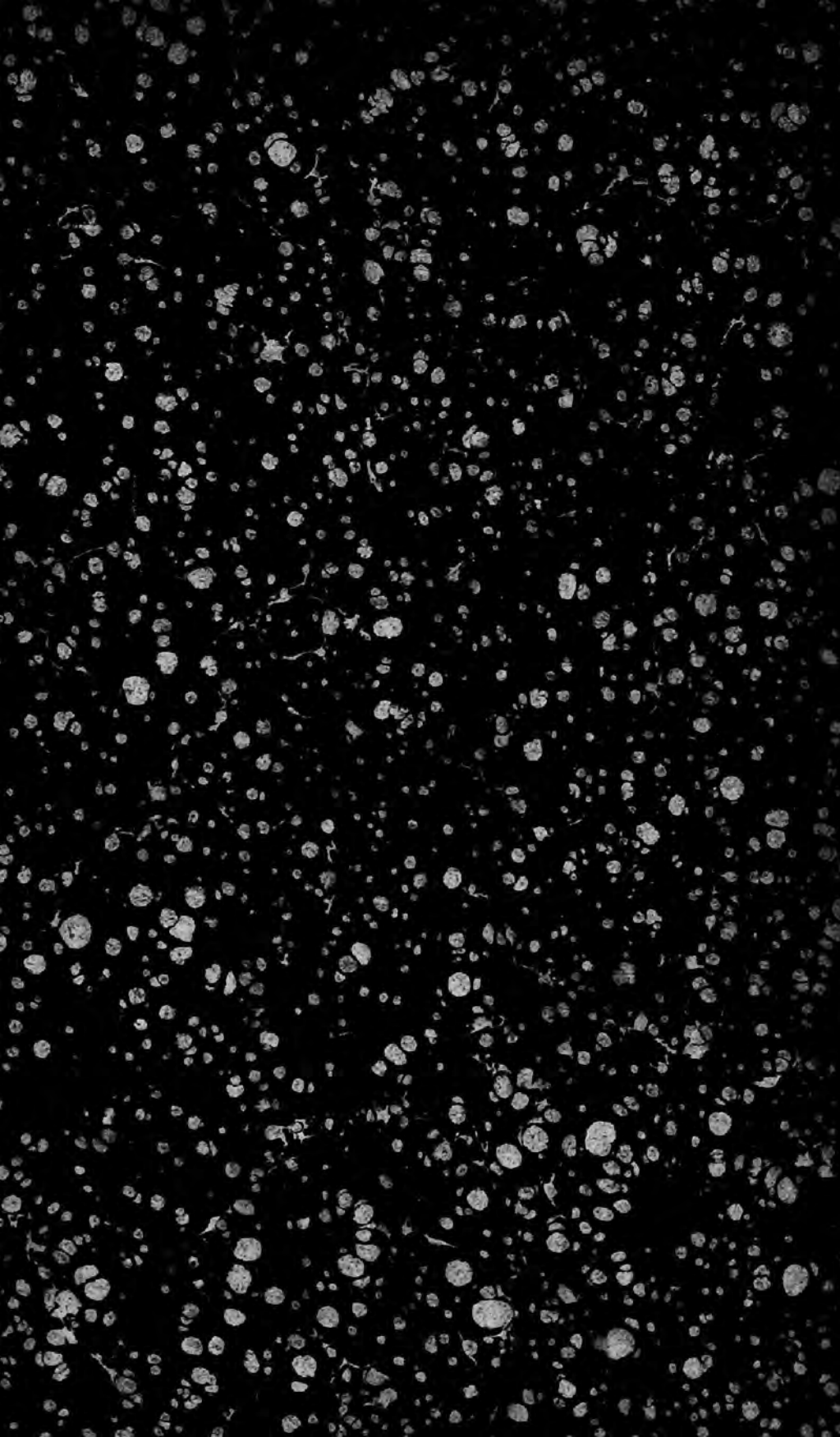
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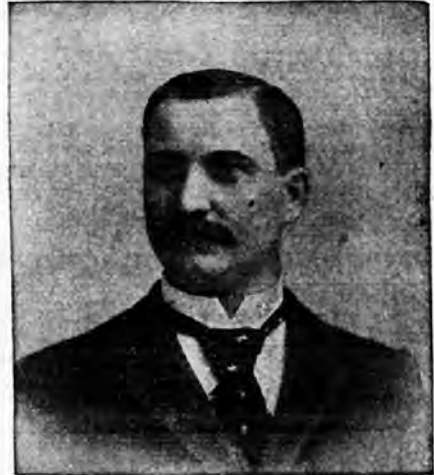
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To the person selling the most stamps from my approval sheets between now and January 1, 1892, I will give as a prize, \$5.00 worth of rare U. S. Stamps, containing many of the early issues, such as 1847, 5c black, 1851, 1857, 1861, 1863, 1869, 1872, 1875 and 1882.

To the person coming out second best, I will send \$3.50 worth of American Stamps, used and unused, New Foundland, 1876, Nicaragua, 1878, Prince Ed. Island, 1872, Suriname, 1884, Bolivia, 1876 and Bahamas, 1862. In all, 30 good stamps from the above named countries worth \$3.50.

To the person coming out third best, I will send \$2.50 worth of foreign stamps such as, Samoa, 1877, Salvador, 1889, Mexico, 1864, Guatemala, 1875, China, 3 varieties, unused, 1875, Turkey 1869, Virgin Island, 1879 and Uruguay, 1884. In all, 30 good stamps worth \$2.50.

This is no fake, but a genuine offer. Please state whether you want to compete for the prizes. Now is the time to get some good stamps free. Always send stamp for return postage.

D. OLIVER NORTON,

5747 La Salle Street,

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A two or three line advertisement in this column \$2. per year. (12 insertions) payable in advance.

CLARK & CO., 25 Cambridge Road, London S. E. Eng. Wholesale list, post free, on application. Large quantities, of rare stamps always in stock.

GREEN G. K., 550 East Market Street, Louisville, Ky. Dealer in Stamps and Curiosities.

HEINSBERGER PH., 9 1st Ave. New York, U. S. A. International Bureau. Foreign Postage and Revenue stamps on approval. Reference or deposit required.

HILES BROS & CO., Stamp Dealers and Collectors, 28 Lincoln Avenue, Canton, O. Write for blue approval sheets at 33 per cent com. and terms to agent. Correspondence solicited.

HUGUENOT STAMP CO., Oxford, Mass. Agents wanted. 30 per cent commission allowed from our choice approval sheets.

MILLER J. C., Coal Valley, Pa. Sheets wanted. at 33 1-3 to 40 per cent. Agents wanted.

MOUND CITY STAMP CO., 1322 Washington Ave., St. Louis, Mo. Agents wanted 33 1-3 per cent com. allowed, from our approval sheets. Price List free.

PAULEY EDWIN J. H. P. O. Box 381, Halifax, N. S. Collector and Dealer in Coins and Postage Stamps.

Exchange Department.

One Cent per word for each insertion. No advertisement for this department received for less than 25 cts., and invariably must be paid for cash in advance. All will be set in solid brevier type, no display allowed.

Wanted—Rare Stamps, in exchange for Indian Relics, Minerals, Fossils, Shells, Paper Money, Curiosities, etc. Send 6 cents for list of prices we pay for rare coins, including our retail prices on above goods. Address, Mercer, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Good agents wanted to sell stamps from the approval sheets of the Columbia Stamp Co., 138 East 22nd Street, New York, N. Y. Commission 33 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. Stamps guaranteed genuine.

I desire to subscribe to a few Philatelic and Exchange papers. Publishers of same may do well by sending me sample copy. D. E. Hazen, Thonotosassa, Florida.

Approval Sheets to beginners and advanced collectors at 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ to 50 per cent discount. Wholesale selections to reliable dealers. Reference required, Highland Stamp Agency, 1106 Winter Ave., Louisville, Ky.

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With this we present to you the first number of the MISSOURI PHILATELIST, hoping that the acquaintance thus begun shall ripen into a friendship, which will be lasting.

We cordially invite you to peruse this initial number carefully, and should its style meet your satisfaction we would be pleased to receive a Postal Note for 25 cts., and enroll you as a subscriber.

This Journal will consist of 16-32 pages monthly, and we will endeavor to obtain for our readers only such matter as will prove of interest to both the beginner as well as the more advanced collector.

It is our desire to make this paper strictly first-class in all respects, and with this object in view we have engaged the services of some of the best Philatelic writers.

We shall be deeply indebted to our brethren Philatelists if they will contribute to the MISSOURI PHILATELIST such articles as they may think likely to interest its readers.

It will contain a Chronicle of any

new stamps that may appear during the month, Philatelic Stories, Editorial, Exchange Department, Dealers' Directory, the advertisements of reliable stamp dealers, etc., etc.

We hope that you will patronize our Exchange Department liberally, and that you will find in it many good offers of which you may take advantage.

Our columns will always be open for suggestions and items of interest; every collector and dealer may rest assured that his correspondence will be always welcomed.

Club notices and the proceedings of Philatelic Societies will be cheerfully inserted free of cost, if they are sent to us promptly. In no case do we want antiquated news.

If you have any item of interest send it to us and we will be very thankful, giving you credit for it or not as you may desire.

We expect to introduce many of our readers, through the advertisements in our columns, to dealers whose names they may not have met with heretofore, so that they will have every

chance of enriching their collections.

Summing up, we desire our friends (particularly the younger ones) to make this paper their own, expecting that they may derive from its columns beneficial results.

With these concluding remarks we enter the Philatelic Arena with our contemporaries, promising our patrons a lively paper, furthering the interests of both the collector as well as the dealer.

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CHRONICLE.

BY R. R. BOGERT.

Argentine.—New stamps are said to be in preparation, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2, 5, 8, 10c., with portrait of Rivadavia, 15, 16, 24, 50c., Belgrano, and 1, 2, 5 pesos San Martin. Envelopes of 5 and 8c. Wrappers of $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2, 4c. Cards, 4 and 4x4c. Letter cards, of 2 and 4c.

Bahamas.—The 4d. envelope has been surcharged 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., (1) in red, (2) red surcharge barred out and newly surcharged in black, (3) original value barred and surcharged in black.

Br. East Africa.—The 4 anna has been surcharged. "1 anna" in dark violet and a new value has been issued 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ annas black on yellow.

British Honduras.—There is a new issue of stamp of same design as Seychelles. We hear of the 1c. green, 2c. rose, 3c. brown, 6c. blue, 12c. purple and green, 24c. yellow and blue.

Bolivar.—The *Stamp News* has received a new set dated 1891, and in new colors. 1c. black, 5c. orange,

10c. blue, 20c. red, 50c. green, 1 peso violet.

Cuba.—There is a change in color of the 5 and 10c. stamps. The 5c. is green and the 10c. claret.

Falkland I.—A 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. blue of current type is reported.

Greece.—The *Hermes* gives the design of the stamp on the new envelopes and wrappers. They are not yet issued. The shape is oval, 15x8 mm. Head of Mercury with helmet in center, inscription above and below and numerals of value at sides. Envelopes 10 l. orange, 20 l. carmine. Wrappers 1, 2, 5, 10, 40 l. colors same as adhesives.

Gwalior.—The 9 pies and the 12 annas of current issue are now surcharged in black for use in this State.

Honduras.—We hear that the 1890 stamps are obsolete and a new series was issued August 1st. The head of President Bogran is in the center, "Republica de Honduras" above and value below. 1c. blue, 2c. brown, 5c. green, 10c. vermilion, 20c. red brown, 25c. maroon, 30c. slate, 40c. green, 50c. brown, 75c. purple, 1 peso brown, 2 pesos black and brown, 5 pesos black and purple, 10 pesos black and green. The stamps in two colors have the head in black and are larger than the others, 33x38 mm. Perf. 12. The envelopes have embossed head of the President in large engine turned oval frame, "Republica de Honduras" above, "Servicio, 1891, Postal" below, and figures of value at sides. 5c. green on white, 158x92 mm., 10c. vermilion on white, same size, 20c. blue on white, 230x100 mm., 25c. brown on white, same size. Wrappers, 1c. brown, 2c. blue, 5c. green, 10c.

vermilion all on blue, 210x270 mm. Post cards same designs as 1890, but with the 1891 stamp. 2c. and 2x2c. orange on white, 3c., 3x3c. carmine on pale green. The reply cards are T. 4.

Hyderabad.—It is stated that the ½ anna stamp is now pale rose instead of red brown.

Labuan.—It is stated by the postmaster that no 1c. stamp has been or is likely to be issued, surcharged or otherwise.

Luxemburg.—Of the new stamps with head of the grand duke we have seen only the 10c. carmine and 25c. blue.

Madagascar.—Three type set provisionals are in use here. There is an ornamental frame "Postes Francaises" at top on two lines, large figure of value in the center, and "Madagascar" below. 5c. black on green, 10c. black on blue and 25c. brown on buff.

Roumania.—There is a letter card 5 bani, black on pale gray card. Stamp of 1890 in right upper angle. "Carta Postala Inchisa" and instruction below. There are the usual lines for address and usual perforation.

Sarawak.—The 12c. was surcharged 5 not long ago, and now a 5 att. blue and green and a 10 att. red and green have made their appearance.

St. Lucia.—There are a 5sh. lilac and orange and 10sh. lilac and black.

Sweden.—The new letter cards differ from those they supersede principally in having inscriptions outside of the lines of perforation. No change in color.

Victoria.—The 1d. is said to be now on rose paper instead of white.

There is a new registry envelope with stamp in the form of a shield. The head of the queen is in a small circle, with "Victoria" in a curved label above, and "Three pence" below. Size 138x80 mm. Carmine on white with the usual red lines, etc.

History and Mail Service in Burmah.

BY PH. HEINSBERGER, NEW YORK.

The formerly Kingdom of Burmah is situated in southeastern Asia on the frontier of China. In the year 1886 the natives (a yellowish-brown race) were in war with Great Britain (John Bull wanted as usual more territory!) and were defeated. The King, a despot, was deposed, and Burmah was declared a part of the British Empire (India). Burmah has an area of 190,500 square miles and an "estimated" population of about three millions. The capital is Mandalay with about 80,000 population. The religion is that of the Mongolian race "Budha," and his celestial brothers "Confucius" & Co! (wood or stone images). The government is administered by the Governor General of India, and the natives are divided in different tribes, partly loyal and partly treacherous and hostile to the government. Burmah possessing no seacoast, the trade is inconsiderable and as a consequence the mail service was and still is of no importance. The country never has issued stamps, but since 1886 the regular postage stamps of the "British Indian Postal Agency" and also the regular stamps of East India are used there. Now, gentle reader, of THE MISSOURI PHILATELIST, I want to in-

form you about the mail service in Burmah. Don't laugh! but the word mail service is just not exactly to find there at its place. In Burmah are no post-offices! The mail does not travel by an express railway, neither by a mail wagon or mail cart! Such postal luxuries are unknown things there. The mail of her British Majesty Victoria Empress, of India, is simply carried on the back of sturdy pedestrians, called "coolies", who are usually of the loyal Chin tribe. Those natives serve the postoffice with due fidelity and easily pick their way slow but sure along highland and forest paths in that hilly country. In the settled districts free from marauding folk, no police, no military escort is necessary. There are usually three or four natives starting in the interior with the mail, packed in baskets. The leader of the men carries in hand a flag with the inscription "Imperial Mail" and this flag commands sufficient respect. The basketful of mail forms a moderate load for each man. They are half nude or only partly dressed, the legs being always nude. They start from the border station, plod on silently from one stockaded group of huts to another, discharging their burden as they proceed. The native rude mail carriers are always welcome guests to the English Indian officers and soldiers at the lonely stations in the partly hostile province of Burmah.

"The only difference I can see between a postage stamp and a donkey," said an Irishman in describing it to his mate, "is that the one you stick with a lick, and the other you lick with a stick."

How the Water-mark in a Postage Stamp Brought About "Voodoo Reed's" Downfall.

BY GUY W. GREEN.

The day was insufferably hot. The streets were deserted. Out in the country the fields were dry and parched. The walls of the fort stood like silent sentinels in the sun, and looked stolidly off across the dreary stretch of plain. The soldiers within were making the best of a bad situation. A few were writing letters home; here and there the peculiar sound of shuffling cards proclaimed the gamester; some were plying the needle and thread—clumsy instruments in hands used to sabre and musket—and performing little acts of mending, which were very essential upon certain portions of their attire. A few Indians, who were employed as scouts and in other less important capacities, lay flat on their backs smoking in the shade.

These Indians were queer specimens of humanity. Some of them were as true to their trusts as could be desired. Others carried about them a sneaking, thievish expression, which caused you to instinctively feel for your watch and valuables, and see that your revolver was ready for work at a moment's notice. The white soldiers held aloof from them, and even the officers looked askance at a few, who evidently were not thoroughly in sympathy with the pale face.

The soldiers called the reds "poor devils," and the receivers of the compliment expressed their opinion of the whites in a language so complicated

that the recording angel gave up all hope of registering the oaths spoken, and hung her much abused pen on the rack to dry, while the savages conversed in their queer lingo of grunts and groans. To-day they were unusually quiet. They gazed up at the sunny sky, watched the smoke curl from their pipes as it was twisted into strange shapes by every passing breeze, and looked the very incarnations of dirty contentment.

One of them, however, was not so quiet as his companions. The smoke came from his mouth in nervous puffs, and he dug his bare toes into the sandy soil with an energy which betokened some unusual activity in his half-developed mind. Now and then he started up with a look of apprehension on his face, and glanced anxiously towards the officers' headquarters. But he soon fell back and feigned indifference to his surroundings. He was not an attractive looking man at best, and now he appeared doubly repulsive. On account of his strange peculiarities the soldiers had called him years before "Voodoo Reed." The name had clung to the Indian, no one could tell exactly why, and now he answered to no other address. He was known as "Voodoo Reed" to everyone, and thus he signed his name in a rude hand which he had acquired. Why he was permitted to remain about the fort was a mystery. Several times he had been suspected of small thefts, but as positive proof was always lacking he had escaped punishment. To have looked at him to-day you would have thought he must recently have acquired some-

thing else, to which his title was not exactly clear.

The soldiers lounged and dozed and smoked. The Indians smoked and dozed and lounged. Sleepiness was in the air, and the garrison took it in with every breath. The swallows twittered lazily, conscious that they were admired by all the soldiers, since they were the only feathered evidences of civilization in all the region roundabout. A ground squirrel stole out from his burrow, and chattered saucily at the feet of a recumbent figure; but failing to arouse attention he hastened back to his waiting wife and babies. The officers were in headquarters. The men envied them with a vague sort of envy, but there their ill-will ceased.

Suddenly on the piazza of headquarters Captain Cox appeared. Now there was nothing remarkable in this, Captain Cox often appeared on the piazza. But there *was* something remarkable in the fact that the usually precise Captain appeared before the men in his shirt sleeves. The soldiers remembered the occurrence for months after. The officer was excited. Nothing could be more evident.

The soldiers approached, and for once neglecting to take advantage of a superior, they very prudently saluted. Then came the revelation. The Captain had been robbed.

(To be continued in our next number.)

DO NOT FAIL TO READ "The Founders of the Postal Service in the Old German Empire," a remarkably interesting article by Ph. Heinsberger, the first chapter of which will appear in our next issue.

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER.**The Sixth Annual Convention of the
A. P. A.**

Although the proceedings of the A. P. A. Convention have already been chronicled by a number of our contemporaries, and notwithstanding the fact that it is some time since the Convention has taken place, we nevertheless give an account of it in a condensed form. It will be likely to interest some of our readers, who we know have not received any of the aforementioned publications.

The Sixth Annual Convention of the American Philatelic Association was called to order August 17th, at 10:15 A. M., by Pres. John K. Tiffany, in Rooms 3 and 4 of the Times Building, New York City.

About thirty members were present at the time. A Committee on Credentials consisting of Messrs. S. B. Bradt, J. W. Scott, and Alvah Davison was appointed at this meeting, also a Committee on Standing Rules, consisting of Messrs. Deats, Sterling and Leland, after which a recess was taken to allow the committee to report on the proxies.

At 2 P. M. the afternoon session was called.

The proxies held at this meeting were distributed as follows: Geo. H. Watson, 132; C. H. Mekeel, 31; W. C. Stone, 23; R. R. Bogert, 15; Samuel Leland, 4; S. B. Bradt, 4; H. F. Ketcheson, 4; A. B. Hubbard, 3; K. C. Miner, 2; A. R. Rogers, 1, and J. H. Houston, 1, making a total of 220.

A. R. Rogers' resignation as third assistant purchasing agent was read.

President Tiffany then delivered his annual address, which occupied him some half hour, and upon its conclusion amid great applause many of the members present at previous meetings declared it to be the finest ever delivered before that body.

The Secretary's report showed a decrease of 115 members, being at present 568.

Treasurer Gregory's report showed an expense of \$1,252 during the year, leaving on hand a balance of \$68.99.

Owing to the duty troubles, etc., on imported stamps it was decided to close the International Sales Department for the present.

By a vote of 173 it was decided to hold the next Convention at Niagara Falls. Washington and then New York City coming out next best with 27 and 14 votes respectively.

The Literary Board was authorized to alter the advertising rates of the *American Philatelist*, to what they might think proper and to get the paper printed wherever they chose.

Alteration in the By-Laws was made whereby a member can hereafter hold no more than 50 proxies.

By a close vote the old law regarding the election of members of the Official Board, from different States was again passed, also the Trustees shall in the future be elected instead of appointed.

A resolution was passed that a mail vote be taken, to see whether the Exchange Superintendent should be elected or appointed, and also whether he should be a dealer or a collector.

After considerable discussion relative to incorporation, the Official

Board was ordered to find out whether the Association could be incorporated in West Virginia satisfactorily, this State offering the best advantages, as no officers were required and meetings were unnecessary, also the yearly tax would be at the most \$50, probably much less.

All amendments to the By-Laws will hereafter be published in the *American Philatelist* 30 days in advance, and if passed they are then to be final.

Nothing happened to mar the good feeling which prevailed from the beginning to the end.

What One Philatelist Sees.

BY E. P. NEWCOMER.

It would be a good idea if the United States Government would print plainly on each stamped envelope that, if it were damaged or made unfit for mailing, it might be taken to any postoffice and exchanged for a good one free of charge. That's the law now, but very few persons know it. Many people refrain from buying stamped envelopes because they fear they will spoil them in addressing, and in that way lose the stamp. Postmasters are always ready to give new ones in exchange for those damaged, but as so few persons know it, it ought to be put on the envelopes some place where it would certainly be seen.

She was in appearance a modest, refined-looking lady, but when she confronted the stamp clerk with the request for a P. D. 2 stamp that seri-

ous-minded functionary was too astonished to reply.

"Will you let me have a P. D. 2 stamp?" repeated the woman who seemed to think the clerk was deaf, and therefore raised her voice so that it was heard all over the office. An inspiration seized him and he tendered a special delivery stamp. That was what she wanted.—*N. Y. Herald.*

It is astonishing how many philatelists try to evade the United States postal laws. Only recently a prominent publisher in one of the Western States returned me some manuscript wrapped up in his paper, thus evading paying letter postage. This is a legal offense and publishers should take warning.

A great many of the specimens, living and dead, which are sent to the Smithsonian Institute, come through the mails, and they frequently create consternation among the Postal messengers. Not long ago the clerks in the Washington postoffice were startled to see a big package, which stood on one of the tables, sway backward and forward as though it were alive. They approached it cautiously and examined the address, which they found to be that of Dr. Stejneger, the curator of the reptile department of the Smithsonian Institute. A soft, rustling sound in the package told them that it probably contained a snake. The postal regulations will not permit you or me to send live snakes through the mail. But the government bureaus are privileged to do a great many things which are forbidden you and

me. Dr. Stejneger says that none of the snakes which come through the mails are poisonous, and they could do no harm if they escaped. Most of the specimens come to the Institute in alcohol.

A system of mail delivery in a farming community has proved successful. A northern family that had always lived in sight of the postoffice, moved to North Carolina about fifteen years ago and settled six and one-half miles from a railroad town and three miles from a postoffice. Having obtained consent of the postmasters and mail carrier on that particular route of thirteen miles in length, this family and others who desired to enter into the arrangement, erected posts for the reception and protection of small mail bags, suitable for both collecting and delivery, and thus at a cost of \$2 to each family, a daily delivery was established, and all mail, except registered letters, was delivered promptly. Each family had its own mail bag properly inscribed, and the privilege of placing therein money for the procuring of stamps, money orders, postal cards, etc., was granted. Such was the success of the system that families living off the main road sought to enjoy its advantages by sharing the expense with nearest post-route neighbors. As a natural result more newspapers, especially dailies, are taken on this route than all the other local routes in that part of the State.

What is the difference between a lady and a postage stamp?

One is a female—the other a mail-fee.

REVIEW.

The Stamp Collector's Companion, to be published by the Stamp Collector's Companion Pub. Co. of this city, was announced to appear Sept. 15th. However, we have learned that the publishers have postponed the date of publication, and the first number is to appear sometime in October.

The *Rhode Island Philatelist* has been consolidated with the *Philatelic Era*, and the publishers of the latter journal announce that they will fill all advertising contracts of the former. The September issue consists of 28 pages and cover and presents a neat appearance.

The September number of the *Philatelic Journal of America* has been received. It contains the report of the A. P. A. Convention as taken down by the Official Stenographer, including the entire address of President John K. Tiffany, which is very interesting.

The *Eastern Philatelist* for September is at hand. Besides other interesting reading matter it contains an article entitled "Philately's Publications" which is very well written and true in every particular.

The *Southern Philatelist* for August has been received. As generally, it is very interesting, and contains a good lot of news.

We are in receipt of No. 7 of the *Philatelic Fraud Reporter*. This

paper has taken unto itself a cover which greatly improves its looks.

Besides the above we have received the following papers, for which we wish to extend our thanks to the publishers; *Revista Filatelica*, *Philatelic World*, *Brooklyn Philatelist*, *Paris Postal*, *Philatelic Journal of Ohio*, *American Philatelist and Collector*, *Revue Philatelique*, *Metropolitan Philatelist*, *One Dime*, *The American Youth*, *The Collector's Journal*, *Essex County Philatelist*, *Ohio Philatelist*, *New Hampshire Philatelist*, *Post Office*, *Philatelic Tribune* and *Spy Glass*.

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It is reported that Austria is to annex Bosnia and Herzegovina in 1892. This is of importance to all stamp collectors, as after the annexation these countries may use the stamps of Austria.

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The Central Philatelic Association recently held its first Convention in the New York Life Building. The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, George A. Joplin, of Omaha; Vice President, Edgar C. Biggar, of Fremont; Secretary, T. G. Sanders, Council Bluffs; Treasurer, Henry Fisher, Omaha; librarian, O. W. Dunn, Omaha; Superintendent of Exchange, W. K. Mackey, Pawnee City; Executive Committee, A. H. Sanders, Omaha, F. H. Knowlton, Fremont; George A. Miller, Cambridge.

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CHRONICLE.

BY R. R. BOGERT.

Afghanistan—*The M. J.* notes the 1 ab., blue green, on thin pale rose wove paper. 2 ab., black on white laid batonne. 1 ru., purple on pale green wove batonne.

Bolivar.—It is now said the 10c. is red, and the 20c., blue, not as previously reported.

Brazil.—The 10r. journal stamp is now on white paper and there is a 20r., green. We have also seen the 100r. violet of the old type.

British Central Africa.—*The S. N.* informs us that all of the Br. S. A. Co.'s stamps, except the 4d, have been surcharged "B. C. A.," in black, for use in the countries north of the Zambezi.

Br. North Borneo.—The 10c. blue is surcharged in black in two lines "6-cents."

Congo Free State.—They report that 2,000 of the 15c. stamps have been surcharged for use as 5c.

Curacao.—The 30c. is surcharged in black in two lines "25-cent," covering nearly half of the stamp. It is said the 50c. violet has been similarly treated.

Fiji Islands.—The surcharged 2½d. has been replaced by a definitive issue. This differs from the current type by having the figures of value in the

lower corners, with the word "Postage" between them. Chocolate brown, perf. 10.

Holland.—*The Weekly S. N.* has received some of the new stamps with head of the young queen.

Hungary.—The current 5kr. has the figure of value in black instead of color.

Johor.—We have seen the 24c green surcharged in black in three lines, "JOHOR—Two—CENTS."

Labuan.—The 8c. is surcharged in black in two lines, "6—cents." We understand that hereafter the stamps of North Borneo will be current here.

Madagascar.—There is a 15c. blue, on bluish, of the type set design noted last month, and 1fc. and 5fc. are expected. The 10c. black, on lilac, has been changed 5c., in black, and the 40c. has been surcharged 25c., in blue.

Martinique.—The 2c. is surcharged in three lines, "Timbre-Poste—01c.—Martinique," in black.

Mauritius.—The 38c. has been again surcharged, this time across the bottom, in black, "TWO CENTS."

Negri Sembilau.—This is one of the minor States on the Malaccan Peninsular and uses the 2c. of Straits Settlements, with the name surcharged in two lines in black.

Nossi-Be.—There are several new surcharges here for use as unpaid letter stamps. The value is in figures in the center, "Nossi-Bé—Chiffre-taxe," in two lines above, and "a Percevoir," below. The surcharge is in black, 20 on 1c., 30 on 2c., 50 on 30c., 35 on 4c., 35 on 20c., 1fc. on 35c.

Perak.—The 6c. is surcharged 1c., and the 24c. is surcharged 2c., in quite a number of different types.

Philippine I.—The 5c. is now olive brown, and the 20c., salmon.

Reunion I.—The current stamps are surcharged in black, diagonally, "RE-UNION."

Salvador.—They seem to have run short of 5c. stamps in this Republic, and have made use of the 3c. stamps, with a suitable surcharge.

Uruguay.—The 5c. violet, of 1886, has come into use again. It is surcharged diagonally, in red, in two lines, "Provisorio—1891." We hear already of varieties, such as "ovisorio—91," "isorio—1," "orio," and "orio—1891."

The Founders of the Postal Service in the Old German Empire.

BY PH. HEINSBERGER.

"Family of Thurn & Taxis," 1516 to 1867.

The country which at the present time is called Germany was in the fifteenth century ruled by some dozens of small princes and some hundred independent noblemen, and there was no regular postal service at all. The emperor of Germany, at the time I write of, was Maximilian I., who reigned from 1493 to 1519. This prince had the official title, "Emperor

of the Holy Roman Empire of German Nations," and ruled over Germany, Austria, Holland, Belgium, Italy. His residence was in the city of Vienna (Austria). The mail service was conducted by special couriers hired by the merchants irregularly. Only the large Free Cities had a kind of regular mail service, and sent out messengers at a certain time; but for the common people, this service was too dear, and the postal service was in a state of decay. As I mentioned above, the Italy of that time was under German rule, and the German emperors frequently kept court in that country. At the Imperial Court an Italian nobleman named Francesco de Tassis was living. He was a descendant of the family of Torriani, who had their residence in a very mountainous region near the city of Bergamo (Italy.) In the large and extensive forests, belonging to the estate, were "badgers" (Italian, tassis) in abundance, and on account of this the family name of Torriani was changed to von Tassis de Tassis).

Francesco de Tassis now made an offer to the Imperial Court to establish a regular postal service and to deliver the imperial mail free of charge, on the condition that the family of de Tassis, and all its descendants, should be the sole owners of this postal service, and that all the postal revenues should belong to this family alone. The German emperor gave his consent, and in the year 1516 Tassis was vested with the postal franchise in all the imperial lands. The emperor also issued a proclamation that the "Riding Messengers of de Tassis" should have the right of way in the imperial lands,

without further permission of the numerous independent princes. This far-extended postal route was running from Vienna (Austria) via Augsburg (Bavaria), through Wurtemberg, Speyer, Kreuznach (Germany), to the cities of Liege and Brussels (Belgium). At this time also the name "Post" was accepted from the French "Postes," for this new postal service, and Francesco de Tassis was appointed "Postmaster of the Netherlands." (At that time Belgium and Holland comprised the Netherlands.) The history of the German postal service was then for a long time connected with the name "Tassis," and his messengers, horses and mail were under imperial German protection.

Paved roads, railroads, steam, telegraph and post-offices, as at present, were of course unknown, but a postal service began under Tassis' directions, and he established postal stations at certain intervals, and his messengers on horseback traveled regularly. At first the different independent princes objected to the crossing of their territory, but it was easy for Tassis to get their permission by agreeing to deliver all mail to and from these territories free of charge for the princes and the authorities. The people, too, saw the advantages of the postal service, and the princes later on, were anxious that the Tassis messengers should cross their territory frequently. As a matter of course (jealousy having always existed) Tassis had many enemies on account of his postal privileges, and particularly from the fact that, being Italian, he had such a valuable franchise in Germany. The Free Cities especially, at that time numbering many hundred,

were fearing Tassis in opposition to their own so-called postal route. Meantime, Francesco de Tassis had died, and his family successor, Johannis Baptista de Tassis, was by the emperor (German) naturalized and received the name of "Von Thurn and Taxis" for himself and all his family descendants forever.

But still his enemies were working against him, though in vain, for the postal service was satisfactory and Taxis gained more and more power, success followed success in the Taxis family. The new emperor of Germany, Ferdinand I., re-appointed Taxis as postmaster general of the Netherlands in the year 1545. Taxis died and still Taxis lived! Bernhard von Taxis, by an imperial decree was vested and appointed as postmaster general of "all imperial lands," Germany, Austria, Hungary, Netherlands (at that time Belgium and Holland were combined) Italy, Spain, and as sole owner of all the postal revenues. This decree was issued by Rudolphus II., Emperor of Germany, on June 16th, 1595, and the postal service of Thurn & Taxis was improving year by year. On July 22d, 1615, Lamoral von Thurn & Taxis, by imperial grace, was nominated a "German Count," on account of the important postal service rendered by the Taxis family. He also was appointed Imperial German Postmaster General (Kaiserlich Deutscher General Postmeister), with full power, that his postal office should be a "new created office," belonging to himself and all his family successors of male birth. But Taxis had his office as an imperial German "Lessee" (Deutscher Reichs Lehen). The im-

provements of the postal service, and the power of the Taxis postal family advanced step by step, and was admired by rulers in other European countries, and Taxis reached a still higher point in life. Taxis died, and still Taxis lived!

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Philatelic Journals Versus Stamp Advertisers.

BY J. D. DONAHOO.

An article appeared in the September issue of the *Brooklyn Philatelist*, calling attention to and inquiring as to the reason for the low subscription price of our philatelic publications. It was most timely and presented very forcibly the abuses which exist in this regard, evils which threaten serious injury to philately unless they be amended. It is certainly of prime importance, then, that this subject be as fully discussed as possible; and what organ is better entitled to carry on this inquiry than that budding aspirant for philatelic honors, *The Missouri Philatelist*?

It, as a new-comer in the field, will certainly be able while justifying the need for its own appearance to lay down some limits which should bound the horizon of legitimate philatelic journalism.

As a general rule the best measure of the importance and expansive force of any special interest like philately is furnished by the literature it produces. That science or pursuit which has many able publications devoted to the development of its interests will certainly be recognized as having a valid reason for its existence, and will be

respected accordingly. And judged by the mere number of publications to which it has given birth, what interest can compete with philately? Indeed nothing will so surprise one unacquainted with philately, nothing will so impress him with its extent as to be told that at least a hundred periodicals are published in its interest. But the surprise and respect thus engendered is likely to be changed to disgust and ridicule, when the *quality* and not the *quantity* of these publications is considered. Here I have before me thirty or so of these philatelic magazines; let us analyze the lot. The result shows about a dozen, four to eight page circulars, a dozen more small, ill-printed pamphlets in magazine form, and only half a dozen periodicals of fair size, creditable appearance, and any pretence to originality in contents; all the rest are filled with clippings, not even well selected at that, and advertisements.

This lot of mine is a collection above the average in excellence, since it contains all the philatelic publications with the largest subscription lists; what then must be the humiliation of the collector who explores the whole one hundred with a view to sounding the riches of philatelic literature? To an outsider the impression given would certainly be that philately was a pursuit congenial only to those afflicted with a mild form of idiocy. Now there is an abuse here, an abuse which reflects upon the good-standing of philately with sensible people, an abuse which we owe to ourselves as philatelists to discover the causes of, and correct so far as the power lies with us.

We have publications far out of proportion to the number of collectors in the United States, and of course we do not complain of this, the more the better, provided the quality be kept up; but we do have a right to complain of the fact that amongst the hundred or more of these periodicals the greater number is composed of publications so crude in outward form, so devoid of originality, so destitute of reason for being, except and save that of displaying advertisements for their publishers, that they must produce upon any outsider the impression that philatelists are fools and their hobby a senseless fad, if this is the kind of matter which serves to interest its devotees. The matter of low subscription prices is a mere incident of the general evil complained of. Low grade publications make low subscription rates, and the problem we seek to solve for the good of philately is how to extirpate both the one and the other, and can any one doubt that the explanation of the whole difficulty lies in the fact that in our pursuit of philately we tend to confound two things, the learning about stamps, and the bargain and sale of them? To treat of the former topic is the promise of philatelic journalism; a good stamp journal will catalogue for us new issues, give us interesting facts about old ones, keep us posted as to the doings of the societies and, in general, treat of all that love most interesting to the true philatelist; but the bargain and sale of stamps is an entirely different matter, and when a man sends out a circular, calls it a stamp journal and proposes to charge for it a subscription, whilst its sole contents are a page or two of hoary items

clipped from other journals, with many pages filled with his own and other dealers' advertisements, he is perpetrating what we may call a philatelic fraud, he is endeavoring to foist on us an advertising trade-list under the pretence that it is a newspaper, he is seeking to induce us to pay *him* for that which is to his advantage alone—the perusal of his advertisements.

It is very much as if the publishers of *Scribner's* or *Harper's* should begin to fill these magazines full of beautifully illustrated articles advertising the books they had for sale, and should try to delude their subscribers into the belief that reading about them and being persuaded to try them was the chief use for which literary magazines existed.

Now, reading book advertisements is not reading general literature, and reading stamp advertisements is not reading philatelic literature. As soon as philatelists generally fully realize this distinction and, acting upon it, refuse absolutely to pay for that which is not genuine philatelic literature, so soon will the greater number of so-called philatelic journals be relegated to their true places as mere advertising circulars, and legitimate philatelic journalism freed from the unjust competition of these low priced advertising sheets rise to an excellence which its subject matter well fits it to attain.

It takes capital, brains and editorial ability to make a good philatelic magazine as well as to make a good exponent of any other interest; without them it is impossible to do so, and he who without using these asks us to pay him a subscription only asks us to perpetuate the weakness of the

journalism of our beloved science. Let collectors then be governed by this principle and make a sharp distinction between true journals and mere advertising sheets. Where you see a journal that, judged by its typographical appearance, has capital back of it, that presents original articles of merit, that gives a full catalogue of new issues, that displays judgment in its editorials and in such selected articles as it prints, that avoids these venerable chestnuts that have for a generation gone the rounds of the philatelic world, and finally that makes its advertising not the main feature but an interesting appendix to its other excellencies, take it. But mere advertising sheets avoid as the bane of philatelic journalism; if they are sent you, receive them for what they are, advertising circulars, but as to paying for them, never.

So may the unworthy be relegated to their proper places, and the deserving helped forward to a still higher plane of usefulness for philately.

Chicago Gossip.

Mr. H. M. Danforth, of Chicago, a collector and ex-C. P. S. member, recently won the third prize of \$15 in a base-ball guessing contest, conducted by a Chicago daily.

Mr. B. A. Cottlow, Shelbyville, Ill., has resumed his medical studies in Chicago, and consequently his attendance at C. P. S. meetings.

As an exemplification of the right men in the right place, witness the Chicago division of the A. P. A. literary board, Messrs. Bradt and Le-land, conscientious workers and real gentlemen.

Bradt's third auction sale is to occur the early part of December, and as originator of regular auction sales in Chicago, he is deserving of the marked success attendant these sales.

Mr. J. A. Pierce, as usual, has a booth at the Chicago Exposition, displaying choice selections of stamps, etc., the same resultant of much advantage to Mr. Pierce.

Mr. John N. Allen, active C. P. S. member, some years ago was publisher of the *Young Naturalist's Journal*. Very attractive and readable it was; while J. A. Heckleman, passive member, used to edit a weekly newspaper at his home, Cullom, Ill.

Mr. A. E. Fritz, ex-librarian of the C. P. S., seldom attends society meetings, being traveling in the interests of his *brewing* business a greater portion of his time. Apropos: When is a brewer not a brewer? When he's a brewin' (bruin). Chicago has some good average collections, of which friend Fritz's is one.

No individual is more actively identified with the C. P. S. and more thoroughly imbued with the spirit tending to the promotion of its welfare than its president, Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer. Of the originators of the society, Messrs. Wolsieffer and Bradt are the only charter members now included in its membership.

C. E. SEVERN.

Mr. A. L. Holman, one of Chicago's cricket devotees was naturally much interested in the coming of Lord Hawke's team of "Gentlemen" cricketers, to our gentle city.

Canada Notes.

BY CANADENSIS.

Next to the completion of the organization of the Canadian National Society, as a matter of importance in philatelic circles, comes the exhibit of stamps at the Canada Central Exposition, at Ottawa, Sept. 24th to Oct. 3rd. The display was made in the Art Gallery and occupied the most prominent place, part being under glass frames mounted on cards. The *Daily Citizen* thus speaks of the exhibits:

"There are some fine exhibits, and it is well worthy of a visit. Mr. J. Aube and G. T. Cary have a very fine collection of stamps and post cards, and Mr. Eugene Peachy a numerous and splendid collection of British North American coins. Mr. Aube shows about 30,000 stamps, and Mr. Cary about 20,000, besides a handsome collection of post cards, including those of Japan, China, Finland and many other foreign countries. The collection of stamps of Mr. Peachy is said to be the finest ever shown in Ottawa."

The Philatelic Society of Canada is now in working order and nominations will be called on Oct. 12th.

It now turns out that there were *two* outsiders in attendance at the C. P. A. Convention at Belleville, but *only one* from a distance!!

From the C. P. A. official organ we glean these facts: "Out of a roll of *two hundred and forty-eight* who have joined the society *only fifty-seven* were actually members entitled to vote at the Convention. No less than *one hundred and fifty-two* members have resigned or left the society from other causes, and *thirty-nine* members *still on the roll* were suspended for non-

payment of dues. *Only one* officer of the Association was present and the meeting was held in a private house. Out of *forty-four* proxies *forty-two* were held by one person, and the constitution being suspended by motion, this person was declared elected. The report of the Exchange Superintendent regrets that the department which was once so flourishing has dwindled down to a great extent. Mr. Grenny says, "*Those remaining in it were dealers or sellers only for what might be had in cash from the sale of their stamps.*" So says the superintendent and he must know. It is to try and hide the causes leading to the downfall of the C. P. A., as only *twenty-four* members participated in the so-called cash exchanges and took off a measly small amount.

The *D. P.* says that "owing to the neglect of duty of the late Board of Trustees, the election of officers had *not been held as provided for in the constitution!*" I agree with them that the election is illegal.

The *D. P.* also says that the Convention was *not a success* in numbers present!

In the secretary's report of the C. P. A., for September, he states that *forty* members are in arrears for dues, which he says are on account of a waning interest.

All the above facts go to show that there is something wrong in the way things are being worked, and for the interests of the society I trust the members will act promptly and decisively.

The Philatelic Society of Canada received *sixty* applications in September, nearly all of whom are old-time

Canadian philatelists. British North America is a good field and can be covered by *one* good national society. That society will be the P. S. of C., as it now numbers over 100 active collectors.

All Canadian collectors should send for a copy of the new official organ of the National Society, sent *free* by addressing a post card to L. M. Staebler, 984 Richmond St., London, Canada.

The members of the new society will patronize the dealers who belong to the society, as it affords them additional protection.

How the Water-mark in a Postage Stamp Brought About "Voodoo Reed's" Downfall.

BY GUY W. GREEN.

(CONTINUED.)

He made the announcement in a voice which attracted the attention of every one within hearing distance. A valuable ring, a present from his wife, which had been left near an open window of his room, was missing, and the owner of the property was anxious to find the culprit.

The men came forward and denied all knowledge of the lost jewelry. The Indians did the same. Even "Voodoo Reed" affirmed his innocence, but he did it in so strange a manner that every one present was morally certain of his guilt, though of course proof could not be produced.

The officer was perplexed. "Voodoo" smiled. Had he not been suspected before? And had he not always escaped? Yes, "Voodoo" smiled and answered all questions with

a straightforwardness born of a soul which had never recognized the value of truth.

Finally the Captain dismissed the white men and addressed the Indians thus: "I know my ring is among you, but where I cannot tell (that's a lie, he thought to himself). Now, tonight, I am going to consult the Great Spirit and see if Hé will tell me where my property rests, and point me to the thief. You are dismissed."

"Voodoo" turned a shade paler. He was intensely superstitious, but had the white man power with the Great Spirit? He would wait and see. So he thought of the ring safely buried in the ash pile, and went back to his smoking. That afternoon Captain Cox looked from his window and saw "Voodoo" smoking more nervously than before and digging his toes more energetically into the sand. The Captain thought of his plans again and carefully made preparations for carrying them out.

The next morning found "Voodoo Reed" anxious. Perhaps the officer had spoken correctly after all. Perhaps he was about to be exposed. The Captain assembled the red men, who listened intently while he said: Thus spoke the Great Spirit to me, last evening: "I will send from the air a square of magic paper, prepared by my hand, and rendered holy by my presence. This you must handle carefully, for it bears the seal of my hand and the imprint of my staff. Take the holy parchment and plunge it beneath the crystal surface of a spring, the water of which has never been polluted by man's defiling touch. Place the moistened surface against

the hand on which the lost ring has rested, and the thief shall be revealed to you."

The Captain was a large man and when he delivered his prepared speech in an impressive manner, the Indians grew nervous, and "Voodoo" felt his knees shake beneath him.

Almost as soon as he ceased speaking the officer swept his hand through the air and held up to view a bit of paper. To the Indians it was holy. To us, it was simply a six-pence English stamp. Cox had performed a simple trick of legerdermain, but the eyes of the red men dilated, as they beheld what to them was wonderful and mysterious.

The casual observer would now have had no difficulty in observing the ashen hue of the guilty man's cheek. The officer saw it but said nothing. He reverently took the stamp and slowly led the way to a spring which gushed out from under a cottonwood in one corner of the enclosure. "Voodoo" did not wish to follow. He would have crept away had it been possible, but the white man's eye was upon him and he was unable to escape.

The officer stooped over the bubbling water and dipped the stamp in its transparent depths. The Indians leaned forward in painful suspense. The Captain raised his hand and gently placed the stamp upon it. He pressed it down upon the flesh. Suddenly white characters made their appearance in outline on the stamp. "Voodoo" held his breath as he bent toward the awful square of paper. Then the Indians as well as the officer traced out the letters "V. R.," and a

shout, "Voodoo Reed," "Voodoo Reed," went up from all throats.

Then "Voodoo" weakened, and falling on his knees, he begged for mercy, but in vain.

Visitors to the penitentiary a year later, saw a swarthy Indian bending over a harness-maker's bench, and when they asked his name, the officer in charge smiled and said: "He is known at present as No. 78, but the sheriff who brought him here said he had always been called "Voodoo Reed."

The Captain found his ring, of course, and still preserves it. A certain stamp in his album bears under it the date, "July 23, 1882," and when curious friends ask the meaning of the figures, Cox tells them the story of "HOW THE WATERMARK IN A POSTAGE STAMP BROUGHT ABOUT "VOODOO REED'S DOWNFALL."

[THE END.]

What One Philatelist Sees.

BY E. P. NEWCOMER.

The post-office department has camped down upon the Louisiana Lottery headquarters and will stay by the fraud as long as it persists in misusing the United States mails for the pursuit of its unlawful confidence game. They may swear at General Wanamaker as a "Sunday-school man in politics," and a "deacon" but with his characteristic business push and persistency, he goes right on putting down this lottery rebellion, and at the same time he continues to increase the efficiency and enlarge the usefulness of the postal service.

The *Chicago Times* is the authority for the statement that in twenty years there has been no counterfeiting of the United States postage stamps. The only criminals who tried it gave up in despair when it came to imitating the flavor of the mucilage Uncle Sam uses.

All the presses at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing are running in full blast from half-past seven o'clock in the morning until half-past five o'clock in the evening, with a view to keeping up with the demand for internal revenue stamps, silver certificates and national banking notes. Under the new order of things matters are progressing rapidly, and in the single item of internal revenue stamps the bureau is nearly abreast with orders. One reason for this is found in the fact that a new Hoe press is used for taking the impressions in relief and one man can turn out 8,000 sheets in a day, whereas, under former circumstances, this work would require the service of twenty men during the same period. Four and two-ounce tobacco stamps are the principal ones being struck off now on the new press, which has been in operation only a short time, but it is the purpose of Chief Meredith to add others to the complement of the bureau as soon as they can be manufactured.

It has always seemed a strange thing to me why the U. S. stamps of 1869 did not meet with more favor. Just *why* public sentiment was against them I do not understand. In point of beauty certainly no other U. S.

issue can equal them. Will some philatelist who is posted please explain?

One of the last official acts of the late Postmaster General Raikes, of England, who died from an electric shock, while walking in Pall Mall recently, was to sign a bill increasing the pay of the postmen in London and the suburban districts. The change will increase the expenditures of the post-office department by a half a million dollars yearly. Even with the advance, however, their pay will be miserably poor as compared with the letter-carriers of the United States. In the central districts of London the weekly salary, with the advance is now \$8 per week, and in the remote suburbs, \$6 per week. This is for what is known as the good conduct of first-rank men, and the scale descends downwards to \$4.25 per week. Several concessions were granted, however, to this class of the government service by the Postmaster General in his last hours. They are to be paid extra for Sunday work, the sum of \$5.25 is to be allowed each man every year for boots and shoes, extra rates are to be paid for overtime, and each letter-carrier is to receive two weeks vacation with full pay every year.

All those receiving this number should subscribe immediately, as they will otherwise not receive No. 3. It will be a special edition and dealers wishing to do some successful advertising, should give THE MISSOURI PHILATELIST a trial.



EDITORIAL.

It is rumored that Massoth is going to resurrect his *Figaro*.

Original and interesting MSS. always wanted for cash, advertising space, or stamps.

The *Canadian Philatelist* announces that it will appear monthly hereafter.

You will confer a favor on us by mentioning the MISSOURI PHILATELIST when answering advertisements.

Mr. H. F. Ketcheson, of Peterborough, Ont., Can., is preparing an album for Canadian stamps. It will contain spaces for postage, revenue and telegraph stamps.

No agents are wanted for the MISSOURI PHILATELIST. All advertisements and subscriptions must be sent direct to the publishers.

On Sept. 22nd, the Elgin Philatelic Society, was organized at Elgin, Ill., with the following officers: Rev. Dr. Everett, President; Frank S. Lombard, Secretary and Treasurer. Box 1905, Elgin, Ill.

Do you want to receive this paper regularly? If so, send us 25c and it will be mailed to you post-paid 1 year (12 numbers guaranteed).

We learn that the *Standard Philatelist* has been consolidated with the

Stamp Collector's Companion, published by the Stamp Collector's Publishing Company of this city. We presume that this will swell the subscription list of the latter journal considerably.

Winter is coming upon us, and the dealer who would make a success of his business must advertise. If you are in search of a good and paying advertising medium, try this paper. Read (on last page of cover) what one of our advertisers says.

We extend our thanks to the publishers of the following papers, of which we have received exchanges: *Stamp Collector's Companion*; *Standard Philatelist*, *Philatelic Journal of America*, *Le Courrier Timbrophilique*, *Brooklyn Philatelist*, *Collectors' Stamp Journal*, *Philatelic Exchange*, *Philatelic Tribune*, *Essex County Philatelist*, *Stamp Collectors' Monthly*, *Philatelic Fraud Reporter*, *Stamp World*, *The Collector*, *Quaker City Philatelist*, *The Monitor*, *New Hampshire Philatelist*, *Paris Postal*, *Postage Stamp*, *Canadian Philatelist*, *Southern Philatelist*, *Eastern Philatelist*, *Post-Office*, *Philatelic Era*, and *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal*.

Notice! We desire to exchange one (1) copy with all Philatelic publications, those failing to reciprocate will be stricken from our exchange list.

On Oct. 10th, 1891, the United Philatelic Society, held its meeting at 37 W. 32nd street, New York city.

A new quarterly Philatelic Paper is announced to appear from Canada, with Mr. Harding of Kamloops, B. C. as publisher.

The *Argus* of Albany, N. Y. recently contained an article about stamps written by assistant Postmaster General, A. D. Hazen.

If you are a true Philatelist you should under no circumstances miss our Christmas number (No. 3) as it will undoubtedly be the finest of its kind ever issued.

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Gentlemen.

Copy of THE MISSOURI PHILATELIST received. I like it and wishing it success, predict that it will attain it. Please put me down as a subscriber.

Yours Respectfully,
J. D. DONAHOO.

A new society to be known as the Michigan Philatelic Society, is being organized. It will be in full operation by November 20th. The committee of arrangement consists of the following gentlemen. Henry McConnell, Clarion, Mich., A. H. Crittenden, Detroit, Mich.; C. J. Van Valkenburg, Manchester, Mich. All

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at 35 to 50 per cent commission. Send a reference or cash Deposit, and get one of our sheets, and a rare stamp worth 10 cents free. PENN STAMP CO, 4073 Howley Ave Sta. B. Pittsburgh. Pa.

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CHRONICLE.

BY R. R. BOGERT.

Bermuda—The 1d has at last taken its proper color. It is now dark green.

Diego Suarez—More beauties from this colony. First a stamp of 5c with "Diego Suarez" at top, "Poste" at each side, "Republique Francaise" below. In the center a female, with sword and buckler, figure of value and date "1891." There are also two un-paid letter stamps 5c violet and 50c black, where the female is replaced by figures of value. These are litho-graphed. The fortunate holders have put the price of 50 francs on the three.

French Colonies—*Le Timbre Poste* illustrates the new stamps to be issued January 1, 1892. They somewhat resemble the current issue, having two seated figures representing Commerce and Navigation. At the top "Re-publique francaise--Colonies--Postes." At the bottom a label of the name of the colony, above which a square for the values. There will be no change in the values except the suppression of the 35c. The 50c. rose and 75c. yellow. Below is a list of the colonies to be provided with the new stamp.

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13. Reunion.
14. St. Pierre et Miquelon.

French Congo—*Le Timbre Poste* illustrates four stamps engraved on wood and all printed in black on white. They all have "Postes" at the top and "Congo Francais" below. The 5c. represents a branch of Banana(?) 10c. a palm tree, 15c. what is supposed to be a French Flag, and 25c. head of a negro. Since the 2nd September; the 1c. has been surcharged 5c. in same way as the 15c already noted. The surcharge is in both black and red.

Great Britain—The *Ph. Record* says there is a new die for the 1d envelope, bearing in the neck the letters S. H. presumably "Somerset House."

Guadeloupe—The current stamps are now surcharged "Guadeloupe" across the top in black. There are several errors in spelling such as "Gnadeloupe," Guadeloupe and Guadbloupe.

Hawaii—Morris Maury has news that the 2c. will soon be issued with effigy of Queen Liliuokalani. The envelopes are now engraved instead of being lithographed.

India—The *Stamp News* says the 8 annas with small surcharge "Service" is being used again, and that the design of the 6 annas is to be changed.

Jhind—Messrs. Cheveley, Wilson lately sold at auction a set of stamps with surcharge spelled "JEIND". There were 8 varieties, and the price obtained was £ 27.

Luxemburg—The new stamps are already surcharged "S. P." and are said to be for the use of the sovereign only.

Madagascar—The 1 fr. is black on yellow and the 5 fr. violet on white. Both have a red net work.

Mauritius—Of the 38c. surcharged 2c. already mentioned 33000 were issued. There are three others, similarly surcharged, 72155 of the 4c. rose, 3577 of the 17c. rose, and 46268 of the 38c. on 9d.

Paraguay—*Le Timbre Poste* illustrates letter cards 2c. red on yellow and 3c. blue on yellow. They have the current stamp in upper right corner and are inscribed "Republica del Paraguay—Carta Tarjeta Postal.

Portugal—M. Maury informs us that a new series is in preparation with effigy of King *Carlos*. The 500 and 1000 will be printed in two colors.

Surinam—The *Ph. Record* notes a 10c. unpaid letter stamp of new type. The figures are only $4\frac{1}{2}$ mm. high instead of 7 mm., and the word "cent" is below in small roman capitals. Color bright lilac.

Uruguay—The 8th stamp of the 3rd horizontal row of the 5c. red on violet has "1391" for "1891."

A POSTAL MUSEUM.

It will undoubtedly be of interest to the numerous readers of the *Missouri Philatelist* to learn that Postmaster General Wanamaker is about to create a Postal Museum at the National Capital.

Hitherto the German Empire enjoyed the privilege of being the only country in the world having a Postal Museum. Interesting, rich, abundant, and well arranged as the museum at Berlin may appear, it is very likely, that in the near future, the Federal capital will claim precedence in this point. Already they are busy at the General Post Office building, in preparing rooms, and setting aside sufficient space for the project. As soon as this is done, the numerous objects already on hand, as yet scattered promiscuously about, will be doubled and trebled, and assigned to their respective places. Washington City, famous already for its sights and curiosities, will then be enriched by another very interesting one indeed. The Postal Museum at Washington shall, according to the views of its founder, represent the history of the past and present mail service of this country, as well as all other countries in the world. As far as the United States are concerned, the collection of postal objects is nearly completed; all that remains to be done yet, is to arrange and classify it, which may be attained speedily when the requisite

space to receive it is prepared. The history of the postal service of the United States has developed very rapidly. But a short time ago it was, when the pony express rider performed the mail service of the great West; a precise outfit with all the paraphernalia characteristic thereof, can be seen in its minutest detail, in this museum. The manner in which the mail service was conducted at that time had scarcely any faults. The daring mounted mail carriers hastened along their respective routes at full speed, relieved alternately at certain stations until the mail bag reached—starting from St. Joseph, Mo.—its destination, San Francisco, Cal., a distance of 2,000 miles, traveling over a desolate and inhospitable country in about ten days. The service of these pony riders was fraught with danger, as is demonstrated by what once happened to a certain mail rider known as "Wilder Bill," during those days. When on one of his trips, nearing a store (post station), in the midst of the wilderness, he espied from a distance a group of men intently bent on mischief, as he could plainly see by their eyes being riveted upon him. Fearing to be attacked, he rode up in full gallop to the side door of the house, and dismounting ran up stairs to his sleeping room, hotly pursued by the banditti; facing them he drew his revolver and shot one after another on the spot. From this it may be seen, that cowards were not the proper persons to find employ in the Pony Express service at that time. Mr. Wanamaker's Postal Museum is not only destined to exhibit the postal service in its developed state within the

United States, but also that of all other American as well as foreign countries, of civilized and uncivilized nations, from its organization up to the present day. For this purpose circulars have been addressed to almost all governments of the known globe, with the request to obtain adequate contributions for the Postal Museum. Quite a number of them have already responded in the affirmative. From Germany, Italy, Spain, France, Russia, Switzerland, Turkey, and even Persia, shipments have arrived, and more will soon be sent. The South American Republics have also signified their intention to be represented in the museum. A very large and voluminous collection is daily expected from England, and almost every day letters advising new shipments are received. A few days ago a number of boxes containing articles for the exhibition to be added to the Washington Museum were sent by Austria-Hungary. This collection may be pronounced unique; it even embodies the notes to the airs which the postillions of that country are accustomed to play on their posthorns. When all the various letter-carriers' uniforms or attires, the models of the letter-boxes, the stage-coaches in miniature size; when all the splendid photographic representations of foreign post-office buildings; when all the imitation of reindeer sleds of the Laplanders and those sleds used in Russian-Siberia, with dog teams attached thereto; the skates and snowshoes, usual in polar regions; the canoes of the South Sea Islanders; when all the manifold representations

of letter-carriers used in India, mounted on camels or riding in carts drawn by India buffaloes, or on rafts constructed on a foundation of large, well-corked clay jars; in fine, when all these hundreds and thousands of objects which have already been gathered for the alleged purpose are arranged and properly classified, they will undoubtedly constitute the most interesting and instructive exhibition in historical as well as ethnological point of view. Parallel with the powerful discoveries and inventions made at the decline of the century, the perfection of the Postal system stands out in bold relief, as will be readily seen when viewing the grand collection in Mr. Wanamaker's Postal Museum, exemplifying the various methods by dint of which news and information is spread and the changes and metamorphoses that occurred in the course of centuries amongst civilized nations; while on the other hand the uncivilized nations have in this regard not gone beyond the most primitive measure.

With the Esquimaux there is absolutely nothing that betrays an approach to a postal system, and therefore it can happen that whole settlements of them perish on account of their inability to inform bordering nations of their helpless condition.

About ten years ago a trader passing St. Lawrence Island, situated due south of Behring Strait, left several barrels of New England brandy with the natives of that island in exchange for some furs. From that day on the inhabitants of the village reveled in the liquor and continued to do so until the whole stock was exhausted,

thus neglecting the time and chances to lay up their stores of winter provisions.

Winter came and found them unprepared; incapable to communicate their distressed circumstances to other more favored tribes or nations, between 700 and 800 perished in a most wretched way. A year later, an explorer, Wilson by name, landing on that island found it entirely devoid of people, but on looking through the chimneys of their huts, he discovered the corpses of their starved inmates. The whole population of the island had died out.

The Bible teaches that in olden times royal messages were promulgated in a like manner as is customary this day among the Bedouin tribes of North Africa, viz.; communication verbally passed from one to another and gained publicity in a marvellously short time. Each and every one living on public roads had upon information made to him (all excuses set aside) to transmit the message to others. The aforementioned Pony Express method, formerly existing in this country, is still in vogue throughout the Empire of China, by means of which royal messages are forwarded.

Japan at the present day boasts of a postal system scarcely distanced by that of the United States, while but fifty years ago the manner of its private communications was as primitive as that of the Bedouins of Africa at the present day. An interesting model destined for the museum explains in what manner letters are sent from place to place in South Africa. The model shows a naked negro lad,

holding in one hand a stick, in the split end of which the letter intended to be sent is fastened. Before the boy leaves on his errand as a carrier, he besmears his entire body with an oily substance, then rolling in the dust for the purpose of warding the flies and insects off his person. When obliged to rest on his weary march, he rams the stick into the ground, and on crossing a stream holds the stick up above water. He is not allowed to touch the letter with his hands lest he would soil it with his greasy fingers.

Mr. Wanamaker intends to return compliments in exchange with all foreign governments which have so liberally and promptly responded to his request, by furnishing them with articles and various objects relating to postal matters and the general working of the postal system of the United States. To accomplish this he will have to ask Congress at its next session for an appropriation to defray the necessary expenses connected therewith.

Last, but not least, the lovers of Philately will be offered an opportunity to feast their eyes on a grand display of postage stamps, such as rarely may be found within the possession of private individuals. F. W. H.

A Query.

BY G. W. GREEN.

I sit and think
Upon the brink
Of madness, staring, stark,
Till weary brain
Must needs refrain
From urgent questions dark.
I ponder o'er and o'er again
Those queries great and small,
Which vex the mind

Of human kind
And make wise men to fall.

* * *

Now tell me pray
If speak you may,
And kindly fates allow,
What novel freak.
We all will seek
A hundred years from now,
Or what the newest stamp will be
To burst upon the view.
In that strange day
So far away,
What then will pose as new?

* * *

Will people then
Like present men
Note wrong by others said?
While, strange to say,
The narrow way
Their feet will never tread.
Will rarer stamps advance in price?
Nor ever happen near
To those who wait
Outside the gate
For Fortune to appear?

* * *

Will papers rise
Before the eyes
Of men as now they do?
But fade away
From light of day,
Nor last the Winter through?
Will young collectors seek to build
Upon their "wind" and "gall"
A business
And great success
All doomed to sudden fall?

* * *

Yes, tell me pray,
If speak you may,
And kindly fates allow,
If everything
Of which I sing
Will happen then as now;
Or if per chance a *novel* freak
Will burst upon the view,
In that strange day
So far away
Will all, I ask, be new?

*The Founders of the Postal Service in
the Old German Empire.*

— —
BY PH. HEINSBERGER.
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"FAMILY OF THURN & TAXIS," 1516 to
1867.

(Continued.)

The new emperor of Germany, Leopoldus 'I., nominated Eugene Alexander Francis von Thurn & Taxis as a German Prince (Deutscher Reichs Furst), with the right of succession. Taxis was also appointed, with great solemnity, and in the presence of all the imperial dignitaries, "Imperial Postmaster General of Germany," with the right of succession in his family, on October 4th, 1695. In the meantime a powerful opposition to Taxis had arisen in the person of the Prince-Elector (Kurfuerst) Frederick William of Prussia (1640--1688), who established his own postal service in Prussia, and the same example was followed, by and by, in Saxony, Bavaria, Wurtemberg, and the larger states in Germany. The rulers of those countries made arrangements with the family of Thurn & Taxis, so that the Taxis postal route would not cross these territories. But still a far extended territory in the imperial lands was left for the Taxis postal routes. Emperors were coming and going! Taxis was dying, and Taxis was living! and "centuries" long the postal service in Germany was in the sole possession of the postal family of Thurn & Taxis. New Taxis generations had arisen in the long course of time. The nineteenth century had arrived,

and the "Dark Days" of the German nations were coming. Napoleon I., Emperor of France, was invading with his armies the imperial German lands. The last Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire of German Nations, Francis II., was forced to resign. In those bloody war times the postal family of Thurn & Taxis did their duty as true Germans, and the postal service in the invaded country went on as best it could. But soon the power of Napoleon was broken, and in the bloody and memorable battle of Leipsic, on October 16th to 19th, 1813, Napoleon I. was "crushed," and his armies scattered. A peaceable time was coming, and Taxis made new arrangements with the smaller German countries, and his postal service went on with new improvements for a long time.

The year 1850 had arrived, and brought along a new invention, and a change in postal matters. Meanwhile that much beloved, and by all stamp collectors much esteemed, little thing the "Postage Stamp" had made his appearance. The German states of Prussia, Bavaria, Saxony, Hanover, Baden, Brunswick, Oldenburg, Mecklenburg, Bremen, Hamburg, and Lubeck adopted the postage stamp system, established regular post offices and one by one these countries issued their own stamps, and the Taxis postal route was now a limited one. But still the old postal family of Thurn & Taxis had large power. In the year 1852 Taxis issued his own postage stamps for the small German countries, and his postal routes were running through Hesse, Nassau,

Frankfort on-Main, and the Thuringian states. Taxis opened regular post-offices in all the large cities on his route, Taxis postmen delivered the mail in the cities, Taxis mail wagons delivered parcels and money, and richer and richer grew the postal family of Thurn & Taxis.

But "times change!" War again was raging in Germany! In the year 1866, Germans fought against Germans! Prussia was reaching for the "supremacy" in Germany, against Austria. The Taxis were on the side of Austria, and the Taxis postal routes had done good service to her Austrian benefactor. But Austria was defeated, and, as the Prussian armies were standing at the doors of the Austrian capital, Vienna, the Emperor of Austria, Francis Joseph I., was forced to give up his political control in Germany. Now the "Hour of Fate" for the postal family, Thurn & Taxis had come! Prussia got control of the Taxis post-offices and postal routes, and in consequence of these political events, the Prince of Thurn & Taxis, on the 24th of January, 1867, had to deliver to Prussia his postal service, and the postage stamps of Thurn & Taxis disappeared, and were superseded by stamps of the North German Confederation. Thurn & Taxis retired to private life as a rich man. The descendants of the old postal family are still living on their large and extensive property in the kingdom of Bavaria in Germany. The postal "Arms" of the Taxis family are as follows, and were adopted in 1615. In a "circle" are the arms formed. Inside this circle is the "double eagle,"

and below this is a "badger," on the top is the 6 cornered "crown," and above this a "post horn." On each side of the badger is a flying bird, and the whole is filled out with different flowers. I explain these arms as follows:

1. Double Eagle signifies the imperial house of Austria.

2. Badger signifies the Italian name "Tassis."

3. Postal Horn is the sign of postal service.

4. Crown is the sign of the family nobility.

5. Flying Birds is the sign of postal messengers.

The numerous readers of the Missouri PHILATELIST know well the postage stamps with the inscription, "Deutsch—Oester. Post Verein" (German-Austrian Postal Union) at the left side, and the words "Thurn & Taxis" on the right side. This name, in such a place on the stamp, signifies the power of that family, and at the same time that the Thurn & Taxis were sole owners of the postal service in the United German-Austrian Postal Union. By a German emperor of "Austrian" birth, a Tassis, in 1516, was appointed a German postmaster, and with the downfall of an Austrian emperor, centuries later, in 1867, a Thurn & Taxis was forced to resign as the last postmaster of the postal family Thurn & Taxis.

(THE END.)

To the Stamp Collectors of Indiana.

It has long been the wish of many stamp collectors residing in Ind. to form a Philatelic Society. We have formed such a society to be known as

the Indiana Philatelic Society.

All collectors of stamps in the U. S. and Canada are invited to join. Initiation fee, 5c; yearly dues, 25c. payable in advance; all members receive our *Official Organ free* one year. Full information on receipt of a two cent stamp. Address all communications to the Secretary.

CHAS. W. PEUGH, Pres.

Kossuth, Wash. Co. Ind.

FRANK H. PAVEY,

53 West 6th St. Anderson, Ind.

The National Philatelic Society.

At the 2nd Annual Meeting of the National Philatelic Society, held Nov. 1st, it was moved that the annual election should be held on the first of March, and that no initiation fee be charged until that time. The yearly dues of this society are only 25 cents per annum, but these are likely to be changed at the next meeting, so send for application blanks and directions immediately.

H. N. BULLARD, Sec.,

St. Joseph, Mo.

New York Notes.

The last Bogert auction was held October 28th, at 7:30 P. M. and was fairly well attended. The total amount of the sale was \$1,720.00

The J. W. Scott Co., has issued a catalogue of about five hundred lots of stamps to be sold at auction in Room 1, of No. 25 Ann St., N. Y. on Tuesday evening December 8th, 1891. The catalogue is published in A. R. Rogers' *Record & Review*.

With the October number the "Post Office" starts a column devoted to New Issues and Discoveries, to be

conducted by Henry Gremmel. One of his "discoveries" among an old lot of stamps was U. S. 1872 Registered green, unperforated.

Some time ago Postmaster Van Cott, of this city, announced that he intended to arrange an improvement in the trans-Atlantic mail service which would be of great value to merchants in this city, who have a large European business. On November 25th, his plan was put in active operation for the first time, and its immediate patronage is very gratifying to Mr. Van Cott. This gentleman has established postal stations on the piers of the steamship companies carrying European mail. By this arrangement merchants may mail letters etc., on the dock to within ten minutes of the time of sailing. Persons using this service will have to pay the regular fee (ten cents) which is collected on all letters sent in the regular supplementary, which closes at the Post Office, one hour before time of sailing, while the ordinary mail closes two hours before the time of sailing. Letters for each of the latter mails mentioned being mailed at the Post Office. This arrangement gives merchants fifty minutes more of often valuable time, and may frequently be worth many dollars.

R. R. Bogert will hold his twentieth auction sale of stamps on Friday and Tuesday evenings, December 11th and 15th. Catalogues are now out and over nine hundred lots are listed hence the sale will require two evenings. These auctions are always well attended by philatelists in general, and are now regarded as one of the features, of the

philatelic world in this vicinity.

At a recent meeting of the Philatelic Society N. Y., Mr. J. W. Scott read an interesting paper on grills.

A number of the large dealers in this have city told me that the A. P. A. would be incorporated within ten days or two weeks, as the papers were all drawn up and had only to be signed to be made legal.

The New South Wales 1851-54 Laureated head Queen is being discussed to a very considerable extent in philatelic circles in this city. The Stanly, Gibbons Laureated have been selling what they supposed were remainders, but at present it looks more as if they were reprints. The company was swindled by a party by the name of Albert or Alfred Van Dyck of Sydney, N. S. W.; but all purchasers of these stamps will either have the cash refunded or be allowed credit to the full amount of the purchasing price; on condition that the stamps are returned in the same state as when purchased. KNICKERBOCKER.

Sir. Rowland Hill.

Sir. Rowland Hill the "Champion o Penny-postage" first saw the light of day at Kiddminster, December 3, 1795.

His father was proprietor of a school near Birmingham, and here Hill was educated and employed as a teacher till his thirty-ninth year, when he joined a company, in whose favor Parliament passed an act giving them a right to colonize South Australia. He was chosen Secretary to the Royal Commissioners, who for a time managed the affairs of the colony.

The high rate of postage had long been a perplexing problem to Hill, but in 1837 he published a pamphlet principally setting forth the idea of a low and uniform postage throughout the British Isles. Hills plan was favored by the House of Commons, and said body chose a committee to look into the merits of a low postage.

In 1840, a charge of four pence for every letter, transmitted through the mails, was tried as an experiment, and Penny-postage soon followed, all due to the efforts of Hill, who was appointed to a high position in the Royal Treasury, but was soon deprived of the honor, when the Whigs lost their power. But the people thought more of Hill, a subscription was started, and a purse of £15,000 was presented him.

When in 1846, the Whigs recovered their power, Hill was appointed as Secretary to the Postmaster-General, which position he held till 1854, when he was appointed to fulfill the same office to the Post Office, which honor he resigned in 1864.

The money-order and Post Office Savings Banks are offshoots of Penny-postage, which Hill carried out, meeting with great success. This noted personage died August 27, 1879.

PURITAN.

Chicago Clips

The Chicago Philatelic Society and Chicago Branch, W. P. U., will each hold a banquet in the month of December. The governing committee of the C. P. S. has in hand all preliminaries and arrangements connected

with their banquet, and will strive to render the coming event even more auspicious than the memorable banquet of a year ago.

The advertisement of a Chicago firm of stamp dealers was noticed on a theatrical programme.

Postmaster Sexton of Chicago admits the impracticability of the special messenger delivery service in a number of instances, in this city; it being possible in some cases for an ordinarily mailed letter to reach the party addressed before the special delivery missive.

Mr. William Manierre, President of the Chicago Branch, W. P. U., was recently elected a member of the Board of Cook County Commissioners.

As a sequence of his successful auction sales, Mr. Bradt receives many inquiries relative to the disposal of stamps and collections at auction.

Mr. L. H. Drury, an ex-C. P. S. member is occasionally a visitor at society meetings. Mr. Drury was appointed librarian of the A. P. A., but declined acceptance before the tenure of the present incumbent.

Under the energetic management of the newly appointed C. P. S. librarian, A. S. Pierce, the library has shaken off its lethargy, new life has been infused into it and active interest stimulated, and it will soon become the admirable society adjunct it once was.

In a Chicago dime museum was seen a neatly framed case containing some of the commoner varieties of foreign stamps, which was presented the museum by D. A. Aldrich.

A Chicago correspondent of a

philatelic paper paragraphs a complaint as to the superfluity of emanations in stamp papers under the caption of "Chicago Notes"; his *gravamen* bring their utter worthlessness from a philatelic point of view, and while admittedly the stand is well taken, the authors of the questionable notes are hardly blameable; the mere fact of the acceptance by a philatelic paper being a tacit recognition by the publisher of the notes being readable.

Mr. W. Janssen's collection of Confederates, particularly the general issues, which class he has specialized, is worthy of ranking among the foremost in this city; his accumulation of shades being especially noteworthy.

Number one of the "*Chicago Stamp News*," an eight page monthly trade paper, to be gratuitously distributed among collectors and published by the S. B. Bradt Co., is received.

This company's fourth auction sale occurs in January, when will be sold the stamp collection and philatelic library of S. B. Bradford, Ottawa, Ill., Ex-Secretary of the A. P. A.

C. E. SEVERN.

What One Philatelist Sees.

BY E. P. NEWCOMER.

In my notes in a previous number of this journal, I enquired why it was that the 1869 issue of U. S. stamps did not receive more popular favor and remain in use longer. I have just read an article in the Washington "*Star*" which throws some light on the subject. It states that the colors these stamps were printed in, cost a

great deal of money, and where a stamp was printed in two tints it had to go through the presses twice. Accordingly the entire series was soon suppressed, as the printing of them cost too much money.

Postmaster General Wanamaker has made considerable progress in the preparation of his annual report, which will probably be ready soon. The Postmaster-General will make another strong plea for the establishment of a postal telegraph system, and also reiterate his argument in favor of postal savings banks. The United States and Germany are the only great powers which are without the postal savings system, while in every country where the experiment has been tried it is said to have resulted in great good to the people. Mr. Wanamaker's idea is to have these banks located in States where there are no laws regulating savings banks, and in any other States where a considerable number of residents unite in a petition. No banks would, however, be established in postoffices within ten miles of each other.

A correspondent places the address of a letter on the back thereof, the writing being across the folded parts of the envelope. He suggests the plan as an effective method of preventing the illicit opening of letters by steaming. For the intended purpose the suggestion appears to be a good one.

Rapid Transit Co., with a capital stock of \$5,000,000 is a new Chicago enterprise. It is the intention of the organization to construct a series of

overhead wires or cables for the rapid transmission of mail matter and merchandise, and even passenger, if the latter is practicable. The motive power will be electricity. The wires will be stretched high enough to avoid the tallest buildings and will radiate from the Postoffice to all central distributing points. They will be strong enough to carry ten tons of matter. It is intended to have them in operation by the time of the Worlds' Fair.

The Postoffice department has been officially advised that the legislation of Great Britain and the British Colonies, including Canada and British India, also Venezuela, Hayti, Japan, Bolivia, Dominican republic, Colombia, the Hawaiian Kingdom, Republic of Honduras and the Spanish Colonies does not allow senders of articles to withdraw them from the mails or to change their address; consequently, senders cannot prevent the delivery to the original addresses of articles sent by mail, from the United States to any of these countries, nor from these countries and colonies to the United States.

In Canadian circles in England great disappointment is expressed at the failure of the British postoffice authorities to make the necessary arrangements for a fast mail service between the dominion and Great Britain. The Canadians claim that their government has done everything possible to induce English capitalists or the English government to undertake to furnish between Canada and England a postal service equal to the best similar service between New York and England. But it is added, in spite of all the efforts made in this direction, the Canadians have failed to accomplish the object they had in view.



EDITORIAL.

Merry Christmas! Happy New Year! Make our Christmas a merry one by sending us your subscription.

Have you tried an ad. in this paper? If you have, it has surely paid you. If you have not you should do so without fail.

The Bay State Co., of Plainville, Mass., has a new venture in hand. They intend to publish a semi-monthly paper, which will be for dealers only.

Every dealer should be represented in the "Stamp Dealers' Directory" of this paper. Only \$2 for 12 insertions of 2 or 3 line advertisement.

On the evening of Nov. 18th, the St. Louis Philatelic Society held its first fall meeting at the residence of Mr. Tiffany, its President. It was fairly well attended.

We are daily receiving testimonials as to the excellent advertising qualities of this paper, but do not publish same for lack of space. Send us a trial ad. and be convinced for yourself.

While recently in the city, Mrs. Parsons, of Hempstead, N. Y., accompanied by her son Geoffrey, paid us a visit. We are at all times glad to have our friends call on us when in our vicinity.

We extend our thanks to Mr. A. B. Merrill, of Everett, Mass., for a copy of his "Fraud List." It contains the addresses of over 600 frauds arranged in Alphabetical order, and is a valuable aid to the dealer. It should be in the hands of all. Price 25 cents.

We would call the attention of our

readers to the fact that all subscribing to this paper within 30 days, will receive free three rare U. S. Department stamps, whereas everyone sending us two (2) subscriptions will receive absolutely free of cost a fine fountain pen. (See illustration on second page of cover.) Subscribe; only 25 cents per annum.

Mr. J. W. Palmer, 281 Strand, W. C., has favored us with a copy of his "Philatelist's Almanac and Stamp Collector's Vade-Mecum," for which our thanks are due. It contains particulars of leading events in the history of the Post Office, dates of issue of various stamps and other curious information interesting to Stamp Collectors. Price, one penny (English money).

The following papers have been received during the month, for which the publishers will please accept our thanks: *Collector, Metropolitan Philatelist, Brooklyn Philatelist, Stamp Collectors' Companion, Paris Postal, Philatelic Journal of America, American Philatelist, Monitor, Stamp World, Quaker City Philatelist, One Dime, Spy Glass, Eastern Philatelist, Philatelic Tribune, Curiosity Collector, Ink Drops, Curio, Collectors' Journal, Post-Office, New Hampshire Philatelist, Skandinavisk Frimaerks Tidende, Dominion Philatelist, Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal, American Philatelist and Collector, Collectors' Stamp Journal, Philatelic World, Record and Review, Philatelic Fraud Reporter, Philatelic Era, Chicago Stamp News, Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal, Bric-a-Brac, Worcester County Philatelist, The Effort, General Anzeiger fur Philatelic.*

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Bavaria.—The 5 pf., green card has the date "91" and watermark of waved vertical lines.

Brazil.—The 80 reis letter card is now red on rose.

Canada.—The 1d. card has a new stamp. There is no scroll work round the numerals at the side, but the star-like ornaments are retained above and below the numerals. We take this from the *Canadian Philatelist*.

Gold Coast.—The registration envelopes have now the name of the colony in a horizontal line above the stamp.

Holland.—The 5c. envelope and card have appeared, with the new type of stamp. In the post-card the stamp is now at the left. It is said 200,000 were made with the stamp at the right, all of which however were destroyed.

Martinique.—The 20c. unpaid let-

ter stamp is in use for prepayment of postage, being surcharged "Poste" and the new value, 15c. in black.

Montenegro.—The 7 nov. is now printed in rose; perforated 12 1-2.

Perak.—Three new tiger stamps; similar to those of Pahang.

Porto Rico.—We have the following changes in color. The 1c. is blue green, and the 5c. is printed both in blue-green and yellow-green.

Selangor.—There are three stamps of the new design, with tiger, of the same values as Negri Sembilan.

Sungei Ujong.—The 8c. and 10c. Straits Settlements have been surcharged "Sungei Ujong" in two lines in black, and there are three stamps of the new type, same as Selangor etc. On these latter the name is spelled "S. Ujong."

Sweden.—Two more values of the current type, with head, are in use: 30 ore, brown, and 50 ore, gray.

Tasmania.—The 4th. has again changed color and is printed in bistre.

Uruguay.—The provisional 5c. of 1891 has been surcharged "Oficial" diagonally—500 of them.

Zululand.—The 2 1-2d. of Great Britain is surcharged in black "Zululand."

P. M. A. W.

JIM AND MR. CRANKY,
OR,
Working for a Stamp Dealer.

BY JINGO.

Chapter I.

Jim was a waif of the streets, and had until recently been confined to bed in a hospital. But being up and well again, we now find him applying for a position as a stamp dealer's assistant.

Mr. Cranky was the stamp dealer, who had that morning, advertised in the papers for a boy to act as his assistant, and although there were about fifty applicants, Mr. Cranky had found that all, owing to some reason or other, were incapable of filling the position.

He was just beginning to give up in despair, when there was a bold knock on the door, and without waiting for a "come in," there entered a lad of perhaps sixteen years of age, who made a very sober face as he said:

"I hear you want a boy."

"Yes."

"And I am here to apply for the position."

"Have you ever been employed in a stamp business, before?"

"I have been in it ever since I was knee-high to a duck."

"Very well, then, you are my man."

"Certainly, I am."

"What was that you said?"

"I said that I hoped that you would be kind enough to give me a trial."

"Very well, when will you commence work, Jim?"

"Immediately," said Jim, and

almost before he had ceased speaking, he had his coat off, his sleeves rolled up, and was, as he said "ready for business."

So Mr. Cranky set Jim to work pricing stamps on sheets. Jim did not know as much about stamps as he professed, as he had never been in a stamp dealer's office before, in fact, he had never known that such a thing existed.

The day passed off all right. Mr. Cranky going out on business, during the evening, and leaving Jim in charge of the store.

Upon going down to business the next morning, Mr. Cranky was not prepared for the sight which awaited him.

There was a circle drawn in red ink around the surcharge on every surcharged stamp, on the entire lot of 500 sheets which he had given Jim to price.

"Jim," he roared.

"Yes, sir."

"Come here."

"Yes, sir."

"What in thunder have you done with these stamps?"

"Nothing, sir."

"Nothing! Do you call that nothing!" he shrieked, and it would have been hard to find a madder man than Mr. Cranky at that moment.

And then, after about an hour of yelling and shrieking, Stamp Dealer Cranky, Esq., found that his worthy assistant had put the circles on the stamps in order to attract attention to the surcharge.

As Jim said, that "nobody would know what the difference in price was

for," because they might not see the surcharge.

"Well, they're sure to see it now," roared Mr. Cranky. "You are disgusting."

But, finally, Mr. Cranky cooled down somewhat, and he concluded to give Jim something else to do. So he got a lot of U. S. stamps, and told Jim to assort the grilled and the ungrilled specimens, warning him to be careful, as the grilled specimens were a good deal more valuable.

So, Jim assorted the stamps, and as it was still lacking a half-hour of closing time, he not knowing what to do, was sitting idle for a few minutes when a great idea struck him, and he concluded to give his employer an agreeable (?) surprise.

When Mr. Cranky came in, presently, he heard a thump every few minutes, and upon looking in Jim's direction, he saw that young man busily engaged, manufacturing grills with the firm's check protector. Stamps were being grilled by the wholesale, and all varieties, there were grills all over, stamps with grill in one corner, and every other kind. But the trouble in it all was that the teeth in the check protector were too sharp and too large.

So that Mr. Cranky found that his assistant had, in his friendly endeavors, ruined more stamps than he would be able to deduct from his wages in six months.

Wasn't Mr. Cranky mad though. Oh, no.

"Jim," he yelled.

(To be continued.)

Stamps for the World's Fair.

BY PLIMPTON.

We see in the philatelic papers frequent expression of the wish, that the government would issue a special set of stamps in commemoration of the Columbian World's Fair, as well as vague intimations that some assurance has been given that this will be done. It is open to doubt, however, whether the latter is any more than a thought whose father is the wish—to transpose an old saying—since it is scarcely possible for the present postal administration, whose lease of life expires before the Fair begins, to make any promises binding upon its successor, unless indeed the present postal powers that be have infallible assurance that they are to be their own successors; a contingency that rarely happens. But should such a set be issued, for which the precedent of the Centennial envelopes affords some hope, independent of the shadowy assurances referred to, it is not too early to discuss the possibilities in this line, which would present themselves to a Post-master-General desiring to produce a *chef d'oeuvre* in the way of stamps. American stamps have always been noted for the excellence of their engraving, whilst their designs have been at least fairly good in all cases, and unexcelled in one, the issue of 1869. It is doubtful whether a more beautiful and artistic set of stamps was ever issued by any country, and it is a thousand pities that they were withdrawn so soon. Why this happened has always been a mystery to the writer, which the ordinary explanations offered have been un-

able to solve. That the public in general did not like them, as indicated by the criticisms of the press, was certainly not the true reason of their recall, for similar grumblings about Uncle Sam's stamps, and ebullitions of wit at their expense, have followed every issue we ever did have.

Nor could their square form and small size have been the true reason, since this could easily have been remedied by a re-issue changing this and retaining the old designs. Finally, it is most certain that their costliness was not, as so often alleged, the ground of objection the government had to them, since there is no reason why printing stamps from these plates would cost more than from the others that followed, nor indeed as much, since the latter were larger. Whilst as to the two impressions required for the higher values, that could not have cost much additional for the few comparatively of these that were printed, besides which they could all easily have been printed in one color alone, had the cost of double impression been found too great. But that this had nothing to do with the case, is clearly shown by the fact that at just this period the government was supplying revenue stamps ranging in denomination from one cent to five hundred dollars, all printed in two colors each. Certainly Uncle Sam could not have so discriminated against the postage stamp as to have begrudged it a coat of colors, and then have freely spent his money—if indeed extra expense were necessary—to beautify his revenues.

The true explanation is probably

that which accounts for nine-tenths of our postal changes—mere caprice—the same motive which caused our recent two-cent claret to be changed to a sickly green, in which it looked horrible, and mixed up the colors of nearly all the late issue without any system whatever.

Some official of the time disliked the 1869 issue; it went and that was all of it. But this brings me back to what I started with, which was to suggest that the 1869 issue might profitably give a suggestion as to a really artistic set of stamps to commemorate the World's Fair. Its chief merit was its originality in presenting striking designs for the several values. A World's Fair set would from its object have even larger scope for picturesque designs. The stamps might fittingly form an album of designs illustrating the inventions, the staple products, or the history of the United States. Again, they might depict the careers of America's great discoverers by historical views, give portraits of these men, or illustrations of the buildings and salient features of the Fair itself. Consider what an advertisement for the country some of these suggested series would be, and what beautiful designs they would render possible. Say that the inventions of the United States were illustrated on the set, would not that show to the world in a striking manner the important services it has received from men of the new continent? Artistic designs representing the steamship, the telegraph, the telephone, the electric light, the phonograph and other of these things would certainly be possible and very effective.

Would it be too prosaic to depict the vegetable gifts that the new world has given mankind? The potato, greatest of them all, would perhaps be a trifle unromantic on a stamp, but certainly representations of the Indian corn, the tobacco and coffee plants, the tomato and others that might be named, would be of interest.

Then again, the great industries of our country would make an effective series of illustrations for the proposed set. The farmer in the wheat-field and the negro amidst the cotton, a sketch of a great manufacturing city, a scene in the oil regions of Pennsylvania, and from the silver mines of the Pacific slope; these and many others would be new and striking.

The 1869 issue shows how effective copies of historical paintings can be made as placed upon stamps. What is to hinder the issue of a whole set bearing these scenes? Certainly the Father of his country would be as much honored by his representation while crossing the Delaware or in the midst of some other historical scene, as by his present hackneyed portrait adorning our two-cent value. Historical backgrounds could easily be found for each one of the distinguished men, whose portraits alone, now find place upon our stamps. And still greater novelty would be secured if the discovery and discoverers of America were commemorated on the set. Historical scenes might here also be used with effect. Many suitable ones will at once suggest themselves to the reader. Whilst if portraits alone were used, Columbus of course would take

the place of honor, followed by the others, none of whom have ever been honored in this way except Cartier as shown on the old stamps of Canada. But why have not Cabot, Vespucci, Magellan, Drake, De Soto, La Salle and a host of others equal claim with the latter to postal honors? Praise be to little Chili which alone of American countries has recognized the fitness of such a tribute to the greatest at least, of world-discoverers. Finally, though none of these plans be carried out, a distinctively World's Fair issue could be made a real monument of that important event, by embracing a series of designs to illustrate the Fair itself. If the Fair is to be a success at all, it will have grand buildings and many striking exhibits. Let these be pictured on the stamps and then be carried to the four quarters of the earth, on the wings of the postal service. They will reach all men, savage and civilized, telling them, in the language which all mankind understands, the surpassing glories of the greatest World's Fair, America's Columbian Exposition.

Andy's Rare Stamp Discovery.

BY GUY W. GREEN.

"Did you ever run into a streak of luck and get an exceedingly rare specimen for almost nothing, Andy?"

Bert Nichol was the speaker, and big, good-hearted, awkward Andy Nuquist the person addressed. Sitting about them were two or three collecting friends, of whom I was one. We had all played together as boys, and passed through the vicissitudes of juvenile

life side by side. Many a hot July day had found us paddling about within the murky depths of Morrill's "swimmin' hole." The clock had frequently struck twelve on a January night and joined its chimes with the sharp ring of our gleaming skates. The measles and mumps had attacked us all at about the same time, and an insatiable desire to hunt the oily savage in his native haunts had consumed our little band during one summer, until an energetic application of the parental shingle put an end to our illusions.

Thus, you see, our associations had been close during our boyhood. With manhood we separated, and I almost forgot my friends, save as I was occasionally reminded of them by a glance at my stamp-album. I did not even know the whereabouts of Andy, until one day I saw his name among the list of applicants for admission to a prominent Philatelic organization. I wrote to him, and this led to a correspondence which terminated in a conclusion on the part of both of us to visit the old town of our boyhood at Christmas-tide.

During my correspondence with Andy I remembered that Bert and the other boys used to vow allegiance to Philatelia, and out of curiosity, I communicated with them. To my surprise, the germ planted so early in life had developed into a healthy growth, and I found one of my friends president of a state organization, while the rest were all more or less identified with stamp collecting.

By agreement, they followed the

example of Andy and myself, and gathered amidst old scenes in December. We had come together to talk over old times, when the magic bonds of Philately had asserted themselves, and we had drifted into the realm of our hobby.

Andy, who was a swede, stroked his big blonde mustache thoughtfully. Then he replied, slowly: "Well, I don't know as I have ever obtained any very great rarities for nothing although I have made a few moderately lucky finds. I am like every collector; I have had my ups and downs, and as I look back now, many a bright spot appears more luminous on account of the shadows surrounding it."

"Oh pshaw! Andy, tell us about that rare stamp you bought so cheaply once. Your 'glittering generalities' are all right in some places, but they won't do now. Come, you can't get out of it. Tell us about that little adventure of yours."

As Bert said these words, he looked at us and winked. Of course, if there was a "joke on Andy," as the boys would say, we were anxious to hear about it, and we raised our voices in unison with that of our companion.

Andy saw that there was no escape, and said: "Well, fellows, I will tell you about this matter to which Bert refers, and when I am through I want none of you to laugh at me. I know that we are all prone to make cruel mistakes. I have made my mistake and have thoroughly repented of it."

"You know that I am a member of the Philatelic Society of our region,

The first annual convention occurred not long ago, and as was becoming to a loyal Philatelist, I resolved to be on hand. So I made all arrangements to attend. I arrived in the city where the collectors were to assemble, in due time, and, although I didn't run up against any bunko game down on the bills, I encountered one which sent me home in a pretty thoroughly demoralized condition."

"After the first day's session of the convention, I went out on the streets for a little sight seeing, as this was my first visit to the place. I was passing down one of the main streets when there suddenly stepped from an alley a girl of perhaps thirteen years of age, very ragged, but otherwise clean and attractive. She approached me deferentially, and with great sobs of apparently the intensest anguish, told me her story."

(To be continued in our next number.)

Chicago Clips.

The writer was shown a specimen of the 3 s. g. yellow adhesive of Prussia, having a well-defined B substituted for the first R in "Freimarke."

A set of unused Executives were recently exhibited, which undoubtedly were re-gummed by some individual after the original gum was removed.

One of Secretary of W. P. U. Hosmer's specialties is his collection of the issues of Venezuela, and very noticeable is the number of split or half stamps, used on original envelopes, which it includes.

A. P. A. President Tiffany was a

welcome visitor in Chicago, and conferred with a number of city collectors.

The C. P. S. banquet occurs Jan. 7th, on the occasion of installation of officers, not in December, as was first intended.

The 4th sale of the S. B. Bradt Co. is to occur Jan. 20th, and will not include the collection of S. B. Bradford, as reported last month. A unique specimen—Victoria, 1863, 4d. rose, wmk "4," surcharged in red, rd., over which appears postmark cancellation—is catalogued.

It is probable that Mr. Jerome will locate permanently in St. Paul, shortly, in consequence of business interests.

Fifty young men were selected by Postmaster Sexton to serve as post-office clerks during the holiday term.

The collection of U. S. stamps possessed by C. P. Guedtner is one of the most notable in this city, his entire and cut U. S. envelopes being unusually fine, while the department sets are complete.

Quite a discussion was caused by the exhibition of some unused Bremen stamps by a younger collector at a recent meeting, who inquired as to their authenticity. Messrs. Janssen and Holman spoke of differences distinguishable between originals and forgeries, besides diffusing general information regarding the stamps of Bremen.

The collection of the better class of stamp literature has received a decided impetus here, and many of the collectors are engaged in the completion of files and adding to their philatelic libraries. C. E. SEVERN.

New York Notes.

On March first, the new stamping or canceling machines are to be furnished to the New York post-office. As was demonstrated in a recent test, the canceling capacity of these machines is over 25,000 letters per hour. It will be seen that this machine does the work of seven, or perhaps eight, stamping clerks. Electricity is the motive power used.

The last Bogert auction was held on Friday and Tuesday, December 11th and 15th, 1891, in the Knickerbocker Conservatory; \$1,696 was realized on about 900 lots.

Sixty additional clerks have been permanently assigned to the New York post-office, and the salary of a large number of others has been increased. To meet the increased demand for money orders during the holidays, twelve additional money order clerks were temporarily placed in this department.

Catalogues of the auction sale under the auspices of the National Philatelic Society of this city, have been issued. The sale will be conducted only by mail and bids close Jan. 12th, 1892. There are 347 lots listed.

At its January meeting, the Philatelic Society will discuss the stamps of Oldenburg. The society studies the stamps of a different country at each meeting, and a well prepared paper, relating to this subject, is read by one of the members. The society will be incorporated as soon as possible.

The *Sunday Sun* of Dec. 13th, prints the following:

"The British Museum has received

as a bequest the Tapling collection of stamps, containing about 200,000 specimens, exclusive of many cards and envelopes, and valued at between \$250,000 and \$300,000. Mr. Tapling was more than twenty years in making it. It is pronounced the finest collection of stamps existing."

Mr. A. R. Rogers has postponed his sale until Feb. 1st. A very general complaint among philatelists who patronize auction sales, is that many of the stamps are so poorly or insufficiently catalogued that non-resident philatelists are unable to determine their condition, or even locate them with certainty. In this respect, and in many others, the catalogue of this sale is the nearest approach to perfection that we have seen. In the first place, the sale was catalogued by Mr. Rogers, and then revised by the following experts who, in their respective lines, are the best authorities in the country: North America, by C. B. Corwin; U. S. Locals, by Mr. F. W. Hunter; U. S. envelope, by R. R. Bogert; and the entire catalogue by John Walter Scott.

Another feature introduced for the first time, which other auctioneers might pattern after with advantage, is to exhibit these stamps, before the sale, in the large cities of the country. Thus giving almost all philatelists an opportunity to see these stamps. Of the 1,600 lots listed, nearly one-half are from the old collection of Dr. Dalhberg, of Chicago.

The cover of the catalogue is printed in bronze or gold and is by far the neatest of its kind that has ever been issued. It contains a very life-like photo-engraving of Mr. Rogers, for that gentleman knows that all the

"boys" will want his picture and get the catalogues on that account (?). Mr. Rogers informs us that six reams of paper (40 x 48) were used in printing. The catalogue was not issued until after Christmas, so that those who applied December first, had to wait a little while.

Mr. F. W. Hunter read a paper on Boyd's Locals before the Philatelic Society, and astonished most of the members present by describing and exhibiting numerous specimens which have never been catalogued.

The Saten Island Society is considering the advisability of giving another dinner to philatelists in this vicinity.

R. R. Bogert, of this city, and Durbin and Hanes, of Philadelphia, have organized a stock company, with a capital of \$75,000. The business will be conducted under the name Bogert & Durbin Co. Mr. Arthur Tuttle who has been with Mr. Bogert for some time, will conduct the business in Philadelphia, aided by Mr. Hanes. Mr. Bogert conducts the office in this city, as formerly.

The J. W. Scott Company held their auction in the rooms of the Philatelic Society, New York, Dec. 8th, 1891. The 532 lots sold for about \$1,200 in all.

KNICKERBOCKER.

What One Philatelist Sees.

BY E. P. NEWCOMER.

In enforcing the postal laws, hundreds of cases are investigated by the Post-office authorities which are not brought to the attention of the courts, and in which no punishment is asked for. There have been technical in-

fractions of the law, but without guilty intention on the part of the violators. Such a case was settled by Mr. George S. Evans, the Post-office Inspector in charge of the Federal building, Boston, Mass. Nobody was injured in the transaction, and the delinquents in the matter freely acknowledged their gratitude for the judicious way in which the case was managed. One of the largest corporations of Boston has frequent occasion to send notices to stockholders and directors, and circulars to customers. They are almost always in print and being put in an unsealed envelope require only a one cent stamp. A large lot of notices were sent out a day or two ago. The Secretary ordered a sufficient number from the printer, and when the lot arrived, handed them to a lady clerk, with instructions to be sure and mail them that night to the gentlemen whose names and addresses were contained upon a list which he furnished her. He went away before her work was completed. The lady wrote the directions on all her envelopes, and then began to fold in the circular letters. She found the printer had fallen short of the required number, and that she needed twenty more. She had received positive orders to get the whole number into the mail that night, and not knowing the law, or being forgetful of it for the moment, she wrote out a sufficient number of notices to fill the bill, folded them into her envelopes, and, leaving them unsealed, put a one cent stamp on each as she had on all the others. By the merest accident one of the

written documents was discovered by a Post-office employe, and, as in duty bound under the law, he made an examination of the whole batch and found that twenty of the envelopes should have had a two cent stamp—letter postage. An attempt to evade postage—or defraud the postal revenues, is punishable as a criminal offense under the statutes of the United States. The case by necessity was reported to Mr. Evans, and he made an investigation. When he discovered that the facts were as stated here, he declined to make any case for prosecution, and simply asked that the corporation pay to the Government the amount of the postage due—twenty cents.

Few persons are aware that the United States Government issues a two cent newspaper wrapper as well as a one cent; but such is a fact. The two cent wrapper can be had in either white or manilla paper.

Just how much a stamp dealer knows about the future of certain stamps was well brought to my notice recently. I was looking over the files of a certain stamp paper issued by a dealer and came across a notice where he advised all collectors to purchase the 1890 set of Salvador and Nicaragua at once, as there was sure to be a rise. The set can now be bought for about one-fourth of what it could then.

If editors knew just how much trouble they cause literature collectors by their changing the forms and sizes of their journals they would not

do it so often. It makes it practically impossible to bind a volume of a paper when so many different sizes are represented. Let all the numbers of one volume be of one size, and if a change must be made, wait till a new volume is begun. Philatelic literature collecting is on the increase and publishers should show some respect to philatelists so inclined.

In 1864, when there were less than 700 mail carriers in the country, the practice of counting the mail matter was comparatively inexpensive, but in 1891, when there are over 10,000 carriers, the Postmaster-General discovered that this useless work was consuming an average of twenty minutes or more daily for each carrier, hence it was stopped.

The Postage Stamps of Canada.

So much has been recently said about the stamps of Canada and the prices they command, that collectors are really at a loss to know their true value. It is true that Messrs. Ketcheson and Staebler, two of Canada's most eminent philatelists, have compiled catalogues of these stamps, but the prices these gentlemen put upon them are only mere estimates. Canadian stamps are altogether too cheap. Neither Durbin nor Scott takes enough notice of them, and consequently American collectors buy but few of them, not realizing that, like U. S. stamps, they are advancing in value every day.

Now the best plan to secure correct prices for Canadian stamps, is for deal-

ers to get the prices brought by auction sales, and, taking the *average* price secured, place it in the catalogue.

And the Canadian Revenue stamp, must not be overlooked. There is no stamp in all the universe, that shows to greater advantage in a Revenue collection, than a Law or Weights and Measures lot. This we may hope will be found to be the case, when the Philatelic Society of Canada gets in running order, for Mr. J. R. Hooper, its probable President, is a "hustler," and will make the study of Philately go to the front with as much vim as anyone, and his knowledge of Canadian stamps is proverbial. HAM.

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We are in receipt of a *Co'n Manual*, issued by the Estabrook Publishing Co., of Marlboro, Mass. It contains prices paid for U. S. coins worth over face value. Price 10 cts. per copy.

We have been favored with an invitation to be present at the banquet, commemorating the Sixth Annual Installation of officers of the Chicago Philatelic Society, on Jan. 7th, at 8 P. M. Undoubtedly those present will experience an enjoyable time.

During the month we have received many subscriptions, several requesting us to commence their subscriptions with No. 1. We wish to state here that we cannot do this as we have only a few back numbers left which we are rapidly selling at 10 cts. per copy.

We are in receipt of a handsome

souvenir entitled "The Miller's Daughter," by Alfred Tennyson, sent out by the Queen City Stamp Co., of Buffalo, N. Y. Also a neatly gotten up Calendar was received of the A. M. Barden Stamp Co., of North Attleborough, Mass.

In this number we begin two serials. One, "Andy's Rare Stamp Discovery," by Guy W. Green, and the other a humorous article entitled "Jim and Mr. Cranky." The latter is written by one of our most popular humorists, and will doubtless prove very interesting to our numerous readers, especially the younger ones. We believe that as we bring many articles of a serious nature a humoresque of this style will prove an agreeable diversion.

The editors were favored with an invitation and complimentary tickets to an entertainment given at Perkins & Herpel's College on Dec. 18th, 1891. Of course being old students of this institution, we accepted the invitation and were more than repaid for our trouble. The programme was arranged to combine music and literature, and so successfully was it carried out that no part was omitted, and, while the last part was not rendered until after eleven o'clock, the large audience of over 700 persons remained throughout the entire programme. We know Messrs. Perkins and Herpel to be first class teachers, and the success with which they carried out their entertainment confirms us in our opinion that they are masters of their profession.

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Bahamas.—It is said that 1,000 of the surcharged envelopes have only six bars over the old value instead of eight. Half are in red and half in black.

Barbados.—We have the $1\frac{1}{2} + 1\frac{1}{2}$ d., card with surcharge in violet "ONE PENNY" across the bottom of the stamp.

British Bechuanaland.—The current English stamps are to be surcharged in two lines BRITISH BECHUANALAND in black. 1 d., lilac; 2 d., green and rose; 4 d., brown and green; 6 d., red.

Cape of Good Hope.—One stamp in each sheet of the 3 d., surcharged $2\frac{1}{2}$ d., has the top of the 1 of $\frac{1}{2}$ straight instead of slanting. The $\frac{1}{2}$ d., wrapper is reported brown on white.

Cauca.—The *A. J. of P.* reports a 5 c., red on pinkish paper. Arms in circular band inscribed "Provincia de Cauca—Correos" at sides, scroll work above, "Republica de Colombia" and below, "Cinco Centavos." Numerals of value in the four corners.

Grenada.—We have received the 8 d., brown, with a new surcharge " $2\frac{1}{2}$ d." Watermark C. A. Of

course half of the stamps have the watermark inverted.

Holkar.—The *A. J. of P.* says this state will shortly issue stamps of $\frac{1}{4}$, 1, and 2 annas, the colors to be, respectively, yellow, green and red.

India.—The one rupee stamp noted last month has "1 R" in the corners, not "I. R."

Jchore.—The *Stamp News* has seen an entirely new set, with portrait of the Sultan. They are somewhat similar to the Siamese and the new Perak stamps. 2 c., lilac and yellow; 4 c., lilac and blue; 5 c., lilac and green; 6 c., lilac and blue; 1 dollar, green and rose.

Persia.—There is a new series, said to have been made in Vienna, with lion and sword in center. 1 sh., black; 2 sh., brown; 5 sh., blue; 7 sh., gray; 10 sh., carmine; 14 sh., orange, with head of shah in center; 1 kr., green; 2 kr., orange; 5 kr., pale-yellow.

Russia.—The *Stamp News* says it is reported that an entirely new set was to have been issued in January.

St. Pierre and Miquelon.—Various surcharges have taken place here, as follows: 1 c., on 5 c.; 1 c., on 10 c.; 2 c., on 10 c.; 2 c., on 15 c.; 4 c., on 20 c.; 4 c., on 30 c.; 4 c., on 40 c.

P. M. A. W.

JIM AND MR. CRANKY,
OR,
Working for a Stamp Dealer.

BY JINGO.

Chapter II.

"Yes, sir," answered that youth.

"Have you no brains whatever?"

"I always thought I had some."

"Well, I for one, believe that you have very little."

"Yes, sir."

"Hush up," growled Mr. Cranky, "there, go to work and do something, and if anything like this happens again, you'll be kicked out in short order, remember that."

"I will," answered Jim in the meekest of tones, and any one seeing him would have thought him to be the very innocence itself.

But just then the clock struck ten, and as it was time to close, Jim left for his boarding place, which was in the next block.

"Four dollars per week is poor wages," he mused, "and if I didn't think I could get some fun out of the place, I'd cut sticks immediately."

The next morning, on going down to breakfast, he was accosted by one of the boarders, with the words:

"I have a stamp collection which I wish to dispose of, as I am in need of a little money. Do you know whether Mr. Cranky buys collections?"

Jim informed him that he did, and told him to bring it around for Mr. Cranky's inspection.

So that afternoon Mr. Noodleheimer waltzed into Mr. Cranky's establishment with an old copy book under his

arm. In it was his collection, which, he stated contained a good many rareties.

But Mr. Cranky told him that he would have to leave the collection for inspection, and that he should call again in the afternoon, and he would then be informed what it was worth.

This idea did not exactly suit Mr. Noodleheimer, as he distrusted everybody, and was afraid lest some of his choicest treasures might be disturbed before he could dispose of them.

But when Mr. Cranky informed him that this was the only way in which he could make him an offer, he, after some deliberation, reluctantly consented.

Before yielding up his book, however, he counted the stamps, and then, fearful of having made a mistake, he counted them again, finding this time that he had only 101, instead of 102. So the stamps had to be counted a third time, and he finally left the place, though not quite at his ease.

That afternoon, as Mr. Noodleheimer was on his way to the stamp store, a veiled lady slipped an envelope into his hand, as she passed him.

The address was printed, as was also the letter, and his face grew fairly purple with rage, as he read:

"My very dear Mr. Noodleheimer:

I take this means of warning you to be careful with whom you deal. Inspect your collection carefully, when it is returned to you, and if you are the expert I believe you to be, you will immediately notice that, that hypocrite, Cranky, has substituted a counterfeit for your greatest rarity, a genuine

specimen of the Triangular Cape of Good Hope.

FROM A DEAR LADY FRIEND."

This letter, coupled with the distrust which Mr. Noodleheimer reposed in everybody, was enough, and he rushed into Mr. Cranky's establishment at the rate of about a mile a minute.

As reply to his question as to the value of the stamps, Mr. Cranky handed back the book, telling him that, with the exception of one stamp (a triangular Cape of Good Hope), they were not worth carrying home.

No sooner had Mr. Noodleheimer the book in his hands, than he opened it and examined the stamps.

When he got to his triangular Cape of Good Hope, he looked at it a moment, and then he rushed up to Mr. Cranky, yelling:

"You thief, you, what have you done with my stamps?"

"What have I done with your stamps! Nothing! But I'll do something with you, if you don't hush up," snapped Cranky.

"You are too much of a coward to do anything," answered Noodleheimer.

"Am I, well you'll find out in a minute."

And then they rushed at each other. The next moment they were rolling about on the floor. Now, Noodleheimer on top, and the next minute, Mr. Cranky.

This was huge enjoyment to Jim, who took in the whole from behind the counter.

After watching them for about twenty minutes, he saw that they were pretty badly banged up all around,

and he, therefore, concluded to put an end to the fight.

So rushing out into the street, he bawled:

"Help! Help! Robbers! Thieves! Police!" etc., etc.

A crowd was now collecting and a "blue coat" arrived, presently, who rushed in and, grabbing each of the combatants by the collar, he tore them apart. And what a sight they were. Noodleheimer had one eye closed, a cut in his head, where he had come in contact with a table, his nose was mashed flat, and his clothes were literally beyond description.

Cranky had not fared much better, inasmuch as he also had a closed eye, his nose was bleeding profusely, and as he stated, he felt "sore all over."

The crowd was chased away, and as the policeman was about to conduct his two prisoners in safety to the police station, the honorable Mr. Cranky offered, in sheer desperation, a whole dollar for his liberation.

This however would not work, so he offered two, then three, four and finally five dollars. The temptation was too strong for the policeman to resist any longer, and he finally consented to let both run free for \$5 a piece.

Each paid his \$5 and the policeman finally left. Mutual explanations followed. It was proven to Mr. Noodleheimer that the triangular Cape stamp was genuine. He having started the fight, as he had imagined (from the letter he had received) that it was a counterfeit.

Then the mysterious letter was produced and examined by the three, Mr.

Cranky, Mr. Noodleheimer and Jim, and finally they decided to give it up for that day. Both Noodleheimer and Cranky declaring that they would sift it to the bottom.

As the reader may have already imagined, the whole was a job put up by Jim, it having been he himself who had printed the letter on a small press which he had at home.

His "pard" had then, disguised as a lady, delivered it in the manner described.

"Mr. Cranky," said Jim, the next morning, "I believe I know who gave Mr. Noodleheimer that letter yesterday."

"Who?" screamed Mr. Cranky, "just tell me, and I'll break every bone in the fellow's body."

(To be Continued.)

Chicago Clips.

In conversation with a gentleman who was a government official, stationed at Lynchburg, Va., the immediate years after the war, the writer was told several characteristic anecdotes of R. H. Glass, the Confederate Postmaster, whose name appears on the Lynchburg local. It seems that Mr. Glass was one of the first and most ardent upholders of the Secession doctrine and also among the foremost in taking the oath of allegiance at the war's conclusion. He was a gentleman of recognized worth, and whose pronounced individuality was at times akin to eccentricity.

My informant also spoke of a colored man who travelled through that section, in the early seventies, purchas-

ing of the Confederate issues, and who at that comparatively early date must have secured many, many dollars worth, when the present valuation of these stamps is taken as a criterion.

The Chicago daily press is allotting increased space to matters relating to philately, and as a hopeful indication, it is to be recorded that the same do not now teem with the glaring inaccuracies of the average newspaper philatelic article.

One of the most consistent and readable articles yet appearing in the daily press, was that in the *Times* of Jan. 10th, written by Trumbull White, of that paper's staff. Mr. White was an attendant at the C. P. S. banquet of Jan. 7th, which, by the way, was a pleasureable success.

Mr. C. E. Petford, scenic artist of the "Grand Opera House," is a collector in a unique field, *i. e.*, unsevered pairs, of which his accumulation numbers about 3,700.

One who professes to know, states that a new stamp firm in Chicago, is to be a certainty and will commence operations on a scale of rather unusual magnitude.

T. J. Mitchell, whose *nom de plume*, "Wanderer," used frequently to appear in the philatelic press, now occupies a position of some prominence in local labor circles.

According to a Chicago paper, a local curiosity collector has a pair of the first rubbers, or "gum" overshoes ever manufactured, but surely these have no connection with the oft-quoted

and much desired "original gum" o stamp collectors.

Eugene Field, the favorably known *litterateur* takes a general interest in stamp collecting and often calls at Bradt's place,

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The next auction sale of the Bradt company will occur the latter part of March.

The latest issue of the *Blue Book*, recording the name and compensation of every postmaster in the country, shows 150 postmasters whose remuneration falls short of \$5.00 for a year. The minimum in the salary line was awarded to the postmistress at Davie, Ga., whose earnings was the princely sum of twenty cents.

C. E. SEVERN.

New York Notes.

I. B. Cohen, President of the Southern Stamp and Publishing Co., was in New York in the early part of January.

On Jan. 25th, the Philatelic Society gave a reception to philatelists of this vicinity. A very enjoyable evening was passed at the rooms, 25 Ann St.

The largest foreign mail ever brought to this port was recently received from the S. S. Bothina. It consisted of 1,757 sacks.

The *Post-Office* seems to be very fond of blowing its own horn. In the January issue, it congratulates itself

upon the fact that in December it published two items of news not to be found in any other paper of that date. One of these items was in reference to the new Bogert and Durbin Company; the consolidation of which was not completed until Dec. 7th, 1891, at which time most papers are in press. Although the *Post-Office* was dated Dec. 15th, it was not published until Dec. 21st. If Bro. Gremmel should publish his paper on the 30th of each month, he might have some more items which appear ten days later in most of his contemporaries!

The Scott Stamp and Coin Company will hold their 110th auction sale on Feb. 4th and 5th, 1892. Over 1,000 lots are catalogued. The company hold their 111th sale on Feb. 25th, 1892.

Mr. A. F. Albrecht, Superintendent of the Exchange Department of the Philatelic Society, left for Europe early last month (January). During his absence, Mr. C. Witt will take charge of the exhibition of Bradt's fourth sale. Mr. Albrecht will be abroad for about two months.

It is reported that A. B. Quigley, alias Frankford Stamp Co., alias A. Burmeister, etc., Newark, N. J., was tried and convicted, in Philadelphia, on Jan. 20th, 1892, and also that he was sentenced to a term in prison, but we are unable to learn the positive truth of the report.

J. W. Scott Co., limited, announce that they will have their new address book ready by March 25th, 1892. We trust there will not be as many delays as there were in the preparation of

Mekeel's. The specialist albums which Mr. Scott is preparing, will not be published until a much later date.

At the January session of the U. S. Circuit Court of this district, Michael Whaler, a 16-year-old boy, was convicted of using cancelled stamps. In view of his age, or perhaps his lack of age, he was lectured and discharged.

In marked contrast to the delays in the incorporation of the A. P. A., is the incorporation of the National Philatelic Society, of this city. In a little over two months everything was completed, while the A. P. A., which decided to incorporate last August, has just been incorporated!

Mr. A. R. Rogers intends to have on exhibition in the philatelic display at the World's Columbian Exhibition, "a large and handsome frame or frames, containing the photographs of many advanced collectors. The photographs will be so arranged that the name of the owner and his address will be easily read." Philatelists, visiting the Fair, will have an opportunity to see, probably for the first time, photographs of many collectors he knows either through correspondence or by reading the philatelic press. Mr. Rogers' idea is certainly a good one and should meet with hearty cooperation.

The New York Branch, Sons of Philatelia was organized, Jan. 28th, 1892, at 37 West 32nd Street. The objects of the society is to have a New York society, with low dues, holding regular meetings, to encourage the acquaintance of philatelists and the exchange and sale of stamps.

Arthur Tuttle, who has been with Mr. Bogert for some time past, left New York for Philadelphia, on Jan. 16th, 1892. He will be at the Philadelphia branch of the Bogert and Durbin Co. Mr. Tuttle has previously been a resident of Philadelphia.

The National Philatelic Society intends to continue its system of auction sales, which will be held at intervals through the season.

KNICKERBOCKER.

Andy's Rare Stamp Discovery.

BY GUY W. GREEN.

(CONTINUED).

"It seemed from her account, that her father had been a lawyer, at one time in good circumstances, but that through unavoidable financial reverses he had lost his fortune, and was now reduced to the very extreme of poverty. During his palmy days he had been a stamp collector, and had loved his philatelic possessions almost as well as his life. But, at last, in order to avert starvation, he had resolved to part with his treasures. As he was lying ill in bed he had sent his little girl, who was talking so earnestly to me, to negotiate the sale of some of his stamps. 'Would I mind looking at some of them, and seeing if I could alleviate suffering by purchasing a few of the specimens?'

"Of course I didn't mind it in the least. She opened the volume, and my hat would have fallen off in my astonishment had such a thing been possible. The girl saw my look of surprise at beholding such rare speci-

mens, and hastened to explain that her father had begrudged neither time nor money during the formation of his collection.

"I glanced at the stamps and resolved to purchase. If I could benefit myself, and at the same time give comfort to some poverty-stricken sufferer why should I not do it? I leave you to judge how much the former motive entered into my calculations and how much the latter. I took some rare Hawaiian stamps, pressed a ten dollar bill into the girl's hand, and offered to accompany her to her home, but she was off like a flash, much to my surprise.

"I carefully put my stamps away, and the next morning took them to a prominent dealer for his judgment, and told him the circumstances under which I had obtained them. He smiled when he had heard my story, and pronounced the specimens rank counterfeits.

"The girl, it seems, was the agent of a fraudulent stamp concern, and made a snug little sum through her efforts at deception. She always ascertained the whereabouts of philatelists, and having gained this information, laid her traps for them with varying success. Only the week before she had depleted the pocket-book of a kind-hearted and wealthy visiting collector to the extent of fifty dollars. So I was not alone.

"Somehow the story of my loss got abroad, and I left for home on the next train, a 'sadder but a wiser man.' A month or two afterwards I was walking down one of the streets of the

same city with a brother collector, when we encountered the same girl. She had forgotten me, and so we had her open her album. It was filled to overflowing with rare stamps, all counterfeits, of course. Her story was as pitiful as usual, but we heard it unmoved, and sent her away rather harshly."

There, you have heard the story of my rare stamp discovery, and I hope you all are satisfied, especially Bert."

We laughed heartily at Andy's experience and lit fresh cigars. Thus we sat smoking far into the night.

[THE END].

Development of the Mail Service.

Post office originated from the Latin *positum*, meaning placed, or fixed; the posts were placed at intervals along the roads of the Roman Empire, but carried only Government dispatches.

A line of letter posts for private correspondence was first established in the early part of the thirteenth century in all the towns belonging to the "Hanse." The need of a line of letter posts was soon seen, and during the reign of the Emperor Maximilian, the Princes of Thurn and Taxis organized a line between Austria and Lombardy, and another connecting Vienna and Bruxelles.

In England government dispatches were sent by messengers who supplied their horses until Edward I. ascended the throne of England, when stations were established where

horses could be rented. With this arrangement, dispatches and letters could be sent much quicker. In the fifteenth century, a party of merchants organized a company for the purpose of connecting London with the continent by establishing a mail line. After much discussion Thos. Randolph was appointed "Chief-Postmaster." It was one hundred years after this that private correspondence could be transmitted through the mail.

After James I. became King of England, the horse posts were very much improved, but only government letters were carried; he also established a foreign post and appointed Mathews de Quester and his son of the same name "Postmasters" of England for that department. Lord Stanhope was at that time "Chief-Postmaster," and he naturally was of the opinion that the appointment of the de Questers was an infringement upon his rights. A lawsuit followed, which was finally settled by Lord Stanhope and de Questers resigning, to be superseded by Wm. Frizell and Thomas Witherings. In 1635, the latter ran a post night and day between London and Edinburgh. The time allowed for this was six days. Eight other postal routes were also established, and it was only two years later that letters were transmitted at the rate of two pence for any distance less than eighty miles, four pence up to one hundred and forty miles, six pence for any other town in England over the subscribed amount, and eight pence for any town in Scotland.

In 1656, under the Protectorate, a

new postal law was passed; it provided that there should be one general Post Office at London, and that under no circumstances should any local post be continued; except those of the Universities and the "Cingue Posts."

Robert Murray, in the year 1685, on a private speculation, transmitted letters and parcels throughout London and its suburbs for one penny; when its success became apparent, the Duke of York, upon whom the postal revenues had been conferred, complained that the penny postage was an encroachment on his rights. The case was decided in his favor, and the post was hereafter taken in charge by the government.

Queen Anne repealed all the old postal laws and established the Post Office on a fresh basis. A general Post Office was established at London, with sub-stations at Edinburgh, Dublin, New York, and other cities in the American Colonies, and one office in the Leeward Islands. A "Postmaster General" was to control this system, and have the power to appoint all his deputies and clerks. Upon the arrival of any foreign mail at any port under this system, the captain of the vessel was to receive a penny per letter. The rates of postage were also raised.

In 1783, mail-coaches were first used, and mails were, on that account, transmitted quicker.

In 1837, Sir Rowland Hill introduced a bill for a low and uniform postage, a charge of one penny per letter (under 1-2 ounce) was levied and double charges if the postage was

not prepaid. Postage stamps were also introduced, registry of letters and money orders soon followed. In 1861, the Post Office Savings Bank was established, by which means small amounts are kept for the poor and two and a quarter per cent. interest paid.

The introduction of steam for locomotives and steamers naturally increased correspondence to a very great extent, and thereafter continued the improvement till the present day.

“PURITAN.”

What One Philatelist Sees.

BY E. P. NEWCOMER.

Postmaster General Wanamaker is going to push his scheme for a postal telegraph before the present Congress, and he will get a lot of facts from Mr. Rosewater, the editor of the *Omaha Bee*, who spent the summer in Europe making a study of the telegraph systems of different countries. Rosewater is an old telegraph operator. He served as such in the war department while Lincoln was President, and he was manager of the Western Union lines at Omaha just before he founded the *Omaha Bee*, and got thereby a property which Nebraska men say now pays him \$50,000 a year. He went to Europe this summer, with letters from Postmaster General Wanamaker to the Postmasters General of Europe, and he has come back with his head packed full of interesting telegraph data.

“The present postal service of the

United States is by no means as stupidly conducted as is often represented.” The speaker hailed from Boston. “To illustrate what I mean,” said he, “I received a letter the other day addressed to me, ‘No 244 Beacon Street, New York.’ The letter had lost no time on the road, so far as I could tell from the post and delivery mark, but had been sent straight to my number in Boston. It used to be so, that such misdirected letters went straight to the Dead Letter Office in Washington, much to the annoyance of those who sent and those who received them. Of course it was easily seen that the letter in question was intended for Boston, because there is only one Beacon Street in the world.”

So far as Uncle Sam's post-office department and its various ramifications are concerned, the days of the “masher” are numbered. For many years it has been a matter of reproach to the postal service that the rotundas and lobbies of the post-offices in pretty nearly all of the principal cities of the country have been used at certain convenient hours of the day as resorts for the professional masher, who finds in a corner or nook adjacent to the general delivery window, the location par excellence, for sizing up the object of his affections. Oftentimes, moreover, he has used the general delivery as a means of bringing his intended victim to that particular spot, thus doubly prostituting the facilities afforded by the government to the people. This kind of business so it is given out on high authority, is to come to a full stop, and postmasters will be expected to see to it that mashers are kept at a safe distance from the interior of the building under their control. A secret circular to this effect will go out very soon to each postmaster



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CHRONICLE.

Argentine Republic.—There are slight changes in the $\frac{1}{2}$ c. green and 6 c. blue-gray.

Austria.—The 2 x 2 kr. card with inscriptions in Polish has been printed with "Bohm" on the reply card. This has been erased and "Poln" put in its place. There is an error in the 3 kr. "Poln" letter card, the word "Wydrukowa" being spelled "Wydrubowk."

British Bechuanaland.—The current English stamps are surcharged in black in two lines, 1 d., 2 d., 4 d., 6 d. The 1 d. and 2 d. Cape of Good Hope stamps have also been surcharged in black in two lines, vertically.

British North Borneo.—The 8 c. green is surcharged "6 cents" in black, as well as the 10 c. blue.

British South Africa.—There is a new value in use here, 3 d. gray, with value in green.

Chamba.—The 1 rupee service stamp is reported with error "CHMBA"

Colombia.—The type of the cubiertas is changed "Republica de Colombia" being in a horizontal line; *Le Timbre Poste* mentions the 10 c. black on rose.

Curacoa.—The 12 $\frac{1}{2}$, 15 and 25 c.

are reported of the new type with head of the young queen. Our foreign exchanges mention the 50 c. with surcharge "25," but we think this is doubtful.

Diego Suarez.—The 10 c. and 20 c. have been surcharged "1891-Diego Suarez-5 c.," the former in red, in a single lined frame, and the latter in black without the frame.

Dutch East Indies.—*Le Timbre Poste* says the unpaid letter stamps now have the word "cent" in the centre, and the 20 c. blue has the head of Wilhelmina.

Egypt.—A new value, 3 mils, dark violet, has been issued. There is a change in the inscription on the 1 pi. letter card and the gum is longer.

German Empire.—On account of extensive forgeries, a new series is to be issued. The stamps will bear a representation of Germania, after the Niederwald monument.

Great Britain.—The 2 d. has been surcharged "Gov't Parcels," and the 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. "I. R. official." A new value 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. will be issued, the 4 d. will be withdrawn. The 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. envelope is now blue.

Guinea.—The *Monthly Journal*

mentions a sheet of the 40 reis, buff-yellow, with larger surcharge, showing the error Mozambique in one stamp. The same journal has just discovered the change in the frame of the 10 reis card, which we were the first to note in the *Philatelic World* last June.

Hawaii.—The following changes in the cards are noted; 1 c. dark orange on pale orange; 1 x 1 dark orange on bistre; 2 x 2 pale blue on white.

Holland.—*Le Timbre Poste* says it is intended to issue a new stamp of the value of 3 cents. It will be yellow.

Hong Kong.—The *Ph. Record* says the 2 c. is surcharged in the upper corners "S. D.," and in the lower corners with Chinese letters. The 10 c. brown on red has a similar surcharge "S. O."

India.—The 4 a. olive has been surcharged "2½ as." in black, and there is a new stamp of the value of 2½ annas, green, similar to the 4 a. 6 pies. The cards 1½ and 1½ x 1½ a. have also been changed in value by the surcharge in black "ONE ANNA" over the original value.

Johore.—The 4 cent. stamp noted last month is lilac and blue.

Malta.—The 5 shilling has now the C A watermark.

New South Wales.—Mr. Lawrence has shown us the 3 d. with watermark N S W in vertical position.

Norway.—The *Monthly Journal* notes a new type of the 1 ore, with plain black figure 1 in the oval band.

Nossi Be.—Again we have some

unpaid letter stamps. They have the words "Chiffre Taxe" in same way as those first issued. The values are 10 on 5 c.; 15 on 20 c., and 25 on 75 c.

Queensland.—There are two new cards 1½ d. and 1½ x 1½ d. brown on buff. The stamp has head of the queen in circle with "Queenland" above and "3 half-pence" at the sides. Below "1½—Post Card—1½."

Reunion Island.—The 20 c. with "Reunion" is surcharged also with the figure "2." There are three varieties.

Russia.—The *Stamp News* says the 1 and 2 kopec bands now have three lines of instructions.

Spain.—The 10 c. card has inscriptions now in larger type than before.

St. Lucia.—We have received two new surcharges from here, ½ d. on one half of the 3 d. lilac and green and 1 d. on the 4 d. brown.

Straits Settlements.—The 24 c. is surcharged "10 CENTS," and the 32 c. "THIRTY CENTS," both in black. The 3 c. and 3 x 3c. cards are, also surcharged in various ways, as follows: "2" on the original figure 3 of the stamp, both in red and black on the single card, and in black on the double card, and "TWO CENTS" in two lines in Italics across the middle of the stamp in black on the single and double cards.

Sweden.—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* informs us that the 1, 2, 3 and 40 ore of the new type and a 1 krona of same form as the official stamps, are in preparation. There will also

be a 15 ore. The unpaid letter stamps have been withdrawn. Mr. Enequist has shown us a new envelope 2 ore, orange. It has an inscription around the stamp signifying that it is for local printed matter. It is un gummed and measures 110x72 mm.

Tasmania.—The 4 d. is now pale brown instead of yellow.

P. M. A. W.

JIM AND MR. CRANKY,

OR,

Working for a Stamp Dealer.

BY JINGO.

CHAPTER III.

"Who?" reiterated Mr. Cranky, seeing that Jim hesitated.

"Oh! I don't like to tell," wailed Jim.

"But you must tell, my dear boy."

"But I merely suspect," answered Jim.

"Who is it you suspect?"

"You won't mention my name in connection with the matter?"

"Certainly not."

"Under no conditions?"

"Under no conditions," answered Mr. Cranky somewhat impatiently.

"Well then," said Jim, "I think it was Mr. Softhead."

Mr. Softhead was also a stamp dealer, and his establishment was situated just opposite Mr. Cranky's.

The two, Mr. Cranky and Mr. Softhead, hated each other worse than death, and twice already had it very nearly come to blows between them. But friends had interfered both times

and the catastrophe had thus far been averted. However, the crisis was at hand.

Only two days before, had Mr. Cranky been spoiled out of a sale, by Mr. Softhead's yelling across the street to a customer, entering the store.

"Don't buy anything over there, He'll cheat the eyes out of you."

Of course the customer had immediately departed, not leaving Mr. Softhead time to make an explanation.

No wonder, then, that he yelled, "You are right Jim, it was he and no other."

"But, I merely suspect," answered Jim, "I do not know to a certainty whether it was he."

"But I do know," roared Cranky, "and by heaven he shall rue it. I will challenge him to a duel."

"Oh! Oh!" wailed Jim in pretended despair. "Mr. Cranky just think of the dire consequences that might result from such an action."

"I have considered everything, and I find, that it is the only way in which that act of yesterday can be avenged."

Jim called Mr. Noodleheimer, and all necessary arrangements were made.

Mr. Softhead was merely challenged, for his "outrageous conduct towards Cranky," no mention being made of the letter, as the others thought it useless to argue about the matter since he might try to deny the charge.

In his first rage, not thinking of what he was doing, Mr. Softhead accepted the challenge.

The time fixed upon was 5 o'clock

the next morning. The place of action, a small pasture lot 6 miles out of town, it being the property of Mr. Cranky.

But that gentleman had another scheme in his mind and no sooner had all arrangements been made, than he wrote a letter, which he told Jim to mail.

It was addressed to "Police Headquarters," and Jim thought he would like to know what was in it, so he opened the envelope and pulled out the letter which read:

"Please be on hand to-morrow morning at 5 A. M., as a duel is to take place at that time 6 miles west of here, in a small pasture lot.

The participants being two well known citizens. ANON."

"Well, that beats me," mused Jim, "he challenges a man to fight and then he's so afraid, that he goes and notifies the police himself. "Well, I'll fix that."

All Jim did was to change the 5 to an 8 so that it read, "Be on hand to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock."

Then he closed up the letter again and mailed it.

Mr. Cranky, was unusually happy that evening for a man about to put himself up as a target for another's pistol.

Mr. Softhead was just the opposite; after he got over his first rage, he gradually grew to repent of his hasty acceptance of the challenge.

But, there was no alternative now. He felt sure that the duel was to end disastrously to him, and by 4 o'clock the next morning he was nearly scared out of his wits.

At about 4:15 a sleigh drew up in

front of his door, and he knew that it was his second Mr. Boozy.

He got into the sleigh, without saying a word, nor did he talk a syllable during the entire six miles ride.

They had hardly arrived at the field of battle, before another sleigh drew up, in which were seated Mr. Cranky Mr. Noodleheimer and Jim.

Mr. Cranky was in the best of humor, but his face showed a little distress when he saw only Mr. Softhead and his second.

"Strange they ain't here yet," he muttered to himself. He had expected to see several officers awaiting them, but such was not the case.

Several minutes later Mr. Noodleheimer announced that it was 5 o'clock and time for operations to begin.

Mr. Cranky's face grew pale. Why did not somebody come and interfere. Had his letter not been delivered. He called Jim, and inquired.

But by this time everything was ready. And there was nothing for it but to take his stand opposite his enemy.

He gave one last despairing glance around, but no body except themselves was in sight.

"One! Two! Three!" counted Noodleheimer.

Two shots blended into one and two unhappy men rolled over into the snow, each crying:

"Oh, he has killed me."

But they were not killed. Jim had all unknown to the others in an unobserved moment, drawn the charges from the revolvers, so that no damage could be done.

Just as the two duellists were about to get up after having discovered that they were not dead, four men wearing badges came rushing toward them.

(To be continued),

The United States Registry System.

BY BONUMITA.

After a long discussion in Congress, United States registry system was introduced in 1855, the fee being fixed at five cents. A receipt was given to each person offering a letter properly stamped and directed and they were sent in separate pouches marked "Registered mail." Receipts were not required of the employees into whose hands the letters passed and it is not to be wondered that after a fair trial had been given it by the public that it was unpopular. The receipts for the first year (ending June 30th, 1856) amounted to over \$31,000, largely exceeding the amount exacted by the originator of the bill. The following year showed the fairly gratifying increase of \$4,000, but the next three years showed a decrease (over \$10,000) which was exceedingly discouraging to the post-office officials who had expected much of the system.

Postmaster General Holt in his report for 1860 strongly advocated the abandonment of registration, saying that it simply "operated as a safeguard for the rest of the mails by diverting the attention of depredators from them," and objecting to a "long-continuance of a precaution that

is faithful only in danger to what it was designed to protect." He added that "the sagacity of private interest is proverbial," and submitted the statistics of the business of the registry system from its outset to make it "clear that the public are fast losing the confidence with which the registry system was first received." Fortunately, however, the recommendation which he urged was not carried into effect and though still for a considerable period the progress of the system was slow, its strides forward in the past fifteen years has shown it to be one of the most popular and valuable divisions of the department.

The registry fee remained at 5 cents until 1863, when it was increased to 20 cents. This large increase grew out of the establishment of the plan of hand-to-hand receipts of employees handling the matter in transit, which is the principal feature of the distinctively American system of registration. On the first of January 1869 the fee was reduced to 15 cents, and again on the same day in 1874 a further reduction was made to 8 cents, but about twenty months later it was increased to 10 cents, at which amount it has since remained.

The most important change ever made in the system was the extension, in October 1875, of its privileges to all classes of mail matter, the system having been previously confined to letters or first class matter under seal. The large number of registered parcels forwarded within the next few months proved with what great favor this step was received by the public. In addition to the business done for the

public, the registry system is extensively used by the executive branches of the Government without payment of registry fees. More than one-sixth of the total number of pieces registered last year were of such a character, and the value of them is almost impossible to ascertain. Suffice it to say that the value of the registered matter of but two of the Departments, the Treasury and the Post-office, amounted to over *one and one quarter billions of dollars*. This sum is almost inconceivable to the human mind.

Before the present Congress had been in session more than three or four days several bills were offered in the Senate to reduce the registration fee to 5 cents. Such an act, if passed, would be a grand step forward in postal matters, but we consider it doubtful if it is to be taken, at least not for three or four years, for the reason that a law for indemnity for lost registered mail will probably be passed in the 52nd Congress and naturally it would not be wise to take both steps at once. Mr. Wanamaker suggests in his last report that this indemnity, or payment, should not exceed \$10 for each letter or parcel lost. About one in 12,000 pieces is either lost or stolen which would make a total of 980 or 1000 to be paid for annually. This would amount to but about \$10,000 a year, and the increased number of letters which it would take from the ordinary and place in the security of the registered mails would more than compensate the Department for the necessary appropriation. All but about ten or twelve of the countries in the Postal Union (principally the South

American republics) pay indemnities varying from \$4.53, the lowest, paid by Servia, to \$24.35, the highest, paid by Great Britain.

Mr. Wanamaker earnestly recommends that either a plan for indemnity, outlined briefly in the above, be adopted, or else the registration fee be immediately reduced to 5 cents. Those sending small amounts of registered mail would probably favor the former, while to those sending a large number of pieces the latter would be more advantageous. We trust to see at least one of them approved by the fifty-second Congress before it closes the first half of its work next June.

Epistles of Philatelicus.

BY WOLVERINE.

PART I.

Brethren; Acquaint thyself thoroughly with thy hobby. If ye are a new beginner, buy ye a large variety packet as cheap as ye can obtain it. Seek ye a catalogue that ye may learn the value of thy stamps.

Send thy subscription to a Philatelic paper that ye may keep posted. Ask thy friends to obtain stamps for thee and collect diligently, remembering not to spend thy money upon stamps which are not worth the price.

Keep thine eyes open, for it may come to pass that a certain dealer may offer ye stamps worth dollars for dimes, and ye will straightly buy and then chuckle at thine bargain. But a wise man will come along and call ye a fool

for being swindled with counterfeits. Straightway ye shall write a letter to thy dealer and call him a base deceiver of men because the stamps were not what he told thee.

Therefore, be ye wise and deal not with the man who offers ye dollars for dimes.

PART II.

Brethren: Ye have heard it said by them of olden time, "cut thy envelopes round." But I say unto ye, that if thee must cut thine stamps from the envelopes, cut them square, forgetting not to leave margin in plenty. Then when ye put them in thine albums, they shall shine forth like sparkling gems, yea, they shall shine as a mackerel by moonlight.

And it shall come to pass that one day ye shall order stamps and forget to send the money or to sign thy name and address. Ye shall wait many days and get no reply, then ye shall say that this dealer is no good on earth. Thou should be doing a great wrong both to him and to thyself all because ye forgot the essentials of thy order.

Then straightway ye should send an order to another dealer, saying, "send my order promptly," for I sent to another dealer and got nothing in return.

And it shall come to pass that this dealer is a shrewd man and he sayeth to himself, "surely, this man acteth hastily in his anger." He is stuck on himself and knoweth it not; How be it I will profit by his anger and fill his order promptly, for he haveth not the sense to write to the dealer again and find out his mistake."

And when the man hath received his order promptly he shall say, "Verily, this dealer is promptness and sendeth me stamps which are like blossoms unto the wilderness. I will henceforth give him all my orders and trade with the other dealer no more forever.

Dealers, be ye honest with thy customers, for there are things which are open to thee that they see not.

Therefore, I charge ye make all things plain to them, lest they, not wanting ye to know their ignorance, pretend to understand when they do not, and so render unjust judgment against thee.

What One Philatelist Sees.

BY E. P. NEWCOMER.

The Postmaster-General has addressed a communication to the *Chicago Times*, saying that an investigation has been ordered into the truth of the charge made by its Milwaukee correspondent that many of the fourth class country postoffices in Wisconsin are kept in saloons. The charge is declared to be untrue. It has been many a day since anything stung and hurt like that statement. The President also read it, and it is said that to his peremptory order is due the exceeding promptness of the postoffice department. The *Times* says: "The Postmaster-General's hasty denial of the *Times'* charge that many Wisconsin postoffices are located in saloons in violation of the law, would seem to in-

dicate that Mr. Wannamaker does not give to the management of the post-office department that careful personal supervision which he is said to exact in his own private affairs, and which was assigned as his chief qualification for the office he now holds. Less than a year ago postoffice inspectors made the rounds of the postoffices in Wisconsin, and their reports, now on file in Washington, show the extent to which Wisconsin grog-sellers use the post-office as an inducement to trade, superior even to the seductive free lunches. Inspectors are intended to accomplish anything beyond drawing their salaries, their reports must be read. And if the reports of these inspectors have been read, the post-office officials in Washington must know that the union of the postoffice and the saloon in Wisconsin is common and notorious."

A Buffalo company has placed in exhibition the latest automatic machine. It is called the automatic stamp accommodator, and is for the purpose of supplying stamps to anybody who may need them and has the price. The machine is of the nickel-in-the slot variety and furnishes either 1 or 2 cent stamps, as may be desired. It resembles one of the familiar chewing-gum machines and has two slots. On the one side the slot is for 2 cent stamps, and it is necessary to feed in two pennies, when, upon pressing a knob, a small book will fall out, and in the book the stamp will be. The modus operandi for a 1 cent stamp is precisely the same, except that it takes but 1 cent. The stamp machine

is strictly honest. When it is empty there is an automatic arrangement which closes the slots and makes it impossible to feed pennies and receive nothing therefor. The machines are very handsomely gotten up, and after one or two improvements have been made, will at once be put out. The only other stamp machine which is used at all is one which gives two stamps for a nickel. The advantages of the new machine is that it furnishes both 1 and 2 cent stamps and charges no more for them than their face value. The machines will be placed in any public place which may seem advantageous, and will be supplied free. The company will make its money out of the advertising in the little books in which the stamps are placed. These books are small pamphlets, and contain a large variety of interesting matter. There are thirty-five in the series and they are on subjects ranging from hints on nursing to a guide for the laundry. Of course the number of subjects on which the books can be written is unlimited, and there will probably be many more than the thirty-five volumes that are now used.

Miss Ada M. Crawford, the pretty Philadelphia girl whose prowess as the champion stamp-licker of the country was mentioned in the Philadelphia *Record* sometime ago, is considerably exercised by the claims made by Miss Estella Gardiner, of New York. Miss Crawford can, with the aid of her tongue lick 3,000 stamps on envelopes in an hour, and can keep this up for hours at a time. Miss Gardiner it is said, can affix seventy-five stamps

to seventy-five envelopes in a minute. She also scorns the use of a sponge, depending upon her salivary glands altogether. Miss Gardiner even goes so far as to issue a challenge to Miss Crawford, in true sporting style, "for any amount, or at any time or place the match being either to ascertain which can lick the largest number of stamps in a given time, or else who can lick a certain number in the shortest space of time." Miss Crawford, who is a modest little lady, is quite horrified at the notoriety which such a proceeding would entail. At the same time she is interested "I, don't believe anybody can lick seventy-five stamps a minute," she said. "Why, that would be one and a quarter a second. The hand must be raised from the label to the lip for every stamp, and that would take a second alone. I have never timed myself except by the hour, and I don't know how many I could do in a minute. I wish I had some envelopes to stamp now, I would just like to try for fun." S. Fred Boyd, the manager of the C. E. Howe Company, for whom Miss Crawford is forewoman, expressed every confidence in her powers, and said that if it were not for the undesirable notoriety he would be willing to back his favorite for all he possessed.

New York Notes.

Mr. R. F. Albrecht is expected to return to New York some time in March where it is expected that he will establish a stamp business with Dr. C. Witt as silent partner. During the

former's absence in Europe Mr. Henry Clutz has acted as Exchange Superintendent of the Staten Island Society.

The Post Office department is negotiating with the managers of the New York Central Railroad to run a special mail train to Chicago from New York. The train would leave in the evening in time to take all the heavy western business mail posted shortly after banking hours, and would make the trip in seventeen and one-half hours!

The members of the National Philatelic Society have been actively engaged in securing signatures to the petition to have foreign postage stamps placed on the free list. The petition will be presented to the committee on Ways and Means and it is to be hoped that the efforts of the society will be crowned with success.

At a recent meeting of the Staten Island Philatelic Society the members decided to furnish Mr. A. R. Rogers with a large frame containing the photographs of the members. Mr. Rogers will have it in the philatelic display at the World's Fair after which the frame and pictures will become the property of the society. At the same meeting Mr. F. W. H. Hahn presented the society with a fine specimen of Wharton's U. S. Dispatch stamp with a full history of the origin of the same. The letter appears in full in the *Metropolitan Philatelist*.

In this city it is customary for the school children to celebrate Washington's birthday by appropriate exercises. In this connection the following story is told: A class had decided to decorate the school room with flags and

bunting, and had left a space about two feet square in which to place a picture of the "Father of his Country." Great was the consternation when the small boy who had promised to bring the picture pasted a two cent stamp on the wall.

Bogert and Durbin's thirteenth auction sale takes place Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, March fifteenth and sixteenth, in the Knickerbocker Conservatory, 44 West 14th St., New York. There are many attractive lots for small dealers. The stamps are on exhibition both in Philadelphia and New York.

The movement recently started in favor of consolidating all national societies has met with much favor in this city. But although every one seems to be in favor of consolidation, nothing has been done, thus far, except the publishing of individual opinions in the various papers.

KNICKERBOCKER.

Chicago Clips.

—There is a suspicious profusion of Ecuador revenues 'used postally' (?) circulating here.

—A young C. P. S. member, Mr. Ingraham, discovered twenty entire, unopened envelopes of the U. S. issue of 1861, 4 cent red and blue on buff paper, while looking over old family possessions. Authentic finds of such substantiality are now becoming unusual.

—A copy of Bradt's familiar electrotype is in service, in advertising the rug department of a Chicago business house.

—It is the purpose of the 'Western Philatelic Union' to have their library located in Chicago, under charge of Librarian Ross, where it may be of practical advantage to members; places for its reception having been tendered by several resident members.

—It appears inconsistent that the 'Chicago Philatelic Society' should at any period be without an organ; inasmuch as its President, P. M. Wolsiefer, is in the music business, and can supply anything from a church-organ to a mouth organ.

—The habit of some dealers, etc., in advertising stamps for sale, and exploiting them as "scarce," "rare" and "very rare," when, for illustration, the scarce are offered at 10 cents, the "rare" at 25 cents and "very rare" at 50 cents, should be discouraged, as to the uninitiated it is misleading and begets erroneous impressions.

—The "small dealer" whose name is unfamiliar, and whose address is an obscure town, launches into business and inserts an inch ad. in a philatelic paper of large circulation, the ad. having nothing in its substance or wording to command more than a cursory glance, and such being the circumstances, he should not complain if no replies are received.

—A Chicago traveling salesman was arrested, for sending an abusive postal to the P. M. of a small Indiana village. The Chicago man believed the Postmaster had neglected to forward him his mail and is alleged to have written that the Postmaster was a "Republican bull-head not fit for office," and adding to emphasize this opinion several cuss words no longer used by people of refinement, which to an Indiana fourth-class P. M.'s sensibilities, were, to say the least, grating.

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EDITORIAL.

We have also received a list of the Bogert & Durbin Co's 30th sale, 898 lots being listed in the latter.

We hear that Mr. Edw. W. Heusinger, of San Antonio, Tex., is to come to this city shortly.

Among our visitors during the past month was Mr. C. L. Durbin, of DAVENPORT, N. Dakota.

We hear that A. B. Quigley, alias Frankford Stamp Co., alias A. Burmeister, was arrested and will be tried on April 21st, at Trenton, N. J.

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We learn that Mr. H. F. Ketcheson, of Peterboro, Ont., is preparing the 3rd edition of his postage and revenue catalogue of Canadian Stamps.

We are in receipt of a catalogue of the S. B. Bradt Co.'s 5th auction sale, to be held on March 23d and 24th, at Cobb's Library. We extend our thanks.

A new Philatelic Club known as the "Columbian Philatelic Society," has been founded at Washington, D. C. Address for particulars: Frederick Ritter, 1523 S. St., N. W.

We extend our thanks to Messrs. Thomas A. Innes & Co., of 57 Denmark St., Camberwell, London, S. E. Eng., for a copy of *Innes's Directory of Foreign Stamp Dealers and Collectors*. Price, one shilling.

Mr. Geo. H. Watson has again revived "*The Post Card*," having changed the name to "*The Postal Card*." Messrs. Geo. H. Watson and Adolph Lohmeyer are the editors. We wish them success.

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On March 5th, Rosanda Fernandez, of Madrid, Spain, was arrested in this city by Detective Flynn, on the charge of selling counterfeit Spanish stamps to V. Gurdji, of San Antonio, Tex. Fernandez states that he bought the stamps as genuine and he still believes them to be so. Texas authorities are on their way here to get him.

Give the Exchange Department of this paper a trial.

WOOSTER, O., March 1, '92.

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W. S. KINZER.

The following papers have been received during the month, for which the publishers will please accept our thanks: *American Philatelist*, *American Philatelist and Collector*, *Brooklyn Philatelist*, *Bric-a-Brac, Collector*, *Canadian Philatelist*, *Chicago Stamp News*, *Clipper*, *Cream City Star*, *Coin and Stamp*, *Dawson's Monthly*, *Dominion Philatelist*, *Essex County Philatelist*, *Eagle Philatelist*, *Eastern Philatelist*, *Effort*, *Exchange Notes*, *Empire State Stamp Journal*, *Ink Drops*, *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal*, *Il Colezionista*, *La Timbrologie Egyptienne*, *Le Moniteur du Collectionneur*, *L'Annonce Timbrologique*, *La Fitatelia*, *La Carte Postale*, *L'Echo De La Timbrologie*, *L'Amateur De La Timbrologie*, *Mittheilungen des Oesterreichischen Philatelisten Club*, *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*, *New Hampshire Philatelist*, *Ohio Philatelist*, *One Dime*, *Philatelic Hus'ler*, *Philatelic Fraud Reporter*, *Paris Postal*, *Pennsylvania Philatelist*, *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain*, *Post Office*, *Philatelic Era*, *Philatelic Journal of Ohio*, *Philatelic Tribune*, *Philatelic Monthly and World*, *Stamp Collectors' Monthly*, *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal*, *Stamp Collectors' Companion*, *Scan-*

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CHICAGO NOTES.—Continued.

—President Hosmer, of the Chicago W. P. U. branch, recently received an addition to his Venezuelan collection, in the shape of scarce specimens. His co-worker, Sec'y. Ferris, is originating an album for his letter-sheet collection.

—A youthful collector here, exhibiting his collection, upon arriving at the page of the Confederate issues, proudly remarked, "Here are some not in the catalogue and I bet they are pretty rare." The stamps designated, appeared as if produced from a cut fashioned out of wood, with a buck-saw and were of startling designs. These anomalies were labeled "Blockade postage to Europe, One Dollar," "Richmond Postage," etc. It seemed heartless to have to condemn these (in the collector's imagination) treasures.

—The articles "Reviews and Exchanges," appearing in the "*American Philatelist*," by S. Leland, one of the Chicago members of the A. P. A. Literary Board, are unusually interesting and readable; much superior in the ordinary "reviews" in philatelic papers. The review column must needs be skillfully and judiciously handled, if it would rise above the common place. In this connection, it could be said that the agitation in favor of merging the numerous national philatelic societies into the A. P. A., and so have a national society worthy of the name, is appreciably increasing and its consummation is devoutly to be wished for. C. P. S. President Wolsieffer was the first to advance the suggestion.

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| 1861, 5c brown..... | | .25 | Interior, 2c..... | 10c | .02 |
| 1861, 10c green..... | | .03 | " " 3c..... | 05c | .01 |
| 1861, 24c lilac..... | | .20 | " " 6c..... | 10c | .05 |
| 1863, 2c black..... | | .03 | " " 12c..... | | .15 |
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| 1871, 6c pink, embossed..... | | 2.50 | State, 15c..... | | .60 |
| 1871, 7c vermilion, embossed..... | | 2.50 | Treasury, 1c..... | | .06 |
| 1872, 2c brown..... | .08c | .01 | " " 2c..... | | .03 |
| 1872, 3c green..... | .08c | .01 | " " 3c..... | .06c | .02 |
| 1872, 6c pink..... | 25c | .02 | " " 6c..... | | .05 |
| 1872, 7c vermilion..... | 50c | .30 | " " 7c..... | | .00 |
| 1872, 12c dark purple..... | | .12 | " " 10c..... | | .05 |
| 1872, 15c orange..... | 30c | .02 | " " 12c..... | | .05 |
| 1872, 24c purple..... | | .45 | " " 15c..... | | .05 |
| 1872, 30c black..... | 75c | .06 | " " 90c..... | | .15 |
| 1872, 50c carmine..... | \$2.25 | .15 | War, 1c..... | 03c | .03 |
| 1875, 2c vermilion..... | | .01 | " " 2c..... | 03c | .03 |
| 1875, 5c blue..... | | .02 | " " 3c..... | 03c | .01 |
| 1882, 1c blue..... | 03c | .01 | " " 6c..... | 03c | .02 |
| 1882, 5c brown..... | 10c | .01 | " " 10c..... | 10c | .10 |
| 1883, 10c brown..... | 20c | .01 | " " 12c..... | 10c | .08 |
| 1883, 2c claret..... | 05c | .01 | " " 15c..... | 08c | |
| 1883, 4c green..... | 10c | .02 | " " 24c..... | 20c | .20 |
| 1887, 1c blue..... | 02c | .01 | " " 30c..... | 10c | |
| 1887, 2c green..... | 03c | .01 | | | |
| 1887, 3c vermilion..... | 08c | .05 | | | |
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| 1890, 3c purple..... | 04c | .02 | | | |
| 1890, 4c dark brown..... | 06c | .02 | | | |
| 1890, 5c chocolate..... | 06c | .01 | | | |
| 1890, 6c brown red..... | 08c | .02 | | | |
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Afghanistan.—The 1 sh., of 1872-73, known only in black heretofore, has been discovered printed in violet. It was a used copy on letter, dated 28 Sept., 1873.

Antioquia.—We note so called errors, 1 c. on yellow; 2½ c. on green; 10 c. on rose.

Bermuda.—There is a post card 1 + 1 d., carmine on buff.

Bolivia.—Post card 1 c., blue on pale green, new type with 9 stars.

Brazil.—There is an entirely new design for the 100 reis envelope, with head of Liberty. "E. U. do Brazil" above in arched label, and below "reis—100—reis" in straight line. Dark Red on white. Size 151 x 88 mm.

British East Africa.—The 3 a., black on red, has been surcharged ½ anna, and a new ½ anna has been issued, black on yellow.

Bulgaria.—The 30 sto. has been surcharged "15" in black.

Curacao.—It is said the unpaid letter stamps have now the word "cent" like the Holland and Surinam.

Dutch East Indies.—With head of Wilhelmina, 25 c., 50 c., and 7½ c. card.

Falkland Islands.—The 1 d. is reported in brownish orange.

France.—The 15 c. is to be printed on paper with blue net work, and a 50 c. unpaid letter stamp is expected.

French Colonies.—According to our new contemporary, the *Gazette Timbrologique*, stamps are to be issued for "Gumée Française," "Côte d'Ivoire" and "Golfe de Benin." These establishments are detached from Senegal.

Great Britain.—The new 2½ d., blue envelope comes in two sizes 140 x 78 and 140 x 111 mm. There is also a letter card with 1 d., stamp similar to that on the cards. Carmine on pale blue.

Helsingfors.—This town has issued a new letter card similar to those of 1874 but with the new type of stamp. It is printed in blue on white and the stamp is in blue, brown and gold.

Martinique.—The 2 c. is surcharged "01 c." in black.

Morocco.—It is said that the 15 c. blue of France will be surcharged "15 centimos."

New Caledonia.—The 40 c. stamps, both unperforated and perforated, are now surcharged "10 c." in black.

Obock.—*Le Timbre Poste* informs us that the French Colonies' stamps have been surcharged in black with the word "Obock" in a curve above

the figure of value. Eleven values from 1 c. to 1 franc.

Philippine Islands.—*A. S & Co.'s Circular* tells us that the colors are changed as follows: 1 m., 2 m., 5 m., $\frac{1}{2}$ c., green; 2 c. violet; 5 c. green; 8 c. blue; 10 c. rose; 20 c. brown. There are also post cards 2 c. brown, and 3 c. orange, both on two shades of buff.

Roumania.—The 5 bani card, black on rose, is slightly changed. "Carta poatala" now measures 52 instead of 48 $\frac{1}{2}$ m m.

Shanghai.—Mr. Morton has shown us the 2, 5, 10, 15 and 20 c. surcharged in old English letters, in two lines "Postage-Due." They were issued on Jan. 7th, 1892, and are to be superseded by a definite issue. The surcharge is in black except in the 10 c., on which it is red.

Sokotra.—This island has borrowed the 1 and 2 pi, stamps of Cyprus and surcharged them at the top "Sokotra" and below $\frac{1}{2}$ or 1 anna, respectively. The 1 pi. post card has been similarly treated and changed into a half anna card. "Sokotra Island" is printed over the word "Cyprus."

St. Lucia.—The $\frac{1}{2}$ d. mentioned last month should be on the 3 d., not half thereof. It is the 6 d. that has been cut in half and each part surcharged $\frac{1}{2}$ d. The numbers issued of these stamps are said to be as follows:

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| $\frac{1}{2}$ d. on half of 6 d.,..... | 9600 |
| 1 d. on 4 d.,..... | 6700 |

St. Thomas and Princes Islands.—The 40 reis brown is surcharged "Rs 50" in a rectangular frame in black.

Straits Settlements.—The 8c is surcharged ^{ONE}CENT in black.

Swazieland.—The 2 d. is found surcharged "Swazielan" without the "d."

Switzerland.—The cards are to have new stamps. The cross will be slightly altered to conform with the Federal decree of Dec. 12th, 1889, concerning the arms of the Confederation.

Uruguay.—Mr. A. Hoenecke has kindly informed us that the 1 c., brown is now surcharged in four lines in red—"CINCO—Centesimos—Provisario 1892." The 1 c. green is also surcharged in red in two lines, "Provisario—1892."—*Philatelic Monthly*.

—♦—
JIM AND MR. CRANKY,
 OR,
Working for a Stamp Dealer.

BY JINGO.
 —♦—
 CHAPTER IV.

As stated in our last chapter, the four men who came rushing out of the woods wore badges, which designated them as officers of the law.

Mr. Cranky's heart sank within him. Here were these infernal officers for whom he had written. But why had they not arrived before. Now after he had imagined everything was all right, after he had lived through the duel, now these officers were here.

"Run," shouted Jim, who was always the first in everything, and he set the ball rolling by lighting out as fast as his legs could carry him.

The others followed suit, but they

had already tarried too long. Before Mr. Cranky had proceeded ten steps, he tripped over a stone, and went sprawling into the snow, with the officer in pursuit, on top of him.

When he at last succeeded in picking himself up, he found that the officer had a "grip" on his coat collar, and he was forthwith summarily marched back to the starting point.

By this time the others, Mr. Soft-head, Mr. Boozy and Mr. Noodleheimer, who had all fared similarly, had also been brought back, only Jim having made good his escape.

All four of the duellists were then removed to town, where they were assigned a cell in the county jail.

About two hours after they had been brought in, their case came up.

Explanations now followed, and as all four were well known und respected citizens, they were, after receiving some good and wholesome advice from the judge, discharged, with the parting shot, that should they ever again find themselves guilty of a similar offense, they would be dealt with according to the full extent of the law.

But neither of the entire party cared to get into such a predicament again.

When Mr. Cranky got back to his place of business, he found Jim busily engaged in dusting off the show cases, in which were displayed several albums containing stamps. Some weeks now passed in peace without anything worthy of mention transpiring. When one day, Mr. Cranky decided that the only thing it now required to make him a happy man, was a stamp paper out

of which he could make loads (?) of money.

He conveyed his idea to Jim, who went fairly wild over the proposed new venture.

Jim proposed that it be called "THE CRANKY PHILATELIST," as this would at the same time be a kind of advertisement for Mr. Cranky.

Little did that worthy gentleman think of the plans that Jim now had on his mind, and with which he thought to make the *Cranky Philatelist* a howling success?

[To be continued.]

Mail Couriers of Honduras.

As there are no railroads in Honduras, excepting one about thirty miles long, mail is carried by couriers. These couriers do not ride horseback, but travel on foot. They are strong, well-built fellows, and fine runners. They tie the mail into a package, which they cover with oil-cloth, so that rain or any dampness will not enter and damage the letters. These packages they fasten on their backs, so that their progress is not impeded by having to carry them in their hands.

The courier will start out on his trip early in the morning, and rest during the hottest part of the day, and then start again at about 2 o'clock and travel till night, making sixty miles a day over those rough mountain paths. This system of couriers dates back as far as the early Spaniards, when they had Central America under their control.

All Honduraneans are liable to be impressed into the military service in time of war, except couriers, who,

whether government or private, travel through the country with perfect safety from impressment. They are universally honest. No record exists of one having robbed his employer. They travel swiftly along at a gait between a fast walk and a run, but if required to travel unusually fast they will run almost the entire distance.

If they happen to be way-laid by an enemy's force, they always have dexterous methods, known only to themselves, of concealing their dispatches. These couriers are the only means by which mail can be distributed in Honduras, as wagons could not pass over the mountain paths, and horses are not so enduring as these lithe and muscular couriers.

WM. B. DANIEL.

Uncle Ben's Stamp Album.

BY CHAS. KELLY.

"It wuz jes' dis er way, sah." Uncle Billy gave his trousers a hitch, took a pull at his corn-cob pipe, and then continued. "Yer see, Mars Ben had er monstrous lot er letter writin' ter do befo' de wah, an' alers had er lot er dem t'ings dey calls 'stamps.' Durin' de fust part ob de wah, Marse Ben he kep' up his business, but de nex' year, he wuz ordered ter de frunt. But 'fore he lef', he brung out de money an' jul'ry an' hid 'em. Den he brung out er book wha' had er lot ob dem t'ings wha' I tol' yer erbout, called 'stamps.' He sez ter me, sez he: 'Uncle Bill, des here stamps am de only t'ings I loves, sence father and mother died, an' I's gwine ter hide 'em whar I kin git 'em when

I come back frum de wah. But ef I nuver come back, gib dis book ter little John,' dat wuz you.

"I tole him I would, but de strange t'ing erbout it am dat ater Marse Ben done gone ter de wah, I nuver set eyes on dat ar book frum dat day ter dis. He mus' er furgot ter tell me whar he lef' de book, but it am certain I aint nuver foun' it.

"Marse Ben, he went ter de frunt, an' wuz kilt. We dun dug de money an' jul'ry up—yer father an' me, fur yer, father waz Marse Ben's brother, an wuz lef' all de property."

I had listened quite attentively to Uncle Billy's story, and when I started to bed that night my dreams were all mixed up with the lost 'album.'

I had heard father say that Uncle Ben had been a stamp collector, and had quite a large number in a large blank book.

I was a young collector myself, and after hearing about the lost album, only wished that I might find it. No doubt it contained many rare ones, for it had been made before the war.

Uncle Billy had stated that Uncle Ben always kept a large number of stamps for his business, and these were Confederate, without a doubt. Perhaps he had many in the album.

We had been living at the old home of my Uncle Ben, for in his will he had left father all his property, and I was now a young man of twenty.

Next morning I started to clear up odds and ends in the cellar, to stow away the potatoes just hauled in the day before. I worked diligently all the forenoon, and was just thinking of quitting for dinner, when my pick

struck a hard substance with a metallic ring. After removing the dirt that covered the unknown object, I soon found it to be a small box, about three feet long and two wide, bound with iron.

With some curiosity, I removed it to the cellar steps and with the aid of an old ax, opened it.

The box was filled, it seemed, with old clothes; but after I had removed those on top, I came to five or six large bundles of letters. After taking these out, I found on the bottom of the box, a book bound in blue cloth.

The thought flashed through my mind—suppose this was the lost album?

In a moment I had opened the book. I started back in astonishment.

It was indeed the lost stamp book!

There before me was a page full of old issues of the United States, many of them unused.

Turning farther, I found many rare foreign stamps.

I could have danced for joy. I believe I must have made some noise, for I was called to myself by hearing the voice of Uncle Billy remark:

“Fo’ de goodness sakes, wha’ am de matter, Marse John?”

“See this?” I exclaimed, flourishing the book in air. “What do you call it, Uncle Billy?”

“Wha-a. Well, I do declar’, ef dat aint Marse Ben’s book! Whar did yer find it?”

“In that box, over there,” I replied.

Billy looked where I pointed.

“Well, well, well. Dats Marse Ben’s strong box, as shore as yer lib.”

And indeed it proved to be. The letters, nearly all of them, bore Confederate stamps of different values; but the whole lot could not equal the prize I held—Uncle Ben’s Stamp Album.

What One Philatelist Sees.

BY E. P. NEWCOMER.

The annual report of the Postmaster-General for the past fiscal year is a document containing much useful information relative to the operations of the Department, and a number of recommendations for the improvement of the service, of which it is desirable Congress should take early cognizance. Among his more important recommendations are the adoption not only of the telegraph, but the telephone, to the system; a general extension of the Money Order service; the introduction of house letter boxes for collection as well as delivery; a gradual increase of free delivery; the establishment of postal savings depositories; the simplification of postal rates and the consolidation of third and fourth class postage. A reduction of letter postage to one cent will come ultimately, but the Postmaster-General wisely suggests that such a radical change should not be asked for as long as any deficit appears in the revenues of the service, and not even then until many improvements are provided for. The deficit is unquestionably decreasing and should it be deemed advisable by Congress to have it so, the service may begin to be self-sustaining July 1, 1893.

Although the report shows that the efficiency and usefulness of the Post Office Department are steadily advancing and that its administration is in good hands.

Philatelists should exercise great care in purchasing unperforated U. S. revenue stamps. A certain firm in the State of New York are advertising "1,000 well mixed obsolete U. S. stamps, including one worth \$1 for 28cts." The stamp purporting to be worth \$1 is a clipped specimen of a perforated U. S. revenue. The perforations have been neatly trimmed off and they try to pass it as a genuine unperforated specimen. Dealers who will deceive in this manner will also try to sell you a counterfeit for a genuine stamp. Before purchasing unperforated revenues see that the stamps have good wide margins on all sides.

"The next postal reform which we need," said Mr. Elliot, of the Indianapolis Post Office, "is not a reduction of postage to one cent. Two cents is low enough for a long time yet because something is needed to balance the big loss which the government annually experiences from carrying newspapers and packages. The thing to be done next is to sell stamped envelopes at just the price of the stamps. If that were done there would be almost enough saving from the first to balance the extra expense. Everybody would buy the stamped envelopes then for ordinary correspondence instead of stamps as they do now. Look at this big bundle of letters. They were all mailed without stamps. I should say that as an average we find

a dozen unstamped letters in our mail collections every Monday and half a dozen every other morning. It takes fully an hour of my time every day to correct the blunders caused by this alone. Now, with stamped envelopes furnishing the cheapest means of correspondence this trouble would be eradicated in short order. The same reform would save time and expense in the dead letter office and in every Post Office in this country."

The quantity of stationery and such supplies consumed by the 65,000 Post Offices in the United States is enormous—six tons being required every working day in the year. The supplies are all shipped from a big brick ware-house in Washington, D. C. One big room in the building is nearly half filled with sacks of jute wrapping twine. Twenty-five thousand pounds of this alone are sent out every week. On the other side of the same room is a stack containing 4,000 reams of manilla paper blanks called "facings." That quantity lasts just forty days. Two hundred million of these blanks are used every year. Half a million lead pencils are consumed in Uncle Sam's postal service annually; likewise 7,200 quarts of mucilage; 1,500 quarts of ink; 10,000 pounds of rubber bands and 12,000 gross of pens. The pens alone cost \$5,000 every twelve months. Only first and second class Post Offices get such luxuries as pens, ink, mucilage and blank books." Twenty-eight thousand ink pads and 30,000 pounds of stamping ink are needed yearly for making postmarks. Six million cards are used up in the same length of time for receipts for registered letters.

and packages. But these are only a few of the articles which are supplied to postmasters. One of the costly items in the accounts of this supply division of the Post Office Department is weighing scales. Two hundred of them on an average are sent out every week to replace those which are worn out or broken by dropping off tables, or are burnt up with Post Office buildings. This represents an annual expense of \$9,000, although Uncle Sam buys his scales for less than a third of the regular market price. All stationery is got at about the same discount. Mercantile firms are often willing to sell to the government at cost because they consider it an advertisement.

Chicago Clips.

Counterfeit 10 gr. green of Hanover are plentiful here.

B. A. Cottlow has graduated and is now a "really, truly" M. D.

The veteran dealer, J. A. Pierce, will remove to more commodious quarters.

A jovial theater party of Chicago collectors saw De Wolf Hopper, in "Wang," at the "Haymarket."

A stamp readily salable, when priced near catalogue value, is a good specimen of the U. S. 1868, 90 cent blue.

Bradt states that he is not one of the numerous Chicago correspondents. His *friends* will be pleased to know this.

A short article anent little Alfonso's vignette, on the Spanish stamps, was illustrated by a cut of a Cuban stamp in the *Chicago News*.

According to report, there are pink

paper changelings, produced by chemical action, of the white paper specimens, match and medicine stamps.

Capt. James E. Pilcher, U. S., A., whose article, "Manufacture of the Postage Stamps of France," appears in *March American Philatelist*, is a contributor to *Scribner's Magazine*.

Mr. C. B. Corwin harshly scores President Wolsieffer, of the C. P. S., in the *Metropolitan Philatelist*, for alleged unprofessional conduct, to which imputations Mr. Wolsieffer will reply.

Philatelic Editor to Would-be Contributor.—"I would like to look over some of your work."

Would-be C.—"Well, the fact is, I have written nothing as yet, but say, I have a fine *nom de plume*."

Those in Congress in charge of the P. O. appropriations, appreciate the nearly unanimous sentiment for rural free delivery, but oppose the benefit, because of the necessity for economizing at this session.

The friends of the system assert that it could be made self-sustaining in a short time under judicious management.

A. P. Hosmer, Secretary of the W. P. U., and President of the Chicago Branch, as a stamp collector, is commendable, but as a base-ball crank, he is irrepressible.

Hosmer is the embodiment of aggravated b. b. crankism. When the Chicagos play at home, our friend is often found, on sunny afternoons, occupying a prominent position on the "bleachers," among the *hoi polloi*.

He voices ribald remarks at the visit-

ing players and at times advises the umpire in unchaste and indelicate language. He familiarly and huskily addresses the players by name and eats the plebeian peanut out of the bag of the man who chances to sit next to him. When the Chicagos lose, he becomes slightly hysterical in explaining how the umpire robbed them of the game. Thus they never lose "when Hosmer sees the game."

CHAS. E. SEVERN.

New York Notes.

Postmaster Van Cott is a man of progressive ideas, and his efforts to improve the system in New York have already been noted in these columns. Among his latest improvements we mention that of having a special delivery chute while heretofore this class of letters was placed among the ordinary mail. This insures prompt attention as these letters are forwarded every half hour. Although the special delivery does not seem to be popular in Chicago, the average increase last year in New York was one thousand per week. A special box has also been designed for Brooklyn letters.

The *New York Mail and Express* print the following dispatch regarding Fernandez.

STAMPS WORTH \$100,000.

A POSSESSOR OF A VALUABLE COLLECTION ARRESTED AS A CRIMINAL.

ST. LOUIS, MO., March 13 (Special).—Appraisers of the stamp collection of Rosando Fernandez, recently taken to Galveston on a criminal charge, place its value at \$7,000, though properly manipulated it might be worth \$100,000. The authorities have been in correspondence all over the country, and it is thought that the stamps are not genuine and that Fernandez is an old offender in this line or "queer" work, both in this country and abroad.

In the *Eastern Philatelist* "Universitatus" proposes an *Inter-Collegiate Philatelist* to be edited by the student philatelists in the various colleges. The first number will appear January first, 'ninety three, if sufficient response

is made. Such a magazine, well edited, should meet with much success.

We take this opportunity to correct the statement made last month that Mr. Witt of the new firm Albrecht and Witt was to act as silent partner. The firm's first auction sale catalogues a collection of U. S. stamps owned by C. B. Corwin, former editor of the *Metropolitan Philatelist*, and will be held April 14.

Mr. Albrecht is preparing a telegraphic code for the convenience of philatelists who wish to send bids to foreign auctions. By the aid of the Albrecht Code, a message may be sent in English and be received in German or French and vice versa. It will be published by Albrecht & Witt and is announced for Oct. 1, 1892.

In the *March Quaker City Phil.* we notice a letter from William Pearson, W. P. U., in which the writer expresses himself decidedly against the consolidation of his society with the A. P. A. The principle argument which he advances is that the members would "lose our name, our treasury, our identity—everything in fact." The society would lose its name of course, but would not the members gain another of which to be equally if not more proud? It would *not* lose its treasury but would gain another. It would lose its identity but to gain identity with a much larger society. If it lost everything it would gain everything.

We do not argue that the A. P. A. has all this at present; but we do assert that this would be the result. The A. P. A. does not ask other societies to join it as dependents, but with an equal footing. If one department of a society outranks a corresponding one of the A. P. A. let it be adopted. In this way we will have a society which will surpass any one now in existence, and which will then be the only American Philatelic Association.

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EDITORIAL.

ADVERTISERS should try an ad. in this paper. Monthly circulation 3,500 copies. Unsolicited testimonials received daily.

MR. J. K. TIFFANY, has received the album offered by the American Philatelist and Collector to the most popular Philatelist in America.

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WE have discontinued the subscription competition, as there was not enough interest taken in it, having remunerated to their full satisfaction those who took part in the competition.

WE are in receipt of a circular from the Bogert-Durbin Co. announcing that Mr. Willard F. Walton's stock of stamps will be sold at auction by the above named firm. The sale is to be held some time in May.

THE Spaniard, Rosondo Fernandez, who was arrested on the charge of selling counterfeit stamps has been released after settling with S. Gurdji of Galveston, Tex.

He is now again back at St. Louis. His genuine stamps have been returned to him upon payment of duty, amounting to \$1,946. It has not yet been decided, whether the counterfeits will be returned to him.

WITH this number we commence our second volume, and we can but say, that we are more than pleased with the success with which the MISSOURI PHILATELIST has met, and the encouraging letters which we are receiving daily, prove to us the fact that our paper has gained many friends and well-wishers during its short existence. Subscribe, only 25 cts. per year.

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| *Mexico 1871 3 var..... | 13 |
| *Mexico 1882 5c and 10c 2 var..... | 05 |
| *Mexico Numerals 1882 3 var..... | 13 |
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| Salvador 1891 7 var..... | 25 |
| *Salvador 1887-89 7 var..... | 29 |
| *Salvador 1890 9 var..... | 35 |
| *Samoa 1877-82 8 var..... | 20 |
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VOL. II. No. 2.

ST. LOUIS, MO., MAY, 1892.

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CHRONICLE.

Antioquia.—Three new stamps are reported, inscribed "Republica de Colombia" in curve above, arms in circle, surrounded by "Departamento de Antioquia," value in rectangular tablet in lower left corner; 1c. brown on brownish; 2½c. violet on lilac; 5c. black on green.

Bolivar.—The 8oc. of 1880 has sometimes the date "1886," and Mons. Moens has found one dated "1380."

Br. North Borneo.—The 6c. on 8c. already mentioned, comes on those inscribed "Postage," and also "Postage and Revenue," (our number 13 and 18.)

Br. Honduras.—We have a reply card 3 + 3c., carmine on buff.

Cuba.—New colors as follows: ½, 1, 2, 3 and 8 mils, deep violet; 1c., gray green; 2c., brown; 2½c., orange; 5c., green; 10c., lilac, rose; 20c., ultramarine.

Dominican Republic.—The *Monthly Journal* notes the following envelopes: 15c., yellow on blue laid, 140 + 80 mm.; 30c., rose on gray laid, 158 + 90 mm.; 40c., brown on buff laid, 213 + 104 mm.

Cyprus.—Reply cards are reported,

½ + ½ pi., green on white; 1 1 pi., carmine on buff; 1½ + 1½ pi., brown on buff.

German Empire.—The 5 pf., card 1891, F, has been seen with the word "An," and the issue of new stamps is contradicted by *Le Timbre Poste*.

Great Britain.—There are new cards of 1 d. and 1 + 1 d., vermilion on buff, 130 + 82 mm. The stamp is of the type of the 3 d. card.

Hong Kong.—The *Ill. Br. Journal* notes a card 3 + 3c., brown on buff.

Hungary.—There is a Telegraph letter card 31 kr., brown and blue.

India.—There are two varieties of the ½ a. card, the arms differing in minor details. The arms on the official card, green on buff, are also of two varieties, on one the lion and unicorn face each other, and in the other their heads are turned the opposite way.

Italy.—The letter card 5c., green on gray, has the new type of stamp.

Liberia.—The *Monthly Journal* has received Registry envelopes, with large "R" in an oval, and stamp slightly modified, 10c., deep ultramarine, 132 + 81 mm.; 10c., reddish

lilac, 150+94 mm.; 10c., greenish blue, 227+100 mm.

Montenegro.—The 2 n. and 2+2 n. cards, are now yellow on buff, and the 3 n. and 3+3 n. cards are yellow-green, or greenish blue.

Panama.—The *Stamp News* learns that the stock of the map issue is almost exhausted, and a new issue was expected from New York.

Puttiala.—The *Monthly Journal* reports the 1 a. surcharged "Patiala."

Queensland.—Bands are noted, $\frac{1}{2}$ d. green on manilla, and 1 d., red and white, and envelopes, 1 d., red on white and red on blue (137+78 mm.), red on buff (142+78 mm.), 3d. stamps and 2 d. inland reply cards are expected.

Russia.—*Le Timbre Poste* says the 14 k., blue and carmine has been discovered with the eagle and post horn inverted.

Salvador.—We have seen the 1 peso, brown of 1891, with various faint numbers on the reverse.

Sarawak.—We have the 3c. with surcharge in black across the bottom, "One Cent."

Seychelles.—The *I. B. Journal* chronicles cards 4+4c., carmine, and 8+8c. brown.

Sokotra.—These are probably humbugs.

Sweden.—The 1 öre is greenish brown; the 2 öre comes in three types: (1) 2 with narrow tail; (2) 2 with thick tail; (3) with dot before "Frimärke."—*Philatelic Monthly*.

JIM AND MR. CRANKY,
OR,
Working for a Stamp Dealer.

BY JINGO.

CHAPTER V.

With Mr. Cranky to think was to act, and no sooner had he conceived the idea of publishing the *Cranky Philatelist* than he went to work to put his plan into execution.

That same day he made a circuit of all the printing offices in town, securing the price of each man, 8 pages and cover, also the price of extra pages and extra copies.

Mr. Cranky thought he would start in with a small publication and enlarge as occasion required. After studying for some time the price received from the 53 different printers, whom he had visited, he at last decided that Mr. Goggles was to have the job, his price being somewhat lower than the others, so much being settled the next thing was to send out a preliminary announcement. This Mr. Cranky thought he would get out in fine style, in order to make a good impression.

Accordingly it was printed in 3 colors, which made quite an expensive job of it.

But Mr. Cranky did not care for the expense, at least so he said to Jim, who however somewhat doubted this statement, as he knew only too well that Mr. Cranky had been jewing with the printer for 3 hours in order to get a reduction of 25c.

At last the announcement appeared which stated that *The Cranky Phila-*

telist was to appear the following month.

It was, too have a GUARANTEED, PROVEN SWORN circulation of 10,000 copies, per month, though in strict privacy, Mr. Cranky confided to Jim that for the first number he would leave off two of the zeros, making 100 copies instead of 10,000.

All the copies were to be circulated to different names, each party receiving only one copy, five thousand copies were to go to foreign addresses, &c., &c. In short *The Cranky Philatelist* was to be the only paper.

No sooner had the announcement been sent out, than ads began to pour in, first slowly, then as the time advanced, each mail brought in at least a page ad.

One man, Geezer by name, sent in 3 pages for the first number, stating that he enclosed a small trial ad., and if results were satisfactory he would contract for a standing ad. of 10 pages.

To state that Mr. Cranky was happy would be putting it but mildly. He even went so far as to forget himself and invite Jim to an oyster supper.

Of course no cash accompanied the ads., all stating that they would pay promptly (?) upon receipt, marked copy and bill.

All were from prominent dealers, so Mr. Cranky had no fears regarding the payment.

Had he known as much about these ads. as did Jim, the initial number of *The Cranky Philatelist* might have never appeared.

(To be continued.)

The Advantages of General Collecting.

Allow me through your columns to say a word to Philatelists in favor of general collecting. In the first place, general collecting if properly followed will give the Philatelist a good insight into the Geography and History of a great part of the world. While the specialist, generally choosing his native country as his hobby, learns but little from his collection that he did not before know, except the faces of the stamps themselves.

Specialists put forward the plea against general collecting, that it is impossible to get a nearly complete set of the world. But what of that, none of us can be perfect; yet to commit suicide on that account would draw us no nearer the desired goal. My Specialist friend who undertakes to complete his set of United States will find that there is as much trouble to get a complete set of United States as a fairly representative set of the world, and taken all in all not as much real benefit or pleasure.

The number of countries now issuing stamps is certainly large, but I think all who have given the subject their close attention will agree with me, that the tidal waves of new issues now surging around us has about reached its height, and that within a few years the list of stamp issuing countries will be considerably less than at present. The events of the past few years leave us no doubt that the tendency of the age is in the direction of the union of the small states into larger political divisions. And thus many stamp issuing countries are being swallowed up.

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In 1867 the formation of the Dominion of Canada brought under one postal system, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Canada and within a year or so absorbed the postal systems of British Columbia and Prince Edward Island, and it is only the question of a few years when it shall also embrace Newfoundland.

The formation of the German Empire in 1870-1871 consolidated in one at least twenty postal systems. The same thing happened when the different Italian states united, and to-day the union of the Australian colonies has stopped forever the stamp issues of Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, etc. The two systems of the West Indies now take the place of a regular hive of stamp issuing countries. The Balkan provinces of Europe still issue stamps. Their life has hung in the balance for years and who will not admit that, come what will, the Balkan Provinces will be eventually swallowed up.

Then the great scheme of the union of the British South African colonies and finally the union of all the British Empire are questions of the day, and be the chances what they may, I think we may hopefully look forward to a decrease in the number of stamp issuing countries before 1900.

NOVA SCOTIAN.

Diary of a Stamp Collector.

BY WOLVERINE.

Jan. 8, 18—, saw a boy at school named David Brown, and he had some foreign stamps in a small book

which he carried with him. He gave me about ten of them and said that it was a "picnic" to collect stamps.

January 10th, saw David again, and he gave me a stamp magazine or philatelic paper as it is called. There was a picture of a man stamp collector in it, and I thought that a philatelist was quite a big thing. I resolved to collect all the stamps I could, and subscribe to this paper and one or two others advertised in it.

January 21st, sent for a 25 cent packet of 150 varieties, and subscribed to two papers.

January 25th, stamps and papers came, and I was delighted with them and thought that collecting was really a "picnic."

January 30th, got 1,000 hinges of a dealer for ten cents, and put my stamps in a note book with them.

February 3rd, traded some stamps to a boy named Harry Green, who is also collecting, and got ten stamps that I didn't have. Have now two hundred different stamps.

February 12th, sent an exchange notice to each of my stamp magazines.

February 17th, found some old letters in our attic which had some old stamps on them, and got five that I didn't have.

February 20th, sent for a catalogue of stamps, so that I could find the value of some of my stamps.

February 22nd, found some old law papers and got some revenue stamps off from them. One of them was a five dollar stamp, another two dollars

and the rest were from five to fifty cents.

February 23rd, catalogue arrived. Priced a few of my stamps and found that some of the postage stamps were worth \$25, and one of them was catalogued at \$50.

February 27th, tried sending for approval sheets for the first time. The dealer who I sent to, had to have a reference from somebody, so I got the postmaster, who I knew very well, to write a letter to the dealer, saying that I was all right.

February 28th, began to get sample copies of papers, etc., which I supposed were due to my exchange notices.

Had an offer of exchange from a collector in New York, and sent some stamps to him.

March 5th, received no reply from this collector (?) and then it occurred to me that there could be frauds in stamp collecting as well as in anything else.

[To be continued.]

Our subscription price will be advanced next month. This is positively the last chance to subscribe at the old rate, 25 cents per year. Subscribe now.

What One Philatelist Sees.

BY E. P. NEWCOMER.

The Sons of Philatelia will hold their first annual convention at Gettysburg, Pa., July 4th and 5th. We understand that reduced rates may be obtained on all railways, owing to the

encampment of the Sons of Veterans, which occurs at the same time and place. The Pennsylvania Stamp Collectors' League also meets at Gettysburg on July 6th, so that those attending are promised a philatelic treat. Let every philatelist, that possibly can do so, attend. Despite all that has been said against the Sons of Philatelia, this society is growing faster than any other philatelic organization. The April number of the official organ, *The Collector*, contains a list of forty-four applications for membership.

The bill to combine third and fourth class mail matter under one class, reducing the postage thereof to one cent for every two ounces, has been favorably passed upon by the House Committee.

It is authentically reported that Dr. Osborne, of Auburn, N. Y., has invented an aerial electric mail car, which can be successfully operated. It consists of a shell composed of aluminum, in part of which is stored hydrogen gas to overcome weight. It is also furnished with wings and a propeller, which are operated by a small electric motor. About one hundred pounds of mail can be carried at a speed hitherto unattained. Truly, in this day of the application of electricity to mechanical uses, new surprises are rapidly coming forth. Mechanical devices, hitherto thought impossible, readily take form under the wizard hand of the electrician. Ours has been well called "the electric age."

The Hamburg-American Packet Company has made arrangements

with the New York post office by which mail for foreign countries will be received at their docks up to the last moment before the steamer's departure. The official of the United States post-office attached to the sea post-office on board the Hamburg-American express steamer, will be on duty at the dock office one hour before sailing time, ready to receive foreign mails. No supplementary postage will be charged. This service began with the steamer "Normania" which sailed from New York, April 21.

Lengthy petitions, asking Congress to pass the bill for a reduction of the postage to one cent for letters, were forwarded to Washington recently from Chicago. About 4,000 business firms in Chicago signed the petitions, which have been circulated in most of the larger cities. The petitions are addressed to Senator Palmer and Congressman Post, who are urged to work for the passage of the bill. John R. Patterson, ex-editor of the *United States Mail*, who has been pushing the work of securing names to the petitions, says he has received assurances from 156 Congressmen that they will vote for the bill.

More than 60,000 postage stamps are found every year loose in the letter boxes of the United Kingdom.

The stamp of truth will not carry a letter through the mails.

The late Postmaster-General, of England, Mr. Fawcett, was totally blind. Yet, notwithstanding this heavy affliction, Mr. Fawcett was one of the most efficient public officials England ever had and did much to in-

troduce many reforms into the postal system of Great Britain. It seems almost incomprehensible that a man so situated could attain eminence in any direction, to say nothing of becoming one of the foremost men in a country so noted for its brilliant men. But similar examples are not wanting, and go to show what an indomitable will can accomplish, even under the most discouraging circumstances. It is worthy to note, in this connection, that the daughter of Mr. Fawcett, succeeded in winning the post of Senior Wrangler in the great college at Oxford. This is an achievement in scholarship which is without parallel, even in the history of Oxford, which extends back to the days of King Arthur the Great, nearly a thousand years. Miss Fawcett's success attracted attention throughout the whole civilized world. No woman before had ever accomplished anything like it, and the post of Senior Wrangler has rarely been filled except by men, who in after life became highly distinguished.

The Iowa Philatelic Association is now a sure thing and every philatelist residing in Iowa is invited to join. Dues are low, and it offers every advantage of a national organization. For application blanks, address, Clarence Jackson, Harper, Iowa.

New York Notes.

"Costly Postage Stamps" is the title of a column and a quarter article in the *New York Tribune* of recent date. Some space is devoted to the justice of imposing a duty on imported

stamps, while the remainder, which is an interview with R. R. Bogert, gives the non-collector an intelligent idea of Philately. Illustrations are given of the 1847 one-penny Mauritius, Moldavian Ox-head, Tiger Head of Cabul, and the pictorial postal card of Salvador.

The new Brooklyn post-office building was first occupied by the post-office on March 28th. The edifice is 236 by 135 feet and four stories in height, the material being gray granite with a slate roof. The cost of the building and site is something less than two millions of dollars.

In Paris the other day a gentleman asked for some stamps at the post-office, laying down six sou pieces. "Pardon me, sir," said the clerk, "but here is a foreign coin among the sous, which I am not allowed to accept." "Very well, give me change for a franc." "Here it is." "But you have given me an Italian sou." "Oh yes. Our rules are that we are not to accept foreign money. Nothing is said in the rules about not giving it to customers."—*N. Y. Tribune.*

The Staten Island Philatelic Society are indebted to the Society of Frankfurt-on-the-Main for "a valuable treatise of the Brunswick rouletted issue in relation to a dispute among Their Reisse and Hanson, giving very valuable information concerning the rouletting of said stamps." At the last meeting Messrs. Dejonge and Clotz displayed their collections of the stamps of Greece; a number of uncatalogued specimens being exhibited by the latter gentleman.

Nassau street seems to a favorite location with New York stamp dealers; Erik Enequist being one of the latest to open an office there.

A very convenient way of sending small amounts in silver through the mail is as follows: Place the coin or coins on a piece of cardboard of about the same thickness; marking the outline with a pencil. Then with a sharp pen knife, cut out the marked holes, paste a piece of gummed paper over one side, and cover the other with a similar piece, having first placed the coin between the two.

The sixth auction sale of the S. B. Bradt Co., Chicago, was on exhibition at the office of Albrecht & Witt, room 52 in No. 90 Nassau street, on April 11th, 12th and 13th, 436 lots were catalogued. Mr. Albrecht is reported to have bought up a large stock of stamps, on his recent tour in Europe preparatory to opening his office with Dr. C. Witt.

Of the fifty-nine members of national societies who have thus far been heard from, fifty-four are for consolidation.

The National Philatelic Society appointed a committee some time ago to prepare a treatise on U. S. envelopes. This work is nearly completed and will soon be offered to the public. The price will probably be \$2.50.

Richard George Berford died in this city on March 11th, 1892. He was connected with the Berford and Co.'s Express, whose locals command such high prices. Mr. Berford also was largely instrumental in reducing the

rate of postage between the Pacific coast and New York, from forty cents to three cents.

C. W. Grevning, who started a stamp business in New York, early last fall, has sold out his stock and good will to Ramsey Peugnet, who will conduct the business under the name of the Fordham Stamp Co.

It will soon be time for correspondents to report "an unusually prosperous season among the dealers of this vicinity." KNICKERBOCKER.

Chicago Clips.

The issues of the German States are in great demand and eagerly collected here, as elsewhere.

A complete set of unused interior departments, each value in the sheet of one hundred, is exhibited.

Several beautiful specimens of the brown Floyd local, used on original letters, are in the possession of a collector here.

Mr. Bradt, a number of years ago, was an enthusiastic bibliophile. "Napoleana" was his specialty; his collection of which was noteworthy.

A stamp collection is made to enact an important roll in the April number of the *Wrecker*, a serial by Robt. Louis Stevenson, appearing in *Scribners'*.

A Chicago dealer possesses a 3 cent green on fawn, entire envelope, Pimpton issue, the texture of the envelope paper appearing as wove, instead of laid.

E. W. Voute, the whilom Chica-

goan, of "Figaro" fame, is reported to have embarked for Europe. He is to be a contributor to several New York City dailies while sojourning abroad.

Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer has resigned the Presidency of the Chicago Philatelic Society. In consistency with his policy, *i. e.*, that dealers should not hold office in a local society, he deemed this course proper and advisable. Mr. Wolsieffer is now one of the S. B. Bradt Co.

Messrs. Hosmer and Ferris are ardent amateur photographers and to intimate friends they are wont to exhibit sundry awesome anomalies, ingenuously termed by them, "pictures," which they loudly vociferate, were of their own taking. Hosmer will be accompanied by his camera on the occasion of his coming annual outing.

An old copy of the *Chicago Evening Journal* contains a communication addressed to the editor on "Philately," dated May 21, 1880, and signed with the initials, F. N. H. The article was in consequence of a statement that previously appeared in the paper, asserting that "stamp collecting is a foolish monomania." The writer protested against this unjust classification and incidentally discoursed on stamp papers, philatelic associations and kindred topics, in a manner that bespoke a thorough acquaintance with his subject. We wonder who F. N. H. is. Is he still a collector and does he reside in Chicago

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The Convention of The Sons of Philatelia is to be held at Gettysburg, Pa., July 4th.

See the low prices on fine mixtures offered by the publishers elsewhere in this paper.

In the April Philatelic Era, Frank M. Adamson states that he will try to make settlements for all stamps sent him.

P. M. Wolsieffer, has become a member of the S. B. Bradt Co. And that firm has removed to 132 Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

Wm. H. Cousins, of Sherbourne, Mass., is held by U. S. Commissioner Hallett, for using the the mail for fraudulent purposes.

The April number of the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain*, contains a portrait of Mr. Dawson A. Vindin, the well known Australian Stamp Dealer.

Mr. L. M. Staebler, of London, Ont., has undertaken the publication of a series of Philatelic hand-books, to be published quarterly, at 25 cents each.

The Malden Philatelist is announced by the Butler-Sexton Stamp and Pub. Co., of Malden, Mass. It is to consist of 8 pages and cover. Subscription price, 25 cents per year.

Mr. Joshua M. Mott, our New York correspondent informs us that owing to sickness he will spend a year in Colorado. Mr. Mott states that he will start in the middle of May. We wish him a speedy recovery.

We have received the initial numbers of the *Collector's Press*, *International Philatelic Monthly*, and the *New-York Stamp*, during the last month. We wish them success. New papers are springing up quite lively of late.



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CHRONICLE.

Bahamas.—The 1½ d. and 1½ + 1½ d. postcards are now surcharged in black "ONE PENNY", across the lower part of the stamp.

Bermuda.—This island has a registration envelope, 2 d., blue; 133 + 83 mm. It is of the usual style.

British North Borneo.—There is a 6c. of the current type; color, solferino.

Ceylon.—*Le Carte Postale* notes a reply paid card, 5 + 5c., blue on buff.

Egypt.—The 2 piastre envelope is surcharged "3 milliemmes."

Falkland Islands.—The 6 d. is now yellow, and the 1 sh. deep orange.

French Guiana.—The current stamps are now surcharged obliquely, "GUYANE" in black; also the 10 c. and 10 + 10 c. postcards and the 15 c. and 25 c. letter cards.

German Empire.—The single reply-paid cards of 1878 and 1886 have differences in the Greek frame.

Hong Kong.—The 20 c. on 30 c. and the \$1.00 on 96 c. exist without the Chinese surcharge.

Iceland.—There is a new type of the 5 aur card. It differs little from the known type, and resembles that of the 5 + 5 aur card.

India.—There is an official denial that the 4 annas has been surcharged 2½ annas.

Jamaica.—In making the provisional ½ d. card not only was the 1 d. card surcharged, but both halves of the 1 + 1 d. There is now a new issue of cards; the ½ d. and ½ + ½ d. on a yellow shade of buff than before, and there are 1 d. and 1 + 1 d., blue on buff, 140 x 89 mm., for Postal Union.

Monaco.—There is a 15 c. envelope of current type, rose on pale blue-green, 122 x 94 mm.

New South Wales.—The 2 d., of 1854, with diadem, has been discovered watermarked "8".

Perak.—Mons. Maury notes a new value, 8 c., orange, with tiger.

Philippine.—Of current baby type, a 15 c., red-brown.

Spain.—There is a 15 + 15 c. card, blue on buff, for interior, with frame, and baby king in the center.

Tobago.—The 4 d., gray has been surcharged in black for use as ½ d.

Zululand.—The *Stamp News* says new stamps of 9 d., 1 sh., and 5 sh., are to appear shortly and to be followed by the 5 d.

Philatelic Monthly.

THROUGH A GLASS.

BY ROY F. GREENE.

I confess it looks honest as any in sight;
The engraving is perfect, the color is
bright,
But though we may praise it, and call it
first class,
Quite rough it appears when you look
thro' a glass.

Oh yes! its a counterfeit. Of this
there's no doubt,
Not fit for your album, yet too good to
cast out—
Though the workmanship's fine, thro'
the mails it won't pass;
For it looks very different when viewed
thro' a glass.

We can but respect the magnificent art
We see in its make-up and of it a part
But a counterfeits' shunned, and never
can pass,
For they change quite in value when
viewed thro' a glass.

Philatelists all, pray listen to me,
I've a moral quite worthy to offer to thee,
Though you dress quite rubbish and gd
strictly first class,
Your looks may be changed if viewed
thro' a glass.

A "counterfeit" oft gets in Society's
ways,
Just as the vile stamps in our loved
album strays;
And tho', posing as gentlemen *strictly*
first class,
Just examine them closely beneath a
strong glass.

Defects will quite plain on exterior lie
While within, imperfections to manli-
ness cry
Like counterfeits vile these men styled
first class,
But there's a radical change when viewed
thro' glass.

JIM AND MR. CRANKY,

OR,

Working for a Stamp Dealer.

BY JINGO.

CHAPTER VI.

At last the "Initial number" of the
Cranky Philatelist appeared.

Owing to the large number of ads.
received, Mr. Cranky found it neces-
sary to make it 48 pages and cover.
This, however, he did very willingly
when he thought that after the printing
bill was paid, he would still have
tripled his investment.

The first number contained 15
pages of reading matter, consisting of
Chronicle Review Column, Education-
al News and Notes, several pages of
Scientific Articles, and two pages of
Fiction.

He knew that he would have to do
something to make his paper popular
and attract the attention of other pub-
lishers.

After some consideration he de-
cided that a voting contest was the
proper thing.

But having decided on a voting con-
test the question to be determined
now, was what to vote for.

Jim, who was always ready with his
advice, proposed to have them vote
for the most popular class of reading
matter. This exactly suited Mr.
Cranky's taste as it was something
quite original.

Several days passed and votes be-
gan to come in. Out of the 100 copies
sent out, 91 of the slips were returned
with votes as follows:

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| Fiction, | 63 votes. |
| Scientific Articles, | 24 " |
| Chronicle, | 4 " |
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| Total, | 91 " |

Since this time two weeks had passed since the mailing of the *Cranky Philatelist*, but as yet only one of the advertisers had remitted, his bill amounting to only 15 cts. for an Exchange Advertisement.

Mr. Cranky had thus far felt no uneasiness regarding the payments of the ads. But as the time advanced, and no replies came, he, after waiting four weeks sent them a second bill.

This like the first remained unanswered, and finally waiting two weeks more, Mr. Cranky sent them a third bill, with a letter respectfully requesting them to remit.

Jim, who had the job of writing all these letters and bills, immediately proposed to have some bills printed so as to save time and labor. For once however, his proposition met with disapproval.

After perhaps a week had elapsed. replies to these letters began to put in appearance.

Several wrote, denouncing him as a fraud; some said they would publish his fraudulent proceedings; others said that he could send as many bills as he felt disposed to, and that they would pay no attention to them; others, again, threatened to put the post-office inspector on his track; some said they would like to wipe up the streets with him, and all ended up with the words, "I have not authorized you to insert

my advertisement, and hence will not pay you for it.

A few stated that if he could show orders for the advertisement they would willingly pay.

He at once sent the original order for the advertisement, which he had received from each party, and requested them to remit and apologize for what they had said.

But he was to encounter the second surprise. Inasmuch as each and every one of the parties concerned, returned the order for the advertisement, stating that it was forged, one even accusing him of the act.

By this time Mr. Cranky was getting badly scared, and he immediately put a detective on the case, who, to his great surprise, succeeded in tracing the matter down to Jim, it having been he who had written all the letters in a disguised hand. But by the time it was discovered that he was the guilty party, he had placed many miles between himself and the great stamp dealer.

It took Mr. Cranky several weeks of correspondence to clear things up and prove his innocence of any attempted fraud.

After settling up for all expenses incurred in getting up the *Cranky Philatelist* preliminary announcements etc., he found that he had lost just \$112.55 in the publishing business. And as a natural result, without Jim to push things the second number of the *Cranky Philatelist* never appeared.

THE END.

See our offer on page 3 of cover.

Originality in Stamp Designs.

BY PLIMPTON.

The designs which various governments have adopted for emblazonment upon their stamps, seem in most cases the results of freak or fancy rather than of intelligent choice. No reason can be given as to why some use the coat-of-arms, some the rulers' portraits; others, devices in which the numerals of value form the central part; and others, still, miscellaneous designs, in which no special reference to the issuing state can be discerned.

Only a few countries have intelligently adopted designs, which, without following any of the hackneyed courses, bear the stamp of originality and individual fitness. And certainly every philatelist rejoices that a few such are found and hopes that their number may be increased. We are pleased to have the pages of our albums brightened with diversified designs, and we naturally take greater pleasure in the stamps of these countries of which we are vividly reminded by their postal issues. Let us consider how many there are, which, barring mere coats-of-arms and ruler's portraits, give us anything really characteristic in their stamp devices. The United States scarcely does so. Her stamps have generally borne the portraits of distinguished sons, whose faces are perhaps no better recognized by the rest of the world than are those upon the Argentine issues by us. Only George Washington has a fame which is absolutely world-wide, but probably the Australians or Paraguayans no

more recognize his effigy, than they do those of Clay or Webster. Our stamps really bear no devices that the whole world will at once recognize as American.

Better than any of these, would the buffalo, the Indian's head, the tobacco plant, or the cotton be recognized as a device that could indicate none else but the great Republic. Newfoundland better than any other State of North America, shows individuality in her stamps. The fish, the seal, the ship and the Newfoundland dog, together, pretty clearly indicate whence these stamps emanate. Canada, with her beaver, once had a stamp as appropriate, but it has been long since withdrawn. The parrot, which invariably appears upon the stamps of Guatemala, is a very pretty symbol of that southern Republic, and vividly suggests the tropical forests, full of bright plumaged birds, with which it abounds.

Two of the British West Indies, Nevis and the Virgin Islands, had until recently, designs so much out of the general run that all philatelists will regret their withdrawal. That of the former, was merely novel, but the latter design, representing a virgin, also recalled the name of the islands and how the great Columbus finding this group, named it in honor of St. Ursula and her companions.

We scarcely understand why the ship is a more appropriate symbol of British Guiana than of any other maritime colony, and yet she has clung, through all her varied issues, so closely to this, that the whole stamp world recognizes it as hers. Brazil, on the

other hand, has been fickle in the devices she has used, but the one most in favor now is certainly the most truly national that could have been adopted. The constellation of the Southern Cross, as displayed upon her stamps, reminds us at once of the greatest nation in the southern hemisphere. Certainly Peru should not have rejected, for her hackneyed arms, the beautiful lama design which she once had upon her stamps. These animals are known the world over as her peculiar product and as represented, produced a picture highly suggestive of the ancient land of the Incas.

The Chilian people certainly, of all Americans, show highest honor to the great discoverer, by placing Columbus' portrait upon their stamps. It has come to be their peculiar badge, and long may they keep it, though we should like to see others follow them in this honoring of one whom all Americans should honor.

The European stamp issues generally present the most hackneyed designs. Every ruler seems so willing to display his own noble countenance for his people's admiration, that few other designs are seen and they are mostly arms or numerals.

We recognize the star and crescent as the fitting badge of the Turk, whilst Greece has the neatest and most appropriate design of all; the head of Mercury, suggesting not only her classic Olympus with its gods, but also that modern Mercury the pest.

Of all suggestive designs that of the sphynx and pyramids, upon the Egyptian stamps is probably the best.

As no other land has objects like these, so widely known and so generally recognized as its peculiar glory, so no other could possibly have so fitting an object for a national emblem. Bad luck to the Postmaster-general who ever retires this beautiful device for the effigy of any ugly viceroy, or other design.

China, Japan and Corea are the only Asiatic States where stamps bear any very distinctive symbols of nationality, excepting perhaps some of the native Indian States where devices are far too intricate to be readily deciphered by the European investigator. The first named country gives us upon her own issues and those of her tributary Shanghai and Formosa, that well known Chinese favorite, the dragon, and well we recognize it from the fire-cracker designs we knew in our youth, as well as from the China in which we delight in maturer years. Nothing more Chinese could be desired, unless perhaps the interior of an opium or a laundry scene would appeal to the American mind as more truly representative of our almond-eyed brethren. All Japanese stamps bear in the centre of the design a conventional representation of the national flower, the chrysanthemum; but what that geometrical design placed similarly upon the Corean stamps means your deponent sayeth not.

The first issues of the Cape of Good Hope were remarkable as not only bearing a beautiful and appropriate device referring symbolically to the name of the colony, but as also departing from the rectangular form in

which all stamps before that had been printed.

The figure of hope still remains upon these stamps, but the stamps themselves have come down to the dreary uniformity of size and shape employed by other British colonies. Triangular stamps have never proved a success and the few governments that have essayed their use have soon withdrawn them.

Lastly, we would mention the two Australian colonies that have produced anything out of the general run, Western Australia, the former Swan River colony, has in her swan a device that is beautiful and distinctive, and this she has retained with becoming fidelity. New South Wales, beginning with the now famed Sydney views, settled down for years into the employment of hackneyed designs, but lately has come to the front with some devices that deserve the commendation of the philatelist. The objects illustrated on her "one hundred years" set, are appropriate and make beautiful designs. By such small things as have been already done in the way of diversifying stamp designs, we learn the possibilities open to future efforts in that direction. All collectors will wish that many more countries may follow the examples of these, of whom we have thus briefly written.

Diary of a Stamp Collector.

BY WOLVERINE.

CONTINUED.

March 5th—I at once resolved to be more cautious and not be so anxious

to exchange with strangers who cannot give any evidence of responsibility.

March 12th—I now have about 350 varieties, and when I get 500 I am going to get a good album. Sent for a 25 cent packet of good stamps.

March 15th—Packet came and there were 30 stamps in it that I didn't have.

March 16th—Received three sheets of stamps from the dealer to whom I sent for approval sheets. My letter had been delayed nearly a week and I thought it had been lost. The stamps were priced pretty high and I did not invest much in them but managed to sell 30 cents worth. Took my commission in stamps.

March 21st—Sent back the sheets. Could not sell any more and wrote to the dealer that I did not care for more sheets. Sent for 1,000 more stamp hinges.

March 26th—Sold 500 hinges to a collector for ten cents. Received a letter from a person wanting to exchange stamps for stamp magazines. He wrote in a different spirit from that of the swindler and I thought I would risk my papers so I sent ten.

April 3rd—Got a reply this time and with it 25 good stamps out of which I obtained 18 that were not in my collection. Have now 425 stamps and hope to get 75 more this month, and then I can have an album.

April 10th—Found a boy who had 200 stamps that he wanted to sell cheap so I said I would give him 50 cents for them. He "took me up" and the sale was made, I obtaining 60 new stamps.

April 14th—Sent 50 of my best

duplicate stamps to a dealer who wanted them in exchange for stamps from his approval sheets.

April 17th—Received two sheets to select from. My duplicate he valued at 35 cents and offered me 25 cents worth of stamps for them. I took the stamps and got 12 new ones. Now I have 497 stamps and I think it will be easy enough to get three more, so I go in search of a trade. I was willing to pay something for the stamps that would make 500 and soon found a boy who sold me four fine stamps for 5 cents, so that I had my 500. Now what I want is an album. Looked over several lists of large dealers and finally decided on a \$1.50 album which I thought was as good a one as I could afford. So I sent for it.

April 24th—Send for a Stamp Collectors Guide which I had heard was a good book for beginners.

April 26th—Album arrives and I think it is great; there are spaces for all kinds of stamps and it is quite a large book.

Began mounting my stamps in it and got 200 of them in.

April 29th—Guide comes and is interesting. I read it through twice and there are some good things in it. Mounted 150 more stamps in the album. Put a paper cover on album to keep it clean.

May 3rd—Finished putting the stamps in album. They look fine but don't fill the pages up much. There are places in the album for coats of arms and flags but I can get along without them, for a while at least. Subscribed to another stamp magazine.

(To be Continued.)

Chicago Clips.

When purchasing the one kr. black of Bavaria, be careful to obtain a genuine specimen.

The A. P. A. is fortunate in having so efficient a worker upon its Literary Board as Mr. S. Leland.

In the down-town district here, there are five firms, each one of which captures a portion of the local patronage.

It is pleasant to have an album devoted to the photographs of your collecting friends and society-fellows, as several of the boys here can testify.

Mr. L. H. Drury, who at a past period was prominent in Chicago collecting circles is now located in New York city. He characterizes the place as the veritable home of philately.

We "violate no confidence nor betray no trust," when we say that our townsman, the urbane P. M. Wolsieffer is the most popular individual identified with stamps, in all Chicago.

Some of the shops here contiguous to schools, exhibit selections of stamps on sheets, which are calculated to allure the fugitive change out of the pockets of the school-boy stamp-collectors.

President Janssen, of the C. P. S., has an error of the six kr. brown, Austria. 1850; F. K. Post Stempel, instead of K. K. Post Stempel; also a 25c., 1880, issue of Porto Rico, with the R of "Rico" missing.

A Chicago collector, who evidently poses as a jurist, grumbles about the reprehensible manner in which some of the contributors to stamp papers

maltreat the English language. Can this be a covert thrust at us Chicago correspondents?

The English philatelic papers usually have their "correspondence columns" occupied by those who address the editors. In American journals, well-supplied departments of this kind are absent. Our collectors should be encouraged to contribute to the press any interesting instance of a philatelic nature that they experience.

Chicago is a large city and has its quota of stamp devotees. However, when one makes a distinction between philatelists and stamp collectors, it would seem as if this city is not as well represented by the former as one might reasonably wish. There are but few notable collections here, such as could compare favorably with those quite generally possessed by philatelists elsewhere. But then, there are many who must be designated by the modest term of stamp collector; whose collections, while scarcely eminent, serve an end proper and perhaps chief; that of proving an avenue of pleasure and satisfaction to their owners.

C. E. SEVERN.

Colorado Notes.

Where can you go and not find philatelists? The first fellow we met in Colorado Springs was a jolly philatelist. He informs us that there are quite a number in town and that they "grow and multiply abundantly" in Denver. We will have a local society here if possible next fall, but not a State Society—they are far too numerous already.

Now that a large soap firm is offering premiums from ten to twenty-five dollars for advertisement poems we judge that the Green (e) family will be fully occupied for some time to come.

We had a great reception in St. Louis as we passed through on our way West. Even the Mississippi River went a mile or so out of its way to meet us and escort the train into the city. So effusive was the greeting, that we were obliged to wait several hours before we could proceed peacefully on our way.

It is fortunate for some would-be poets that they write under a *nom de plume*. Otherwise not one would be responsible for the conduct of the philatelic public.

KNICKERBOCKER.

A London Machine.

From the Manchester Times.

A new penny-in-the-slot machine has been fitted up at Charing Cross Station for the collection of letters to be forwarded by the Postoffice Express Service. It is in electrical connection with the Postal Telegraph Office opposite the station. On dropping a penny in the slot and pulling out the slide, a brown-colored envelope containing another envelope and a card appears. The communication is intended to be written on the card, which is then enclosed in the white envelope, and this, with the fees for delivery, which have been fixed at 3d. per mile, is reinclosed in the outer envelope and deposited in the box behind the flap which bears the printed instructions. The act of withdrawing the slides sends the call-signal to the telegraph office, and a messenger is at once dispatched to the station to take the message.



EDITORIAL.

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The *Long Island Philatelist*, has removed to Wood Haven, N. Y.

On June 13th, W. F. Bishop, of La Grange, Ill., held his first auction sale.

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THE Bogert & Durbin Co., held their first auction sale in Philadelphia recently.

A NEW society for collectors of U. S. stamps only, is announced from Scranton, Pa.

A NEW philatelic paper is announced by Mr. L. Chevrier. It is to be called the *Ottawa Philatelist*.

MR. C. H. Holden, of Port Dover, Ont., will hold his third auction sale on June 15th, 294 lots are listed. Send for a catalogue.

ONE of Pennsylvania's most enterprising dealers is Mr. J. C. Miller of Coal Valley. He conducts a large and growing approval sheet trade.

OUR former New York Correspondent, Mr. Joshua M. Mott, is now in Denver Colorado, and we publish in this number a few notes from that city.

MESSRS. Albrecht & Witt, will hold their fourth auction sale on June 15th, 305 lots are listed.

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CHRONICLE.

Argentine Republic.—*La Carte-Postale* says the 2 c. letter card has now dotted lines and the perforation does not reach the border.

Azores.—The islands are divided into three districts, and stamps similar to the new Portuguese stamps are to be used here, but with the names *Angra*, *Horta* and *Ponta Delgada* in place of the word *Contiente*.

Brazil.—The 100 reis envelope comes also size 134 x 104 mm., and the 40 reis letter card has now 18 horizontal lines on the reverse.

British North Borneo.—*The Postal Card* notes the 8 c. card, green, surcharged in two lines in black, "CENT". The 6 on 8 c. stamp has two errors in the surcharge: "cets" and "cents."

Cauca.—The stamp noted in February seems to be a fraud.

Congo Free State.—*The Postal Card* notes two new cards of same design as 1889 issue: 10 c., black, on dark buff, and 15 c., black, on white.

Dutch East Indies.—Of the figure type, 5 x 5 c., blue on blue, and 7½ x 7½ c., on rose cards.

Fiji.—The 1 d., blue, perforated 10, is surcharged ½ d., in black.

France.—The wrappers are now without border lines.

Grenada.—There are unpaid letter stamps of same design and color as those of Trinidad: 1 d., 2 d., 3 d.

Gwalior.—The 2a registry envelope is surcharged with name of State in English and Hindu and arms in black. Size G.

Martinique.—The 15 c. on 40 c. is reported.

Paraguay.—The current stamps are surcharged "Oficial," in black, in small type. The *Gazette Trimbrologique* announces a new emission in preparation, each stamp bearing the portrait of one of the Presidents of the Republic since 1871.

Queensland.—*The A. J. of P.* has the new 3 d., brown. It is similar to the other values, perf. 13, and water-marked Q and crown.

Sarawak.—Some of the new surcharges read "One" and some "one."

Siam.—We have the 1 on 2 a., of 1889, with two types of the "1", 5 and 6½ mm. high, respectively.

Spain.—Card 10 x 10 c., blue on buff, for interior use; stamp at left, arms in the middle.

Western Australia.—The *Gazette Trimbrologique* announces the early appearance of stamps of the swan type, 2½ d., blue, and 5 d., bistre.—*Philatelic Monthly*.

Consolidation.

BY A. M. GRIGGS.

The all important topic in philatelic circles at present, is that of the consolidation of all the national societies into one, under the incorporation charter and name of the "American Philatelic Association," a name known and respected throughout the civilized world wherever stamps are collected, a name that carries its national character with it, a name that every philatelist is proud to write after his own.

The foremost philatelic writers of our time are expending time, labor and vote on the subject, popular sentiment seems to tend in that direction as it shows fifty-four who have expressed themselves as in favor of consolidation, as compared with *five* who have declared against it.

Let us have the greater society with its greater benefits, let us *all* work to that end, for in union there is strength.

It is by no means the purpose of the projectors of the amalgamation movement, to simply merge all the other national societies into the A. P. A., under its present laws. New ones would be made, a new election probably held, and all the good features of all the societies retained, and all the bad eliminated. The A. P. A. would then get the benefit of the excellent exchange department of the P. S. of A., and of the auction department of the W. P. U., together with the increase of membership by absorbing these societies. On the other hand, the members of the P. S.

of A. and of the W. P. U., would get the benefit of the official organ of the A. P. A., of its unexcelled purchasing department, the finest in the country, would share equally in the benefits of the larger and consequently stronger association, the combination of the *best* of all the societies, both in officers, laws and departments. Surely amalgamation is the desired point to be reached, and from the report of Mr. Davison who has been taking a test, same department which, with the greatly increased membership, would be strong enough to place a guarantee that would be good concerning the safety of stamps sent to its exchange department.

The number of active philatelists in the United States seems remarkably small; the largest of these societies (A. P. A.) having only 600 members, one who had never seen a complete address book, would be very apt to think that after all stamp collecting was merely "boys' play." But if all three societies were amalgamated, all local societies taken in as branches under one administration, protected by the name and charter of the great American Philatelic Association, their actions backed by the treasury of the greater society, and the exchange sheets guaranteed by the eloquence, burning the midnight oil in the interests of the "greater society."

Alvah Davison, of the Post-office, and P. M. Wolsieffer, "Kenelm" as he is better known to thousands of philatelists who weekly enjoy his "Chicago Notes," together with the foremost philatelic editors, are putting forward

every effort in behalf of *consolidation*. Surely the object must be a worthy one, or such support it would never receive.

In the United States to-day there are three societies national in their character, taking into consideration the membership of any one of these "National" societies.

The Collecting Mania.

BY EDW. S. LUTHER.

The collecting of some class of souvenirs or curiosities, seems to be a favorite occupation of nineteenth century people. From their cradle up they are collectors; and they are generally collecting articles which, in other eyes, are without value or significance. The baby in arms hoards with jealous eyes, all its little toys and dolls; invariably preferring those that are the most mutilated. The boy grows older, drops the toys and dolls of his babyhood, and looks for something more fitted for his six years. His pant's pockets now bulge with toys, strings, marbles, pieces of stone, an occasional penny or so, and, in fact, a hundred and one things which give an infinite delight to the childish mind. After a few years of this amusement, the boy makes another change, and may often be seen carefully arranging picture cards in a scrap-book. Bright-colored pictures have taken his eye and for some time his interest remains unabated, but at last his childish mind finds some new object of adoration, and the scrap-book is laid away, soon to be forgot-

ten, and covered with dust. How fickle is man, always seeking new goddesses, at whose shrines he may worship.

About the ages of from fifteen to eighteen, many people leave their collections of curiosities, or whatever they may be, to attend more to the duties of college or business life and not a few leave their collections for good. But look about you, do you not find persons of all classes, both sexes, and all ages, from fifteen to sixty and over, actively engaged in the pursuit of some hobby or other. Of all the hobby-riders in this country at the present time, I think the most numerous are those who collect postage stamps. This is one of the most fascinating, as well as instructive pursuits that can be imagined, and its followers are not, as most people believe, always young boys. Many of our well known capitalists and business men are ardent collectors of the many-colored pieces of paper. I know of many an old man who takes more interest in his accumulation of postal curios, than in his business. The coin collectors of America number away up in the hundreds of thousands, and as to the popularity of this hobby, it ranks second only to the collecting of stamps.

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And while I am on this subject, *Printer's Ink* could furnish a good many points of interest to stamp collectors. For instance, the struggle of the publishers to regain second class rates, which the post-office department recently withdrew, will be watched with interest by many philatelists who have seen dozens of papers devoted to their hobby suspend on account of nonsensical rulings of the department which John Wanamaker at present controls. If you have never ascertained the "true inwardness" of the post-office department, read *Printer's Ink* for a few weeks and your reverence for that portion of our government will fall several degrees.

But the little New York weekly is interesting in other ways beside. Not long since, it contained a short article concerning the inscriptions on our postal cards. The observations were pertinent and very interesting. Beginning with the first issue of cards the author picked every inscription to pieces from then to the present. When he had finished, I wondered if our government postal officials had ever known anything concerning grammar and syntax.

There are strange things in the world—plenty of them for that matter. But one of the strangest to me is the

persistence with which philatelic papers insert the advertisements of collectors long since dead. Take the case of Rudolph W. Padley, for instance. He died several months ago, and yet some of his advertisements are running to-day. Doubtless he paid in advance and so publishers are determined to give him all the space paid for, whether he receives any benefit or not. But it looks a little bit incongruous to see the announcements of a dead man constantly staring you in the face. But this is not all. New papers even copy the card, advertisement, or whatever it may be, and send a bill for pay. No wonder they never receive it.

It is really amusing to note the mistakes made by some philatelic writers. The latest to come to my notice is an error made by "Crawford," in the *Philatelic Journal of America*, for March. In speaking of the extremely low rates at which some stamps may be obtained, he says that a few varieties sell at a *hundred and fifty per cent.* below catalogued rates. Those *would* be cheap stamps indeed. If the dealer was disposing of a stamp catalogued at a dollar, he would not only give you the specimen for nothing, but pay you fifty cents to carry it away. That would be 150 per cent. discount, wouldn't it? If "Crawford" will inform me where stamps can be purchased at this rate, I will take a valise full, and no questions asked.

One never knows how closely amateur, philatelic and professional journalism are connected until he enters one of the branches of the "art

preservative." Hardly a day passes that I do not receive a letter from some one interested in papers outside of the pale of philately, who is also taking an interest in the periodicals of our hobby, and desires to know more about them. This seems strange, but it is true.

The foreman of the office that prints the *Philatelic Fraud Reporter*, does not collect stamps and never will, probably. But since he has been engaged in work upon the paper, he has gradually become interested in amateur and philatelic journalism, until he is fairly well informed in those lines, and awaits the appearance of a new paper with almost as much interest as I do. He has absorbed his knowledge, you might say, until his possession of it has given him a desire for more. And so he is not a philatelist, but a philo-journalist, if such a term is allowable. Strange, isn't it?

What One Philatelist Sees.

BY E. P. NEWCOMER.

Of all kinds of philatelists, we most despise, the one who claims to do what he knows he cannot do and who undertakes that which he knows he cannot accomplish. Some time ago we showed a certain philatelist several specimens of rare stamps that needed mending and also some specimens of rare U. S. envelope stamps cut round, which needed mounting on the original paper. We mentioned that we would like to come across a person who could mend these stamps properly, and our friend stated he could do

the job satisfactorily, and so we at once consented to let him try his hand at it. The stamps have just been returned to me and "ye gods and little fishes," what a botch! We have at any rate learned a lesson and that is not to believe everything a philatelist will tell you.

Congress has passed a bill providing for a commission of three persons to examine and report the relative employment of the pneumatic tube system or other process for the rapid dispatch of mails in large cities, and appropriating \$20,000 for the same.

The story comes from Boston that a letter intended for Bishop Brooks and addressed, "The Right Reverend Bishop of Massachusetts, the Palace, Boston, U. S. A.," was returned undelivered to the Post-office by the intelligent carrier indorsed: "Not found at the Palace theater."

Philatelists are awaiting with much interest the issuance of the new double reply postal cards promised to be out by July 15th. It is stated that two styles will be issued, one for use in this country and the other to be used in writing to foreign countries in the Postal Union. An eastern journal commenting on these cards has this to say: "The Postmaster General states in his annual report, that upon the proposition of the United States, it was agreed by the delegates of the Postal Union at their recent meeting in Vienna that every country should supply the public with a reply-paid postal card. Such cards have been in use in Austria for many years, and would be economical and convenient

in domestic, as well as foreign correspondence. They are composed of two unseparated postal cards, folded in the form of a single card, and need no other fastening. A correspondent can insure a correctly addressed and probably prompt answer by writing his full address on the reply fold of the card before mailing it; the card, on its first journey, being folded so as to cover the reply address. The receiver has simply to write his answer on the reply card, tear it off the inquiry card and remail it. If one does not care to preserve the inquiry or to write a long answer, the cards need not be separated. In that case a reply perfectly intelligible, unequivocal and binding for all business purposes may be written in one or two words in answer to a direct question. The words "Yes," or "No," or "Forty," or "41 Temple Place," or "Boston," or "Smith and Jones," or "6 per cent.," or any other short replies, signed with initials or full name without any heading of place or date, would, in connection with the attached inquiry card, convey as full and definite an answer and show as plainly when, where, and by whom it was written, as an answer on an ordinary card or letter that contains, besides place, date and address, a summary of the inquiry to which it is a reply. The first reply-paid postal card received by the writer of this article, traveled a distance of 6,700 miles. It was mailed by Yosef Bernhaupt, post director at Beyroot, Syria, and was written in Volapuk, the new universal language. It bore this message:

"Spodokads gesedik sbinows in Los-tan ya yelis modik," which means, "Reply postal cards have been in use in Austria for many years."

REVIEW.

The *Essex County Philatelist* has issued a four page special number, as it states, for the special benefit of its subscribers and Sons of Philatelia members.

The *Electric Philatelist* has enlarged to eight pages with the June number. Published by A. M. Fine, 1623 Sanderson Avenue, Scranton, Pa. 25 cents per year.

One of the best papers published is the *Philatelic Era*. The June issue consists of 32 pages and cover, and is full of interesting reading matter. W. W. Jewett, 502 Congress St., Portland, Me. Subscription price, 35 cts.

The June *Eastern Philatelist* is as usual up to the standard. Twenty pages and cover constitute this number. Published by L. H. Pinkham, Masonic Block, Newmarket, N. H., at 25 cents per year.

The *Royal Philatelist* is a four page sheet from Sterling, N. Y., at 10 cents per year.

Mr. L. M. Staebler has favored us with a copy of his Canadian Philatelic Handbook, No. 1. Price 25 cents. It is a complete descriptive catalogue of Canadian and Provincial stamps, giving date of issue, value, color, varieties in paper and watermark, and gives a description and price of all existing varieties of Canadian stamps. 185½ Dundas Street, London, Ont., Canada.

The *Chicago Stamp News* again comes to hand. It is published on the 15th of every month, by the S. B. Bradt Co., and is sent free to all stamp purchasers.

The third number of the *Detroit Philatelist* comes to hand. It presents a neat appearance and contains eight pages of reading matter. A. H. Crittenden, 169 South Twelfth Street, Detroit, Mich. 25 cents.

Bric-a-Brac comes to hand regularly and is generally full of Mr. Palmer's business notices and notes about the strand.

We are in receipt of a catalogue of C. H. Holden's July auction, to be held on July 15th.

One of our small contemporaries is the *Philatelic Tribune*, published by F. J. Stanton, Smyrna, N. Y.

The *Pennsylvania Philatelist* comes to hand with its usual quota of good reading matter. Among other matter, it contains a parody by the publisher. Harry F. Kantner, 230 Penn Street, Reading, Pa.. 25 cents per year.

No. 3 of the *International Philatelic Monthly* is at hand. In this number the publisher commences a serial entitled Seth Adams, Office Boy. Wm. M. Deane, Publisher, Taunton, Mass.

C. D. Reimers, of Iowa City, Ia., has resurrected the old *Western Philatelist*.

The *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain*, for June, received. Its photograph gallery, is this month, adorned by a likeness of Mr. Percy Bright.

Last but not least, comes the

Southern, and is always read with pleasure. The June issue contains: A Collector's Mishaps, A Loss and a Fortune, Some Notes, San Antonio Notes, A. P. A. Convention, etc. Subscription 25 cents per year. Address, Southern Stamp & Pub. Co., 25 Broad St., Charleston, S. C.

Chicago Clips.

A shooting trip to the wilds of one of the neighboring states is one of W. Janssen's periodical pleasures.

P. M. Wolsieffer is whooping it up for his candidate by issuing wildly enthusiastic campaign songs. Could you but hear him sing one!

It is not difficult to procure counterfeit 18 kr., violet, Wurtemberg, 1852 issue here in any degree of execution, from poor to skillful manufacture.

P. M. Wolsieffer is now at Perihelion, for a little baby daughter has been added to his household, and we verily believe P. M. would have named the treasure "Philatelia," had it not been for the indignant remonstrances of numerous solicitous relatives.

Some Chicago stamp men from a non-philatelic point of view:

B. A. Cottlow plays croquet.

A. P. Hosmer is an ardent *piscator*.

S. Leland is enjoying his annual outing.

S. B. Bradt likes to attend a good spectacular show.

T. R. Ferris has been known to patronize a hot "tomale" man.

W. C. Kurzweg pretends to be an oracle in the world of theatricals.

J. A. Pierce has issued photographs of the various "next Presidents."

One of L. H. Drury's relaxations, is to witness a first-class variety show.

A. E. Fritz is an exponent of the promotion of more sociability among collectors.

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COLUMBIA STAMP CO., 138 E. 22 St. New York City, Agents wanted for our sheets at 33 1-3 to 40 per cent. com. 13

HILES BROS & CO., Stamp Dealers and Collectors, 28 Lincoln Avenue, Canton O. Write for sheets at 33 per cent. com. and terms to agents. Correspondence solicited. 1

HUGUENOT STAMP CO., Oxford, Mass. Agents wanted. 30 per cent commission allowed from our approval sheet. 12

MILLER J. C. Coal Valley; Pa. Sheets wanted. at 33 1-3 to 40 per cent. Agents 12

MILLER & McCORMACK Stamp Co., Room 53, Emille Building, St. Louis, Mo. Agents wanted at 50 per cent. com. Price list free. 12

NICKLAS & MESSER, 1015 a d 1117 W. Balto St., Baltimore, Md. Dealers in all kinds of stamps. Agent. wanted. 12

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SWANBECK M. A., 31 N. First St. Kansas City, Kas., U. S. A. Send for sample copy of the Eagle Philatelist. 13

TRIFET F., 403 Wash. St., Boston, Mass. The oldest established dealer in America. Catalogue 25c. Rare stamps and collections bought for cash. 17

WHEELER W. A., 418 Lawton Place, Kansas City, Mo. Agents wanted. 30 per cent. com. allowed from sheets. 14

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Wanted to exchange South African Revenue and Postage stamps for Postage stamps off approval sheets. H. H. Nelson, Box 369, Kimberley, South Africa.

I will send 5 good Indian arrows, or 5 old U. S. cents, or one dime, older than 1860, for every 12 Philatelic papers with covers sent to my address, J. H. KEELER, HUTCHINSON, KAN., (216 9th Av., West).

San Marino, 1892. 5c over 30c brown, new or used at 5 fr., 14th June. 5c over 10c black, at 3 fr 25th June. Very rare, have been only 1 day in use. 5c gray green unused or used at fr. 15 per 10 fr. 85, 3c yellow, used or unused at fr. 55 per 10 fr. 4.40., 40c brown, unused or used at fr. 75, per 10 fr. 5.90, 45c green unused or used at fr. 80 per 10 fr. 7.25, 1 lira red and yellow unused or used at fr. 1.75, per 10 fr. 13.75, Money order 10c. unused or used at fr. 50 per 10 fr. 3.50, Money order 1 l. 10c. unused or used at 2 10 per 10 fr. 16.85, Bulgaria 15 over 30 unused or used at 60; per 10, fr. \$3.75, Sarawak 1c, over 3c 1871 used at fr. 60 per 10 fr. 3.75, Borneo 6c over 8c green used at fr. 1.50 per 10 fr. 11.85, Italia 1889 5 Lire Umberto at fr. 1.90 per 10 fr. 16.25, Italia 1891 5 Lire Umberto, at 1.90 per 10 fr. 16.25, Otto Bickel, Rep. San Marino, Italia. San Marino Philatelist p. a. 1 f. 90. The stamps used for postage are worth it 3 times.

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Whole No. 11.

CHRONICLE.

Austria.—The following are expected: 8 paras on 2 kr.; 20 pi. on 2 fl.; also unpaid letter stamps, new bands, and official cards.

Barbados.—The 4 d., brown is surcharged "HALF-PENNY" in black.

Bermuda.—There is a card, 1½ + 1½ d.; carmine.

Bolivia.—With stamp of nine stars we hear of 2 + 2 c. card.

British Guiana.—The 3 c. card is surcharged "2 cents" across the stamp and the original value crossed out.

Cochin.—Stamps have been issued for this British Indian State. In the center are the attributes of the divinity of the country; "Cochin" above, and value below: ½ puttan, orange; 1 p., magenta 2 p., violet. Perf. 12. There are also envelopes of same values and colors. The attributes are in a six pointed star surrounded by a toothed circle; white paper, 119 + 93 mm. Cochin is north of Travancore. The puttan is about the same as the anna.

Egypt.—The 2 pi. envelope is reported surcharged 5 miliemes.

French Congo.—*L'Étendard* chronicles, with surcharge "Congo Français," 5 c. on 20 c. and 10c. on 40 c.

Hong Kong.—The 50 c. on 48 c. also comes without the Chinese characters.

Natal.—A card is reported, 1 + 1 d., carmine on buff.

Paraguay.—The current issue is now surcharged "1892" in black.

Porto Rico.—We have the following of the new issue: 4 mils, blue; 6 mils, rose; 1 cent, brown; 10 cent, claret, and 40 cent, blue.

Puttiala.—In addition to that already noted several other values are now surcharged "Patiala."

Queensland.—The *Stamp News* informs us that "Government Parcels" stamps of 1 d., 3 d. 6 d. and 1 sh., also postage stamps of 5 d. and 10 d. are to be issued shortly.

Roumania.—There is a letter card of 5 bani, printed in black on pearl-gray, with the current stamp.

Senegal.—The 15 c. has been surcharged "Senegal" and "75," and the 5 c. has been utilized in the same way as 1 franc.

Tobago.—The 1½ d. cards have been surcharged "Half-penny" and "One Penny."

Wurtemberg.—*La Carte Postale* reports that the 10 pf. card now has the last line shorter than the one above.—*Philatelic Monthly*.

Postal Improvements.

In speaking of the meeting of Postmasters in Washington, the *New York Tribune* echoes the sentiments of nearly every business man in the country when it says :

"It was a capital idea of Postmaster-General Wannamaker's to summon forty postmasters from the principal cities of the country to a conference to consider ways and means of improving the service. It was an original idea, too—one of the many that Mr. Wannamaker's fertile mind has given birth to during the last three years. The questions discussed at the conference were practical questions, and of course they were dealt with in the most practical way by men especially fitted to consider intelligently the needs of the Post-office Department and the best way of meeting them. The results of this interchange of views cannot fail to be of high value."

It has been frequently and correctly stated that it was Mr. Wannamaker's daily custom to meet the heads of the various departments of his mammoth store in Philadelphia, and hear any suggestions they might make to improve their department. In the same line Mr. Wannamaker as Postmaster-General calls together the postmasters of the forty largest cities and discusses improvements in the postal service.

Free rural delivery was thoroughly sifted and it was agreed that the "ten block system" would be a decided aid for a rapid and accurate delivery in the country districts. Starting from a convenient centre, say the county seat, the roads are divided into tenth miles, forming blocks, each with thirty-two rods frontage. To each block is

assigned two numbers, the odd on the left the even on the right. When two houses are situated in the same block, they have the same number but have suffixed a letter as a, b, c, etc. It will be readily seen that by this system the operation of calculating distances is but the work of a moment.

The advisability of using pneumatic tubes for the rapid transmission of mails in the cities was discussed, but the most advisable plan was the one suggested in the last annual report, recommending private enterprise, with the assurance of government patronage.

Mr. Wannamaker's recommendations of postal, telegraph, telephone and savings-bank received considerable attention. Major A. W. Willis, postmaster of Nashville, Tenn., who was in London for several weeks previous to this conference, prepared a long but interesting report of the postal-telegraph and postal-savings-bank in England. In a recent interview the major says :

"What I most admired about the postal system in England, was the postal-savings bank. Any working man, or anyone else, can deposit his earnings, as low as a shilling, and receive $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. interest. All deposits are sent to the Bank of England, which gives 3 per cent. interest; the $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent going to pay the post-office expenses incurred. Millions of dollars are deposited.

"The postal-telegraph system works admirably, and we could well emulate the English in that line. It cost the government some \$50,000,000 to put the postal telegraph system in its

present efficient shape. A message of twelve words costs 12 cents, not including the name, address and signature. After the first twelve words the rate is a ha' penny, or one cent, per word. Every business house has a cable address of one word to save expense in telegraphing."

The New York Chamber of Commerce, at a recent meeting, adopted a report on improvements in the local postal system. It recommended that the whole of the Federal Building be used for post-office purposes instead of two of the four floors, and that a large branch office should be provided near the Grand Central Railroad station; also that 100 boxes should be placed in various parts of the city, exclusively for the reception of packages, etc., which should be collected by wagons at frequent intervals.

These are only a few of the many suggestions which were discussed and it is probable that many improvements will be inaugurated. Most of them, however, will have to be passed as bills in Congress, which, of course, will take a considerable time.

"KNICKERBOCKER."

NOVA SCOTIA.

This country's stamps form a very beautiful and desirable collection, but are rapidly becoming unobtainable to the average collector.

Nova Scotia became a province of the Dominion of Canada July 1st, 1867, and has never since issued stamps of her own. Previous to that Nova Scotia was a separate colony of

Great Britain, having a postal system of its own.

The stamps issued by Nova Scotia are of three dates. The first stamps issued were the Pence issue of 1857, including the 1 penny, 3 pence, 6 pence, and 1 shilling stamps.

The next issue was a cent issue in 1860, including the 1 cent, 5 cent, 8½ cent, 10 cent and 12½ cent stamps.

The third issue, that of 1864, embraced but one stamp, the 2 cent mauve.

Before going into a description of these issues, let us look at the Geography of the province for a moment. Nova Scotia consists of a peninsula and island on the eastern side of North America, forming with the sister province of New Brunswick, the Southeastern corner of the Dominion of Canada. The province is 370 miles in length, by 90 to 100 in width. The census of 1861 placed the population at 330,857, and the census of 1871 at 387,800, adding the fact of poor condition of the mail service and the high rates of postages to the small population, we readily see that the different issues would not be large. The greater number of the Nova Scotia stamps have been used postally, and consequently unused specimens bring a much higher price than used specimens.

The difference in the value between the different denominations of the pence issue of 1857 and the cent issue of 1860, led to a peculiar provisional issue not noticed in Scott's Catalogue. I can best explain this by illustration: Suppose a parcel was to have 7½ cents

postage put on it. Five 1 cent stamps, or a 5 cent stamp would be put on and a 5 cent stamp would be cut in two, each piece would be used for half its value, 2½ cents each; one of these pieces would be put on a parcel, making the requisite 7½ cents. This practice was in use until the 2 cent issue of 1864, by introducing another small value overcame the difficulty to a great extent. To young collectors I would say, be careful buying these cut specimens of Nova Scotia stamps. They should be left on the original envelope, and show the post mark, as unscrupulous parties are in the habit of cutting spoiled specimens, and putting the good pieces on envelopes, making an indistinct obliteration to represent the postmark, and then selling as the genuine cut specimens.

I append a short description of three issues and the market price of each compiled from my own experience and the prices furnished me by several prominent Nova Scotian dealers and collectors. In many cases the reader will see by reference to Scott, that the market price is higher than the catalogue price. I would advise all parties if the chance of obtaining good Nova Scotia stamps comes their way to pay full price rather than miss the opportunity.

The prices below are for used stamps.

| Stamp. | Color. | Date. | Market value. |
|-------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1 penny, | red brown, | 1857, unper. | \$4.00 |
| 3 " | blue | " " | 1.00 |
| 3 " | dark " | " " | 1.25 |
| 6 " | green, | " " | 4.00 |
| 1 shilling, | violet | " " | " ab't unob. |
| 1 shilling | mauve | " " | " unob'tnbl |

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| 1 cent black, | 1860, perforated, | .20 |
| 5 " | blue " " | .08 |
| 8½ " | green, " " | 1.50 |
| 10 " | vermillion, 1860, " | .40 |
| 12½ " | black, " " | .50 |
| 2 " | mauve, 1864, " | .20 |

NOVA SCOTIAN.

International Philatelic Union.

New members:—

- J. N. B. Newton, London, Eng.
- W. Hadlow, Tottenham.
- J. Rose Troup, Exeter.
- J. B. Main, Hamilton, N. B.
- J. Simmonds, Glasgow, N. B.
- E. F. Whitby, Livorno, Italy.
- W. A. Merzbacker, Buenos Aires.
- C. Barkowaka, Buenos Aires.
- F. S. Cooper, Belfast, Ire.

Messrs. Chas. Brown, Tennessee, U. S. A., and F. A. Scharf, Joketa, Saxony, have been appointed deputies for their respective countries. Arrangements are now being completed for extending the exchange circuit to Germany, that with France having proved very satisfactory. An analysis of the monthly exchange packet returns has been published, showing a grand total of \$7,215.76, from July, 1889, to December, 1891. An all round monthly average of \$240.50, the average having arisen from \$95, in 1889, to \$551, in 1891; the highest monthly total being \$562.50, in November, 1891. A free circulating library has been started, and donations of books, pamphlets, periodicals, will be very welcome.

The I. P. U. now numbers 230 members. S. F. BICKERS,
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Box 354, Nashville, Tenn.

CHICAGO A. P. A. BRANCH NO. 1.

At a meeting of Chicago Branch No. 1, A. P. A., twelve members being present, the following ticket was placed in nomination for the coming election.

President—John K. Tiffany, St. Louis, Mo.

Vice-President—W. C. Van Derlip, Boston, Mass.

Secretary—Millard F. Walton, Philadelphia, Pa.

Treasurer—Alfred L. Holman, Chicago, Ill.

Int. Secretary—Jos. Rechert, Hoboken, N. J.

Trustees—Geo. H. Watson, Henry Clotz, and G. B. Calman.

Recommendations for appointive officers were made as follows:

Librarian—Alvah Davison, New York City.

Superintendent of Sales—S. B. Bradt, Chicago, Ill.

Purchasing Agent—Wm. Sellschopp, San Francisco, Cal.

Mr. Holman accepted the nomination on the supposition that Mr. Gregory would not accept the office. In case Mr. Gregory becomes a candidate for re-election Mr. Holman wishes to withdraw in his favor.

A motion prevailed that the Chicago Branch, while preferring to see the *American Philatelist* continued, would be willing to abide by whatever action the convention thought best to take.

In the matter of annual dues the Branch considered it unwise to reduce them below \$2.

P. M. WOLSIEFFER,
Sec'y A. P. A. Branch.

AMALGAMATION.

At the meeting of July 7th the following resolution was submitted to the Chicago Philatelic Society:

WHEREAS, There having been considerable agitation upon the advisability of consolidating all Philatelic societies in the United States, which are *National* in their character, and

WHEREAS, Such consolidation would in our opinion be of the greatest service to the cause of Philately, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Chicago Philatelic Society, being one of the largest societies to be affected by such action, hereby appoint the Governing Board a Committee, to so revise and amend the Constitution as to eliminate all features which tend to make the society *National* in its aims, and to place the society upon a purely local basis, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to each Passive member with a recommendation that they identify themselves with the typical society, the American Philatelic Association, which will give them all the benefits they have enjoyed in the

Chicago Philatelic Society and many others.

The above was signed by P. M. Wolsieffer, S. B. Bradt, Samuel Leland, John W. Palmer, Geo. L. Toppan, A. L. Holman.

C. E. SEVERN,
Sec'y Chicago P. S.

Chicago Clips.

The quietude expected to envelope stamps and stamp matters during the heated term, has arrived.

The Bradt Co. resumes its auction sales in September; the September sale, including the duplicates of J. H. Huber, whose collection is prominent among the few fine ones possessed in Chicago.

An interesting session is anticipated at the Chicago P. S. meeting of Aug. 18th, when the resolutions offered by P. M. Wolsieffer, July 7th, will come up for action. The resolutions provide restrictions which will make the C. P. S. a distinctly local society, abolishing passive membership.

The omnipresent rumor regarding a new stamp paper to be published here, is again intruding itself. It is improbable the paper will be published, as second-class rates are so difficultly obtained from the reluctant Post-office authorities.

It is to be regretted that the Chicago Philatelic Society has, at present, no suitable reception place for visiting philatelists, as during the past month some notable philatelic visitors have

been sojourning in Chicago. Had the society permanent quarters, more of our collectors could have met Maj. C. E. Dutton, U. S. A., Messrs. Gurdji, of Texas, Kenyon, of California, and others familiar by name only.

The experiences of a number of Chicago collectors with the U. S. 1870 grilled issue, have been discouraging. There seems a difference of opinion as to the genuineness of some of the grills; on one occasion a grill having been pronounced bogus by one of expert judgment, it was latterly designated genuine by an authority of equal experience and ability. Again; a specimen of one of the higher values, which was removed from the package on which it paid postage, was submitted with others of the issue, to a counterfeit detector, who reported that particular grill a counterfeit. The average collector should keep his eyes open and his purse shut when considering the 8 per cent. issue.

Be careful in purchasing 2 cent red and 20 cent green Confederates, used on original envelopes, as some individual evidently has been affixing hem to envelopes after removing a commoner Confederate stamp, and then cancelling them. The postmark is mostly plainly stamped at the side, not touching the specimen.

Should the subject of stamp finds be casually mentioned among a congregation of collectors, it is remarkable how each of those present can supplement any tale spoken of regarding the discovery of desirable specimens, by details from their own experience; of

finds made by them, to their unbounded joy and considerable profit. The perennial leather trunk or the ever-constant old chest in the attic is utilized usually to embellish the narrative.

The question whether specialism in stamp collecting is the more preferable and satisfactory when contrasted with general collecting, is a moot one, and is the prolific theme of philatelic writers, who advance many arguments tending to strengthen the side they may favor. Judging by observation, it seems that collectors are not to be influenced by any suggestions from outside sources, as they collect just what their whims and inclinations lead them to collect. Some advice on the subject may be embodied thus: find out what a person is desirous of collecting and then advise him to collect it.

C. E. SEVERN.

REVIEW.

We are in receipt of a special number of the *American Philatelist and Collector*, containing a report of the "Sons of Philatelia" convention.

The *Postal Card* for July is at hand. It is, as usually, full of interesting matter for card collectors. Published by Messrs. Lohmeyer & Watson. Price 25 cents per year.

The *Philatelic Tribune* is again at hand. The July number consists of eight small pages and cover. Published by F. J. Stanton, Smyrna, N. Y. at 30 cents per year.

No. 3 of the *Philatelic Sun* is received. It is a small eight page sheet

published by Chas. H. Smith, Brushton N. Y. Subscription price 18 cents per year.

The next paper before us is the *American Philatelist*. The July number contains an installment of the "Auction Epitome" by H. C. Beardsly "An Open Letter," "Gleanings," "Chronicle," "Auction Sales," "The New Haven Envelopes," "U. S. Reply-Paid Cards," "Reviews," "Society Reports," "Editorial," etc. etc., Subscription price 50 cents per year.

No. 1 of the *Florida Philatelist*, is received. It is a very good paper for the first number, and Mr. E. D. Hazen, the publisher, deserves success in his new enterprise. Among other good matter it contains a poem by R. F. Greene, the great Philatelic poet.

One of our best exchanges is the "*Eastern*." It contains a continuation of "My Temptation," a philatelic story by Guy W. Green, "A word for the Irresponsible Dealer," "Cleansing Stamps," etc. etc. Published by F. H. Pinkham, Newmarket, N. H., 25 cents per year.

The June *Philatelic Fraud Reporter* is at hand. The Standard Stamp Co. advertise therein no less than 6 pages of frauds, which we should judge shows an increase rather than a decrease in this line of the stamp business.

The *Washington Philatelist*, for July received. It does not contain much of anything. We think that in order to make it a success the publisher will have to give his readers somewhat more interesting matter.

No. 16 of the *Post Office* drops into our sanctum. Mr. Davison, is still pushing the "consolidation question."

The *Philatelic Journal of America* is at hand. It contains "Chronicle," "A. P. A. Matters," "Stamps of Spain," "Philatelic Almanac," etc.

The *Philatelic Era*, for July, contains, "What constitutes a Philatelic Library," "Is Philately a Science?" "Chronicle," etc.

The *Pennsylvania Philatelist*, for July, at hand. It contains a poem dedicated to the S. of P., etc. H. F. Kantner, 230 Penn St., Reading, Pa.

The *Detroit Philatelist* consists of 12 pages and cover. It contains, "Notes," "Our Contemporaries," "Editorial," "Clippings," etc.

The "*Chicago Stamp News*" comes to hand regularly. Besides a report of the C. P. S., Notes, etc., it contains a list of bargains advertised by the publishers. Address S. B. Bradt Co., 132 Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

We have also received the following publications, *Gazette Timbrologique*, *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal*, *Revista Filatelica*, *Stamp Collector's Monthly*, *Bric-a-Brac*, *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*, *L'Annonce Timbrologique*, *La Revista Filatelica*, *Le Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste*, *Revista Philatelic Internazionale* and *Philatelic Monthly News*.

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Here and There.

BY A. M. GRIGGS.

Every dealer should support with his advertising patronage all Philatelic papers which are worthy of the name. Judicious advertising is the only secret of success in *any* business, but for a mail order business it is as important to advertise as to have a good stock.

Cannot the philatelic press understand the difference between the name of the *science* and its *goddess*. Some of them invariably put it, "Sons of Philately," when it should be "Sons of Philatelia." Get it right!

And by the way, the above society is going right ahead, and rapidly being recognized as the best society for young collectors to join.

What about the "Dealer's Protective Association." It is needed badly and would be a great thing. Small dealers need protection more than large ones. Send your views to A. M. Griggs, Box 39, Clinton, N. C., and let's see how sentiment runs.

When planning your summer vacation trip, don't forget the A. P. A. Convention at Niagara Falls in August. Our Canadian cousins hold forth at the same time just across the river.

Although the "dull season" comes on apace, yet the stamp business shows no sign of slack trade. Indications are for a busy summer. The true philatelist is not affected by a little warm weather, but is a phil. through hot and cold.

Exchange department free to subscribers.



EDITORIAL.

Mr. R. R. Bogert will make a trip to Europe shortly.

See our great Fountain Pen offer on second page of cover.

It is reported that Germany is to have a new set of stamps.

The J. W. Scott Company has issued a new edition of its "Best" Postage Stamp Album.

As the editor is going to Denver for several weeks, our readers will excuse all errors that may occur in getting out this issue.

The July issue of "Plain Talk" contains portraits of both Mr. S. B. Bradt and P. M. Wolsieffer, the leading Chicago stamp dealers.

Mr. H. A. Bricker has favored us with one of Evans' Postal Cards. It is quite a curiosity, and at first sight would be taken for a regular card.

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We learn that Mr. Thos. O. Pardoe, Jr., will shortly issue a small book devoted to the interests of the Philatelic Society of Canada. It will contain the revised constitution, list of officers and members, complete catalogue of library, other P. S. of C. matter, etc. Two thousand copies are to be distributed gratuitously.

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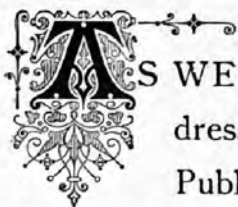
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American Philatelic Association.

The Seventh Annual Convention of the American Philatelic Association was held on the 15th, 16th and 17th of August.

Twenty-two members were in attendance, several being accompanied by their families. There were also several visitors.

The President appointed a Committee on Credentials, consisting of Messrs. Scott, Albrecht and Davison. Also a committee on standing rules, Bradt, Stone and Doebelin.

Mr. Roger's fourth auction sale was held in the evening. The stamps having been on exhibition during the day.

The Committee on Credentials then made their report.

The following officers were elected: President, John K. Tiffany; Vice-President, W. C. VanDerlip; Secretary, M. F. Walton; Treasurer, N. W. Chandler; Int. Secretary, Jos. Rechert; Board of Trustees, Messrs. Colman, Watson and Clotz.

There was a decrease of 112 members during the year. The present membership being 532. But the society is now steadily growing. The treasurer reported cash on hand, \$119.17.

Mr. Tiffany delivered his speech

the subject of which was, "In Union there is Strength."

Mr. Rogers read an article on "Amalgamation and the greater Society."

A notice to reduce the dues from \$2.50 to \$1.50, was referred to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

The library is to be removed to some large city.

The Secretary's salary is to be reduced temporarily.

The American Philatelist is to be discontinued.

Resident Vice-Presidents are to be appointed in localities where ten or more members reside.

Mr. Mekeel is to publish the *Official Journal* in future, it having been decided by vote to continue the *American Philatelist*. The publisher is to furnish the Literary Board with as many copies of the *Official Journal* as they require for 50 cts. per copy per annum, which is to be all the expense incurred by the society, the association to receive all the cash from advertising.

A stenographic report of the proceedings was taken by Mr. Frank H. Burt, of Boston, Mass.

The next Convention will be held at Chicago in 1893, and undoubtedly will have a large attendance owing to the World's Fair.

Our Differing Opinions of Philately.

BY GUY W. GREEN.

I met a man the other day—a non collector. He is an old friend of mine, and many are the arguments we have had. Perhaps on this occasion business affairs had gone wrong with him. At any rate, he immediately began a good-natured raillery against Philately and Philatelists in general. A hobby was foolishness, so he said, and of no use to any portion of humanity. Then he branched off on various other subjects, and finally brought up on an enthusiastic description of a Masonic banquet which had recently occurred.

I had expected this. My friend was an enthusiast on the subject of masonry. Gradually I lead him on from one initiation to another, from then to installation, and then to banquets of grand lodges, conclaves, etc. We touched on subjects with which he sympathized, and he conversed brilliantly. For some time I allowed him to continue uninterrupted.

Then I asked him if his masonry was not quite expensive. Yes, it had cost him several hundred dollars to go through the blue lodge, the chapter commandery, etc., but he did not mind that, as he could afford it.

And it required a great amount of study and memorizing to become an influential mason I should judge. Yes, that was to be expected, but he had undertaken the task willingly, since he delighted in all branches of the fraternity.

Again, he was frequently required

to travel long distances, and to be exposed to all the inconveniences of modern railway connection if I was not mistaken. I was certainly right in that surmise, but, said my friend, one must expect to experience little difficulties in the pursuit of any object dear to the heart.

He then went on to state that he was frequently called from a great distance to attend masonic gatherings, and that what was more, he always attended, if he could possibly do so. Besides, I must not forget the books concerning free masonry which he derived great pleasure from, or the papers to which he subscribed, or yet the many friends he had made throughout the country.

All this I patiently passed through, and then I quietly asked him if he did not honestly think that Freemasonry was a hobby to which he was as devotedly attached as I to Philately. According to his own confessions this must be the case, and yet he had congratulated himself, and ridiculed me.

Then I dilated on my Philatelic friendships, which extended over the entire United States. I spoke of the many acquaintances I had made through correspondence, and finally I appealed to his common sense, and asked him if my hobby did not appear as valuable to me as his had to him. To my surprise, he half way acknowledged that it did.

I asked him if he thought he could go over the entire continent, and find in every section of country friends who would welcome him, and make him at home among them; if he could

expect that treasures in which he was interested would be spread out before his eager eyes; or volume after volume opened for his edification. No, he hardly thought the occurrences I had described would take place during his wanderings.

"But," said I, "I am reasonably sure that I should have a chance to enjoy such delights, for you see they are inseparable from my chosen diversion. That is one advantage of my hobby over yours."

And then I spoke of our society organizations, both local and national, of elections, conventions and all the accompaniments of them. I conversed concerning our philatelic journalism, and showed him periodicals, many of which were better than professional monthlies, which aspired to so much and accomplished so little.

All this I did. I was not unnecessarily obtrusive in my actions, and was willing to concede my friend his opinions as I wished him to concede me mine. For there is room in this world for many hobbies. God has formed man with varying inclinations. I seek one thing and you another. My friend chooses to be a Mason. I choose to be a Philatelist. I have no right to ridicule his desires. He certainly should not trample on mine, and if he does so, I should defend them.

This latter duty was what caused my discussion. The innate superiority of my hobby gave me my arguments.

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A PLEA FOR REVENUES.

BY ROY F. GREENE.

United States revenue stamps seem to be disregarded of late, and we wonder why it is.

The Collectors of the past always had them in their albums. A few years ago I purchased eight or nine small collections and in seven of these I found quite a complete collection of the more common revenues, there were just enough of the rare ones scattered through to lend a charm to the pursuit. Within the last few months I have purchased ten collections and have failed to find over one or two revenues in the whole list. Now why is it that collectors neglect this field? Surely the stamps possess artistic beauty unequalled, and nearly all of them can be obtained, the larger part of them without very great expense.

The match stamps, the medicine stamps, the playing card stamps, and all those document stamps, are becoming rare, not from being "gobbled" up by collectors, but by the contents of these old garrets and closets being consigned to the flames. A few more years and all will be scarce, and then the race for them among philatelists will resemble politicians after a fat office.

We imagine we can see in the not distant future, the collectors of this era paying some fellow liberally to kick them for not buying when all the varieties could be obtained, and that at no stupendous figure.

The race for department stamps is

an imposing spectacle. A few years ago, according to Lieut. Partello, the issues of the Justice, State, Executive and other departments, were almost totally ignored by the collector and he sought right and left to obtain the general issues of 1857 and 1861. Within the past two years they have awakened to the fact that these are *worth collecting*, and to day no stamps are more eagerly sought after, as the auction catalogues show, than these Justices, States, and Executives.

In just the same way will philatelists awaken to the importance of getting complete sets of revenues after it is too late.

These stamps mark an important epoch in the Nation's history, the National outcome of the Civil War. They show the Nation's needs at that time, her efforts to raise funds to meet the expenses of government by means of an internal revenue, and maintained afterward until the Nation's debt was reduced so as to be liquidated by the revenues on luxuries, such as tobacco in its various forms, liquors and imported goods.

The 1869 issue of the United States postage stamps has been lauded to the skies, for their artistic beauty, yet, in an ordinary collection of revenues you can easily find as beautiful stamps as are numbered in this set.

One objection made to them by a philatelic brother was, "they are too large." Now many of them are small, while but *very few* of them run over the size of the U. S. Officially Sealed stamps which you see in every album and are glad to get for your own.

Then the Newspaper Stamps which we so delight to possess. I have never known a collector to refuse to take a Newspaper Stamp on the grounds that they were too large. The general plea is "the price is too steep."

No, my friend, it is not that that keeps you from collecting revenues, it is popular sentiment against collecting them, and I'd warn you now that the sentiment will change some day just as did the sentiment against Department Stamps.

Another fellow gives as his objection that "they are mutilated by a punch in cancellation," true is that many of the stamps are cancelled by punching holes through them. But, my friend, right in your collection of postage stamps, turn to Spain, and you'll see stamps punched so as to be almost unrecognizable.

No, it is not these reasons at all, it is popular sentiment, and this is always subject to sudden changes, so why not make a collection while they are to be obtained?

You'll be repaid by their beautiful appearance, and you'll find it easier, better, and a jollier way than to collect promiscuously from each and every country.

There are but very few, (only two that I know of,) exclusive dealers in U. S. Revenues, but nearly all dealers carry a small stock of them.

A strange fad started some months ago, and now a great many collectors are going wild over the Mexican revenues, but contrasted with our own

beautiful revenues, they seem to me quite tame.

The country owes a debt of gratitude to these revenues, each one has served to put its mite into the Nation's coffers at a time when the country needed it, and hence I say, that every patriotic collector in this broad land, cannot well ignore the revenues.

When I look through my album, in which my revenues are placed, a thrill of patriotism comes o'er me and tears are in my eyes as I lay the album back, thinking of their mission, the trying ordeals of that time, and murmur to myself "their mission is accomplished, let them rest."

General Notes.

It is getting to be quite the thing for the editor to travel around the country and make the acquaintance of his advertisers, etc. Spooner took the month of June to travel in his private car, visiting Rochester, Cleveland, Detroit, Toledo, Cincinnati, Columbus and Buffalo. He met many philatelists of prominence and reports a very enjoyable trip.

Gus Luhn stopped at several places after the Sons of Philatelia Convention. R. J. Russel entertained him in Hanover, Penn., whence he repaired to Baltimore. Annapolis next attracted his attention, but he could not resist returning to Baltimore, where he found Wm. V. de Wettern, who reported that "the Seebeck 'remainder' business was pretty well broken up." We hope so, but what is the cause thereof? In Philadelphia, he found that Walton & Tuttle were in their usual prosper-

ous condition, and he found so many philis in Washington, D. C., that we dare not enumerate. Then he returned to Charleston and gave the office its much-needed sweeping out.

During the latter part of July Mr. J. A. Mekeel made a trip as far east as New York. He traveled in the interests of the *Weekly*.

Rogers' sale was quite an attraction at the A. P. A. Convention: reminds us of Bogert's, last year.

Mr. Phillip Conrath and friends have been making a trip to the Rockies, visiting Denver, Colorado Springs and points of interest in the vicinity. I called at the hotel in the morning and found, as it was crowded on account of the Knight Templar Conclave in Denver, that Mr. Conrath had been obliged to sleep on a couch in the hall, which necessitated dislocating his neck, an operation against which he strongly protested. Then I piloted the party to breakfast, after which we strolled around town and found more hospitable quarters. Drives to Manitou, Cheyenne Cañons, Helen Hunt's grave, Seven Falls, and lastly, the Garden of the Gods, delighted the party with their newness and ever-changing phases. The day before leaving was reserved for the ascent of Pike's Peak. A cog-wheel railroad nine miles in length, conveys visitors to the summit, where an elevation of 14,147 feet is attained. Here a magnificent view of the surrounding country is obtained and all of the party pronounced it superb. After a short stop at the summit, the party returned to Colorado Springs,

leaving for St. Louis, on Thursday, August 11th.

The small fry papers begin to show the effect of the hot weather and numbers have succumbed to its effects. The usual crop is announced for fall.

Postmaster-General Wanamaker is advertising for descriptions and specifications of pneumatic tubes or other contrivances for the rapid transmission of mails between the various substations in large cities. This is authorized by an act passed by the last Congress, which provides that he shall "examine into the subject of a more rapid dispatch of mail matter between large cities and post-office stations and transportation terminals located in large cities by means of pneumatic tubes or other systems," with a view of ascertaining the cost and advantages of the same. The papers must also state a willingness to submit the system to practical tests, and give the date and place of the test. At the same time the government will not themselves pay for the cost of the test, whether the same is accepted or not, neither will it agree to accept any of the systems presented. The entire system will be made the subject of a report to Congress, probably with a recommendation that some one of the proposed schemes be adopted. This marks a decided step in the advancement of rapid transit of mails, but it will be several years before any practical result will be accomplished.

Chicago Clips.

It is reported that E. W. Voute will

be one of the Paris *Figaro's* representatives during the "World's Columbian Exposition" period.

A few U. S. adhesives that seem to be becoming rapidly scarcer: 1851, 5c.; 1860, 90c.; 1868, 90c. and 15c.; 1869 without diamond.

The opinion prevails that envelope enthusiast Kurzweg tries to convey the impression that he is an extremely "rapid," not to say *blase* youth.

Mr. A. E. Fritz has returned from a long trip through the South and West, during which he called on a number of collectors residing in cities, through which he passed.

The S. B. Bradt Co. regularly offer yearly tickets to Cobb's Library for certain numbers of the tintographs which accompany copies of the *Evening Post* of this city.

The U. S. envelopes regularly post-marked with date and name of the different Mississippi River steamers, on which they were carried, are quite interesting from a view other than a philatelic one.

C. D. Reimers, editor of the *Western Philatelist*, is busily engaged in attempting to surmount that obstacle which is in the path of so many publishers, *i. e.* possible refusal of second class rates.

The very small boy stamp collector, who is accompanied by his "ma" in his excursions to the stamp-dealer, is an unending source of amusement to those who are diverted by observing this genus.

A dealer here bought recently a lot

of 75,000 U. S. stamps, among which those of the Treasury Department were well represented, but it is a curious fact that of the dozen or more 24 cent found, they were all, with but one exception, torn or mutilated.

The reviewer in the *American Philatelist* for August is skeptical as to the correctness of the view of the interior of the S. B. Bradt Co.'s business place as engraved in the *Chicago Stamp News*. We consider it a faithful representation so far as it goes, but no mere print could depict P. M. Wolfieffer in the act of selling sheet music to lady customers! With what erudite and coruscating remarks does he advance the merits of the aforesaid music; what *finesse* permeates his actions; the delicate insinuations of *dulcet* tones: all these must be witnessed by the admiring on-looker—no artist could picture these pleasing traits of our versatile Chicagoan.

C. E. SEVERN.

What One Philatelist Sees.

BY E. P. NEWCOMER.

The Indian runners are familiar figures in Mexico. They are employed by the government to carry the mails among the Sierra Nevada Mountains, and make better time than any animal that could be employed. A runner will carry from twenty to thirty pounds of mail and never be delayed by washouts or swollen streams. He is always on an easy run, that must carry him along at the rate of six or seven miles an hour at least. He is nearly always dressed in

white cotton cloth, which makes him a conspicuous figure against the sombre green and black tints of the high mountain levels, and which, late in the evening, causes him to look like a ghost or specter, flitting among the pines and firs and moss-covered boulders along the trail. The trails, on the steep places, wind backward and forward in stretches from fifty to seventy-five yards in length, in order to find a grade up which a heavily-laden pack mule can make his way. But the athletic carrier does not run the whole length of these windings in descending a hill. He cuts off the corners at each bend by placing his hands on the edge of the trail and vaulting to the lower level whenever the two levels are not more than six or seven feet apart. All this time he does not give up the little dog trot that is carrying him forward so rapidly and surely. The carrier will, in half an hour, go down a mountain side that would take the best mule in a bullion train, or the fleetest run ridden by the little Mexican caballero, the best rider in the world, half a day to accomplish. In ascending, the carrier also has methods of taking shorter cuts up steeper inclines so as to gain time and distance at every turn.

Senator Sawyer has introduced a bill in Congress, prepared at the post-office department, creating a new grade of letter carriers, to receive \$1,200 per annum, and empowering the Postmaster General to appoint from the carrier force a district superintendent to every division numbering

not less than fifty nor more than one hundred carriers, whose duty is to superintend the collection and delivery of mail matter within his district.

Postmaster-General Wanamaker has received an unsigned and undated letter containing \$1,000. In his letter, the writer says: "This is the balance of interest I owe of the sum I took from the government in 1865. I have now paid principal and interest—in all \$17,500. No man has suffered more for his crime than I have and I now pray the Lord's forgiveness for my sin." Mr. Wanamaker has turned the amount into the treasury to the credit of the conscience fund.

George W. Childs, in a recent interview, has this to say about Postmaster-General Wanamaker, every word of which is true: "Mr. Wanamaker is one of the worst abused men in this country. He has made good use of his wealth in Philadelphia, as you may know from the fact that he gave \$50,000 to the Young Men's Christian Association, and his charities are innumerable. He presides over a Sunday-school where 3,000 to 4,000 people gather once a week, and he has the affection of everybody in the Quaker City. They say that he got his office of Postmaster-General by giving money to the Republican campaign fund. But he only subscribed \$10,000 to that fund, and he took the Postmaster-Generalship at great inconvenience to his business and social life. He has a business that could easily be made to yield \$1,000,000 a year by devoting all his time and attention to it. He has made the best Postmaster-General the country has ever seen."

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EDITORIAL.

It is rumored that another fraud paper is to appear. It is to be called the *Fraud Exposer*.

The Seventh Auction Sale of the S. B. Bradt Co., is to be held on the 14th of Sept. It comprises 421 lots.

Mr. E. P. Newcomer informs us that owing to failing health, he will be compelled to discontinue the writing of philatelic literature.

It is now positive that the Government is to issue a set of Jubilee stamps in commemoration of the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America. They will be for sale Jan. 1, 1893.

A new firm to be known as the PIKES PEAK STAMP Co., has been established at Colorado Springs, Colo., by J. M. Mott, formerly of New York. Mr. Mott is a very enterprising young man and deserves success.

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The *Philatelic Era* in its August issue, in speaking of the MISSOURI PHILATELIST, takes occasion to pass a slur on the Conrath Stamp Pub. Co., in the way that it expected same would follow suit to the Mound City Stamp Co. We assure our contemporary that the stamp business was based on a solid footing carried on in a very legitimate way, every obligation entered into by it being fully adhered to and a *bonafide* sale made at a time when other business arrangements necessitated us to abandon the stamp interest. So much on this point.



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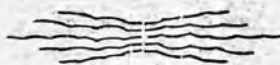
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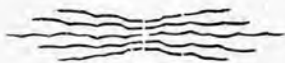
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I find the private die revenues to be a very interesting study. It is true that the odd and ungainly shapes of some of the medicine labels are rather against them as being somewhat difficult to arrange in an album in regular order, yet even this serves as a means for bringing out the taste and skill of

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A society exclusively for collectors of United States stamps is proposed. By all means let such a society be formed; that there is room for it is becoming more apparent every day. For instance, how very annoying it is for the U. S. specialist to receive exchange lots consisting principally of foreign stamps when the outlay for postage to next member on the circuit will be more, perhaps, than the whole amount of stamps taken off, as has frequently been the case with the writer. Then I opine such a society would be a means of increasing the collection of a class of labels heretofore rather looked down upon by the majority of collectors, though undeservedly so. I refer to private die medicine, match and playing card stamps. While many collectors accept the regularly issued stamps for documents and proprietary articles, yet they draw the line here and will not suffer a private die stamp to enter albums. I think the time is coming when this will be changed.

I find the private die revenues to be a very interesting study. It is true that the odd and ungainly shapes of some of the medicine labels are rather against them as being somewhat difficult to arrange in an album in regular order, yet even this serves as a means for bringing out the taste and skill of

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The rapid advance in United States adhesive postage stamps is a straw that shows pretty strongly that the demand for this class of stamps is increasing faster than they are being supplied. In other words, those who are making it their business to look up the old issues are finding that the field for their operations is getting pretty thoroughly worked and is as it were being milked dry. While it is doubtless true that there are yet great quantities of even the earliest issues still undiscovered, each year greatly lessens the number, and on the other hand the number of collectors both in this and other countries is continually increasing. An unexpected rise to me, was Scott's placing the 3c red, 1851, in the 2c list. It had appeared that the end of the century would still see the 3c of '51 to '70 selling at a cent. If this stamp was used from 1851 to 1856 it would seem that almost as many would be used as of the perforated ones from 1857 to 1861. Thus a very few years hence may find the three-centers of 1851, '57 and '69 each taking unto himself a better half.

The subject of one grand national society in place of the many smaller ones that claim to be national in their character and membership is one that is being agitated by some of the foremost philatelists of the country. As the elder Weller would say, it "is a werry pretty sentiment," and looks beautiful on paper, but I very much fear that the scheme is an impracticable one. While it is an indisputable fact that there is an overplus of societies, and that this "were a consumma-

tion devoutly to be wished," yet the existing differences in the ages and conditions of collectors are so great that it will be a hard matter to form a society that will please them all. The fact seems to be that many collectors, particularly the younger class, have conceived the idea, without the least cause, of course, that the A. P. A. is controlled by a certain clique composed principally of dealers, and its affairs conducted to suit that certain few. I could give many reasons to support my position, but won't antagonize anything that may bring the greatest good to the greatest number. That the A. P. A. has lost so many after a trial of a year or two goes to show that it lacks power to hold its members.

ALLISON.

IN SEARCH OF STAMPS,

OR

A Great Piece of Detective Work.

BY KNICKERBOCKER.

CHAPTER I.

"I tell you, boys, we will have the jolliest sort of a time at a comparatively small expense and come home with more than we started out. For all you know we may find some Brattleboros on the road." The speaker was Harry Smith and the "boys" he addressed were Walter Briggs and myself, Jack Elliot.

We were seated in my room discussing a plan which was partly original and partly the result of various articles in the philatelic press. In short, Harry was urging us to take a trip

through the country on foot in search of obsolete stamps. He pointed out that we would combine business with pleasure, for there was not one of us who was not an "ardent" philatelist, as well as being fond of walking, and many a tramp had we taken together through the country.

Harry Smith was nearer eighteen than seventeen, and Walter was nineteen, while I was a trifle over eighteen. We had always lived near each other and had in turn "been mad" at each other, "made up" with each other, and in short, we had gone through all the experiences which ordinarily falls to the lot of any three boys who have been companions since childhood. Our histories were not at all romantic. Our parents were comfortably well off and all of us attended the city college. It was about the middle of June and we had been talking of where we would migrate to escape the heat and other discomforts which are always attendant upon summer life in a large city. Having made the reader a little more familiar with the characters in this story, we will continue the interrupted conversation.

Walter and I smiled at Harry's enthusiasm, for we well knew his tendencies in any new enterprise. At the same time we seriously considered the project, and when we had practically agreed to take the trip, we fell to discussing a route that would be most favorable and at the same time not too expensive.

"You may smile if you wish, but just look at these," continued Harry as he showed us several notices in dif-

ferent papers, of collectors who had made finds when on a similar hunt. "What would you think of taking Central New York? Begin at Utica and travel south or west as you prefer. The point is to go to some place that has not been previously—

"Yes, but there are many dealers and any number of collectors in that vicinity," objected Walter, "and we need not expect to find anything there."

"Try Vermont," I put in. "The dealers are comparatively few, and I think we might succeed as well there as anywhere. What do you think, Walter?"

"That would be my choice," was the answer. "I agree with you, for I think, perhaps, less search has been made there than elsewhere. As to pleasure, what could be more delightful than a few weeks' tramp in the mountains," and Walter looked out of the open window as if already feasting on the glories of highland scenery and bracing mountain air.

"Of course," returned Harry. "I do not wish to urge my suggestion if you prefer Vermont, and on the whole, perhaps, it would be a better selection."

After a while we broke up for the night, having previously agreed to meet in Harry's house on the following Saturday. In the meantime, we were to talk over financial matters with our fathers and then be ready with any suggestions.

CHAPTER II.

Saturday evening I proceeded to Harry's house where I found him

awaiting our arrival. Presently Walter came in and we seated ourselves in the room, ready to agree on a plan of campaign as outlined in the previous chapter. Walter said that he had conferred with his father on the subject and met with no actual opposition, although his father rather scouted the idea of our going off on such an expedition. He was willing to have him spend his vacation as he pleased, and if the rest of the party went, he could join it if he chose.

"Well, that is about my experience, and I have been looking over these maps," said Harry spreading out several large railroad maps on the table. We crowded around and followed Harry as he pointed out several desirable routes. We wanted to get somewhere near the mountains, but did not want too many hills to climb; neither did we wish to go so far that our traveling expenses would be enormous. After some discussion, we came to the conclusion that the little town of Roland offered more advantages as a starting point, than any of the others we had considered as we could strike out across the country to one of two places—Lyons, which would make a journey of twenty-three miles, or Swinton which would be fifty-seven miles.

In going to either place, we would travel over the same road for twenty miles, after which we could turn off to Lyons or continue to Swinton. The object of choosing this route was that should we tire of our bargain when we first began the trip, we could turn off

after a few days, or should we enjoy it, we could lengthen it by continuing to Swinton.

This we considered a wise precaution, and it especially met with the approval of our several parents who predicted that we would be only too glad to come home in three days' time. They thought they knew all about it, but did not. Neither did we. The place being decided, we next discussed the time to start, Tuesday of the second week being the day.

A party of our friends came to the evening boat to see us off. We were to take the boat to Albany and then continue by rail. Good-byes were said, the bell rang and amid the shouts of the draymen on the deck, the swish, swish of the water against the pier and the steadily increasing a-ka-chug of the engine, the boat surged forward and we were off.

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Eastern Philatelist—The September number of this sterling magazine contains as its leader a mildly humorous article entitled, "Behind the Scenes," which is quite readable, it treating of the vicissitudes and final down-fall of one of the "Stamp Companies" of ponderous name; all of which is truthfully narrated by its youthful, whilom manager. We always regard the humoristic tyro with sympathetic feeling, as cold type has such an unfeeling heartless manner of exploding the fallacy of humorousness, which the novice is wont to cherish while penning his funnysim. Crawford writes upon "United States Department Stamps." He advises the collection of the red and pink shades of the War department issue and of the distinct shades of the other departmentals. "Fakes in U. S. Stamps" warns against the proofs of U. S. Stamps which are split after being soaked, bogusly perforated, gummed and then sold as genuine adhesives, also of those department stamps which are marked "specimen" and so obliterated as to be mistaken for used originals, and of bogus grills of the 1870 issue. "Philatelic Notes," by S. B. Monroe are scholarly written. We subjoin one of his notes; a masterly defense of specialism. "The statement that specialism is unphilatelic is equivalent to saying that a poet is not poetic unless he tries all kinds of poetry, and here it is pertinent to remark that, as poetry has reached the

acme of perfection in its every branch by the work of those who have made some division a specialty, so stamp collecting as a whole will be advanced, its sphere enlarged, its devotees increased, by the work of investigation and erudition carried on by specialists."

"Chicago Notes," by Wm. Stipps, Jr., are mediocre as are, in fact, all Chicago Notes, etc., which we have lately seen, unless we except those of P. M. Wolsieffer in *Mekeel's Weekly*. The "Chicago Notes" that S. B. Bradt, as "Philo," contributed to the various stamp papers, three or four years ago, were the best of this class. In the editorials Pinkham is moved to exploit the advantages of his publication as an advertising medium and to verify and strengthen his statements he submits proof in form of recommendations from dealers written in the "superlative" style. An article, "Tricks that are vain," review, ramblings, and foreign notes, go to complete a representative number of the *Eastern Philatelist*.

Philatelic Era—A new departure made by the Sept. issue of this substantial-appearing publication, is a supplement to the *Era* devoted to as judiciously written and complete a review of philatelic publications as one could ask. It is called the "Philatelic Literary Review" and is evidently under the supervision and guidance of a master-hand, being written with ability as marked as possessed by

the reviewer in the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain's* review annex. His critical acumen is in accord with the entertaining style in which it is edited, and this review will become the feature of this meritorious magazine. The contents of the *Era* include a translation from *Le Timbre Poste*, "The U. S. envelopes of 1853." In speaking of the different types of this issue, the writer is thus opinionated.

"It is a mistaken belief, as has been said, that it was by the wear of the engine-turning that the different types were produced. An examination of the dates of cancellation, which we have met and which will be given later, suffices to assure us that the three first types all appeared at the same time, and if the engine-turned work of the second type of ten cents, is of less breadth than the first type, it is for the reason that with certain modifications the first type of 3 cents which has been abandoned (as a 3 cent envelope) was brought into use. But the wear of which we have spoken is that of the head. Established under difficult conditions and the inexperience of the printer aiding, to all appearance, fifteen varieties were put to use successively at about the same time followed by one other later; four of the six cent and two of the ten cent. These are all the varieties we have described and we are examining the envelopes which have been sent to us for the purpose of ascertaining the earliest date of cancellation so that we may fix the date of issue."

Cleve Scott in his article "Philatelic Journals," has a somewhat rambling screed on a conventional subject. "New York Notes" are written in the ordinary style and are readable. In speaking of Gus Luhn, we find that "he is small of stature" and has "a winning way." That "winning way" of yours, Gus, should come in handy if you ever play the races, which of course you ought not to do. The "London Letter" is ably written and "Jim the Penman" is worthy of the editor's praise. Editorials by Jewett are newsy, and in writing of the *Era*, past, present and future, he states:

"With this number we commence our

sixth volume, being our fourth year, under extremely favorable circumstances. We have a large advertising patronage, mostly at good figures (a few of our old-time contracts excepted); a large cash subscription list, and last but not least, many kind friends who have voluntarily tendered their services to the *Era* and we can promise the philatelic public a very promising volume, which will excel our last excellent one in every respect."

Which is a roseate outlook for the paper's prosperity and welfare. The familiar name of "Guy W. Green" appears as the writer of the poem on the *Era's* first page.

The paper is worthy of the praise which contemporaries usually bestow upon it.

Philatelic Journal of America—For September. This unequalled philatelic journal appears replete with high-class matter, as usual. This magazine enjoys a unique position in stamp journalism; it caters to the advanced student in philately as well as the younger collector, and in such a manner as to impress both these classes with its indispensability; this being due to the able professional style in which it is edited. The chronicle, under C. H. Mekeel's supervision, is complete and mainly original. Here is a clipping anent recent Tobago surcharges.

"A correspondent in Tobago, W. I., informs us that the Postmaster of that place recently sold 100 ½-penny stamps which had a face value of \$1 for £15, about \$75, to a stamp dealer.

"As long as transactions of this kind are possible between postmasters and stamp dealers, the surcharged provisionals will always be looked upon with a certain amount of distrust.

"The same party says that there are 200 or 300 more to be had at the same price, and from the same source.

"This refers to the issue 4d on 4d recently announced in these columns."

Then wonder why certain collectors look askance at certain provisionals. President Tiffany's A. P. A. address is given in its entirety, while the translation of the "History of Spanish Stamps"

is continued; this article is exhaustive as always are M. Moen's written researches. "Spanish Counterfeits," by John K. Tiffany, deals with the issue of 1853, and the differences between authentic and forged specimens are illustrated with detailed minuteness. A verbatim report upon debate on official organ and closing remarks at the A. P. A. convention is given. Emil Tamsen's article on the triangular Cape of Good Hope stamps is reprinted from the *London Philatelist*, and valuable selected clippings and also notes of interest comprise the other contents of this number.

Quaker City Philatelist.—The September number of this paper is of the usual fine typographical appearance and of average interest. A list of the countries included in the "Universal Postal Union," is given, which is quite valuable for reference.

An extended account of the "Canadian National Convention" makes fair reading, as does a letter on "Consolidation," which is signed by Alvah Davison and Leroy Walker; it is the probable consequence of Secretary Hosmer's letter on this subject, in a former number of this paper. The report of the "Philatelic Society of America" shows an array of delinquents, and impartially speaking, the Society is "groggy." P. M. Wolsieffer has resigned the exchange superintendency of this Society, giving as reasons, too much occupied by other affairs and a desire to devote all his spare time to furthering the interest of the "American Philatelic Association." Chronicle, a few notes of postal interest and an indifferent review, constitute the remainder of the reading matter. We miss the familiar optimistic tones of Secretary Hosmer, and no W. P. U. report is found in this issue.

Stamp.—Vol. 1, No. 6, the September issue, includes two worthy articles, "Stamp Designs," and "How to Detect Forgeries." "Stamp Designs" is a

pleasantly written dissertation on a fruitful subject, and we append an extract.

"But we have reserved for the last what we consider the best of all suggestions. Many nations have honored upon their stamps warriors, statesmen and discoverers, but what one has ever paid stamp homage to those of its sons having most enduring fame, its poets, philosophers and historians. After all literary fame is most lasting, and the influence of the English race will be longest perpetuated not through a Washington or Wellington, not through a Stephenson or Morse, but by a Shakespeare and a Milton."

"How to Detect Forgeries," is a timely treatise: the difference between counterfeits and originals are demonstrated: Nevis 6d, Brunswick $\frac{1}{4}$ silb groschen, Luxemburg 37 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. and Baden 18 kr. are the examples given. Speaking of N. S. W., we have,—

"New South Wales, registration stamp, orange and blue, imperf. This is a most artistic fake, color and size being exact. The originals having been through the press twice (the two colors necessitating this) it is really difficult to discover the forgery without careful comparison, but an amateur cannot do better than examine the second R in REGISTERED, which is distinctly larger and thicker than the first, and if the letters TE in the same word join at the top it is safe to assume that the stamp is wrong. We have not seen perforated copies of this forgery, but it is only too probable that such exist."

A "card" addressed to S. of P. members is signed P. L. Messer, and in the course of his emphatic remarks, he modestly states, "that my word is as good as my bond any day," and we do not doubt Mr. Messer's homely assertion. An A. P. A. convention report, notes, a poem, editorial, chronicle of new issues, and a review of more than average length, furnish the rest of the reading.

Post Office.—The article by Charles Gregory, in the September number, "The New York City Post Office," gives promise of becoming an elaborate and important sketch, both from an historical and

philatelic point of view. It bears the imprint of polished authorship and careful research, and its continuation in the next number is anticipated.

"A. P. A. Convention Echoes" are mainly personal: *ergo*, interesting. W. H. Bruce, on "New Brunswick Reminders," after telling of the destruction of the St. John's, N. B., custom house, by fire, says:

"In the north wing was located the offices of the provincial post office inspector, and in some private drawers in a large secretary in one of the rooms, was packed away a large number of the old stamps, at the time they were superceded by the Dominion issue. Their existence appears to have been forgotten, as inspectors had been several times changed since they were stored there. At all events, in the general disturbance of things after the fire, they came to light, and a large quantity of them came into possession of a number of small boys in the employ of the Western Union Telegraph Agency at St. John, including the Messrs. Coram Bros., the two Coombs boys and others, and were bought from them at a very low figure by the collectors who until recently controlled the sale."

The other contents are notes, bits of poetry, clippings, interesting correspondence and Gremmel's department of new issues and discoveries; all making a number of medium interest.

The Philatelic Monthly.—

This venerable monthly for September contains, not a *suffisance* of reading matter, but just the reverse. What is found, however, is unusually select and the "They Say" column may be perused with profit. "Look out for counterfeit surcharges of the recent issues of Reunion," says a note. A concise report of the A. P. A. convention appears, but the funny man holds undisputed sway in the remaining columns. The "phunny man," as he coyly dubs himself, unburdens himself of five notes, of which number, two are passable while the rest are not. It is fortunate that his health does not depend upon the success of his efforts, and we'll wager that these notes

were perpetrated by one of the firm, and the editor not wishing to offend this strong, healthy man, inserted them under a mental protest. These *bon-mots* sound as if they were penned by a person, perhaps a Christian gentleman who heretofore had lead an irreproachable life, that suddenly thought 'twas his special mission to spread unbounded joy throughout the philatelic world; and hence their appearance. But, seriously speaking, we say a good word for this particular funny man as he means no harm; and we desire to see his writings in future numbers.

Southern Philatelist. — The best matter in the September issue is the "London Letter," by W. A. R. E., but maybe that is not saying sufficient. We suggest that this correspondent show less familiarity with and liking for the pronoun "I" in his notes; a little matter in itself but an intrusive one. Among other things he says:

"Although I have heard it stated that London has the honor of having the largest stamp firm in the world, yet I am inclined to disbelieve it. I was speaking to a friend of mine who has visited the Scott Stamp and Coin Co., of New York, Maury's, of Paris, and several of our largest firms, and he tells me that in his opinion the first named firm is the largest he has ever seen."

"General Notes of Wisconsin" are not of much interest and are poorly written, while some notes concerning Chicago are penciled in the customary style. In regard to the review, by Gus Luhn, much may be said. Gus is spoken of as the philatelic "Bill Nye," and would it be bad form to say that we consider this rough on "Bill." Some persons think the review is written in a sparkling, breezy style, while others look coldly upon it and say it is tiresome reading. For our part we deem it amusing. The pervading tone of the review is promiscuously commendatory, rather than critical. A poem entitled "At the Ball," chat, etc., complete the contents.

Florida Philatelist—The September number of this aspirant for high-class journalistic honors arrives clothed in a tasteful cover, which encloses thirteen pages of reading matter of the substantial sort. "Alcazar," on the subject "A. P. A." gives lucid comments on the "Amalgamation" circular sent out by Messrs. Davison and Walker. "Comments Here and There" are good, being written, no doubt, by an accustomed hand; and the serial, by Guy W. Green, is continued: it is written in a professional manner and is entertaining.

In the course of a well conceived article on the "Financial Side of Philately," Lewis G. Qackenbush says:

"The outsider whose notions regarding Philately are vague and erroneous, is compelled to believe that there is some intrinsic merit in stamp collecting after all, when he learns the extent of the stamp traffic, of the large capital of the many firms who make a regular business of buying and selling stamps, and of the large sums of money which philatelists pay out every year for specimens they require in their collections."

The notes and editorials are in keeping with the other contents and the editor promises to begin a "philatelic gallery" in the next number, the worthy Aug. De Jonge having been selected as the premier victim.

A clipping *apropos* of J. J. Morgan, that alleged conscienceless rascal, is reprinted from the *Press* of Philadelphia.

Washington Philatelist.—Vol. II., No. I. of this paper begins with the September number. The articles in this number are carefully written with due regard for grammatical construction, as is not the case with some others of more pretensions. "A Postage Stamp's Adventure," by "Delphi," is an interesting conception clothed in choice language, and it is to be continued in the next number. "The Pursuit of Happiness," is a good attempt, by "Nage," (why not Egan), embodies in its opening paragraphs some clever philosophical writings of light calibre. Farther on, he says:

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How delightful a sensation it is to sit on the forward deck of a large steamboat, on a cool, moonlight night, and listen to the orchestra as the strains float out on the still, refreshing air. And then to watch the lights of the little hamlets; how they rival the stars with their twinkling, and the illuminated sky over the foundrys' furnaces, and finally, to look far into the distance, to see the bends of the river, and watch for the small boats, and perhaps you see the far-famed sea serpent, and start up to get a better view of this Nemo of the deep, finding that you have been dozing, and then you get up, and perhaps you walk briskly for a few moments, and in a secluded corner on the side you see a young bridal couple, mooning and spooning and thinking what a delightful world this is, and you obtain a camp chair and take a seat that will spoil it all. That is, you may do so, and then, again, you may not, for this is a world of doubts and contingencies, and you never know what you will do until the action is perfect. But there is one thing you are pretty liable to do, after a short time, and that is to go to your

state-room and sleep, the sleep of the innocent, or of the wicked, which may be identical with the former.

CHAPTER III.

The next morning we arose just as the landing was being made at Albany. After breakfast we spent an hour strolling around town, and at nine in the morning, we took the train for Roland, arriving that afternoon. The evening found us safely and comfortably established in the Park House, the single hotel of which Roland boasted. The town, though not in a mountainous district, was situated in a valley running north and south with high hills on either side. Although transients were by no means unknown at the hotel, we were the recipients of many inquisitive glances, but as we retired early all curiosity remained unsatisfied for the time being.

The next morning we made the acquaintance of our landlord's son, a pleasant fellow of a companionable age. Upon inquiry we learned that there were no collectors in the vicinity.

He had heard of stamp collecting? Oh yes, but he did not suppose it amounted to anything. And he would help us? Certainly, in any way that he could. So we requested the names of all the families in the vicinity, who had been residents for twenty-five years or more. And thus we made

out a list of one hundred and seven addresses at which to call. Then we started out, each on a separate route, through the town.

We all met at dinner, which was served at noon, but reserved our experiences for an after-dinner talk on the shaded piazza. Harry opened by producing a number of old letters.

"Well, here is the result of my morning's work—not very good, not very bad—the whole lot would catalogue for less than a dollar. I obtained them all at the Parker homestead. At all the other places at which I called they were either too busy or else had saved no old letters. That is one point in which the education of former generations was neglected—preserving old envelopes with stamps complete."

"Oh! dry up, with your nonsense," broke in Walter. "I have done better than you, for I have three 1847, 5c. brown, and an 1872 seven cent vermillion grided, which I consider pretty good work for one morning. The ladies of the house at which I called were rather amused at my caring for a lot of 'bad stamps,' but with a feeling of superior knowledge I was not at all abashed, and you see the result."

It was then my turn, and although I could show no rarities, I exceeded the others in quantity, for I had about a hundred specimens, ranging in value from three to five cents each. A severe thunder storm came up in the afternoon, so we did not visit any more places then. During our stay we called at all the houses on the lists, and were only successful in finding

stamps at twenty-five of them. We remained in Roland over Sunday and started out on our tramp Monday morning. Then for the first time we realized that we had entirely too much baggage with us, and discovered that ten pounds at the end of a mile walk, felt as heavy as twenty-five at the beginning. So we expressed two of our grips back to the city, and kept all the changes we needed in one, which we took turns in carrying. As we passed the farm houses along the road we stopped to inquire if the ladies had any old stamps they wished to sell. Sometimes, when they had them, they would sell them for a trifle, but usually they would give them to us. About noon we would stop and buy our dinner at a farm house, and rest until the middle of the afternoon, when we would proceed on our way and put up for the night at another farm house. At these stops the people were always amused, both at our walking for pleasure and our collecting used stamps. Indeed, in many cases our statement was received with considerable incredulity, and often accepted as a secondary reason concealing a primary one.

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American Philatelist.—The October number was issued promptly on the specified date and is somewhat more interesting than its immediate predecessors. A translation from *Timbre Poste*, entitled "The First Stamps of Oldenburg," treats of the 1-30, 1-15 and 1-10 thaler, issued January 5, 1852. Two varieties of the 1-30 and 1-15 are recorded while there has been discovered but one variety of the 1-10 thaler. There is a particularly well-executed forgery of this stamp. A detailed list of the distinguishable differences between the two varieties of each the 1-30 and the 1-15 thaler, is a valuable compilation.

Stone's "Chronicle of New Issues, etc.," is excellent in its completeness. Secretary Walton's report is very creditable, thirty-three applications for membership being published and ten new members admitted. Under the heading of "Editorial Comment," Business Manager Leland has a lengthy statement, called forth by the remarks of several members made at the A. P. A. convention concerning the report of the Literary Board. Mr. Leland has good cause to publish this editorial, and though its phraseology is positive, it is a friendly and dignified statement; thereby showing his good sense and magnanimity, as Mr. Leland, by his explanations, has manifested that it was simply a case of incorrect comprehension on the part of

the other gentlemen. The notes by Messrs. Stone and Rogers are timely and interesting; Mr. Rogers' efforts being especially so. The "Reviews and Exchanges" complete the reading matter.

London Philatelist.—This journal, as an exponent of scientific philately, is without a peer in the English language. Its typographical appearance is excellent, and the reading matter valuable and original. Its contributors are usually authorities and specialists and the subjects they treat of, and the results of their personal research and study, as given, are of much value. The September number contains an account of "The Paris Postal Exhibition," by M. P. Castle, in which a summary of the notable stamps exhibited and names of exhibitors is given.

It was an affair of magnitude and the results were successful. Among the great number of stamp gems exhibited, were the United States 1869, 15c. and 30c. each, with inverted centre. Mr. Castle observes that, "as a whole its success is more due to the co-operation of dealers than was the case with our exhibition of two years since." Mr. E. D. Bacon writing on "The Triangular Cape Provisional Stamps of 1861," submits new data of importance, on the subject. A description of the "Stuttgart Philatelic Exhibition" shows that it ranked but lit-

tle behind the one held at Paris, in point of excellence. Ten and one-half pages are claimed by the finely-illustrated "New Issues and Unchronicled Varieties." A timely editorial in "Philatelic Exhibitions" discourses on the benefits accruing to philately by their promotion, and incidentally remarks upon the obstacles to be surmounted before their successful accomplishment can be attained. Under the heading of "Occasional Notes," an interesting *melange* of readable news is found; which, with an account of the "South African Philatelic Society" and the "Philatelic Market," completes the contents of the September number.

Pennsylvania Philatelist.—The October number includes twelve pages of reading matter of average interest, which speaks very favorably for a paper, the subscription price of which is but ten cents a year. In an article, "Philatelic Cholera," R. W. Ashcroft rather illogically traces a connection between Asiatic cholera and the publication of a stamp paper; in the course of his breezy remarks he says:

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"Advance to Editors," by C. E. Range, P. C., contains some ideas that are commendable, although the tenor of the article appears overdrawn. We wonder what "P. C." appended to his signature signifies, is it Privy Councillor, Police Constable, or what? "Pokes," by F. S. Fox, are written in an entertaining and forceful style, while the editorials and personals are of interest. Under the caption of "Cannot this be stopped?," R. W. Ashcroft hits at the prevailing custom of sending unsolicited approval sheets. The wonderful conglomeration of dialects employed in the several letters is chiefly to be remarked. In the course of an article, "Specialism and Specialists," by J. F. Courtney, we find

these sentiments, which we heartily re-echo:

"The reason that the average philatelist collects stamps is on account of the pleasure derived from the pastime, and not on account of the education or scientific knowledge derived from them."

The "Beauties of Stamp Collecting"; "Suggestions for the S. of P.," and a few items compose the further contents of this lumber of a paper that would prove a satisfactory equivalent for a yearly outlay of twenty-five cents.

Eastern Philatelist.—The October number is a fitting illustration of the standard of excellence attained by Pinkham's paper, with the aid of those powerful co-adjutants; business experience and a knowledge of practical printing. He has gained the heights in the journalistic realm, and it is safe to say that the elevated position will not be forfeited. The article that excels in general worth in this number, is Lieut. H. M. T. Chandler's "A Few Words to Beginners." It is an advisory discourse on stamp papers, philatelic works, stamp albums, philatelic societies and kindred subjects, written in a manner that bespeaks good judgment, impartiality and a thorough knowledge of his subject. It is the essence of valuable advice and admonition to the beginner, and may be profitably perused by most collectors; it is worthy of more than a casual reading. Lewis G. Quackenbush contributes "Issues of the Civil War," which is a readable essay, treating the subject from an appreciative, sentimental stand-point. "Canadensis" "On Watermarks," explains how they are impressed in postage stamps; their importance and other matter in touch with the subject.

A successful effort by "Philatelic Rambler," who writes on "A Wonderful Stamp," is given. It is concerning the "Connel" stamp and the writer waxes satiric, makes taunting remarks and otherwise belittles the stamp, and coincides with the opinion that the stamp

was merely an *attempted essay*. "World's Fair City Notes" are good; so are the other notes and clippings, which, with the editorials furnish the contents of the paper.

We omitted to make mention of the story entitled, "Nothing in Stamps," by W. W. Bathon, in which a valuable "find" of U. S. Stamps is made and the proceeds of their sale, opportunely avert the financial ruin about to befall the father of the fortunate finder of the stamps. It purports to be a true story; it is well-written, although the subject is a hackneyed one. In the editorials a blast is given to the abortive attempts at publishing stamp-papers made by irresponsible boys as being derogatory to the dignity of philately and inimicable to its interests.

American Journal of Philately.—In the September number, Messrs. Collin and Calman's "Catalogue for Advanced Collectors" is continued, India and the Protected States through to Cochin, forming the subject for this instalment, which occupies twenty pages. This catalogue is invaluable to the philatelic student; it bears the imprint of studied thoroughness and careful research; it is complete and exhaustive, yet concise, and the importance of its publication, although fully established, continues to increase. We do not think anything so elaborate has ever been attempted by any other American stamp-magazine. A readable and interesting narrative by Wm. R. Strong is entitled, "The Syracuse Post-office 45 Years Ago." It is an account of what the duties of a P. M. were in the forties; his obligations to the government, and other details, curious and amusing when contrasted with the later-day business-like methods of the Post-office. The "Illustrations of Marks on the Genuine Hamburg Stamps," as described in the June number, are given. The instructive and exhaustive article, "Stamps of Victoria," reprinted from Vindin's

Monthly, is continued, while the "Unpaid Stamps of Mexico," a translation from *Le Timbre Poste*, appears farther on. The "Chronicle and Notes" extends over twelve pages and it is fully illustrated. Some correspondence relating to the stamps of the Central American Steamship Co. is published; also the reports of four different societies.

American Philatelic Magazine.—The initial number of this new aspirant, emanating from Omaha, Neb., is dated October, 1892. It consists of sixteen pages of matter enclosed in a tasteful cover, and gives one the impression that it is published by persons familiar with newspaper work. The typography is good, while the contents are up to the average. An article by "Quercus," entitled "Surcharges," advises that collectors should cease collecting them; and its general tone is condemnatory to the surcharge. He says:

"An amateur printer in any office can duplicate surcharges *Ad libitum* with perfect ease and success, a fact that can be arrived at by noticing the journals as they appear from month to month, when it will be seen that the greater portion of surcharges are correctly illustrated, and that a very limited number require the use of other than ordinary type for the purpose."

The article that appeared recently in the *Ladies' Home Journal*, on cancelled postage stamps, is reprinted in this paper. "The Budget" is a department devoted to notes on timely topics.

News from New York is presented; also readable and well-written notes from Chicago. The department of "Comments" is composed of personal items and philatelic notes, written in good style. A unique feature of this paper is the publication of a puzzle column, under the editorship of an experienced and capable "puzzler." "A Lost Chance," is an article of no philatelic interest, though entertainingly written. A short statement on "Misprints of the United States Envelopes," concludes in this manner:

"They are simply the result of carelessness on the part of the manufacturer and therefore entitled to no consideration by philatelists. They are only collectable as curiosities and not as varieties."

In "Our Greeting," the editor makes his *debut* as a philatelic publisher and takes occasion to outline the paper's prospectus and policy.

The "Lost Cause" and "A Suggestion," are the other contents of this number of a paper, which, it is hoped, will flourish in accordance with its merits.

Filatelic Facts and Fallacies.

—This is the alliterative and unconventional title assumed by a welcome newcomer, published by Sellschopp & Co., of San Francisco. Vol. I, No. 1, consisting of sixteen pages and cover, is dated October 1892, and is of neat typographical appearance and printed on paper of fair quality. A continued article of much value is begun in this number on "Reprints: Their Status and an Enumeration of Those in Existence;" it being the translation of a German pamphlet on the subject. In a prologue to this article, the following information is furnished:

"Reprints are stamps made later than the original issues from the same plates, types, dies or stones that the original issues were printed from, either by the issuing governments or by private parties who secured possession of the original plates by purchase, theft or otherwise.

"It is, therefore, apparent that while reprints, under any condition are not as desirable or valuable as originals, they still are not valueless, for they are always far superior to so-called facsimiles."

The reprints of Argentine, Austria, Austrian Italy and Baden are the first that are considered. An account of the Pacific Philatelic Club is contributed by Secretary Long; while an authoritative article by J. N. Luff, on "Hong Kong." "Some Notes on Recent Surcharges," is valuable matter. The article on "Persian Counterfeits" sheds news of undoubted authenticity on the matter of spurious

surcharges and cut provisionals, and the editor promises additional evidence on this subject in coming numbers. A review of more than ordinary length and merit is printed under the heading of "Our Contemporaries." A clipping on "Two-Cent Postage to England and her Colonies," together with a number of pointed and readable editorials, furnishes the matter of the primary number of this paper, which should receive the hearty welcome it deserves.

Post Office.—The October number with its flaring cover, the color of which in this case signifies neither anarchy nor auction, is chiefly notable as containing the concluding installment of Chas. Gregory's article on "The New York City Post Office." The following excerpt from it is descriptive of the present post-office at New York City.

"The building that was erected is today one of the most beautiful specimens of the many architectural wonders to be seen in this great metropolis. It is five stories in height, and has in addition a basement and sub-basement."

In commendation of this article it is to be said that it is worthy of its subject and worthy of its author. "Chicago's First Mail Service," by Leroy D. Walker, occupies one and one-half columns. "Philatelics," by L. H. Benton, furnish smooth reading.

The departments of "New Issues and Discoveries," "From Neighboring Fields," "Hints and Helps for Collectors," "A. P. A." and "Correspondence" are favorably presented. The editorials, notes and personals claim a proper share of the paper's columns.

Philatelic Journal of Great Britain.—Were one a candidate for any political office within the gift of an enlightened constituency, he would hesitate before sounding notes of praise for that admirable British production, the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain*, for to promulgate such a sentiment as a lurking admiration for anything En-

glish would incur the mighty wrath of that numerous class of patriots who are afflicted with "Anglophobia." We can be restrained no longer from recording our admiration and esteem for that excellent magazine, whose standard, at the outset of its publication was high; but each successive issue has elevated it. This comparison is illustrative of its career: good—better—best. Their reviewer is a master-hand, thoroughly *en rapport* with his work. His style and command of language is unusually excellent and though his plan of criticism might be termed "amiably critical," how he could, should cause necessitate, sail into and rake a luckless contemporary fore and aft, and with a parting broadside send him under. The October number has for its frontispiece a full-page illustration of Wm. Brown's stall at the Paris stamp exhibition. Accounts of the Paris exhibition from a general survey, from a philatelic standpoint, and from a dealer's point of view occupy the major portion, and in our humble estimation that first named, submitted by the "Special Commissioner," as an example of light, breezy narrative, is *remarkably* clever.

Southern Philatelist.—The contents of the October number are interesting and readable. "Travels of a Letter" is well-written and the idea of the story, that of a description of the method of handling mail matter, is ingeniously carried out. Reviews, editorials and notes by Editor Luhn, are written in his airy, characteristic style. Two other articles, "Canadian Stamps" and "A Few Varieties" are of average worth.

Philatelic Era.—The editor of this paper contemplates raising its subscription price to fifty cents a year, and judging by the solid worth and appearance of this bulky periodical, we are of the opinion that the prospective advance from twenty-five to fifty cents is, if any-

thing, too little, as the "value received," more than equals that nominal sum. The "Review-Critique," each month increases in length, and, if possible, in general worth and it is infinitely superior to anything similarly essayed in America. The principal articles in the October number are "Will Postal Card Collecting be the Specialism of the Future," and "Is Philately a Science," by Messrs. Quackenbush and "Knickerbocker" respectively. The "United States Envelopes of 1853," is continued in the same exhaustive manner that its commencement argued. London, New York and Canadian notes are good; so are the editorials, notes and "philatelic aphorisms," which, with Stone's "New Issues" complete a well-proportioned number.

Detroit Philatelist.—The October number of this neat-appearing paper, with its passably interesting contents, has a prosperous and hearty look. There is an extended list of contributors of familiar name represented in this number; which is a good one of a meritorious magazine. The gradual improvement one may remark in each succeeding issue speaks of commendable editorial enterprise.

Washington Philatelist.—Our admiration for this paper is natural, it being a publication of merit and of neat appearance. Its matter is superior to that encountered usually in stamp papers and it is always cleverly edited. "Philatelic Poetry," in the October number, is a timely lamentation and "Delphi" continues "A Postage Stamp's Adventures," in the same select language that bespoke our attention last month.

Postal Card.—Card collecting has an able exponent in this well-conditioned paper and from it the collector may always cull something of interest. From the September number we clip the following reply to a query asking whether it were probable that a Columbian Postal Card would be issued. It is dated Washing-

ton, D. C., and is signed by Third Assistant P. M. General.

"Your communication of the 22nd inst. has been received. It is as yet uncertain whether the Department will issue a postal card commemorative of the Discovery of America by Columbus; but the matter is under consideration."

The Postal Card Society is growing numerically; and the new issue of postal cards are given with completeness. Notes on current topics, etc., are up to the usual standard of paper, which is no mean one, as rightly may be judged from glancing at "solid" names of the publishers. Such names would have no right to be concerned in the publication of a poor paper.

Mekeel's Weekly.—This offspring of business perspicacity and editorial ability, greets its readers with accustomed regularity. Its editor has reason to be proud of its success and of the flattering notices contemporaries bestow upon it. It is conceded that the most important portion of the paper is that under the heading "The Week," wherein a *resume* of philatelic events is given; also comments of interest. With a few exceptions, the notes from the various cities, etc., are of live interest. The "Writer's Competition" inaugurated recently by this paper was creative of the desired result as evidenced by the many sketches submitted.

Confederate Stamps.

BY A. M. GRIGGS.

Interesting and valuable from a philatelic point of view and from the standpoint of the Southern collector, speaking relics of the "lost cause," Confederate stamps, called into existence by a government whose four years' struggle for States' rights stirred

the world and has since been handed down as the most gigantic struggle the world has ever known; whilst rare and interesting to the general collector are the most highly-prized among the collection of the *Southern Philatelist*.

Again, for the specialist no other country can furnish a more interesting or valuable set of stamps, showing as they do the fearfully demoralized state of every business, not excepting the engraving and lithographing business, in those dark days of civil turmoil and strife. Perhaps a description of the album devoted to the emissions of the confederacy which constitute my "specialty" may interest my readers.

On the first page are arranged in geometrical designs a complete *unused* set of the general issue, and on the next page is a complete set in a *used* condition.

Turning this page, we come to by far the most interesting portion of the album which is devoted to the entire envelopes, the first page of which contains the old brown "war envelopes," each bearing a single specimen, the next devoted to pairs and strips, and the next to curiosities. Here the extreme want to which the South was reduced, are shown in cases when some poor fellow having to answer a letter and not being able to procure an envelope carefully cuts the laps of the envelope in which he has received a letter and, turning it wrong side out, used it again. We find a great many of these addressed and stamped on both the inside and out.

Frequently we find envelopes made from wall paper, muster reports and commissary requisitions, with the printed matter turned inside. Sometimes, neither scissors or knife being available, the paper was merely torn to shape and in some cases the adhesive used to seal them with was merely turpentine or sweet gum.

A collection of these stamps in pairs is especially desirable and valuable as nearly all are unperforated. Confederate Locals are among the most interesting and valuable of provisional emissions of any country, but their rarity and price put them out of reach of the ordinary collector, but a more interesting and varied set, and one which will grow more valuable with each passing year, cannot be found than the emissions of the general government of the confederacy.

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We would greatly appreciate it if collectors would send us, whenever convenient to them, a few notes, personal or anything that might be of interest to our readers.

The S. B. Bradt Co. favored us with a price list of their eighth Auction Sale. This Company usually obtains very good prices at their auction; so parties desiring to sell their collections will do well to correspond with them. Address 132 Wabash Ave., Chicago.

Mr. A. R. Rogers is very enterprising. His new scheme is a Philatelic Blue Book which will be issued in December. We can safely predict that it will be a success, and will be the book that ought to be in the hands of every collector and dealer. For circulars, address A. R. Rogers, 75 Maiden Lane, New York City.

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BY A CHICAGOAN.

It is probable that one hundred "World's Columbian Exposition" half-dollars, will be purchased by the Chicago Philatelic Society.

Chicago can not boast of its number of thorough-paced philatelists, but, then, it has not a few stamp-collectors who obtain a plethora of enjoyment out of the hobby.

Chicago correspondents are multiplying the *Canadian Philatelist* and the *Eastern Philatelist*, both having notes from this city in their last issues. We are of the opinion that "Estrado" of the *Canadian Philatelist* is none other than C. D. Reimers.

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"OUR REVIEWING EDITOR."

Charles Esterly Severn was born in Campbell County, Virginia, July 5th, 1872. His parents removed to Chicago in 1873, where the subject of our sketch has lived ever since, and where he is at present giving attention to his studies. He began collecting at the age of eight years and has been more or less devoted to philately since that time. He collects at present, U. S. stamps only, of which he has a very fine collection. He joined the A. P. A. in 1888, and the Chicago Philatelic Society in December 1888, and was elected secretary of the latter society in Sept. 1889 and has held that office ever since.

Mr. Severn is one of our best Philatelic authors and has taken great interest in the Missouri Philatelist since it first appeared in the Philatelic Arena. He is now our Reviewing Editor, and his excellent and impartial review is monthly read by our thousands of readers with the greatest interest.

This story began in No. 13.

IN SEARCH OF STAMPS.

OR

A Great Piece of Detective Work.

BY KNICKERBOCKER.

CHAPTER IV.

We had now reached the place where we must decide whether we would end our journey at Lyons or continue to Swinton. So far we had been successful in finding stamps and the weather had been the most delightful that has ever fallen to my lot to experience. The nights were cool and delightful, and tended to give one a most enjoyable night's rest, and after a day's walk you may rest assured that no one of the party was troubled with insomnia. And so we decided that we wanted two weeks more of these delicious experiences, and we hired a farmer to drive us over to Lyons where we spent Sunday.

The country through which we were to pass was even more rugged and wild than that through which we had already gone, and we anticipated a still more enjoyable time than previously. We had several hundred stamps, including a number of rarities, among which I might mention a U. S. 1861, 5c yellow head of Jefferson, on original cover, catalogued at \$4, an 1856 5c brown on original cover, catalogued at \$2.50 (variety with line), six 1869 6c blue, catalogued at 35c each, five 1869 10c yellow, catalogued at 45c each, together with a quantity of commoner stamps, ranging in price from 1c to 10c. Besides this,

we had the stamps I mentioned in the previous chapter. This we considered was doing pretty well, although we had heard of still better finds. We mailed all these stamps home, as we did not care to take them with us.

We took a very early start Monday morning, and in fact were several miles on our journey before the town people were awake. There were fewer houses and in the first seven or eight miles we were told that they had no stamps. At the next place a ferocious bull dog laid hold of Harry's trousers as he was seeking admission to the house, but fortunately the brute's teeth only caught the cloth, and beyond tearing this, no damage was done. The house we found was inhabited by a widow, who kept the dog for protection. She did not seem at all disturbed by her charge's actions and evidently thought that a reply to Harry's resentment which he expressed in plain terms was unnecessary, further than the fact that she was "a poor, lone widow," and what did we want meddling around her premises? Walter explained the object of our visit or at least he tried to.

"No, I haint got no stamps to sell to a pack o' boys; you kin jist as well go to the post-office yerselves as to make me."

We finally made her understand that we wanted old letters and envelopes if she had any, but she did not and so we went on. When we stopped for dinner, we were told that we would find no house on the road in which we could pass the night, except an old log cabin which was used every fall by

a party of sportsmen from Boston, so we purchased a couple of bottles of coffee and some provisions for our supper and breakfast, and continued on our journey until we came to the cabin.

It was a novel experience for us, and we enjoyed it immensely. The cabin was twenty feet long by fifteen wide; there were four bunks, but no bedding, a fire-place and on some hooks on the side were two tin pails in which we could warm our coffee very nicely. The cabin was situated in a cool, shaded glen, through which a mountain brook, clear as crystal, gurgled and bubbled on its way to the main. Birds sang in the trees, a saucy chipmunk sat upon the trunk of a fallen tree and demanded by what right we had invaded his home; squirrels capered from branch to branch, and the whole scene was one of rest and quiet. After supper we selected the softest place on the pine bunks and soon the heavy breathing of my companions assured me that they were in the land of Nod.

CHAPTER V.

In order that the reader may not be bewildered as much as we were by the events which I am about to narrate, I will describe as accurately as I may, what took place in Lyons between the Saturday afternoon of our arrival and Monday morning of our departure. This I have learned since the time.

On Saturday night the Post-office in Lyons was entered by burglars, and \$800 in stamps and two hundred dol-

lars in cash was taken from the safe. There were no incoming or outgoing trains on Sunday and the postmaster was out of town on a visit, consequently no one discovered the robbery until Monday morning. The police force of the town consisted of a one-armed war veteran who wore a badge and an army cap and told stories to an admiring throng of small boys; there were also two extra officers who could be called on in case of necessity. Such a case might exist when the veteran ran short of war lies or had the rheumatism, but such a contingency was unknown. And besides these individuals, there was a young fellow of twenty-one who was agent for a western "detective" agency. He became a detective by paying \$2.50 for a commission and one dollar for a badge. He had also purchased a detective camera which he imagined all Hawkshaws required. The only people who knew of this terror of evil-doers were his family, who had been pledged to strict secrecy; but when the news of the robbery reached him, he saw a chance to distinguish himself and perhaps open the way to eternal fame.

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American Journal of Philately.—In the October number of this paper, a complete "Catalogue of the Revenue Stamps of the United States" is begun. It is written by Julius Adenaw, an authority on revenues, and one may safely prognosticate that the elaborate research and attention given to detail, that characterizes the first installment, will be continued through its entirety. The Alabama and part of the California State revenues are listed in this contribution. J. N. Luff, writing on the United States 3 cent pink of 1861, advances the opinion that it is a much scarcer stamp than is generally conceded, and that the generality of the so-called pinks, are but variations of the numerous shades of the 3 cent rose. In regard to the pink color of the stamp, he says, "It is not a shade at all, but a distinct color, bright, clear, with a tint of lilac, the pink of artists and dyers." The "Catalogue for advanced Collectors," for this month, is descriptive of the Indian States, from Faridkot to Jhind. The excellent chronicle is of the usual completeness. The notes and society reports are the further features of this number.

Eastern Philatelist.—The November number is a representative one, containing thirteen pages of choice read-

ing matter, and nearly as many pages devoted to advertisements. "A Psalm of Philately," by Shepard, a poem in Longfellow's "Psalm of Life" meter, is a clever conception. "Some Difficulties of Beginners in Classification," illustrates the obstacles in the path of the philatelic novice, by mentioning as examples, the 1870 and 1874 U. S. envelopes, and 1861 pink and 1863 rose, U. S. adhesive. "Philatelic Rambler" is always entertaining and the "Stamp Liar" is a creditable effort, delineating the multiform accomplishments of a certain class of collectors whose imaginative powers stand them in good stead, even if they lack everything in the stamp line. "Rambler" is not unduly sarcastic in dealing with these really harmless characters, and as for us, we would revise a favorite aphorism, so as to have it read "All the World Loves a Liar." By this we do not include the venomous, malicious fellow, but the one who falsifies with such natural, unforced, ingenuousness as to afford genuine amusement to the listener. "Methods of Collecting" and "Notes from the Rockies," is a duo of good articles, both being brief and smoothly-written. "Chicago Notes" are interesting and improve with each number. "Canadensis" has three

and one-half pages devoted to his article, "Philatelic Platitudes," a *pot pourri* of rhymes, advice to collectors, personal experiences, etc., notable for the breezy, ebullient style in which it is written. An extract is given here: "Do you know the only way to lick Corbett"? "???" "Well, put his effigy on a stamp." This, however, is a decrepit, bewhiskered "gag" that has performed yeoman service on the variety "stoige" ever since we can remember. The name of Sullivan was inserted in those days for that of Corbett. In the editorials, Pinkham promises much for his Christmas number. The "Reviews" occupy the last page.

Weekly Philatelist.—The initial number made its entrance into the journalistic arena on Nov. 16th, guided by the experienced publisher of *The Collector*, whose hands hold the editorial reins. Its reading matter is in the form of notes of timely and topical interest and Editor Miller is richly deserving of any success that accrues from his hazardous venture.

Metropolitan Philatelist.—The October number contains twenty pages of reading matter. "Hints to Young Collectors" is an instructive article. The U. S. envelopes is its theme, and it advises their collection before general attention is diverted to them, as now they may be had quite cheaply. Collect them entire or cut square, just as suits your fancy. "Notes on the Surface Printed Stamps of Great Britain," is a valuable reprinted article, while "Stamps and Stamp Collecting," forms nearly eight pages of reprinted matter; it being an article whose value cannot be over-estimated. Society reports and a few columns of other matter round up this month's complement.

London Philatelist.—The October number is the repository of two sterling articles, both of which are from the prolific pen of E. D. Bacon. "The

Postage Stamps of New Zealand Engraved by Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co.," and "The Stamps of Western Australia," are the titles, while the name of their author is a guarantee of the thoroughness and ability with which the subjects are handled. The latter article is to be continued next month. "The Paris Postal Exhibition," by M. P. Castle, is the after-math of his article that appeared in this paper last month; to it a list of the awards is appended. The illustrated "New Issues and Unchronicled Varieties," is given the usual prominence. The reports of four societies are given and the "Occasional Notes," and the "Philatelic Market," each presents its usual quota of news.

American Philatelist.—Under the Mekeel regime, each number of the *American Philatelist* shows marked improvement over the one it succeeds. The list of contents of the November number is an unusually extended one, and embraces a well-selected variety of subjects. "A Visit to the Paris Exposition," by C. A. Hobbs, is a good sketch, the result of personal observation; while "Foreign Notes," also by this writer, are of more than passing interest. After an absence of many months, R. S. Hatcher is again represented by "United States Philatelic Notes," and "Revenue Stamp Laws," the latter article being continued from April, 1891; an exceptional example of "sustained interest." A really valuable article, "Chilian Envelopes," by A. Brant, is justly entitled to the place of honor on the first page. "Stamp Auctions," is a compendium of instructions, addressed to patrons of auction sales, written over the signature of A. R. Rogers. That Mr. Rogers is fully equipped to handle the subject in an authoritative manner, none will gainsay. "Parma and Plaisance," "New Issues," official reports, comments, etc., also find space in the twenty-four pages of reading matter in the November issue. The "ads." of the New York *Sun* and

Printer's Ink are noticed in the advertising columns.

Chicago Stamp News.—The *News* has a portrait and short biography of A. P. Hosmer, of Chicago, Secretary W. P. U., in its November number; the likeness is an excellent one. Next month the "counterfeit presentment" of A. L. Holman will appear. As is customary in such articles, much solicitude is evinced for the beginner in a deserving sketch, entitled, "A Few Words to Beginners," evidently penned by an accustomed hand. The usual number of notes is found in this issue.

Stamp.—The *Stamp* has never been other than a good paper and each number serves to confirm this fact. For seven months it battled for second-class postage rates; think of the unflinching stout-heartedness and energy required to tide the publication over that precarious period. Now that this necessary concession has been granted, the future appears pregnant with success for the young, wide-awake publishers. The best article in the November number is "Looking Forward," a fanciful sketch, dealing with what philately will be, in the writer's estimation, thirty years hence; it affords pleasant reading and has the merit of being unconventional. "Siam and its Stamps," is the title of an article that could have been written by anyone possessing a stamp catalogue and an encyclopedia. "Notes from Great Britain," are interesting; so is the account of the N. P. S. banquet. In the "Review of Philatelic Publications," Charles W. Grevning shows an uncommon aptitude for the work; his three pages of reviews being written with critical ability. The editorials and P. S. of C. official reports comprise the other matter of interest.

Dominion Philatelist.—The November number consists of sixteen pages, upon most of which, however, the advertising matter encroaches to a considerable extent. The editorials are

good and the most noticeable articles are, "Canadian Revenue Stamps," and "Varieties of Paper." John N. Luff's article, "A Scarce U. S. Stamp," is reprinted from the October *American Journal of Philately*, and we note that no credit is given to the magazine in which it appeared originally. Surely an unintentional omission. Editor Ketcheson promises that, among other matter, his December issue will include portraits of leading Canadian philatelists.

Quaker City Philatelist.—The aspirations of this paper seem to have been satisfied when a certain degree of mild excellence was reached, some time ago. In the November issue, "Canadaensis" comes to the fore with an article entitled, "Philately's Pulchritudes," written with an effervescent flow of jovialness and an airy buoyancy of spirit; in it he makes a few sarcastic sallies at prevailing customs. "Canadaensis" says he is the possessor of a "patent poem-grinder," and we think of inquiring for his lowest quotation for a choice, first-class epithalamium or nuptial song, with which, it is our intention, to surprise A. P. Hosmer, by presenting it to him on his wedding day, in lieu of a costly wedding present. We'll ask P. M. to set it to music and further, we'll have him create a never-to-be-forgotten sensation on that happy (?) day, by his singing it in a carefully trained tenor voice. "New Issues," W. P. U. and P. S. of A. reports occupy the remaining space.

Filatelic Facts and Fallacies.

—The November issue, No. 2, has a successful appearance, and it is deserving of its evident prosperity, as the contents of the first and of this number have been of real value to the collector. Mr. Gardner's article "The Stamps of Corea," is an instructive and interesting account of their history; relating some valuable facts regarding them, that are not generally known. "Reprints," the continued article, treats, this month, of the re-

printed issues of Belgium, Bergedorf, Bremen, British Guiana, Cape of Good Hope and Columbia. The prices brought by the rarer stamps at recent San Francisco auction sales show that they are very satisfactory to those disposing of their wares. "Philatelic Flakes," is a new departure, in the shape of several pages whereon the essentially interesting paragraphs garnered from the various stamp-papers are collected. A critical commentary on Scott's 53rd edition catalogue, occupies over a page, being written by Mr. Sellschopp. The review department is meritoriously conducted, and is critically and impartially written. A curious coincidence may be remarked in connection with the brief sketch headed, "Paid, If the — Thing Sticks": a gentleman chancing to see it, says he remembers very well, the wide-spread amusement occasioned by the incident in the year 1851, although he was but eleven years of age at that time. The editorials are strongly written.

Canadian Philatelist.—The November number is composed of sixteen pages and cover, the reading matter being of a respectable standard. "The International Philatelic Exhibition," is a readable article on the recent Paris exhibition of stamps, written by one who attended; an official list of the exhibitors to whom medals, etc., were awarded, is added. That versatile writer, L. H. Benton, is represented by two contributions, *i. e.*, "Philatelics" and "Forty Advantages, Pleasures and Benefits of Stamp-Collecting"; the latter being written with a consistency befitting the subject, no undue claims nor illogical pretensions being made. An instructive monograph on "Perforation" is written by the editor. The editorials are in keeping with the other contents. A grand Christmas number is promised by the editor.

Pennsylvania Philatelist.—To judge by the November number, this

paper is typical of the city it represents; increasing in size and importance. Reading, the city of pretzels and beer, would never do as a place of residence for certain Chicago collectors, as there one finds block after block of substantial residences identical with each other in every respect and it would require considerable mental exertion on the part of the enthusiast who has attended a protracted stamp meeting, to distinguish his house from the other fellow's house. We fear he would prove unequal to the exigency, and the termination of the matter would be that the collector would be "run in" for being abroad with burglarious intent. J. Bernstein, Jr., has a somewhat oracular article in "Philately" written in a strain, that is, in our opinion, over-laudatory. "Philatelic Aphorisms," are to be profited by, and their author, "Shepard," is developing into a junior *Ram's Horn* philosopher. "Pokes," by F. S. Fox, while well-written, suggest that they were penciled while the author was in a somewhat captious mood. His note characterising two prominent Chicagoans as "A. P. A. shouters" was uncalled for and would not have been penned had he known personally those whom he so indelicately titles.

The advance in the prices of U. S. stamps is illustrated by a comparison of prices asked in different years. The notes from various localities and editorials are of interest.

Washington Philatelist—In the November number the first of a series of "Pen and Ink Sketches of Prominent American Stamp Dealers" is given, "Nage" being the writer. Sketch one is a delightful dissertation on J. Walter Scott and his stamps; it is finely written by its clever author, who in this number is represented also by "La Timbromanie," a translation from the French, giving different items of general interest. The continuation of "A Postage stamp's Adventures," sustains the reader's inter-

est: rare praise for a continued stamp story. Editorials and the Chronicle are assigned proper quarters in this very bright paper.

Golden Star—The November issue contains eight pages of as choice reading matter as few of its more assuming contemporaries can offer. "A splendid Find of Rare Stamps," is an interesting tale, with an unexpected and amusing finale. "Some Oddities in Common U. S. Stamps," is a valuable article of its kind, its substance conforming strictly to its title. "Philatelics," by L. H. Benton are readable, as usual. He says he considers one of the poems by Roy F. Greene or Guy W. Green, to have more merits and to afford more pleasure than forty poems of some of our standard poets. We wonder whom he considers as "some of our standard poets." The editorials and notes appear to advantage.

International Philatelist—Of the recent crop of Canadian newcomers, this paper makes the best appearance. The November number contained good matter and it demonstrates that Toronto is a lively place, philatelically, and supports a flourishing society. The notes, etc., that furnish the make-up of the paper are, without exception, interesting and newsy and it is hoped that this paper will continue its visits with monthly regularity.

American Philatelic Magazine—The November No. appears to excellent advantage, chiefly by reason of its worthy contents. "Different Numeric Denominations," by L. H. Benton, of familiar name, is an entertaining article, carrying out a novel idea. J. P. Glass makes a logical reply to the article in number one, "Misprints of the U. S. Envelopes" and explains why they are, in his opinion, collectible varieties. He concludes with this little pleasantry: "In short, one day in company with Mr. Ross, albinos will convince one that there is something in them, if only a

case of delirium tremens and nightmares for a year to come. There is a rumor to the effect that Mr. R. has, through this agency, wrought several remarkable reforms in the persons of a number of North Side imbibers, but we will not vouch for the correctness of these reports."

"The Budget" tells, among other things of a collector who possesses two "Sidney views" *without the group!* An editorial truly says that the philatelic press is not representative and makes the fact plainly apparent by the clear exposition of why such is the case. In an article "about Seebeck," that enterprising gentleman is given a few moments, experience on the gridiron, in other words, a "roast." Chicago and Boston notes make a creditable showing: especially those of the former city. "Comments", and the puzzle column, each finds a berth in this number.

The Rise in Stamp Values.

BY J. DE Q. DONEHOO.

About one-half of the original matter which appears from time to time in the numerous stamp journals of this country, consists of reminiscences by old collectors detailing their experiences in the early days of philately, and laying special stress upon the great increase in stamp values since their times. Such an article is apt to recover the narrator's good luck in the case of a few happy acquisitions he made of stamps, then cheap, now fabulously dear, and to spend even more space in deploring that short-sightedness which lead him to neglect many other opportunities to acquire stamps, then common, but since grown to great rarity. All of which proves, if

we assume that philatelic literature caters to the popular task, that there is more real curiosity amongst stamp collectors concerning the growth of stamp values, than about anything else. And it is quite natural that it should be so. All enthusiastic collectors are certainly such in the first place for the amusement and educational profit which philately brings them, but none can completely ignore the matter of ultimate financial profit. The belief that one has paid less for the stamps in his album than they would bring to-day at auction, gives them an added value, the cause of which is not mere penuriousness, but rather self-satisfaction with ones' foresight and philatelic judgment. There is then amongst collectors a vast deal of curiosity on this subject. Probably few who buy any considerable number of stamps are destitute of some thought of this financial profit in collecting, and without some rules, however, vogue to aid them in its attainment.

Reminiscences of old increases in values are chiefly interesting as giving hints for future prudence, and as furnishing guides to direct one towards the acquisition of the right class of stamps. And it does seem reasonable to think that since we have the data of fifty year's stamp history back of us, we should find it an easy task to lay down rules that will probably govern future increases in value.

If collecting is not merely a matter of caprice, obeying no settled laws, it is easy to see that the same forces which have wrought out results in

times past, will continue to produce the same substantial phenomena in times to come. That there are such laws, and laws with very regular operations, all past stamp history clearly proves. The principal of them are simply the fundamental laws of political economy which govern all human transactions, in which value is a factor, viz: the laws of supply and demand. Probably no collector is ignorant of, and takes no account of the fundamental fact that other things being equal, stamps of which there is a large supply are cheap, and that stamps for which there is a great demand and small supply are dear. But besides this great fundamental law, there is another which has more force with stamps than with ordinary articles of merchandise, viz: that of ability to purchase. In the case of the necessities of life, supply and demand are the only forces upon which prices depend. A man will give all that he has for bread, rather than do without it, but in the case of stamps, they being a luxury and not a necessity, there are certain limits beyond which their prices cannot go and still find purchasers. The demand for them is an artificial one founded on special circumstances, so that a man who happens to make a specialty of the stamps of one country, may be willing to pay a higher price for one of its issues, than for a much rarer stamp emitted by a—to time—less interesting source. As then, there are circumstances which induce large numbers of collectors to time to the same specialties this great fact, must be given full force along with the laws

of supply and demand in fixing the present and prospective prices of stamp. Taking these laws as fundamental, let us then consider what rules may be formulated for predicting future increases in values.

Under the laws of supply, we know that other circumstances being equal these stamps in general, will be rarest which exist in smallest quantities, and we may further divide these into these which: 1st. Are issued by the least populous countries. 2. By countries most recently settled, having least commerce, and the lowest standard of popular education. 3. By countries that no longer issue stamps. 4. High values as opposed to lower, unusual values as opposed to common ones. 5. All other stamps, *e. g.*, envelopes, unpaid, official and registered, rather than general issues. 6. Provisionals, *e. g.*, surcharged, type-printed, altered, revenues and telegraphs used for postage as opposed to permanent issues.

Under the head of demand we may formulate the law that it will usually be greatest for the rarest stamps, but subject to the subordinate laws given below: Collectors of a country generally have greatest desire for, 1. Stamps for their own law. 2. For these of its colonies. 3. For these of countries occupying the same continent, or speaking the same language. 4. Stamps displaying artistic excellence, are preferred to these of rude design and execution. 5. Stamps difficult to counterfeit are preferred to these not so.

These principles are simple and

obvious enough. No originality is claimed in stating them. Almost every collector has probably thought of every one of them. Yet we think that few collectors have ever seriously considered how unerring their application is to the appreciation of stamp values. How well they explain changes of the past, and how certain they are to control the movements of the future. Take any class of stamps that has made a wonderful increase in values in the past few years, and see whether or not these rules as applied do not give a much larger number of principles indicating advance, than they do in the case of those stamps which have remained stationary. Some have thought that prices have reached the high water mark. Not only, these laws supply and demand, but experience as well demonstrate the incorrectness of this view.

A few years since, the stamps of the German States were accounted of little worth. No one looked for a great rise in them, yet the principles of stamp values indicated that they must rise, and they did with a vengeance. U. S. and British American stamps seemed to many to have reached their highest notch long ago, yet still they rise and still they will rise. Let us not cry over lost opportunities of the past, but keep our eyes open to the chances of the present. As there are better fish in the sea than ever were caught, so is it my profound conviction that greater surprises in stamp values are in store for us, than have ever yet been seen, and better still, I believe that if the philatelist studies his science and buys

his stamps with judicious care guided by the consideration of the reasons which make these changes, he will find in his album twenty years from now, priceless rarities, not only comforting to the eye, but to the pocket-book as well.

Chicago Clips.

BY A CHICAGOAN.

T. R. Ferris, Secretary of Chicago Branch, W. P. U., has disposed of his entire stock of stamps and is now successfully embarked in the novelty business.

A. P. Hosmer is always one of the foremost in extending hospitalities to visiting philatelists, but how is it that while Hosmer always starts out with the visitors in his care, he is as certain to return in the visitor's care?

P. M. Wolsieffer has succumbed to subtle fascination of the game of billiards. He devotes many a recreative hour to playing; but to speak truthfully it is always the other fellow who does the playing; P. M. stands around, chalks his cue and tells the by-standers how good a player he was fifteen years ago.

C. D. Reimers is about twenty-one years of age and has excellent prospects of becoming older, he is a member of one of the Greek letter societies and an attendant at the theatres wherein variety shows of the "red-hot" order hold sway. He is a foot-ball player of proved prowess and strange to relate in this connection he retains

all of his teeth and cannot even boast of a broken rib.

Mr. Ben F. Levy exhibited his collection of Mexican stamps at a recent meeting of the C. P. S. The members were unanimous in the expression of the opinion that a more complete and extended collection of the stamps of this country would be difficult to find. Mr. Levy bestows particular attention to the minor details, and his high-value revenues and his U. S. envelopes with Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Mexican franks were much commented on.

A pretentious article by H. von Zobeltitz on "Postage Stamp Collecting," appeared in the October number *Velhagen and Klasings Monatshefte* published in Berlin.

An interesting article in the *Journal* of this city, was illustrated with a likeness of F. F. Gilbert, Superintendent of Collector's Department of the Chicago post-office and an old-time C. P. S. member. The article was entitled "Tons of Mail Matter."

Mr. Imhoff, a prominent collector of Nebraska, spent several days in Chicago, previous to his sailing for Europe. He expects to extend his travels so far as Egypt.

Why is it that S. B. Bradt always turns to glance at a pretty girl passing by?

Why is it that L. H. Drury disposed of those "pet" alligators which he brought from Florida?

Why it is that A. P. Hosmer considers a good time is had on one's vacation when the sun peels the skin off hands, neck and nose.

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We would be pleased to receive from our readers small notes or personals of interest.

Recently Mr. Edward W. Heusinger of San Antonio, Texas, called on us,

but unfortunately, we were out at the time.

Although the S. of P. is a comparatively new society, it numbers over 500 members with some 60 applications.

Mr. McConnell formerly of Clarion, Mich., has removed to Blue Island, Ill., where he is at present engaged in the Printing and Photo-engraving business, besides, dealing in stamps. Mr. McConnell informs us in a recent letter that he received over two hundred answers to his two inch advertisement in the MISSOURI PHILATELIST last season and that he will be with us again during the coming year.

We call the attention of our readers to the advertisements of the Standard Stamp Co., in other parts of this paper.

A perusal of the list of packets, sets, etc., offered will show many *great bargains*, of which you should not fail to avail yourself.

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Other Timely

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Beware of U. S. medicine stamps which have change in color, no perforations, etc., as they are being doctored by a firm in Greene, N. Y.

John Wanamaker intends building a large wholesale house in Washington similar to his large business in Philadelphia. He evidently likes Washington.

Who is the New York city manager of the "Western Eagle?" This is the question I recently asked genial Roy F. Greene. He says it is not Strakosch, Peugnet, Thorne, Spooner, Ogden, Grevning, etc., etc., etc., etc. (?) That is the leading question, who can he be?

The Omaha Stamp Collectors Association were to have a debate last Tuesday evening between Mr. Jas. G. Cortelyou and Mr. E. L. Platz on the subject "Is philately a science? Cortelyou was to have the affirmative and E. L. Platz the negative. We are sorry that owing to other business the subject was dropped for the future.

Frederic S. Noyes has disposed of his large German collection.

Jas. H. Sexton of Malden fame is at it again. This time he has gobbled up the Pentucket Philatelist and the Collector's Press of Richmond, Va. He intends issuing his consolidation right away with 8 pages and cover.

E. R. Aldrich has resigned as president of the P. S. of A.

Million stamp fakes have sprung up in Missouri and California.

J. C. Weckert, the ex-publisher, editor, general manager, etc., has removed to Norfolk, Virginia.

The Bleyer twins, two Hebrew philis. will shortly visit Chicago.

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- " 217. A. W. Embree, Toronto, Ont., Canada.
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| Queensland, 1882-92, ½-1 sh..... | 9 | 20 |
| Roumania, 1872-90, various..... | 20 | 25 |
| South Australia O. S., various..... | 10 | 50 |
| *Switzerland, 1862-78, 2-1 fr (including 3c black)..... | 10 | 25 |
| Travancore, 1, 2, 4 ch..... | 3 | 25 |
| Spain, some of every issue, fine set..... | 50 | 60 |
| " 1850-67, only 6c and 4 cuartos..... | 14 | 50 |
| South African Republic, 1885, ½r to 1 sh., complete..... | 7 | 25 |
| *South African Republic, 1883, 1d to 1 sh, complete..... | 5 | 50 |
| Japan, 1876-88, various..... | 21 | 35 |
| " 1872-75, various..... | 13 | 65 |
| *Chili, Envelopes, 1872, 15, 20, 20c entire..... | 3 | 1 50 |
| *Ecuador, 1872-87, 1, 1, 2, 2, 5, 5, 10, 20, 50, 80c and 1 peso, 1872..... | 11 | 50 |
| *Nicaragua, 1890, 1c-10 pesos, complete..... | 10 | 50 |
| " " 1891, 1c-10 pesos, complete..... | 10 | 50 |
| " " Officials, 1890, 1c-10 pesos, complete..... | 10 | 50 |
| " " Officials, 1891, 1c-10 pesos, complete..... | 10 | 50 |
| " " Envelopes, 1890, 5, 10, 20, 30, 50c, complete..... | 5 | 35 |
| " " Wrappers, 1890, 1, 2, 4c..... | 3 | 12 |
| *Honduras, 1890, 1c-1 peso, complete..... | 11 | 45 |
| " " 1890, Officials..... | 11 | 25 |
| " " 1890, Envelopes, 5-25c complete..... | 8 | 35 |
| " " 1890, Wrappers, 1-10c complete..... | 4 | 10 |
| *Salvador, 1890, 1c-1 peso, complete..... | 9 | 35 |
| " " 1891, 1c-1 peso, complete..... | 10 | 50 |
| " " 1890, Envelopes and Wrappers, complete..... | 9 | 45 |
| " " 1891, Envelopes, complete..... | 7 | 40 |
| " " 1891, Wrappers, complete..... | 4 | 20 |

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| " 1851-90, various..... | 50 | 1 00 | *Porto Rico, 1882, 1/2-8m..... | 6 | 10 |
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| " Treasury Dept., 1, 2, 3, 6, 10, 12, 15, 30, 90c..... | 9 | 70 | Roumania, 1872-90, various..... | 20 | 25 |
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| " Envelopes, 1853-74..... | 18 | 50 | *Switzerland, 1862-78, 2-1 fr (including 3c black)..... | 10 | 27 |
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| [Cos a Rica, 1889, 1, 5c (latter unused) "Correos"..... | 2 | 35 | " Officials, 1890, 1c-10 pesos, complete..... | 10 | 50 |
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| | | | " 1891, 1c-1 peso, complete..... | 10 | 50 |
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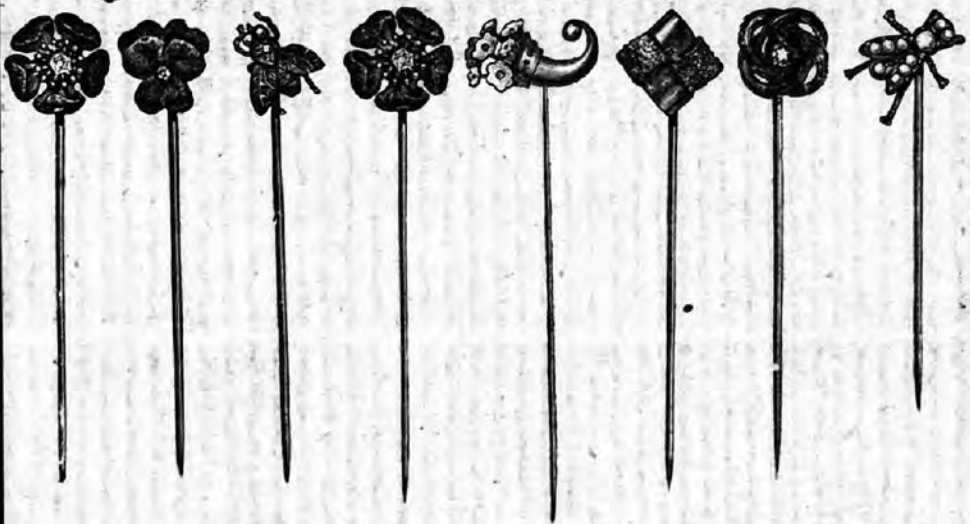
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CHAPTER VI.

So he took a horse, carriage, revolver and detective camera and started out to scour the country for a "clew." In the course of the afternoon he arrived at the house of Harry's friend the widow, and of course earned of our call their in search of stamps.

Here was his "clew," for he thought that as we were collecting all the used stamps of the neighborhood, how much greater an inducement would unused stamps be. And he astonished himself at the rapidity with which he could "put this and that together" and form a "clew." Then he started back to Lyons, having first taken a snap shot of the house with his camera. This he marked "Exhibit No. 1." Then he re-examined his revolver, an operation which he repeated every few minutes until he reached home.

When he arrived in Lyons he disclosed his identity, displayed his badge and raised a posse of eight men to follow the "robbers," whom he agreed to produce dead or alive inside of twenty-four hours. And then the party started, armed with scythes, pitchforks, shotguns and various other implements of torture.

They proceeded directly to the widow's, and this time learning that the bull-dog had had an encounter with Harry's trousers, he took a picture of the bull-dog. This he called "Exhibit No. 2." He then led the party along the road, making inquiries as they proceeded, and traced us to the house in which we took dinner. This he also photographed from the outside, and then took an interior view of the dining-room, making Exhibits No. 3 and No. 4. And then he thought how easy it was to be a detective if one only had a "calling" in that line. And that he had a "calling" no one of the party doubted, for already he had four "exhibits" and a "clew" and a small basket in which we had carried our food, and which Harry had returned, made "Exhibit No. 5." He decided that the party should wait here until dark, as he learned that we were to spend the night in the cabin, and he thought a midnight surprise would be a fitting climax for such a wonderful piece of detective strategy, but as he did not have his flash-light apparatus with him, he sent a man back to Lyons on horseback to fetch it, as he wished to photograph the cabin for "Exhibit No. 6." Then he retired to a room and locking the door, announced to his followers that he was about to plan the capture. At 9 P. M. the messenger arrived with the precious flash-light outfit, and the party

moved upon the enemy with great caution—the leader in the rear.

CHAPTER VII.

The end of chapter four, as the reader will remember, left two of our party asleep on the bunks in the log cabin. I fell asleep very shortly after my companions, but was awakened by a very brilliant flash of light.

"Strange," I admitted to myself, "I thought the stars were shining brightly when we went to bed—that was a narrow escape," as another flash came in through the open door. But what seemed very remarkable was that although lightning seemed very near, it was unaccompanied by thunder.

Harry and Walter were both awake now, and as I was getting up to look outside they asked what was the matter. As I looked out of the door I saw several figures moving around the cabin at a distance, while one person with what appeared to be a small box in his hand was walking rapidly away from the cabin.

"Hello, there," I shouted, "What are you doing around this cabin at this time of night?" At my shout the retreating figure quickened his pace, which increased my already aroused suspicions. Presently we heard footsteps approaching cautiously from all directions. Each of us had brought a revolver from home, as a matter of precaution, and these we immediately procured. Hastily closing and barring the heavy door, we each stationed ourselves at a window, and again I called out, "What do you want, and who are you?" As there was no answer I continued, "We are armed, and I warn

you that whoever attempts to injure this cabin or molest any of us will do so at his peril."

Presently a pistol shot rang out on the still night, and we immediately returned the fire. Our ammunition amounted only to one hundred cartridges, and this was soon exhausted. The shots were all fired at random and we could not tell what was the effectiveness of our defense. A running fire was kept up by the outsiders and Walter received two bird-shot from a gun in his cheek, which did not amount to anything.

Finally, after we stopped firing, the attacking party also stopped, and some one called out, "Do you surrender?" "Surrender to whom?" I asked. "Surrender to the proper authorities to answer for the robbery of the postoffice in Lyons," came the reply.

"We have not robbed the postoffice in Lyons or any other place, and you countrymen will have a big bill of damages to pay for this," shouted the irate Harry. "You go on about your business, and leave other people to tend to theirs."

Then for about ten minutes there was a quiet, but at the end of that time there was a loud crash of splitting timbers and the door fell in, having been battered by some heavy short logs, carried on the shoulders of the men, who immediately rushed in. We saw that further resistance was useless, and submitted to having our arms bound behind us. We were then led outside to the road, and put in wagons, each in a separate one, and the party started for Lyons. We now saw that two of our

shots had fulfilled their mission, for there was a bandage around one man's arm, and another's leg.

It was now about six o'clock, and we reached Lyons by seven. We were taken at once to the jail, and acting under orders from the "detective," the one-armed veteran kept out all the crowd while the detective questioned us.

To be continued.

Canadian Stamped Envelopes.

The first Canadian stamped envelopes were issued in 1860. The issue consisted of two values, viz. *5 cents* red and *10 cents* brown, printed both on white and manilla paper. The paper used bore a water-mark P. O. D. C. A., and water-lines running diagonally from the left upper to the right lower edges. The design was as follows: viz., small-size, a oval die of Queen's head, with face to left, surmounted by an oval frame containing the inscription, "Canada Postage" in the upper, and value in the lower half of it.

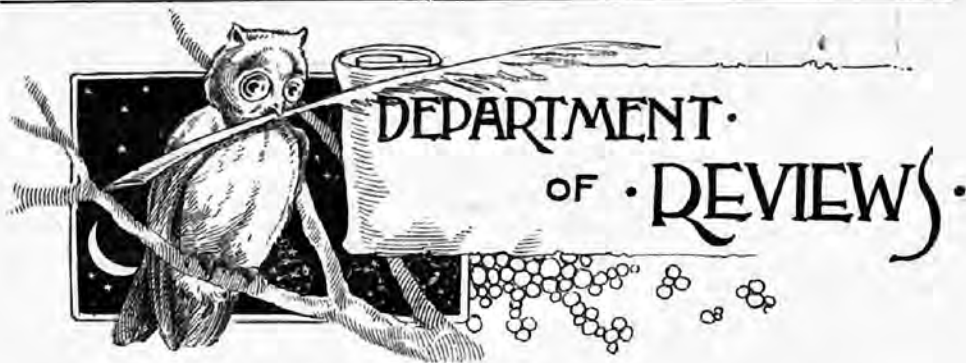
In 1877 two new stamped envelopes were issued, taking the place of the foregoing issue. The design closely resembled that of the 1860 issue, with the exception that the die and inscription surrounding it was considerable larger. The values issued were *one* and *three* cents printed in blue and red, respectively, on white laid paper. Two sizes of the three cents and one of the one cent envelopes were put forth, the sizes of the three cent envelope are known as No. 1 and 2, respectively, corresponding to what are known amongst stationers as No. 6 and 7 envelopes. The paper used was water-

marked, with water-lines running diagonally on the No. 1 three cent envelopes from the right upper to the left lower edges; on the No. 2 three cent and the one cent envelopes, from the left upper to the right lower edges. In some of the envelopes the lines are found to run in opposite directions from those described, but as this seldom occurs, the varieties having the lines running thus are very rare. It is also noticeable that these water-lines do not, as a rule, run in the same angle, but converge in numerous different angles.

Quite a difference exists in the paper of which these envelopes are manufactured. I have noticed varieties of them made of the three following papers at least, viz., dull, rose-tinted and clear white paper.

At the beginning of the Northwest Rebellion in 1855, as the corps assigned for active duty had to be hurriedly called out it was deemed important by some of the corps that the notifications should bear some distinctive mark to distinguish them from ordinary mail matter, and by thus drawing attention to them secure their prompt delivery. Therefore the envelopes intended for this special service were stamped on their face across the stamp with the word "Service," also with the British coat of arms upon the top centre and in the lower left hand corner with the words "On H. M. S. only." Others had simply the name of the corps and the words "Head-quarters." The No. 1 three cent and one cent envelopes are to be found thus surcharged in black and in carmine. A second lot was printed in a heavier and partially shaded type.

TELOS,



CONDUCTED BY C. E. SEVERN.

A valuable addition presented to the readers of the Missouri Philatelist.—All philatelic publications wishing to be reviewed will please forward two copies—one to Mr. C. E. Severn, 448 Racine Ave., Chicago, Ill., and one to Ph. Conrath, 1334 La Salle St., St. Louis, Mo.

Stamp.—The *Stamp* for December presents, as usual, a number of literary and philatelic worth. Editorial discrimination is manifest in the arrangement of the matter and a trio of writers such as Messrs. Quackenbush, Green and Grevning would always insure respectful attention, Mr. Grevning contributes "Latest Issues and Stamp news," it being quite instructive; L. G. Quackenbush's "At Paris and Chicago" is a disquisition on subjects suggested by the title while Guy Green's "Some of my Opinions" is written in a lightsome strain on general topics. "Beware of St. Vincent surcharges," says the first writer, while Mr. Quackenbush exhorts the A. P. A. committee in charge of the proposed exhibit at the "World's Exposition" to be "up and doing," so that the results may be consistent with the magnitude of the event. R. P. Spooner is now the sole publisher and editor of this paper which seems to be moving in a successful groove, and though some achieve success who do not deserve it and others deserve success who do not achieve it, this is apparently a case of deserved success.

London Philatelist.—The November number tenders its customary philatelic feast. "French and English Colonial Surcharges," is an editorial

which opportunely takes occasion to condemn the iniquitous method by which the superabundant French Colonial Surcharges are produced, while certain surcharged Stamps of Ceylon, Labaun and British North Borneo are similarly stigmatized, though not so harshly. "British Guiana Provisionals of 1882," is an illustrated essay on these stamps by a writer to whom their study was a congenial occupation. "The Stamps of Western Australia," by E. D. Bacon, is continued with the same exhaustive treatment of the subject as in its preceding instalment. "French Colonial Stamps," is an article translated from the French, illustrating the lucrative practice indulged in by certain speculative French Colonial officials, in the line of surcharged stamps, to their considerable pecuniary profit, notwithstanding the corresponding outrage upon philately. The illustrated department of "New Issues," is accorded its usual prominence, but in commenting on our new reply postal cards, they speak of the portraits upon it as those of *President Garfield*.

Editor Bacon has started upon a tour of the world and according to the published itinerary he will arrive in Chicago, May 27, 1893, for a week's sojourn. The notes are profitable and the reports of five societies find space,

Postal Card.—It serves to illustrate the unfitness of certain things when a paper such as the *Postal Card* is refused second-class rates, while inferior and insignificant sheets obtain this much sought for *desideratum*: there are others who have found rates who deserve a revocation of them. The December number is an interesting one. Opinions of the new domestic reply cards are submitted by twelve members of the Postal Card Society and the consensus opinion is one of mild, unenthusiastic approbation. Four pages of new postal card issues and the report of the Postal Card Society of America are given and the notes, etc., are lively and readable. We notice that the editor reprints several clippings of a sarcastic nature about P. M. Wolsieffer's relative, Post Master General Wanamaker, which do double service; first, as an outlet for some of the editor's pent-up indignation, and, secondly, as a means of perturbing Wolsieffer's feelings, as he holds the name of his distinguished, or rather extinguished now, relative in jealous esteem.

Philatelic Journal of America.—With the December number, this journal completes its eighth volume of twelve numbers each, and a glance at the index that accompanies this number, reveals the fact that during the period of the year just passed, its matter has been of a grade consistent with its excellent reputation. The December issue presents portraits of two well known New Yorkers, Messrs. C. B. Corwin and Henry Clotz.

The translation of M. Moens' "History of Spanish Stamps" this month deals with the issues of the year 1854; this is the last instalment that will be given, as it was the intention to publish just that portion of the work that would assist to the better comprehension of and serve as a companion piece to Mr Tiffany's articles which are published concurrently. Enlarged illustrations of the counterfeit

6rs. and 2cs., 1854 issue, embellish J. K. Tiffany's article, this month, on "Spanish Counterfeits": he confines himself to the description of the forgeries of the 1854 issue, exclusively. In a letter to Mr. Mekeel from M. Moens, the latter asserts that the laws of literary ownership have been transgressed by Mr. Mekeel's publishing a translation of Moens' work on Spanish stamps in his journal and he seeks to restrain the further publication of it and also, M. Moens requests that he be indemnified for "damages," to be estimated on that portion already published. The illustrated list of reprinted stamps includes the countries from Finland through Lombardy. The "Notes and Clippings concerning counterfeits, reprints, etc.," are judiciously selected and are of true philatelic value. Crawford has an article on "Errors and Proofs," and in the course of his remarks, we find: "At the very best, the difference between the error and the proof is so difficult of satisfactory determination that collectors who do not care for proofs should also discard the error."

The "Chronicle of New Issues," is complete while the philatelic calendar is given its farewell presentation.

Philatelic Monthly.—The December number contains a full page illustration of the new Bogert and Durbin building in Philadelphia, which proves to be of handsome and artistic design. The list of new issues occupies the first page, and under the heading of "They Say," a variety of bright and readable notes are written. Some of them were conceived in a spirit of levity which is difficult to reconcile to the air of staidness which is popularly presumed to pervade the city of "scrapple." Isn't this *pretty* good? "The earliest case of 'grilled all over' must have been St. Lawrence, who suffered martyrdom by being cooked to death on a grid-iron!"

Eastern Philatelist.—The December number is well deserving of its

appellation of "holiday number," for it embodies thirty-two pages, about two-thirds of which are devoted to reading matter of a superior class. The article worthy of most prominence is that of W. H. Bruce on "How to Distinguish Varieties in U. S. Stamps." It is descriptive of the differences existing between the originals and governmental reprints of the 1847 issue; the die variety of one cent blue and the three cent red, outer line of 1857; and the varieties of the five cent brown of this issue are described.

The two varieties of the 15 cent 1869 issue, which are enigmas to some collectors, are fully identified. "Two of a Kind," by Roy F. Greene, is an excellent effort, in which stamps and sentiment are cleverly interwoven and it is entertaining because reminiscent of a public man.

"About Auctions," is two pages of instructive reading, written by one familiar whereof he writes. An article on "The Connell Stamp," is a medium through which a champion of that stamp enters the lists to refute the sarcasms levelled against it by "Philatelic Rambler" some months ago in this paper and he puts forth his case with considerable strength. "Stamps vs. Chemicals" describes the action of some chemical agents on certain stamps, and should the specialist entertain an ardent and ungratified longing for color varieties, let him be given *carte blanche* and an hour in a laboratory, and he will evolve varieties sufficient to satisfy the most fastidious. "A Coming Necessity," a plea for specialism in collecting, is an article somewhat loosely written, though the arguments advanced by the author are worthy of attention. "Canadensis" has an article written on similar lines to the one he contributed last month, and we fear he is overdoing it just a trifle, as too much of a good thing has the effect of palling the public palate. Two and one-half pages of able editorials and one

page of reviews complete the contents of this number.

Dominion Philatelist.—Editor Ketcheson has fulfilled his promise of a fine Christmas number, as the December issue of the *Dominion* evidences. The portraits and biographies of four representative Canadian collectors appear, the "subjects" being Messrs. Wurtelle, Clark, Ketcheson and Hall. A lengthy article on "Paper Making" is explanatory of the manufacture and varieties of paper; its value to the stamp collector is readily apparent. "The Chronicle of New Issues" is extended and complete. The editorial pages are under capable supervision and the editor states that *seven hundred* subscriptions expire with this number! The reports of C. P. A. officials and minutes of two societies are found, while the notes are readable. A supplement in the shape of a catalogue of T. S. Clark's auction sale of over 600 lots, among which are many desirable stamps, is presented with this number.

American Philatelist.—The contents of the December number are not as varied and extended as those of the November issue, but they are fully as interesting. In this number a valuable article translated from the French of *L'Union Postal*, by Frank H. Burt, is begun; the author being the eminent D. Legrand, and its title, "The Philatelist's Manual," is suggestive of the article's import. In the first installment, specialism and whether collecting unused stamps is preferable to collecting them used, or *vice versa*, are ably discussed. This article's continuance will be watched with interest. Stone's chronicle of new issues is in its place, and J. D. Rice desires enlightenment in regard to a fifteen cent orange U. S. 1872 issue, which has the appearance of being on laid paper; the several authorities to whom the stamp was submitted, advance different opinions. Prices obtained at recent auction sales are listed. The

editorial comment of Messrs. Stone, Rice and Rogers is bright and topical. Mr. Rice asks whether the catalogue prices of U. S. stamps are not inflated? A page is devoted to "Reviews and Exchanges," and the official A. P. A. reports and the minutes of various local societies are prominently displayed.

Record Review.—The December number contains the catalogue of Mr. Henry Clotz's collection, which is to be sold at auction by Charles Gregory on the evenings of Jan. 12th and 13th, 1893. The cataloguers are the J. W. Scott Co., L'd., and nine hundred and nine lots are listed, among which are some desirable U. S. adhesive, envelope, revenue and local stamps.

Quite a number of scarce Columbian Republic issues are given, and an unused original New Brunswick "Connell" is offered; its genuineness being attested to by a series of affidavits, which trace its history from Mr. Connell to its present owner.

Nebraska Stamp.—It is certain that this paper has an enterprising editor at its helm and through his efforts he has obtained a staff of authors for his paper whose contributions always prove acceptable to the reader. But then, there are certain incongruities to be observed each month in its columns, which detract somewhat from its standard. An article by a good writer, L. G. Quackenbush, is entitled, "Our Philatelic Poets," the subject being treated with a pleasant touch. The author thinks Guy W. Green to be a trifle the finer and truer poet when compared with Roy F. Greene. Our opinion is just the reverse as we consider Roy F.'s work to be a bit superior to that of Guy W.; our standard of poetic criticism may be a faulty one, however. The second chapter of Roy F. Greene's serial, "My Canada Cousin," is given, and the story as yet, it must be confessed, does not fulfill our expectations. Poems by

Messrs. Green, Mott and Greene, occupy three pages. "Is the Surcharge a Legitimate Issue?" is negatively answered by R. F. Green. "Reminiscence," by Vacaroo, is an entertaining article, very well written. Notes from New York, Philadelphia, Omaha and Chicago are published.

Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.—The November issue contains the concluding instalment of Maj. Evans' "Stamps and Stamp Collecting," which is, in our opinion, the most valuable contribution that has been made to philately for some time; it acquaints the average collector with many points on which his ideas may have been somewhat befogged, and by reason of its being an epitome of things philatelic, it is calculated to gain recruits to the collecting ranks upon outsiders reading the able treatise. "Notes and News," by Chas. J. Phillips is a column of well selected and readable notes and the editorial pages being commanded by the experienced and gifted Major Evans, are naturally valuable and interesting reading. "New Issues and Varieties," are given deserved prominence, and reports of seven philatelic societies appear. It would be impossible to receive a better equivalent for one's quarter than a year's subscription to this magazine.

Priced catalogues of the S. B. Bradt Co.'s auction sale, held Dec. 14th, 1892, and of the "Western Philatelic Union's" sale, of Dec. 15th and 16th, 1892, have been received. Bradt's sale realized \$793.30, while the prices obtained at the W. P. U. sale were uniformly high. At this sale the 9 cent U. S. periodical brought \$4.75; the \$5 State sold for \$62, and a 2c green on blue paper, rejected die, entire envelope, went for \$36.

The S. B. Bradt Co.'s tenth auction sale will be on the evening of Jan. 18th, when 535 lots will be sold and among them are some scarce varieties. The tenth sale of R. F. Albrecht & Co., will occur Jan. 23rd and 24th, and the lots

that make up the catalogue show many desirable stamps. The 118th sale of the Scott Stamp and Coin Co. is a remarkably fine one, consisting of 2,016 lots and it will require four nights to complete the selling. The collection is the property of Mr. Geo. Hencken and photographic re-productions of about sixty of the greatest rarities are given in the first few pages. The number of rarities contained in the sale is unusually large and it will rank as one of the most important sales of the season.

We acknowledge the receipt of tasteful New Year's greetings from Messrs. Drury and Fritz.

Grills and Surcharges.

BY CLEVE SCOTT.

In speaking of glue put on the back of our current U. S. stamps, grumblers should lick the back of some of those English locals and they would see the uselessness in trying to condemn the glue on our stamps.

The present contract for street letter boxes expires on June 30, 1893, and those who aspire to distinction through the means of a letter box should get their wits to work and invent some new device.

I recently noticed in one of our most prominent philatelic journals, an advertisement of some Ohio firm who were advertising for used common 1 and 2 cent U. S. stamps cancelled only in small towns. This is a coincidence with an article I recently seen. It causes a good space for suspicion.

A Malden, Mass., man has invented

a device for lifting the lid of a street letter box by touching the foot on a treadle at the foot of the post to which the box is attached.

The exclusion of all lottery matter from the mails is said to have reduced the income of the Post Office by over \$100,000.

It cost the U. S. Post-Office Dept. \$1,200 for the dyes which produce the well known U. S. 2c. red.

When you put a stamp on a letter do not lick the back of the stamp but wet the envelope and then place on the stamp and it will stay. People wetting the back of the stamp are doing so at the risk of seeing the letter in the Dead Letter Office. In all my career I have only seen two persons wet the envelopes instead of the stamps.

The proposition to build pneumatic tubes at Chicago, from the city to the World's Fair ground, has fell through I think. Postmaster Sexton, of Chicago, did not approve of it saying it would save but a mite from the mail carrier's pay. Wanamaker has not as yet decided.

Pecky Bros., a large wholesale firm of Omaha, Neb. has a company stamp which deceives the eye; it is placed in the upper right hand corner and at a distance assumes the appearance of a 2c. red. It is about twice the size of a 2c. red and is placed under the 2c. stamp which acts as a beautiful back ground.

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Confederate Locals.

BY A. M. GRIGGS.

First among the most interesting rare and valuable of American philatelic treasures are classed the provisional issues of the Confederacy which illustrates more clearly and vividly than tongue or pen can describe the fearful demoralized condition of the Southern post-office department during the first year of the bloody struggle known as the civil war.

After secession of course United States stamps, became valueless for postage in the seceded territory and as the general government did not issue stamps till toward the latter part of the year of 1861, every postmaster was thrown upon his own resources and while the majority of them merely changed an old postmark by inserting "5" or "10" "Paid" in place of the date and striking this upon the letters as the postage was paid (or any citizen could by paying the postage have his envelopes stamped for future use); yet in the cities adhesives were issued and in some cases stamped envelopes.

In my opinion by far the handsomest provisional issue by the Confederacy was that issued by the postmaster at Livingstone, Ala., which was very well lithographed in blue, on good paper and which bore a very neat design. A good copy of this stamp on envelope is worth about \$110.00. Among other neat designs are Athens, Ga., Charleston, S. C., Danville, Va., 5c red, Knoxville, Tenn., 5c black, Mobile, Ala., Nashville, Tenn., 5c, and New Orleans, also the envelope stamp

of Memphis, Tenn., and Lynchburg, Va., which last resembles the early Brazilian issues.

The majority of these locals were, however, type set and with the regular printer's "combination border" and the prevailing color of all confederate stamps, blue and its shades.

The postmaster at Madison, Fla., evidently thought to make a great hit and eclipse all the other postmasters by his production of a glorious stamp with an intricate border printed on blue paper with gold ink. Unluckily for his dreams of glory, however, the printer got a little nervous and transposed the "e" and "n" in cents making it read,

3 CNETS.

And now a word in regard to the "post mark" class of locals, many collectors (specialists of course) do not collect their class from the belief that they were never sold to the public, and therefore have no philatelic value.

I have the assertion from a postmaster who served the entire duration of the war, that any citizen could by paying the postage, have his envelopes stamped for future use and that he himself made a considerable addition to his revenue by buying envelopes, stamping them and charging a profit on the envelope. Of course only the specialist can take any interest in these provisionals as they are too numerous to be collected by the ordinary philatelist.

I have in my collection a provisional in the shape of half a 20 cent green cut diagonal and used as 10 cents.

The postmark is plain and heavy, the portion of the stamp is the right

hand side which is stuck on the upper right hand corner of the envelope close to the edge.

I have never heard of but one other copy which was advertised by a stamp firm in the South and I am ignorant as to whether this cutting of stamps was authorized by the government and would like to be enlightened on this subject.

In conclusion, there is no other field where more interesting material for the specialist exists than that of the Confederate States, general and provisional issues.

Chicago Clips.

Mr. J. A. Pierce entertained a number of philatelic friends at dinner, on the evening of Dec. 22nd, 1892.

The owner of the two cent green rejected die, used entire U. S. envelope originally paid twenty dollars for it; it sold at the W. P. U. auction sale of Dec. 16th, for one hundred and forty-six dollars.

Some persons would refer to it as a *Conversazione*; others—only vulgar people—would designate it a “blow-out.” The time-honored custom of sitting up late on New Year’s Eve, quite generally obtains throughout our grand and glorious country. It enables a fellow to say the next day, with much satisfaction that he saw the old year out and incidentally it affords an opportunity to stay up to an unseasonable hour and have what is vaguely and often dubiously alluded to as a “good time.” So, in accordance with

an established custom, Mr. A. E. Fritz sent out invitations to certain of his philatelic friends requesting the *pleasure*—Mr. Fritz is nothing if not polite—of their company at his abiding-place, on New Year’s Eve. Messrs. Mitchell, Glass, Wolsieffer, Ross, Massoth, Ferris, Myers, Pierce and Severn were there! also the following, who are not collectors; Count—, Captain O’Brien, of the S.S. ‘Susquehanna,’ W.P. Little, auditor of the C. & N. W. R. R., T. E. Hughes, of the Hughes Lithographing Co., and others. There were eatables and drinkables. “all the luxuries of the season,” is the stereotyped way the gum-chewing waitergirl would glibly say it.

As the evening wore on the pent-up jolity of those present flowed forth and shades of Jack-Bunsby! the solemn oracles that were delivered.

The volubility with which facts never before known were advanced; the scintillating wit that flashed and the appreciative laughter that followed! The wonderful tales that were related in which the narrator played the most prominent part and blushinglly told of his wonderful feats in the field of adventure! How the cockles of the heart were warmed and the manner in which the barnacles of conventionality were brushed away, then the augmented bond of friendship that resulted! The man-with-a-song and his companion, the fellow-with-a-story, were in their element. Fellowship reigned supreme and had it not been for certain disturbing thoughts of the inevitable next morning, but they—“things there are ’tis best not to dwell on.”

C. E. SEVERN.

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Another enterprising stamp firm is the Miller-McCormack Stamp Co., at Room 53, Emile Bldg., at which place they do a rushing business. Do not fail to avail yourselves of some of the bargains advertised in their page ad. to be found elsewhere in this Journal.

At last the much longed-for "Columbian Issue" has appeared. It is a neat set of stamps, and a fine specimen of the Engraver's art. The fact that they will be sold only during the year of 1893, will no doubt cause them to become rare in a comparatively short space of time.

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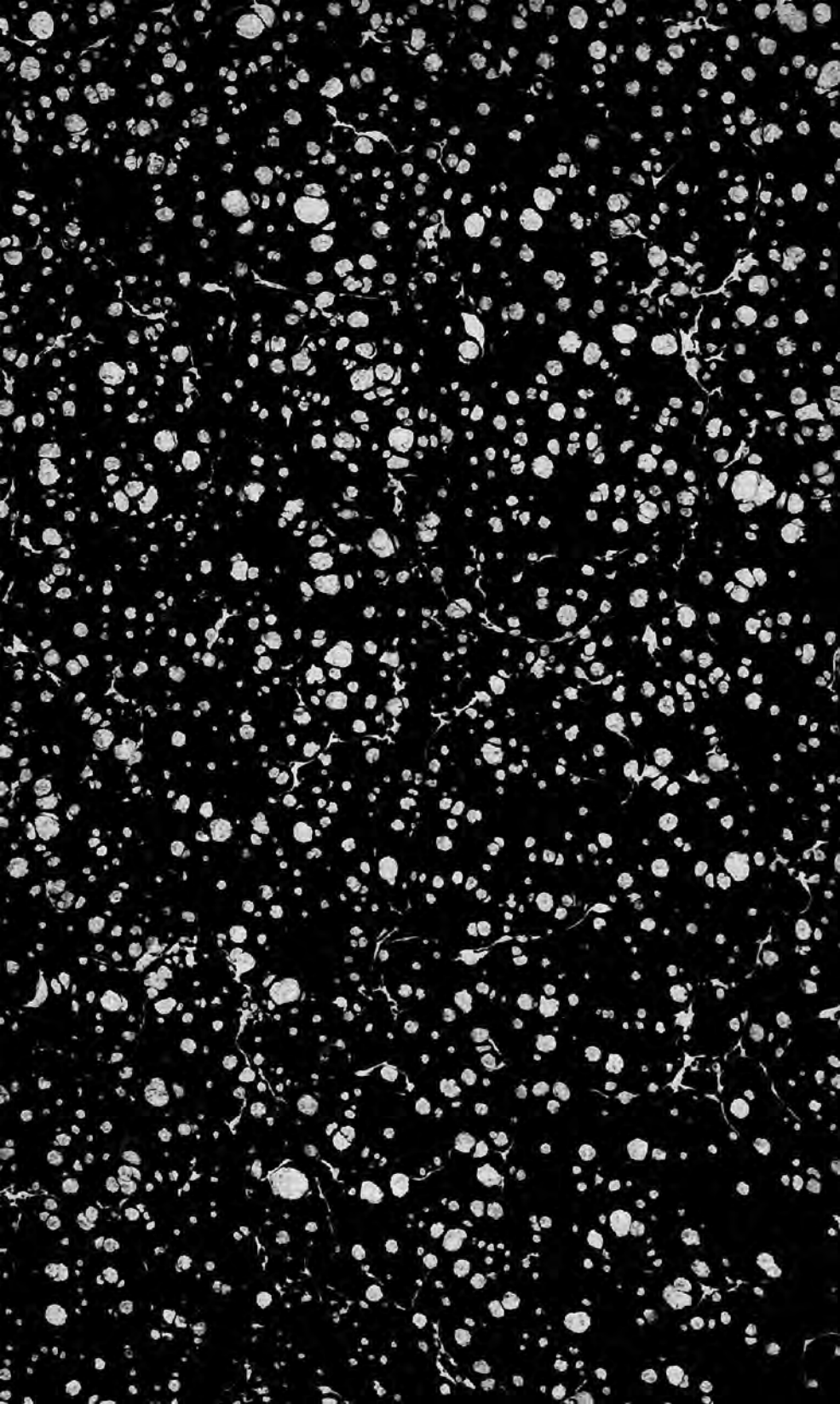
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