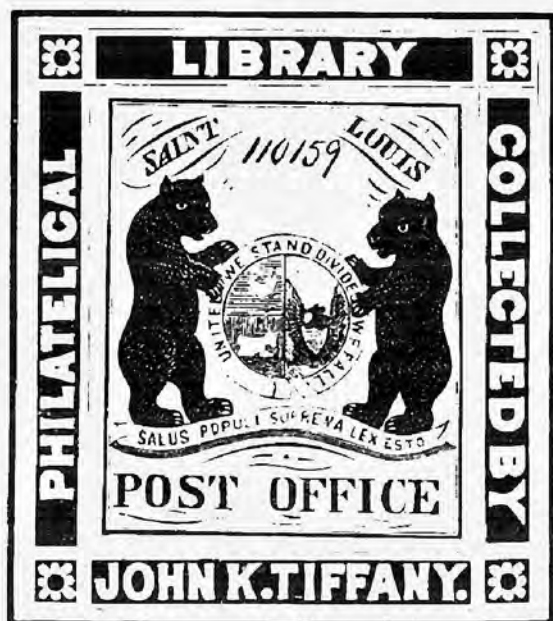
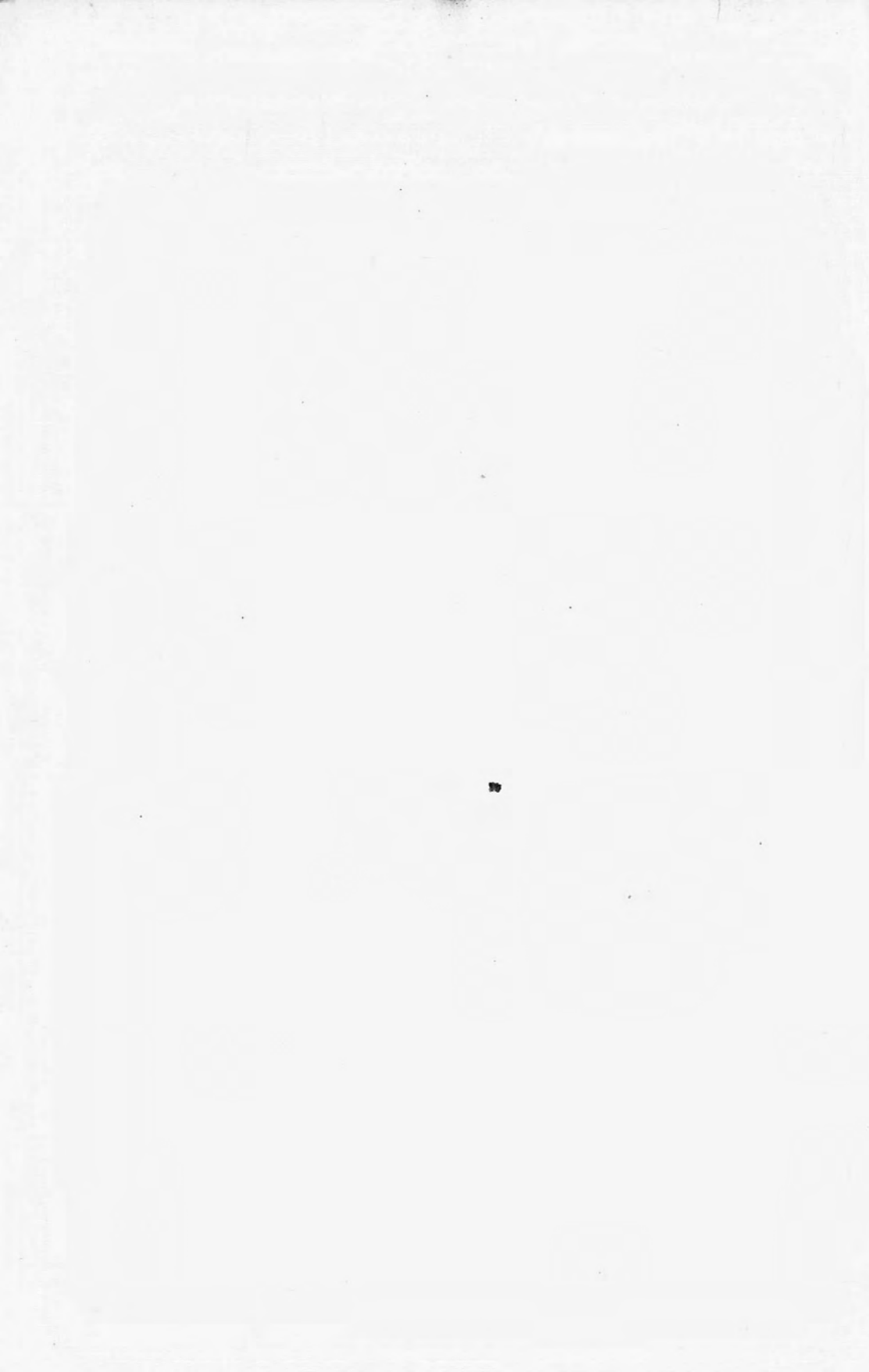




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BY "W. H. SYME."

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Far too many of the articles that are published to-day have the appearance of having been concocted from the common school history of the country of which it treats, combined with information gleaned from our Standard Catalogues, (?) thus giving collectors a few barren facts (?) that they are already cognizant of; and, to a certain extent, serve to make Philatelic Papers of less interest than they otherwise would be.

We will wander to-day from the usual course, to spend a little time among new or less familiar scenes, hoping that we may reap some benefit from the change.

Carefully avoiding a tiresome series of dates of issue and scraps of history to turn our attention to

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In almost any collection of a respectable age and size, will be found many little "labels," (if we may be allowed the term) around which cluster the many facts and fancies. The history of some of these, if known, would clear away a mist of doubt, and render their possessors most happy in their possession.

These Curiosities consist of Essays, Proof Essays, Proofs, Errors, Impostors, Interlopers, Doubtful Locals, Half-Stamps, Revenues used for Postage, Albinos, and in fact, anything and everything relating to Stamps or Philately that cannot, or is not classed with the regular order of things, and must out of necessity form a separate collection, which, if of any size at all, will form a valuable Philatelic Museum, in which will be found many interesting specimens that may furnish the topics for future themes that may serve as lights to guide the Philatelic Wanderer on his weary way.

The beginning of all stamps is in the Essay, and with these we will begin.

Essays and Proof Essays often embrace many varied and beautiful designs, that, as we behold them, we feel compelled to stop and wonder that those who had the selection of the new stamp should have discarded these, to choose sometimes not only a poorer design, but often to spoil the best design by having it printed in a color that is not in the least degree in harmony with it.

There being a very few of these rarities struck off, there are but few collectors that are fortunate enough to secure them.

Proofs (proper). For one who collects proofs there is one consolation which those who do not collect do not enjoy, *i. e.*, they are thereby enabled to procure many proofs of rare or very high-valued stamps that they would otherwise be compelled to go without.

Again the Proofs are often of more value than the stamp itself.

Being printed with a clearness and distinctness that is rarely if ever equalled by the stamp, they are works of art that lend additional beauty to the collection.

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New Issues.

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8 " " 1880	20 " " 1878

All surcharged in black.

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HAYTI.—The 20-cent is issued perforated.

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The *East Anglian Philatelist* will not be published this season, owing to insufficient support.

The firm of Wettern & Ridgely has dissolved. Hereafter, letters should be addressed to Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr.

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Just here we would warn all dealers against Chas. Morris, box 875, New London, Conn., and G. E. Thorpe, Queens, N. Y. They are rank frauds.

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Their origin is beautifully mysterious, and, while we would not dispose of them entirely, we will enroll them with the curious, retaining them in that position awaiting the developments that time, and time only, will bring forth to substantiate their claims. The Cincinnati & St. Louis, the Cayton, and others have been thrust upon us for the last year or so past.

Half-stamps. These, the most abominable of the many forms of Provisionals, were rendered a necessity, perhaps, in some of the colonies, while awaiting a supply for the Home Government, but are to be taken with caution on the whole (not a portion) of the original envelope, and from someone whose veracity can not be disputed.

We would not advise anyone to give any fancy prices for any of them, as there is a possibility that they might be manufactured for the trade; a little *influence* sometimes goes a long way with some postal employees in other countries as well as this.

In the United States, portions of stamps claiming to have prepaid postage for one-half face value are not recognized by the authorities, and it is only by an oversight that they ever succeed in passing through the mails.

With Revenues used for postage, the foregoing is also true, both existing to a greater extent in the British Colonies than elsewhere, although the Spanish are somewhat addicted to the "habit"

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New Issues.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—Three new provisional stamps have appeared;
 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. on 15 c. blue and red. | 1 c. on 15 c. blue and red.
 4 c. on 5 c. vermillion and black.

BERMUDA.—The "P. W." states that the $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. stamp has just appeared. The head of the Queen is in a circle to left. Above, in a label shaped like two sides of a hexagon, is the word "Bermuda" in white letters, and below in a similar label, "Twopence half-penny". Watermarked C. A. and crown, color blue.

BRITISH HONDURAS.—We have heard that the color of the 1 d. has been changed to rose.

BULGARIA.—The "P. M." state that, unpaid letter stamps have lately been issued of which three values have been brought to our notice, viz;
 3 stotinki, orange. | 25 stotinki, red.
 50 stotinki, blue.

The inscriptions are all in Bulgarian, making it difficult to describe them intelligently.

LABUAN.—The "P. M." mention the 16-cent blue surcharged "One Dollar," and the initials of the postmaster. It is done by hand in red ink.

SHANGHAI.—We hear that the 20-cash is now green, and the 60-cash violet.

TAHITI.—The "Ph. R." says that two more rarities of surcharged stamps have appeared:

10-c. on the 20-c. | 25-c. on the old 1-f.

URUGUAY.—All the new set have been surcharged for official use.

Philatelic Chronology.

We herewith present to our readers a Chronological Summary of Philatelic occurrences for the month of January, which cannot fail to interest such collectors as have any regard for the literary side of Philatelic science.

These dates have been very carefully compiled, and will, we think, be found correct. Our readers will please understand that we do not guarantee the day of the month to be accurate in all cases, but we claim the month and year stated to be positively correct. This monthly chronicle will be continued during the year, and will be found very useful in determining positively the date of Philatelic events long since forgotten. We will be happy to correct any errors that our readers may detect in our table, and all such corrections will be gratefully acknowledged.

— JANUARY —

	First appeared
1—1863—The Stamp Collector's Magazine, Bath, England,	"
2—1864—The London & New York Coin & Stamp Review, London, Eng.,	"
3—1864—The Postage Stamp Express, London, Eng.,	"
4—1865—The Collector's Herald, Hull, Eng.,	"
5—1868—The Stamp Collector's Budget, Glasgow, Scotland,	"
6—1868—The Stamp Buyer, A. Fountain, Middletown, Conn.,	"
7—1869—The New England Journal of Philately, W. W. Learned, Boston.	"
8—1871—The Stamp Collector's Magazine, Lyford & Terhune, Boston,	"
9—1840—Postage Stamps first used—in England.	
10—1872—The Postage Stamp Reporter, A. H. Wheeler, Lowell, Mass.,	"
11—1872—The Stamp Collector's Monthly, F. H. Pinkham, Newmarket, N. H.,	"
12—1872—Philatelic Journal, E. L. Pemberton, Birmingham, Eng.,	"
13—1872—Canadian Philatelist, Quebec, Canada,	"
14—1873—Collector's Review, Toledo, Ohio,	"
15—1874—Monthly Stamp Circular, F. Trifet, Boston,	"
16—1874—L'Ami des Timbres, Paris, France,	"
17—1874—Stamp Collector's Review, Minneapolis, Minn.,	"
18—1875—Vermont Philatelist, C. E. Foster, St. Albans, Vt.,	"
19—1875—The American Philatelist, W. E. Wilcox, Cleveland, O.,	"
20—1875—Collector's Companion, Northfield, Vt.,	"
21—1875—Coin & Stamp Journal, W. E. Wanner, Kansas City, Mo.,	"
22—1877—The Philatelic Snoozer, Morris Katshofski, New York,	"
23—1878—Coin & Stamp Journal, W. A. Streeter, Brooklyn, N. Y.,	"
24—1879—The Southern Philatelist, Galveston, Texas,	"
25—1880—New Jersey Philatelist, Taussig & Hagemeyer, Jersey City,	"
26—1880—The Stamp Collector, A. Fountain, New York,	"
27—1880—Amateur & Collector, St. Paul, Minn.,	"
28—1880—Philatelic Review, C. N. Butler, Maidenhead, Eng.,	"
29—1881—International Stamp Collector's Directory, J. T. Handford, N. Y.,	"
30—1883—National Philatelist, R. R. Bogert, New York,	"
31—1882—Stamp News, Theo. Buhl & Co., London, Eng.,	"

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Notes.

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The *American Philatelist* announced for Jan. will not appear.

L. Emerson of Cheighton Neb. is preparing to issue *The Philatelist and Amateur Directory*.

The *Collector's Companion* by J. H. Raymond of Chicago is announced for this month.

The *Bayonne Philatelist* has changed its name to the *Independent Philatelist*.

Dr. Horner author of "The History of the U. S. Envelopes" is dead.

The old reliable *Stamp World* comes to hand for Dec. with twenty pages. It contains a fine piece on the Mauritius Postage Stamps.

The *Granite State Philatelist* has sold out to Mr. Watkins of New York, an enthusiastic philatelist, who will continue the same under the name of the *Empire State Philatelist*. We wish him success.

We clip the following from the *Independent Philatelist*:

STAMPS FOR MONACO.

An agreement has been entered into by the French Minister by which special postage stamps will be issued by the ridiculous little principality of Monaco. Upon them the reigning prince styled Charles III. will have the pleasure of seeing his august portrait.

Collectors receiving a copy of this paper will do well to send at once for blanks to get subscribers. See advertisement on second page of cover. All blanks must be returned by Jan. 20.

The Stamps of Lubeck.

BY "NEMO"

Lubeck is a free Hanse town and important commercial port of the German Empire, it is situated on the Trave ten miles from the Baltic. It is still surrounded by its old walls and contains many things which cause the visitor's mind to wander back to the Middle Ages. In 1871 it entered the German Empire.

Its first stamps were issued in 1857 when six stamps made their appearance bearing a double eagle on a dotted background, LUBECK above, POSTMARKE below and a scroll on both sides bearing the value of the stamp. They are as follows :

$\frac{1}{2}$ schilling,	lilac.	$2\frac{1}{2}$ schilling,	rose.
1 "	orange	4 "	green.
2 "	brown	*2 "	brown.

*The two schilling brown is an error, being printed ZWEI EIN HALB. ($2\frac{1}{2}$.)

This issue is extensively counterfeited. In the $\frac{1}{2}$ schilling, the genuine is lithographed on rather stout paper, unwatermarked and there is no period after SCHILLING. The dash under the word LUBECK begins under the letter L and extends to the beginning of the K and the eagles' beaks do not touch the wings.

The best counterfeits that I have seen are lithographed on the same kind of paper as the genuine, but the dash under LUBECK only extends from the middle of the u to the end of c, and the eagle's beak on the right hand side of the stamp touches the wing.

These facts apply to almost all of this issue. I have never seen or heard of a forged 2 schilling, brown (error)

The next issue was in 1864, when seven embossed stamps appeared :

$\frac{1}{2}$ schilling,	Green.	$1\frac{1}{2}$ schilling,	Lilac.
1 "	Orange.	2 "	Rose.
$1\frac{1}{4}$ "	Brown.	$2\frac{1}{2}$ "	Blue.
4 schilling, Slate.			

This issue is not counterfeited to so great an extent as the 1857. I will take the $1\frac{1}{4}$ schilling to illustrate with. The genuine is lithographed on stout white paper. Perhaps the easiest test is that the line in the fraction $\frac{1}{4}$ in the left hand of the stamp is exactly even with that of the right hand one, and a line drawn through both of them would pass above the line in the little shield where it is divided into two colors. The leg on the right hand of the stamp points down obliquely almost towards the G in schillings.

The counterfeit is lithographed on very light paper. The fraction line on the left of the stamp is much lower than the right hand one, and the right leg points almost horizontally, so as to point a little below the right hand circle containing the $\frac{1}{4}$.

In 1863, the envelope stamps were also issued. They were of the same design as the same date adhesives, with two lines of small type printed in brown above the corner of stamp. Some were in the right hand corner and some in the left. They are as follows:

$\frac{1}{2}$ schilling,		Green.
1 "		Orange.
2 "		Rose.
$2\frac{1}{2}$ "		Blue.
4 "		Brown.

In 1866, one more envelope put in its appearance, a

$1\frac{1}{2}$ schilling,		Lilac.
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It has the same design as the adhesives of '63, but without the outer angles.

Stamp Dealing in Paris.

The trade in postage stamps had at first a Bourse (exchange) at the Hotel Drouot, later at the Tuileries and in the Palais Luxembourg, but these have been discontinued. At present the Bourse is held at the corner of the Avenue Gabriel and of the Avenue Marigny. There is a good deal of animation at this meeting-place of dealers and jobbers in postage stamps, young and old. The sellers carry a kind of satchel, in which the stamps are pressed together. From time to time shouts are heard, such as "I have the blue 60 copeck stamp"; or "who wants Uruguay, 1862?" "I take Ceylon, 1873"; "I am a buyer of Turkey, 1862;" "Peru, 1866, at 40 centimes;" "what is the price of Colombian?" "who wants Cape of Good Hope?" There are excited moments on the Postage Stamp Bourse which make us think of our great financial Bourses. Many a jobber in stamps is much interested in the fall or rise of Shanghai or Guatemala stamps, and it is not impossible that a great collapse may one of these days occur in Nova Scotia, 1857. The very rare stamps, however, are not often offered on the Bourse, and very high prices are paid for them. The rarest French stamp, the 1-fr. on orange-colored paper of 1843, is now worth 200 fr. if new, and 60 fr. if stamped. Hawaii of the first issue, with figures instead of the design, are bought with a 1000-fr. note. The two stamps of Reunion, 1852, of 15 and 30 centimes in blue letters, together are worth more than 1000 fr.—*French Correspondence Foreign Stamp Collector's News.*

Santander.

In reply to several inquiries from patrons, we have taken the trouble to inform ourselves concerning this new stamp-issuing country, and submit the following.

Santander, although in South America, is a genuine, existing government, and its stamps are authentic and collectable, and not at all like the supposed stamps of "Capacua, the new Bolivian republic," which is altogether an apocryphal place. The country under consideration is one of the nine states which form the United States of Colombia. It has an area of 16,293 square miles, thus being about twice as large as the state of New Jersey, or, half the size of Indiana. The population of Santander in 1870 was 425,427. Of course there has been a large increase since, but not so large as one would expect. The state capital is Socorro, a progressive city of 15,000 inhabitants. Colombia stands at the head of the South American republics in regard to literature, art and education, and is almost the only one of them which has any authors of note. Santander has over three hundred public schools, with a large attendance, and ranks among the best-educated portions of the continent.

The state receives its name from General Francisco Santander, who was elected vice-president when, in 1861, the republic of Colombia was formed from Venezuela, Ecuador and New Granada. Bolivar, the famous "Liberator," was the president. After the death of the latter, and the dissolution of the large confederation, Santander became president of New Granada, which since 1861 has been known as the United States of Colombia. He died in 1840. Afterward a state was named for each of the two great generals mentioned, and the stamps of the state of Bolivar are well known to collectors. The Colombian states have more individual authority than the states in our country do, and issue stamps for use among themselves.

During the past year, the following stamps were issued for use in Santander. They are unperforated. One centavo, blue; five centavos, red; and ten centavos, lilac. Since then a large oblong registration stamp has appeared, printed in three colors, brown, blue and red. More stamps are expected, for the South American countries are prolific in new issues.

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As, however, time passes and our friend enters the more advanced stages, he becomes retiring in his manner, watchful of current events, ever on the alert to take advantage of any favorable opportunity which may offer any seeming gain to himself or improvements to his treasured collection.

But how to attain the best results for the advancement of Philately is a question that has been the cause of many sleepless nights, the uppermost thought of many minds. And while we may not give any elaborate essay on the much desired subject, still we hope and trust that what may be said in this article will not only prove of benefit to the reader, but that it will lead others to take up and continue the subject until it is replete.

The whole Science of Philately is based on the Stamp, its preservation, and the record of its existence, in order to sift the whole matter to the bottom to get at the *truth*, a series of well chosen questions asked on each and every stamp and if any specimen fall short of the standard set up by these questions, it becomes our *duty*, not only to ourselves but to fellow philatelist, and to the advancement of the Science to make known and to bend our best efforts and most persistent endeavors to supply the short-coming.

These queries to be as follows:

1. The cause of its issue.
2. Its mission.
3. The length of its life.
4. Its withdrawal.
5. The cause of the latter event.
6. Its ultimate value to the collection.

To be continued.

Philatelic Chronology.

We herewith present to our readers a Chronological Summary of Philatelic occurrences for the month of February, which cannot fail to interest such collectors as have any regard for the literary side of Philatelic science.

These dates have been very carefully compiled, and will, we think, be found correct. Our readers will please understand that we do not guarantee the day of the month to be accurate in all cases, but we claim the month and year stated to be positively correct. This monthly chronicle will be continued during the year, and will be found very useful in determining positively the date of Philatelic events long since forgotten. We will be happy to correct any errors that our readers may detect in our table, and all such corrections will be gratefully acknowledged.

FEBRUARY

"Accidents will happen in the best regulated families." So it is with us this month. Our compiler has found it impossible to fill out the entire complement of 29 days and we therefore present the following 14 philatelic events hoping to do better next time.

- 1—1875—Philatelic Monthly, L. W. Durbin, Philadelphia, Pa.
- 2—1864—The Stamp Collectors' Record, S. A. Taylor, Boston Mass.
- 3—1873—Southern Curiosity Cabinet, W. Wilder, New Orleans, La.
- 4—1731—Joshua Dean, Stamp Counterfeiter, convicted in England.
- 5—1863—Le Timbre Post. J. B. Moens, Brussell, Belgium.
- 6—1873—Baum's Stamp Dealers Directory, first ever issued in the U. S.
- 7—1731—Joshua Dean, (convicted Feb. 4), estaped from Newgate prison.
- 11—1875—The Stamp Advocate. W. A. Berry, Toronto, Can.
- 12—1875—Decorah Philatelic Review, Decorah, Ia.
- 15—1869—Continental Philatelic Magazine, Amsterdam, Holland.
- 19—1878—Curiosity Seeker, Southtown Branch, N. Y.
- 22—1881—The Buckeye Philatelist, Marietta Ohio.
- 26—1879—Philatelic Record, Pemberton, Wilson & Co., London, Eng.
- 29—1880—The Collector, E. A. Welch, Worcester, Mass.

Correspondence Department.

In this department we desire our readers to express their views on the various questions relating to Philately. Should anyone wish to have any point explained or to ask information on any subject, we shall be glad to insert the questions and in the next number the solutions as given by other readers, if any are received. In this manner, inquirers may get the benefit of the various answers of different persons from different standpoints. If anybody thinks he can give any useful intelligence concerning any of the points in doubt, we shall be glad to hear from him.

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Notes.

We shall advance in our prices for advertising space next month. Advertisers will do well to make their contracts now.

We wish at all times information regarding new issues etc. Such information will be gratefully acknowledged in our columns.

Mr. Mills informs us that the office of the Stamp World was entirely destroyed by fire, and communications should be addressed to Box 473.

With this number we open a correspondence page, free to all, and we hope that any of our readers who are puzzled over anything pertaining to Philately will send in a communication.

We were unable to get in our new issues this month, but hereafter we will try to do so.

This city cannot claim as large or as fine collections as New York, but one Fitchburg gentleman has the rare 10-cent Providence of 1846 and another has the £5 Great Britain.

Two stamp firms of this city, formerly well known, have dissolved. The Wachusett has sold out to the Union Stamp Co., and the Bay State has been succeeded by the Eolus Stamp Co.

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British Notes.

By our Special Correspondent.

I much regret to have to announce that the final meeting of the London Stamp exchange was held on the 17th of December 1884, when the Association was formally dissolved, which is attributed to the small amount of interest taken in it

A Philatelic Exhibition was opened on Sunday, October 5th, at Munich, promoted and arranged by the Philatelic Society of Bavaria. The exhibition has lasted nearly a week, and several members of the Royal family honored it with their presence. I learn that his Majesty the King of Roumania paid a long visit one day, but insisted upon preserving the strictest *incognito*.

Trade, I am sorry to say is very bad indeed this side of the "herring pond" and a long discussion of its cause has appeared in *Nunn's Annual* and *The Foreign Stamp Collector's News*. They seem to me to bring it out that our large wholesale houses are ruining the trade by selling stamps from wholesale lists to collectors, dealers, and in fact to anyone who applies. I fancy the *F. S. C. N.* has "hit it in the right place."

Whilst referring to *The Foreign Stamp Collector's News* I would like to recommend it to my American Philatelic friends. It is undoubtedly a really *first-class* magazine, and should receive a fair amount of support from all Philatelists. It is published by Edwin England, Lorne Street, Hull, England.

The subscription is only 36 cents per annum.

Another failure! The International Philatelic Union has fallen through. It will be no loss. I was a member from the first, and, like the rest of the the members, received no good whatever from it.

London. January 8th, 1885.

Our Exchanges.

We desire to exchange with *all* Philatelic papers. Publishers will confer a great favor by sending *two* copies.

We have received up to date, The Philatelic World, Philatelic Monthly, Keystone Philatelic Gazette, Independent Philatelist, Empire State Philatelist, Foreign Stamp Collectors News, The Collector, Foreign Stamp Collectors Journal, Our Own Fireside, The Hermes, Capital City Philatelist, Collectors Companion, The Advertiser.

For the New England Philatelist.

Brazil and Its Early Issues.

BY S. F. WILLIAMS.

Among the first countries to imitate Great Britain by adopting the prepayment of correspondence by postage stamps, was that of Brazil, but there are conflicting opinions regarding the year in which the first issue was emitted; according to Moens, whom we will accept as authority, we shall believe ourselves correct in saying 1843. The first issue consisted of the values of 30, 60 and 90 reis, unperforated, of which collectors of the present day are, or should be, well acquainted. Although no denomination of currency was stated, nearly the numbers appearing in large bold ornamental numerals, printed in black on a ground of exquisitely engine-turned lathe work; the whole face being enclosed by a fine single rectangular line. This issue may be found printed on a thin bluish paper, and a thicker hard paper of a whiter nature.

The 90 reis is the most scarce of the series, and is quite difficult to obtain in an unused condition, and even good used specimens are but seldom to be met with, although catalogued by many dealers at from \$2 to \$2.50 for unused specimens; the 30 and 60 reis may be had at from 50 to 75 c. each.

There is not such uncertainty regarding the date of the second series, which was in the latter part of 1844, and consisted of seven values. Like the first, no name of issuing country nor currency was denoted, but simply numbers of value on engine-turned ground in octagonal frame, and the figures of value being italic. This series is unperforated and found printed in two descriptions of paper as the first series, thin bluish and thicker white; the latter is rather the scarcer of the two, especially in the higher values, and the 180, 300 and 600 reis are seldom met with, and in an uned condition command fancy prices, while used specimens may be had at \$5 and \$6 each; the lower value—10 and 90 reis—can be had at from 30 to 40 c. each.

The third issue appeared during the latter part of 1850, four of these being issued in 1857. The series consisted of upright Roman numerals in oblong frame, on engine-turned ground, somewhat smaller than those of preceeding issue, unperforated and lithographed, consisting of eight values, viz: 10, 20, 30, 60, 90, 180, 300 and 600 reis, and like the preceeding issues were impressed in black upon two qualities of paper.

In 1854, in having been declared that a special stamp should be issued for the prepayment of newspaper postage exclusively, stamps were struck from the 10 and 30 reis dies in *blue* instead of black, and should, therefore, be classed as newspaper stamps, as letters franked with these were considered as prepaid.

(To be Continued.)

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Hawaiian Stamps and their Origin.

BY H. S. JEANS.

This important branch of the public service was not established until 1850, when, by Act of the Privy Council, it was established Dec. 21st, with H. M. Whitney as Postmaster. The same Act defined the postage rates at five cents per half ounce or part on letters, and two cents on each paper. The Legislature of 1851 ratified this Act of the Privy Council, and authorized the Postmaster to issue stamps of such denominations as were necessary.

This law was soon amended by the Legislature. The rates were then fixed at five cents on all letters weighing less than one-half ounce, and requires that the Hawaiian postage on all foreign letters sent should be prepaid—postage to Oregon and California twelve cents; east of the Rocky Mountains, thirteen cents if prepaid, or nineteen cents if the United States postage is not prepaid. The above rates include the entire Hawaiian and United States postage on single letters, and are an important reduction from the former rate of fifty cents.

Postage on papers under the new United States law is higher than formerly, being five cents, which, with the Hawaiian two cents, makes seven cents on a paper. The reduction of postage here mentioned had reference to the change in the United States and not the Hawaiian. With the publication of the law it went into effect, and on the 1st of October following, the first Hawaiian stamps were printed. In the "Polynesian" of October 4th we find the first allusion or notice of them. "Postage stamps of two, five, and thirteen have been prepared, and can be had at the Post Office."

These are the first numeral stamps which were set up from types, with the figured or pattern border around the numerals, and plain double-line border around the whole, as the denominations mentioned agree with the numerals issued, whereas the engraved "bust" stamps of Kamehameha III were only of five and thirteen cents. It is a matter of regret that no record was kept in the office, or can be found there to throw light on any of the earlier emissions.

The history of the thirteen cent stamp has been sought for with interest, as there is nothing in the rates that ever ruled at these Islands that called for such a denomination.

From the above quotation from the "Polynesian," it must have been through the courteous arrangement with the San Francisco Post Office, which included also the prepaid United States and sea postage rates, for the second issued thirteen-cent numeral and the engraved "bust" thirteen-cent stamp shows the joint interest. Such views of the matter I find are fully corroborated by Mr. Whitney, who states that much credit is due to the late J. B. Moore, who

was Postmaster of San Francisco from 1850 to 1852, for his many courteous acts and great assistance in the establishment of the Postal Department of these islands. The postage under this mutual arrangement was settled for at the end of each quarter. The numeral stamps of this and subsequent issues were struck off in the Government printing office at Honolulu, as they were needed from time to time, and upon thin plain letter paper, such as was to be had at the time in the market, which accounts, in a measure, for the great variety of kinds. The first three engraved stamps, viz: Kamehameha III five and thirteen, and the Kamehameha IV, two cent, were engraved in Boston, the first arrived at Honolulu in April, 1853; the latter was issued subsequently, which had been conceded to follow the establishment of inter-island postage, appearing in the Sandwich Islands in 1862, but M. Whitney places its date of issue for 1855.

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It has been impossible to ascertain the dates of the various issues, but I have every reason to believe that the pale blue on white, or the dark blue on blue tinted paper were the first. The last were black on blue. The five-cent numeral stamp was issued in 1865. In 1866 an effort was made in Honolulu, by a Mr. J. Costa, to produce an engraved one-cent stamp with bust of Kamehameha I to the order of the Post Office, but it failed.

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The method of procedure that we must pursue in order to bring about this happy result is the agitation of the question in the Philatelic Press to get the subject before collectors. To advocate its adoption before such societies as are in existence, and last, and what is most important, is a cheap, rapid system of communication between foreign and native collectors.

The best means of rapid and cheap communication between foreign countries that we ever saw or heard tell of, is that advanced by Col. F. H. Gordon, in conversation with us during the past summer. His plan was for widely-separated Philatelists to form themselves into an association, the chief officer of which would be the Secretary, who, in conjunction with a large corps of foreign correspondents, and the members would be able to procure all the latest information in relation to the Science. Each member and correspondent being pledged to send in to the Secretary at least one communication per month, and oftener should the value of the information warrant the same.

The Secretary was to arrange the matter in readable shape, have a number of copies struck off, and mailed to members, correspondents, and such others as would appreciate the value of the information contained in such bulletins.

With a code of abbreviations and postal cards, in such cases where the postal rates are high, the system would be cheap and convenient. Much could be learned from this method, and that in many cases long before it were possible to have it published in our papers.

As for us, we are enthusiastic in Philately as any, and shall lend our aid to further any good thing that will benefit the cause.

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The Stamps of Corea.

Some six years ago, or thereabouts, a stamp was received from Japan which the person who forwarded it alleged to be a postage stamp for Corea. We presume it was duly noted in the United States Philatelic journals of the time, but as none of them, with the single exception of the *Philatelic Monthly* are alive today to tell the story, we shall have to infer that it was duly chronicled. Now although these stamps were received directly from Japan, as can be shown by the clearest evidence, it was soon after found that it was a fictitious and spurious stamp, or, in other words, no such thing ever had any existence in Corea. It has long since been relegated to the domain of impostures. A few weeks ago, stamps for Corea again appeared, and as before are received directly from Japan. These are of two values, 5 and 10 m. s., whatever "m. s." may imply (though Mr. Oppert's excellent work on Corea makes no mention of any such coin as an "m. s.") Mr. Durbin gives their values as 5 and 10 mons, but a mon (a Japanese mon, at least) is only equivalent to a hundredth of a cent, and this of course would be a ridiculous denomination for a postage stamp.

They bear Japanese letters and figures and some other characters, supposed to be Corean; also, on the higher value, the words, in Roman letters, "COREAN POST." Now, whether these things are Corean stamps, or not, is a very debatable question, more particularly as the person who has received them volunteers the information that the Corean Post-office has just been abolished, and, as a matter of course, no more stamps can issue themselves. This is unfortunate, but it cannot be helped, and collectors ought to be thankful that they are allowed the blissful privilege of buying Corean stamps, and also to bear in mind the remark of Marcus Antoninus, when he said that "the evil that men do lives after them."

Philatelic Chronology.

We herewith present to our readers a Chronological Summary of Philatelic occurrences for the month of March, which cannot fail to interest such collectors as have any regard for the literary side of Philatelic science.

These dates have been very carefully compiled, and will, we think, be found correct. Our readers will please understand that we do not guarantee the day of the month to be accurate in all cases, but we claim the month and year stated to be positively correct. This monthly chronicle will be continued during the year, and will be found very useful in determining positively the date of Philatelic events long since forgotten. We will be happy to correct any errors that our readers may detect in our table, and all such corrections will be gratefully acknowledged.

MARCH.

- 1—1872—Stamp Collector's Journal & Philatelic Opinion, Light & Jackson, London. Eng.
- 5—1872—Stamp Advertiser, G. C. Ledyard, Chicago.
- 13—1877—Toronto Philatelist, Toronto, Canada.
- 16—1879—Ohio Philatelist, Cincinnati, O.
- 20—1880—N. S. Wales Stamp Collector's Magazine, Blunsum, Sydney, N. S. W.
- 22—1880—Foreign Stamp Gazette, London, Eng.
- 25—1883—Philatelic Referee, Ipswich, Eng.
- 26—1875—Specimen Stamps first sold by U. S. Post-office.

Correspondence Department.

In this department we desire our readers to express their views on the various questions relating to Philately. Should anyone wish to have any point explained or to ask information on any subject, we shall be glad to insert the questions and in the next number the solutions as given by other readers, if any are received. In this manner, inquirers may get the benefit of the various answers of different persons from different standpoints. If anybody thinks he can give any useful intelligence concerning any of the points in doubt, we shall be glad to hear from him.

Can you or any of your readers give me any information regarding the stamps of Bhore? I have seen two of them, but not seeing any place for them in my album, I did not know but what they were frauds. H. E. S.

Can any one inform me what the Postmaster's initials on the surcharged Straits Settlements are? A. N. HICKS.

The *Independent Philatelist* has had another change. Dr. Mitchell now has charge, and it is again published over in Jersey. Many of our readers have doubtless admired many of his pieces under the name of "W. H. Syme," and may expect many more.

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Notes.

We have received a copy of the *International Collector's Guide*, W. G. Whilden, Jr., publisher. It contains some fine articles; among them are two pieces by Rev. Rhees, D. D. However, there might be more Philatelic matter in it, for the ancient postal system is not anything which relates to stamps.

The most complete and concise price list for the very expensive line of coins and medals, which we have yet seen was embodied in Mr. Lyman H. Low's advertisement in our issues of January and February. Mr. Low is among the few experts in his line in this country, and his knowledge and reputation have been required by long and continuous application, enhanced by his untiring interest in the subject. We commend the exhaustive list of coins he has in stock and offers for sale in this issue to the careful perusal of our readers.

Mr. J. M. Beers announces that he intends publishing a *first-class* directory of collectors and dealers in stamps, etc.

We have decided not to give out any prizes this month as we intended, as there was not enough interest taken in the matter.

Persons having any U. S. stamps will do well to send a list of such to this office, as we wish to purchase such.

The Philatelic Advertiser and *The Eastern Collector* are two new stamp journals. We wish them success.

Our Exchanges.

We desire to exchange with *all* Philatelic papers. Publishers will confer a great favor by sending *two* copies—one for the assistant editor.

We have received up to date, *The Philatelic World*, *Philatelic Monthly*, *Der Philatelist*, *Welt Post*, *Keystone Philatelic Gazette*, *Tidings from Nature*, *Pine & Palmetto*, *Wolverine Collector's Journal*, *Stamp Collector's Journal & Coin Collector's News*, *Foreign Stamp Collector's Journal*, and others.

For the New England Philatelist.

Brazil and Its Early Issues.

BY S. F. WILLIAMS.

(Continued.)

In 1861, two more stamps made their appearance for letter postage—the 280 and 430-reis; these two values belong to the series of 1850, and are of same design, but were printed in red and orange respectively, upon white paper, and are somewhat scarcer than the remaining values of the series.

In 1866, the entire series of 1850-1-4-61, appeared perforated, of which the 10 and 280-reis are the scarcest, although none of the values perforated are plentiful. With the close of the year, the figure series, which, under one phase and another, had a long reign, was gradually replaced by a fine series of stamps bearing the head of the Emperor. This type is the dawning of a new era in the stamps of Brazil, and we reluctantly draw the line, as our readers are undoubtedly all familiar with the issues from 1867 to 1884.

The whole of the figure series have been forged, but none of the imitations could be mistaken for genuine by a collector who has once seen the original, as the engine-turned lathe work in the latter is unapproachable for its fineness by any counterfeit.

Counterfeiting in Switzerland.

A wholesale manufactory of Swiss stamps of old issues has just been discovered in Zurich. The forgers have gone about their work very thoroughly. They have collected scraps of old letters bearing postmarks with various dates, from 1843 to 1860, and the better to deceive the unwary, they have stuck the stamps onto these pieces of envelopes—*Boston Daily Transcript*.

It will be seen from the above that collectors who pay high prices for stamps, of whom, it is true, there are not many, are still liable to be imposed upon by the superior skill of the stamp manipulator.

It is a question whether or no, in this country, some old envelopes have been treated in the same manner and had "rare Locals" stuck on them, and then have been palmed off on collectors as genuine, by token of the *original sender*.

Perhaps Americans are not so cunning as the Swiss, and would not think of playing wicked tricks like that, but it is a matter well worth thinking of by advanced Philatelists.

Fitchburg Philatelic Society.

OFFICIAL.

A number of stamp collectors met at 408 Main Street, Fitchburg, Mass., on the 6th of February, and organized as the FITCHBURG PHILATELIC SOCIETY, W. K. Jewett, Chairman, *pro tem*. The following officers were elected: President, W. L. Emory; Secretary, W. K. Jewett; Treasurer, W. A. Brown; Librarian, L. H. Sherwin. Regular meetings were appointed for the 2d and 4th Fridays in each month.

President Emory in the chair. The following Committees were chosen: On Literature and Printing, J. H. Daffy, chairman; On By-laws, L. H. Sherwin, chairman; On Appropriations regarding other things, I. C. Greene, chairman. The Secretary was directed to send a report of the organization to all the stamp papers. THE NEW ENGLAND PHILATELIST was selected as the official organ of the Society.

The first regular meeting of the Society was held at 408 Main Street, February 13. The report of the organization was read and approved. The Secretary was authorized to procure for the Society, Vol. I of the Granite State Philatelist. For exchanging, etc., it was decided that Durbin's Catalogue should be the standard. Mr. Emory exhibited specimens of the 10-cent, green of Belgium, cut in two, and each half used separately as a 5-cent. stamp. They were on the entire wrapper and properly postmarked. The meeting was then adjourned.

W. K. JEWETT, Sec'y.



Capacua.

We have the pleasure, this month, of presenting to our readers in this cut at the left, a faithful representation of a once-famous humbug. In the spring of 1883, a well-known European stamp journal announced that a part of the South American republic of Bolivia had seceded and formed itself into an independent state under the title of "Republic of Capacua." Of course it had issued postage stamps, else the journal in question would never have mentioned it. The set was given as follows: 1 centavo, green; 2 centavos, rose; 5 centavos, blue; 10 centavos, bistre; 20 centavos, violet. They were all of the same design as cut. After a while, it came out that this was only a little joke of the editor to catch a "cribber," and that there was no such place as Capacua. During the interval, however, a Continental stamp manufacturer announced that he had received a few sets direct, and was willing to sell them. This is the fruit of all such doings. The European stamp papers, in their race to see who shall obtain the new issues first, are prone to invent strange emissions, which are duly picked up by their satellites. It would be a good thing for Philately if this could be stopped. Between such things as a bogus set of Cyprus, a peculiar Japan never again heard of, and a fictitious set of Canada, "official," we on this side of the water are likely to get mixed up.

Hawaiian Stamps and their Origin.

BY H. S. JEANS.

(Continued.)

3. Engraved portrait of Kamehameha III, in military uniform in rectangular disc, having inscribed arched label above; inscription at sides and value below on plain ground; figures of value in upper corners. Honolulu at left side, Postage in arch and Hawaiian Is. at right side. Col. imp., rect. On white paper, five cents, blue. On bluish paper, five cents, blue. Time of issue, 1853.

4. Similar in design to No. 3, but with figures of value in three, and differently disposed inscription. Hawaiian—5 cts. at left side, Postage in arch at top, United States—8 cts. at right side, Honolulu. Hawaiian Is. at foot, Cts. in right lower corner. Col. imp., rect. Thirteen cents, vermillion on white paper. Time of issue, 1853.

Note. A specimen of this stamp exists, authentically surcharged with a large written figure 5, showing that it had been sold as 5-cent stamp. All of Type 4 and many of Type 5 (the first Kamehameha IV 2-cent stamp) have been surcharged "Specimen," while the 5-cent stamp, Type 3, has been surcharged "Cancelled." This has been done in the Hawaiian Islands by the Post Office authorities, and are only sold as specimen stamps at their full face value. The plates of Types 3 and 4 were received in the above country in 1867, but have been destroyed.

5. Portrait of King Kamehameha IV. to left in military uniform, on arched disc, with inscription Uka Leta above, and value in words at foot, on plain ground; numerals in upper corners and foliated border at the sides. Col. imp., rect. Two cents, vermillion on white. Time of issue 1855.

6. Large numeral of value on rectangular disc, in plain rule or linear inscribed frame; on plain ground. Hawaiian Postage at left side, Inter Island at top, Uka Leta at right side, value at bottom. Rect.

(1) Col. imp.—On blue tinted paper, one cent pale blue; two cents pale blue. Two cents, dark blue.

(2) Blk. imp.—On bluish paper, two cents, black. On white paper, one cent, black; two cents, black.

(Note. Uka Leta signifies postage, and not paid letter, or local tax, as has been assigned to it. Many of these stamps are cancelled by pen strokes—this was done by captains of coasters and others, when letters were conveyed outside of the Post Office, in accordance with the law.)

7. Same design as No. 6, but with Inter Island in one word at the left side, Uka Leta at top, and Hawaiian Postage at the right side. Col. imp., rect., on white paper. One cent, dark blue; two cents, dark blue. Time of issue, 1859-65, or perhaps 1866—none later.

8. Portrait of King Kamehameha IV to left on oval disc, in plain dress, in a very neat scroll inscribed frame, having numerals in the upper corners, with Hawaii at the top and Elua Keneta—signifying two cents—in the foot scroll. Col. imp., rect., perforated. Two cents (elua keneta) vermillion. Time of issue, 1854.

9. Same design as No. 6, but with different inscription. Uka Leta at top, Hawaiian Postage on each side, 5 cents at foot. Col. imp., rect. Five cents, dark blue on blue paper. Time of issue, 1865.

10. Same design as No. 7, viz.: With Interisland in one word at the left side, Uka Leta at top and Hawaiian Postage at the right, 5 cents at foot. Col. imp., rect. Five cents, dark blue on blue paper. Time of issue, 1865.

(Note. No. 10 might properly be called an "error stamp," from the fact that the interisland rates required no such denomination as a 5-cent stamp, and must have occurred by the printers substituting the figure 5 for that of the 1 or 2 in the form that happened to be standing in the office. The idea of some people, that some of these issues were in blue on white paper is an error, or that any of these numerals were issued as late as 1867. If so, it was not from or for the Post Office.)

11. Similar design to No. 8, but with portrait of King Kamehameha V., full face, in military uniform. Numerals in the upper corners, Hawaii in top and Elima Keneta in foot scroll. Col. imp., rect., perforated. Five cents (elima keneta) deep blue on white. Time of issue, 1866.

12. Full-face portrait of Princess Victoria Kamamalu on oval disc; inscription and value in curved labels above and below, and numerals in circular discs, occupying each corner. Hawaii at top, Akahi Keneta at foot. Col. imp., rect., perf. One cent (akahi keneta) violet on white. Time of issue, 1871.

13. Portrait of King Kamehameha V to right on shaded oval disc; inscription Hawaii at top in curved label, and value in words, Eono Keneta, at foot; numerals in circular discs at the upper corners. Col. imp., rect., perf. Six cents (eono keneta) green on white. Time of issue, 1871.

14. Full-face portrait of His Highness M. Kekuanaoa in similar frame to No. 13. Hawaii at top in curved label between the numerals of value in corners, and Keneta at foot on a scroll between numerals of value repeated. Col. imp., rect., perf. Eighteen cents (keneta) brick red on white. Time of issue, 1871.

(Note. The above six-cent stamp, as also the eighteen, were gotten up to meet the requirements of the Postal Convention with the United States, of May, 1870.)

15. Portrait of King Kalakaua to left on oval disc, in plain dress, with elaborate scroll design borders; numerals in each corner with inscriptions H. I. Postage curved at the top. Col. imp., rect., perf. Two cents (elua keneta) dark brown on white. Time of issue, 1875.

16. Portrait of H. R. H. Prince Leleiohoku, to left in uniform, on oval medallion disc, with numerals of value in designed angles at each corner; inscription H. I. Postage in top curve, and Keneta with two stars at each end in the lower curve. Col. imp., rect., perf. Twelve cents, black on white. Time of issue, 1875.

(Note. This twelve-cent stamp was issued to meet the requirements of the Postal Convention with New South Wales, of 1874.)

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JAPAN.—An official wrapper, red on rice paper, is reported.

LAGOS.—The 1 d. has been changed to rose, the 2 d. to gray, the 4 d. to lilac, and the 6 d. to olive.

MACAO.—The provisional 80 reis has been superseded by a permanent stamp of that value, color gray.



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The *Collector*, of Hull, England, lies on our mahogany. The Philatelic part of its eight pages shows editorial capacity.

Brother Mills' *Stamp World* has reached us again. Contents excellent, but we hope that hereafter the reading matter will increase in the same ratio as the "ads."

Capital City Philatelist, from the Pine Tree State, has come out with a cover, and will introduce an exchange department.

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Philatelic Chronology.

We herewith present to our readers a Chronological Summary of Philatelic occurrences for the month of April, which cannot fail to interest such collectors as have any regard for the literary side of Philatelic science.

These dates have been very carefully compiled, and will, we think, be found correct. Our readers will please understand that we do not guarantee the day of the month to be accurate in all cases, but we claim the month and year stated to be positively correct. This monthly chronicle will be continued during the year, and will be found very useful in determining positively the date of Philatelic events long since forgotten. We will be happy to correct any errors that our readers may detect in our table, and all such corrections will be gratefully acknowledged.

A P R I L .

- 1—1844—Boyd's City Express Post established.
- 2—1865—Stamp Collectors Pocket Companion, Thorp & Burns, Manchester, Eng.
- 8—1865—Stamp Collectors Journal, J. C. Wroe, Liverpool, Eng.
- 12—1881—W. P. Brown committed to jail, in New York.
- 14—1867—Mason's Coin and Stamp Magazine, Philadelphia.
- 15—1868—American Journal of Philately, J. W. Scott & Co., New York.
- 17—1873—Philatelists Companion, Williamsport, Pa.
- 18—1873—H. Werninck's Directory of Stamp Dealers.
- 20—1871—American Stamp Collectors Guide, Tolles Bros., Middletown, Conn.
- 21—1883—Arthur Fountain, Philatelic publisher, died.
- 23—1882—Empire City Philatelist, A. Crouter, N. Y.
- 25—1873—Western Stamp Collector, N. F. Hansen, Chicago.
- 26—1883—Michigan Philatelist, E. A. Duvernois, Detroit, Mich.
- 28—1883—Philatelic News, F. H. Schwartz, Philadelphia.

CORRECTIONS.—The *Stamp News*, London, Eng., appeared on January 15th instead of the 31st as given, and the *National Philatelist* of New York was published by W. F. Smith instead of R. R. Bogert.

Correspondence Department.

In this department we desire our readers to express their views on the various questions relating to Philately. Should anyone wish to have any point explained or to ask information on any subject, we shall be glad to insert the questions and in the next number the solutions as given by other readers, if any are received. In this manner, inquirers may get the benefit of the various answers of different persons from different standpoints. If anybody thinks he can give any useful intelligence concerning any of the points in doubt, we shall be glad to hear from him.

In reply to H. E. S., I would say the stamps of Bhoze are undoubtedly genuine, and to A. N. Hicks that no Straits Settlements stamps surcharged with postmaster's initials are known, but they are common with the initials of firms stamped across, generally "B. & Co."

L. W. DURBIN.

I would like to know where the stamps of the Hamburg-American Co. were used, and if they are yet in use. Also any particulars.

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We clip the following from the *Boston Herald*, concerning the stamps of Venezuela bearing the legend "Escuelas," which means "Schools." There are four sets of these stamps.

"The schools of Venezuela are supported by the federal government from the revenues of the postoffice and a trade license system. At the postoffice you can get two sorts of stamps. The proceeds from the sales of one go into the general treasury, and it is good for foreign or domestic postage. The other stamp is used for local postage, for letters addressed to persons within the town or state, and is also required upon commercial paper, upon all deeds, mortgages, leases, contracts, notes, receipts, certificates, etc. The proceeds of its sale are devoted to the support of the schools, which are free to all, but are usually attended by the children of the lower classes."

We note two typographical errors in our last number. In speaking of Mr. Lyman H. Low's Coin List, we were made to say instead of "very extensive list of coins," "very expensive," whereas, as a matter of fact, Mr. Low's prices are very reasonable indeed, and we cheerfully rectify the mistake. The other error mentioned was regarding the authorship of the remark "the evil that men do lives after them." This was, by the introduction of an n, attributed to Marcus Antoninus, while in reality it is a part of the speech by Marcus Antonius, or Mark Antony, on the death of Cæsar, 165 years before Antoninus entered this world of woe.

Philatelic Societies have been formed at Philadelphia and at Providence. The names of the officers are crowded out this month, but we will try to give them next time. Meanwhile let the good work go on.

On account of my being unable to devote sufficient time to my paper, *The Advertiser*, I have been compelled to dispose of it to Mr. W. L. Emory, of Fitchburg, Mass., who will merge it into THE NEW ENGLAND PHILATELIST. All communications should be addressed to him.

EDGAR F. JORDAN, Philadelphia, Pa.

Written for the New England Philatelist.

Counterfeits and Counterfeiters.

CONTRIBUTED BY AN OLD-TIMER.

The subject of counterfeit stamps is always one which is usually of the uppermost in the mind of collectors, both of younger and of more mature age. It is a troublesome subject, the trouble usually materializing itself from the fact that the collector cannot understand it. It is a knotty subject, sure enough. It has been wrestled with by the giant intellects of the great Philatelists of ancient and modern times, as well as by the dizzy quill of the scientific amateur of the present progressive and philatelic era. The bucolic pen of the rural philatelic editor too, has often tackled it and found it a foeman worthy of its steel, and he has carefully laid it down again and made the mental remark that he would see it later, and it has, in the words of the poet, been explored "by the prince and the potentate, by the serf and the savage," and it has withstood it all; and, if the philatelic journals mistake not, is as bright, smiling and happy as ever.

The first stamp counterfeiter of whom history makes any mention was Joshua Dean. Joshua, as recorded in the "History of Newgate," was convicted in London of stamp counterfeiting, Feb. 4, 1731, more than a century and a half ago. The penalty in those days for stamp counterfeiting was hanging, and it is much to be regretted that such a wholesome and equitable enactment should ever have been repealed. Such an eminently proper statute should have been perpetuated, and would have saved Philatelists much trouble, and would also have made the mental effort to write this treatise unnecessary; but we digress.

Joshua, however, after conviction, managed to escape with some others from custody, and his escape is one of the few recorded of the kind from that celebrated prison. Joshua's whereabouts is unknown, but he probably went to Canada, where many men of his *stamp* (forgive us) would welcome him. Postage stamps were invented in 1840, so Joshua's counterfeits were imitations of revenue stamps, of course. No mention that we have ever seen or heard of is made of any arrest or conviction for the crime until within the last dozen years.

Back in 1872, in a stamp paper published in London by Light & Jackson, and called the *Philatelic Opinion*, there is an account of a young lad having been arrested and convicted, and let off on account of his youth. This story however, written by the way, by the late E. L. Pemberton, carefully kept the name of the city or town where this alleged conviction occurred, a secret, as well as the name of the convicted boy who was let off so easily. This, coupled with the fact that the account stated that the magistrate at once saw that the stamps were counterfeit, a rare faculty in a police court judge, induced a well-

known American to challenge the story as an outright falsehood, and defied Mr. Pemberton to prove out of public print any word or part of the story—a challenge which Mr. Pemberton declined. The story may therefore be set down as a scarecrow yarn, altogether false. In 1877, Waldt, Hess and Kollmeyer—the latter an engraver—were convicted in Vienna of counterfeiting the current stamps of Austria, and were sentenced to six months' hard labor and confinement. Later, in London, in 1878, as related in Alfred Smith's *Monthly Stamp Circular*, a person described as a Pole, or native of Poland, was arrested in London for counterfeiting the stamps of the French Republic. What happened to him, or what disposition was made of his case in that law-abiding country, the British stamp journals, curiously enough have failed to tell us, no further mention being made of the matter.

In New York, also, we noted in the daily papers that Louis Degencon and Felix Valdez were arrested for counterfeiting the stamps of Cuba. This was in September, 1882, and on the 30th of that month they were arraigned and held in \$3,000 bail to answer for the crime. A month or two before, an account of two Portuguese Jews (such was the designation given them) was also given in the New York dailies, who were arrested charged with trying to induce an engraver to engrave and print them two-cent and three-cent stamps, and also cigarette stamps. None of the New York stamp papers made the least mention of these occurrences, and we know of no stamp journal which mentioned them except one in the far west, which briefly announced it. This is singular, seeing that the counterfeiters deserve so much condemnation, and we are puzzled to find an explanation for the remarkable silence of stamp papers usually quite ready to pronounce on any and all Philatelic subjects.

In 1883, the United States Secret Service officers of the Treasury Department seized a number of electrotypes cuts from all the leading dealers, the said cuts being illustrations of United States stamps only as the Department decided that all such were forgeries and amenable to law. This time the voice of the Philatelic press was heard in protest though somewhat feebly. Many were the mutterings audible, but, after a few had lamented in print over the disfigurement of our albums by the absence of the United States cuts, the discontented ones gradually subsided, and once more was "all quiet along the Potomac."

The latest case of government interference with the doings of stamp counterfeiters that we have noticed is this: The *Sale and Exchange*, an English paper, states that one Frederick Johns has been arrested at Bristol, England, charged with attempting to procure counterfeit postage stamps.

Our British cotemporaries have always been wont to sneer at the United States because the country did not punish stamp makers. Our estimable Transatlantic cousins have now a case of their own, and we hope they will make the most of it, and show the superiority and comprehensive grasp of British

law. Mr. T Martin Wears will please come to the front and show the Q. C. at Bristol how to railroad Mr. Johns by the shortest route in the direction of Dartmoor or Portland, but seriously, we shall now see, though we doubt it, whether English law courts are different from American, and of the result of Mr. Johns' trial THE NEW ENGLAND PHILATELIST shall not fail to make a note if it can in any way be ascertained.

(To be Concluded.)

Fitchburg Philatelic Society.

OFFICIAL.

MEETING OF FEBRUARY 27.

The second regular meeting was held at the Secretary's residence, February 27. President Emory in the chair. The Secretary read the report of the last meeting, and, in the absence of the Treasurer, his report, also. The Society acknowledged the receipt of a complete file of *The Philatelist* from Mr. Holmes, and voted thanks for the same. He has the sympathy of all the members in being obliged to suspend, the causes of which were set forth by Mr. Emory. The *Collectors Companion* was authorized to publish the minutes of meetings. Adjourned.

MEETING OF MARCH 13.

The regular meeting of March 13 was called to order by President Emory. Reports of Secretary and Treasurer read and accepted. Voted, that Scott's Catalogue be purchased and kept on hand for reference. A plan was put in operation by which books on Philately should be lent to each member after the manner of a circulating library. Mr. Emory showed errors in three colors of the 1-cent. Belgium, in which a letter G had been substituted for the Q in BELGIQUE. Meeting adjourned.

W. K. JEWETT, Secretary.

Written for The New England Philatelist.

British Notes.

BY OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

It seems to be the rage just now to start Philatelic Societies, and, if carried on as they should be, they undoubtedly do a great good to Philately. I learn that a society has been started at Birmingham, England, on much the same principles as our London Society, and steps are being taken to start them in Manchester and Hull. It is with pleasure I learn that you have them in Fitchburg, Providence, Philadelphia, etc.

Editors of the English Philatelic journals are now venting their feelings upon the English stamps. What you Yankees think of our stamps I don't know, but goodness knows we want a new set badly. They are wretched in

design, wretched in color, and in fact they *are wretched*!! and the sooner we have another set the better. We cannot turn our albums over and turn with pride to the English stamps, as we should do, and more so when we consider ours was the first stamp-issuing country.

It may not be out of place to inform my readers to be on their guard in buying New South Wales stamps, with *views of Sydney*. Some excellent forgeries are about, which makes me feel rather inclined to think they are from Liverpool, which was the home of some forgerymongers some three years back, and who turned out some forgeries which certainly surpassed any I have seen for being so near like the originals.

I note with pleasure that the State Department of the United States has forwarded to the Postmaster-general of Great Britain propositions for the establishment of the parcels post system between the two countries.

From the *Foreign Stamp Collectors News* I gather that a M. Chatinet has invented an instrument for cancelling postage stamps by electricity. The machine is the ordinary form, consisting of a round knob or handle attached to a die; one side carries two small binding posts, which receive the current from a battery by means of a flexible connecting card, of the kind used in telephone connections. From these posts the current passes through a switch button, by turning which, the current is completed, and the current made to pass through a zigzag thread of platinum. The platinum forms the cancelling face or die, on the stamps. By the passage of the current it becomes red hot, and when brought down on a stamp it chars its surface with a zigzag mark that is necessarily indelible. By contact with the cool surface of the stamp the platinum wire is chilled, and, as the die is immediately removed, no injury is done to the envelope. This seems to be a useful invention, considering the large sums now said to be lost by governments, especially the United States and France, owing to stamps being cleaned and used again.

I am very pleased to learn that the Color Chart has been well received in England, and certainly it is a success and considered the standard authority for the purpose for which it is intended.

During the last month or two, stamp journals have sprung up with alarming rapidity. Four new papers lie before me, and, with one exception, I consign them to the waste-basket, being convinced from the contents that they do more harm than good by their puff and bombast. I think with *The Record*, published at 88 cents per annum — the *Foreign Stamp Collectors News*, at one shilling (to United States, 36 cents) — the *Stamp Collectors Journal*, 36 cents, and the *Stamp News*, 72 cents, a collector is well kept up with the "doings of the Philatelic world."

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BARBADOES.—Two new stamps for this island are reported—3 d. violet and 4 d. brown.

CEYLON.—A number of surcharged stamps have appeared—"Postage and Revenue, Five Cents" on 4-c. rose, 8, 16, 32, 36, 48, 64 and 96 c., "Ten Cents" on 24-c. purple and 64 c., "Fifteen Cents" on 16 c., "Twenty Cents" on 32 c., "Twenty-five Cents" on 32 c., "Thirty Cents" on 36 c., "Twenty-eight Cents" on 48 c., "Fifty-six Cents" on 96 c., and "One Rupee, Twelve Cents" on 2 r., 50 c.



DENMARK.—Local stamps for Odense have been issued. They are as follows: 3 ore, red; 5 ore, brown (2 varieties); 10 ore, red.

HOLLAND.—A series for postal orders has been issued—I, 1½, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10 florins. See illustration.

JAMAICA.—The ½ d. is changed to green, the 1 d. to carmine, and the 2 d. to slate.

MACAO.—There are two new provisionals—5 reis on 25 reis, and 10 reis on 25 reis.

MALTA.—A 6 d. of the new set is mentioned.

NATAL.—Two wrappers are announced—½ d., brown, and 1 d., carmine, both on buff.



PORTUGAL.—A new 20 reis is out—color red.



POUNTCH.—Another stamp-issuing native Indian state. The set is as follows: ½ anna, red on white; 1, 2, 4 annas, red on bright yellow.

ST. CHRISTOPHER.—This place has two provisionals—½ d. on half of 1 d., rose, and 4d. on 6 d., green.

ST. DOMINGO.—We illustrate one of the new stamps mentioned last month.





TIMOR.—Another one is added to the long list of stamp-issuing countries. The 20, 25 and 80-reis stamps of Macao are surcharged "TIMOR" for use in this state.

URUGUAY.— We show the design of a new postal card, 3 cents, blue. Hereafter, we shall not mention cards in our list.

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Is Stamp Collecting a Waste of Time?

BY B. T. TOLMAN.

I suppose that every collector who has got together a collection of five hundred or more stamps, has been told a dozen times at least, by as many different persons, that he is wasting both his time and his money in so doing. Now it seems to me that (were there no other reason for encouraging our young people to collect stamps) the knowledge so gained of the history and political changes of the various stamp-issuing countries would, of itself, be enough. What bright boy or girl can get interested in the stamps of any particular nation without getting at the same time a variety of general information regarding the same, which certainly they would get in no other way. I myself have had a large acquaintance among stamp collectors, many of whom have given it up years ago, and I have yet to find one who has regretted the time he gave to this fascinating pastime. In our own country, the stamps of the Confederate States call to mind that terrible civil war which has no counterpart in modern history, and which will be ever remembered in this country for deeds of valor and bravery on both sides, which have given to the American "Citizen Soldier" a world-wide reputation which few can equal and none excel. The stamps issued by the "Carlist" authorities of Spain call to mind the the period of terrorism in that country, commencing in 1873 and ending in March, 1879, when Don Carlos left the country, perhaps for good, but probably to return again should the chances favor him. The stamps of Peru, issued during the last three years, form an interesting study, there being a great number of changes of color and surcharges, some of them by the Chilian officials, and others by the several municipal authorities, showing admirably the condition of business and political affairs of the country. This list could be continued to great length, but I have said enough on this subject to bear me out in saying that "time and money spent in stamp collecting" is not wasted, and I do not believe that any young man or woman taking up this fascinating pastime will ever have occasion to regret it in later years.

Philatelic Chronology.

We herewith present to our readers a Chronological Summary of Philatelic occurrences for the month of May, which cannot fail to interest such collectors as have any regard for the literary side of Philatelic science.

These dates have been very carefully compiled, and will, we think, be found correct. Our readers will please understand that we do not guarantee the day of the month to be accurate in all cases, but we claim the month and year stated to be positively correct. This monthly chronicle will be continued during the year, and will be found very useful in determining positively the date of Philatelic events long since forgotten. We will be happy to correct any errors that our readers may detect in our table, and all such corrections will be gratefully acknowledged.

M A Y .

- 1—1863—The (German) Stamp Collectors Magazine, Zschiesche & Koder, Liepzig.
- 2—1863—Liverpool Stamp Advertiser.
- 4—1857—C. H. Campbell, Stamp Dealer, born.
- 6—1865—Coin and Stamp Journal, A. B. Mason, Chicago.
- 7—1866—Postman's Knock, E. A. Craig, St. John, N. B.
- 8—1866—Collectors Guide, Stephen Gould, Newport, R. I.
- 9—1864—British Coin and Stamp Advertiser, A. I. Johns, Manchester, Eng.
- 11—1871—Coin & Stamp Review, — Moss, Allentown, Pa.
- 16—1872—Stamp Collector, L. F. Baum, Syracuse, N. Y.
- 19—1874—Philatelic Guide, E. B. Crapo, Concord, N. H.
- 21—1876—Monthly Philatelist, Erie, Pa.
- 23—1879—National Philatelist, W. B. Taylor, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.
- 25—1882—Coin & Stamp, Toronto, Canada.
- 28—1870—First Auction Sale of Stamps, J. W. Scott, N. Y.

SOME time ago the daily papers contained the statement that Joseph N. Harkins, a New York rag picker, found a letter on which was a genuine used Brattleboro stamp. He thought that it might be worth something, and took it to a city stamp dealer, Henry Collin, who bought it for \$300.

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There seems to be considerable interest taken just now in the subject of those exploded impositions—the "Hamburg Locals." Brother Batchelder of *Our American Youth* wrote to Scott & Co. concerning them. This firm, as is well known, are pioneers in the "Local" trade, and have provided places for them in their albums. He elicited the following:

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If any collectors wish to accept this statement as truth, they can, but we don't take any stock in it.

It is stated that the new administration is going to inaugurate a reform in the postal department by flavoring the mucilage on the backs of the postage stamps. The two-cent variety will probably be tintured with vanilla, while the one-centers will receive a flavor of lemon.

Number two of the *Philatelic Journal of America* is at hand, and Bro. Hackett has issued a very fine-appearing paper. However, we would be more pleased with it if it showed less spite against certain persons. We note one error. An editorial denies a statement of the *Collectors Companion* concerning the "dies or cuts" of the Allen's local stamps. The *P. J. of A.* says the stamps were "*lithographed*," and hence there were no dies. Now these stamps have been examined by a noted wood engraver, a professional and an expert in such matters, and he says that the Allen's local is not "*lithographed*" or lithographed, but was first engraved on wood and then electrotyped or stereotyped.

Mr. John Chestershire of Philadelphia has published the *Quarterly Interchange*. This makes five stamp papers now published in the Quaker city.

Mr. E. S. A. McLeod of Buffalo will issue the *Queen City Philatelist*.

We would like to know whose portrait is on the first issue of the Mexican stamps. Two American authorities say it is Hidalgo, a priest, while some English catalogues say it is Benito Juarez, a former president of Mexico.

Written for the New England Philatelist.

Counterfeits and Counterfeiter's.

CONTRIBUTED BY AN OLD-TIMER.

(Continued.)

We will now take up the most important of all the events in this line, namely, the trial of Patroni at Philadelphia, which is the only instance on record in which a conclusion was reached as affecting stamp collecting, in any court room or legal tribunal, either in this or any other country.

Giovanni Patroni, a native of Italy, though brought up in London, and long a resident of the English West India Colonies, as well as being a member of an Episcopal Church in Philadelphia, was arrested at Philadelphia in October, 1875, on the charge of counterfeiting the stamps of foreign countries in violation of Section 5465 of the Postal Laws of the United States, which says:

"Any person who shall forge or counterfeit, or knowingly utter or use any forged or counterfeited postage stamps of any foreign government shall be punished by imprisonment at hard labor for not less than two nor more than ten years."

He was held for trial in \$3,000 by the U. S. Commissioner, and was indicted, and on the 29th of November following was placed at the bar of the U. S. District Court at Philadelphia, to plead to the following indictment:

"In the District Court of the United States, in and for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, of November Session, in the year of our Lord one thousand, eight hundred and seventy-five.

"EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA, SS.

"The Grand Inquest of the United States of America, inquiring in and for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, on their oaths and affirmations respectively do present, that heretofore, to wit on the ninth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand, eight hundred and seventy-five, Giovanni Patroni, late of the district aforesaid, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, with force and arms, knowingly, wilfully, unlawfully and feloniously did forge and counterfeit a certain postage stamp of a foreign government, to wit of the government of Nicaragua, the tenor and effect of which said forged and counterfeited postage stamp of the said foreign government is as follows, that is to say, with intent to defraud the said government of Nicaragua, contrary to the form of the Act of Congress in such case made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the United States of America."

Another indictment (or count in the indictment) charged in precisely the same language that he did knowingly utter and use a forged and counterfeited postage stamp of the said government of Nicaragua.

It will thus be seen that the charge brought against Patroni was that of an attempt to defraud the government of Nicaragua, and not the stamp collectors, none of whom complained of being defrauded. Patroni's defence was that he admitted in full the manufacture of the stamps and the selling of the same, but that his object was their sale to collectors to be pasted in books, and not to defraud the Nicaragua Post-office. His defense, then, was certainly the truth, inasmuch as the stamp journals have charged him only with doing injury to Philately, saying nothing about Nicaragua or its Post-office. In the eyes of the law it is no crime to counterfeit foreign stamps to be palmed off on collectors, unless perhaps this might be classed as obtaining money under false pretences.

The trial occupied an entire day. The accused had made counterfeits of various other countries, and had also been indicted for them—British Guiana, Angola, Egypt, etc., but none of the charges were tried but that of Nicaragua. He was found guilty, the particular reason of which was afterward revealed by the remark of a jurymen some time after the trial had been concluded. Said the honest-minded juror: "If the man only made those stamps to sell to stick in books, as my boy does at home, why did he use false names?" It was shown in the trial that Patroni had done business under the names of "Cosmopolitan Stamp Co.," "National Stamp Co.," "Stanmore, Lex & Co.," and sundry other names as well as his own. Also, he had for convenience's sake purchased a lithographic press, which he worked at his residence.

All this looked bad, though probably easily understood by stamp collectors, but the aliases told with fatal effect against him, as the jury could not understand why he should use bogus names if he was only engaged in making "specimen stamps." The judge, however, set the verdict aside, being satisfied that his stamps, the jury's view notwithstanding, had not been intended to defraud the Nicaraguan Post-office. The case was then withdrawn as *nolle prossed*, as the law phrase has it, and Patroni was discharged.

It has been alleged again and again by various Philatelic and other journals that he was sentenced for 10 or 20 years' imprisonment. As a matter of simple fact he never was in prison for a day during the whole proceedings. He soon after went to South America, and is probably there now, but his enterprise disgusted him with stamps forever, for which collectors have reason to feel devoutly thankful.

He made a large number of very good counterfeits—good in the sense that they were well calculated to deceive. Such were Angola, St. Thomas, Ecuador, British Guiana, Japan, Luxemburg, Cuba, Colonies of France, Deccan, Tolima, Cundinamarca, Iceland, Baden, Hanover and many others, all of which (it is nearly ten years since) have long ago passed out of existence, and are seldom met with. This was the only trial in which stamp collecting ever was brought to the surface, or had any legal relation, either in Europe or America.

(To be Concluded.)

Fitchburg Philatelic Society.

OFFICIAL.

MEETING OF MARCH 27.

The regular meeting of March 27 was held at the usual place, President Emory in the chair. The Committee on Constitution and By-laws reported that they had drafted a Constitution. The same was read, and being adopted, was ordered to be printed. The Committee was then dismissed. An Executive Committee for one year was chosen, consisting of the following: W. H. Goodrich, W. Howard, E. J. Macy. The Constitution of the Chicago Stamp Collectors' Union was received. Adjourned.

MEETING OF APRIL 10.

At 7:45 P. M. President Emory called to order the meeting of April 10, and announced that the lately-adopted Constitution was now ready, and copies were then directed to be distributed. The Constitution of the Chicago Stamp Collectors' Union, previously received, was placed before the meeting and commended. Thanks were voted to the publishers of the *Collectors Companion* and the *Philatelic Advertiser*, who sent copies for distribution among the members. One corresponding member was proposed. Adjourned.

W. K. JEWETT, Secretary.

The Quaker City Philatelic Society.

OFFICIAL.

MEETING OF APRIL 11.

The second regular meeting was held at 1441 Dickinson St., on April 11, President Durborow in the chair. After minutes of previous meeting were read, eleven applications for membership were presented and favorably acted upon. The President was authorized to appoint a committee of three, with full power to act in regard to renting a suitable meeting place, and to fix the times of meeting. Communications were read from Messrs. Durbin, Nicholson and Jewett. The Corresponding Secretary was empowered to answer in behalf of the Society. Notice was given that an attempt would be made at the next meeting to amend the Constitution in regard to subscriptions. The Secretary was authorized, on behalf of the Society, to accept Mr. Durbin's offer of the *Philatelic Monthly* as the official organ of the Society, and thank him for the same. The Corresponding Secretary was authorized to send copies of the minutes to such Philatelic papers as would agree to publish them. The meeting then adjourned.

MEETING OF APRIL 24.

The third regular meeting was held at 1301 Arch St., April 24th, President Durborow in the chair. After minutes of previous meeting were read, six new members were elected. The Committee on rooms reported that they had secured the third-story back room at 1301 Arch St., for the evenings of the

first Friday and second Wednesday of each month. Approved and Committee discharged. A Committee of five was appointed to reconstruct the Constitution and prepare a set of By-laws. The President appointed Mr. Barrie to prepare an essay on "The Peruvian Provisionals," and Mr. Henkels to read another on "Match Stamps," at the next meeting. The President then gave a recitation which was received with applause. The Society will be glad to receive through its Corresponding Secretary, Mr. H. S. Jeanes, 521 Arch St., any specimens of newly-issued postage stamps, etc., for exhibition at the meetings. They will be returned and postage both ways paid by the Society. Meeting adjourned to meet at 1301 Arch St., on Friday, May 1, 1885, at 7.30 P. M.

THEODORE SIDDALL, Recording Secretary.

Correspondence Department.

In this department we desire our readers to express their views on the various questions relating to Philately. Should anyone wish to have any point explained or to ask information on any subject, we shall be glad to insert the questions and in the next number the solutions as given by other readers, if any are received. In this manner, inquirers may get the benefit of the various answers of different persons from different standpoints. If anybody thinks he can give any useful intelligence concerning any of the points in doubt, we shall be glad to hear from him.

Editor NEW ENGLAND PHILATELIST:

Have received sample copy of your paper, and am much pleased with it. Please accept my subscription for one year, and my good wishes for a great many years. New stamp papers are appearing every month, but I am afraid very few of them will live. Many of those that are successful fill up their space with advertisements as soon as they get a good hold on the Philatelic public—for instance, the *Stamp World*. The *Philatelic Journal of America* looks a little as if it might fall into this habit. Its publisher gave out some time since that the advertising space would be strictly limited to four pages inside the cover, but already there are five such pages devoted to that branch. One easy way to fill up a stamp paper is to put in quantities of non-Philatelic matter, such as advice about tobacco, and political and postal news. If the editor of the *P. J. of A.* wants to make his paper worth \$1 per year, he should not waste so much valuable space on the Bartholdi statue, etc., etc. This is of course interesting, but the majority of those who subscribe to stamp periodicals read the daily papers, and so it is all old to them. I hope you will pardon this intrusion on your good nature, for I trust that these hints may not be lost.

WILLARD J. DAVIS.

Editor NEW ENGLAND PHILATELIST:

In reply to G. W. Wright, I would say that the stamp of the Hamburg-American Co., which is perfectly authentic, was issued in 1876, and is (or was very lately) still in use. The steamers of the H.-A. Co. ply between Hamburg and the West Indies, and the stamp (its value is 10 cents) is used to prepay letters to Hamburg mailed on board the Company's vessels while in West Indian ports. Used copies are not rare.

AN OLD-TIMER.

Can you tell me anything of a new U. S. ten-cent stamp which I have heard about.

H. A. MALIN.

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ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—The one-cent. brown has been surcharged "Official."

CEYLON.—A few more surcharges are mentioned. "Ten Cents" on 24 c., "Twenty Cents" on 24 c., "Five Cents" on 4-c. envelope, and "Fifteen Cents" on 12-c. envelope."

ECUADOR.—The set of six varieties has been surcharged "Official."

GREAT BRITAIN.—The one-shilling is surcharged "I. R. Official."

JAPAN. — "The Land of the Rising Sun" has issued an officially sealed stamp closely resembling ours, color and all.

NABHA. — News comes that Indian stamps are surcharged for use in this native state, as in Puttialla. It is also stated that this custom will be introduced into several other states

PERSIA.—The realm of the Shah has a new set of stamps, design as per cut.

They are 1 s., green, 2 s., pink, 5 s., blue, 10 s., brown, 1 k., gray.

ROUMANIA.—A new three-bani, green on greenish paper has appeared.

SENEGAL.—The stamps for the French Colonies in general have been surcharged for local use in this one. The 1, 2 and 4-c. postage and 5, 10, 15, 20 and 40 c and 1-f. unpaid have been so treated.

TIMOR.—In addition to the provisionals mentioned last month, there are the 5, 10, 40, 50, 100, 200, 300 r.

TRINIDAD. — The following unpaid stamps have been issued, all black: $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 d., and 1 s.

TAHITI.—Some more surcharges: 25 cent. on 35 cent., 25 cent. on 40 cent., and 25 cent. on 75 cent.



Obituary.

Charles H. Campbell died at Boston, May 21, in the twenty-ninth year of his age.

He had been a dealer in stamps for five or six years, having originally been a clerk with Mr. Fernando Trifet, where his knowledge of the commercial side of foreign stamps was acquired. In 1879-80-81 he was in the stamp business on his own account, but for various reasons abandoned it and returned to his former employer in 1882, finally leaving him late in 1884 and conducting business independently again until his death. He was a young man of much ability, had received a liberal education, and was a member of the class of 1884-5, Harvard Medical School, where it had been his intention to qualify as a physician, but an allwise Providence had otherwise ordained.

Of genial disposition, and kindly impulses, his death in the prime of his young manhood will be a source of true sorrow to his many friends and associates, by none of whom will his memory be soon forgotten.

"Green grow the turf o'er him."

Philatelic Chronology.

We herewith present to our readers a Chronological Summary of Philatelic occurrences for the month of June, which cannot fail to interest such collectors as have any regard for the literary side of Philatelic science.

These dates have been very carefully compiled, and will, we think, be found correct. Our readers will please understand that we do not guarantee the day of the month to be accurate in all cases, but we claim the month and year stated to be positively correct. This monthly chronicle will be continued during the year, and will be found very useful in determining positively the date of Philatelic events long since forgotten. We will be happy to correct any errors that our readers may detect in our table, and all such corrections will be gratefully acknowledged.

JUNE.

- 1—1865—Stamp Collectors Gazette, Geo. Stewart, St. John, N. B.
- 2—1872—European Stamp Journal, W. L. Milliken, New York City.
- 3—1874—Coin and Stamp Review, Kansas City, Mo.
- 4—1874—Philatelic Herald and Review, H. L. Wood, Cincinnati, O.
- 8—1877—Iowa Philatelist, Davenport, Iowa.
- 12—1880—Philatelic World, R. R. Bogert, New York City.
- 18—1881—Dayton Philatelist, Dayton, O.
- 19—1879—Guy's Post abolished at Philadelphia.
- 22—1884—The Philatelist, Jos. Holmes, Jr., New York City.
- 24—1882—The Coin and Stamp, Toronto, Canada.
- 30—1883—Use of Match and Medicine Stamps discontinued in the United States.

Written for the New England Philatelist.

Counterfeits and Counterfeiters.

CONTRIBUTED BY AN OLD-TIMER.

(Concluded.)

The reason why counterfeit stamps exist is simple, and why the demand continues is simpler. It is mainly the collector's acquisitory qualities which prompt him to own everything that he can possibly get hold of in the stamp line.

He may not put it in his collection, but he wants to own it, to have it, to look at it, to compare it, to see how bad it is, or how good it is, but anyway he wants to possess it, and this desire born of collecting is the key to the whole thing. If a collector wants a counterfeit stamp he has to pay for it, as such things are seldom given away. If he wants to get it from a brother collector he usually finds that the brother collector wants something for it, and then, if some other brother collector wants in turn to get it from him, he asks some consideration for it and gets it, and so the forgery circulates along.

Apart from that the advanced collectors, who have large collections, usually—we might say almost universally—keep a collection of counterfeit stamps, for purposes of comparison, and find them exceedingly useful, and in that way the counterfeit stamp fulfills its mission and continues in existence.

A few years ago, at a fire in New York, a counterfeit stamp album, or rather a collection of counterfeit stamps, was destroyed, which was reported to be worth a thousand dollars, many scarce and uncommon specimens of imitations of very rare stamps highly valuable for purposes of comparison being contained in it. When collectors abate their acquisitory tastes, the sale of counterfeit stamps will—though of course it will not cease entirely—be considerably lessened, but when that happy period shall arrive is a problematic question.

It is affirmed that the St. Louis Philatelic Society are circulating a petition to Congress that stamp counterfeiting be made a crime. If this is true, we may look for some interesting developments in case Congress decides to act upon the matter. In the meantime, while we await the result of their efforts, the festive stamp manufacturer will continue to revel in iniquity and rejoice at the credulity of his dupes.

OWING TO unavoidable delay in getting out our May number, THE NEW ENGLAND PHILATELIST appears in consolidated form this month, the May and June numbers in one, as was the *Empire State Philatelist* last time.

Fitchburg Philatelic Society.

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MEETING OF APRIL 24.

The regular meeting of April 24 was held, but owing to the small attendance little was done but to propose new members — two active, one corresponding, and one honorary.

SPECIAL MEETING.

A special meeting was held May 1, partly to take the place of the last regular meeting, and partly to consider a proposal made by the Chicago Stamp Collectors' Union, viz: That the Fitchburg Philatelic Society should with others join together and form a league for mutual benefit. This was approved of, and the names and addresses of our members were ordered to be sent to the C. S. C. U. Two active and two corresponding members were then elected, and also Mr. Arthur I. Palethorpe, President of the International Philatelic Union as an honorary member, the rule requiring elections to be made at regular meetings being temporarily suspended by unanimous vote.

W. K. JEWETT, Secretary.

The Quaker City Philatelic Society.

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MEETING OF MAY 1.

A regular meeting was held on May 1 at 1301 Arch Street, President Durborow in the chair.

After minutes of last meeting were read and approved, applications for membership were presented and favorably acted upon.

The Committee on Constitution and By-laws then presented their report, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Henkels then read an essay on "Match Stamps."

A large collection of revenue stamps, and also a collection of rare United States Locals were opened for inspection.

It was decided to take the roll alphabetically in the selection of essayists, and that two essays be read at each meeting.

The meeting then adjourned to meet Wednesday, May 20, 1885, at 7:30 P. M., at 1301 Arch Street.

THEODORE SIDDALL, Rec. Sec'y.

MESSRS. WM. H. WARNER & BRO. inform us that a very large sale of coins, held in Philadelphia May 14, the American silver dollar of 1804, a very fine specimen, brought just \$1,000.

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Brazil, the second country which adopted the system, used a simple figure of value—rather large—with a black background; this was eventually superseded by a portrait of the Emperor. The various German states seem to have a preference for numerals of value surrounded by inscriptions; these were at first, printed in black on colored paper, but this style of printing soon gave way to the more secure plan of printing them with colored inks on white paper. Many countries have adopted the national arms as the principal design of their postage stamps, while the United States takes this opportunity of showing the world her own sons of genius. Most of the stamps printed in Europe are impressed on paper watermarked with some appropriate design, as an additional protection against the counterfeiter.

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The Inventor to the Front Again.



The inventor of new and strange stamps is again brought to our notice by a new style of Brattleboro' stamp now manufactured and sold. We give an illustration of this new fraud at the left. As



will be seen by comparing it with the familiar representation of the original at the right, the general arrangement of the interloper is similar to that of the *bona fide* article. It is type-set and printed in black on wove paper. We are informed that it is the production of a person in Lowell, Mass. This, and counterfeits of the genuine Brattleboro' are sold as different varieties to the young or verdant collector, presumably with the statement that the type-set stamp was used provisionally during the preparation of its copper-plate successor. The counterfeit of the real Brattleboro', which is sold by the venders of the bogus provisional, is quite poorly engraved, and is printed on white paper, which is enough to condemn it, as the genuine exists only on buff. We learn, however, from the last *Philatelic Herald* (Portland) that a most dangerous forgery of very fine execution has been concocted, and that its makers are now on the watch for unlucky Philatelists with long purses, on whom to palm off their productions.

It is but just to state that the very young collectors, or those living in the rural regions, are the only ones likely to be deceived by any such inventions as the one first noticed. But this will serve to show the necessity of every collector's having a good catalogue, for in that case he would not be deceived, as he would see, when a "fancy" stamp was offered him, that it was not mentioned in the catalogue. The NEW ENGLAND PHILATELIST, in the course of its wide circulation, undoubtedly reaches many inexperienced collectors, who have not yet felt the need of a stamp catalogue. We would earnestly impress upon all these the importance of possessing one, and we strongly advise them not to be any longer without so necessary an article.

A Canadian correspondent sends us a specimen of a bogus St. Louis government local, which we will fully ventilate in our next issue.

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Notes.

We learned, too late for our last issue, of the peculiarly sad death on May 14th at the age of 21 years of Mr. Harry M. Craft, of Bergen Point, N. J. Mr. Craft was well known as the former publisher of the *Bayonne Philatelist*, and was also a member of the National Philatelic Society, being indeed one of its executive committee.

It is stated in Bro. Hackett's *Philatelic Journal of America* that a Philatelic society exists in St. Louis, with the following officers: President, C. H. Mekeel, "L. B.;" Vice-President, E. M. Hackett; Secretary, S. Elliott Curtis; Treasurer, Lane MacMillan.

We have received notice of the formation of another Philatelic society—that of Toronto, Canada. The officers are these: President, Capt. Gamble Geddes; Vice-President, F. H. Best; Secretary, H. Morell; Treasurer, T. J. McMinn.

While turning over the pages of Volume I (1868) of the *American Journal of Philately*, we saw the official records of the meetings of the old New York Philatelic Society and noticed that on March 21, 1868, Baron Munchausen was elected an honorary member, and a collection of stamps was exhibited by Professor Bungler.

The American Philatelic Co., of St. Louis, have favored us with a copy of "How to deal in Foreign Stamps." We recommend a careful perusal of this pamphlet to all who intend to go into the stamp business.

Our popular contemporary, the *Keystone Stamp and Coin Gazette*, has just completed its first volume, which is phenomenal good fortune for a Philatelic journal. However we can truthfully say that our Altoona friends deserve all the success they may meet with, as they have worked hard to make their paper a first-class one, and have doubtless discovered ere this that an editor's bed is not of roses.

The *Toronto Philatelic Journal* comes to hand with an article on the U. S. stamps which will bear correction. In the first place the writer says that the *fac-simile* signature (James M. Buchanan) on the Baltimore stamp is that of the

president. Most Philatelists will recollect that President Buchanan had no middle initial, and the stamp was issued ten years before the election of the president, so that there could have been no reason for putting his name on the stamp. James M. Buchanan was the postmaster of Baltimore in 1846. Again, the date of issue of the New Haven and St. Louis stamps is given as the year after the emission of the Baltimore, which would be 1847. Now, in point of fact, the St. Louis stamps were issued in November, 1845, and the New Haven in the same year. The lowest value of the St. Louis series was a five-cent, not a three, as stated in the *T. P. F.* It is also stated that the three horseman carrier stamps appeared in 1845, whereas the correct date is 1851, and the Franklin and eagle carriers are omitted altogether. The well-known Lincoln 15-cent stamp of 1866 is called a five cent. We are also astounded to learn that the Garfield stamp is noted for its poor engraving. Mrs. Garfield has pronounced the portrait on this stamp to equal if not excel any other of her husband, and the remainder of the execution is as good. The large newspaper stamps came out in 1865, instead of 1879, as given, and the small ones in 1875, though these also were assigned to '79. Finally, the War Department series consists of eleven values, not ten. An article so faulty as this ought not to be accepted by any paper.

We have received No. 1 of a new paper, the *Stamp Dealers Journal*, published by Mr. Edward Roberts, of Nottingham, Eng.

Nicaragua.

BY H. A. BABB.

Nicaragua has made three issues of postage stamps—the first in 1862. The present issue represents a triangle enclosing the arms of the country, and “Republica De Nicaragua” below, with “Union Postal Universal” above. The values are placed in the four corners.

The country lies between Honduras and Costa Rica, has an area of about 58,000 square miles, and a population of 300,000. The capital is Managua.

Nicaragua was discovered by Columbus in 1502, but was not named until 1523, when an Indian chief lived near one of the great lakes. The chief's name was Nicarao, so the Spaniards called the lake Nicaraoagua, which has been shortened to Nicaragua, so the country was named for the lake.

The surface is partly mountainous, with many high plains, on which fine cattle are raised. Great forests cover some of the country, from which are obtained fine cabinet and dye woods.

On the western coast are ranges of volcanic mountains, the highest peak forming an island in Lake Nicaragua. East of the mountains are the beautiful lakes of Nicaragua and Managua. Lake Nicaragua gives rise to the San Juan River, which is the largest river in the country, and forms the boundary between Costa Rica and Nicaragua, and finally flows into the Caribbean Sea.

Gold, copper, quicksilver and other metals are found, while tropical fruits and cotton are raised.

The climate is warm, and most of the people are Indians. Nicaragua is a badly governed republic, and civil wars are frequent.

Fitchburg Philatelic Society.

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MEETING OF MAY 8.

On May 8, the F. P. S. convened as usual. In the absence of Mr. Emory Mr. Howard was appointed Chairman. A complete set of *fac-simile* U. S. Periodical stamps, reproduced by a photographic process was shown. They were very fine imitations. One of the members gave an account of a large quantity of cancelled periodical stamps found among some waste paper.

MEETING OF MAY 22.

The meeting was opened at the usual place and time, with Mr. W. Howard in the chair, President Emory being absent. Mr. Fred Forristall was proposed as an active, and Mr. James MacIntyre, of Perth, Scotland, as a corresponding member. The Secretary announced that he had received the constitution of the Rhode Island Philatelic Society. Thanks were returned to Mr. E. F. Gambs for a file of the *California Philatelist*, and to the publishers of the *Independent Philatelist* and *Spindle City Philatelist*, who sent copies for free distribution. All business before the meeting having been finished, it was voted to adjourn.

MEETING OF JUNE 12.

The regular meeting of June 12 was held with a somewhat small attendance as some of the members had already started on their summer recreation. After hearing the Secretary's minutes of the last meeting, the regular business of the evening was disposed of, and thanks voted to the publisher of the *Philatelic Journal of America*, who sent copies for free distribution; also thanks to the publisher of the *Philatelic World*, for free copy each month. The constitution of the National Philatelic Society was received. Then followed a Philatelic discussion till the meeting adjourned.

W. K. JEWETT, Sec'y.

Correspondence Department.

In this department we desire our readers to express their views on the various questions relating to Philately. Should anyone wish to have any point explained or to ask information on any subject, we shall be glad to insert the questions and in the next number the solutions as given by other readers, if any are received. In this manner, inquirers may get the benefit of the various answers of different persons from different standpoints. If anybody thinks he can give any useful intelligence concerning any of the points in doubt, we shall be glad to hear from him.

Concerning the new U. S. ten-cent stamp inquired about by H. A. Malin I would say that the design has already been decided upon, and the Postmaster General has given it over to the American Bank Note Company to be engraved. The *Boston Journal* says that the new stamp will be about twice the size of the ordinary ones, and the shape of a dollar note. On the left will be a vignette of a messenger boy, and across the top, "United States Special Postal Delivery." At the bottom, the value is to be expressed, both in words and figures. This inscription will be conspicuous: "Secures immediate delivery at special delivery office." Some Philatelist gave out a while ago that the color was to be green, but as the design had not then been adopted, this was rather premature.

W. K. JEWETT.

EDITOR NEW ENGLAND PHILATELIST:

Will you please insert this query in your paper, as probably some one of your many readers can answer it for me. I wish to know about a certain Spanish stamp issued by the Carlists in 1875—the three cuartos, blue. It is in Durbin's catalogue, but Scott does not mention it. Why is this? I shall be glad to learn the reason for this omission of Scott's. L. McL.

In reply to M. C. Stamp Co. and others, I would say, the circulation of the NEW ENGLAND PHILATELIST is 1000 copies monthly. THE PUBLISHER.

Philatelic Chronology.

We herewith present to our readers a Chronological Summary of Philatelic occurrences for the month of July, which cannot fail to interest such collectors as have any regard for the literary side of Philatelic science.

These dates have been very carefully compiled, and will, we think, be found correct. Our readers will please understand that we do not guarantee the day of the month to be accurate in all cases, but we claim the month and year stated to be positively correct. This monthly chronicle will be continued during the year, and will be found very useful in determining positively the date of Philatelic events long since forgotten. We will be happy to correct any errors that our readers may detect in our table, and all such corrections will be gratefully acknowledged.

JULY.

- 2—1847—Postage Stamps first issued by the United States Government.
- 6—1862—Mount Brown's Catalogue, London, Eng.
- 8—1863—The Scientific Collector's Journal, E. C. Hall, Hartlepool, Eng.
- 9—1863—Dexter's Catalogue, Cambridge, Mass.
- 11—1864—James Brennan, of New York, issued the first printed list of Stamps in America.
- 12—1864—Stamp Collector's Miscellany, D. Dean, Weymouth, Eng.
- 15—1865—Stamp Argus, E. A. Craig, St. John, N. B.
- 18—1865—Curiosity Shop, Haines & Olcott, Chicago.
- 20—1866—Stamp Dealer's Advertiser, J. C. Wroe, Liverpool, Eng.
- 22—1871—American Philatelist, Treadwell, Rogers & Co., Elizabeth, N. J.
- 23—1873—The Stamp, H. Werninck, London, Eng.
- 24—1873—Stamp News, Rockford, Ill.
- 29—1880—Collector's Quarterly, Galveston, Texas.

In the May number of the NEW ENGLAND PHILATELIST we promised to endeavor to ascertain something, if possible, about the monetary denomination of the Corean stamps. Mr. Henry Hechler, of the *Philatelic Courier*, informs us that the currency on the stamps is mandarins, and that eleven mandarins are equal to one cent of U. S. money. Most of our contemporaries have called the denominations mons, but this would make the value of the lowest stamp (5 mons) equal to one-twentieth of a cent in our money, which is altogether too ridiculous. Mandarins is probably correct.

By the Way.

Number 4 of the *Philatelic Journal of America* comes to hand very late. But Bro. Hackett informs us that another Philatelic fire has raged, this time in St. Louis, and the first edition of the *P. J. of A.* was destroyed. We recall a curious statement in No. 3 of the *P. J. of A.* that we would like to have explained. J. M. T. Partello says that about 1860 he saw a person who had two sheets of genuine Providence locals. One sheet contained *an even dozen* of five-cent stamps, and the other consisted of twelve 12-cent (misprint for 10-cent) stamps. Now this is untrue on the face of it, for both values of the Providence locals were printed on the same sheet—eleven of the five-cent, and one 10-cent composing the sheet. The 10-cent value was seldom required, hence the small number of them prepared. How the gallant lieutenant could have possibly seen a sheet of *twelve* five-cent, or stranger yet a sheet of twelve 10-cent stamps, is beyond comprehension, the only way in which we can account for it being that J. M. T. P.'s memory is defective, or that the stamps he saw were counterfeits.

It seems to us that it would be a very proper thing for the government to honor the late Gen. Grant by placing his portrait on one of the current postage stamps—say the one-cent.

A new design of the face of the postal card will soon make its appearance, and it will be a decided improvement on the present design, which has been in use for several years past. The new design was prepared at the bureau of engraving and printing, and the dies have been sent to the contractors in Connecticut, so that the printing of the new card will begin at once.

Skins and Skinners.

We have received a copy of the *Agassiz Association Journal*, a sheet claiming to represent the well-known organization of that name. It is published by W. E. Skinner, of Lynn, Mass., and its principal feature is a list of alleged "frauds." Now if the proper order of things was Skinner's aim, his own name would stand at the head of the list. Last year he was in the stamp business, and sent out approval sheets, consisting mainly of worthless *fac-simile* locals at fancy prices, very common genuine stamps, and counterfeits of uncommon ones. We recollect that a Philatelist here bought three Liberian stamps from one of his sheets. The stamps were sent to Mr. I. W. Durbin for inspection, and he pronounced them to be vile counterfeits. Bogus triangular Cape of Good Hope was also one of Skinner's best holds. All stamps sold were warranted genuine. Having quit the counterfeit stamp *skin*, our esteemed contemporary is now working the ventriloquy racket, and running a sensational "fraud-smasher." To obtain reading matter for the *A. A. J.*, he skinned nine articles from the *Young Mineralogist*, without any acknowledgment. When these lays are played out, we shall probably hear of our friend Skinner as actively engaged in some new scheme for making a raise. Some day he will get into trouble through his reckless publishing of other people's supposed crooked transactions, and in deep affliction Skinner's wild ventriloquial howl of despair will cut the atmosphere in such a pitiful key that the denizens of Lynn will sadly quote:

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New Issues.

CEYLON.—Here is another batch of surcharges. "Five Cents" on 8-cents, (printed in lilac) on 24-cents green and 24-cents purple. "Ten Cents" on 16-cents and 36-cents. "Fifteen Cents" on 16-cents (printed in yellow). "Twenty-eight Cents" on 32-cents. "Thirty Cents" on 36-cents (printed in olive).

GREAT BRITAIN.—The $\frac{1}{2}$ -d. black, $2\frac{1}{2}$ -d. lilac, 5-s. carmine, 10-s. blue and £1 brown, are surcharged "I. R. Official."

GWALIOR.—This native Indian state is now using the set of 9 adhesives and 3 envelopes of British India in a surcharged condition.

MACAO.—Two more provisionals: 10 r. on 50 r., and 40 r. on 50 r.

MONACO.—The stamps mentioned in our January number as being expected have now appeared. They are 5 c., blue; 15 c., rose; 25 c., green.

POUNTCH.—The $\frac{1}{2}$ -anna formerly on white, and the 2 and 4 annas formerly on yellow, are now printed on thick, bluish paper. The 1-anna is now on white instead of yellow paper.

ROUMANIA.—There is a $1\frac{1}{2}$ -bani black, like the 3-b. illustrated in June.

SENEGAL.—Besides those mentioned in our June issue, there are the 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 75-c and 1-f. Some are surcharged "Senegal" in blue, while others have it in black or red. We merely chronicle these stamps as reported, and there are suspicions that they may prove to be bogus. *The Hermes* says that there are more cancelled stamps of the French Colonies in circulation, surcharged "Senegal," than are used altogether in that colony. Another stamp journal has a letter from the postmaster of Senegal, saying that no unpaid letter stamps were ever surcharged for use in the colony, though a set of six values was reported in June.

U. S. COLOMBIA.—The state of Tolima has issued a 5-pesos, brown on blue. The national government has issued an official registered stamp for local use at Magdalena.

NOTE 1.—We regret very much having to appear this month without any illustrations in this department, as the cuts are delayed in coming from Europe. However, we shall have double the usual number next time.

NOTE 2.—We will here correct three mistakes in our "New Issues." The 5-s. Persia given as blue in our June number is lilac. In mentioning the 1-s. St. Christopher, in July, we called it orange instead of olive, and the 3-c. postal card of Uruguay, recorded last May, is green, not blue.

Fitchburg Philatelic Society.

OFFICIAL.

There was no meeting held on the 26th of June.

MEETING OF JULY 10.

On the evening of Friday, July 10, the members of the F. P. S. met for the last time this season, at the house of the Secretary, 408 Main Street. The Secretary's minutes of the last meeting (June 12) were read and accepted. Then followed the regular business of the Society, after which thanks were voted to the publishers of the *Philatelic Herald* and the *National Youth* for copies sent for free distribution. The Treasurer then read his report of the finances of the F. P. S. since its organization, Feb. 6, 1885. His report was unanimously approved and adopted. After partaking of refreshments, it was moved and carried to adjourn until next fall.

W. K. JEWETT, Sec'y.

Liberia and its Postage Stamps.

Founded by Americans as a refuge for an oppressed race, its name derived from "liberty," and its capital perpetuating the fame of an American president, Liberia ever recalls to mind the memory of the struggles which preceded and heralded our great national conflict.

The first issue of Liberian postage stamps made its appearance in 1860, and consisted of three values—6-cent red, 12-cent blue and 24-cent green. These stamps were unperforated, and were of the familiar design of which the most of the stamps of this country consist, viz.: Liberty seated upon a dais, inscribed Liberia, with the value in words above, and an incoming ship in the distance. In 1869 these stamps were issued perforated, and continued to do service until 1880, when a new set of the same design made its appearance. The set consisted of five values, as follows: One-cent blue, 2-cent rose, 6-cent violet, 12-cent yellow, 24-cent carmine. In 1882 a 3-cent black was added to the previous emissions. Its design is a landscape scene, with "Inland" above and "cents" below, with numerals of value in the lower corners. In the next year two more values made their appearance—an 8-cent blue and a 16-cent rose. Their designs were quite similar, and consisted of numerals of value on solid lined background, with "Republic" at the left, "Postage" above, "Liberia" at the right and the value below. There were also numerals of value in each corner. Used Liberian stamps are quite rare, and those of the first issue, unperforated, are scarce, either used or unused. Most of the others, however, are to be had at moderate rates, unused, and form a pleasing addition to the contents of a collector's album.

The Advantages of Collecting Stamps.

BY W. A. K.

Until quite recently collecting stamps was considered a mania which was bound to infect every boy for a short period. It was looked forward to by the parents as an evil, which not only hindered the patient's studies, but constituted a drain upon his pocket-book, which must be replenished by them. It was considered almost unavoidable; the fever was caught from others, and must be doctored or worn out—however, this I can safely put in the past. Parents at last see that constant training of the eye in discriminating shades and varieties has not only amused their boy, but has done him immeasurable good, instead of harm. They find themselves drifting unconsciously into taking an interest in the growing collection, they ask questions, and finally, the majority have acknowledged themselves defeated by the invincible foe "Philately."

It is certainly no child's play to make a good collection. The fever has ceased being called a boy's pursuit and is now firmly established on an iron basis, supported by thousands of men and even women. Journals have sprung up all over the world, and stamp collecting is now no longer a mania, but a science.

To begin with its advantages and enumerate them all would be endless. Let us take first the training it gives to the eye. It is a well-known fact that a large percentage of men are color-blind, while the fairer sex, from constant practice in picking out colored materials and so forth, have placed themselves superior to them in that respect, but now comes Philately to the rescue, bidding fair to entirely sweep away the existing inequality.

Let us take the case of a young collector. He buys a book with the denominations and colors printed within the square allotted to each particular stamp; one says green, another dark green of the same denomination and description; he gets one of the two and must determine its place. I only cite one out of the thousands of similar cases which occur constantly. In a short time he no longer has to stop to consider, his eye becomes accustomed to taking in the whole, and now he begins examining the minute details of engraving, and as a result, his eyes are strengthened, and he sees things in different lights.

We cannot stop to dwell on the value the study gives to your memory, the geographical knowledge it imparts, and the business habits it teaches if the collector buys to any extent as an agent.

Let all enemies of Philately—if there be such—look carefully into their ground for animosity and weigh it with its advantages, and ninety-nine chances out of a hundred the scale will sink steadily to the side upholding Philately.

WE quote the following from the *Philatelic Journal of America*:

This space was contracted for by W. E. Skinner, who now owes us \$3.33, and we are informed that he is a skinner in every sense of the word. Beware of him!

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—We have received through the Fitchburg Board of Trade, the last volume of U. S. consuls' reports, published by the State Department. It contains the new revenue stamp law of Mexico. Article VIII provides that the values of the stamps shall be $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$ and 1 centavo, 2, 5, 10, 25 and 50 centavos, and 1, 5 and 10 dollars. Article XI says that the stamps should be perforated through the middle, so that they can be easily divided, one half being placed on the document, and the other retained so that it can be shown to the official inspector when he wishes to know how many sales of property a firm has made during the year. Also, every cigar worth three cents must have a $\frac{1}{4}$ centavo stamp stuck on the end. We should think it must be some bother to do this, especially in a land where everyone smokes.

—A Kentucky paper tells of the experiment of a goat on the revenue stamp of a whiskey barrel. The stamp, valued at \$37.80, had just been placed upon the barrel. Being in his normal condition of hunger, the goat devoured the stamp. An affidavit for the Washington authorities and other inconveniences were involved before a duplicate stamp could be procured.

—Some time back, the postal employees of Algeria were in an uproar. A frightful stamp appeared on a letter, caricaturing the august face of the emperor. The individual that affixed this scandalous libel was discovered, who affirmed that he had purchased it, with many similar ones which he produced, in another French colony where they were current. The postmaster of Algeria put the unfortunate in custody, and sent the stamps to Paris to be laid before the authorities. They proved to be the impressions of New Caledonia.

—We have received notice from the secretary of the formation of yet another association—"The Centennial State Philatelic Society," of Denver, Col. Officers: President, J. C. Feldwisch; secretary, F. W. Feldwisch; treasurer, D. W. Osgood, Jr.

—In our private opinion, the "St. Louis Philatelic Society" is altogether a figment of the versatile brain of Mr. Mekeel.



A Bogus St. Louis Stamp.



In last month's issue we exposed a fictitious Brattleboro' local now being foisted onto the young and verdant stampist. This time, in accordance with our promise in July, we show up a bogus value which has lately been added to the set of St. Louis government locals by the ever-wakeful counterfeiter. The authentic set, as is known to all, consists of the 5, 10 and 20 cents, black—the first two issued in November, 1845, and the last one at some later period. A favorite mode of deception practiced by the stamp manufacturers is to add some new value to a series well known to be genuine, and then sell the whole as a complete set. Our cut at the left depicts the bogus value in the present instance. The design varies considerably from that of the 5-cent in the arrangement of the features, which are identical with those of the three genuine values. The specimen sent to us for examination accords in size and color with the originals, and is executed on smooth paper. It is uncanceled, and supplied with gum, which, however, is of very poor quality. We should judge that these things were being distributed across the Canada line, as it is from the Dominion that we received the specimen of the impostor. It is possible that another fictitious denomination has been concocted, as we noted that in the *Toronto Philatelic Journal* the set of St. Louis government locals was given thus: 3, 5 and 20 cents.

There were some private locals used in St. Louis about the same time as the official—those of Squier & Co. Counterfeits of these have been made and printed in several colors beside the primitive. These may be easily distinguished from the genuine, as they are all unperforated, while the former are rouletted.

Philatelic Chronology.

We herewith present to our readers a Chronological Summary of Philatelic occurrences for the month of August, which cannot fail to interest such collectors as have any regard for the literary side of Philatelic science.

These dates have been very carefully compiled, and will, we think, be found correct. Our readers will please understand that we do not guarantee the day of the month to be accurate in all cases, but we claim the month and year stated to be positively correct. This monthly chronicle will be continued during the year, and will be found very useful in determining positively the date of Philatelic events long since forgotten. We will be happy to correct any errors that our readers may detect in our table, and all such corrections will be gratefully acknowledged.

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- 1—1879—Detroit Philatelist, W. M. Hewitt, Detroit, Mich.
- 2—1867—Stamp Journal, A. Fountain, Middletown, Conn.
- 3—1867—Postage Stamp Reporter, W. A. Kelsey, Meriden, Conn.
- 4—1857—T. T. Buttrick, Philatelic writer, born.
- 9—1863—International Postage Stamp Review, London, Eng.
- 11—1873—First Stamp Auction in England—J. W. Scott & Co.
- 16—1879—The Stamp Collector, A. Fountain, New York.
- 18—1849—L. W. Durbin born.
- 20—1871—Deakin's Old Curiosity Shop, Chicago.
- 28—1871—The Stamp Collector's Herald, Hull, Eng.

The New Special Delivery Stamp.

Further particulars concerning the new special postal stamp have transpired, and we hasten to inform our readers of them. The color of the stamp will be dark blue, and how it got into the *Toronto Philatelic Journal* and the *Queen City Philatelist*, that the chosen hue was green, is beyond comprehension. The impression will measure 1 3-16 by 1 7-16 inches. The inscription on the right, mentioned last month, is engraved on an oblong tablet, and surrounded by a wreath of oak and laurel. The numeral "10" is located on a small shield at the bottom. The stamps will be placed on sale October first, in 591 post-offices. The NEW ENGLAND PHILATELIST is pleased to announce that 168 of these are situated in New England, and Fitchburg is one of them. The person to whom the letter bearing the special stamp is addressed must sign a receipt in a book as for a registered letter.

THE internal revenue bureau has been notified of further seizures of counterfeit beer stamps in New York. The officers are very reticent over the affair, but it has leaked out that over \$14,000 worth have been taken. A searching investigation is now in progress, and the evidence so far points to a conspiracy, in which it is said a number of wealthy brewers in different parts of the country are concerned.

The Holte Locals.

There are two labels that are described and sold as local stamps of Holte, which is stated by the sellers to be a town in Denmark. The first of these is catalogued as being issued in 1868, and the value is 2 skilling. The stamp is unperforated and printed in brown. Our illustration shows the design. The second, it is claimed, appeared in 1872, and is of same facial value. The color is green, and our specimen is roughly perforated 10. The design is a numeral within a star and the spandrels are plain.



In 1879 the French Timbrological Society of Paris, eminently the first society of stamp collectors in existence, appointed a committee to investigate the claims of the Holte locals to philatelic distinction. The report of the committee appears in the minutes of the Society for 1879, and is to the effect that the so-called Holte stamps are utterly false and spurious, and never had any genuine existence.

Although half a dozen years have elapsed since that time and no gazetteer, cyclopædia, map, or geography that can be found makes any mention of such a town in Denmark, the Holte stamps are still to be seen advertised for sale, and, strange to say, warranted genuine. We feel justified in pronouncing these labels to be humbugs, and advise philatelists of their true character.

Correspondence Department.

In this department we desire our readers to express their views on the various questions relating to Philately. Should anyone wish to have any point explained or to ask information on any subject, we shall be glad to insert the questions and in the next number the solutions as given by other readers, if any are received. In this manner, inquirers may get the benefit of the various answers of different persons from different standpoints. If anybody thinks he can give any useful intelligence concerning any of the points in doubt, we shall be glad to hear from him.

EDITOR NEW ENGLAND PHILATELIST:

I notice in your last issue that L. McL. desires to know why Scott does not catalogue the 3 cuartos Carlist stamp. The reason is simply this—that the said stamp is a fraud and an imposture. The story goes that in 1875, at the capture of Santa Vieja, a Carlist stronghold, some mail-bags of the insurgents were confiscated, and in these were found stamped envelopes of the value of 3 cuartos, and blue in color. Scott's "Revised List" says "it is undoubtedly a fraud, got up to swindle collectors." This is also my opinion. Mr. Pemberton mentions it in his handbook, but this work appeared only a short time after the bogus stamp, and sufficient time had not then elapsed for proving it spurious. A few years since, however, this was undertaken by M. Moens, editor of *Le Timbre-Poste*, who accomplished it successfully, and convinced the believers in the 3 cuartos that it was a fictitious thing. It was sold more in Europe, but I recollect when Mekeel used to sell the things at \$2.25 apiece. TOPAZ.

—Please tell me if you think a collector of revenue stamps only has a right to call himself a Philatelist.

WILLIE T. HARRIS.

—F. A., Greenville: The exposures of bogus stamps that appear in the NEW ENGLAND PHILATELIST are the results of our investigations, and are perfectly reliable. We intend to warn Philatelists against all impositions in the stamp line.

THE EDITORS.

Philatelic Post-office Clerks.

We note in the daily press that three clerks in the Boston post office were discharged last week for selling stamped wrappers at more than the lawful price. The postal law says that any postmaster, *or other person*, (the italics are ours) who shall sell any postage stamp or stamped envelope for a higher sum than its facial value (or, in the case of envelopes and wrappers, for more than the Department charges) shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be fined not more than \$500. This law was passed Mar. 3, 1855, and will be found in Sec. 303 of the Official Postal Laws and Regulations of the P. O. Department, issued by it in 1866. Stamp dealers, however, seem to pay little attention to it, and frequently sell U. S. stamps for half a dozen times their face value. Of course this law does not apply to cancelled stamps, but it certainly does to used ones. Stamp dealers, beware!

By the Way.

—Our *American Youth* has ended its days, "climbing up the golden stairs" from want of support—which is the destructive agent that usually overwhelms our papers. Also, the *Philatelic Observer*, of Canterbury, Eng., has suspended until next October. We learn that the *Canadian Philatelist* has been absorbed by the *Toronto Philatelic Journal*. A small stamp paper published in this state for three months—though this fact is probably unknown to most Philatelists—has just ceased publication. We refer to the *Spindle City Philatelist*, edited and printed by Mr. L. G. Hall, of Lowell, Mass. Its first number appeared last March, and the paper died because Mr. Hall had not sufficient time to devote to it.

—The *P. J. of A.* for July has just appeared, and does not contain a single original article. How is this for a "high-class magazine whose wastebasket is running over with copy."

—The initial numbers of the *Queen City Philatelist* and the *Yankee Philatelist* have come to hand.

—We have received a copy of "The International Dealer's and Collector's Directory," issued by J. M. Beers.

—The new U. S. postal card will be issued soon, and the design printed in brown. The head of Liberty is to be replaced by that of Thomas Jefferson.

—The bird on the current Guatemalan stamps which we have usually called a parrot, is pronounced by an English magazine to be a quezal.

—Mr. C. H. Nunn, the well-known English publisher, has favored us with a copy of his pamphlet directory of "The Stamp Dealers of Great Britain." The arrangement of it is admirable, and includes complete lists of the dealers, and of the publishers of stamp papers, albums, etc.

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1 f Carmine	1.50

1852.

10 c Bistre	2.00
25 c Blue	.20

1853-60.

1 c Bronze	.15
5 c Green	.15
10 c Bistre	.12
20 c Blue	.10
25 c "	.50
40 c Orange	.15
80 c Carmine	.30
1 f "	7.50

1862—Perforated.

1 c Bronze	.15
5 c Green	.15
10 c Bistre	.12
20 c Blue	.10
40 c Orange	.15
80 c Carmine	.15

1863-69.

1 c Bronze	.10
2 c Brown	.10
4 c Grey	.20
10 c Bistre	.10
20 c Blue	.05
30 c Brown	.10
40 c Orange	.15
80 c Carmine	.15
5 f Mauve	.50

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1870.

10 c Bistre	.15
20 c Blue	.12
40 c Orange	.15

1870—Bordeaux.

1 c Bronze	.15
2 c Brown	.15
4 c Grey	.50
5 c Green	.15
10 c Bistre	.15
20 c Blue	.10
30 c Brown	.15
40 c Orange	.20
80 c Carmine	.50

1871-76.

1 c Bronze	.10
2 c Brown	.10
4 c Grey	.15
5 c Green	.10
10 c Bistre	.10
10 c "	.10

15 c Bistre	\$.10
15 c "	.10
25 c Blue	.10
30 c Brown	.10
40 c Orange	.10
80 c Carmine	.10

1876-77.

1 c Green	.10
2 c "	.10
4 c "	.15
5 c "	.10
10 c "	.10
15 c Grey	.10
20 c Brown	.10
25 c Blue	.05
30 c Brown	.05
75 c Carmine	.05
1 f Bronze	.05

1877-79.

1 c Black	.05
2 c Brown	.05
3 c Yellow	.15
3 c Grey	.05
4 c Chestnut	.05
5 c Green	.05
10 c Black	.05
15 c Blue	.05
25 c "	.05
25 c Black	.05
25 c Yellow	.05
35 c Violet	.05
40 c Orange	.05
5 f Lilac	.25

1884.

20 c Green	.10
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1859-63—Tax Stamps.

10 c Black	.40
15 c "	.40

1870.

15 c Black	.60
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1871-78.

25 c Black	.40
30 c "	.25
60 c Blue	1.00

1881.

1 c Black	.10
2 c "	.10
3 c "	.10
4 c "	.10
5 c "	.10
10 c "	.10
15 c "	.10
20 c "	.10
30 c "	.05
40 c "	.10
60 c "	.80
1 f "	1.20
2 f "	2.50

1884.

1 f Brown	\$.50
2 f "	1.10
5 f "	3.50

1860—Colonies.

1 c Bronze	.30
5 c Green	.40
10 c Bistre	.20
20 c Blue	.40
40 c Orange	.25
80 c Carmine	1.00

1869.

1 c Bronze	.50
30 c Brown	.50
80 c Carmine	2.00

1871.

10 c Bistre	1.50
20 c Blue	1.50
40 c Orange	.50

1872-73.

1 c Bronze	.20
2 c Brown	2.50
4 c Grey	10.00
5 c Green	.15
10 c Bistre	.20
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15 c " large figures	.25
25 c Blue	.15
30 c Brown	.50
40 c Orange	.20
80 c Carmine	.50

1876.

1 c Green	.40
2 c "	.40
4 c "	.50
5 c "	.15
10 c "	.25

1877.

1 c Black	.40
2 c Brown	.25
4 c Chestnut	.50
5 c Green	.10
10 c Black	.30
15 c Grey	1.50
15 c Blue	.30
20 c Brown	.20
20 c Green	.20
25 c Blue	.50
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25 c Yellow	.50
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40 c Orange	1.00
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1853-60.	
1 c Bronze	.15
5 c Green	.15
10 c Bistre	.12
20 c Blue	.10
25 c "	.50
40 c Orange	.15
80 c Carmine	.30
1 f "	7.50

1862—Perforated.	
1 c Bronze	.15
5 c Green	.15
10 c Bistre	.12
20 c Blue	.10
40 c Orange	.15
80 c Carmine	.15

1863-69.	
1 c Bronze	.10
2 c Brown	.10
4 c Grey	.20
10 c Bistre	.10
20 c Blue	.05
30 c Brown	.10
40 c Orange	.15
80 c Carmine	.15
5 f Mauve	.50

Surcharged 10 in Blue.

10 c Bistre	2.50
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1870.	
10 c Bistre	.15
20 c Blue	.12
40 c Orange	.15

1870—Bordeaux.	
1 c Bronze	.15
2 c Brown	.15
4 c Grey	.50
5 c Green	.15
10 c Bistre	.15
20 c Blue	.10
30 c Brown	.15
40 c Orange	.20
80 c Carmine	.50

1871-76.	
1 c Bronze	.10
2 c Brown	.10
4 c Grey	.15
5 c Green	.10
10 c Bistre	.10
10 c "	.10

15 c Bistre	\$.10
15 c "	.10
25 c Blue	.10
30 c Brown	.10
40 c Orange	.10
80 c Carmine	.10

1876-77.	
1 c Green	.10
2 c "	.10
4 c "	.15
5 c "	.10
10 c "	.10
15 c Grey	.10
20 c Brown	.10
25 c Blue	.05
30 c Brown	.05
75 c Carmine	.05
1 f Bronze	.05

1877-79.	
1 c Black	.05
2 c Brown	.05
3 c Yellow	.15
3 c Grey	.05
4 c Chestnut	.05
5 c Green	.05
10 c Black	.05
15 c Blue	.05
25 c "	.05
25 c Black	.05
25 c Yellow	.05
35 c Violet	.05
40 c Orange	.05
5 f Lilac	.25

1884.	
20 c Green	.10

1859-63—Tax Stamps.

10 c Black	.40
15 c "	.40

1870.	
15 c Black	.60

1871-78.	
25 c Black	.40
30 c "	.25
60 c Blue	1.00

1881.	
1 c Black	.10
2 c "	.10
3 c "	.10
4 c "	.10
5 c "	.10
10 c "	.10
15 c "	.10
20 c "	.10
30 c "	.05
40 c "	.10
60 c "	.80
1 f "	1.20
2 f "	2.50

1884.	
1 f Brown	\$.50
2 f "	1.10
5 f "	3.50

1860—Colonies.	
1 c Bronze	.30
5 c Green	.40
10 c Bistre	.20
20 c Blue	.40
40 c Orange	.25
80 c Carmine	1.00

1869.	
1 c Bronze	.50
30 c Brown	.50
80 c Carmine	2.00

1871.	
10 c Bistre	1.50
20 c Blue	1.50
40 c Orange	.50

1872-73.	
1 c Bronze	.20
2 c Brown	2.50
4 c Grey	10.00
5 c Green	.15
10 c Bistre	.20
15 c " little figures .	.50
15 c " large figures .	.25
25 c Blue	.15
30 c Brown	.50
40 c Orange	.20
80 c Carmine	.50

1876.	
1 c Green	.40
2 c "	.40
4 c "	.50
5 c "	.15
10 c "	.25

1877.	
1 c Black	.40
2 c Brown	.25
4 c Chestnut	.50
5 c Green	.10
10 c Black	.30
15 c Grey	1.50
15 c Blue	.30
20 c Brown	.20
20 c Green	.20
25 c Blue	.50
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25 c Yellow	.50
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20 c Brown	.10
25 c Blue	.05
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BRITISH LEVANT.—The government of Great Britain has, like Germany, surcharged its current stamps with Turkish values for use in the Levant. The 2½d. is transformed to 40 paras, the 5d. to 80 paras and the 2s. 6d. to 12 piastres.

BULGARIA.—New stamps have been issued of the values of 1 and 2 stotinki. Their colors are lilac and slate respectively.

FRENCH LEVANT.—French stamps also surcharged with Turkish values. There are the 1 piastre surcharged on the 35 c., the 3 pi. on the 75 c. and the 4 pi. on the 1 fr.

HONG KONG.—Three provisionals have appeared: 20 c. on 30 c. (printed in red), 50 c. on 48 c. and \$1 on 96 c.

MAURITIUS.—Three permanent stamps have been emitted: 2 c. green, 4 c. pink and 16 c. brown. Also 1 provisional; 2 c. on 38 c.

MEXICO.—Some locals for use in this republic have been prepared by Wells, Fargo & Co. There are several varieties, of the values 15, 20 and 30 centavos. But as the firm has decided to increase the charge, the 15 c. has been surcharged in red 20 c. and the 30 c. has been altered to 35 c. In addition we note that some of the regular government issue change their colors.

MONACO.—There are seven more values in the set—1-c. olive, 2-c. violet, 10-c. brown, 40-c. blue, 75-c. black, 1-fr. black, 5-fr. pink. The last five are on colored papers.

REUNION.—See page 82, "By the Way."

ST. PIERRE & MIQUELON.—For an exposure of the supposed new issue of this colony, see page 82.

UNITED STATES.—The new ten cent delivery stamp is ready and will be on sale at all the designated post-offices on the first of October. The new postal card has made its appearance and is not at all an improvement over the old one. The design of the stamp is devoid of taste and the portrait is not well engraved. The printing also is poorly done. The color is the only thing to be commended.

NOTE.—Perhaps our readers may think that we have decided to discontinue illustrating the new issues, but this is not the case. By reason of the transferring of the paper, we have not yet been able to make arrangements for procuring the cuts, but shall certainly appear with them soon.

Written for the New England Philatelist.

Pomeroy's Letter Express.

BY DR. WM. H. MITCHELL.

In these days when railroads traverse this country in all directions, and by means of them all our large cities are brought into close and intimate relations with each other, it is a difficult matter for the majority of collectors to understand how, without them or with the few that then existed, it was possible to convey communication from the East to the young West in as short a time as they did. At this time the P. O. Department had not perfected its machinery and to a certain extent was uncertain and then there was a need of a safe and reliable means of transporting valuables and money from place to place.

In *Harper's Magazine* for August, 1875, under the title of "An American Enterprise," appeared an article on the Origin of the Express Business in the United States, from Boston to New York, New York to Albany, Albany to Buffalo and from Buffalo to Chicago and the West.

Between Boston and New York there was Harnden's Express, due to Mr. William F. Harnden who doubtless originated the enterprise of forwarding packages and letters, and Philatelists, and, in fact, every one should give him credit for the inception of the idea that has developed in the Express business of to-day, and which improved the Government Postal Service by showing them that in many cases individuals could often do better for the public than the Government Post.

Besides *Harnden's Express* there were afterward between Boston and New York, *Hale & Co.*, American Letter Mail Co., Overton & Co., Wyman's Post and Hartford Mail. Between New York and Albany, Harnden established a continuation of this New York and Boston Express. This being its terminus, Central New York and large populations West were so irregularly and badly served by the methods of transportation then in existence, Mr. Geo. E. Pomeroy, then of Albany, N. Y., early in the Spring of 1841, conceived the idea that a route through New York State could be made a matter of profit, and he accordingly made arrangements to run an Express from Albany to Buffalo. At this time Harnden was running his Express from Boston to Albany via New York, and Mr. Henry Wells was his agent in Albany.

When first established, his business was the carrying of moneys for various banks. He first made offers to the State Bank, the City Bank and the Canal Bank of Albany. The bank officials treated him with courtesy and were willing to encourage the enterprise, but at that time the banks in the country districts had their own regular messengers—Jerome Humphrey and Sol Hayes.

Correspondence Department.

In this department we desire our readers to express their views on the various questions relating to Philately. Should anyone wish to have any point explained or to ask information on any subject, we shall be glad to insert the questions and in the next number the solutions as given by other readers, if any are received. In this manner, inquirers may get the benefit of the various answers of different persons from different standpoints. If anybody thinks he can give any useful intelligence concerning any of the points in doubt, we shall be glad to hear from him.

To Editor N. E. Philatelist.

My attention has been called to the communications in your interesting journal from L. Mc. L. & Topaz regarding the long rectangular Carlist stamp, value 3 cuartos. Although its true history is not fully known, there is at present no doubt but that it is a bogus stamp. It was printed in black on pieces of envelopes, different colors of paper being used. I have seen it on blue, buff, brown and white. While in business in Chicago in 1881, I received with a consignment of stamps from J. Verzul & Co., Venloo, Holland 12 of these stamps. They assured me of their genuineness, and as at that time their authenticity was believed in by many Philatelists, I purchased them in good faith. Eleven of them were sold before their true character was discovered.

Collectors all understand how even the most careful are sometimes deceived. I never sold a stamp in the 8 years I have been in the stamp business that I was at all doubtful about. I am always ready to give satisfaction, and any of the collectors can get a check for their money by applying to the Carson Stamp Co. of St. Louis, Mo., as I am one of the proprietors of that concern. I hope your journal may continue to improve and accomplish much good work.

CHAS. HAVILAND MEKEEL.

To Editor N. E. Philatelist.

I have just noticed the piece in your August No. in regard to selling unused U. S. Postage Stamps, Stamped Envelopes and Wrappers at more than their facial value or the price set by the Department. The law quoted was one passed in 1855, and embraced in Sec. 303 of P. L. and Regulations of 1866. Now the P. L. and R. of 1866 are no longer in force, but were supplanted by those of 1879, which are authority at present. In this latest edition that Sec. is omitted, but section 118 in the same connection states; "—****; and no postmaster of any class or other person connected with the postal service, intrusted with the sale or custody of Postage Stamps, Stamped Envelopes or Postal Cards, shall use or dispose of them in the payment of debts or in the purchase of merchandise or other salable articles or pledge or hypothecate the same, or sell or dispose of them except for cash, or sell or dispose of postage stamps or postal cards for any larger or less sum than the values indicated on their faces, or sell or dispose of stamped envelopes for a larger or less sum than is charged therefor by the P. O. Department; and any P. M. or other person connected with the Postal Service who shall violate any of these provisions shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, on conviction thereof, shall be fined in any sum not less than \$50 nor more than \$500, or be imprisoned for a term not exceeding one year." So it will be seen there is nothing in the law which prevents dealers charging more than face value for U. S. Stamps. There are two more points in the law which makes him still more safe. One is that no law or ruling of the P. O. Department shall be so construed as to unjustly conflict with any private business which is honest and legitimate, and the other that no article in regard to postage stamps or stamped envelopes shall apply to those issued previously to 1870.

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In introducing ourselves to the philatelic public, we beg leave to impress upon it the fact that we have come for business, and intend to conduct the NEW ENGLAND PHILATELIST on a practical basis, so that it shall stand first among the papers of its kind in circulation, size and appearance. Its editorial features will also receive the most careful attention, and no stone will be left unturned to make the magazine a success. We respectfully solicit the cordial support of all advertisers and subscribers, for mutual benefit.

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Notes.

—We have received the initial numbers of four more new stamp journals. The first is the *Philatelic Tribune*, announced last month, which is certainly the dude stamp paper at present. The second is *Our American Youth*, which was chronicled in our August issue as having suspended. Practically it did, as it now appears under a new publisher, is reduced to the same size as most philatelic papers and has been changed completely from an imitation of the *Youth's Companion* to a full-fledged stamp journal, retaining nothing of its former character save its name. The third new-comer is the *New York Collector*, published by E. A. Hernandez of Brooklyn, N. Y. No. 1 has four pages and contains an article on the Ionian islands. The fourth new paper referred to is H. G. Spaulding's *Michigan Philatelist*, noticed in our last. As to other philatelic literature this fall, we mention the following. Mr. Durbin's catalogue for 1886 has appeared, and is quite good, but we cannot esteem any catalogue perfect that is not illustrated. Mr. J. M. Hubbard, well known as formerly publishing the *Granite State Philatelist*, will issue in December a volume entitled "The Stamp Dealers of the World." This has been copyrighted, and is expected to be a fine thing. We hope that nothing will prevent its appearance. Mr. A. H. Hammond of Wareham, Mass., announces a Corresponding Directory of dealers and collectors, to be published soon.

—A western contemporary speaks of the great progress made by the *P. J. of A.* in each successive number. The "progress" of the *P. J. of A.* is truly remarkable, inasmuch as it forcibly reminds us of the progress of the traditional cat, who, having fallen down a well, was trying to climb out therefrom. The question put to the innocent youth was this: "If the cat climbs up two feet every day and falls back three feet every night, how long will it take for the cat to reach the top?" Our readers will readily see the application of this little problem to the paper referred to.

—Messrs. W. E. Skinner & Co. write us that they do not owe the *P. J. of A.* any money for advertising, as the publisher inserted their adv without any order and then tried to make them pay for it. They also wish to state that they have not copied in the *Agassiz Journal*, nine articles from the *Young Mineralogist*.

—We have sold the rights of *The Advertiser*, the Philadelphia stamp paper bought out by Mr. Emory last spring, to Mr. I. C. Greene of the *Yankee Philatelist*.

—Mr. I. W. Risdon has favored us with a sight of one of his approval sheets which are very neat and well got up.

—Come now, you sample copy fiend, send us a postal note for 25 cents if you want to see the NEW ENGLAND PHILATELIST again. We cannot afford to give you a subscription free because you happen to be too lazy to send the cash. Come! Shell out!

Written for the New England Philatelist.

The Postage Stamps of Guatemala.

I have been requested to tell what I know of the above subject, for the benefit of the readers of this paper, and I must confess that the subject is an inspiring one to the philatelist, for the stamps of Guatemala are surely surpassed by none for beauty of design and excellency of execution.

Although Guatemala has been for many years the most powerful of the Central American states, its sister republics had long enjoyed the benefits of postage stamps, before the first issue appeared from the country under consideration. It was as late as 1871 that the first issue of four values made its appearance. The rising sun above, and a wreath below a shield, with the whole enclosed in a double-lined oval with "Correos de Guatemala" above and the value in words below, constituted the design; a one centavo, buff, five centavos, brown, ten centavos, blue, and twenty centavos, carmine, made their appearance at this time and continued to prepay the postage of the loyal Guatemalans until two years later, when they were supplemented by two more varieties of a different though somewhat similar design. These consisted of a scroll in the centre of a shield surrounded by wreaths and other emblems, while the shield was surrounded by an oval frame similar to that of the first issue. At this time a four reales, lilac, and one peso, orange, made their appearance.

These stamps, however, seemed to prove unsatisfactory, for two years later an entirely new emission was put in use. The laureated head of "Liberty" to left, appeared upon these stamps, and the frame surrounding it was slightly different on each stamp though not enough so to require description. The emission consisted of a one-fourth real, black, one-half real, green, one real, blue, and two reales, carmine. Barrios, who at the time of this issue was ruling the country with a rod of iron, probably considered the head of Liberty on these stamps as a personification of himself. What the people thought would be more difficult to say.

In 1878, the most beautiful set of stamps ever issued by this country, and I have nearly said by any other, was put in circulation. The design was an Indian head in oval with the words "Correos de Guatemala" on an arched scroll above with the value in words below, and numerals of value on scrolls in each of the lower corners. Tropical birds and fruits ornament the upper corners, while wreaths are at each side. A one-half real, green, two reales, carmine, four reales, lilac, and one peso, orange, composed the emission.

In 1879, two new varieties made their appearance. The design is the same as that of the current issue which is probably familiar to all. A one-

fourth real, brown and green, and one real, black and green, were all that appeared at this time.

In 1881, four surcharges were put in circulation. The one-fourth real of 1879 was surcharged "1 centavo" in two lines; the numeral "1" being above the word "centavo," and the remaining surcharges were printed in the same manner. The one-half real of 1878 was surcharged "5 centavos," the one real of 1879 was converted into a "10 centavos" stamp, and two reales of 1878 was made to do duty as a "20 centavos." These continued in use but a short time and are correspondingly rare.

In 1882, the present set made its appearance, and, as before remarked, its design is probably familiar to all. It consists of five values as follows: one centavo, black and green, two centavos, brown and green, ten centavos, gray and green, and twenty centavos, orange and green. The bird upon these is called a quezal, and one of the national emblems of Guatemala. A large proportion of the inhabitants consist of Indians, which probably accounts for the design of the 1878 issue. In addition to the adhesives described above, envelope stamps appeared in 1876. The stamp consists of the laureated profile of "Liberty" to left on an oval disk, with "Guatemala" above and the value in words below, and numerals of value enclosed in ovals at the sides. The values and colors corresponded to the 1875 issues of adhesives, and as follows: one-half real, green, one real, blue, and two reales red. A newspaper wrapper of the same design, black on manilla paper, and of the value of one-fourth real made its appearance at the same time.

Had Barrios succeeded in his attempt to unite the Central American republics, a new issue of stamps would probably have been among the results. As it was, Guatemala lost much prestige by his ill-timed attempt to subjugate friendly nations.

Whitfield, King & Co., the English wholesale firm, are paying for their advertisements in American papers with unused sets of Samoa stamps at very low rates. The *Keystone Stamp and Coin Gazette* thinks that these are counterfeit, but we hardly agree with our contemporary on that point. A set was sent to Mr. Durbin and he pronounced them to be reprints. Whitfield, King & Co. advertise that they hold the entire stock of Samoa stamps now obsolete, but in our opinion they hold the original plates which are far better for their purpose as they can thus obtain an unlimited quantity of the stamps for the expense of printing.

Philatelic Chronology.

We herewith present to our readers a Chronological Summary of Philatelic occurrences for the month of September, which cannot fail to interest such collectors as have any regard for the literary side of Philatelic science.

These dates have been very carefully compiled, and will, we think, be found correct. Our readers will please understand that we do not guarantee the day of the month to be accurate in all cases, but we claim the month and year stated to be positively correct. This monthly chronicle will be continued during the year, and will be found very useful in determining positively the date of Philatelic events long since forgotten. We will be happy to correct any errors that our readers may detect in our table, and all such corrections will be gratefully acknowledged.

SEPTEMBER.

- 1—1866—W. D. Atlee's Monthly Circular, Birmingham, England.
- 3—1863—Once a Month. C. & H. Gloyne, Manchester, England.
- 5—1867—Seltz's Stamp Collector's Handbook, Boston, Mass.
- 9—1869—The Timbrophilist, C. A. Lyford, Boston, Mass.
- 11—1870—Curiosity Cabinet, W. P. Brown, N. Y. City.
- 12—1872—The Curiosity Hunter, D. A. K. Andrus, Rockford, Ill.
- 15—1864—Le Collectionneur, A. Maury, Paris, France.
- 16—1878—The Collector's World, C. H. Coster, N. Y. City.
- 19—1879—The Collector's News, G. D. Ackerman, Plainfield, N. J.
- 20—1874—Keystone Philatelist, T. A. Hayward, Susquehanna, Pa.
- 22—1881—Buckeye Stamp Journal, Akron, Ohio.
- 23—1879—The Western Philatelist, E. L. Howe, Council Bluffs, Iowa.
- 26—1881—Philatelic Courier, H. Hechler, Halifax, N. S.
- 28—1882—Granite State Philatelist, J. M. Hubbard, Lake Village, N. H.

By the Way.

—A few months ago the NEW ENGLAND PHILATELIST illustrated some stamps of the French Colonies, surcharged with new value and S. M. P., which were supposed to be for use in the little islands of St. Pierre & Miquelon. Now some more are trotted out for this tiny region, but we believe that all these stamps are bare-faced frauds. The stamps are of course genuine, but the surcharge is the invention of some resident of the place. Monsieur A. M. Brehier offers them for sale at a good round price, and says that the first batch came out last January and the second in August. These latter are "very rare, only about 30 of each variety being on hand." He sent samples of a 40 centimes surcharged 10 and also 15. These were unused, but he can supply them *cancelled or uncanceled or equal quantities of each*, to suit the buyer. However his letter was prepaid with an ordinary stamp of the colonies, without a sign of a surcharge. We think that anyone looking at the circumstances carefully will condemn these impositions at once. They are utterly uncalled for, and are not used by the postoffice. The stamps surcharged "Senegal" have already turned out spurious, and the next dodge we have seen is fixing up surcharged stamps for the French colony of Reunion. An English contemporary has received specimens of them from Whitfield, King & Co., so they are probably a speculation of this firm. There are two varieties introduced with the old story—"only a few issued—very rare." We only say, steer clear of all surcharged stamps for French colonies, unless possibly those of New Caledonia and Guadeloupe.

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