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Yet, even philatelists are moved to marvel sometimes at the advance in price of all the rare stamps, and to wonder whether the leading stamp dealers of the country have not formed a trust to keep up the prices. There are, however, certain causes for this increase, chief among which is the fact that the number of collectors is steadily increasing; the natural consequence of this is a much greater demand for stamps of all kinds and especially for the rarer specimens.

Probably every collector at some time or other has indulged in sad reflections concerning the goodly harvest of old and valuable United States stamps which he might have gleaned from the correspondence of his parents, his grandparents, his uncles, his aunts, and divers other relatives, if they had carefully preserved all their old letters instead of (as they really did) burying them in deep oblivion of the waste paper basket or in the utter darkness of the blazing and destroying fire. Alas! It was not to be. Instead of filling our pages with the treasures taken from old boxes of letters, dusty, faded and almost forgotten, we must dive deep down in our pockets and fetch up plenty of the needful before the avaricious dealer will be content to surrender up his prize.

It is indeed rather remarkable that more specimens of the old stamps of all countries have not been preserved.

Some philatelic writers contend that very few specimens of the older class of United States stamps, say those issued before 1860, are in existence, outside of those owned by dealers and collectors. But, notwithstanding the fact that nearly every locality in the United States has been carefully searched by dealers or collectors in quest of the rarities for which our philatelic millionaires so freely spend their riches; notwithstanding the fact that, with all their searching, so few rarities have been unearthed, I believe that there are many specimens, even of our rarest varieties, waiting to be sought out by the diligent philatelist.

The young collector, who has but little cash to spend on his hobby, should not be discouraged or disheartened by the advance in price which places many stamps beyond his reach. There are thousands of interesting specimens to be procured at moderate prices, from the careful study of which just as much benefit is to be derived as from the greatest rarities.

The one and only thing that gives a stamp a large market value is scarcity. No matter if the design be ugly, no matter if it is poorly engraved, if only the stamp is of sufficient scarcity, there is a certain class of collectors who will bow down and worship it and exhibit to admiring friends as one of the "gems of my collection." Although there is, no doubt, a certain satisfaction in possessing a specimen which but few other collectors have, it is an open question with me whether such specimens are not oftentimes given too much prominence. Be that as it may, there are hundreds of stamps, that can be purchased for a few cents, far richer in interest than the much prized rarities for which their owners have bartered many dollars.

Nearly every stamp in our albums has its own especial claim up on our consideration. One holds our interest by the novelty of its design, another by the splendor of its coloring; one is especially notable from roughness and crudity of its execution; and another on account of the delicacy of its engraving; one is valued because of the historic events which it commemorates and recalls, while still another is prized for its

monetary value. No one need despair on account of the high prices brought at auction sales, for such prices are the exception and not the rule. The time has not yet come and never will when philatist must of necessity be a rich man, although he who has plenty of cash always finds plenty of opportunity for spending it in the pursuit of his hobby.

The army of philatelists is in the main composed of enterprising and ambitious young men who are temporarily working for modest wages, until the Goddess of Fortune shall chance to cast her eyes in their direction. Owing to the force of circumstances therefore the amount of money which we are able to devote to our favorite pursuit is not, in most cases, at all proportional to the amount we would like to spend—if we only had it. But, shall we, because we are unable to procure a Brattleboro or a Sydney View straightway become discouraged and forsake Philately? No, indeed! Other are stamps, just as interesting in design which we are able to buy, and wherefore should we pay \$100 for one rare stamp when for the same price, a thousand varieties of cheaper ones can be secured.

For some time past our philatelic journals have teemed with prophecies and gloomy forebodings as to signal disaster and ruin which would soon overtake philately if the prices rose much higher. There has also been an increasing mania ever since Scott's latest catalogue came out to publish tables showing the increase in value of certain stamps, especially of old United States, during the last few years. While it cannot be denied that the rise in price has been most remarkable, I see nothing in this which might discourage even the novice. Prices may increase until they are ten times as high as at present, old stamps may become harder and harder to procure, but it is my opinion that the philatelist will always find enough stamps obtainable at moderate prices to keep him busy.

In conclusion let me repeat again to my readers, do not become discouraged and think that your collection avails you nothing, even if it is small compared with that of an advanced collection. Your collection may seem of small value to those who value it in money, but if it has taught you anything of biography, anything of history, anything of useful knowledge, it is a collection not of postage stamps alone but also of philatelic treasures.

NEW ISSUES.

Bavaria.—The twenty phennig post card has been issued with the date, 1892.

Brazil.—There is a new envelope from this republic; head of Liberty in the centre. 100 reis dark red.

British South Africa.—Three pence gray and green (a change in color only.)

Cuba.—The changes in color have been seen, design same as current issue.

$\frac{1}{2}$ m. violet.	3m. violet	1c. olive
1 " "	4 " "	2c. brown
2 " "	8 " "	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. salmon.

Curacoa.—Same design as others of this colony, excepting the head of Queen Wilhelmina: 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. green 15c. rose; 25c. brown.

Dutch Indies.—The new design here is the same as above,
20c. blue. 25c. light violet. 50c. dark red.

France.—The *American Philatelist* states that the 15 centimes is to be printed in blue network, after the manner of safety paper used for bank checks.

India.—2 annas 6 pies, green; the same design as the 4 annas 6 pies.

Norway.—1 ore dark brown, (a change of color only).

Philippine Islands.—The design of the following are the same as 1890 issue.

1m. green.	1/8c. green.	8c. blue.
2 " "	2c. violet.	10c. rose.
5 " "	5c. green.	20c. brown.

Porto Rico.—As above, changes in the color:

1/2m. green.	8m. green	3c. green.
1 " bright violet	1c. brown.	8c. brown.
2 " "	3c. red.	20c. mauve.

Sokotra.—Two values of Cypress have surcharged "Sokotra" above and new value below, 1/2a. on 1p. carmine. 1a. on 2p. blue.

CANADIAN PHILATELIC GOSSIP.

BY CANADENSIS

Stamp collecting in the Dominion is now generally indulged in by all classes, young and old, rich and poor. Where the "hobby" was laughed at some two or three years ago, we now find serious collectors. Indeed it is surprising to see the avidity with which the older classes are making love to our fair goddess of Philately.

Complaints have even been made in one of our cities that the trading or bartering of stamps by the scholars was interfering with the studies but, on the other hand, teachers generally state that the stamp "fiends" are the most apt in the history and geography classes.

The tremendous advance in prices for British North American stamps has had something to do with the increase of collectors. Then our professional papers have been publishing articles, sometimes it is true, far-fetched, but never-the-less they serve a purpose, and that is to increase the ranks of philatelists.

The formation of a Canadian National Society and their immediate incorporation (the first on the continent) helped swell the general interest, and the phenomenal success of the Philatelic Society of Canada, with its three hundred members, and a dozen active branches, shows the world that we are "red hot on stamps."

One thing we complain of, and that is the very vague manner in which our varieties and errors in British North America are treated by the catalogues. Neither Scott's Mekeel's, Durbin's or any other existing catalogue fills the bill. We will see all manner of perforation varieties catalogued in certain Australian stamps; turn to Prince Edward Island, and we find no record of the greatest rarities, the first issues perforated 9. Then we have legitimate errors unrecorded in these catalogues. Our collectors nearly all collect them, and they deserve a place in a catalogue,

if it really aims to be a first-class standard. True, we have no surcharges and our B. N. A.'s can be looked upon without a suspicion of "fakes".

The first annual convention of the Philatelic Society will be held in Ottawa, Ont., first following the A. P. A. Convention at Niagara Falls, in August. We hope to see a large number of our American friends at the Capital of Canada during that period. They will be used right, and a big time is being prepared for them. From the Falls to Ottawa will be only a matter of five or six dollars, and if you want to see the genuine Cannuck in his "den" you must lay yourself out to come on to Ottawa.

At the Capitol there are two live local societies, one, the Civil Service Club, composed entirely of Dominion government officials; the other is the Societie Philateliqe d'Ottawa, largely made up of French Canadians, who are very enthusiastic and wide-awake collectors.

Difficulty over the customs duties levied on stamps seems to have struck Canada. Here there is no set law on the subject, and in the absence of this the collector of customs can appraise them at his own discretion. In one place this is done as printed matter, and in another they are charged as priced or invoiced. Mr. E. E. Raub, of Hyde Park, Mass. recently had siezed at Toronto a small lot of stamps on sheets priced at \$4.32. They were held for 75cts. duty; but this city it appears is the only one doing this. At Ottawa unused stamps being current in their respective county are not taxed, as they are looked upon as legal tender. The Customs authorities here are generally disposed what is right and fair, no doubt we will get a ruling, placing every one on an equality, as is now the case with old coins.

When the World's Fair Philatelic exhibit takes definite shape you can depend upon Canada doing her share, and our collectors will no doubt do all they can to make a display of British North America the best ever seen or heard of.

A recent paper publishes a story of the "highest" priced postage stamp in existance," and says it is the famous Dundee stamp owned by a stamp dealer named Friedl, and valued at \$2,500. The whole thing is a "fake" even to the so-called lable, and the utter rot of its value is only a cheap advertisement for the "fortunate" possessor as he is called. How many would trade, say a Canada 7½c or a United States, 1868, 90c, for it? Precious few we think, unless they are "slightly off."

None of the projected weeklies and monthlies have appeared as yet in Canada. Six were promised!!

The Albrecht International Code for the stamp trade, will, without a doubt fill a "long felt" want. By this code a dealer or collector in this country will be able to send orders, bids on auctions &c., to dealers or collectors in Europe. The special feature is that a person using it can send a message in his own language, and the one receiving it in his; as the code will be in English, French and German.

The *Post Office* has started a vote on the question of a National Society. Every stamp collector in this country should do their share in this. Do not delay, but address a postal card to the publishers of that paper, with a great big YES, on the other side from the address, and sign your name in full.

EDITORIAL.

The articles on the low price of Philatelic literature, which occupied considerable attention last fall, seems to have died a natural death; one or two papers did raise their price ten or fifteen cents, but that is all, although one *threatened* to raise to \$1. We cannot agree with the majority of our contemporaries that a raise in the subscriptions would mean a harvest for the publisher; It has been demonstrated that the collector will pay 25c to this and to that paper, when the same collector, would find a big "hole" if he should send a dollar at once, for a subscription. Give them the best at the lowest possible price.

The proposed amalgamation of all the Philatelic Societies of this country, with the A. P. A. is a problem which should be considered from all points. The argument has been rather one-sided thus far there have been two protests, one in the *Quaker City Philatelist* and the other in the *Collector* by comparatively unknown persons; these are weak when compared with the favorable arguments by such writers as Alvah Davidson and Kenelm, with the *Post Office* as a champion. Can it be possible that the other well known writers do not care a snap of their fingers?

This would be an unpardonable state of affairs; but perhaps they are "laying low" until such time as is favorable to put forth their convincing proofs, and settle the matter. This is a subject which *should* interest you, which should interest all, have you anything to say about it? The columns of this paper are open to all arguments for and against amalgamation. Let us hear from you.

We wish to state that this paper was in press thirty days ago, ready for printing and delivery, when we decided that by waiting one month we would have considerable more capital to push the "STAMP" to the front, so all the up-to-date articles had to be taken out of the forms causing considerable expense, but the delay warranted it, the owners will positively refund to all who do not receive twelve numbers of this paper within a year, the subscription which was paid to them.

To advertisers we say that we *circulate* 1000 copies to 1000 different addresses, this does not mean that only 1000 copies are printed, keeping one or two hundred for a file and distributing the balance, but we *have 1200 printed!* please bear this in mind; and as we are members of the best societies of this country, the validity of the above is guaranteed.

Some of our contemporaries have claimed that no nom-de-plumes be permitted, as one writing under such can endeavor to injure an enemy or rival. While we cannot believe in a total abolition of nom-de-plumes, as very often one does not care to have his name in print, or a paper has a writer which they wish to retain for their exclusive use, but we do claim that the publisher should, before publishing any slurs, investigate them; if that is too much trouble, not to have them in his paper, and not trust too implicitly in their correspondents.

While we are not the organ of any society, we shall in every way aid all of them, and being very active in the running of the New York

Branch, Son's of Philatelia, that particularly. Notices from the secretaries will always be inserted if not too lengthy. The Branch above mentioned, was organized on January 28th and has had four meetings, with full attendance. It now numbers over a dozen members. The features of this branch has been the auction department held at each meeting, members have disposed of their duplicates, others buying to their advantage; all New York stamp collectors should join, only fifty cents a year for dues, including membership in main society. For particulars address the publishers of this paper.

The Postal Card Society of America is in its infancy, numbering only thirty members, but all are *bona-fide* collectors. If a convention would be held at once after election of officers, (now in progress) it would give the society a decided boom.

We advise all collectors not to buy, or in any way obtain the stamps, etc., of any Seebeck Central American countries. They are pretty to look at it is true, but they have no intrinsic value, except the value of the paper they are printed on. They are not the result of an issue of the governments, and now they are to be sold at a certain figure, positively not less, making the poor collector pay a price which may not seem exorbitant, but on each sale the dealer is making from one hundred to eight hundred per cent! Don't encourage it by purchasing.

When any of our friends, and fellow "fiends" expect to come to this, the great philatelic centre, we shall be very pleased to have them call on us, and we will use our best endeavors to make it pleasant for them; but we must ask you if possible to advise us in advance, not to prepare a "warm" reception for you, but, much as is our joy to toil on our pamphlet, the sterner necessities of this life compels us to "work" once in while, and *we have* a down town address therefore you might not find us "at home" at the publication office, if you should desire to surprise us.

NEWSY NOTES.

BY THEMSELVES.

The season is at its height, notice the bulging advertising pages in the various papers.

A foreign paper stated recently, that among the new papers which appeared during the year 1891, were the *Maritime Philatelist*, from Yarmouth, Salem, Great Britian; *Stamp Chronicle*, from Nashville, Tenn., U. S. A., and from New York City, *American Philatelist*, *New York Philatelist*, *Post Office* and *Standard Philatelist*.

The auctioneer at the last sale of Bogert & Durbin Co., managed to get the name of several buyers so mixed up that he, and they or both, or all got mixed up themselves.

Dreams: a box full of the fifteen cent brown and blue, 1869 issue was offered a very few years ago to a non-philatelist then, but a crank now, for forty cents per hundred!

Although the National Philatelic Society's auction sales have met with every success, they will not have another for some time.

The convention of the Son's of Philatelia, to be held on July 4th, at Gettysburg, promises to be well attended. All or nearly all of the Eastern and South Eastern cities will be represented, and as this will be the initial one great interest is manifested.

The philatelic press has made two "scoops" of late in the fraud line, Quigley's exit shortly followed by the discovery of Torres; an old legend is everything runs in threes, wonder if it fails this time; or who next?

The Western Philatelic Union having sold out to H. P. Boyle of Washington, D. C., he will now conduct the business; it is to be hoped that this time he will have more success in his venture, twice before has he scared the philatelic public by his announcement of a new business; but after one month advertising suddenly stopped. Success is wished for here.

At a recent society meeting held in New York, there was shown an unsevered pair of Baltimores, with Buchanan's signature, on the original envelope; the owner desired the modest sum of \$1,300 for it.

This clipping was taken from the *Golden Hours*.

A VALUABLE STAMP COLLECTION.

Dr. Ferrari, of Paris, is believed to be the most enthusiastic stamp collector in the world. He has abundant means to gratify his whim, and will pay almost any price for a specimen he does not possess. He has spent about four hundred thousand dollars, and has a collection which numbers over one hundred thousand. Dr. Ferrari employs constantly four secretaries to handle new issues, revise and rearrange the old ones, and assort, mount, and catalogue the stamps that are constantly pouring in.

A new "letter card" has just been issued by the British Post Office. It is a copy of our letter-sheet idea, and is spoken of as filling "a much felt want." The idea is to make it possible to send short notes without the publicity of a post card and at less cost than a letter. The letter card simply folds once, across the middle, and the edges can be gummed down. The space available for writing is $6\frac{1}{4}$ by $4\frac{1}{4}$ inches. The cards are sold at ten for a shilling. The British post card by the way, costs a trifle over a half-penny, the postage. The cards usually sell at the rate of two for three cents, while ours sell at one cent each. The British Post Office charges for the card as well as the cent postage.

REVIEW.

All papers sending two copies to us we will reciprocate. Those who are penurious with their papers and only send one, we will do likewise.

The *Metropolitan Philatelist* for March contains Editor Corwin's farewell remarks, which are of a decidedly personal nature. A reference list of Trinidad stamps and chronicle are the best that the *M. P.* contains. We hope to see a great improvement in the editorial writings of the *M. P.*

The *Long Island Philatelist*, a new aspirant for philatelic journalistic fame appeared this month. It is in good hands and we hope to see it successful. The editor and publisher have the courage of their convictions and speak very forcibly of their previous publishing difficulties. They have inadvertently mixed up the editor of this journal in the *mêlée* but we understand that the matter will be rectified next month.

The *Missouri Philatelist* contains its usual quota of interesting news and notes from the philatelic centres, New York and Chicago, as well as several interesting articles, one of them "Epistles of Philaticus" being exceedingly humorous, and carrying with it a moral lesson.

The *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* for March in addition to its usual "serious articles" as editor Calman terms them, contains an account of the trial of Dr. Assmus. For a really gossipy and newsy journal give us the *P. J. of G. B.* The collector who could not be satisfied with all that is presented, from reference lists to gossip from all quarter, would certainly be hard to please.

The "Review of Reviews" condenses in an impartial manner the best news from all over the globe, this country getting its full share.

The *American Journal of Philately* for March contains three colored plates of the registration envelopes of Great Britain and the envelope part of the catalogue for advanced collectors. Nothing original is in the *A. J. of P.* but the extracts from foreign periodicals are probably just what its readers enjoy the most. The chronicle is very complete and in fact the best on this side of Philatelia's Kingdom.

The *Earstern Philatelist* is on hand as usual and is as complete and a perfect magazine as one could wish for. The *E. P.* is getting up in the world and the editor feels highly elated over the fact, and informs the philatelic public in a semi-official secret of its success.

The *American Philatelist*, realizes that it must contain some good articles on our hobby, if they wished a subscription list of any account, aside from the members of the A. P. A., whose official organ they are. The article entitled "The Manufacture of the Postage Stamps of France," by Capt. Pilcher, U. S. A., is quite interesting, the auction epitome by H. C. Beardsley is continued to the P's, which with the reports of local societies, editorial, and reviews make up the March number.

The "bulging" paper seems to be next on the list, Mr. Mekeel concluded the account of his trip to Mexico, illustrated as usual. Short and interesting articles on "Counterfeits, Reprints and Odities;" "About Stamp Colors on the Scind District Dawk Stamps," "Buying and Selling Stamps." "Quakertown Post Offices" make a pleasant evening's reading.

The *Stamp Collector's Monthly*, of Kingston-on-Thames, England, follow the other papers published in England, and contains the account of the trial in the great forgery case. This paper presents to all yearly subscribers a stamp each month.

The *Curiosity Collector* comes waltzing into our sanctum. It is unfortunate that the editor has not more time to devote to his paper, as it would then be among the foremost, but we all have to live.

The Philatelic Society of Canada is growing, the *Canadian Philatelist* is growing, which necessitated the secretary treasurer of the society, and the editor of the official organ to move into larger quarters.

The other stamp paper hailing from across the border, the *Dominion Philatelist* contains a chronicle and editorial besides accounts of the doings of the Canadian Philatelic Association, of which it is official organ.

The *Postal Card* has been resumed, this time with two editors, those authorities on the square and oblong boards, G. H. Watson and A. Lohmeyer. This paper will probably be the official organ of the Postal Card Society of America, as it should. The March number contains twenty pages of interesting reading to the postal card collector.

The *Stamp Collector* seems to be the neatest and best of our exchanges from across the "pond". Smaller in the size of the pages than the other magazines, but that is more than made up by the contents. It is now the official organ of the Kent and Sussex Stamp Club. This paper should have the support of all American stamp collectors, as for obtaining knowledge of their hobby and news of the "other side" it is unequaled.

J. R. Hooper seems to be the contributor to the reading matter in the *Eagle Philatelist*, there are two articles by him, "Philately United" and "United States Postal Affairs," the former dealing with amalgamation of the philatelic societies of this continent; this would be a grand move. The rest of the paper is made up by a poem by R. F. Greene, the Past Year by H. C. Beardsly, editorial and review.

Well might we wonder that the *One Dime* has caught up; how long will it last.

The *Collector* is a paper which should be proud of its steady improvement: all due to the able editor. The number before us is larger than any published previously, in the size of the pages. A Mytholette, of 17 verses by W. E. Brown, dedicated to the Son's of Philatelia, two short articles, "Shall we have a National Society?" "A Philatelist's Discouragements," editorial, New York notes, &c., make up the number, and editor Miller's hope to soon rival a name-sake twice the size is not an idle boast.

The largest English paper which comes to us is the *Stamp Collector's Journal*, 26 pages and cover, 22 pages however are devoted to advertisements. A brief history of the British Post Office, by G. Burrow, is an interesting article, notes from the two great centres of the world, philatelic and otherwise New York and London, are among the rest of the reading matter.

The *Southern Philatelist* arrived just in time for us to mention it; so as we may have the pleasure of seeing our name in the next of the *S. P.* that is the way, isn't it, Gus? It is the same steady going paper enjoying an extensive advertising patronage. "My Good Old By-gone Days" by G. J. Luhn himself, is continued.

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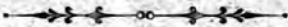
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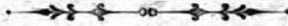
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THE SCIENCE OF PHILATELY.

BY J. R. HOOPER.

It is not often we are called upon to defend Philately from the unjust criticisms of those who pretend to be stamp collectors, but now and again we are forced to bear with remarks from persons who should know better. With a certain portion of the professional press and a class of people who, unfortunately, will always exist, we are still the same "cranks" as of yore. They do not want to listen to common-sense; arguments to them are a chestnut; they know all there is worth knowing, and consequently stamp-collecting is a foolish idea, fit only for children. With the pitiful wails of ignorance come more frequently in the present day the sunlight of knowledge, and our hobby is now admitted, not only as a pleasant recreation or pastime, but as a source of knowledge-getting and a derivation of profit, both monetary and mentally. This happy state of affairs was brought about since stamp-collecting rose from its original idea and ascended on to a broader plane. The science of Philately has gradually grown upon us. The study of watermarks, the comparison of the good and bad, the shades and colors, the perforations, the printing, and, in fact, all connected with stamps have been subjected to scientific scrutiny. Some collect for amusement, some for the knowledge it imparts, some for pastime, and some for money and business. The very fact that science in all the minor details has entered our pursuit is the reason for the increase of our ranks, as it is also for the increase of specialism. Show me an ardent philatelist—one who studies everything in connection with stamps, one who does not dabble in coins, autographs, curios, etc., and I will show you a scientist. My advice to collectors, after twenty-three years' active collecting, is to stick to one thing and make it a fixture. Do not go in for birds' eggs, or arrow points, if you intend to become a philatelist. Do not buy an album with the idea that you are going to become a philatelist, while you devote little or no time to it, but rather have several other little collecting hobbies on hand. Fixity of mind and purpose are necessary to become a successful philatelist, or, for that matter, any other branch of collecting. The day that stamp collecting was looked upon as only a pastime has disappeared years ago. It has developed into a business as well as a science.

An article entitled "Philately's Object," which appeared over the signature of one B. S. Munroe in the *Eastern Philatelist* for March, deserves more than passing comment. The writer certainly is not an advanced philatelist. The first two questions that would be interesting to know from this writer would be (1) his age and experience; (2) whether he was a coin or a postmark collector. With these answered, we could size up the falsity of certain statements with a more decisive degree of accuracy.

The writer starts off with a sneer at stamp magazines, telling the uninitiated that to read them they would think "philately a wonderful school" So it is a most wonderful school, and the benefits are exactly what he tries to make out as not existing. Stamp-collecting is a school for history, geography, language, and for art. His reference to the number engaged in stamp-collecting would cause a ripple on the countenance of any well-informed collector. Then this "bug-collector" states that the man who calls philately a science is crazy. Let us hear his argument.

He states that stamps teach comparatively nothing in history or chronology, *because* what are fifty years of the world's history which only hint at a few historical events? Ah! but do they only hint at a *few* events of importance? Does not the study of these fifty years lead the student and the scientist to look further and backward? Is not the younger mind trained in history first through a pastime and then led on through the greater depths of the ages past by philately's existence? Does this youth know that in German schools there are stamp-albums used as text-books? Does he know further that the report of the learned and distinguished authorities who recommended them distinctly stated they were admirable and necessary adjuncts to the study of history and geography? He has no argument against chronology in stamp issues. He throws that out as unworthy of mention, because it is, he says, "a mere drop in the stream of universal history." Does he think the student of philately, who has acquired the pleasure of chronological events, is going to confine himself to fifty years? Not much; the study while young leads him on to the higher plane above.

In geography and politics as shown by stamps, this writer states, specialism makes argument unnecessary. It puts the study of either branch out of the question, he says, for in the one it gives no opportunity, and in the other it merely intimates changes whose more or less remote beginnings stamps cannot explain. Here again he professes ignorance of philately. The very fact of specialism shows that there is science in philately, and he assumes that no one will acquire a love for geography by studying geography and liking it. The argument is groundless. Then, again, political geography is an important part of stamp-collecting, and it is the fascinating pleasure of the collector that leads him to become an enthusiastic specialist and a scientist. The greater part of those who go into specialism are those who have studied the science of philately, and are now devoting their energies to a particular section. If they all started collecting beer barrel bung-hole labels, and stuck to that specialty all their collecting days, then we could say they would not learn much, because they would not be philatelists.

Language has no better adherent, no more careful student, and no person is more apt to take up the study of a foreign tongue as a philatelist. It is not so much what the stamps and the foreign words on them learn us, but it is the desire to still further increase our knowledge that leads us to take up language.

Again this writer states that art has degenerated during the past fifty years! Has it? If he had said the "last few hundred years," we might have believed him, but the gods are against him even in this statement. He also uses a misapplication of the term "suggests" and

"teaches" in connection with biography. The U. S. issue of 1869 suggests biography to the student of philately, and he learns biography by following up his desire for knowledge. Even a *teacher* can do little but suggest.

The references to the "narrow limits" of philately and "lack of instructive part" are certainly things that no careful student will agree with. The whole article is so absurd that there is no fear of a stamp collector taking it seriously. He admits there is pleasure, but hints that we are nincompoops or brainless idiots, and winds up by stating that anything suggested by our study of philately seldom goes further than the pages of a stamp magazine, and he says there is a "lot of fun" in that. He is indeed the funniest writer ever heard of. *Non nobis solum.*

A writer in the same magazine, E. S. Luther, contributes a splendid article on the designs of postage stamps with their eye-attracting colors, exquisite varieties, and by it one can readily see that a stamp collector acquires not only history and geography by studying the various issues, the coats-of-arms, heads of rulers, but also is versed in classics, legendary lore, distinguishment of colors, monetary systems, modes of government, postal laws and general political information that no other curio collector can even hint at.

The age of specialism has to come in stamps as with everything else which turns to a scientific way. Nine out of every ten of our so-called specialists have a general collection, but incline to a specialty by taking a certain part of their collection to study and complete. Specialism had to come when stamps become unobtainable, but still we do not all make a specialty of the same thing. If we did affairs would be as bad as ever. Let every collector start a general collection if he chooses, and this is certainly the best way; he will then acquire the experience necessary for a scientific handling of his stamps.

A great deal of harm is done to philately by the cheap literature of the present day. Amateur stamp collecting does not want exponents such as we see periodically issued, and those contemplating issuing anything in the shape of a stamp paper in the hope of reaching fortune and fame, had better look ahead. There are already too many in the field, and there are plenty of good papers. Consolidation is what is needed, not only in the societies, but also in the stamp magazines.

NEW ISSUES.

Cape of Good Hope.—The ½d. wrapper is now brown and white.

Costa Rica.—The new issue of this country are as follows;

1c. light blue.	50c. blue.
2c. orange.	1p. green on yellow.
5c. violet.	2p. red on grey.
10c. green.	5p. blue on blue.
20c. red.	10p. brown on brown.

and of the handsomest design that has ever appeared.

Colombia.—It is reported that there is a new type of cubiertas, 20c. black on yellow.

Curacao.—The new unpaid letter stamps have appeared, similar to the Netherlands, with the word "cent" below the numerals. 2½c. 5c. 10c. 12½c. 15c. 20c. 25c. 30c. 40c. 50c. all black and green.

Falkland Islands.—We understand there are two new colors. 1d. and 6d. orange brown, wmk. Crown C. A.

Holkar.—¼a. orange. 1a. green. 2a. red. Design similar to the last.

Obok.—Another French Colony has surcharged strmps, in black. The complete set of 1881 issue of the French Colonies. No errors have been discovered [?] yet, but suppose that will come later.

NOTES FROM GREAT BRITAIN.

Although Messrs. Benjamin, Sarpy and Jefferies have retired from their "faking" business for a period, I am informed on excellent authority that the last has not yet been heard of faking. I am told that they have several "good things" yet to bring out, and profiting by their former experience, they will use different methods in placing them on the stamp market.

No doubt they have of late years gained considerable experience in manufacturing bogus stamps, and have almost reached perfection; watermarks are mere trifles to them, and postmarks simply child's play. There is not the slightest doubt but what some of my American readers may be duped in the near future. Be wise in time.

So long as the world goes round,
Will fakirs and fakes abound;
The people who make them
Will find folks to take them,
So long as the world goes round.

Trade in London is exceedingly slow, and nearly every dealer is complaining; there are some, it is true, who would have you believe the opposite, but generally speaking the season 1891-92 has been an exceptionally dull one.

Apropos of the anticipated withdrawal of the English four-penny stamp I clip the following from the *Stamp Collector*, a journal that certainly gets the news respecting the British post-office sooner than most of its English contemporaries: "The absurd and ridiculous rumor as to the likelihood of the withdrawal of the four-penny stamp has evidently caught on, as we note several foreign contemporaries mention it. Upon making enquiries of an official, we learn that there is absolutely no foundation whatever for the assertion. The four-penny stamp is a very useful value for many purposes, it pays the postage on pound book packets, and although not largely used now by the public for letters, it is used officially for making-up values, and for telegrams it is almost indispensable."

Stamp collecting is spreading rapidly among the juniors, and as a rule this class of trade suits most dealers, so it helps in a measure to recompense him for the falling off of the other trade. Several new societies are already formed or in the course of formation.

The general opinion of THE NEW YORK STAMP over here is decidedly favorable, and I have no doubt but what you will find a lot of English subscribers.

NEWSY NOTES.

BY THEMSELVES.

A gentleman was speaking recently of the time he was employed by the Government at Washington, and of the number of letters received daily with the different department stamps on, State, Executive, Justice, etc., and after the letters were extracted the envelopes found their way into the waste-paper basket! It is very pleasant to hear such reminiscences.

We read in the daily papers that our little friend, the Spanish king, very narrowly escaped blowing up by dynamite. A very fortunate one indeed, as no doubt the philatelic element would be sorry to lose the "baby king," with the irascible temper, not only for his own little self, but it would probably have meant the change of the stamps. However, it is said that he objects to be called the "baby" king, and the result may be a change anyway.

We also learn in the same way that the emperor of Germany has designs on the Netherlands and Queen Wilhelmina. He desires that the crown prince of Germany should marry the little queen, and that would mean to us, philatelists, perhaps the loss of the stamps of one country; so much less to collect, it is true, but it is taking away a country which gives us the least trouble, changing issues so seldom, and do not try our patience with those deadly surcharges. Why cannot some sensible country gobble up the French colonies? What is the matter with the philatelists doing that?

From Chicago comes the story of another "find" on the exchange sheets of the A. P. A. This time it is the early issues of the envelopes of this country, that is two in a short time, one more should be reported, then no more for the rest of the year.

To show that the average philatelist is a very busy man, and must be constantly reminded that there is a meeting at such and such a date, at a recent meeting of the National Philatelic meeting (New York) there were only six present, four members and two visitors.

The publisher of the *Michigan Philatelist* is to move from his present quarters, W. High St., to more spacious ones, at 63 Baggs St.

The prediction of disasters running in threes has been knocked into smithereens. There have been two New England frauds to come to grief, a western one just saved, and probably a number of others never heard of. And that reminds one that A. B. Quigley is at his old stand. Under the same name he has requested several publishers for sample copies. Oh! why, oh! why, cannot the frauds be crushed. Because there is no preconcerted action.

It is very noticeable that the philatelic papers are getting later and later each month, where they used to appear between the first and fifteenth of the month, now after that date, and those between the fifteenth and the twenty-fifth, now come the first of the following month. These exceedingly late papers then contain news of the month previous to their date.

Wonder where the *Philatelic Hus'ler* is? There was a report around New York that the publisher was to have an advertising manager in that city. Perhaps Mr. Van Valkenburg was so overcome at the acceptance of the advertising manager for that position, that he has been unable to publish another number of his paper.

The Western Philatelic Union, as published in the last number of the STAMP, should have been the Western Philatelic Agency. No. 2 of their trade paper, *Our Calendar*, has been published, consisting of their announcements. They promise a new paper in the fall, *The Ad. and Sub.*

The International Philatelic Press Agency is soon to be re-started, this time on a much larger scale. As this is the only one of its kind in the philatelic line, it will not only be appreciated, but will undoubtedly be a success in every way. Mr. Arthur E. Witherick is the proprietor.

The Bogert & Durbin Co., now print the prices that each lot of stamps sold for at each auction sale in red ink, and sell them to collectors for 15 to 25 cents each.

EDITORIAL.

Well! What did you think of us? In this number we profit by the errors of the first, and we do not suppose you object if the paper is a little better, do you? We must also ask your pardon, if you trace a little self-conceit between the lines, but if you had received the compliments as we have, it would have been the same. Thank You! Everyone! we trust that we will always merit your esteem, you may be sure that we shall endeavor to; the success which met our initial number was beyond our most sanguine expectations.

So far we have only heard from a few members of the A. P. A., W. P. U., P. S. of A., on the agitated question of the greater Society. Where do the members of the P. S. of C., S. of P., C. P. A., the various State leagues, and the local societies stand?

We must recollect that the discrepancies in the dues are considerable, twenty-five cents and two dollars and fifty cents. There is not one whit of doubt, that if the amalgamation be completed, it would be the finest benefit which ever occurred to our glorious hobby. Those who favor amalgamation have been A. P. A. members in the majority, those against, have brought pride forward as an excuse; that perhaps is natural, it would mean the loss of a name to them, which may be dear, but is not their hobby dearer? Now to look on the probable benefits.

It has been demonstrated that the A. P. A. dues cannot be reduced unless there is a membership of one thousand, and then it would not be advisable, better have a large surplus than a small deficit. The official organ is expensive. Money is always lost on a methodically dry journal, with no snap or vim to it. Take the Society with the lowest dues, the Sons of Philatelia, the first year it has paid expenses. Would the members of this pay ten times as much for practically no more benefits?

It is hoped on amalgamation there will be an immense exchange of ideas, and plans will be formulated whereby all classes of collectors will be reached and benefited. We are in favor of amalgamation in the whole sense of the word. We are members of a number of Societies, yet we have so far received benefits from only one National Society. We ask the question: can a greater society be formulated to meet the requirements of all? If not, all the eloquence of the deceased Kenelm, the strong arguments of P. M. Wolsieffer, and the convincing proofs of Alvah Davison will be for naught.

We desire to call our readers' attention to the advertisement on page 13; here is a splendid chance to receive five dollars for a few minutes' thought.

Has any one seen such a rapid advance in a Society as the Sons of Philatelia? It is now after the three hundred mark, which proves conclusively that a society giving all the benefits of low dues is the favorite. On July 4th next the first convention will be held, at Gettysburg. Every member should be on hand to answer the roll-call of Secretary R. M. Miller. To allow the Society a fresh start and the fiscal year to commence on the first of July the present board of officers have decided to resign, and a full board is to be elected; there are now two or three vacant offices. Hereafter there will then be an election at every convention.

After careful deliberation and considerable correspondence we have decided upon the following ticket. We consider the men well-known, and who have, and will, work for the interest of the Society:

- FOR PRESIDENT,
J. D. BARTLETT, OF SO. AMBOY, N. J.
- FOR VICE-PRESIDENT,
H. G. STRONG, OF ROCHESTER, N. Y.
- FOR SECRETARY,
R. M. MILLER, OF NEW CHESTER, PA.
- FOR TREASURER,
P. L. MESSER, OF BALTIMORE, MD.
- FOR INTERNATIONAL SEC'Y,
G. J. LUHN, OF CHARLESTON, S. C.
- FOR LIBRARIAN,
ROY F. GREEN, OF ARKANSAS CITY, KAN.
- PURCHASING AGENT,
C. H. MEAD, OF SAYREVILLE, N. J.
- OFFICIAL COLLECTOR,
G. W. ACHARD, OF MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.
- FOR COUNTERFEIT DETECTOR,
E. P. NEWCOMER, OF CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA.
- FOR EXCHANGE SUPERINTENDENT,
W. H. EMMERT, OF NEW OXFORD, PA.
- FOR TRUSTEES,
CHARLES W. GREVNING, RAMSAY PEUGNET,
AND RALPH P. SPOONER, OF NEW YORK CITY.
- FOR OFFICIAL ORGAN,
"COLLECTOR."

There are a number who are "waiting" before joining this Society, and these should not delay any longer, but send in their application and 5 cents initiation fee at once, as all names published in the June number of the official organ will be entitled to vote at the Convention, and isn't it worth 25 cents per year to be a member?

The publishers of this paper will attend the Convention, and for those who will be unable we shall be pleased to execute their votes; all who send proxies to us may rest assured that they will be given every attention.

The questions for vote besides the ticket: Is the Constitution satisfactory? The date and place of the following Convention?

On the first we shall say yes, with the additions which will appear in the June number of the official organ. The second, we have the choice of Gettysburg again, or Chicago, we shall say Chicago, as the A. P. A. Convention, and probably others will be held in that city, and it can easily be arranged that all follow one another, and in that way boom philately. Do not put this matter off, but all who have the interests of the Society at heart, should attend to these questions at once.

And we also wish to say, that all members of the Sons of Philatelia may send in fifteen cents, and we will consider it in payment of a year's subscription, but it must be received before the first of June, after that all must pay twenty-five cents, here is the chance for you, twelve numbers of a nice readable paper for only 15c.

In reading over the "Reviews of our Contemporaries" in the *Metropolitan Philatelist* one would think there was no paper worthy the name of a stamp magazine besides that one. We do not know whether those in the April number of the *M. P.* were written by ex-editor Corwin or by the publisher, but we do know that it is withering sarcasm from beginning to end. That is all right, each paper, editor or publisher to its and their liking. The *Metropolitan* is exceptionally fine on a treatise with perhaps a 1 mm. larger or smaller perforation at stake, or when the ink on the stamp happened to be mixed with a little white instead of green, and also for those collectors who "are more than skin-deep, and who seek to delve far into the more scientific strata of the pursuit."

In the same number (April) and a little further on, we see a half page advertisement of Mr. Seebeck's offering the government remainders of Salvador 1891. These valuable (?) stamps we suppose should adorn all collectors' albums, and then take a magnifying glass and study them, wondering whether the ship in the picture is manned, he cannot see the flag it is flying, going a step farther and into the ingredients of the paper, on which this picture is printed, then asking one's self if the press was a cylinder or a hand-lever, whether the man who did the engraving was cross-eyed, and who it was to pick up the sheets and count them, and then whether a blue-eyed brunette tied them up into boxes or a fluffy-haired blonde; this we take it, is "seeking to delve far into the more scientific strata of the pursuit."

The best way we have ever seen to keep duplicate stamps, or a stock, is in a book which we had the pleasure of inspecting some days since. It is called a dealer's stock book. It is made of stiff brown paper, with

strips pasted across, forming pockets, in which the stamps are placed, and strongly bound in leather. There are three sizes made, the smaller is for the collector, pocket size, and for a dealer to carry stamps on his expeditions. It is needless to say that we purchased one immediately for our duplicates, and all who want to be neat, and do away with a great deal of trouble, we advise purchasing these books. They are very cheap considering their usefulness.

AUCTION SALES.

It is the intention of the NEW YORK STAMP to place before its readers an account of all auction sales held in New York and other places, giving the selling price and catalogue as well.

The Corwin collection of U. S. only which was Albrecht and Witt's first attempt in this direction, brought out some of New York's advanced philatelists. The bidding was very lively, and those who came out expecting to see valuable stamps sold cheaply were sadly disappointed. Many stamps broke even the catalogue record, and nearly all sold at full catalogue prices. One fact, also a lesson, was proved by this sale. There is money to be made in collecting U. S. stamps and to make the money, get only good, lightly cancelled specimens. A few prices are here appended :

	Catalogue.	Sold at		Catalogue.	Sold at
1847 10c black pair	\$2.00	\$3.20	1869 24c purple and		
— 5c, 25 specimens	40	50	green	\$3.00	\$3.10
— 5c brown	2.50	5.00	— 90c black and car-		
— 5c " unused	5.00	8.50	mine	7.00	7.00
— 10c green, 49 copies	20	19	— 24c inverted medal-		
1860 90c blue, used	5.00	8.00	lion		63.00
1861 5c yellow	4.00	4.60	1870 7c grilled	2.50	3.00
— 10c unperforated		2.00	— 7c double grill		6.00
1866 3c scarlet	15.00	12.00	— 10c grilled	6.00	5.70
1868 3c, grill all over	10.00	8.50	— 12c grilled		20.00
— 3c, same on origin-			— 15c grilled	4.00	3.50
al letter	10.00	13.00	— 24c grilled		25.00
— 90c blue, grilled	7.50	7.50	— 24c, another not so		
1869 complete set	15.04	14.50	fine as above		18.50
— 1c unused, double			— 30c grilled	7.50	7.00
grill		4.25	— 90c carmine	2.50	3.25

A number of the 1872 issue unperforated, which however were not guaranteed were sold from \$1.50 to \$2.50 each, also a number of the same issue stamps on chemical paper sold from \$1.00 to \$2.00 each. The other stamps in the sale, departments, etc., sold at full catalogue prices, and the bidding on same was extremely lively. The total amount realized was \$1,003.76.

Bogert & Durbin Co.'s 32d sale occurred on Friday evening, April 29, and was part of the stock of Milard F. Walton, secretary of the A. P. A. There were 709 lots all told, and it took about three hours to dispose of them. Some good prices were realized, but a large number

of lots, especially the entire unused envelopes, sold at poor prices. A number of the lots of philatelic literature sold at very high prices, C. H. Mekeel being the principal purchaser of them.

A few prices are herewith presented.

	Catalogue	Sold at		Catalogue	Sold at
1857 5c red brown	\$5.00	\$2.90	1870 7c grilled	\$2.50	\$1.95
— 24c lilac, 4 copies	1.50	95	— 15c grilled	4.00	3.20
1861 5c yellow brown	4.00	3.80	— 90c grilled, unused		6.75
— 5c same, very lightly cancelled	4.00	4.10	1888 90c purple, block of 10	50	40
1868 3c, grill all over	10.00	8.50	— 90c purple, block of 10, 50		41
— 3c, grill 13x16 mm.	3.00	1.85	— 90c " " 17, 50		41
— 90c grilled	7.50	6.00	Periodicals '65, 5c blue border	6.50	4.90
— 90c same	7.50	6.00	Revenues \$1.00 blue and black, head inverted		6.80
— 15c, no diamond	1.50	1.60			
— 30c blue and carmine	1.50	1.60			

The majority of the lots being wholesale ones, very few single rare stamps were offered. The wholesale lots sold about 25 per cent. below catalogue. The total amount realized was \$1,524.28.

Coming Sales. Albrecht & Witt, May 31, part of Henry Clotz's collection of U. S. only; some very fine stamps are contained in this sale. Bogert & Durbin Co., June 1, in Philadelphia the collection of a New Yorker. Albrecht & Witt, June 16.

At the Scott Coin and Stamp Co's. Sale held on May 5th, a New Brunswick "Connell" stamp sold at \$100.05.

WARNING TO DEALERS.

The following communications explain themselves :

POSTMASTER,

FRAMINGHAM, MASS.

NEW YORK, April 26, 1892.

Dear Sir: On February 1st I sent to B. W. King, of your town, approval sheets of stamps. I requested settlement, and the letter was returned to me by you. His address was Lock Box 40, Framingham, Mass. Can you give me any information concerning him or his whereabouts?

Yours respectfully,

CHARLES W. GREVNING.

MR. C. W. GREVNING,

FRAMINGHAM, April 27, 1892.

Dear Sir: In regard to your inquiry I will state that B. W. King has been arrested by the U. S. postal authorities for fraudulent use of the mails, and his trial will take place May 16 next at the office of the U. S. commissioner Hallet, P. O. Building, Boston, Mass.

Yours respectfully,

LEE H. WATERMAN, P. M.

We understand from the *American Philatelist and Collector* that this party has used the following aliases; W. H. Cousin, E. B. Atwood, Henry R. Hartson and has had mail directed to those names at several Massachusetts towns. Let every dealer who has had transactions with the above parties, and has not been honestly dealt with make a proper complaint, and probably a lesson will be taught to some

collectors who are in the habit of victimizing stamp dealers. We also warn dealers of E. L. Crossley, who is operating from Emaus, Lehigh Co., and several other towns in Pennsylvania. The postmaster at Emaus states that Crossley is a stranger there, and is in the habit of receiving a large mail. We would also request the following parties whose initials are herewith given to settle their accounts with Charles W. Grevning, 225 Avenue B, New York, at once, or their names will be printed in full: F. W. M., Boston, Mass., \$2.17; H. S. H., Smiths Falls, Ont., \$4.51; C. M., Baltimore, Md. \$5.57. We also state that we are having correspondence with the Post Office inspectors in regard to these parties, and unless they make proper returns they will regret the step they are now taking.

We have also received the following communications.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., March 22, 1892.

PUBLISHERS NEW YORK STAMP,

Gentlemen: Will you please insert the following notice in your paper and oblige
Yours truly, UNITED STATES STAMP Co.

All dealers who have been unable to get satisfaction from A. H. Eklund, 61 Prospect St., Worcester, Mass., will please send full particulars of their dealings with him, with his letters, etc., to us, as we intend to place the matter in the hands of a post office inspector at once.

UNITED STATES STAMP Co.,
BOX 797, ROCHESTER, N. Y.

Stamp dealers should show little mercy to parties who do not make returns for approval sheets which are sent on request. In our opinion there is hardly a meaner set of thieves, because they cast a stigma on a honorable body of collectors, and many an honest collector has time and time again had his integrity doubted by some dealer, because the dealer was victimized by some dishonest collector. Send your complaints to Washington, the proper authorities will help to secure a few convictions, and there will be less complaint, and all hands will be benefited.

Send the rascals to jail.

REVIEW.

All papers sending two copies to us we will reciprocate. Those who are penurious with their papers and only send one copy, we will do likewise.

The "Curiosity Collector" seems to be contented with the position it occupies in the philatelic world; the editor states that the publishes it only for amusement.

The April number of the "Pennsylvania Philatelist" visited us last month. It is to be hereafter published by Harry F. Kantner.

The "Eastern Philatelist" for April is up to its usual standard. A few jokes? are sprung upon its readers but some of them have no diagram.

The "Post Office" begins its second volume with the April number and has a new color for its cover—bright vermillion. Portraits of the editor and business manager embellish its pages and the leading article "The Greater Society" is continued with much hope for ultimate success.

The "Eagle Philatelist" for April contains a portrait of S. B. Bradt with a chronicle of that gentleman. Interesting articles on various philatelic topics, notes editorial, etc., fill up the paper.

The long looked for "Detroit Philatelist" has appeared. It is an interesting journal and we wish it success.

No. 2 of the "Michigan Philatelist," an eight page monthly has been received. An improvement in its typographical appearance would be of material benefit.

The "Hoosier Stamp" made its reappearance with the April number. The publishers promise to improve the paper and to circulate a large number in May.

The "Philatelic Fraud Reporter" sails into the frauds every month and is improving with every issue. But we notice that the list of frauds does not decrease.

The "American Philatelist" for April is an unusually good number and the appeal in the March number has had its effect. We are glad to notice that the tide is turning and the A. P. A. is gaining ground. Won't the prodicals come back to their old love?

The "Quaker City Philatelist" is almost entirely devoted to the reports of the societies it acts as official organ for. The article on "The Postage Stamps of New Brunswick" is the most interesting article the "Quaker" had for April.

The "Missouri Philatelist" for April is as interesting as usual and contains notes from New York and Chicago, a continued story, etc.

The "Dominion Philatelist" contains in the April number the official reports of the C. P. A., notes, etc., while intended chiefly for Canadians but interesting to philatelists in this country as well.

The "Philatelic Journal of America" was very late in appearing this month, the April number appearing in May. This number was much below its usual standard and from the very few advertisements contained therein we judge that the paper was not a success.

The "Weekly Stamp News" on the contrary is always interesting and eagerly looked for every Saturday, and is evidently prosperous.

The "Collector" for April contains the S. of P. constitution and by-laws (which are to be adopted this month) and the official reports of said society. This society is gaining more members than any other society.

The "Long Island Philatelist" was issued somewhat late for an April number. If we were to name the "most readable magazines we would place the STAMP a few points above the "L. I. P." Don't crow too much after your first number, Bro. Ashcroft. The issue before us is well printed and reflects credit on Mess. W. B. Ogden & Co.

The "Philatelic Era" for March and April have been duly received. We do not think much of the April number although it contains a large amount of reading matter.

The "Southern Philatelist" has arrived just as we go to press. It is not up to its usual standard, "My Good Old By-gone Days," being the only exception.

The "Philatelic Journal of Great Britain" in its April number contains the portrait of Dawson A. Vindin accompanied by a sketch of that gentleman's career, and is interesting to all classes of collectors, advanced or "skin-deep." The "Review of Reviews" is increasing in interest and while the foreign journals appear to have more scientific information, the American papers are more enjoyable to the majority of collectors.

The "Stamp Collector" of Forest Gate, Essex, comes to hand with the pages full of choice reading matter for the stamp collector. The article entitled "Advice to Stamp Collectors," contained from the December number is a good one, and although we did not see the first installment, we should judge that it should be read by all lovers of Philately. Then American Notes, which will invite American patronage, editorial, Notes on Current, etc., make up our best exchange from across the pond.

The "Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser" consists of its usual 8 page and cover, reading matter and advertisements. The news therein is more for home collectors. The sixth paper on the "Stamp Exchange Clubs of Great Britain," is published.

A chronicle, editorial, and notices of the auction sales make up the April number of the "Stamp Collectors Monthly." There are two columns devoted to the forgery case, we hope that, this is the last we shall read about it. The exchange column seems to be the favorite in this paper.

We have also received the following; "Le Courier des Timbres-Poste," (March) "Gazette Timbrologique," printed in blue and black ink, (March) "Il Collezionista," (March) "L'Union Portale," (April) and "Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung," (April) "Bric-a-Brac," (March and April) and several smaller papers. We are also indebted to Mr. J. W. Palmer, the London dealer, for a small, but very readable pamphlet, entitled, "The Philatelist's Almanack and Stamp-Collector's Vade-Mecum."

EXCHANGES.

Free to Subscribers. Limit 30 words. No notices will be inserted when mentioning articles for sale.

Will exchange the complete set of Haiti 1891 for 50 cents postage due. Joshua M. Mott, 67 East 77th Street.

Will give two *good* Indian Arrow Heads for every philatelic paper sent me. Send not less than five to L. R. Kirk, Jr., Rising Sun, Md.

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Credit slips are given for every remittance, and when they reach \$2.50 we will send the book. Besides this prize we allow 50% commission on all sales.

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MIDLAND STAMP CO.,
3141 Indiana Ave.,
CHICAGO.

To Dealers and Collectors!

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No. 3 (holding 30,000 stamps) size 8x12	3.00
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When you see it you will wonder why you have been so foolish to use the old envelopes and boxes all this time. Used by all the large dealers in Europe and New York.

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R. P. SPOONER,
53 Cedar St. New York.

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Hoping to receive your valuable orders we remain

Yours respectfully,

ALBRECHT & WITT.

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By Henry C. Merry,

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ON TUESDAY, MAY 31, 1892, AT 7.30 P.M.

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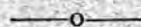
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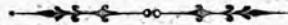
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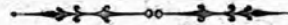
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"But Charley, they are only for state occasions. When you become a congressman and visit me, of course I shall honor you with a finely appearing table."

"How often do you have such visitors?"

"Oh, once or twice a year, and sometimes not so often. Senator Pearson was here a few months ago, and I used much of my fine ware then. Not all of it, of course. There are some articles which have lain untouched in the china closet for nearly two years."

"How very useful it is!" I murmured, "and now Mrs. Shoemaker may I ask you a few questions?" She consented.

"Are your fine dishes of any particular use to you? That question you need not answer, for you yourself have acknowledged that they are not. Are they of interest to you? Assuredly not. Else they would not lay neglected in a china closet for months at a time."

"And now, as regards friendships, will you please point me to a single acquaintance you have made on account of your china, or to a single friendly letter that has resulted from your ownership of it?"

She answered feebly: "No I don't think I can."

"There is another point. Have your dishes ever created any capital, or materially benefitted yourself or relatives? The probabilities are that they are not worth as much now as they were when you purchased them; and as for getting the capital invested out of them—that is an impossibility. Has your china taught you anything? Do you know any more of geography, history, colors, etc., than you did before you began hoarding your worthless crockery. Having established all these facts regarding your china, will you tell me what object you have in accumulating it from day to day, and in going into ecstasies every time you run across a novel dish."

Mrs. Shoemaker was as dumb as I had been a short time before; but she finally succeeded in saying: "Well, I suppose I gather it just because I like to. That is the only reason I can give."

"Precisely," I responded, "and I collect stamps 'just because I like to.' There is only one difference between my hobby and yours. Mine confers benefits. Yours does not."

"I have friends in every state of the union, with whom I have become acquainted through Philatelia's influence. You have none. I can tell the difference between the faintest shades. You flounder about in the darkness of chromatic ignorance. I learn something daily from my collection. Your expenditure of money produces you nothing. My friends daily derive pleasure from my stamps. Your dishes benefit no one. Suppose I am called a crank. I can bear the gibes of ignorance. So can any one. I am at least engaged in better business than fashionable foolishness. You have heard the defense of my hobby. What have you to say? Remember you were the one that opened the controversy."

Mrs. Shoemaker was half angry, but she came across to me and grasped my hand, saying as she did so, "You have said quite enough."

Mr. Shoemaker, who had been listening to the controversy, applauded vigorously, and the discussion happily ended in general expressions of good will.

I do not know whether I convinced Mrs. Shoemaker of the error of her ways, but I *do* know that she never again abused Philately in my presence.

FOREIGN PHILATELIC GOSSIP.

BY CANADENSIS.

Nearly every stationery and tobacco shop in Paris has stamps to sell to collectors.

The recently chronicled Sokrotra stamps are bogus.

The De la Rue issues of stamps for Great Britain and most of her colonies have a combination perforation—14 vertical by 13½ horizontal.

The red Scinde Dawks were only in existence a few weeks. The white and blue were used 1852 to 1855. The prices are going away up, and the continental papers are full of articles and letters on this rare issue.

A large philatelic society has been formed by the British residents in Kimberley, South Africa.

A stamp dealer, Mr. Vindin, had a curious experience in his trip to New Zealand. He was mistaken for General Booth's Salvation Army advance agent, and was received by a brass band and four thousand people.

The new album from Paris, issued in parts for each country is a failure. It does not give the varieties of perforation or paper for Canada, and omits the watermarked series. Such an album, and, in fact, any catalogue is a fraud on the philatelic public.

The following prices were obtained at Hadlow's recent sale in London, England: Strip of four Cape wood blocks, 1d red, \$56; Mulready 1d and 2d wrapper used \$11.50; Newfoundland 6d orange, 1857, \$5.25; West Australia, 1858, 6d bronze, \$11.

At Chevely Wilson's sale the following were sold : Oldenburg, 2nd issue, $\frac{1}{3}$ gr., black on green, unused, \$16.50 ; Tuscany 60 cranzie, \$15.00 ; Ceylon, unperf., 8d brown, 119.50 ; Mauritius, 1d, Greek border, \$18.00.

Among those sold at Buhl & Co.'s recent sale were the following : Saxony, 3 pf. red, unused, \$22.50 ; Ceylon, 4d rose, \$50.50 ; New Brunswick, 1 shilling, \$31.25 ; Newfoundland, 2d carmine, used, \$6.00 ; Newfoundland, 4d carmine, unused, \$13.00 ; Newfoundland, 1 shilling, oxidized, \$29.25.

The forged Indian postage stamps of 1 rupee were made by a clever native, Poona Brahmin, formerly in the Government Survey Service. He prepared thirty-nine dies of the stamp before he perfected an accurate representation of the original. The die was cleaned with oil and then inked by the finger. A piece of paper was then put on the die and rubbed with a shell ; the stamp being then laid down on a piece of metal, moistened with water and had a fine watermark die hammered upon it. It was afterwards perforated each hole separately, taking altogether nearly ten minutes to print and perforate. Over one thousand of these clever forgeries were passed. The forger and an accomplice got ten years each for their cleverness, and a stamp clerk in the Bombay post office, who was suspected as being "in the ring" committed suicide the day after the forger was arrested.

A curious incident has come to light in East India. Over one thousand unpaid covers, all posted at one town and addressed to persons at one office were opened at the Dead Letter Office and found to contain simply a blank piece of paper. The sender turned out to be a lunatic, and was writing secretly his thoughts.

An Austrian stamp paper with a jaw-breaking name is the *Mittheilungen des Oesterreichischen Philatelisten Zeitung!* When!! That's a "corker!"

The recent New Brunswick remainders (so-called) appear to be un gummed ! Something wrong somewhere.

NEWSY NOTES.

BY THEMSELVES.

The origin of the Pony Express in Utah is credited to Brigham Young, it is said.

As the time draws nigh, the interest increases on the Convention of the Sons of Philatelia, to be held on July 4th, and from all appearances there will be a very pleasant meeting ; these are the times every one meets the philatelic "cranks."

Very little is heard of the A. P. A. convention, although it is only two months away. There seems to be very little interest. This should not be. The Convention is the place to mature plans for the final consolidation, and the arrangements for the greater society.

The great hold which Philately has on the public is shown on a hot night, when a man is seen in his shirt sleeves, with the perspiration rolling down his face, sitting in a hot room with the gas burning

brightly, pasting in the little bits of paper, and carefully counting his varieties. This is "fiendish" pleasure; yet some of the members of the National Philatelic Society were heard to say that in summer they did not collect stamps, but played base-ball and went swimming!

It was reported that Mess. Mead & Crockett, of Sayreville and Newark, N. J., respectively were to start a philatelic paper called the *Raritan Philatelist*. Yet it is now announced that Mr. Crockett is to have charge of the Philatelic department of the *Busy Bee* published at St. Paul, Minn. This is done supposedly to "get his hand in," as it were.

We learn, as we are going to press, that Mr. A. R. Roger's catalogue of U. S. postage stamps, giving the market value, that is the price the stamps are sold for at auction, will be out shortly, the original time of publication was March 15th, but like all other voluminous undertakings, it is late. And that reminds us that the address book announced by J. W. Scott has not as yet put in an appearance, like —.

It is reported on good authority that the House Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads has reported favorably a bill authorizing the P. M. General to issue fractional notes in the sum of \$1 and fractions thereof to be furnished to post masters throughout the country and sold at face values, payable to bearer at any post office in the United States at any time within six (6) months from date of issue. Should this bill become a law it will provide a handy means for remitting small amounts, instead of silver or stamps, through the mail.

On Sunday, May 8th, the publishers of the STAMP had the pleasure of meeting Messrs. Townley and Mead, of Sayreville, N. J., and D. B. Crockett, of Newark, N. J., at the home of J. D. Bartlett, president of the S. of P., South Amboy, N. J. The day was pleasantly spent, discussing stamps, philatelic papers, and examining the fine collection of Mr. Bartlett. As philatelists must eat occasionally, that passion was duly satisfied by Mrs. and Miss Bartlett, and all did full justice to the many tempting dishes placed before them. Many thanks, kind friends, for your hospitality.

The sixth regular meeting of the New York Branch of the Sons of Philatelia was called to order by the President, Mr. R. P. Spooner at 8 P. M., Thursday, May 13th, 1892, at 37 West 32nd street. Nine members and three visitors being present. The resignation of Mr. R. Ashcroft, Jr., was accepted with regrets. Mr. Grevning presented to the Society five magazines for the library which were accepted with thanks. Mr. Ogden exhibited to the members an entire sheet of ten cent Interior Department stamps. Three new members were elected and three proposed for membership. The auction sale was a great success over eighty lots being offered. The meeting adjourned at 10.15 P. M. The next regular meeting will be held at the same place on Thursday evening, June 2nd. All philatelists are cordially invited to attend. For particulars, apply to the President, Mr. R. P. Spooner, 37 West 32nd Street and 53 Cedar Street.

RAMSAY PEUGNET, Sec'y, Fordham, N. Y.

It is reported that Gus. Luhn, editor of the *Southern Philatelist* (this is added for fear that the name might not be familiar) is to make things "hum" during this summer, the *Southern Philatelist* is to be enlarged, impr— but this is only surmise, suffice, he was heard to say that the paper was to be taken out of that trance. Good for Gus!

We have also received copies of Mess. W. Sellschopp & Co.'s second sale, to be held in San Francisco, Cal., on June 3rd and 4th; also a copy of Mess. Bogert & Durbin Co.'s Philadelphia sale. We should very much like to have reports of both of them.

Some one remarked that the publisher of the *Philatelic Era* was to reduce his subscription price to the former fee, 25c. Another one to learn that a collector will pay a quarter, but when it comes to a quarter and a dime, he stops to think. Is this true or not, the *Era* is being waited for.

The Ohio Philatelic Association, the first state organization (philatelic) ever formed, is doing steady but sure work. About sixty actual members are enrolled, and of these only a very few are minors. It is certainly a solid organization. At its head as president is C. N. Bishop, of the Millburn Wagon Co., the secretary, C. B. Duffy, purchasing agent of the G. H. V. & T. R. R. Co., and W. S. Kinzer, the exchange superintendent a news dealer and owner of trotting horses. Among the members are a millionaire contractor, lawyers, doctors, bankers, business men, and a few younger members at the various high schools and colleges. Preparations are being made for the convention and banquet, which takes place at Columbus this fall, state fair week. The last convention and banquet, attended by some 22 persons, was a very enjoyable affair, and there is every reason to suppose it will be even more so this year, as there will be a larger attendance.

It is gratifying what an interest the press is taking in stamp collecting and the "cranks" who are devoted to it. Instead of being ridiculed, as we were for a long time, sensible articles are now appearing, and the writer was surprised at the interest manifested at Columbus last fall, when he and several other members were interviewed by press representatives from all the dailies, which published about a half column article each day regarding the O. P. A., for the 3 days we were in session.

The Garfield-Perry Society in Cleveland is a queerly named society, to be strictly philatelic, but it is, and its semi-monthly meetings are always well attended, and much interest taken.

In London letter carriers are supposed to collect not more than thirty-five pounds of mail matter, and even if he is not through with his district, he hails a cab and rides to the office. If, however, he should not have thirty-five pounds of mail in his bag, he is obliged to pay for the hiring of the cab, otherwise the office pays the fare. Wonder how our letter carriers would like that, with the high price of cab hire. There is also absolutely no work done either in collecting or assorting letters on Sundays, and no collections are made from drop boxes after 8 p. m. There are fewer "not found" letters than in this country, as business houses and others are not in the habit of removing from one place to another.

EDITORIAL.

In presenting our third number to you, we desire to say a few words. The warm weather is coming on, and numerous philatelists are laying aside their collections, some papers will suspend publication, BUT WE WILL NOT! Recalling General Grant's famous words: "We will fight it out, if it takes all summer to do it!" and they will be ours, as regularly as the earth goes round will we appear on the first of each month, No. 4 July 1st, No. 5 August 1st, No. 6 September 1st, so all receiving this paper for the first time will rest assured that they will receive their moneys worth, 12 numbers within one year, if they subscribe for it, or advertise in it.

Our offer to the subscriber who wrote the best article on "Why I became a Collector of Postage Stamps," cannot be awarded in time for publication in this number, on account of so many being received, we could not, in justice to all, decide in so short a time, but the winner's name will be published without fail in the next (July) issue, and if any who have not already sent their article to us, care to do so, we will receive them up to the 15th, of June.

We heard a number of comments on the apparent "slimness" of our New Issue column, last month. We take this opportunity to say, that it is not intended for a complete chronicle, with all the errors, oddities, etc., mentioned every month, but simply for a list of the New Issues as they appear. We do not believe in every error, oddity, etc., being essential to the collection, and no doubt some of our readers agree with us, but we do believe that all the new issues as they appear should be announced for the benefit of all collectors, and our readers will not be compelled to wade knee-deep through a lot of these new-perforation-face-turned-up-side-down discoveries to learn of the appearance of the new stamps from any country.

When we launched ourselves on the "troubled sea of philately," we sent to our contemporaries two copies for exchange, thinking that was sufficient request for them to reciprocate, but we were sadly mistaken. This month we will send for the last time copies for exchange, unless we receive some acknowledgement, to assure us that after we did our duty, "Uncle Sam did the rest." The most appreciative acknowledgement would be two copies of our contemporaries.

We have received circulars from Mr. A. Lohmeyer, of Baltimore, Md., announcing the publication of an album to hold entire postal cards, or envelopes. We also had the pleasure of inspecting the sample at the last meeting of the National Philatelic Society. They will be made of Bristol Board, each containing 400 loose pages, with four rows of strips pasted across, and four more around each side to protect those across from becoming detached. These sheets will be placed in a leather box, which will open and close as a book. In all it is the one needful thing to increase the already large interest in postal card collecting. The price per volume will be \$5, payable on receipt of the album, Mr. Lohmeyer is limiting his first edition to 50 volumes, and all postal card collectors will do well to order at once. None will be made up until the required number are ordered.

On to Gettysburg! That is the cry now, for the members of the Sons of Philatelia, only a short month when we all hope to meet one another at the event, the first in the history of this Society. Did you see our ticket? If it meets with your approbation we shall be very pleased to hear from you, if not, we should be pleased to hear from you too. To all who cannot attend, kindly bear in mind that the publishers of this paper will, and all votes entrusted to us will be given every attention.

The spring crop of philatelic papers bids fair to be as large as ever, and the death rate will probably keep even with the increase. There are too many papers issued now, and collectors ought to support those which are now in existence, not start new ones.—*American Philatelist*.

We do not agree with the editor of the above named journal in this respect, partly because we are one of the "spring crop," but primarily for the reason that we believe in the principle of "the survival of the fittest," and are of the opinion that the advent of new papers (even in a crowded field), well printed and ably edited, will always find room to exist. We think that some of the older papers will have to get a "move on" and improve their appearance, or they will find some of the newcomers have taken away their hold on collectors. Philatelic journals which are published in interior country towns, where there are probably only three or four collectors, will eventually have to give way to the newsy, up to date city journal, whose publishers personally hunt up news in their locality, attend meetings, auctions and are ever on the alert to secure a "scoop," and have the cream of literature to pick from right in their midst. "None but the brave deserve the fair," and collectors should not let sentiment stand in the way if they can secure better philatelic journals than some to which they are subscribers.

Amalgamate! and at once! That is the only out-come of this agitation, and what better time is it to put the finishing touches, than at the A. P. A. convention this summer? The presidents of the three societies A. P. A., P. S. of A., and the W. P. U. could meet with that idea in view. Strike while the iron is hot!

The Fordham Stamp Co., takes in this number an extra column advertisement, offering some special bargains. They say they have found the NEW YORK STAMP an excellent medium, having secured some of their best customers through it. We can personally guarantee this firm, as to their reliability, etc.

We notice among the nominations for the office of President in the Sons of Philatelia, Mr. Ralph Ashcroft. This gentleman would without a doubt fill that office with satisfaction, but we think it is advisable for a growing society, such as ours, there should be a man at the head who is at least 21 years of age, and who already has shown himself to be a man with the good of the society at heart, having done all in his power to build the Sons of Philatelia to the highest standard. And look at the result, we now have over 300 members, a jump of 150 during his short administration. Mr. Ashcroft has not as yet attained the age of his majority. Mr. Bartlett has passed that point for quite a few years.

NEW ISSUES.

Antioquia.—The following are the values of the new issue:

1c brown; 2½c violet; 5c violet.

Barbadoes.—The new set will have for the design the coat of arms of the colony, instead of the portrait of the queen. The values will be;

½, 1, 2½, 5, 6, 8 and 10d 2sh. 6d.

Chili.—The 1c, 2c, 5c, 10c, 20c, 1p, 2p revenues are being used for postage, until the new stamps arrive from the American Bank Note Co.

Cooks Island Confederation.—A new country for the collectors. The following have been seen:

1d black; 1½d mauve; 2½d blue; 10d carmine.

There were only about 2,500 each of the first three printed, and 500 of the last, so no doubt they will be quite rare.

Cuba.—In addition to those announced on page 3, there are the following values:

5c green; 10c lilac; 20c blue.

French Guiana.—The *Union Postale Universelle* announces that the current French Colony stamps have been surcharged, "Guyane Francais."

Liberia. The new stamps are very handsome according to reports. They nearly all differ from one another, as to type.

1c vermilion,	8c black and brown,	32c blue,
5c blue,	12c carmine,	\$1 black and blue,
4c black and green,	16c mauve,	\$2 brown,
6c green,	24c bronze on straw,	\$5 black and carmine.

Panama.—A new set is soon expected as all of the map issue are exhausted.

Perak.—8c orange is the new value of the "tiger" set we are informed.

Porto Rico.—These are the complete set to date:

½m green,	6m rose,	3c red	20c mauve,
1m violet,	8m green,	5c green,	40c (?)
2m "	1c brown,	8c olive,	80c orange.
4m blue,	2c bistre,	10c rose.	

Roumania.—Same type as previous unpaid letter stamps, change in color of the 50b., now in green.

Strait Settlements.—Two new stamps of the same design as Seychelles Islands are announced; the 25c and 50c.

Switzerland.—We understand that the 30c violet is soon to be issued, with only a change in the color.

Tasmania.—2½p mauve and 5p blue and brown have been issued; design similar to the new Straits Settlements.

Turkey.—The following values of the new set have appeared; 10 paras green; 20 paras rose; 1 piaster grey; 5 piaster lilac. Unpaid letter stamps: 20 paras, 1 and 2 piasters, all black. add auction.

C. H. Holden, of Port Dover, Ont., sends us a catalogue of his second auction sale, which he holds monthly. We should be pleased to receive a priced one after each sale, for publication of some of the prices realized, in our auction column.

AUCTION SALES.

During the month of May the Scott Coin and Stamp Co. held two sales, one on May 4th and 5th and another on May 18th and 19th. Both were fairly well attended and good prices were realized. We give a few.

	Catalogue.	Sold at
New York, 1843, 3c blue wove paper	—	\$32.00
New York, 1843, 3c dark blue glazed paper	—	40.00
New York, 3c green glazed paper, uncancelled	—	5.00
Providence, 5c black	4.50	5.25
1847, 5 and 10c, pair	2.40	2.50
1847, 5 and 10c, pair, same on letter	2.40	2.92
1851, 5c brown	5.00	5.50
1857, 5c red brown	5.00	4.50
1861, 5c yellow	4.00	4.50
1861, 5c yellow, unsevered pair	8.00	11.00
Nevis, 1861, 4p dull rose, gray paper	—	9.00
— another, used	—	4.75
— 6p lilac gray, used	—	8.00
— 1867, 6p olive, lithographed	—	14.00
New Brunswick, 1861, 5c "Connell"	—	100.05
Newfoundland, 1857, 2p scarlet vermilion	—	5.25
— — 4 p scarlet vermilion	—	7.00
May 18 and 19.		
U. S., 1857, 5c red brown	5.00	5.24
— 1860, 90c blue, uncancelled	5.00	4.00
— 1869, 24c green and black	3.00	4.05
— — 90c purple and black	7.00	8.50
— 1870, 12c purple, grilled	—	12.00
— Carrier stamp, blue and pink, head of Franklin	—	45.05
— Navy Department, complete	—	7.92
Canada, 1851, 12p black, proof	—	4.05
Cape of Good Hope, 1861, 1p red, wood block	10.00	11.00
Cape of Good Hope, 1861, 4p blue, wood block	5.00	7.90
Colombia, 1862, 10c ultramarine	—	3.50
Dominican Republic, 1862, ½r rose, used	—	5.00
Great Britain, Mulready wrapper, 2p blue	—	7.00
— — envelope, 1p black	—	3.60
Hawaiian Islands, 1859, 2c black bluish paper, type 1768	—	5.10
Ionian Islands, 1859, ½p orange	—	12.25
— — 1 p blue	—	16.25
J. W. Scott Co. Sale, May 24.		
New York, 5c black	4.50	5.25
U. S., 1847, 10c black, pair	4.00	4.50
— 1868, 90c blue grilled	7.50	6.00
Officially sealed, Post Obitum	4.00	3.00
British Columbia, 25c orange, unused	—	11.05
Nova Scotia, 1857, 1p brown, unsevered strip of 3	—	12.00
Newfoundland, 1sh. lake, used	—	4.00
Bremen, 7 g. yellow, used, perforated	—	12.65

To give all the prices which the rare stamps brought would fill up too much room. We only give a few of the ones requiring special mention. The first sale was very rich in surcharged Mexican stamps.

Albrecht & Witt's third sale, June 7th, containing a splendid collection of U. S. and foreign. Among the 389 lots are to be found some very rare and scarce stamps. Their fourth sale follows closely on the third, will be held on June 16th, once more entirely U. S.

Scott Stamp & Coin Co.'s 115th sale on June 9th contains principally the property of Mr. Wormeley, Jr., of Memphis, Tenn. The first private sale of this firm takes place during June, and consists of some of the greatest known rarities, noticeably the 15c black on blue and the 30c. same color, 1852 issue Reunion Islands—reserved at \$175 and \$200 respectively. Bids by mail only close June 13th.

At Albrecht & Witt's sale on May 31st, several new prices were made for some rare U. S. stamps, the catalogue rates being left considerably behind. 1872, 24c grilled brought \$25.00; 10c brown, \$7.00; Executive department, complete set, unused, \$20.00. This price is \$3.00 higher than any dealer has asked for the set. State department, \$5.00, unused, \$37.00. Revenues, \$200. blue and black, \$46.00; \$500. red, green and black, the rarest revenue stamp was sold to E. T. Parker, of Bethlehem, Pa., for \$151.00. We have inserted these few prices just as the STAMP goes to press and in our next issue will give a more extended account of the sale. Albrecht & Witt's sales are certainly record breakers.

REVIEW.

The "Northwestern Monthly," from Fargo, N. Dak., is the title of an amateur paper published in that town. While not a philatelic magazine it evidently leans in that direction by inserting stamp advertisements. Its typography is excellent, and the reading matter is a choice selection of well-written stories, correspondence, etc. F. S. and Eva M. George are the editors. We hope to see it regularly.

The "Missouri Philatelist" in its May number contains chronicle, its continued story, "Diary of a stamp Collector," E. P. Newcomber's contribution, "What one Philatelist sees," notes, correspondence, etc.

The "Eastern Philatelist" in its May number contains 12 pages of reading and 15 pages of advertisements. In the reading matter it has a number of good articles, notes, editorials, etc. As its publisher is not near the centre of philately, some of his news and notes are somewhat old.

The "Pennsylvania Philatelist" contains "Uncle Sam's Fiscals," by E. E. M'd Oliver, and the continuation of "Remainders, Reprints, Counterfeits, or What?" and notes, review, editorial, etc., in the May number. The "P. P." is well printed, but its being pasted together does not improve its appearance.

The May number of the "Curiosity Collector" is only eight pages in size, but it contains some good reading matter. We had the pleasure of inspecting Bro. Bartlett's sanctum some time ago, and now we know how he manages to issue his little effort.

The "American Philatelist" continues the Auction Epitome to the United States 1851 issue, and J. K. Tiffany's addendum to "The Stamp Collector's Library Companion," chronicle, reports of local societies, official reports, editorial, etc.

The "Quaker City Philatelist" contains an interesting account of the various issues of Confederate stamps, chronicle, notes, and official matter of the W. P. U. and P. S. of A.

The "Post Office" continues the agitation for a National Society in its May number. Articles on U. S. stamps, Philately vs. Numismatics, Notes from the Metropolis, editorial, new issues and auctions complete the number. Better quality of paper is now used and other features are introduced to improve the magazine.

The "Philatelic Era" comes to hand somewhat earlier this month. The May issue has several interesting articles, notes, editorial, etc. Over four pages are devoted to the review of philatelic publications, which department this month we believe from the style in which it was written is from the pen of the editor himself.

The "Collector" has been obliged to issue a larger paper this month than usual, official matter of the Sons of Philatelia crowding its pages. 43 collectors were admitted to membership and 49 were proposed in the above mentioned society. What society has a record like this.

The "Eagle Philatelist" commences in the May number an article on the Stamps of Canada, by J. R. Hooper, which is to be continued in future issues. Alvah Davison contributes an article on "Illustrations of U. S. Stamps," "Pearl and Nel," look after the new (?) issues, editorial and official matter of two societies complete the issue. The "Eagle" thinks that its Western enterprise is superior to that which is possessed by the STAMP. Time will tell Pearl and Nel. We won't win success we'll deserve it.

The "Philatelic Journal of Great Britain" continues its usual article of leading stamp dealers, and the portrait of H. S. Smith graces the May issue. This issue is fully up to its customary standard, Review of Reviews taking up thirteen pages and thoroughly goes over the entire field, giving an impartial criticism of the philatelic press, and partly reprinting the most valuable articles.

The "Monthly Journal," Stanley Gibbons' valuable contribution to the Philatelic world has reached us for the first time. It is the largest paper, in point of size of the pages, published, and the reading matter is correspondingly better than any other philatelic paper. The number before us, April 30th, contains as a supplement, engravings of 58 varieties of stamps of the Straits Settlements. Some of the reading matter consists of "The Government Postal Issues of the Confederate States of America," by the editor, Edward B. Evans; "Reminiscences" by an old collector; etc., etc.

We have also received a copy of the Spanish paper published by the C. H. Mekeel Stamp & Publishing Co., the first number contains 16 pages and cover, 11 of which are reading matter in the Spanish language. We have also received, "Frimaerke Tidende" (April) from Copenhagen; "International Briefmarken-Offertenblatt" (No. 4); "Journal D'Annonces des Collectionneurs" (May) from Belgium; "De Postiljon" (May) from Holland; "Gazette Timbrologie" (April) printed in two colors, and accompanied by the "Postal Galop;" "Bric-a-Brac" (May), this is the announcement sheet of Mr. J. M. Palmer. The "Stamp Collector" and the "Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser" were also received, but too late for reviewing of their contents.

EXCHANGES.

Free to Subscribers. Limit 30 words. No notices will be inserted when mentioning articles for sale.

Notices MUST be written on separate pieces of paper. No postals.

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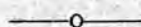
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