

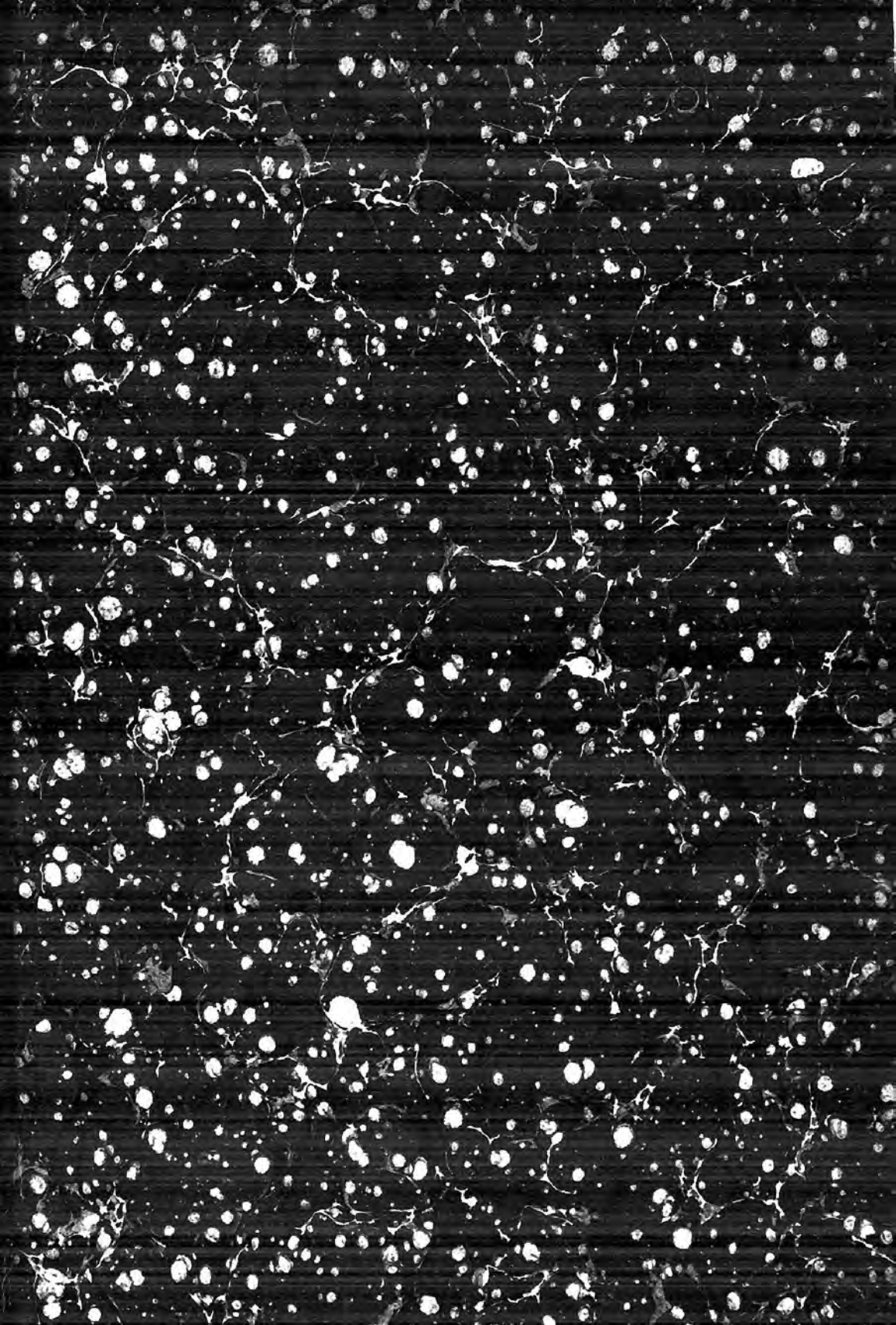
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came out. One of the curiosities of his collection, which he had for the asking, is a green, "chromatic" tinted envelope with the advertisement of Mayhew and Wenzell, a patent medicine firm, San Francisco, printed in the tinting and the private envelope then impressed with a three cent envelope stamp of the issue of 1864. His collection exhibits two, a used one in which the firm sent him an unused one, and the unused specimen so sent. The envelope is further impressed with the frank of the Pacific Express Co.

Sometime after the war Mr. X spent some-time in the South on business and did not forget his collection. Being located for some time in Livingston, Alabama, he made efforts to get into the old post office hoping to find something valuable but was refused permission by the old postmaster. But after a time it so happened that he was enabled to render the postmaster a valuable service and as the consequence found the stores of the Post Office at his disposal together with the correspondence of two or three private parties. From this he extracted a large number of regular Confederate issues, many Locals, chiefly of Mobile, and last but not least two specimens of the hitherto unknown Livingston Local. He found the pair unsevered on the original envelope but as pairs and envelopes were not of much account then Mr. X cut them out and apart and afterward sold both. One went to a party in New York for about twenty dollars and the other which had a corner clipped to Mr. F. C. Foster of Boston for six or seven dollars. This latter was shown at the A. P. A. exhibition by Mr. Fos-

ter. Mr. X also found a letter that had passed between the lines originally prepaid with a United States three cent stamp and re-franked with a C. S. A. 5 cent, blue. The other locals that he found were chiefly of Mobile of which local he sold some three or four dozen to Mr. Scott for \$2.00 to \$2.50 apiece and has still some left but, strange to relate, among the regular issue among several hundred of 10 cent stamps he found but one TEN cent. Mr. X. frequently found himself looked upon with suspicion by persons who could not see why he wanted stamps and some perhaps thought that he was collecting evidence from their letters that would be used against them. One young lady when asked by him for stamps selected a few from a very large correspondence which she had had from throughout the South during the war and then burned the rest.

At this time Mr. X. also acquired a number of tobacco and liquor stamps (of which he has a complete collection) and among them many counterfeits. It was the reconstruction period and Uncle Sam's law had as yet no influence in that part of the country. Counterfeit stamps were used openly and with impunity as well as counterfeit money. Everybody took it, everybody knew it was counterfeit, but nobody dared say a word such was the utter disregard of law and order prevalent at the time. In one instance a southern "gentlemen" went to his post-office, for the first time since a northern carpet-bagger had been installed there, for two stamps to be charged to his account. On being informed by the postmaster that he did not do business that way the "gentleman"

drew his pistol and shot him dead. But attempt at counterfeiting were not confined to the tobacco and liquor stamps or to the southern states alone; two New York match proprietors tried counterfeiting their own private stamps with disastrous results. One firm, Henning and Bonhack were almost immediately apprehended by Government inspectors and heavily fined. The other, B. and H. D. Howard, after forging their stamps threw the counterfeit plate into the sea off Staten Island and thought themselves safe, the forgeries made by them being so like their stamps made under supervision of the Government as to make detection impossible. But the plate catching in a fisherman's net came ashore one day and fell into the hands of United States officers and that firm was also heavily fined. Both concerns went out of the business shortly after their difficulties with Uncle Sam, so that their stamps are found on old paper only and in the first instance are fairly scarce. When the private revenues began to be more extensively collected Mr. X met with some imitations of the Macklin stamp made to catch the unwary ignorant collector. He regrets now that he neglected to keep specimens of the counterfeit Macklin and tobacco stamps for they would be interesting as curiosities. Mr. X remembers the discovery of the twenty cent St. Louis local with the ensuing discussion and take sides with Mr. Tiffany believing it to be not genuine. His active interest in stamp collecting ceased in 1875 with the first issue of Japan and the second series of United States Newspaper stamps but he still retains possession of his col-

lection and stock of duplicates and to look through them all is a task of many hours. M.

On the Collection of Philatelic Literature.

When the editor of a philatelic journal can find nothing else to say he sits down and adds his mite to the floods of advice which are constantly poured upon the poor and over-instructed collector by telling him to be sure to save every philatelic magazine he can get and when he has a complete volume to bind it up neatly and securely. Then he issues the number containing the advice in a shape entirely different from what he has previously used and from what he ever expects to use again, the pages have a margin so small as to stagger the bookbinder, and he uses several ounces of good blue pencil in calling the collector's attention to a special notice at the same time greatly beautifying the page and subsequently the bound volume thereby. Most of our philatelic publishers appear to think that quality of paper, width of margin, uniform size from month to month, manner of folding and so forth have nothing to do at all with the preservation and binding which they enjoin upon their readers.

For example: other members of the A. P. A., as well as the writer, I suppose, received the August number of the *Collector's Ledger* with the editorial pages ornamented with several inches of blue pencil mark. This was all to let us know that our subscription had expired which purpose was equally well served by the rubber stamp notice on the cover. The marking inside was wholly un-

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AMONG the features of this journal will be the series of recollections and experiences of collectors, which will be continued from time to time by collectors who will have something to say worth reading, and the Notes and Queries, which we intend to make useful and of value. We invite queries and answers from all; a careful perusal of the rules is first recommended. It is expected that the next number will contain, also, a description of a piece of china ornamented with a design in postage stamps, that has been discovered in this vicinity. It comes from Europe and is similar to the articles that we hear of from time to time as appearing in exhibitions there.

It seems to be the fashion now, among our contemporaries, to have a circulation in nice round figures. We are going to be in style and have imported an affidavit editor from one of the New York dailies and shall get up a circulation immediately. So don't be surprised if our next number appears with a sworn circulation of 13,459. It will probably be no farther from the truth than is the published circulation of a great number of our contemporaries.

necessary but served to show, however, that the editor, presumably, did not expect his journal to be read carefully unless prominently marked. In our copy, also, there was scarcely half an inch of margin at the outside of the page which was one half-inch longer than the number for the preceeding month of July. This in turn was an inch shorter than the June number. The width of the page and the space occupied by the printed matter also vary so that we have our doubts as to what kind of a bound volume it will make after seven more numbers have been issued. And this is by no means an exceptional or an aggravated case. One may take up a volume of almost any one of our prominent periodicals without finding any two successive numbers of the same width or height. The second volume of the *Quaker City Philatelist* is especially erratic, as we found when we came to get it bound, but its publishers have earned the literature collector's gratitude by issuing volume three with wide margins and unvarying size of page. *The American Journal of Philately* is also noticeable as varying hardly one-eighth of an inch from month to month. If publishers would have readers bind and preserve their magazines with pleasure and pride, they would do well to help them by either keeping a uniform size or allowing margin sufficient for the binder's knife. This magazine will practice what it preaches, and each number will be uniform in size, and increase will be made in the number and not the size of the pages. Secondly, take such sheets as the *Curiosity World* and *Collector's Ledger* as

they were first issued. There are two objections to their binding and preservation, size and expense. A volume of these takes up some room and is worth at least \$1.75, by Boston prices, to bind in a first-class manner, for a poor binding is worse than none at all.

Now how many collectors of philatelic literature would pay that to bind the *Curiosity World*, which in blanket form was but partly devoted to stamps? The writer did not, neither did he choose to keep loose and unbound numbers, so he cut out all that was valuable and consigned it to his philatelic scrap book. *The Youth's Ledger*, however, is worth binding when one has a complete file. Thirdly, when we are told to keep every scrap of philatelic literature sacredly are we to include such literature as comes in four 6x9 pages for a few months and then appears no more? Of what value are the few clippings, society reports and advertisements that not infrequently compose such a sheet? Take, for instance, the *Witch City Philatelist* now defunct. A completed file in the binder's press makes a volume about one eighth of an inch thick and is harder to bind than one many times as large. And how much is there in it worth paying money to bind? Let the discriminating collector keep a scrap book and a waste basket for all such and send to the binder only that which is worth the binding and the shelf room after it is bound, and let publishers put their expiration and other notices on the inside of the cover, as most sensible journals do, and they will not be obliged to disfigure their magazines to call attention to an especial point. C. E. H.

Notes and Queries.

Rules to be observed by contributors to this department.

1. Give full name and post-office address in addition to signature.
2. Write on one side of the paper only.
3. Make communications brief and to the point.
4. Communications that advertise goods for sale will not be inserted here.

(1.) When was the Internal Revenue law passed taxing matches and when was the first private match stamp issued? HECTOR.

(2.) How are the following names pronounced; 1. Bradt, 2. Lohmeyer, 3. Aue. X. Y. Z.

[3. Ow-e. Ow as in *now*.]

(3.) What number and volume were the last issues respectively of the following periodicals: Capital City Philatelist, Empire State Ph., Philatelic Magazine, Garden City Ph. COLLECTOR.

[E. S. P. Vol. III, No. 6. G. S. P. Vol. I, No. 9.]

(4.) Is there any grammatical reason why "philatelic" is better or more correct than "philatelic." QUERICUS.

[The Editor knows of none and would be much pleased to have an answer to this if there is any.]

(5.) Who invented the adhesive postage stamp???

James Chalmers.
Rowland Hill.
M. de Valayer.
And others.

You pays your money and takes your choice but for mercy's sake, O, ye advocates and disputants, in the language of the street, give us a rest.

Post-conventional.

The Convention was evidently tired of the Chalmers-Hill matter and no wonder.

Mr. Corwin put in some good work and deserves the congratulations of every member.

My compliments to Messrs. Sterby, De Journe, Tuffany and others whom the reporters saw at the convention but whom I had not the fortune to meet.

Although it was a convention there was nothing conventional about it. The free and easy way in which all rules of order were set at defiance was amazing.

Concerning the exhibition I say nothing, for words will not adequately describe it. It is one of those things which must be seen to be appreciated. The writer has neither space nor language to do it justice.

It wasn't a convention of cigar smokers but it might have been. The air was thick with smoke and it was noticed even by the reporters. The strangest point was that the elderly and respectable members consumed cigarettes by the gross while the rule seemed to be—smaller the boy, bigger the cigar.

We wonder how Mr. Cuno feels over the rejection of the motion to thank Mr. Harris. It was certainly an ungenerous action on the part of the convention as both of the before mentioned gentlemen undoubtedly thought that they were doing collectors a service and the sole argument used against the motion will hardly hold water.

The newspapers all noticed us with articles varying from two col-

umns illustrated in the *Herald* to a few inches. Of course names were mis-spelled and facts sometimes mixed up but none assumed a sneering tone or descended to the level of Chicago in calling us "damphools." But then, it takes Boston culture and refinement to appreciate a thing of that sort.

It was curious how many of the Boston papers entertained the idea that the envelopes placed on sale at New York were those held by the "envelope trust" which they proclaimed as having been thwarted through the efforts of Mr. Cuno. As he has, however, prevented another trust he is perhaps worthy of sixteen times as much credit on the principle that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. See!

The officers elected had all handsome majorities, Mr. Tiffany the largest and Mr. Bradford the smallest. The fact that there were but six votes more than was necessary for a valid election under the old constitution shows that the Association has some members who do not think enough of it to care who are its officers. The convention did just right when they left it so that a majority of those who will take the trouble to vote will rule whether they are two-thirds or two-thirds of the Association.

PROOF ESSAY.

The Critic.

The *Minnesota Philatelist* kept in Mr. Lynde's name as a candidate for vice-president of the A. P. A. though he had been dropped from the rolls. Somebody does not read their *American Philatelist*.

In the *Quaker City Philatelist*

for July, Mr. Lynde continues his list of Russian Locals and Mr. Henderson re-tells the old, old story of the early post-office which bobs up serenely in some journal every two or three months.

The August number presents its report of the convention and the old chestnut of "Hints to "Beginners," Can't you give us something fresh?

If the young man who runs the *Badger State Philatelist* would pay a little attention to grammar and proof-reading and omit exceedingly funny selections from *Puck* along with other non-philatelic matter, he might make a very good paper out of what would be left—notes, reprinted selections and advertisements.

The *Curiosity World* is not published in Chicago as might be supposed, probably because if it were the cost of postage to city subscribers would be too much for it. Readers outside of that city would doubtless be pleased if the large amount of space devoted to the Chicago society in the August number contained something else. That number contained nothing which did not come out of Chicago save an editorial in which the editor hazarded the prediction that the Detroiters would "wipe up the ground" with the Boston club and was mistaken. We hope the coming journal from Chicago will obviate the necessity of taking the whole of one of our very, very, few New England journals to represent that place.

With the September number, Bro. Hubbard changes his title to the more appropriate *Stamp World* (to the previous bearer of which

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I do not remember in the early days to have seen a single collection where the stamps were put in on hinges, and in my own collection only eight were done so, and the only reason for my doing it was because they were unused, and I thought it looked well to see the original gum. These eight stamps were part of the 1862 and 1863 issue Hong Kong, which, as I remember, had been given to me.

The only practical thing which I did early in my stamp career was, to form a duplicate collection, and whenever I got a duplicate of any stamp in my main collection I immediately put it into my book of duplicates with the same care that I exercised in my best book. The consequence was that about a year ago, when I looked at my duplicate book for the first time in about ten years, I found many stamps that had materially increased in price, among others which I might mention, being one of the rarer 5-cent newspaper stamps for which I paid originally five cents, and which I exchanged this year for stamps which at Scott's prices amounted to five dollars.

Alas, the good old days are gone, and many, I am sure, will sympathize with me when I say, would that they might come again bringing with them the opportunities they

offered us in a philatelic point of view. A.

CHICAGO, Oct. 1, 1888.

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A favorite topic for the contributor to our philatelic magazines is the future of philately and its relations to the world at large. Will the great world ever recognize it as more than child's play; will it ever be considered on a par with numismatics? Will the philatelist ever see in the library of the present or some future Bohn any work devoted to his pursuit, side by side with the manual of numismatics? Periodically do we see these questions asked and answered and a brilliant future promised for our pursuit, pastime, or science, as you please to call it. Experience with philately in every day life is a succession of surprises for the collector, and it cannot be denied that the world is beginning to look upon philately as a legitimate pursuit for men of money or taste. In an article on hobbies of prominent men the *Boston Sunday Globe* tells us that

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and on page 284 of the *Century Magazine* for June, 1883, occurs the following passage in a story by Henry A. Bars:

"Berkely! well, what's he up to now? Philately? arboriculture? what's his last fad? I met him for a minute in New York, a few years ago, and he told me he was going to an old book auction."

*Humphrey's Coin Collector's Manual Standard Library, Bohn, London, 1853.

The philatelist is always running upon something in relation to stamps and their collecting when he least expects it. In how many collections, public and private, of war relics do we see a familiar specimen with the label, "Confederate Postage Stamp." The Mulready envelope was a famous butt for the wits of the day, and even the great John Leech did not scorn to use his pencil in caricature of that much abused envelope. It is not strange then, though unexpected, that we find Tom Hood alluding in *Kilmansegg and her Precious Leg* to

"——— that hieroglyphical call
To a geographical Fancy Ball
On the recent Post-Office covers."

But, though it is a thing often done by stamp dealers, it may not be very generally known that the *Detroit Free Press* lately used the design of this same Mulready Envelope in one of its advertisements. Said advertisement can be found on the page opposite the table of contents in the thirteen hundred page *Dictionary of the World's Press* for 1887, issued by Sell's newspaper agency of London. Instead of Britannia, the central figure is Bartholdi's liberty who is despatching four cherubs each with a light and a message to the four quarters of the globe whose inhabitants are represented by groups arranged as in the Envelope but somewhat more life-like and less allegorical than those of Mulready. The group in the lower corners are supplanted by two young ladies of very modern style, and railroad and steamboat introduced in the background yet any collector would recognize it in an instant. It would be interesting to know where the *Free Press* got its

idea for this advertisement.

Again, Mr. Arthur Howard Noll in "Observations and Confessions of a Collector" which appeared in the *Collector* (autograph) for September, says:

"Numismaticism, if once developed, and if the conditions of the system are favorable, is apt to become chronic. Not so with philately. In nine cases out of ten the boy collector of postage stamps, upon becoming a man and seeking to "put away childish things," is apt to include among them postage stamp collecting, by far the least childish of them all. He is quite apt to retain things far more childish. I deem it a great pity that philately should ever be considered puerile, and so be cast aside with increasing years. The high-sounding name, derived from a Greek source, which has of late years been given to this delightful pursuit, ought to have shielded it from expressed public ridicule and silent popular contempt. I "outgrew" philately many years ago, almost before that name was given to it, and yet I have all the while its most enthusiastic champion. It is twenty years since I added the last stamp to my collection, but during all those years I have never seen a foreign postage stamp that I did not make an effort to acquire, that I might bestow it upon the first collector I met, generally accompanied by the advise, if he be youthful, never to give up philately."

That is one opinion on philately by a collector of another class and the average philatelist hears many more every week and very frequently in no such tone as this. On the whole we may congratulate ourselves that philately is rising in the eyes of the world and may yet be regarded, in popular opinion as something more than child's play.

Since writing the above while walking in the streets of Boston, I saw in an auctioneer's window some china ornamented with stamps which I was told had been brought from Europe. There were two small plates and a saucer, and, through the kindness of the propri-

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WHY don't we have an engraved cover? Yes, why don't we? And why don't we have thirty-two pages per month with illustrations on every page, why don't we appear in different form, printed in different type and issued at a different time, and why don't our kind readers and thoughtful friends send us a few more postals and letters requesting, advising, suggesting, demanding this, that and the other. We note especially the kind interest taken in our welfare by those who are not subscribers and observe that it is the man whose quarter we have not yet seen who wants an exchange department, a chronicle, and other changes for his especial benefit. Perhaps he expects, in return for his kind suggestions, a "sample copy" each month, which he will not get. We never knew before that so many people wanted to run a philatelic magazine and especially wanted to manage ours. We started to run this magazine with a large amount of grim determination, to say nothing of the necessary capital, and we are going to keep her up, what we want out of you, kind reader is twenty-five cents for one year's subscription.

Perhaps we shall rise to the dignity of an engraved cover sometime and when we do we shall try to get one worth having. For the benefit of a long-suffering public we are

prepared to promise, bonds given if necessary, that aforesaid cover will not contain any representation of so-called "Philatelia" as is the present fashion in covers among our contemporaries. Nor yet will it present after the usual style of one or two of our philatelic artists(?) a figure of Mercury holding in his hands a stamp album for which an ancient post-rider is usually headed, going at terrific speed, while a mail train, springing suddenly from nowhere in particular, seems dangerously near running over the god's winged feet. A little variety in the line of covers is greatly needed as well as in other directions. Speaking of variety, we have now the *American Philatelist*, *American Journal of Philately* and *Philatelic Journal of America*. Will some one please start the *Philatelic American*, *Journal of American Philately* and *American Philatelic Journal*, that we may tell more readily which is which.

WHY didn't our first number contain a report of the convention? Well, we'll tell you. After the two preceding conventions, every journal issued for the next two months, great or small, seemed to consider itself bound to furnish a report either of its own or cribbed from its contemporaries. The first report to appear was news to one not present at the convention and was interesting, as was also the official report on account of its fullness. The second was not news and was not so interesting. The third was less so, and by the time the fourth, fifth and sixth appeared the report had become decidedly stale and for the next month it was very tiresome, to say

the least, to pick up paper after paper composed chiefly of a "report" which one almost knew by heart, and which left no room for other matter. Monotonous was no name for it. Knowing that we would not appear for a month after the convention, whose doings would by that time be very old news, we determined to spare our readers a similar infliction. That's why.

WHY does the average philatelic editor pay so little attention to the appearance of his journal? From the appearance of half our exchanges we should think the editor never looked at his proof. No journal appears in which errors can not be found by even a cursory reading from the *P. J. of A.* down to the *United States Philatelist*, whose September issue is disgraced by such errors as "Roplaid Hill," "T. Walker Scott" and any number of small mistakes. Perhaps, however, this was owing to his "printer getting married," which he guarantees will not occur again. By this we are reminded, too, that incorrect English is also a specialty of the two-for-a-cent philatelic editor.

JUST because H. E. Deats thought it would be pleasant if the musical members who attended the convention should bring their instruments, one C. Elmer Roe has become possessed of the idea that philately is going to the demnition bow-wows, which idea has proved altogether too much for him as witness his screeds in the *Stamp and Figaro*. Such unmitigated stuff and nonsense as he writes is worse than ten philatelic brass bands.

etor, one of the former was taken out of the window for my closer inspection. It was a ordinary china plate of no particular pattern and was completely covered with the stamps. On the upper side they were arranged indiscriminately with the edges overlapping but no two stamps of the same color came together. On the under side there was, around the outer edge, a row of fifteen centime blue, of the 1877 issue of France, and within these a circle of ten pfennig red, Bavaria 1877. In both rows the stamps were placed side by side and the specimens were chosen apparently for their bright color and light cancellation. Within the inner circle the stamps were arranged without any design. The plate was covered, of course, with a thick coat of hard enamel which greatly aided the general effect of the decoration as well as its preservation yet by rubbing the fingers over the surface one could feel the edges of the stamps beneath.

Some of the pink stamps were faded which I at first thought was the effect of the enamel through which it did not seem possible that the sun's rays could have any effect. But later I found on the bottom the same stamps unfaded that on top were discolored which would seem to indicate that the fading was the work of the sun. The stamps were all of the very commonest twenty-cent-a-thousand kind and among them the five cent, four cent, and two cent green of our own country, which latter would seem to indicate that the plate was decorated very lately. The auctioneer's price for the china was two dollars per piece which he said was very cheap as they were rare.

C. E. H.

The Critic.

The philatelic rhymster bobs up again in the *Collector's Ledger*. This time under the name of Maurice Mistletoe. Next!

The *American Exchange and Mart* puts stamps under bric-a-brac. This is the latest. Somebody will label them household ornaments next.

If pluck amounts to anything the *National Philatelist* will surely succeed. It sticks wonderfully. The Critic, however, is tempted to ask if special rates for philatelists are given on the coal and wood, provisions and fruits advertised in its columns.

At the risk of having someone cry "chestnuts" the Critic opines that the *American Philatelist* is the best journal devoted to our hobby that this country produces. And it has the fashion, too, so unusual for a philatelic magazine, of coming promptly to the day.

The *Collector's Ledger*, *Philatelic Journal of America*, *Stamp Collector's Figaro* and *American Journal of Philately* all contain, or have lately contained articles on the stamped envelopes of the United States. If only a few more journals will catch the fever and do likewise, the perplexed collector may possibly come to know a little about them in time.

The American Philatelic Press Directory, published by Geo. H. Richmond, appears for 1888 in handy form with much useful information. The space at the right of the page will be very convenient for keeping the mortality record. Already the journal that heads the list

has practically gone out of existence, except in name, together with three or four of the others and more will doubtless follow.

The Critic has enjoyed the *Toronto Philatelic Journal* very much lately. Such items as those in the June number about the eighteen young men who swore off tobacco and the married couple whose respective ages were nine and forty-five years were very interesting. That is what he subscribes to philatelic papers for, just to hear about such things. Since then he has seen but one number, July and August combined, and a very poor one at that. He fears that the T. P. J. is going to the bad very fast.

THE *P. J. of A.* has at last become something more than M. W. Evan's catalogue with accompanying advertisements. In the opinion of the Critic the former is as much out of place there as the next edition of Websters Dictionary would be if published in the Century. It is distinctively a work of reference not read through by one in a hundred of the journal's numerous subscribers whose majority undoubtedly wish its space occupied by something better suited to the nature of a periodical. Yet Mr. Mekeel is probably right when he says no other American journal could pay for and publish it and it is a first class work of its kind. That goes without saying. It was also the first Journal to give us President Tiffany's convention address in full, and promises a genuine treat for its readers in the shape of Dr. Mitchell's History of U. S. locals to be given as a serial before being published in book form.

The *Figaro* has come to life again with number fifteen, for September. Its contributors are all of the same class as the editor and resemble a certain familiar animal in that they cannot rest without regularly kicking up their heels at men who do more good to philately in a week than such as Mr. Voute will do in a year. The number opens with an editorial in Mr. Voute's usual style in which we are informed that Mr. Rechert owes his election to the *Figaro's* silence. Strange that this was not discovered before. The editorials are followed by an article entitled "*The Philatelic Renaissance*" in which the author attempts to exhibit his knowledge of the Latin language by quotations which show dense ignorance of their significance on the part of the writer. Next we are favored with another screed from C. Elmer Roe which might have been written in a state of temporary idiocy and which, after wandering through a page of aimless balderdash, ends in a manner supposed to be funny—very, very funny. Temporary relief is afforded by the next article, *Plate Numbers on the British Stamps*, the only thing of any worth in all the sixteen pages, and then comes the *Binder* in which the editor works off the stored up spite of the last six months. Here and there are items which would indicate that he also intends to pose as the original philatelic humorist but without success, we fear. Though the above way seems to some to be a little too strong yet we think the majority of American collectors who care anything for philately and for what is done in its name will agree in our honest opinion that it

would have been much better for our pursuit had the *Figaro* passed into other hands.

Notes and Queries.

Rules to be observed by contributors to this department.

1. Give full name and post-office address in addition to signature.
2. Write on one side of the paper only.
3. Make communications brief and to the point.
4. Communications that advertise goods for sale will not be inserted here.

(6.) Will one of your readers kindly tell me the meaning of "*Habilitado por la Nacion*" which is surcharged on some of the Spanish stamps.

J. C. FRANKLIN.

ANSWERS TO QUERIES.

(2) 1. Bradt "a" as in *jar*.

2. Low-my-er.

(3) The *Capital City Philatelist* issued twelve numbers in volume first and ten numbers in volume second.

W. C. STONE.

All our readers are invited to make use of this department. When you come across something you don't know, ask and find out about it. We hope that some of those who can answer any queries appearing here will spend a two-cent stamp to air their superfluous knowledge, and help a fellow collector who does not know as much as they. Notes, queries and answers are all welcome.



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While traveling in Europe during the summer of 1878, I gathered a few P. O. stamps of the various countries I visited, merely as mementoes, and placed them in my general scrap-book along with other souvenirs of my tour. Two or three years afterwards, Lieutenant Partello while visiting me, looking over my scrap book, saw these stamps and remarking that they were a good foundation on which to start a collection, urged me to start collecting P. O. Stamps in earnest and form an album. In my ignorance of any knowledge of what stamps had ever been issued or of what could be achieved at this late date, and the isolated condition in which I lived remote from civilization, I urged the futility of any effort on my part ever to obtain anything like a decent collection and thought it not worth my while to even attempting to start on such a quest. However when he went home he sent me some of his duplicates and continued to from time to time for 2 or 3 years, but I merely preserved them in an old envelope until during the winter of 1884-5,

having a little leisure and a blank book I concluded to paste them in it irrespective of any system except countries and face value. I had hardly gotten them all into my 25 paged book, before some one, (probably Partello), sent me an old Durbin's catalogue, from which I learned of the numerous stamp issuing countries, their issues and that many of the stamps I would have supposed very expensive and difficult to obtain could be bought for only a few cents. I was ignorant of there being any other dealers in stamps, or of there being such a thing as a printed album; so I procured a larger blank-book, ruled it into spaces 1 inch by 1 1-2 inches, and pencil-marked each place for a stamp in accordance with Mr. Durbin's catalogue. I then had an album of nearly blanks for my few stamps (scarcely 200) made little show in the vast number of spaces. However, I applied to Mr. Durbin who, for a few dollars, sent me a lot of the cheaper stamps, and soon my pages began to present a more enlivened appearance. I soon learned of Mr. Durbin's publication, *The Philatelic Monthly*, and later of the *Keystone Stamp and Coin Gazette*. From the "Exchange Columns" of the latter I discovered there were other collectors who would be glad to exchange their duplicates, and I soon commenced to add to my hoard from the surplus of others. Little by little my collection increased.

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Soon the smaller dealers commenced to discover that I was collecting, and I became flooded with "approval sheets," from which I procured some good stamps, along with what I afterwards learned were reprints and some counterfeits. From some now unknown source I secured two, as I thought then, fine specimens of U. S. postage stamps; however, I could not locate them in any issue, according to my catalogue, so I put them in an odd space, against such time as I should find some one who could inform me where they belonged. Years afterwards, Mr. Sterling informed me that they were counterfeits that he had never heard of or seen before. He was desirous of knowing where I obtained them, but on that point I was unable to satisfy him, for I had paid no attention at the time I took them off of some one's "approval sheet," believing them genuine. I am surprised how ignorant I must have been at that time to have been gulled by a counterfeit U. S. Stamp which is not even a counterpart of any of our national issues. Before another winter my collection had assumed such proportions that I concluded to have another album made in accordance with my own ideas, viz: lithographed ruled spaces on a blank page similar to the one I already had made by a regular book-making establishment. It contains over 200 pages with stubs between the leaves to which I could attach any additional leaf I might in future require. This system has worked fairly well with me so far, but having this summer seen the album designed by the Staten Island Society I find it fulfils my idea of how an album should be made so

exactly and is so much more perfect than any album I have ever seen that I am anxious to obtain one and change my collection once more and I expect for the last time as long as I keep it. At present it consists of about 6,000 stamps including postage, foreign revenues, telegraph and other stamps including cut envelopes and postal cards, rather a miscellaneous lot. But some day when I can have our counterfeit detector cull out the counterfeits I may be able to devote an album to each class, for at present it is an "olla prodrida" for everything in the stamp line, however I had rather have it so than discard the many beautiful things I "know not of" sufficiently to satisfy me, but which are an adornment to my album, in the opinion of persons not the "advanced" philatelists. I must turn back again however a short time in my career to resort to my strongest love, viz: my U. S. Revenue collection. While collecting postals, I had occasionally run across several U. S. Revenues to which I devoted a couple of pages in my general album. Again some kind friend sent me another catalogue, this time it was E. B. Sterling's 3d edition of U. S. Revenue stamps which started me on a new and most interesting branch of collecting and having made the acquaintance of Mr. Oscar Scarlett of Philadelphia, I obtained many good revenues which induced me to have another album made especially for U. S. Revenues and devote particular attention to collecting these by themselves. Having nearly 1200 stamps and varieties neatly arranged it makes a most beautiful, interesting and valuable collection, which I

take especial pleasure and pride in, though it does not contain any of the most extravagantly priced rarities. Besides these two main albums, I also possess supplementary ones of unused whole envelopes of the last three U. S. issues, and of whole foreign envelopes and postal cards. These last are very meagre and hardly deserve the name of a collection, but I have made a resolution never to lose an opportunity of preserving everything of a philatelic nature that came in my way, seeing later in life how much I missed not having availed myself of my facilities when I was younger and could have gathered and preserved so much which would now have been invaluable. Every day I live I regret not having started in to stamp collecting before the war or even after the war when I was down south and had most excellent opportunities for gathering innumerable southern stamps which would now make my album more valuable and complete. If there is any one thing I would impress on youth it is to collect in the days of his youth and not live to regret his lost opportunities when it is too late to remedy them. I am further impressed with the value of making one's album at the start an "omnium gatherum" rather than being exclusive, for after one improves and grows older, he may find that some branch or thing he considered a side issue, may assume greater importance and interest ere he finishes his career, and will give him the most pleasure. Neither do I believe that the best specialists result from young men commencing and adhering to one particular set of stamps.

"TORS."

The "Reminiscence" in the last number was acquired by us in a very unexpected manner as will appear. A few days after the first number was sent off we received a letter from a collector in Chicago who said he had lived in Newton before removing out West fifteen years ago. He recognized in Mr. X a collector whom he had formerly known but whose name and address he had forgotten and wanted to find out. After further correspondence he was induced to give us his reminiscences for number two of the *Beacon*, though he had never before appeared in print. If he were willing to sign his name it would be recognized as that of one of the most prominent of Chicago collectors. Commenting on the article Mr. X says that it was he who suggested the idea of having a private match stamp, to a friend who was in the San Francisco Match Co., while on a visit to him, and the well-known stamp was the result. He says also that he must have been then on a plane one higher than that of Mr. A since to him there was but one "god" in the stamp world, S. Allan Taylor, to whom all doubtful stamps were referred and through who Mr. X bought and sold stamps. This was before Mr. Taylor had so largely put into practice his ideas concerning the nearly equal value to the collector of the original and the fac-simile.—ED.

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FROM appearances we should say that we criticised ourselves last month about as much as we did anyone else. No law against it, however.

PERSONS who write to us concerning our subscription list, circulation, number of copies sent to foreign countries, and so forth, will please address the business manager. He does the lying for the concern.

WE wish to exchange with all first class philatelic publications but must insist on at least two copies. This will explain to certain journals, who sent us but one copy in exchange for two, why they did not see number two. Any twelve page covered journal which cares to send us three copies will receive the same in exchange, with thanks.

WE shall take great pleasure in presenting to our readers next month a contribution by J. W. Scott. It will be entitled "Early Days of Stamp Collecting" and will appear as the fourth of our series of Collector's Reminiscences.

Mr. Scott is well known as a collector of the first rank whose contributions to the philatelic press have been all too scarce of late.

As up to the time of going to press we have not received from Mr. Aue the Mss. of "An Editor's Experience" which was announced and advertised to appear in this number, we have put in its place a contribution on "The Value of a Catalogue in forming a collection" by a collector who, if he signed his name, would be at once recognized as of the first rank. Number four will contain Mr. Scott's contribution as already announced. Following that will appear a similar contribution by the well known Canadian philatelist who sports the pseudonym "Canadensis," and, if we can secure it, Mr. Aue's promised article. We shall try to present four good articles every month and that's as much as some of our more pretentious contemporaries do.

THE editor of the *Beacon* acknowledges that he has disobeyed biblical injunction and criticised his neighbors for faults which he commits himself. Not only in this but in other ways has he displayed the verdant freshness which usually characterizes the newly-made editor but which he expects will disappear in time. All we have to say in our defence is that it is a peculiar fad of our printer to spell philately and kindred words with a *t* in place of the last *l* every time, which error was corrected not more than thirty-times in four readings of our proof-sheets last month but which never-

theless, escaped correction in several instances. His other peculiarity is to leave the *s* off the plural of nouns so that a singular subject is followed by a plural verb. This is doubtless because the editor's handwriting is not as legible as it might be. In future we hope to make a better showing ourselves on points wherein we criticise others.

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Mr. W. P. Brown has stirred up a host of discussions on the reprint question. I doubt if S. Allan Taylor himself could have stated his cause better than did Mr. Brown. Those who heard the former gentleman at the Convention will recognize of his arguments that he used in defense of his fac-similes.

Notes

BY THE CRITIC.

Mr. Tiffany's address before the second A. P. A. convention as published by the Western Philatelic Pub. Co. was reviewed in *The Critic*, one of the chief American journals of literary criticism, for Oct. 13th. The review consisted mainly of quotations and ended with a remark on the poor typographical appearance of the pamphlet. When the philatelist's literature presents a better appearance in general, he will receive wider recognition.

The *Halifax Philatelist* is the best Canadian stamp journal, beyond dispute. It has a good editor, presents a good quantity of good reading matter well printed and free from errors. It deserves its success.

I am glad to see the *Minnesota Philatelist* somewhat enlarged and improved. It appears to figure as a quarterly, one number being received on the day of the Boston convention and the next on election day.

The *United States Philatelist* announces "Wanderer" as a regular contributor. The *Philatelist* has made a good stroke and will raise its standard thereby.

If Mr. Hubbard would not number the advertising pages of the *Stamp World* and would arrange so that they could be thrown out in binding, the action would be appreciated by many of his subscribers including

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Notes and Queries.

Rules to be observed by contributors to this department.

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3. Make communications brief and to the point.
4. Communications that advertise goods for sale will not be inserted here.

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(6.) "Habilitado por la Nación" means that the stamp is "authorized by the Nation." They were issued after the overthrow of Isabella II. and before the stamps with the head of Spain (1870 issue) were ready for use.

W. C. STONE.

"Authorized by the Nation."

C. B. CORWIN.

NOTES.

The article in the *Stamp World* on proxies should be read carefully by every A. P. A. It is a very conscientious and conservative statement of the case.

Mr. Mekeel, in the *P. J. of A.* tells the editor that he might have found the answer to this query in Mr. Evans's catalogue on page 252 of the *Journal*. Now the first thing the editor did on receipt of this question was to consult the catalogue aforesaid and two readings failed to find the answer there. Now he has read it again in the catalogue and in Mr. Mekeel's editorial and has come to the conclusion that that gentleman is mistaken either in what the query asked for or in what his catalogue says.

Whether the latter would be better published in the magazine or out of it is merely a matter of opinion. The *Beacon* runs on one plane and the *Journal* on another.

Surcharged Stamps of States in Africa.

[Translated from the Portuguese by Ph. Heinsberger's International Agency and Stamp Importer, New York.]

The stamp history of the various stamp-issuing countries in Africa, which do not belong to the Universal Postal Union, Transvaal, Orange Free State, Cape Colony, Griqualand (west) a part of Madagascar, and Natal, is certainly one of which the younger class of American stamp collectors have heard of very little. If we ask for the reason, I only can think that it is the scarcity in a few cases, but mostly the enormous price for such surcharged stamps. There matters rest, and the "Dark Continent" remains a mystery. A great many small countries, (especially the English colonies all over the world) have surcharged stamps, but fortunately they stay only for a short time. But in Africa things never seem to change, surcharge follows surcharge as a matter of course. The stamp fraternity all over the world has given many reasons for this state of affairs, but none of them is sufficient to account for the numerous surcharged stamps with which the stamp collectors are troubled. Certainly it is a fact that the small and poor republics of Transvaal and the Orange Free State are afraid of the high expenses for new stamps. The Orange Free State [founded by the "Boers" (Dutch) who emigrated from the Cape Colony in 1836] and

Transvaal (also founded by "Boers" who emigrated from Natal in 1852.) This courageous people of both countries fought often with powerful England, bloody battles for liberty, and their independence at last brought both countries in a state of dissolution. In our present time yet, the countries suffer from the terrible struggle of years past. That's the true reason for all surcharged stamps of both countries. But this is no reason at all in regard to the English colonies in Africa. The mother country, England, can supply her "colonial children" with any quantity of stamps, at a short notice, if in time ordered by the colonial postal authorities. The mail time for the steamers from London to the Cape Colonies and Natal takes 35 to 40 days. The colonial postal authorities, in ordering stamps, are not taking previous experience into consideration, or, they order a too short supply of stamps, or wait with such orders until the "bottom of the barrel" is reached and the supply of the regular stamp is almost gone. The traffic and commercial relation of the African-English colonies with foreign lands is a very important one, and—a funny thing—never stops; but the mail must go out, as the steamers do not wait. The colonial postal authorities in their need to supply the public demand for stamps, have only one remedy. The supply of the regular postage stamp is gone; the new stamps must first be made in England; the arrival of the steamer takes time; the public is asking for stamps; the inland postoffices call urgently for "stamps—stamps—stamps—," and

now comes the "horror" of all stamp collectors! The "Cancel Machines" at Cape Town and at Pietermaritzburg (Natal) are busy night and day. Low values of regular postage stamps (as far as stock is left) are surcharged with high values, often with colors as many as a rainbow has, denomination follows after denomination, and, men of stamps, last but not least, "Fiscals" are in demand. The revenue departments have always large supply of revenue stamps. Red ones and blue ones, white and yellow colors and well-known "Friends in Need" at the colonial post office. Fiscal is proud to become a genuine postage stamp and to show her nice dress of colors in foreign lands. Smiling, Fiscal runs to the "Cancel Machine" to get her "surcharge" as a genuine postage stamp. The surcharged regular postage stamp does not like his new made Fiscal-postage-stamp friend. But the colonial postal authorities think otherwise. The "Cancel Machine" is working, (no matter if a postage stamp or revenue stamp gets the "surcharge"), until a large supply of surcharged stamps is on hand, usually more as necessary for the public demand. Perhaps, or better said, surely, the one or the other of the postal authorities is a stamp amateur, and knows the value of stamps, knows that there are stamp collectors, and also knows that there are stamp dealers who levy the "overstock" of the new made surcharged stamps. No other reason can account for so many surcharged stamps of the English colonies in Africa, also all other English colonies and those "doubtful" surcharged stamps of Peru, 1883.

An Approval Sheet Thief Caught.

The following paragraph appeared in the police news of the *Boston Daily Advertiser* of Oct. 8, 1888 :

"J. T. McFarland, a young man of 20, for the past five years a printer employed by Alfred Mudge & Son, was arrested Saturday for practicing an ingenious fraud. He sent circulars to stamp collecting agencies saying the son of one purporting to sign it was collecting stamps, and asking for some on approval. The stamps usually came, but no return was made. Everything went smoothly until P. O. Inspector Boynton received complaint from the British-American Stamp Depot of Halifax, N. S. Investigations were forthwith instituted, and it culminated in the arrest of McFarland. It is thought that several hundred dollars were obtained by him."

It appears young McFarland has gone into this swindle quite extensively. Being in a printing office he struck off letter-heads of a fictitious "Essex Importing Co., 80 Essex St., P. O. Box, 1685," with the name of J. C. Carleton, as manager, and L. L. Troeder, as treasurer." McFarland, *alias* L. L. Troeder, *alias* A. M. Andrews, Jr., sent a letter to Mr. Jno. R. Hooper, Vice-President of the C. P. A., on the 1st of October, five days previous to his arrest. The letter ran as follows :

BOSTON, MASS., Oct. 1, 1888.

SIR:—If you send stamps on approval, kindly send some to my nephew through me. His birthday occurs soon and I have promised him some stamps as a present. He has, I believe, some 1000 varieties,

yet wants more. He prefers old stamps. I will pay for all stamps taken by him. Reference, above company. Yours, address,
L. L. TROEDER,
80 Essex St., Boston.

Mr. Hooper did not send a sheet, as he thought the story was rather fishy, else why would he want to send to Canada for stamps, he could more easily obtain in Boston, so he wrote to the P. O. authorities enquiring of L. L. Troeder. It was returned "no such firm or name known."

In July last Mr. Lohmeyer, of Baltimore, got three different letters in the same hand writing signed by McFarland, Troeder and Andrews, one of which letters addressed to the latter name was sent to Jamaica Plain, Mass. Mr. Lohmeyer furnished these letters to the P. O. Inspector at Boston, and the latter wrote to him under date of Oct. 12, as follows :

"McFarland, *alias* Andrews, *alias* Troeder was arrested Oct. 5, at Boston, and on being arraigned, admitted his guilt. He was charged with using the mail fraudulently in a scheme to defraud. He stated that he had all the stamps in his possession and as I understand the case they are to be placed in some person's hands for the purpose of returning them to the senders *who number legions.*

If McFarland has been committed to stand his trial it is hoped that he will receive a lesson which will be a warning to other frauds. Further developments are anxiously awaited.

Detectives are on the track of the famous Miss Greene, *alias* King, *alias* Whitney, *alias* Krington, and the Flour City Stamp Co. of Minneapolis, appear to have fathomed the right name of this mythical swindler who is the peer of frauds. It is hoped a capture will soon be effected. CANADENSIS.

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The following paragraph appeared in the police news of the Boston *Daily Advertiser* of Oct. 8, 1888:

"J. T. McFarland, a young man of 20, for the past five years a printer employed by Alfred Mudge & Son, was arrested Saturday for practicing an ingenious fraud. He sent circulars to stamp collecting agencies saying the son of one purporting to sign it was collecting stamps, and asking for some on approval. The stamps usually came, but no return was made. Everything went smoothly until P. O. Inspector Boynton received complaint from the British-American Stamp Depot of Halifax, N. S. Investigations were forthwith instituted, and it culminated in the arrest of McFarland. It is thought that several hundred dollars were obtained by him."

It appears young McFarland has gone into this swindle quite extensively. Being in a printing office he struck off letter-heads of a fictitious "Essex Importing Co., 80 Essex St., P. O. Box, 1685," with the name of J. C. Carleton, as manager, and L. L. Troedor, as treasurer." McFarland, *alias* L. L. Troeder, *alias* A. M. Andrews, Jr., sent a letter to Mr. Jno. R. Hooper, Vice-President of the C. P. A., on the 1st of October, five days previous to his arrest. The letter ran as follows:

BOSTON, MASS., Oct. 1, 1888.

SIR:—If you send stamps on approval, kindly send some to my nephew through me. His birthday occurs soon and I have promised him some stamps as a present. He has, I believe, some 1900 varieties,

yet wants more. He prefers old stamps. I will pay for all stamps taken by him. Reference, above company. Yours, address,
L. L. TROEDER,
80 Essex St., Boston.

Mr. Hooper did not send a sheet, as he thought the story was rather fishy, else why would he want to send to Canada for stamps, he could more easily obtain in Boston, so he wrote to the P. O. authorities enquiring of L. L. Troeder. It was returned "no such firm or name known."

In July last Mr. Lohmeyer, of Baltimore, got three different letters in the same hand writing signed by McFarland, Troeder and Andrews, one of which letters addressed to the latter name was sent to Jamaica Plain, Mass. Mr. Lohmeyer furnished these letters to the P. O. Inspector at Boston, and the latter wrote to him under date of Oct. 12, as follows:

"McFarland, *alias* Andrews, *alias* Troeder was arrested Oct. 5, at Boston, and on being arraigned, admitted his guilt. He was charged with using the mail fraudulently in a scheme to defraud. He stated that he had all the stamps in his possession and as I understand the case they are to be placed in some person's hands for the purpose of returning them to the senders *who number legions.*

If McFarland has been committed to stand his trial it is hoped that he will receive a lesson which will be a warning to other frauds. Further developments are anxiously awaited.

Detectives are on the track of the famous Miss Greene, *alias* King, *alias* Whitney, *alias* Krington, and the Flour City Stamp Co. of Minneapolis, appear to have fathomed the right name of this mythical swindler who is the peer of frauds. It is hoped a capture will soon be effected. CANADENSIS.

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ly called the "Old girl of London Wall," started to trade in stamps. She was a great character. Catalogues now made their appearance, and dealers began to spring up all over England, France and Germany, and I, like another Columbus, discovered America, and, what is more, found two or three already engaged in selling stamps, and, strange to tell, one of them is at it still, while I have gone over to the majority, that is, left the dealers, and remain what I always was and always expect to be, an enthusiastic stamp collector, and I think there is little chance of any of us losing our love for the science, while it is the means of bringing old friends together from all parts of the country to talk stamps and partake of good cheer. J. W. SCOTT.

My Foreign Correspondence.

DON CARLOS.

Many collectors have the idea that by corresponding with philatelists in foreign countries they can obtain rare stamps much cheaper than they can be purchased at home. This may all be, but my personal experience has been rather discouraging to the idea of international trading. It is, however, well-known, that certain U. S. stamps are cheaper in Europe than in America, from the fact that European dealers have, for the last ten years, been buying up all the U. S. stamps which they can lay hands on, and holding them as a profitable investment. Even supposing

stamps can be bought cheaper in Europe, the delay in receiving correspondence and the danger of loss in transit more than counterbalances any difference there may be in price.

There may not be any more rogues among foreign philatelists than among American, but it is best to exercise a little extra caution in trading with foreigners, for, as a general thing, they are more enterprising as regards the manufacture of counterfeits and are bolder in "shoving the queer." Then, also, as they are across the water there is no chance for redress if one is swindled. With this little preface I will give my experience with a number of "foreign correspondents."

No. 1 was a German, Schutz by name. He wrote me a polite letter asking for an assortment of stamps on approval, and enclosed American references. I, of course, wrote to each of the references and the reply in both cases stated that my German friend was O. K. I sent him two sheets, valued at \$8 and in about five weeks received the following reply:

BERLIN, Germany, July 19, 1882.

Mr. _____
 SIR:—Your favor received with contents, for which accept *my thanks*. I have decided that it is cheaper to purchase my stamps *without paying* for them, and I shall pursue this course hereafter. As I have good American references I shall have no trouble in accomplishing my purpose.

Yours for stamps,
 ANGUST SCHUTZ.

Although I promptly advertised Schutz as a fraud, several dealers were swindled and lost from \$3 to \$10 each.

No. 2 was a Frenchman. He for-

warded me a fine assortment of rare, old French Colonies, from which I selected quite a number, and our exchange relations progressed "swimmingly" until it chanced that he got several dollars in my debt, and then our correspondence ceased.

No. 3 was Russian, who gave his name as Latroff. He wrote me from Moscow and enclosed a lot of counterfeit Servia, with the request that I send him "a complete set of U. S., unused," for them. I paid the high rate of postage for their return rather unwillingly, and wished Latroff and his counterfeits in—Halifax.

No. 4 wrote to me from London and sent samples of counterfeits which he offered to sell me cheap. He made the proposition that he furnish me a stock of counterfeit stamps, to be paid for in monthly instalments of four dollars each.

No. 5 was another Frenchman. He wrote me when I had just begun business in 1880, and stated that he had a fine collection which he was forced to sell, for need of money. He said that nearly all of his property had been consumed by fire, and he was in straitened circumstances. He also sent me a list of the rarest stamps in his collection, including the 10c green 1844 of Geneva, Switzerland. His collection was contained, he said, in a Senf's album and amounted to 600 francs at catalogue rates. He offered to sell it for 150 francs (\$30). I asked him to forward it for inspection and he said that he would, on receipt of \$2 to cover postage, etc. I sent him the \$2 and in due

time received an old album of Senf's first edition, containing two hundred stamps amounting by Durbin's catalogue to \$1.09.

I have had several other experiences which have not turned out very profitably but I have also been made a number of good trades and I do not mean to say that *all* foreign philatelists are frauds, by any means.

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AND still and still some "Anxious Reader" every week or two, writes to the daily paper to know "if it is true that the collecting of a million stamps will secure the admission" of a person to the Old Ladies' Home or some charitable institution or other. No, it won't, but the person who thinks so at this late day, and thinks, moreover, that he or she, can *collect* a million stamps could probably gain admission to any Insane Asylum very quickly.

THIS month we present, as announced, some recollections of the "Early Days of Stamp Collecting," by the "Patriarch of Philately," Great Scott, by whom all young collectors swear. Although originally spoken at the Staten Island Society's meeting, in honor of President Tiffany, yet it will be as good as new to the most of our readers. Next month's number will have recollections contributed by "Canadensis," who has a prejudice against the use of his name, and three other articles if there is room, for that of Canadensis is somewhat long but it is as interesting as it is long; almost as interesting, in fact, as that of Lieut. Partello in the P. J. of A.

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that our readers think we are either lying intentionally or do not mean what we say. We have met with such success in our experiment that we intend to keep our subscription price ten cents for some time to come, but all ten cent subscriptions must commence with the current number. If you want back number send twenty-five cents and we will give you a subscription for one year beginning with number one. As the supply of this number is nearly exhausted this offer should be taken up quickly by those who want a complete file. Those taking advantage of this offer will get the series of Recollections of Collectors from the beginning, containing much interesting and useful matter. This series, as far as can be announced, has contained (or will contain) the recollections and experiences of the following collectors, recounted by themselves with the exception of the first:—

- I. J. C. Fuller, Newtonville, Mass.
- II. A. L. Holman, Chicago, Ill.
- III. Capt. C. A. Coolidge, Rock Springs, Wyo.
- IV. J. Walter Scott.
- V. "Canadensis."

How the Government Stamped Envelopes are Made.

BY "MACQUE."

Perhaps it is with the reader as it was with me up to a short time ago, when I commenced to collect U. S. stamped envelopes entire, in vainly

wondering how they were manufactured and how the many oddities and errors occur.

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It is then caught up and carried to the folding box where a neat device folds the envelopes, pressing the gummed surfaces, except the upper flap, together, and places the completed envelope upon an endless chain which whisks it away over and around a rotary fan; the gum thus being quickly dried the envelope is caught up by a pair of steel fingers and placed on a box, every twenty-fifth envelope being drawn a half inch beyond its fellows marking the completion of a package, which is taken by an attendant and banded and boxed ready for the postmaster's requisition.

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Thus a short time ago some envelopes were run off with the stamp at an angle with the side of the envelope, others with the gum on the flap at one side, some with the flap and a side un gummed, still others with the water mark lines parallel with the sides of the envelope, and once in a while an "albino," or a stamp folded inside by way of variety. A list of this kind, however, would probably never be complete.

Theoretically only perfect envelopes are sent out but in practice the official eye quite often fails to

detect some interesting and curious specimens and thus our collections profit.

I notice in that article, "Decorative Philately" that Mr. F. Jones K. asks the question what the words W HAAG E do mean. I will answer his question. W—Willroy (firm), Haag (capital of Netherland), E—Europe. The full name of the manufacturers are Willroy & Boch (Willerooy & Boch), and that stamp decorated saucer was sold from their china-ware depot at Haag. The design of the weathercock is only one of their numerous designs as an "ornament." The world known china-ware manufacturers, Willroy (a Frenchman), and Boch, (a German), have their factory and main office at the city of Metlach, Germany, and have "depots" in all capitals of Europe. The goods made for export trade and shipped to the different depots of the firm, bear the name of the factory, W. signifies Willroy & Boch, and the name of the city where the depot is and as the own depots of the firm are all in Europe, it is added E; that's the full answer. Let me mention that "goods" decorated with postage and revenue stamps, (as this saucer), furniture, ladies' dresses, umbrellas, slippers, hats, cake, aprons, and many other goods are "old stuff" in Europe and known since 20 years there, of course in America it is something new, and for readers, (or a great many of them), of stamp papers it is of interest.

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Many centuries ago, there was in Germany, (Europe), established the powerful religious-political "Order of the German Grand Knights," (Deutscher Hochmeister Orden.) It was in the year 1270, as that, what now is called Prussia, was only a unpopulated country, no regular ruler was recognized, but every nobleman and every city ruled as they pleased, and, in short, "Might came before Right." There was a German emperor, residing in the city of Vienna, (Austria), and ruled over Germany, Austria, Spain, Italy, and a part of the present France. But this prince was a weak, political ruler, and his territories were too extended. It was a dull time for that now united and powerful German Empire. As I mentioned above, there was in Prussia, with the help and consent of His Holiness, the Pope, created the Order of German Grand Knights. The capital of this Order was the city of Marienburg, (County Dantzic in Prussia.) A large fort (Komtery) was built there, also religious assembly rooms for the members of the Order, numbering many thousand. The Head Master Grand Knight (always a prominent nobleman) ruled the country with iron and fire. His voice was feared all over Europe. Princes and cities, whole countries went down on their knees before this almighty Order, in time of war. The emperor himself, if in need,

called this Order to help, and was promptly served. The members of this Order were religious warriors and were always armed. The Order had military stations all over the imperial lands and branch stations also. In the city of Venice, Italy, was the main southern station of the military forces of the Order. The communication between the Grand Knights in the favored Prussia across the Alps mountains to Italy and other imperial lands, was very difficult, and it was necessary frequently to bring messages to member Grand Knights, to convoke them to religious service, or military assistance. Therefore soon after the inauguration of the of the fort at Marienburg, in the year 1276, there were opened post offices, and regular mail routes, to deliver regular messages. The official chronicle and other documents of the Order of German Knights, now in possession of the government of Prussia contains the following extracts in regard to the postal service of the Order as follows: Inside the "Yard" of each station of the Order, there was among the different buildings for member Grand Knights, servants, also a separate building, present we call it "Post office building," (The word "yard" means a large property inside the limits of each military castle.) In these Post office building were employed: 1. A postmaster, (Wything) in old German. The different duties of this trusted man were the supervision over all postal matters in one station, further he was employed as courier on important postal business, was also "Equery" on all occasions of festivals of the Su-

perior Grand Master, and, last but not least, he had to give orders to the postal grooms and postmen on horseback. This official was appointed by the Grand Master of the Order by a written certificate with the seal of the Order. His salary per annum was 800 ducats, (\$900 U. S.)

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stamps for about 50 foreign and immediately set to work to get a collection. I wrote to a stamp dealer whose address I got in a paper. I think it was either Leekie, of Chicago, or Gambs, then of St. Louis. I got a price list, and soon invested every cent I could get in half-dime and dime packets. The U. S. I exchanged with a Star Stamp Co., from whom I received some approval sheets for the first time. I became agent for J. T. Handford, of N. Y. and Pierce, of Chicago, and sat up nights late to muse over my new acquisitions. In 1876 I started an amateur paper with a stamp column. This brought me in articles in exchange for advts. which I turned into stamps as soon as possible. I was then advertising for the following stamp firms, many of whom will be recognized to this day:—Wm. Leekie & Co., Chicago; John V. Drozdowski, New York; I. Stamp Co., St. Louis; Atlas Stamp Co., N. Y.; M. Wendell, Chicago; N. F. Leebeck, N. Y.; H. S. Bacon, Camden, N. J.; Wm. P. Brown, N. Y.; Jas. Lincoln & Co., London, Eng.; G. H. Fabian & Co., N. Y.; L. Perkins, Phila.; Frank Pickford, N. Y.; Wm. Lay, Chicago; Triumph Stamp Co., Erie, Pa.; Western Stamp Co., Chicago; Equitable Stamp Co., N. Y.; E. F. Gambs, St. Louis; J. T. Handford, N. Y.; Frank H. Morice, Middle Lackville N. B.; Centennial Stamp Co., N. Y.;

Jos. J. Casey, N. Y. Most of these dealers paid me in stamps for the publication of their advertisements. Some, however, forgot to pay me, and to this day, they are on my black books, but with Messrs. Leekie, Gambs, Handford, Brown, Morice, and Casey I always found "square" in all my dealings. Of course I soon piled up a goodly collection and great was my joy when I reached one thousand in the fall of 1877. Then my paper suspended, I went off to college, where I foolishly began selling all my duplicates first, then a lot of U. S. old issues to a friend for a gold ring, (which it is needless to say I gave to my best girl.) and I seemed to get over the fever. Then I lay my Scott International Album with 1500 or 1700 choice specimens away in a box with some bottles of oil. After two or three months having an occasion to hunt up some books, I found a large bottle of olive oil had almost ruined the album and at least six hundred stamps. That disquieted me considerable and as I was paying considerable attention to a young lady I decided to sell my collection. A Mr. Greenslade, of Toronto, offered to buy them. He must see the collection first. I wanted \$75, which was dirt cheap. He offered me \$40 cash and \$30 in three months time, but to this day I have not got a cent. This Greenslade roped in two or three others including a widow woman and skipped to the states. I tried to arrest him but too late after five years he came back, and I believe now he is a semi-lunatic, wandering the streets of Toronto, believing himself a prophet, and considered a harmless

religious fanatic. To-day I would give \$75 to have him return it, but goodness knows where it is. I had in it some very fine U. S. including New York, Providence, some Confederate locals, a Mulready 1d., some of the early Peru, and two Hawaii figure issue. These are the only ones that I distinctly remember but I am sure there were some grand specimens in the lot. Another thing that disgusted me was the counterfeiting and reprinting. I thought I had a fine stamp and then to discover it was not genuine fairly sickened me. Then I quit stamp-collecting in 1879.

But phoenix-like I rise again in 1883, and began anew, this time with the caution of a born philatelist. I carefully invest in packets, exchange with cuteness, secure half-a-dozen foreign correspondents, and have splendid facilities to increase my collection. After purchasing nearly two thousand I find it hard to get specimens, then it is that the foreign exchange comes in and I reach three thousand. Then I buy a small collection and add over 500 more. One day at my office a fellow-clerk says to me "you seem to get a great many foreign letters—your friends are travellers." "No," I replied "I am a stamp fiend." That was enough, he laughed at the idea of a man 30 years of age collecting stamps. "Why" said he, "my sister, before she was married, collected stamps; come up to the house and I will show you her collection."

(To be Continued.)

A Veritable Stamp Fiend.

BY CANADENSIS.

The following special despatch from New York, dated Dec. 25, appeared in the Sunday Herald. As Greenslade, the person referred to, was one of the most prominent in stamp dealing circles in the U. S. and Canada from 1870 to 1880, and did a large business with collectors on both sides of the line it will be read with interest:—

"Lewis Greenslade, otherwise "Lewis the Light" went to Trinity Church, today, to hear Canon S. Knox Little, of Worcester Cathedral, Eng., preach about a future life. Just as the reverend canon rose to begin, "Lewis, the Light," ran up the middle aisle. He executed some high jinks before the pulpit, and called out loudly: "Behold my advent as your judge. You can stay in hell and be damned. You can now stay and listen to my minister." Everybody was paralyzed, and nobody did or said anything. "Lewis, the Light" walked down out of the pulpit and took a seat beside his wife. It was two or three minutes before the sexton recovered sufficiently from his astonishment to give Lewis an invitation to wander forth. Some time ago Lewis was fined \$5 because he attended Dr. Talmadge's church in a tennis blazer and knee breeches. He is the husband of the only female barber in Brooklyn."

The Lewis Greenslade referred to is an old Toronto boy, and some eight to twelve years ago carried on an extensive stamp business as was ever known in this country. He is the party referred to by the writer in his "reminiscences" as being a religious fanatic and as having swindled him out of his first collection—a very valuable one. Greenslade carried on business in a large residence on the corner of Baldwin and Henry streets, Toronto. It is stated that he employed seven clerks (girls and young men) for making up packets, sheets, etc.

From this place he took an office in the Mail building, shortly after that magnificent structure was erected, and did a heavy business. He engaged Alexander Clare & Cable, engravers in the same building to execute an engraving of the Connell stamp, the impression of which could not be told by experts from the original. Alexander & Co., when the die was finished grew rather suspicious and communicated with the postal authorities, the outcome of which forced Greenslade to skip to the U. S., leaving not a few mourning creditors. He offered fabulous prices for collections and so managed to gull many younger collectors.

For some time Greenslade was publishing an infidel and philatelic paper combined in California, and now turns up in New York. Greenslade is a great friend of S. Allen Taylor, the latter having written twice to a friend of mine in reference to him. Now, let our New York and Brooklyn "phils" hunt up that "only female barber," and get an interview with "Lewis, the Light."

FOR unconscious humor the proverbial cake it taken by this note appended to Mr. Voute's last circular.

"N. B. We guarantee that firms as the Scott Stamp and Coin Co., G. B. Calman, etc., will not be allowed to advertise in the Figaro."

It is a waste of ink, paper, and postage to send us advertisements unaccompanied by cash. We have had no great experience in philatelic publishing but we know enough not to "insert six months and send bill," not if we know ourselves.

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NEWTON, MASS., FEBRUARY 1, 1889.

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WE never knew till we came to edit this paper how much could be crowded into eight pages of print. We never should have learned it from any of our contemporaries.

MR. W. P. BROWN, appears to be about as sensitive a man as one often meets. If anybody says anything about locals or reprints and mentions New York, Mr. B. is sure to imagine it to refer to him and flares up accordingly.

NO one should say he likes the BEACON unless he wishes to be thought eccentric and one should not say he does not like the BEACON unless he really is eccentric. This may seem a little strange at first but will amply repay perusal.

IN a hurriedly written editorial in the last number (which would have been vague enough if the printer had not helped by leaving out a word) we tried to say that we expected for this number a Ms. of Mr. Pearson's Hill addressed to one of his chief American supporters, Mr. Hooper of Ottawa. That gentleman's spicy letter in another column

will explain its non-appearance.

The BEACON takes no side in this matter and expresses no opinion. We accepted what Mr. Hooper offered because it really seems to be of some importance and comes from Mr. Hill himself. If the new facts which it brings forth are of sufficient importance to call forth replies, both sides will be equally treated and neither will be allowed to monopolize any great share of this journal.

I received a circular lately of the projected Philatelic Society of America, setting forth the advantages of membership, as follows: Exchange Dept., Purchasing Dept., Library, Official Organ, mutual intercourse. Now, wherein is the need of this new body and why should anyone join it in preference to the A. P. A.? The advantages set forth in the circular before mentioned are exactly those offered by the latter association with many more and who will say that it will not be many years before the departments of the "P.S. of A. equal those of the A. P. A. in size, scope or value? For the young collectors the cost of the two will be the same, for the older collector the new one will be, to be sure, but half the expense of the other and it will serve him not more than half as well. You get none the less benefit from the A. P. A. if you be under the voting age, and it costs you but half as much as when you are not. I do not see that this new association has any reason or call to exist and I sincerely hope that it will prove a dismal failure. There should be one association of American Philatelists and one only.

Postal Service in Morocco.

BY PH. HEINSBERGER.

Morocco, an Empire is situated in Northern Africa, ruled by a Sultan and was formerly the largest of the Barbary States. The mail service in this uncivilized African country, is without rival!

The seaports in Morocco, open for foreign trade, Akka, Mogador, Lafi, Amazor, Rabat, Mergo, Tangiers, have regular European post-offices, kept by France, Italy and Spain, who forward mail to foreign countries. All mail matter to, and from the interior parts of Morocco, is forwarded by postmen of Arabian birth on foot. The life of this Arabian postmen is to pity! The poor fellows, meagre and often hungry (but true and honest) collect the mail at the stations in the interior parts, and bring the same also to the named seaports. The postmen, receive a small salary, hardly sufficient to live, but they do her duty to make a living at all.

Morocco has only \$300,000 state revenues, and cannot pay much. The native postmen have few wants, and on his trips through the country live on Dates, Bananas, and Duvaca (a kind of bread pie.) They start regular from the postoffices at the above named European civilized seaports, to the capital "Fez," and to the second capital, "Marsca."

From Tangiers (Mediterranean seacoast) to the capital "Fez" is a five days journey for a horse, mule, or for an elephant, but the Arabian postmen run this long way in 3 1-2 days. The postmen are half naked, only a belt around the body, they

run over hills, mountains, through forests inhabited by wild animals, they must swim through small and dangerous rivers, where no horse can swim at all, on their trip. During many days time they can not get a drop of water, because they are in a wilderness. There are no paved roads, or railroads, or convenient ways. In night time the postmen lay down on the earth and sleep for a few hours, but, before they do sleep, they fasten on their feet a rope, and light the rope at the end, so that it burns according to the length within certain hours, to wake them up in time. These Arabian people are half civilized and can stand anything, as they are used to it. They deliver and collect mail matter, on their trips and have a waterproof bag for the mail fastened around the shoulder.

Besides this native mail service, the European merchants, living in the seaports, have also private commercial mail carriers, at the combined expense of the mercantile people.

As our stock of No. 4 is now exhausted we are obliged to withdraw all offers previously made concerning back numbers and subscriptions. Nos. 1, 2, and 3 can still be furnished at 10 cents each, No. 4 not at all. We again must remark that all subscriptions will be commenced with the next following number from time of receipt, since we do not "reserve," after the fashion of some journals, anywhere from an eighth to a quarter of the number we print.

When we say our circulation is 1000 we mean a thousand and not 999.

Correspondence.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 31, 1888.

To the Editor of the BEACON,

Dear Sir;—In answer to yours of recent date I beg to say that it will be impossible for me to have Mr. Pearson Hill's notes ready for your Feb. No., but will be most happy to forward them to you for the following No. I have Mr. Hill's full permission to use them and as they throw additional light on this "nineteenth century craze" they will be doubly interesting to the earnest seekers after facts, and not lies invented by Chalmers. Mr. Pearson Hill has tried every means, he informs me, to get Chalmers in a court of law, and I think it would be well if he did, as it would unmask I believe one of the vilest plots ever concocted. Your readers, who may still have doubts, will have them cleared up by this MSS. I hope it effectually disposes of the main points and makes the facts of Mr. Geo. Henderson's article in the *Quaker City Philatelist* of September, last, more clearer, as well as disposing of a few inaccuracies which have unavoidably crept into that article. Quoting Mr. Pearson Hill, in his scathing denunciation of the mean tricks resorted to by the Chalmers, "surely every fresh utterance of Mr. Patrick Chalmers only makes the case blacker than ever against himself."

Yours philatelically,
JNO. R. HOOPER,

The *Mohawk Standard* has been sold to E. R. Marshall of Wyoming, Iowa, who will continue it as an entirely philatelic journal.

Trinidad and Victoria.

BY CANADENSIS.

While so much is being said of the rapid rise in the value of stamps, especially noticeable in the U. S. and Canadas, young collectors stand aghast and the older philatelists congratulate themselves at the enormous jumps being made in the prices asked for old British Colonial stamps. This is brought about by the specialists, for I venture to say that these stamps are more sought after than any one class. I know personally over a dozen advanced collectors who collect solely Great Britain and her Colonies, while others collect there and the U. S. In the stamps of Trinidad and Victoria we see the increase in value probably more than in any other of the colonies. The greatest jump made in the prices of these stamps was in 1885, since which time they have steadily advanced, while it now behooves collectors to take time by the forelock and not wait to mourn over a lost opportunity. The following table will show correctly the prices for the current year and those asked thirteen years ago, for used specimens:

	1875	1888
Trinidad, 1854, 1d. red,	.10	.50
" 1854, 6p. blue,	1.75	4.00
" 1858, 1 shil. grey. (wood blk),	2.50	7.00
" 1863, 4d. lilac, (engraved)	.08	.25
" " 6d. green, "	.05	1.00
" " 1 shil. blue blk, (eng'vd)	.30	1.00
Victoria, 1880, 1d,	.10	.50
" " 3d,	.06	.30
" 1852, 2d. brown or lilac,	.10	.50
" 1865, 10d. slate,	.40	1.25
" 1866, 3d. claret,	.25	1.00
" 1854, (registered),	.60	1.50
" " (too late),	.75	3.00

Now take the last mentioned stamp for a guide and fill out your collection before it is indeed "too late."

Odd and Ends.

In a Boston art store window is an unused one cent U. S. postage stamp deep set in a frame of white and gold, about three inches square, outside measure. It is set upon an easel and is intended as a specimen of the picture framing done outside.

"Eugene Rathe, a letter carrier, was arrested last night. Rathe got a craze for the collection of foreign postage stamps. Last night he was detected removing some from letters which had not yet been consigned to the delivery force. This is against a section of the postoffice laws, for it tends to the detention of the mail. Rathe waived examination today, and furnished \$250 bail for trial. As he was about to leave with a pretty girl who shed tears, the commissioner told him he must appear to answer the indictment on the second Monday in January. Rathe looked crestfallen. The young girl looked excited. "We're to be married that day," said the culprit finally, and the young girl clung closely to him. The wedding is fixed for 5 o'clock that evening." Rathe was told that the United States would fix it so that he could be tried and married on the same day.—New York Notes in Boston Sunday Herald, Dec. 23, 1888.

Now do any of the BEACON'S readers know what the law on this subject is and what was done in the case of young Rathe?

Recollections and experiences of collectors which have appeared in the BEACON up to this time are as follows:

- I. J. C. Fuller, Newtonville, Mass.
- II. A. L. Holman, Chicago, Ill.
- III. Capt. C. A. Coolidge, Rock Springs, Wyo.
- IV. J. Walter Scott.
- V. John R. Hooper, Ottawa, Can.

Of these, No. 4 can no longer be furnished. There are a few left of the previous numbers.

Thanks Again.

"I trust Philately will be kind to you and shower enough finances in your path to consider that you have been amply paid for your venture."—[P. M. Wolsieffer.

"Wishing you every success."—[S. K. Tiffany.

"I notice much originality in the general make up, especially in the subject of the articles and notes. I wish it every success."—John Sheridan, Brooklyn, N. Y.

"With best wishes for the success of your bright little paper."—[J. W. Scott.

"I have received a copy of your paper and am pleased with its appearance."—[C. B. Corwin.

"It has given me great pleasure to see Vol. I, No. 1 of the *Beacon* and I wish you much success in your enterprise."—[Alfred L. Holman.

"Hope you will continue the publication of your paper as it is a good one."—[C. F. Eustis.

"Sample copy of your original and sensible little magazine at hand. I think you may lay claim to 'filling a long felt want', as it is just such a magazine as I have been watching for, for some time."—[A. L. Lawrence.

"I like your paper because you do not allow advertising space in reading columns, and you say what you mean."—[H. W. B. Squeer.

"Am very much pleased with the *Beacon* and see no reason why it should not be a splendid success."—[W. H. Goodrich.

"The *Philatelic Beacon* is the title of a bright little monthly devoted to the interests of stamp collectors, published by an association at Newton, and edited by Charles E. Hutchinson, an enthusiastic young collector of that town. Mr. Hutchinson states that it is not instituted for the purpose of making money out of it, but solely for the occupation and advantage of those who have put their money into it," and he further adds that "it is not managed or influenced by any society, association, dealer or clique, and does not propose to be." This is the right kind of independence, and we hope to see the *Beacon* a permanent and shining light to guide young philatelists in the way they should go. It is only twenty-five cents a year.—[*Boston Transcript*.

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[2 contains a reflection upon the honesty of a dealer who is above reproach]

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"Winter has come and so has the cold
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"Large dealers have united & formed a trust
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This is followed by a string of lies, insinuations and remarks concerning a number of the most honorable dealers in the country from Mr. Bogert down. The thing ends as follows:

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MR. Hubbard in the *Stamp World* expresses his idea that if his paper isn't worth cutting the leaves it isn't worth reading. Mr. H. may be gratified to know that the *World* lies on the desk in the reading room of the Newton Free Library with uncut pages. The P. J. of A. by its side, however, shows marks of hard usage. It is this library, by the way, in whose catalogue Mr. Tiffany's work on the postage stamps of the United States appears among books under the heading "*Commerce.*" The Librarian is not a philatelist.

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Collectors with a leaning toward minute variations will, perhaps, be interested in the following table of the perforations which can be found on the Japanese stamps of the issue of 1876-83. It should be credited to Mr. E. D. Bacon and the *Philatelic Record*, from which it is stolen. The numbers and arrangement are taken from the fiftieth edition of Scott's catalogue. Where the top and bottom is perforated differently from the sides the size of the end perforations will be given first, followed by that of the sides.

Number of perforations to space of 20 mm.

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11 1-2; 10x9 1-2, 11x12 1-2,
12 1-2x9, 13x12 1-2. |
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- 57 2s. red; 8 1-2, 9, 9 1-2, 12.
- 58 5s. blue; 9, 9 1-2, 11.

Official Seal Stamps.

Officially sealed stamps of which there are seven varieties are issued by the United States, Canada, Mexico, Chili and Denmark, having about the same design and bearing nearly the same words in the different languages. These stamps are issued principally for the use of the dead letter offices of the several countries to be used in sealing letters which have been opened by the officials or through mistake. They are not used for postal service and when they are unused they have no money value, only a fictitious value. Many collectors leave them out of their collections entirely because of the reason that they do not consider them as stamps but as labels.

Of the two varieties issued by the United States the one bearing the legend "P. OBITUM" is the

rarer. The Canadian seal is of a good design but not quite as attractive as that of the United States. The Mexican and Chilian seals are of about the same design while that of Denmark is of an inferior grade of engraving. The seals of the United States and also those of Canada and Mexico are brown, Chilian seals are vermilion and that of Denmark is the most gaudy color, green and brown. Whether we shall collect these or not is a question which every philatelist must decide.

A Query.

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Stamp Reminiscences.

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I went and soon found out that his sister while travelling with her parents in Europe was presented with two German stamp albums. This was in 1869, and she collected in Germany, down the Rhine, Switzerland, Italy, Belgium, France and the other countries fine specimens of unused and used stamps. I pondered over the books eagerly at the many fine and rare stamps that met my gaze. I was informed that his sister had given the books to him, but he did not care for them, and imagine my delightful surprise, when he said I could take the albums home and if I found any of use to me to take them out. Well, that was striking it rich I thought, and I took out all I had not in my collection, finding nearly one thousand more varieties, including some very rare old German States, a couple of Mulreadys, Sydney Views, 5ct. New York, two Providence 5ct.; Bolivia first issue; three Zurich, fine, on original envelopes; a dozen or so varieties of the first Wells, Fargo Entire Envelopes, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick

and other extremely rare specimens. That was my happiest period in stamp collecting. Now, I am a red-hot philatelist. My wife cares for my collection, and some day we are going to start a count, as she says. I have now over ten thousand varieties, divided into five collections as follows:—

- I. — Postage stamps.
- II. — Revenue and fiscal stamps.
- III. — Entire postcards.
- IV. — Entire envelopes and wrappers.
- V. — Locals, telegraphs, oddities, etc.

I have also a philatelic library, consisting of about twenty bound and sixty unbound volumes with two hundred loose copies of philatelic literature, also 29 books, pamphlets, etc. on the origin of the adhesive Post Stamp, including 25 by Chalmers, yet from the weight of evidence I do not see that Rowland Hill need fear that he will be deprived of the honor which still fairly rests with him.

In conclusion I may state that I mount my stamps on blotting card 13 x 11 inches, arranging them alphabetically by countries. This is the best method I find, as you can display any portion or country without interfering with the rest.

The First Issue of Tasmania.

J. HOWARD EARLE.

The first issue of stamps for the island of Tasmania appeared October 30, 1853. It consisted of two values, one penny, light blue and four pence, orange-red. Their design can be seen by reference to any

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CHAS. A. TOWNSEND.

I think it was in the summer of 1871 or 1872 there appeared in one of the New York dailies an advertisement something like the following:—

“In order to raise funds to help establish an old ladies home, we have been authorized to offer \$300. for One Million postage stamps.”

Some address was given, a Monsieur Le Carte and some one else. At that time I lived at Dunkirk, New York, with my parents and attended school. My father showed me the advertisement remarking now here is a chance to make some money for you.

Every boy has a chum, and what one knows the other is sure to find out. My chum lived next door and his name was Fred Hequembourg. We began to gather stamps in good earnest, and it was not a great while before we had nearly, if not quite, 100,000. I had the largest box of them as many had been sent me from friends and relations in Canada, Ohio and California. It soon became known that the advertisement was a hoax, and I disposed of all my stamps to Fred for a small sail boat. Let me tell you some of the stamps that I remem-

ber seeing there and how they came to be there. Fred's father was a chaplain in the regular army, stationed out west. During 1868-9 and 1870 he was a regular correspondent to the local paper, but always sent his contributions home to his family to read first and then they were given for publication. I do not remember seeing any of the 1861-8 stamps, but I can remember seeing many of all the 1869 except the 30 and 90 cent. My chum's older sister was for about 5 or 6 years a missionary to Japan, and we got many stamps from that source. And where did I get my stamps? Well; my grandfather was an old Presbyterian minister long retired, but he had for years been connected with several New York religious papers and, I believe, one in London. He always kept his correspondence, and in the "study room" or library were four or five large drawers full. These I had but partially looked over, as all but one were locked.

The next season I thought "I wish I had kept one of each kind, for I do believe they would look very nice all pasted in a blank book." And then and there I resolved that I would hunt over all the letters in the house and get stamps from every known source. One day Fred came running over

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Reminiscences of Collectors.

CHAS. A. TOWNSEND.

I think it was in the summer of 1871 or 1872 there appeared in one of the New York dailies an advertisement something like the following:—

“In order to raise funds to help establish an old ladies home, we have been authorized to offer \$300. for One Million postage stamps.”

Some address was given, a Monsieur Le Carte and some one else. At that time I lived at Dunkirk, New York, with my parents and attended school. My father showed me the advertisement remarking now here is a chance to make some money for you.

Every boy has a chum, and what one knows the other is sure to find out. My chum lived next door and his name was Fred Hequembourg. We began to gather stamps in good earnest, and it was not a great while before we had nearly, if not quite, 100,000. I had the largest box of them as many had been sent me from friends and relations in Canada, Ohio and California. It soon became known that the advertisement was a hoax, and I disposed of all my stamps to Fred for a small sail boat. Let me tell you some of the stamps that I remem-

ber seeing there and how they came to be there. Fred's father was a chaplain in the regular army, stationed out west. During 1868-9 and 1870 he was a regular correspondent to the local paper, but always sent his contributions home to his family to read first and then they were given for publication. I do not remember seeing any of the 1861-8 stamps, but I can remember seeing many of all the 1869 except the 30 and 90 cent. My chum's older sister was for about 5 or 6 years a missionary to Japan, and we got many stamps from that source. And where did I get my stamps? Well; my grandfather was an old Presbyterian minister long retired, but he had for years been connected with several New York religious papers and, I believe, one in London. He always kept his correspondence, and in the “study room” or library were four or five large drawers full. These I had but partially looked over, as all but one were locked.

The next season I thought “I wish I had kept one of each kind, for I do believe they would look very nice all pasted in a blank book” And then and there I resolved that I would hunt over all the letters in the house and get stamps from every known source. One day Fred came running over

with "Oh, Charlie, what do you think? I sold all of those old stamps for \$2.00; wasn't I lucky? I thought so at the time, but when I think of all of the 1869 10 cent, 12 cent and 15 cent stamps in that pile—don't mention it. I told him my plans and we both agreed to become stamp collectors. It was not a long time before we had told every boy of our acquaintance in town what we were going to do and many of them agreed to do the same, but we found two who had collected for a year or more already. I gained access to the remaining drawers in grandfather's study and found thousands of old letters. The majority of the stamps were 3 cent 1851 and 1861. There were many New York letters prepaid with five and ten cents 1847 issue and some with Boyd's locals. These I did not care for but gave or traded to other boys. I remember one very large letter had a strip of three 1847 10 cent stamps and several had two 5 cent. One letter had a fine pair of 1860 30 cent one of which I have in my collection now. I found several 1853-5 envelope stamps 6 and 10 cents, all of which were cut round, as that was the way we traded them sixteen or seventeen years ago.

Some time in 1874 one of the boys got a sheet of stamps from J. W. Scott of New York, and how those stamps sold. The very sight of a sheet fairly set the boys wild, and inside of two weeks from the time that first sheet put in its appearance, I do not think that there were half a dozen boys

out of the 150 or 175 that did not collect stamps. A boy with 200 stamps was thought big, and one boy who had 350 was looked up to with respect. Little by little did the collections grow, and more sheets were being shown. Then an album put in its appearance, and the happy possessor was justly proud. I owned the finest in town, a third edition International, board cover. I was appointed agent for Scott and soon sold twenty or twenty-five. Department stamps were then in use, and I remember the boys would laugh at any one showing an approval sheet with any marked at three cents or over. We could then buy most any Navy or Justice for four or five cents. We started a stamp company, my chum, myself and one other boy. We all put in the duplicates we had, and made *one* sale; a 5 cent Confederate States for three cents. We made lots of noise in the house where our company had headquarters and were told to move at once, so we dissolved. As the stamp sold was formerly mine, I claimed the three cents.

One of the younger collectors was very fortunate. A relative of his was then travelling in South America and had been all through Europe. Having seen stamp collections while abroad she thought it a good idea to form one, and purchased all of the lower values and sent to him. He soon grew tired of his collection and gave them to me.

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Just to show the secession from the Chalmerite craze I quote the following from a letter sent me by a well-known Ohio philatelist:—"You are at perfect liberty to quote me *now* as an earnest supporter of Mr. Pearson Hill's claim for his father. As I have taken this stand I expect to be laid out by all christendom, but hope to live to see Chalmers in jail or a mad-house!" If I cannot produce

this letter I will forfeit \$20., provided the challenging party put up the same, the loser to pay it to any charity named by the BEACON.

Editor Voute talks about lies, etc., and intimates that my mode of dealing with Chalmers is too severe. But right here I must say that *lies* are the whole stock-in-trade of the Chalmerites and they know it. I repeat again, Chalmers' claims are a fabrication and if it were otherwise he would accept Pearson Hill's challenge to settle the controversy in a Court of Justice.

Observations and Experiences.

One who was never engaged in collecting stamps is naturally astonished at the number of periodicals which the philatelist who is up with the times considers it necessary to take, and at the still larger number which are clamoring to be taken. It is especially so if he be a collector of something other than stamps, and compares the literature of the philatelist with that which caters to his own pursuit. In no other branch of collecting is one beset with such a multitude of self-constituted guides, counsellors and friends, even though the comparative number of the various classes of collectors be taken into account. I do not believe that there are in this country today more than 25,000 genuine, active philatelists — lovers of stamps — and collectors past the stage of pro-

miscuous pasting in a blank copy book. However unacceptable this may be to the collector who delights to talk about the "250,000 stamp collectors in America", "as many more on the Continent", and to juggle with numbers of six figures or more, and other bewildering statistics, I think that if all the dealers in the National S. D. Association, or all the journals in the projected Press Association should bring together the names of all the active philatelists that each could furnish and sift them thoroughly, we would find not over 25,000 in all.

For every thousand of these collectors there exists a magazine devoted exclusively to stamp collecting, of eight pages or more, usually with a cover, and as soon as one drops out of the ranks another springs into existence, if not two others, to take the crowded place. Of four and six page papers and the poorer class of eight page papers, together with journals devoted to philately in part only, there are yet another twenty-five.

Turn now to collectors of other kinds. There is but one magazine with which I am acquainted devoted to the collecting of autographs, and that one does not furnish as much reading matter to its readers monthly as does the *American Philatelist*. I doubt if there are more than two others in the United States and this the largest, yet the collectors of autographs, in one way or another, in this country, are numerous, active and probably in the majority of cases

wealthy. The collector of old, rare and curious books, who gathers them from far and near, who "extends" them by the insertion of documents, autographs and portraits, who loves elegance in print and binding, must necessarily be intelligent and almost as necessarily be rich, and such collectors are more numerous than might be thought. Yet this great class of collectors had no magazine devoted especially to its pursuit, one worthy of any man, until *The Book Lover* was established in New York, four months ago, a magazine to which the same remark will apply as to its contemporary in the autograph line.

Why is it then that every other collector who rises to prominence among his fellow philatelists must, at some time in his career, run a magazine for the benefit of himself and others? Why, when the *Western Philatelist* expired, could Mr. Bradt not rest until he had an organ in which to voice his opinions? Why will a man who has once edited a philatelic periodical keep "in the swim" as long as he collects, in two cases out of three, undaunted by failures, attaching himself to another journal as soon as one is gone? It seems as if stamp collectors were, before all things, an opinionative and disputative class of people. The first philatelic magazine that ever fell into my hands contained an argument for or against the genuineness of something or other and I expect that when the Last Trump sounds it will arouse somebody from an animated discussion

concerning the inventor of the engraved-adhesive-prepaid-postage-stamp. If it were not for a topic on which to argue and somebody to abuse, three-fourths of our magazines would go to the wall inside of two months. The collector of stamps is usually of intelligence, and before he has been very long in his pursuit of Triangular Cape of Good Hope he comes to decide between the arguments which are presented to him on this side and on that, and to hold decided opinions on what he is going to collect and what not and concerning the stamps he collects and the various disputed points in connection with them. Then he meets fellow collectors whose opinions are either not yet formed or differing from his; these he endeavors to argue into his own manner of thinking. Very soon he exhausts the field for his persuasive talent which he found among his personal acquaintance and turns to some friendly journal as a medium for the free expression of his ideas and information. At first the sensation of seeing himself in print is delightful, after a while he becomes used to it, and it finally becomes a part of his existence.

After he has made the acquaintance, through the medium of sample copies and otherwise, of about all the stamp journals of the country and has contributed to a fairly wide range of them he begins to be a little dissatisfied in one way and another. He wants free room for the expression of his opinions unhampered by the prejudices of

the paper to which he contributes, not crowded and overshadowed by the opinions and learning of others. He wants to have a magazine that expresses just his opinions throughout and conforms to his ideas, and the more conceited he is the more he wants it. He sees the divers faults of each particular journal by which it fails to achieve the success which it might attain, sees just how each might be improved, and is entirely oblivious of the large sized mote which occupies an extensive position in his own eye. He wants a magazine of his own and that is all there is to it. You may talk of the eager longing to get into print which inspires the struggling poet and the man who subscribes to charity only when the list is published in the newspaper, but the person who most longs to see his name in type is the average *stamp collector*. I believe that the greatest desire and ambition of half the young philatelists in the country is to get into print, and it seems as if half of them had gone insane to look at the number of four page sheets that have been poured upon us this season. All carry the stereotyped announcement that if their support warrants they will enlarge to thirty-two pages with cover, which it is needless to say never happens, and they talk as if they expected instant success and pecuniary fortune. Of these the worst specimen is the lately arrived *Curio*, of Benson, Minn., which pretends to give a list of the largest American collections, chiefly noticeable for those it

omits. Among other things it credits a collection of 9000 varieties to a certain imaginary "Bacon of West Newton". Mr. W. H. Bacon, of West Newton, Mass., who is doubtless meant, is a young man with a collection of about a thousand stamps who will probably wait some years before he acquires the other 8000. As for the typographical appearance of the thing — those who have seen it know, for those who have not it is impossible to be described. I am glad to see that Mr. E. R. Aldrich's advertisement does not appear in this paper. I hope he has nothing to do with it and that he will find time to do us a service by demonstrating to these young neighbors of his who produced this thing, if they really care anything for philately, that they and the rest of these four-page fiends are doing unutterably more harm to our pursuit than they can ever do good, and are lowering it inestimably in the eyes of non-philatelists. The last three months have also brought forth five new magazines of respectable size and quality, of which one has already failed. The *Figaro* has also come to life again in a number dated January, and mailed in March, plentifully sprinkled with typographical errors, some atrocious, a fault from which it previously was free. It contains a little too much trash in the way of the *Apotheosis of Philately* and "Star-eyed Goddess" business. If Dr. Heath would spend the talent he gives to philatelic romances and the like on

less imaginary themes, he would produce some valuable contributions to our stock of knowledge. Mr. Voute no longer takes advertisements except for a half-column or over, at a good round figure. In his case the adage about a fool and his money seems to fail of verification. He is a long time parting with his, though lately he has been at it only by fits and starts. The new papers start in on the tracks of the old ones and distribute their sample copies with amazing liberality. The larger the circulation, the more copies to one address, seems to be the rule. The carelessness which some of our best journals display in distributing sample copies is astonishing when one considers that it is for the paper's own interest that it be circulated as widely as possible. A former dealer in this locality who sold out his stock and collection three years ago and has not had an advertisement in any paper since, still receives twelve or fifteen sample copies a month. A neighboring postmaster who was appointed by the Democratic administration, has sample copies of stamp journals come to him now for firms and collectors who went out of existence or moved away before his time. A journal that started about two years ago sent me a sample copy of their first number and kindly continued to do so ever after with the utmost regularity. It is unnecessary to say that I did not subscribe. Nor did I take the trouble to pay money for several other journals which if they did

not send me continual copies sent five months out of six, and I picked up the other copy in exchange. When I became editor of the BEACON I had further opportunity to see a difference between papers when some sent me regularly at least one sample copy in addition to my exchange copy and some did not.

Of course it will be said that all this cannot be helped, but some journals appear to help it. The one magazine, as far as my experience has gone, which is most chary of its sample copies, and sedulously refrains from giving you a free subscription for an indefinite number of months in the hope that you be finally moved to subscribe, is *The Stamp*. And there are others. In other ways and from the way in which my address has been mangled in various directories, I am enabled to tell by just what particular directory a publisher is mailing his sample copies. The *American Philatelist* struck a very ill constructed list a few months ago. Besides two which regularly come to me I have four extra copies of one number which came in separate wrappers at various mails for a week after the number came out, and I know of several other copies that were wasted. Yet this is not necessarily attendant upon the publishing and mailing of a number with an unusual circulation. The *P. J. of A.* lately issued an extra large edition but as far as fell under my observation its copies were distributed very sparingly as I have

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for parts unknown taking with him Jay's entire stock of stamps etc., valued at about \$300. Mr. Jay has done his best to trace him but has succeeded in finding out nothing more than that he purchased a railroad ticket for Fairfield, Iowa, went and never came back, and no trace of his further movements can be found. Mr. Jay also discovered that, by skillfully imitating his handwriting, Caviness had involved him in several difficulties, and that he had also contracted debts in his (Jay's) name without any authority and had left them unpaid. All of these obligations Mr. Jay promptly settled. He was further surprised at receiving philatelic papers and a letter from Secretary Bradt of the A. P. A. by which he was informed that he had been expelled from the Association for ungentlemanly conduct in the writing of a letter which he never wrote, saw, or heard of, before that time. He immediately wrote to Mr. Bradt telling him that such was the case and began to collect evidence for clearing himself of the charge waiting, meanwhile, for the new board of officers to get down to business and for the new Trustees to be appointed.

At the time when Voute's letter, mailed at Chicago, June 28, 1888, was traveling to La Hoyt Mr. Jay was on his way to Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, the county seat of Henry Co. in which La Hoyt is situated, and three miles away from it. Mr. Jay arrived at Mt. Pleasant July 1 and spent July 1, 2, 3 and

4 training a mare of his at the fair grounds.

From the fact that the postmarks on the letter sent to Mr. Voute are "July 4, 2 P. M." and "July 5, 2 P. M." it is evident that the time between La Hoyt and Chicago would be about 24 hours. At this rate Mr. Voute's letter mailed in Chicago June 28 would reach La Hoyt June 29 or 30 and would fall into the hands of Caviness. Is it not possible that it might have been delayed a little and that Mr. Jay went over to La Hoyt and got the mail addressed to him on July 1 or 2? Yes, it is possible but it is not the fact, witness the postmaster's certificate.

"La Hoyt, Iowa, Mch. 28, 1889.
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I hereby certify that James C. Jay was not at the La Hoyt P. O. on the day of June 28, 29 and 30, July 1, 2, 3, and 4, 1888, and that all his mail was delivered to his partner.

JOHN DURK, P. M."

The letter sent to Mr. Voute was mailed at the Mt. Pleasant Postoffice on July 4; there is no free delivery in the place and it had to be at the Postoffice. The date stamp of the Mt. Pleasant office reads "2 P. M.", as has been before mentioned, and as there is a Chicago mail leaves that office at 8.55 A. M. the letter must have been mailed between

8.55 and 2, July 4. Mr. Jay slept at home on the night of July 3-4 and on the morning of the fourth left for the fair grounds and stables in company with his jockey, Mr. Angell. The fair grounds, as has been remarked, are outside the town of Mt. Pleasant and to get to them it is not necessary to pass through the centre of the town or by the Postoffice. That Mr. Jay went directly to the grounds and did not stop and go to the Postoffice or go there at any other time is attested by those who were with him, as follows.

“State of Iowa }
Henry County, }

I, Jesse

Angell, being duly sworn, depose and say that I am acquainted with J. C. Jay, who signed an affidavit before T. M. Mc Adam, today: that I was with said J. C. Jay all day on the 4th. day of July, 1888; came to Mt. Pleasant with him, about 8 o'clock in the morning; we went directly to the fair ground; did not stop in town,—the fair ground being some distance South of town; we were training Mr. Jay's horses the greater part of the day; did not leave the fair grounds till after 5 o'clock in the evening. I was with Mr. Jay the whole time from 8 a. m., till after 5 p. m.; was not out of sight of each other, during that time, and Mr. Jay was not out of fair ground during that time.

Jesse Angell.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, by Jesse Angell, this 12th. day of March, 1889.

{ L. S. } T. M. Mc Adam,
Notary Public.

“This is to Certify that I was with J. C. Jay on July 4, 1888, and that we was not near the Post Office in the day time.

James W. Randolph.”

Caviness, who had received the letter from Mr. Voute about which Mr. Jay knew nothing, also went to Mt. Pleasant on July 4, 1888, and mailed some letters at the Post Office, as is certified to by one who was with him at the time.

“I do certify that I was with Geo. W. Caviness on July 4, 1888 and saw him mail some letters in the Mt. Pleasant P. O. and he remarked to me that a Chicago kid would do some tall cussing when he received one of the letters.

John Ford.”

Mr. Jay's own statement is as follows.

“State of Iowa, }
Henry County, }

I, J. C. Jay, being first duly sworn, depose and say, that I did not write a certain letter purporting to have been written by me to E. W. Voute, Chicago, Illinois, and which was mailed at Mount Pleasant, Iowa, on the 4th. of July, 1888; nor did I authorize anybody else to write such a letter for me; nor did I know that any person had written such a letter, till I saw an account thereof in “*The Curiosity World*”. I did not mail such letter to Mr. Voute, and did not know same had been

mailed till I was made cognizant of the fact by said notice in said paper.

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When Mr. Jay's letter appeared in *The Stamp* it struck me as a little peculiar, to say the least, and I wrote to him shortly after asking for information on several points which I did not exactly understand concerning him and the letter which he did not write. As the result of this and further correspondence I was convinced that he was telling the truth in denying the authorship of the letter, and was put in possession of the facts and documents which I have set forth above for the benefit of others. Those others include every member of the A. P. A. which expelled Mr. Jay on the supposition that he had written the letter and which, if he did not write it, should rescind that vote and restore him, at the earliest opportunity, to his former position and number. Since Mr. Jay's return home last fall after the Boston convention he has labored steadily to get evidence which should prove to his fellow philatelists his innocence of the cause of his expulsion. He has gone so far as to put himself under oath, which would render him a perjurer

if his statements were not the truth. Furthermore he invites any committee appointed by the A. P. A. or any other association to come to La Hoyt and take personally his evidence and that of the other persons mentioned above and any others they may wish. And this is not made for effect in the expectation that nothing of the sort would ever happen. It would be quite easy for the A. P. A., if not fully satisfied otherwise, to make such investigation in connection with the next convention at St. Louis.

I have never heard of any transaction which discredits Mr. Jay's honesty and have been unable to find any reason why his word is not as good as that of any other man. As for the locals, the facts are that Richwoods is a place about four miles from the nearest post office, that at La Hoyt. For the convenience of the public and his own profit Mr. Jay ran a post which took Richwoods' letters regularly to the La Hoyt P. O. and *vice versa*. From local papers it appears that Jay's post was regarded as a needed institution and a popular benefit. It ceased with the establishing of a post office at Richwoods, Sept. 1888. The stamps were issued by Mr. Jay for his own convenience and he refused to sell them to collectors; see *The Stamp* for June, 1888. But whatever may be said as to the propriety of Mr. Jay's sending specimens of his stamps to journals in which they were chronicled and however we may consider the good or harm that the publication

of such a thing as the *Philatelic Midget* may do philately — and for such doings Mr. Jay has expressed himself in *The Stamp* as sorry — it is evident that he has been wronged. He is not now asking for clemency toward faults of which he has been guilty, but for simple justice due to one mistakenly judged guilty of that of which he is innocent. The matter should be attended to by the A. P. A. at its next convention if not before. There is no blame attaching to anyone in this unfortunate matter and Mr. Jay asks only that his case be given careful investigation and that if he prove himself innocent the Association clear his name from the cloud now upon it and set him right before the philatelic world. What I have here said has not been on account of any request or inducement, pecuniary or otherwise, from Jay or any one else, but for the sake of helping a man who is working hard to clear his name from an undeserved disgrace and obtain for himself simple JUSTICE.

CHARLES E. HUTCHISON.

DEATHS.

ALABAMA *Philatelist*, at Mobile, Ala., Dec. 1888, of starvation, having issued two nos. containing nothing to speak of.

AMERICAN *Stamp*, at Newark, N. J., Jan. 1889, having issued one number.

CHARLESTON *Philatelist*, at Charleston, S. C., Jan. 1889, from over exertion, it having reached 'Vol III, No. 1' at its sixth number.

COLLECTOR'S *Standard*, absorbed by the *Ledger* after an honorable existence of two years and a half.

NATIONAL *Philatelist*, at Wash. D. C., Feb. 1889, from neglect on the part of the public. One Vol., 12 nos.

PARK CITY *Collector*, at Bridgeport, Ct., Mar. 1889, after issuing 5 nos.

STAMP *Collector*, Ottawa, Ill., Jan. 1889, of exhaustion, after appearing seven times.

U. S. *Philatelist*, Calmar, Ia., Feb. 1889, of jaundice in the cover.

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THE BEACON stands corrected by Mr. Voute, who says he is preferring *definit* charges against only one A. P. A. officer, Mr. Rechert. What I had referred to, however, were the *indefinit* charges implied in the talk about the 'exclusion' of something from the official report, where it did not belong, which could not have been accomplished without the knowledge of more than one person.

Mr. V. is after so many scalps and so frequently that it is hard to keep track of them. For my part I have the highest respect for *all* the officers of the A. P. A., Mr. Rechert not the least. I have also great respect for Mr. V. personally, but I cannot help thinking that he has wasted a great deal of his money and time, out of which he might have got much more than he has yet in the *Figaro*, that he is too hasty in making 'charges' and too readily believes anything

he hears which is to the prejudice of those whom he loves to attack.

Mr. V. says that those who call his attacks 'rot' can 'in every case be traced down as in some way connected with the parties accused' I am one of those who do not see that Mr. V. has yet proved his charges; in my humble opinion they are 'rot'. Now, if I am in any way connected with the parties accused, I should like to know it. My moral sense, also, is so blunted that I see nothing wrong in the envelope combine, and if I had a chance to get in on the ground floor of such another I am sure I would do it. From which it seems that I stand on very different ground from Mr. V. in the matter of opinions, and shall probably find something to criticise in his semi-occasional as often as it appears. For all that I have nothing against Mr. Voute because his ways of thinking are not mine and have not the slightest idea of what Mr. Jillson's allusion to hypocrisy means. I have had no correspondence with Mr. V. except in the way of business and requests for information, and do not remember ever saying anything outside of what was strictly called for, save 'Yours very truly' at the end of one letter. I will never do it again for fear that, when Mr. V. shows Mr. Jillson my next letter, that gentleman will have cause to dislike to think that I would play etc. As for the Hill matter, the BEACON'S columns are open to everyone to express his opinions, whether they happen to coincide with the editor's or not.

Mr. Corwin in the *Gazette* hits the nail on the head, several nails in fact. There is certainly plenty of room for improvement in some departments of the A. P. A. For instance, in the last official journal the Treasurer gives a list of members who 'should be dropped' for non-payment of dues from *Sept. 1888 to Mar. 1889*. The by-laws provide that in case any member fails to settle in 30 days the Secretary shall notify him; if he does not settle in 30 more his name shall be dropped from the rolls. Now it seems to us that, had this been done, these persons should have ceased to be members about *last November*. Instead of that they have enjoyed full benefits of membership for nearly *eight months* without paying a cent, and if they drop out now they probably never will pay. I sent my dues to the Treasurer last September; received my membership card Feb. 11, and then it was *incorrectly made out*. These things certainly are far from business like.

It is now eight months since the Boston Convention and yet no Purchasing Agt. (first) has been appointed. I second Mr. Corwin's motion for the re-appointment of Mr. Cuno. He was one of the foremost originators of the Association and I do not see that his being a Socialist has anything more to do with it than his being a Presbyterian would have. At any rate, no one seems to have complained of him as Purchasing Agent and, in the slight correspondence which I have had with him, I found him both kind and courteous. The

fact that he does not love the dealers any too well only makes him the more suitable for the position. In the important office of Third P. A., which went so long unfilled, Mr. Alfred L. Holman is an example of the correct man in the appropriate locality.

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One cannot help wondering that any one pretending to mix with honorable men can be guilty of such mean and unworthy conduct — and it must be a poor and pitiful cause which requires to be bolstered up by such scandalous means.

Yours faithfully,
D. Maxwell.

A Letter from Pearson Hill.

TO THE SECRETARY OF THE LORD
MAYOR OF LONDON. FURNISHED TO
THE BEACON BY J. R. HOOPER.

13 February 1889.

Dear Mr. Soulsby.

Pray convey to the Lord Mayor my thanks for having been at the trouble to send me Mr. Patrick Chalmers' latest effusion on Postage Stamps.

As regards the false and cowardly attacks upon the memory of my father, the late Sir Rowland Hill, which for the last eight

years Mr. Patrick Chalmers has manufactured and circulated, I am, as you know powerless to prevent them. In this country the law of libel affords no protection to the memory of the dead, and any one who finds he can make a few pence by fabricating and publishing slanders on a dead man's reputation, can do so without incurring any other penalty than public contempt.

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*I hardly ever trouble myself to read any of Mr. P. Chalmers' productions, but have looked through the pamphlet the Lord Mayor was good enough to send. It is as unscrupulous as any of its many predecessors. Suppressing all reference to the fact (which he well knows) that Sir Rowland Hill in his pamphlet of February 1837 proposed, among other minor details of his plan of Postal Reform, the use of adhesive postage stamps, he quotes a notice of Sir Rowland Hill's plan in the Athenæum of 1838, in which Mr. John Francis, the Editor, referred to the proposed use of stamped covers for prepayment of postage, but did not happen also to mention that adhesive stamps were likewise suggested. This newspaper paragraph Mr. P. Chalmers now gravely puts forward as a "fresh and most valuable contribution in proof" of his contention that the use of adhesive postage stamps "formed no part of the proposals or intentions of Sir Rowland Hill"!! Would any sane person accept a description of Sir Rowland Hill's plan by *some one**

else, as better evidence of what that plan was than that furnished by Sir Rowland Hill's own pamphlet?

The public probably care as little now-a-days who first suggested penny stamps as they do who first suggested penny whistles, but if by any chance the subject interests you, you will find a full explanation of the real facts connected with their introduction in a little pamphlet on "The Origin of Postage Stamps" published by Messrs Morrison and Mallett of 68 Leadenhall Street which, at the request of some friends, I issued a few months ago.

That any person should have been taken in by the so-called "evidence" which Mr. P. Chalmers has from time to time put forward, is simply astonishing, but the fact may at all events be accepted as "a fresh and most valuable contribution in proof" of the contention that Board Schools were not established a single day before they were needed.

Yours very truly

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We do not imagine that any of our readers will hail with *great* delight these latest letters concerning the much mooted question of what the late lamented Mr. Chalmers did or did not do. It was only right, however, that Mr. Maxwell's letters should be inserted to do that gentleman justice. In that of Mr. Hill it may be interesting to some to know that, in the words we have italicized,

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Correspondence.

In answer to J. N. S. in No. 6, I have the following memoranda of auction sales: Knoxville, \$1.60 and \$2.60; Macon, 5c. green, \$10.50; Athens, \$10.00 and \$18.

C. A. COOLIDGE.

I rank the BEACON among the five greatest papers of the country, along with the *P. J. of A.*, *A. J. of P.*, *Q. C. P.* and the new, newsy *Flour City Philatelist*. I wish you success in your career.

E. R. ALDRICH.

Benson, Minn.

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FOR STAMP COLLECTORS.

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fall with 1500 circulation. Advertisers take notice. Journals that are obliged to give up and wish to retire honorably, without defrauding those who have sent them money for subscriptions and advertisements, are invited to communicate with the BEACON.

Subscribe before our Premium Offer is withdrawn.

It seems to be generally conceded that it is a good thing to advertise. We will go a little farther and say it is a good thing to advertise *in the BEACON*. Why? *Because* we are circulating 1000 copies clear, and have a large and *constantly growing* subscription list. *Because* of our sample copies, we see that none go to any one already a subscriber; that they go to *live collectors only*; and that they go to a *different* set every month. *Because* our rates are only *40 cents an inch*, and we give you your money's worth. *Because* advertisements to stand during July, August and September will be taken at a *discount of 25 per cent*. This is to induce you to give the BEACON a trial and to do a little advertising in the summer when most dealers lay off and let their business go to the dogs. *Which it generally does*. Advertise in winter to get business, advertise in summer to *keep your business*.

ADVERTISE all the time!

A Dollar for Ten Cents; see our advertisement.

We wish it distinctly understood that not a line of paid advertisement will be inserted in this journal outside of the advertising pages. Our editorial columns will not be used to call attention to anybody's goods or enterprises in return for money, literary contributions or other favors. In order to satisfy numerous requests for 'puffs' and 'editorial mention' we present the following, which may be filled out to suit taste.

We have received from the world-renowned firm of _____ their last list, a marvel of cheapness. In the few years of their existence they have accumulated a stock of 000,000,000, in which the proportion of bogus stamps is comparatively small. They also deal in coins, mummies and other things. Send stamp for return postage, and address———.

The _____ is steadily improving. It now contains 000 pages of nothing, liberally sprinkled with printers errors, and makes some startling announcements for the future. Among other things it will always appear on time, something a philatelic publication was never known to do. This will put an end to the pernicious habit its subscribers have of betting each month on whether it will appear in season or wait a while. We wish you every success.

See our premium offer in the advertising columns.

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CREATES many a new business;

ENLARGES many an old business;

REVIVES many a dull business;

RESCUES many a lost business;

SAVES many a failing business;

PRESERVES many a large business;

SECURES success in any business.

Stray Items.

Where, O where, is the *Figger Oh?*

Our advice to the man who thinks of starting a new philatelic magazine. DON'T.

Credit is due for several of these notes, to Mr. J. R. Hooper and others.

The *Societe Francaise* has declared the Bulgaria, 5 stot. green, surcharged 3 stot., to be a fraud.

The gum on the current, lithographed, *Officially Sealed* stamps is strongly flavored with checkerberry.

The Eden Musee exhibition now furnishes a staple topic for all the journals, great and small. The man who subscribes to everything philatelic must have that show by heart now.

Chronicled in the *Philatelic Record*, among other 'Philatelic Gains' for 1888, is a United States, adhesive, five cent blue, head of *Grant*. The chronicler's acquaintance with American celebrities is evidently limited.

The stock of one-half pence Great Britain surcharged for use in British Bechuanaland and in Zululand has given out. Bechuanaland is now using the one-half pence gray, Cape of Good Hope, and Zululand the one-half pence stamp of Natal.

Many collectors seem to still entertain the notion that Mr. J. W. Scott is connected with the Scott Stamp and Coin Co. Such is *not* the case. Mr. Scott sold out some years ago and has no more connection with the Company than Grover Cleveland now has with the government of the United States.

The appearance of the *Universal Philatelic Advertiser and Collector's Companion*, which was announced by the Frankford Stamp Co. for this month, has been postponed till autumn, presumably to allow the publishers time to accumulate sufficient hard cash to fulfil the announcements of their prospectus.

It is said that a prominent English manufacturing firm has offered the British Government an 'immense sum' for the use of its postage stamps for advertising purposes. An advertisement is to be printed on the back of the stamp before the gum is put on, so that the purchaser of every stamp must see the announcement before he moistens the gum.

The industrious collector, who gathers every work containing the slightest allusion to philately, should order immediately, of the dealer in rare and curious books, Willshire on Playing Cards, 'regardless of expense' of course. This is the most elaborate and authoritative of modern works upon playing cards. Among the many cuts with which it is adorned are

illustrations of the American 'Decatur cards' with cuts of Decatur's victory on the back, and of the private internal revenue stamps of several playing-card manufacturers. It is an English work, of course.

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Searchers after U. S. Revenues who come across *halves* of stamps put on documents in such a way, with another stamp stuck partly over them, that one would suppose the whole stamp to be there, are earnestly requested to communicate with the editor of the BEACON.

The Midland Counties Stamp Exchange is about the best of its kind in England, yet far behind the C. P. A. or A. P. A. in many respects. The annual subscription is only 25 cents and the members are allowed to send in one sheet of duplicate stamps per month for exchange. *All* the sheets so taken in are made into a book by the Secretary and forwarded to the person having the largest collection, and he to the next on the list. The member with the largest collection is determined from his own statements made on his sheets of duplicates when sent in, so whoever writes the smallest number gets last chance. The Secretary squares up accounts quarterly and balances owing by members can be settled in cash at half the priced amounts, which must be by Stanley Gibbons & Co's latest price-list. Six cents is charged to every member for each day he keeps a book over one clear day.

WE HAVEN'T SEEN IT.

'*The Texas Philatelic Journal* is a new one just arrived from Paris, Texas.' [*Ledger.*]

ANOTHER EVIDENCE.

'What is the matter with the Purchasing Agent? This office still remains vacant, another evidence of the need of a revised constitution, providing for the election of all important officers by the Association.' [*P. J. of A.*]

THEY WILL APPEAR.

'*The N. Y. Philatelist* is the name of a new stamp paper which will appear from New York, May 1st.'

'The Lawrence, (Mass.) Philatelic Society will commence the publication of the *Essex County Philatelist*, May 1st.'

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Subscribe NOW and get a Premium.
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German Unification and the German Stamps.

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CHAS. E. HUTCHISON.
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The collector who studies his stamps will, doubtless, notice that, while stamps were once issued by numerous German States on their own account, now they are nearly all obsolete and in their places are used the well-known stamps of the German Empire. Perhaps he knows just why this is and per-

haps he does not, if not, this may help him a little.

The first stamps to be issued in any part of Germany were the one, three and six kreuzer of Bavaria, 1849 and the following year saw other German States follow Bavaria's lead. At this time what is called Germany was a confederation of thirty-eight separate states with various forms of government, having the boundaries assigned to them by the Congress of Vienna and joined by a confederate constitution adopted by them at Vienna, June 8, 1815.

In this Confederation the two most powerful states were Prussia and Austria, greatly jealous of each other and each seeking to increase its own power at the expense of the other. Prussia was in close commercial alliance with the other North German States and was developing her resources at a very rapid rate looking into the future for the complete political and commercial union of the German States with herself as the controlling power. From 1849 to 1864 the following states had issued and used stamps of their own:

Prussia,	1850.
Saxony,	1850.
Hanover,	1850.
Brunswick,	1852.
Oldenburg,	1852.
Bremen,	1855.
Mecklenburg Schwerin,	1856.
Hamburg,	1859.
Lubeck,	1859.
Bergedorf,	1861.
Mecklenburg Strelitz,	1864.

Baden, 1851.

Wurtemberg, 1851.

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Just across the street from our house there lived a family by the name of Podgett, which included a boy of about ten years named Tommy. This boy caught the stamp fever at about the same time that I did and for two months he worked assiduously in gathering every stamp he could lay hands on, without regard to variety, rarity, or previous use. The result was that at the end of two months Tommy found himself in possession of a cigar-box full of stamps in which he now felt but a slight interest. One day in the winter of '79 I was on my way to the skating pond, rejoicing in the possession of a new pair of skates, which had been one of my Christmas presents, when I met Tommy. He exclaimed; 'Hullo, Ed. where did you get your skates?' I told him that they were a present and he immediately wanted to trade for them. He offered me everything he owned, from a broken jack-knife to a new magic lantern, but until he offered me that boy of stamps I was firm. Then my philatelic instinct overpowered

me and I went home with the box of stamps and Tommy went skating. Oh, but I did get a lecture from my parents when I got home, for trading my new skates, and my mother in righteous indignation threatened to burn my entire collection of 'worthless bits of paper', and I hastened to hide the box of stamps in the garret. Other matters claimed my attention for the remainder of the day and when at night I went to get the box, it was not there. I had laid it on a beam close up to the wall and where it had gone was a mystery. I hunted for it one hour in vain and was then forced to give it up and console myself for the loss of both skates and stamps, as best I could. My mother gave me the comforting assurance that it 'served me right'.

About a year ago I was up in the old garret tearing up some old boards in order to put in a new floor, and down between the side of the house and the plastering I found — the cigar box with its contents intact. It had fallen from the rafter, down behind the plastering, and had lain there undiscovered for nearly ten years. An inventory of its contents was most satisfactory, for among the common stamps I found rarities catalogued at \$30.00 exclusive of a beautiful, lightly-cancelled specimen of the New York, three-cent provisional, on buff paper, valued at fifteen dollars. After all, my first investment in 'worthless bits of paper' paid me well.

(To be Continued.)

James Beebe Smith.

The sad death of Jas. B. Smith of Springfield has already been noted in the philatelic press. He was accidentally shot and killed, early in the morning of May 13, by his brother-in-law, who was living in the same house. The latter mistook Mr. Smith, in the dark, for one of the burglars, whose operations had roused the entire household, and fired, killing him instantly.

By Mr. Smith's sudden death Massachusetts loses one of her most prominent and earnest philatelists. He was local editor of the *Springfield Republican* and did stamp collecting many a good turn in its columns, taking up considerable space at times with philatelic notes, reviews and articles on current events. Those who were at the Boston Convention will entertain pleasant recollections of his presence there. He was one of the earliest friends and subscribers of the BEACON and we were gratefully indebted to him for much valuable and disinterested advice. Beside philately he was also interested in canoeing, and conducted with great success a journal devoted to that sport. Mr. Smith was a man who made friends everywhere. He was widely known among the newspaper men of Massachusetts and New York, and the columns of the press have contained many tributes to his worth and numerous expressions of sympathy and

grief at his sudden departure. The *Springfield Republican* says of him:

'Mr. Smith's work as a writer and gatherer of news was of a superior order. Alive to all that was in progress, of keen sensibilities, a ready and appreciative command of words and material, of unusual taste and grace in writing, and of good judgment and critical perceptions in the estimate of what he was given to do. His was withal a work that had yielded much and promised more. In the latter year or two of his college life he had devoted much time to music and had pursued the accomplishment at leisure ever since, becoming, through study and practice, a critic of recognized ability. He was one of the most amiable and happy of men — a buoyant and light-hearted spirit, that gave brighter color to the life of all about him, and testified continually to the controlling influence of the spirit of the Master, of whom he was a conscientious follower. This it was, with the natural gifts possessed, that won for him friends wherever he went, and made for him a wide circle of acquaintances. Especially to his associates on the *Republican*, who were daily with him and who knew him in all the varied ways of his labors, his sad death comes with grievous force.'

Our summer suit, ladies and gentlemen.

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A. P. A.

Whatever may be said concerning the propriety of appointing as Exchange Supt. a dealer, and a dealer who asked for the appointment, Mr. Sterling can console himself with knowledge that he was not the only dealer that wanted that office or the first that asked for it, not by any means. And whatever may be alleged against Mr. Sterling's ability, as a

general thing, to keep his accounts straight, the Association appears to have a Superintendent who is *working* the Exchange Dept. and not playing with it. The rules adopted last August and Mr. Sterling's avowed determination to push things are making the prospect brighter. When you commit a lot of stamps to the exchange you need not now will them as a legacy to your grand-children. Those branch managers who did not resign and try the 'boycott' scheme are reporting quick returns and general satisfaction.

There are now twelve members on each individual circuit; sheets make good time; stamps sell well. The Department cannot be much worse than it was before and shows signs of being much better.

In regard to that other office about which there are complaints, I would respectfully suggest that, the next time a man is nominated for Secretary, his friends assure themselves that he enjoys sufficiently sound health to enable him to conduct his office properly for two years. This position is by far the hardest, in point of work required, in the Official Board, and seems to have had a bad effect upon both its incumbents. If we judge by his performances we are compelled to admit that the present Secretary is not up to the requirements of his position. I find that I am by no means the only one whose card was made out incorrectly, and now the publication, at last, of the membership list is raising a howl. Members find themselves located at places they moved from long ago and at places they never lived in at all. I am very sorry for Mr. Bradford in the loss of his health and hope he will speedily recover it, but if his nervous system is a total wreck it seems to me that it is his duty to the Association to resign as soon as possible and let some competent man take the place. Mr. Corwin has not charged him with anything that he need tarry to refute. He certainly will not deny that he has been very, very slow, even though he has worked as fast as he was able, and with his nervous

system a total wreck will he not serve the Association best by letting some other man take the office while he tries to recover his health?

THE EDITOR.

Postal Curiosities.

ERA.

There are several labels used by the post office departments, which while they can not be collected as stamps, yet are interesting and may when kept by themselves make an interesting collection.

In the United States the nucleus of such a collection has been "elevated" into the dignity of stamps and as such are catalogued by the leading dealers.

These are the "official seals", of which four varieties exist—the post obitum, the ordinary type, the reissue of 1888 and the seal used by the department to seal packages of stamps etc. In the same class must be classed the registration seal.

The "reference" seal of the dead letter office forms a sixth and of the same postal value rank the "held for postage" label used by several of the large offices.

New York also furnishes several others for this department.

On the same page as these I allow "newspaper" stamps of the Express Companies. (those of the last few years issue.)

I also "stick in" such franks of

Congressmen etc. as I happen to meet, but do not "push" this branch any.

In the line of postal curiosities must be classed stamps of foreign countries that may accidentally do service in this country. This last class is not frequently met with.

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Philately and the British Public.

C. E. HUTCHISON.

The first auction sale of postage stamps has taken place in London, and the shocked Briton is indulging in all manner of sportive humor and serious criticism, aimed at a demented portion of the human race who are spending money with a purpose which he cannot comprehend. The following is copied *verbatim* from the *London Standard*, leaving out a paragraph in the middle about 'Ferrari,' — 'Galliera' — '250,000 dollars' — '3,000 volumes' — '250,000 specimens' collections, and others almost as large. It is curious how these stories enlarge as they travel; 3,000 volumes is now the extent of the 'largest collection in the world', with other figures in proportion. When we heard of it first it was contained in only one-tenth as many. But here is our article.

ASTOUNDING PRICES OF STAMPS.

As a contribution to the history of human folly, the prices which a parcel of old postage stamps has just realized at a London auction are not unworthy of notice. The collection consisted of 286 lots, the most valuable being a set of rare British Guiana labels, and for these the bids ran to figures which must

seem to any one not bitten with the mania little less than monstrous. A blue four cent of 1856 excited eager competition, and was finally knocked down to a dealer for £37. This specimen, however, had been used, so that when a stamp much finer, and without the defacing marks of the sorter on its surface was put up, there was nothing left but for the buyer of the £37 specimen to acquire it at £13 advance. After this a strip of four one-cent magentas, issued in 1851, on the original envelope, from the same colony, at £7; four of the one-cent 1853 issue at £1 each, and a pair of four-cent magentas, thirty-three years old, at £12, are barely worth notice, though their prices are so much in advance of what the first owner paid for them over the Post Office counter in Georgetown. Yet a book of 4,000 old issues of English stamps — postage, revenue, law, bill, railway, and receipt — brought less than eight guineas, and a thousand Mexican ones only £6 5s., while a collection of 380 Russian local stamps seem, to the uninitiated, to be simply given away at 90 shillings. We may, however, take it that this collection, large as it is, did not, even, if genuine, contain any of the rarer ones. For, as the student of M. Koprowski's volume must be aware, some Russian

stamps are so scarce as to cause the most ardent collector many a heartache in his futile endeavors to obtain a specimen which will pass the narrow scrutiny of the expert. These and all other high-priced stamps are forged wholesale, and with such ingenuity that only the experienced connoisseur can detect the knaveries. The presence of such impostors in the company of honest specimens is the reason why the amateur at sales finds, to his amazement, a wretched square inch of gummed paper going for a thousand times its weight in gold, while he can secure an album containing it and a host of similar rarities, almost at his own terms.

The prices given at the recent sale are said to be the highest ever paid for single stamps. We doubt whether this is correct. The 15 and 30-cent Reunion stamps bring £100; the New Brunswick 5-cent stamp, with the head of O'Connell, is rarely parted with under £30. The set of four 1852 Hawaiian stamps are valued at £300, and the four British Guiana of 1850 are worth £75. Then there is the 1847 Mauritius stamp, printed from a wood block—in two issues—one worth a penny and the other twopence when first issued, and these are so seldom met with nowadays that we believe £100 has been paid for one of them. Old black Brazil stamps are priced in catalogues at from 20 to 50 shillings apiece; the green and yellow ones of Buenos Ayres bring as high as £5, while the red ones mount to £6. The vermilion one-

franc French stamp of 1849 has often been sold for £10, and the "V. R." black English penny stamp, which was in circulation a short time only, is not considered dear at something like the same price. But the rarest of all English Post Office literature of this sort is the Mulready wrapper on India paper, issued in 1840. Of these there are said to be only six or seven in existence, although £25,000 worth were issued, and the last which changed hands brought, if our memory is not at fault, the ridiculous price of £80. It would be difficult to find a parallel for this folly in its more extravagant developments. Large sums are, of course, given for coins—an American dollar of 1805 is now salable at more than 800 times its original value. But a collection of coins is, at the worst, worth the weight of the metal. The same cannot always be said for a rare stamp. The fashion may go out as it came in. The forger may perfect his evil art, and it is certain that a collection of stamps is—like a shelf of books of the *Mazarin Bible*, *Romant de la Rose*, *Valdarfer Boccaccio*, or *Patissier Francais* order—a parlous treasure to preserve in a house where fire may consume or thieves break through and steal. They cannot be stowed in safes warranted to keep them unscotched, and in any other receptacle £50,000 worth of gummed labels is assuredly in danger. A set of imitations which might easily be sold for a £5 note would afford all the information ever likely to be imparted by all

the treasures of the Ferrari, the Galliera, the Rothschild, the Taplin, the Hill, or the Philbrick collections.'

It will be observed that the writer allowed his imagination to get the better of him in numerous places, especially where £100 (\$500.) is mentioned as the value of the Reunion stamps, and along in that paragraph. Nor does it seem to have occurred to him that the £25,000 worth of Mulreadys, that were issued to the public, were *not artist's proofs* on *India paper*, of which proofs it is a fact that there are but very few known. The books he mentions are among the rarest known and fetch high prices whenever a copy changes hands, but he quite forgets to tell us what on earth there is that would *not* be a 'parlous treasure to preserve in a house where fire may consume or thieves break through and steal', which is the kind most of us live in.

Nevertheless there is food for thought in the last part of the article. It is useless for the advanced philatelist to try to defend his pursuit by any talk about history, geography and the like. That applies very well with the schoolboy and beginner, but the philatelists that come to public notice, the Sterlings, the Scotts, and the Philbricks, do not spend their money in the pursuit of any geographical or historical information. It must be many hundred years before philately, as a science and an aid to philately, approaches numismatics in importance. It is like the collection of prints, bronz-

es, musical instruments, or anything else which delights the mind through the medium of any of the senses. Until it shall have attained the dignity of age and long continued historical association there can be nothing in philately to be classed as in any way scientific, and the sooner collectors of the present day realize its limitation and cease trying to arrogate it to the position of a science or fine art, the better. To continue with our subject, we find Mr. James Payn, the noted English *litterateur*, expressing his opinion as follows, in the *London Illustrated News* for June 1.

'Some folks are very hard upon "collectors" of all kinds; and, not content with charging them with folly, accuse them of dishonesty. There is no man, they say, who gives himself up to any craze of this sort—from the procuring of "first editions" to the acquisition of more china than he can possibly want for his breakfast-table—but that sooner or later he becomes a rogue. If he is a numismatist, he is much more particular about the date of a coin than of the circumstance of its belonging to somebody else; and if stamp-collecting is his hobby, and he finds himself in the same room with a rare one, he will stick to it. For my part, I do not pretend to judge these good people; they are as unintelligible to me as the habitual dram-drinker; but the most reasonable of them seems to have been Mr. Jogglebury Crowdy. *His* craze (you remember) used to be walking-sticks, with

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the head carved by himself in the likeness of some eminent character. The resemblances were not striking. When he said "You know who this is?" it was embarrassing: you sometimes said "The Duke of Wellington" when you ought to have said "Mary Queen of Scots". But still he exerted his intelligence, even if it fell short of his ideal.

Of stamp-collecting I fear that not even that much can be said. Why should a Bolivian stamp (for example) which has, moreover,

been used, have any value for persons who don't care one farthing for Bolivia. Why should the head of some long-deceased President of the United States be thought if not a thing of beauty, a joy forever? Is there any illusion, or association, that can possibly give a value to a postage stamp? The consideration (perhaps) of this circumstance, and of the curious delusion that has seized upon so many of the human race, has caused the New South Wales Legislature to take the

matter up. Since it cannot stop stamp collecting, it will give it a *raison d'être*. Henceforth its postage stamps will have a local significance; the two-penny will be an Emu, the fourpenny will be Captain Cook, the eightpenny will be the Lyre Bird, and the shilling stamp will be the Kangaroo. If all countries should adopt this capital plan of self-illustration, postage stamps would become really interesting, and the collection of them justified. The only person in connection with stamps, so far as I know, who ever made his mark in the world, was Mr. William Wordsworth — but he was a distributor, not a collector.'

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VOL. I.

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NO. 12.

Watermarks.

W. W. JEWETT.

One of the most interesting and important branches of the science of philately is the study of watermarks, and is what no thorough philatelist should overlook.

The watermark was adopted as it would increase the difficulties of counterfeiting, any philatelist could testify to its substantialness as a guard.

Some collectors do not appear to know the value of studying the watermark of a stamp. Very many stamps of different issues can be distinguished only by this means. Reprints and counterfeits can be very often identified in this way when other means fail.

The price of many stamps is to a great extent affected by the watermark. The value of many stamps is increased from five to tenfold.

I will now take up each country separately, giving a short history and notes.

ANTIGUA.

A star was employed as a watermark until 1873, when it was succeeded by a watermark of C C and a crown. In this instance it is an unfailling guide

to determine whether the stamps belong to the 1862 or the 1873 issue, as the stamps of both dates were printed from the same die. In 1883 the watermark of C A and a crown was adopted.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

The only stamps of this country having watermarks are those of the 1864 issue. It is A R as a monogram. There is a variety given us through a mistake of the printer, who printed on the wrong side of the paper, therefore the monogram is upside down which makes the R before the A. These are very rare.

AUSTRIA.

The 1867 issue had the watermark, "Franco Marken," in the sheet, parts of which appear in some of the stamps. The Mercury newspaper stamps issued since 1867 are on paper having "Zeitungs Marken" in the sheet.

AUSTRIAN ITALY.

The 1867 issue is on the same kind of paper as the same issue of Austria.

BAHAMAS.

The 1862 issue has the watermark C C and a crown. This was changed in 1882 to C A and a crown.

BARBADOES.

In 1860 the stamps had a star for a watermark. In 1872, C C and a crown. In 1882, C A and

a crown.

BAVARIA.

Paper used between 1870 and 1873 had a watermark of diagonal lines forming small diamonds. This was changed to wavy horizontal lines. In 1881 the lines were closer together.

BELGIUM.

The first issues have watermark of L L interlaced in a frame. In 1851 the frame was omitted. Watermarks were discontinued in 1861.

BERMUDA.

Until 1884 watermark of C C and a crown; after that, C A and a crown.

BRITISH COLUMBIA AND VANCOUVERS' ISLAND.

Watermark of C C and a crown.

BRITISH GUIANA.

Stamps of 1876 are the first with watermark, which is C C and a crown. These were superseded in 1882 by watermark of C A and a crown.

BRITISH HONDURAS.

In 1872 watermark of C C and a crown, succeeded in 1882 by C A and a crown. It will be well to mention here, that the 1 d., blue, was changed to rose, but before this change was effected some of the 1 d. blue were printed in blue on the paper with the new watermark. These are very scarce and bring a good price.

BRUNSWICK.

Excepting 1852 and 1866 issues, all the stamps of this country bear the watermark of a post-horn.

BULGARIA.

All stamps have a watermark of wavy lines.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.

The first issue has watermark of an anchor. In 1864 watermark C C and a crown was introduced, superseded in 1882 by watermark C A and a crown. In 1886 the anchor was again adopted. The native wood block stamps had no watermark.

CASHMERE.

The first issue has native paper, while the others are on European made paper. No watermark.

CEYLON.

The first issue (1857) excepting the 1-2 d. has watermark of a star. The 1863 issue has no watermark. In 1864 the watermark C C and a crown was employed, succeeded in 1883 by the watermark C A and a crown.

CHINA.

In 1886, with the adoption of a new type a watermark of a conch shell was employed.

CUBA.

The first three issues are distinguished only by their watermarks. The issue of 1855 has a lacing of loops. The issue of 1856 has a watermark of lozenges. The issue of 1857 has no watermark.

CYPRUS.

Same as Great Britain until 1881 which has the watermark of C C and a crown succeeded in 1883 by C A and a crown.

(To be Continued.)

News and Notes

Mr. C. F. Eustis, of Portland, Me., requests us to state that he intends to issue, Sept. 1st., a new journal to be called *The Philatelic Era*. Its circulation will be one thousand and its price, fifteen cents per year.

It is not a common occurrence to have unclaimed postal cards returned to the writer. I have one in my possession which, after going to three different post offices in search of the party to whom it was addressed, finally came back. It is quite a curiosity as, I believe it is contrary to the postal laws to have them returned. G. W. C.

Post Master General Wanamaker has received two bids for furnishing his department with postage stamps for four years beginning Oct. 1, 1889, under the specifications that have been copied in a number of stamp journals already. The bids are from the American Bank Note Co. of New York and Chas. F. Steele of Philadelphia. They have been opened and are said to be somewhat less than those under the current contract, but up to the present writing (Aug. 1.) no award has been announced. Mr. Wanamaker is reported in favor of stamps of the smaller size.

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With this number the BEACON assumes the subscription and advertising contracts of the *National Philatelist* of Washington, D. C., which will be fulfilled to the satisfaction of all parties, we hope. Those who are already subscribers to the BEACON will have their subscriptions *extended* by as many numbers as were due them from the *National*, others will receive the BEACON for the length of time their subscription to the *National* had to run.

Though this notice appeared in the last number of the BEACON an unexpected complication prevented us from sending it to a number of the *National's* old subscribers. These are here notified that their subscriptions to the BEACON are not begun till this number and will expire accordingly.

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shall be obliged to increase our circulation to 1500 in order to accommodate them, which will doubtless be good news to our advertisers, and these especially we wish to thank for their support and venture to hope that those whose contracts expire with this number will give us even a larger share of their patronage for the coming year. In conclusion let us say that we shall strive to make each future number an improvement on the last.

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Watermarks.

W. W. JEWETT.

(Continued.)

DANISH WEST INDIES.

Wove paper with wavy lines and a crown.

DENMARK.

All of the issues have watermark of a crown.

DOMINICA.

Until 1883 watermark of C C and a crown; after that, C A and a crown.

EGYPT.

Except 1 piastre, first has star and pyramid for watermark. Later issues, except unpaid, watermark of a star and a crescent.

FALKLAND.

The watermark was not employed in this country until 1884. On this date the watermark of C A and a crown was introduced. By an error some of the 1d. of the current issue have the watermark sideways. They are, however, somewhat scarce.

GAMBIA.

Watermark of C C and a crown was adopted in 1880.

GOLD COAST.

All stamps issued before 1884

have the watermark of C C and a crown; after that date, C A and a crown.

GREAT BRITAIN.

A small crown was adopted in 1854 for a watermark. In 1855-6 for the crown were substituted on some stamps a middle-sized garter on others a smaller one. From 1854 to 1864 a larger crown than that mentioned above often appears as a watermark. From 1862 to 1865 the watermark was four flowers for all the stamps except the 4d. which has a large garter. In 1867 the watermark for all stamps from the 3d. to the 2s. was changed to a spray of roses. The 5s. of 1867 and the 10s. and £1 of 1878 had a large Maltese cross. The small 1-2 d. of 1870 has its value in words for a watermark. Of 1873, the 1-2d. has a watermark of a large crown and the 6d. has a spray. In 1874-5 the 2 1-2d. had an anchor and the 3d., 6d. and 1s. had a spray. In 1876-8 the 2 1-2d. had an orb and the 4d. and 8d. a garter. In 1881 all values have watermark of a large crown. In 1883 the 2s. 6d., 5s., 10s., £1 and £5 had a watermark of an anchor. In 1884 all values from 1-2d. to £1 have large crown as a watermark.

(To be Continued.)

That Postal Card Contract.

The following despatch from a daily paper was printed in the last number of the BEACON.

“WASHINGTON, Aug. 1. The contract for printing United States postal cards for the next four years is no small matter. It involves about nine hundred thousand dollars for that period, and has been the subject of some very lively competition. The lowest bidder so far is Al Daggett of Brooklyn. His strongest rival is the Avil Printing Co. of Philadelphia, whose bid is about sixty thousand dollars higher than Daggett's.”

Mr. Daggett is a well known Republican politician who rendered his party valuable service in the last election. Up to the date of our clipping he had been practically sure of getting the contract, but just then he struck a snag in the shape of a requisition from Third Asst. P. M. General Hazen to show the government that he had the plant necessary to do the work properly. All that Daggett had at that stage of the proceedings was an option on certain mill property that he proposed to secure when he got the contract.

This caused the government to hesitate, despite Mr. Daggett's vigorous claims that he was prepared to furnish ample bonds for the performance of his agreements. Senator Hiscock urged the Dept. on Daggett's behalf while the regular printing firms stoutly protested. Nevertheless the contract was awarded Daggett, though Mr.

Wanamaker is said to have favored the regular Philadelphia company, whose bid was next lowest.

As is already well known, we are to have cards of three sizes hereafter, the present size, a size larger and one smaller; the cards of the latter size will be gray, it is said. Of these cards Mr. Daggett contracts to furnish the government 400,000,000 per year for the next four years, making 1,600,000,000 in all. They will cost Uncle Sam \$636,000 for the four years and bring him in somewhere near \$16,000,000. The average weight of the cards is to be 6 lbs. 10 oz. per 1000; the present cards weigh but 5 lbs. 4 oz. per M. The price now paid is 50 cents per M. while Mr. Daggett will average but little over 40 cents per M. At this rate there are some business men who can't see where Mr. Daggett's little profit is going to come in, for he surely is not engaged in a work of philanthropy. According to good judges of paper stock, so the *Boston Herald* says, the mere material necessary for the 400,000,000 cards that his contract annually calls for, will cost him, at the lowest, \$685,000 for the four years, or \$49,000 more than he gets for them all made and printed. At any rate, we shall see.

We have received the catalogue of Canadian Revenue Stamps by F. J. Stanton and J. R. Hooper. It will prove a valuable addition to the already long list of catalogues, but there is room for it.

A Stamp Find.

IMPORTANT IF TRUE.

The following is from the *Boston Daily Globe*.

'A lot of old letters having upon them stamps issued by the Post Master at St. Louis, Mo., in 1845 were found recently at Galena, Ill. The denominations were ten and twenty cents, both of which are extremely rare.'

A somewhat more extensive notice in the *Boston Evening Transcript*, a week or two later, gives the additional information that there were but three stamps found instead of a 'lot'. Of these two are said to be tens and one a twenty.

Should these reports be true and such genuine stamps have actually been found on the original letters, then the authenticity of the much disputed twenty-cent St. Louis local would be established beyond a doubt. As it is we have been unable to get any better authority for the report than the two papers above mentioned, and would like further information from any of our readers who may know of this alleged remarkable find.

LATER.

A correspondent at Galena can ascertain nothing about such a discovery of rare stamps, but if the report turns out to be true all the particulars will promptly be furnished the readers of the BEACON.

P. S. of A. and A. P. A.

The number of the *International Collector* labelled May, issued in July, contains the constitution of the Philatelic Society of America. It is modelled very carefully on that of the American Philatelic Association and the chief point of difference seems to be that it gives the ballot to members of all ages. This point is still further harped upon in the exhortation for all good collectors to come up and join, in which especial stress is laid upon the point that all members have equal privileges. In view of this fact and of the increasing number of young A. P. A. members discontented at not having the right to vote, it might be well for the Convention at St. Louis to remove the age distinction from the A. P. A. constitution. With its present large membership it would be altogether impossible for such a step to work any harm, while it would remove one of the lesser causes for discontent in our ranks, and one of the weak points in our association which will be made the most of by other organizations which may seek to rival or surpass the A. P. A. impairing its usefulness.

Mr. A. Lohmeyer of Baltimore, Md., who retired from the stamp business some time ago, has again entered the field, with an entirely new stock. This proves quite clearly, we think, that the stamp business has not yet gone to the dogs, as some of the croakers would have us believe.

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Thanks, kind friend; we resume. [*Philately*].

Thanks also; so do we.

The following, written by Mr. S. B. Bradt, appeared in *The Stamp World* for Dec. '88.

'The repeated failures of stamp journals seems to have no effect in deterring would-be publishers from making the attempt. This fall seems to be especially prolific in new journals. The *Black Hawk Philatelist* is a small four-page monthly. The *Eureka Philatelist* is still smaller although it consists of 8 pages and cover. The *Ontario Stamp Journal* is another attempt from Niagara Falls South,

Canada. * * * * The *Park City Collector* is a fairly well printed four-page monthly. The PHILATELIC BEACON, Newton, Mass., 25 cents a year, is the only one of the batch likely to survive for any length of time. It is well printed, well conducted and interesting.'

Mr. Bradt's experience in publishing philatelic papers has probably given him a great insight as to the way the majority of them go.

However, as affairs have turned out, that article speaks well for his judgement, and we still remain and always shall remain what he called us then, a 'well printed, well conducted and interesting' magazine.

Announcement.

West Winsted, Conn.
To Subscribers Philatelic Press:—

During the summer I was unable to find time to publish the Press, but hoped to continue it early in the fall, but find I am still unable to do so. The subscription list will be filled by the BEACON, which I trust will please all. Thanking you for your kind patronage, I am,

Yours very truly,
H. G. Manchester.

I also desire to thank the publishers of the stamp papers for their kind remarks and exchanges.

With this number the BEACON assumes the subscription and advertising contracts of the *Philat-*

elic Press, of West Winsted, Conn. Those who are already subscribers to the BEACON will have their subscriptions *extended* by as many numbers as were due them from the Press. Others will receive the BEACON for the length of time their subscription to the Press had to run.

Notes.

Collectors should beware of Bermuda and West Indian surcharges, as a lot of counterfeits have lately been put on the market.

In 1790, the whole number of post offices in the U. S. did not exceed seventy-five; the number of miles of post road, 1,875; the revenue, \$37,936; the expenditure, \$32,140.

The contract for printing the U. S. stamped envelopes expires Sept. 30th. 1890, when, if the government does not decide to print its own envelopes, bids for doing the work for the next four years will be called for by the Post Master General. The company that secures this contract, makes an immense profit.

Clerks in the postal service say: Never use a square envelope. Women are more in the habit of using them than men. A square envelope, large or small, but especially large, is anathema in the eyes of a postal clerk. He likes an oblong envelope of a moderately large size — a government number 4 1-2 or 5, corresponding to the stationers' number 6.

Correspondence.

In your issue of Sept. 1st. I notice an article on the return of unclaimed postal cards to writer. Would say that Postmasters are instructed to return to writer all unclaimed postal cards, if partly or wholly in writing, providing the name of the writer can be ascertained.

J. A. SHANNON.

The new surcharged "Half penny" on 1d. Tasmania promises to become a rarity if what we hear is half true, and then collectors will be regretting the time they could get them for a few cents. I sent out an order to Hobart Town, Tas. for a small quantity, and received word that they could not be had. Then I applied to an A. P. A. member in Australia. Here is his answer:—

Adelaide, S. Aust. Apr. 15, '89.

Dear Sir,—I am in receipt of your letter of Feb. 20. The Half-penny Tasmania stamps were only used for about four weeks, (the color is darker than the ordinary one penny stamps) and are not now to be had. * * Yours faithfully,

O. W. ROSENHAIN.

Postal Appointment.

Reedsville, N. C. — A negro of this place applied some weeks ago for a position in the mail service as route agent. A letter has just come from Postmaster General Wanamaker notifying him of his appointment. Upon looking up the address of the new appointee it was found it had been changed to the state penitentiary, he having, since his application, committed burglary and been sent up for three years.

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Watermarks.

W. W. JEWETT.

(Continued.)

GRENADA.

A watermark of a star was adopted in 1864, which was superseded in 1882 by the watermark of C A and a crown.

HANOVER.

1850, a plain rectangle, nearly the size of the stamp; 1851, wreath of leaves; 1856, none.

HONG KONG.

In 1863 the watermark of C C and a crown was adopted, which was superseded by C A and a crown in 1882.

HUNGARY.

In 1881, watermark K P in an oval.

ICELAND.

All the stamps have watermark of a crown.

INDIA.

Until 1865, watermark of large arms covering the whole sheet, when the head of an elephant was employed, which was again succeeded in 1881 by a star.

IONIAN ISLES.

Watermark of figure 2 for the 1d.; and 1 for the 2d.

ITALY.

Watermark of a crown since 1863.

JAMAICA.

In 1860 a watermark of a pineapple adopted, which was superseded in 1870 by C C and a crown, which was again changed in 1885 to C A and a crown.

LABUAN.

The issue of 1879 had watermark of C A and a crown running sideways. In 1880, C C and a crown was employed, which was changed in 1885 to C A and a crown upright.

LAGOS.

Watermark C C and a crown until 1882, when it was succeeded by C A and a crown.

LUBECK.

The first issue has watermark of rosettes.

LUXEMBURG.

From 1852 to 1859 letter "W".

MALTA.

Most of the 1-2d. buff 1860 issue have watermark C C and a crown. Those without are very scarce. This was changed in 1884, to C A and a crown.

MAURITIUS.

All the stamps issued between 1863 and 1882 have watermark of C C and a crown. This was changed in 1882 to C A and a crown. The 2c. brown and 4c. orange with last watermark are very rare.

MONTSERRAT.

From 1876 until 1884, watermark of C C and a crown; after that date C A and a crown. In 1884 a few of the 1d. and 6d. were issued with last watermark. They are rare.

MODENA.

In 1852, 1 liva, watermark of large "A".

NATAL.

The 1d. and 3d. of 1860 appears with and without watermark of a star, in 1864 they have C C and a crown. All stamps between 1868 and 1882 have C C and a crown; after, C A and a crown.

NEVIS.

Watermark C C and a crown was employed in 1880, but was changed to C A and a crown in 1882.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

In 1854 watermark of the numerals of value was employed. A number of "errors" occurred in printing wrong value on paper with wrong watermark. A new watermark of N S W was adopted in 1870.

NEW ZEALAND.

In 1863 a star was employed, which was, however, superseded in 1864 by N Z. The 2d. during 1873 was issued without watermark. In the next year (1874) a new watermark of N Z and a small star was adopted. The 1-2d. appeared in two forms as regards watermarks, some with N Z and the others with a star.

NORWAY.

Since 1872 watermark of a post horn.

(To be Continued.)

Holes in Letters.

Postoffice Inspector Henry Booth, after 14 years of continued service in almost every part of the country, knows a world of interesting matter in connection with the work of the service.

"About two years ago," he said, "I was detailed by the chief inspector to go to New Orleans and straighten out some crookedness there. The crookedness consisted in the continued robbery of the mail boxes on the streets.

"Every evening one or two, sometimes as many as a half dozen letters would be brought to me from one box, with pin holes stuck all through them. Some of the men tried to convince me that the pin holes were put there for the purpose of seeing what was in the letter, but that was soon exploded. One evening I dropped 10 decoy letters in a box that had not been robbed for some time, and the next morning four of them were taken out punched full of holes and six were gone. Then the thought flashed through my mind that a barbed wire was being used. So I took one particular box on the corner where the convent is situated, and by their permission got a position where I could watch both approaches to the box.

"On the third night of the vigil, about 2 o'clock in the morning, we saw a man creeping along beside the convent walls and then cautiously glide over to the box, over which he bent nearly double. He was seen to take out several letters, and Fisher and Maj. Han-

cock made a descent on him, and after an exciting chase of seven or eight blocks they caught him and he is now doing time.

"His scheme was one of the most ingenious I have ever seen in my long connection with the department. He had an umbrella rib which was notched with a file, and the point was very sharp. He would go to a box, hold the lid up with his chin, pull up the letters on the hook with one hand and take them out with the other. The letters found in the boxes filled with holes were some he had failed to secure."

Gleanings.

THE new United States postal card will be big enough to write a letter on.

ABOUT 25,000,000 letters pass yearly between the United Kingdom and North America.

It is on record that the Detroit postoffice is one of the best managed offices in the country, and that record extends backward for a number of years.

FEW people know that the government issues a stamp of the denomination of \$60. Such stamps are used on second-class mail matter and are rarely seen by the general public.

POSTMASTER General Wanamaker has modified the postal regulations so as to allow postmasters to defer their weekly returns of money orders from Saturday to Monday night, so as to obviate work on Sunday.

Mr. Wanamaker wants a unique design for a new postage stamp. What's the matter with a cut of the American eagle dressed in a neatly fitting suit of store clothes encircled with the motto: "I bought 'em at Wanamaker's?" [*Chicago Herald.*]

POSTMASTER General Wanamaker has issued an order extending the age limit of appointment of letter carriers in non-civil service postoffices from thirty-five to forty years of age. This age limitation does not apply to persons honorably discharged from the military or naval service of the country who are otherwise duly qualified.

MR. Corse's annual report shows that 119,667 misdirected letters were deposited in the mails in Boston during the past fiscal year. Most of these were corrected and forwarded, but not until after the ingenuity of the postal clerks had supplemented the careless hieroglyphics of the senders. And then there were 13,145 letters deposited in the mail boxes without stamps. This latter record isn't quite so bad, but it is bad enough.

A SOURCE of no little annoyance to business men is the obscure postmarks on many letters received from country towns owing to the carelessness of the postmaster in not properly stamping his mail. Oftentimes also the correspondent neglects to head his letter and the only means left in that case to identify the writer is the postmark. It should be the particular duty of all postmasters to observe the regulation compell-

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IS it not time for the A. P. A. to reduce the price of the exchange sheets, and thus make the Exchange Department still more popular. I do not think that the society should make the exchange sheets a source of income, as they must be now, but rather furnish them to the members as near cost price as possible. Mr. Corwin recommends, in his report to the National Society, that the price of their exchange sheets be reduced from 5 cents to 2 cents, as he considers the former price exorbitant. Even after this reduction

he thinks there will be a balance in favor of the department. If this is true in the National Society, it should be even more true in a society where some 450 sheets are sold in one month. It is not just to the members of the society who pay \$2.00 a year for membership alone, to be obliged to pay another \$2.00 into the treasury which is clean profit on exchange sheets. Come, let us have a change here, and you will see the number of sheets passing through the exchange department greatly increased.

ing a plain and legible mark to be placed on letters to denote the place of mailing. In many cases the frank is used for cancelling stamps, which should not occur as then the only possibility of reading the mark is gone. Postmasters, if they desire to serve the large number of business houses daily receiving a great amount of correspondence from interior towns, would do well to exercise more care in this detail of their work.

Pneumatic Letter-tubes.

A SCHEME is under consideration by Postmaster General Wanamaker which has for its aim a system of pneumatic tubes instead of mail carriers for conveying mail matter from the street boxes to the postoffice. Experts in such matters who have been interviewed declare that the project is perfectly feasible. In fact this has been demonstrated by the miles of pneumatic tubes that are now doing messenger service in New York, Postmaster Van Cott's assistant, Mr. Gaylor, was seen in regard to this idea and he admitted that the subject of pneumatic service had been under consideration in the office. The idea, he said, came from an expert and inventor, who laid his plans before the postoffice department in Washington, and it was proposed to first make experiments on pneumatic tubes to connect the main office in New York and Brooklyn over the Brooklyn bridge. It is

said that Postmaster General Wanamaker has also decided to make experiments in Philadelphia. The trial will first be made in the business section, and then, if successful there, the pipes will be extended to all parts of the city. The plans for the new system have not yet been thoroughly digested, but the general idea is to lay a system of pneumatic tubes in all the main streets of the city and connect them with the letter-boxes located on those streets. The connection would be by means of a pipe running underground and up the inside of a lamp-post, where it would be fitted to a box of peculiar construction. This would place all parts of the city in direct communication with the general postoffice. The letters could be delivered from the tubes directly on a canceling machine, such as is used in Boston, making a number of parallel lines half way across the letter. This would make a still further saving of labor. With the tube system a business man in New York who received an important letter by the first morning delivery could mail an answer and could have his letter almost half way to Philadelphia before the carrier on that route had returned to the office with his collections.

New Mail Boxes.

THE new postoffice street boxes that have been adopted by the postmaster general will be put in position as soon as a sufficient number can be manufactured. The patent was obtained by Mr. Wil-

lard D. Doremus, and was applied for as the result of a circular sent out by the postoffice authorities in 1888.

The department was and is very much dissatisfied with the present box, not only because it gives but little protection against the weather, but also because newspapers cannot be placed in it. Every one knows the custom of piling papers on top of the letter boxes and the odd honesty that protects them. In answer to the postoffice department's circular several hundred designs were sent into the patent office, out of which the postmaster general has selected that of Mr. Doremus.

With this box robbery is impossible, for the box can only be opened by closing the lower part off. There is a door at the lower side for the postman to unlock, and a disk on one side to mark the hour at which the mail will be collected.

The whole thing is very simple, yet effective. It is strong and will not be apt to get out of order. As the roof overlaps the top of the plate when the latter is hanging down, rain cannot get in, and the mail is perfectly protected.

Unpaid Money Orders.

FOR seventeen years after the establishment of the money order system in this country, the funds secured through unpaid money orders were stored up and hoarded, just as though the United States government had made a good speculation.

No attempts whatever were inaugurated to ascertain the real owners of this money which had been trusted to the people's care, but the sum went on accumulating until it had reached the enormous figure of about \$1,700,000. Then congress took hold.

The legislative branch of the government decided that the money thus held, was illegally held, and that no pains should be spared to ascertain to whom it belonged, and a clause was attached to one of the bills appropriating money for the support of the postoffice department authorizing the employment of a number of clerks, whose duty it should be to ascertain the rightful owners of the money-order fund, and every effort made to restore it. Congress also provided that hereafter, whenever an "advice" in relation to an order, which should remain unpaid in the hands of a postmaster a certain number of days without the money having been claimed, was received, it should be the duty of that postmaster to notify the payee. If this failed to secure the payment of the money to the rightful party, the sender was to be notified, and steps were devised by which he might secure the money which had not been paid to the person to whom he desired it should go.

Under the latter act there has been a great falling off in the accumulation of money to the credit of the money-order fund in New York, and under the instructions of Congress some clerks in the money-order department have

been engaged for some years in making out a list of all unpaid orders, together with the names of the purchaser of the order and the party to whom it was sent. These lists make an enormous bill of manuscript, and although they are not yet completed, they have been instrumental in restoring a great deal of the money to the rightful owners. Just how much has been paid back cannot be ascertained at this time without a great deal of work, but that there still remains more than \$1,000,000 piled away in the sub-treasury in New York, to the credit of the money-order fund is beyond dispute.

Ordinary business honesty would have demanded that this fund should never have been allowed to accumulate, but this government never pays a debt it can possibly escape, though it insists upon prompt payment from all its debtors.

Wanamaker Speaks.

Postmaster General Wanamaker, while occupying a cottage at the United States hotel, Saratoga, N. Y., with his family, gave some interesting information about his administration of the postoffice department.

When the remark was made that newspapers had been criticising him he said: "Yes, but my whole aim is to give the country an efficient postal service. I have already shortened the time between New York and San Francisco 19 hours, not by new trains, at extra expense, but by making

closer connections. It is my desire to have mail boxes on the outgoing steamers, where mail can be put in until the gang plank is removed. Then we are to have a new postal card, much larger than the present one. This will soon be out. My desire again is to have finally a one cent rate for half ounce letters, keeping ounce letters at the present rate—two cents. If the rich want to use heavy cream laid paper and heavy seals let them do it and pay for the unnecessary weight. But I would have it arranged so that the poor can send a letter for one cent.

"I shall not rest till New York has all her postal wants supplied. I want to make a reputation for business foresight, and in New York, the metropolis of the whole country, is a good place to begin improvements. I have no ax to grind myself. The only reward I am desirous of is public approbation. When we have all the money we want, we still thirst for approbation. That's all I want to win."

The Editor's Statistics.

The editor of the BEACON has been engaged lately in reckoning up some of the prominent institutions in the philatelic world, which are given below. Opposite each is the number which appear to exist.

'Largest collection in the world',	71
'Largest wholesale dealer',	19
'Largest retail dealer',	27
'Best philatelic journal',	17
'Rarest stamp in existence',	43
'Best album made',	13
'Philatelic publications issued on time',	00
'Man who is contented with the A.P.A.',	*1

* P. S. He is dead.

 Correspondence.

Oct. 1st., 1889.

To the Editor;

I notice in your October number that you speak of a so-called find of St. Louis stamps said to have been made in Galena, Ills.

The mention of this find in a Chicago paper was brought to my notice some weeks ago, and seeking light on the stamps in question, I turned to a file of the *American Journal of Philately* that I happened to have at hand, and much to my surprise found that the Chicago paper, in giving an account of the issue of St. Louis stamps, uses the exact words used by Mr. J. W. Scott in No. 1 of the *American Journal of Philately* for 1888, and I scented a "nigger in the woodpile."

It almost appeared to me that someone had caused the notice to be put into the Chicago paper, perhaps for the purpose of selling one of these 20-cent stamps.

Can any of your readers throw any further light on this subject?

OBSERVER.

 Chicago, Oct. 1, '89.

Messrs Editors,

Dear Sirs,

In the last number of the BEACON, I noticed an article entitled "A Stamp Find", touching upon the discovery of certain St. Louis Locals found at Galena, this state.

As the latter part of the same seems to indicate doubt as to the discovery of the stamps in question, I would say that I have seen one specimen of the 10c. stamp.

This stamp was shown me by a friend of mine in this city who is also a philatelist; having heard of the recent find at Galena, I asked him if it was one of those lately found there. He replied that it was.

He had read the account in the papers of the discovery, and immediately wrote the finder, making him an offer, and was fortunate enough to secure one of them.

It is in fine condition, although not on the original envelope. Your correspondent at Galena was either misled, or else he struck the wrong party for information, as the stamps were discovered without doubt. Hoping that this will prove of some slight interest,

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Watermarks.

W. W. JEWETT,

(Concluded.)

PRUSSIA.

The 6pf., 1sgr., 2sgr. and 3sgr., have watermark of a laurel leaf.

QUEENSLAND.

The first issue imperforate, has a large star. The issue of 1862 were perforate with same watermark. The 1863 issue has no watermark. The 1868 issue has a watermark of a small star. In 1869 watermark of q and a crown was adopted.

RUSSIA.

The 10kop., 20k. and 30k. of the first issue have respectively 1, 2 and 3 in large numerals. In 1868 these were changed to wavy lines. The copies of the 1857 issue, imperforate, without watermark, are very scarce.

ST. CHRISTOPHER.

From 1870 to 1882 watermark of C C and a crown; after, C A and a crown.

ST. HELENA.

A star was employed until 1863 when C C and a crown was adopted which gave way in 1884 to C A and a crown for a watermark.

ST. LUCIA.

The first stamps have watermark of a star. In 1863, C C and a crown which was superseded in 1884 by C A and a crown.

ST. VINCENT.

Watermark of a star was adopted in 1881 but gave way in 1883 to C A and a crown. The 1-2d. with watermark of a star is quite rare.

ST. THOMAS. (D. W. I.)

Stamps of this country have watermark of a large crown until 1874 when it was changed to a small crown.

SAN MARINO.

Watermark of a crown.

SIERRA LEONE.

From 1872 to 1883 watermark C C and a crown; after that, C A and a crown.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Watermark of a star was employed until 1871 when S A and a crown was employed. It is said that a few of the stamps of this country have watermark V and a crown, and that they are very rare.

SPAIN.

The stamps of 1855, 1856 and 1857 bore the same watermarks as those of Cuba (Spanish colony). The 1876 issue had watermark of a castle. These three issues are the only ones having watermarked paper.

STRAITS SETTLEMENT.

From 1868 to 1882 watermark C C and a crown. After 1882, C A and a crown.

SWITZERLAND.

In 1862 a watermark of an oval shield bearing the Geneva Cross was adopted and has ever since been retained.

TASMANIA.

A part of the 1855 issue has a star for watermark. In 1857 watermarks of the numerals of their respective values. Here were some "errors" of the 1d.: wrong watermark. In 1871 watermark T A S was adopted.

TOBAGO.

The 1870 issue had C C and a crown. Changed in 1884 to C A and a crown.

TRINIDAD.

In 1865 watermark C C and a crown. Some of the stamps have it sideways. In 1883 it was changed to C A and a crown.

TURKS ISLAND.

In 1850 wavy lines were adopted.

TUSCANY.

Watermark of straight and waved lines.

VICTORIA.

In 1858 watermark of a star. In 1864 watermark value in words or numerals. Many "errors" reported. In 1874 V was adopted.

VIRGIN ISLANDS.

The 1879 issue has C C and a crown superseded in 1884 by C A and a crown.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Issue of 1855, watermark of a swan. In 1864 no watermark. From 1867 to 1882, C C and a

crown; after that, C A and a crown.

WURTEMBERG.

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Philatelic Reverie.

CANADENSIS.

THERE is renewed agitation over the confederation of the British West Indies. With Imperial Federation of Great Britain and her Colonies there would be a revolution in Colonial stamps.

RUSSIA and Spain appear to be the only countries where the authorities tamper wholesale with foreign letters. Although there may be other countries where "the sneak" is played, a strict censorship is only attempted openly in the two countries named. I recently received two letters containing stamps from Russia both of which gave evidence of being tampered with, one having a diagonal cut across one corner on the back through which the letter could be withdrawn and then neatly closed by gumming the edges together, making it difficult to detect. The other letter had a strip of five stamps removed, evidently by a steaming process, then a slit made in the place where the stamps were placed and contents scrutinized, and stamps replaced. This is also a way dishonest mail clerks have of abstracting valuables. Whether my letter was opened by a censor or a robber I have my doubts. I scan carefully all foreign letters, and find my greatest ene-

my is the stamp fiend in the post office who removes any valuable stamp from the face of the envelope and sometimes replaces a common one or none at all. Spanish "suspect letters" are opened by professional officials who cut a slit in one of the sides closing it again by a shellac brush so as to defy detection. Old stamps are contraband in Spain.

THE old Indian bill stamps (violet) are said to have been surcharged in green fraudulently with "Service—Postage". They are almost equal to the genuine in appearance. French errors of color, chemically produced, are also offered to the unwary.

"PHILATELY", as a term for stamp collecting, was first used by Mr. G. Herpin, Paris, in November 1864. Previously the words "Timbrophily" and "Timbromanie" signifying stamp *mania*, were used. The Stamp Collectors' Magazine first used the word "Philatelist" in August 1865, as well as the term "Philatelic". Mr. Pemberton first used the word "Philatelic" in January, 1872.

THE "*Philatelic Guzzler*" for September is chuck full of abuse. We wonder if Wolfsieffer has any more music to exchange for stamps. I want the Philatelic Waltzes.

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THE *Halifax Philatelist* having suspended, and the *Dominion Philatelist* becoming the official organ of the C. P. A., there is good reason to hope that the dealers will patronize Canada's only stamp journal. The *H. P.* was a good one and we are sorry to see it pass away. I do not like to see personal items over *nom-de-plumes* in an official organ, as it is apt to create false impressions of the editor. While these squibs do all right in other papers they are decidedly out of place in an organ supposed to be advancing the interests of the association, and not to be the quarrel-pit for sore-heads.

In a letter received from a correspondent in British Guiana, dated 1st. Sept. last, is the following:—"I post this letter with a 4d. (8c.) of the provisional revenue issue; these will in a short time be unavailable for postal purposes, and as only a few have been used they will be rare. The 72c. stamp also will be worth getting as *none have been used postally*, though up to date the Govt. have not prohibited it." This is directly contrary to a former letter I got from another party, in which it was stated that the 72c. had been used postally but the Govt. had prohibited it. The rarest of the provisionals is the 2c. first type without the figure "2" surcharged in red. They are selling at from \$1.50 to \$3.00 apiece.

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Justice Triumphant.

(Continued.)

This is the kind of argument used to inflame and prejudice the mind against Mr. Hill, who as a poor boy, at the age of twelve, left school to fight the battle of life, and who as a man had nothing but his intellect with which to combat life's troubles and necessities.

"L. B. M.'s" remarks in recent numbers of the *Essex County Philatelist* are simply quotations from Patrick Chalmers' circulars. In the Sept. number he says—

"Look over the history of inventions and you will find that the majority of inventors were poor men, unable to practically offer what their inventive genius had set forth in theory, as represented by illustrative models, experiments, etc. Here again is an attempt to make the world believe that Chalmers was a very poor man and that Hill was wealthy—a capitalist and speculator. But the real fact is opposite. James Chalmers, for the times, was well off in worldly goods. He was the leading bookseller of Dundee, and published the principal paper in that city, besides doing a large book publishing and printing business. Hill was a poor man. His father and mother were poor and worked hard to keep the wolf from the door. Indeed the father proposed emigrating to America, but this would have meant separation, as

he could not afford to take the whole family with him. Just think of it, ye lovers of justice. Rowland got all his education before he was 12 years of age, and at 14 entirely supported himself with his hard earnings. At this time his father had a heavy load of debt on the family, and before he was 18 he had paid off all the creditors in full. As a simple schoolmaster he saw the ups and downs of this life, and he had here his first great lessons in Economic Science. All this happened while James Chalmers, the wealthy book publisher, printer, dealer and stationer was "lord of all he surveyed." Who had the best chance of hobnobbing with the "bloated aristocracy" or of crushing the poor schoolmaster's invention?

Did it ever occur to you, reader and lover of fair play, that James Chalmers published a newspaper in Dundee for years before the penny post was adopted, and for years after. Now, I think you will agree with me that if he was so interested in stamps between 1834 and 1839 that we would find a good chance to get proof of such in Editor and Publisher Chalmers' own paper. But no; this all-important subject of the invention and of an issue, or even of a thought of adhesive postage stamps is not mentioned in the paper un-

til some months after Rowland Hill's plan was adopted. Is it reasonable to suppose that Chalmers kept it a secret. And then when James Chalmers, who was not only wealthy but a *gentleman, withdrew his claim*, we can safely say that he knew what he was doing, as with his prominent position, — the owner of a powerful newspaper, — he could have easily demanded any rights he did not get.

Everyone knows that Rowland Hill met with the most determined opposition from the many titled lords, dukes and others high in office, but the *people*, being the government, demanded the adoption of his scheme. All honor to any self-made man, who as a poor man, without even a friend to start with in his appeal to the British Parliament, finally forced them to undertake his ideas, and, surely no one will demur wher. I say that the title of "Sir" was well won by him, and far more deserving than those who are born with the same title.

Instead of quoting Patrick Chalmers' own circulars there are plenty of impartial evidence to be heard.

There are two points I want to add and that in reference to the statue of Rowland Hill and the proposed one of James Chalmers. In the front of the Town Hall at Kidderminster *there now stands* a monument and statue which says: "*To the memory of Sir Rowland Hill, to whose creative mind the world is indebted for the Penny Postage.*" On the base are these words, "*He founded uniform pos-*

tage, 1840." This is entirely different from what the rehash of Patrick Chalmers' balderdash says in the *Essex County Philatelist*.

Another point. The Dundee Town Council had, *by the casting vote of the mayor*, voted a paltry £5 towards a bust of James Chalmers. This movement however *fell through*, even the Dundee people, when they knew the real facts, refusing to subscribe. Dundee was the birth-place of James Chalmers, and it is a marvellous wonder that there are not more overzealous old people who would stick to an opinion of anything concerning one of their own number.

Too many papers, while commenting on this nineteenth century "craze", seemingly forget that there are two sides to every case, and only review the subject in dispute from a partizan standpoint by relying solely on Patrick Chalmers' fabrications. In looking over the number of the *Old Curiosity Shop* in which I saw the monstrous aggregation of falsehoods, as quoted above, for a reason of their abuse of Mr. Hill, I found the following paragraph, which appears almost side by side with the vilest calumnies upon a dead benefactor:—

"Patrick Chalmers will please accept our sincere thanks for the cabinet photograph of his father, and also for a complete unused set of the new English stamps. Mr. Chalmers is working hard to establish his father's claims to the invention of the adhesive stamp. We are sure he deserves success."

Of course Mr. Chalmers is working hard! Of course they are certain he deserves success!! Why

shouldn't they? But don't say "his father's claims" for his father never had such claims.

In justice, I must say that the *Old Curiosity Shop* published this when it was under the James-town, N. Y., management; for in my study of the question I ran across an article written by the editor of the paper, when it was at Cleveland. Here is what he had to say:—

"Nearly every civilized nation in the world has adopted the cheap postage system inaugurated by Sir Rowland Hill. To him belongs the credit of having established the penny postage."

These remarks were an honest opinion of the editor's views I have no doubt, and they partly nullify the effect of his predecessor's bombast. Common justice and fair play demand that both sides of the case should be studied before venturing an opinion for either side. This will tend to exemplify more fully the cardinal virtues of American liberality, and weigh well before we condemn a man lying in his grave. "*He who steals my purse steals trash, but he who robs me of my good name—*" etc.

In the study of the question I have carefully preserved every article bearing on the introduction of the post stamp, and also the opinions of many leading philatelists. Many of the latter do not "hide their light under a bushel," but fearlessly express their views upon the Chalmers claims. I admire such men, who are honest in their convictions and are the *beau ideal* of free-men, not only by deed, but by thought. Their remarks will be read with interest, and I herewith quote a few which

I have received, also some I have extracted from articles relating to the subject in dispute, as well as the editorial utterances of some prominent writers:—

A FEW HONEST OPINIONS.

Sir Rowland Hill must be recognized as the originator of cheap mail combinations, and as the *inventor* of the adhesive stamp.

V. Gruat, in Paris Poste.

Sir Rowland Hill is known by all as being the *inventor* of the modern postage stamp—that wonderful idea which has proved so useful to all nations and to all the world generally. [*W. G. Roberts.*

Sir Rowland Hill—the inventor of the adhesive stamp. [*J. W. Scott, in Eden Musee Catalogue, 1889.*

Sir Rowland Hill is the man to whom all the civilized world owes the adoption of the cheap and uniform postal system. [*T. Coke.*

As the Minnesota branch of the American Philatelic Association have decided for Rowland Hill it is to be expected that the Chalmers crowd will stop abusing the Q. C. P. Soc'y., and empty their vial of wrath on the Northwest.

E. R. Aldrich.

Investigations showed me clearly that the employment of an adhesive postage stamp was, as I had always believed, first mooted by Sir Rowland Hill, who did so on the 13th. of Feb., 1837. On Mr. Jas. Chalmers' own showing (and *his* evidence *must* be better than that of his son or any one else) he states he *first* propounded his suggestions in Nov., 1837.

W. A. S. Westoby.

Mr. Chalmers has time and a-

gain *falsified* and misrepresented the facts of the case. Rowland Hill was the *first* to suggest the use of the adhesive stamp in connection with the uniform penny postage scheme. [*Geo. Henderson.*

Rowland Hill is the man to whom this country, and indeed, all civilization, owes the adoption of the cheap and uniform system. His plan has been adopted by every state which professes to have a postal system at all. [*Justin Mc. Carthy, Home-Rule M. P.*

The cause of Mr. Chalmers' is not gaining and the opposition is, as any unprejudiced person can see. [*W. Watson.*

As to the evidence of the three old people, the testimony of one of them really goes the other way, and that of the other two would not stand five minutes cross-examination before a court, where Mr. Pearson Hill has invited Mr. Patrick Chalmers to meet him.

E. D. Bacon.

It seems curious to me that one or more persons could remember perfectly 54 years, unless reminded by something — money, for instance. Jas. Chalmers himself gives us the date of his plan, the 9th. Dec., 1837. Rowland Hill advanced his plan Feb. 13, 1837, and this proves that he was the real inventor. [*J. L. Pender.*

It is *impossible* to trust to memory of man for anything that is accurate; everyone knows that, and to hold this up as a proof is *all bosh*. [*G. L. Block (a Chalmerite) in Hoosier Phil., Apr., '89*

To Rowland Hill *indisputably* belongs the merit of having con-

ceived the idea of a uniform postage, proved that it would pay, and made it practically accessible and applicable to the public in the form of postage stamps, such as we still have. [*Dr. Bromberg.*

I have investigated the evidence produced by both sides and find Chalmers sadly wanting in such evidence as would stand the test of a cross-examination; consequently I have cast my lot with Mr. Pearson Hill in this case.

Wm. A. McFadden.

I am fully of the opinion that Hill proved that uniform postage would pay, and indisputably has the merit of introducing it.

Karl V. Gundel.

To Rowland Hill belongs the credit of the invention of the postage stamp. [*William F. Cornell.*

I take no stock in the "craze," as I believe Rowland Hill invented the postage stamp as we have it to-day. [*W. E. Bush.*

The Quaker City Phil. Society, of Philadelphia, appointed a committee to examine *thoroughly* and report upon Chalmers' claims. At a subsequent meeting, as a result of a debate upon the report, a committee was appointed to draw up unfavorable resolutions to the claims of Chalmers, stating that he *did not* invent adhesive postage stamps. [*L. W. Smith.*

Pat Chalmers has achieved considerable notoriety in the U. S. by hacking his father's claim, which has been done by the expenditure of much money; — a *useless* expenditure, we fear.

W. A. MacCalla.

Mr. Chalmers states positively

that his father was the man who invented the adhesive postage stamp. I submit that he does not bring one word of proof to convince us, or any other unprejudiced and uninterested people. The *Jubilee sets* I do not regard good proof, although they may have convinced some of our younger friends. Every two-for-a-cent paper and quorum-of-two philatelic society in these United States, having received Chalmers' documents, immediately passed resolutions giving Chalmers the credit of the invention and elected him (P. Chalmers) as an *honorary member*. [*Theodore Siddall*.

We can notice that the committee on Chalmers' claims in the A. P. A. convention was entirely composed of Chalmers' men. Rather a one-sided committee.

F. E. P. Lynde.

The just claims of Sir Rowland Hill, as the inventor of the stamp as a means of cheap postage are not withdrawn. We regret the action of the A. P. A. in this matter and feel certain that it will ultimately be obliged to withdraw from this false position in which a few members have placed it.

H. McAllister.

The mails that have arrived in this country at intervals have been loaded with specimens of English typographical art (Chalmers' pamphlets) and emanate from the pen of a *deluded* and *narrow-minded*, but filial, son. Let us look at these pamphlets and peruse them carefully and what is the conclusion? Nothing!! They record the *folly* of American societies in that they

did not investigate the matter before they passed resolutions that they will be *compelled* to rescind.

Dr. Wm. H. Mitchell.

What is Mr. Chalmers after? Is it fame, or a gigantic advertising scheme? Can any one tell?

E. R. Durborow.

It is our opinion that a set of unused Great Britain postage stamps goes a long way toward persuading one that James Chalmers was the inventor of the adhesive stamp.

The late L. W. Durbin.

Patrick Chalmers saying that his father invented the postage stamp does not make it so any more than our saying the "moon is made of green cheese" would make it a fact. [*John M. Hubbard.*

I regret to say that throughout the discussion Mr. Chalmers has continually taken refuge in what I will not qualify more harshly than the *suppressio veri*.

M. Burnett.

The *Fortnightly* would like to know why Chalmers slings unused English stamps around so promiscuously. [*D. Y. Smith.*

Chalmers publishes a pamphlet entitled "Submission of the Rowland Hill committee." Here is what the Secretary of that committee says:—"There is not the slightest excuse for the assertion of Mr. P. Chalmers, that the Memorial Committee admitted that Sir Rowland Hill was not the originator of the Penny Postage scheme." No doubt of any kind was at any time expressed by a single member of the committee

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promises even, for it offers a copy of an official journal to every member, which journal is a thing of the past. That greatest inducement, the right of voting to members of all ages, is also useless, for the A. P. A. has granted that right to its members. All in all the P. S. of A. is a poor imitation of the A. P. A. and is also a miserable failure. It is cheap! Yes, but absolutely not one cent's worth of good does it do. There was no demand for another society, and it came into existence en-

tirely uncalled for. It has struggled through a puny existence, and may it die (if it has not already) unmourned and uncared for. May it be a warning to those who in future times may try to become great by starting a new society when they find it impossible to become prominent in the A. P. A.

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—[*New York Voice*.

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as to Sir Rowland Hill's right to be considered the *originator and founder* of the system. We were agreed that both *founder* and *originator* correctly described his position in connection with this great public boon.

—*Alderman Jas. Whitehead.*

The testimony of Mr. Maxwell is totally irrelevant. Both Messrs. Hill and Chalmers claim that their father suggested the use of adhesive stamps. There is only one way in which such a suggestion could be made, that is by publication. And no one denies that

Rowland Hill was the first so to do.

—*G. Henderson.*

It seems to me to be unnecessary to go back to the posts established in the 17th. and 18th. centuries; these had been entirely forgotten, and I do not suppose that any of the English postal reformers of the present century had ever heard of them; the argument is between the representatives of Mr. Jas. Chalmers and Sir Rowland Hill, and my own opinion is that Mr. Pat. Chalmers, although he has had by far the most to say, has not in reality the best of it. Mr. P. Chalmers' statements appear to consist partly of abuse of Sir Rowland Hill and partly of letters and newspaper cuttings, showing that this party and that party have accepted *his* statements as correct. This is all very interesting, especially the abuse, but it is not argument and it is not evidence. The case lies in a nutshell. James Chalmers did claim to have been the first to propose adhesive stamps for postal use and grounded his claim on the fact that he had made this proposition in Nov. 1837. Rowland Hill informed him that he had himself proposed adhesive postage stamps, as an alternative to stamped envelopes or letter-sheets in Feb. 1837, and the published reports of the commission before whom Rowland Hill gave evidence at that date show that this was the case. Jas. Chalmers, therefore, *withdrew his claim*. These are facts Mr. Pat. Chalmers has never attempted to disprove, and in the face of these *facts* it is

useless to bring forward persons who profess to *remember* that Chalmers printed essays in 1834. The date which he assigned to his proposal was November, 1837, and it is absurd for anyone 50 years later to attempt to put back that date three or four years and raise a claim which was never made by the man himself.

—*Major Edw. B. Evans.*
(To be Continued.)

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ker," which promises a postoffice with every suit of clothes purchased of the Philadelphia firm of which the postmaster general is the distinguished head. No doubt, however, it is a forgery. John does better. He gives an office with a pair of pants.

[*Chicago Herald.*]

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THE editor has grown tired of affixing to his correspondence the two-cent image of the late lamented General Washington, and suggests that to vary the monotony some new blood should be infused into the list of worthies to whom is accorded the distinguished honor of assisting tailors' bills, love letters and rejected manuscripts through the mails. The following have been mentioned to him as being suitable candidates; Noah Webster, Julia Ward Howe and Horace Greeley.

The idea is a very good one as far as it goes, but we think we can do better. If we really design to variegate our postage stamps and add to them a sweetness and light that they never possessed before, much valuable material has been overlooked. We would respectfully suggest to the Postmaster General the following list:—

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We should be pleased to receive designs for any of the above stamps, and if they should prove of sufficient merit we might be inclined to publish them in some future number. Send along your designs, and when we have the full set, as above, we will forward them to the Postmaster General for his inspection and approbation. If we can make a go of this set it will undoubtedly give a stimulus to stamp collecting, since it contains the portraits of so many men of national reputation, and the revenue of the Postoffice Department would be greatly increased thereby.

E. T. R.

Justice Triumphant.

(Concluded.)

We have but little respect for P. Chalmers, who, knowing that his father's letter, withdrawing his claim, was still in existence, uses all means, honorable and otherwise, to make people believe his father was the original inventor of the adhesive postage stamp. If Pat Chalmers believed what he was talking of he would accept Mr. P. Hill's challenge to have the matter settled before a proper court. But the former knows, as well as anyone, that *his father was not the originator of the adhesive stamp.* —*Jno. M. Hubbard.*

The Chalmers "craze" will die a natural death. —*E. K. Fuller.*

So far as we know of the history of the penny post, and we are old enough to remember all the circumstances attending the agitation for it, Sir Rowland Hill's object was a uniform charge, and this was not thought of or talked of until 1837. Jas. Chalmers' proposed stamps *depended on the uniformity.* The *recollection* of those who attribute the date to 1834 *must be wrong.* —*Alfred Smith.*

After the foregoing crushing evidence by gentlemen who have made a study of the question and who are acknowledged leaders of opinion as well as writers of no mean ability, I confess that if I were a Chalmerite I would feel ashamed of the cause they endeavor to bolster up. Yet we find dupes in every land. The "Tichborne claimant" had many believ-

ers and why should not the 'Chalmers claimant' have some as well. The fair-minded philatelic press have also denounced the 'craze' as spurious and I will quote a few of their remarks just by way of putting

ANOTHER NAIL IN THE COFFIN.

The serious aspect of Chalmers' publications is the cowardliness of the attacks put forth in them and extremely dishonest suppressions of facts. In order to make it appear that Rowland Hill in his pamphlet (issued Feb. 1837) did not suggest adhesive stamps, Mr. Chalmers quotes the paragraphs in which stamped envelopes and letter-sheets are mentioned. He, however, keeps back the fact that in the very next paragraph Rowland Hill proposed the adhesive label. This paragraph Mr. Chalmers characteristically suppresses.

—*Philatelic Record.*

It looks very much like as if somebody was trying to traduce and steal the honors from a dead man, who would not dare to, were he alive and able to defend himself, and reminds one very forcibly of the celebrated Tichborne claimant case, who afterwards was proved to be an impostor.

—*Empire State Philatelist.*

Sir Rowland Hill invented the postage stamp, and all the "penny whistles" in the country cannot prove different. —*Canadian Philatelist.*

Older and sober-headed philatelists now look on it (Chalmers' claim) like a rocket which goes up quick, but comes down quicker.

—*Keystone State Philatelist.*

A motion to support the Chalmers "craze" at the annual convention of the C. P. A., held at Toronto, was defeated, only *two* supporting the resolution brought in. —*Stamp World*.

The Chalmers-Hill controversy is not settled yet by a long ways, and, just as the Chicago boys thought they had it all their own way, it breaks out anew in several quarters. I am afraid some of the boys did not get — a Jubilee set.

—*Philatelic Leader*.

About the only thing P. Chalmers has not claimed for his father is the honor of inventing paper and ink. We expect he will claim it as soon as he is reminded of the fact. —*Philatelic Fortnightly*.

We have some doubt whether Mr. Chalmers' persistent efforts are worth the result he may achieve. The boon for which the whole world will *forever* be indebted to Sir Rowland Hill is the invention of the Penny Post, and for this he will be remembered so long as posts continue to exist.

—*The Stamp News*.

The *Arbroath (Scotland) Herald*, of Oct. 1839, definitely proves that *two years after* Rowland Hill proposed an adhesive stamp, Mr. Chalmers had an idea of one also.

—*The Curio*.

Rowland Hill, the author of the postage stamp. —*Collectors' Companion*.

Rowland Hill, the originator of the postage stamp. For the beginning of the new postal law England has to thank him. —*Philatelic Magazine*.

To Patrick Chalmers we say that he has no doubt plenty of believers in America, but from all we can find but few on the other side, and those who are nearest should be most competent to judge. We now say that Sir Rowland Hill is entitled to the credit of being the inventor of the successful stamp, just as Robert Fulton is entitled to the invention of the steamboat, although no one doubts that Jean Courdray ran a steamboat on the Seine in 1774.

—*Quaker City Philatelist*.

Mr. Hill is entitled to priority of publication. —*Stamp and Coin Gazette*.

We are convinced that Rowland Hill was the real inventor of the adhesive postage stamp.

—*American Stamp Journal*.

Mr. Pearson Hill's pamphlets are well-written, and the facts of the case, as recorded by him, firmly establishes his father's claims, and we believe that everyone who carefully reads and weighs both sides of the question will decide as we have done. —*Dominion Philatelist*.

It seems a little singular to us that if our Canadian and European collectors won't have anything to do with "Jimmie of Dundee" why a few American collectors will parade this very fatiguing subject *ad nauseum*.

—*Flour City Philatelist*.

To Rowland Hill we owe the adoption of the idea and practical development. —*Granite State Philatelist*.

All the numerous pamphlets on Chalmers' claim to the invention

of the adhesive post stamp have not been sufficient to convince us that he is entitled to *any credit whatever*. On the contrary, we are more firmly convinced than ever that Sir Rowland Hill brought out the issue of adhesive postage stamps, wrappers and envelopes, as we have at present. He could not have heard of their previous application as his own words prove.

—*The Gossip*.

Mr. Chalmers advised the Treasury that his stamp of Aug. 1839, *be applied with a wafer or sealing wax*. Rowland Hill in Feb., 1837, stated that his stamp could be *covered at the back with a glutinous wash*. In the face of these facts we must inevitably acknowledge that to Rowland Hill more than anyone else must the honor of establishing our modern postal system be given

—*Minnesota Philatelist*.

We cannot see what advantage it will be to Mr. Chalmers to spend so much time and money to establish his father's rights. We think like one of our contemporaries that it is *an advertising scheme* for himself, instead of an attempt to prove his father's rights.

—*Ohio Philatelist*.

We were in hopes that the Chalmers-Hill ghost had been laid, but the recent receipt of the second edition of Chalmers' *vindication* awakens the apprehension that the spectre will not down.

—*Philately*.

The Q. C. P. Society has taken a firm stand against Chalmers' pretensions. This is just what societies should do until better evidence is offered than the unassist-

ed (or assisted) memory of persons now in their dotage.—*Fortnightly*.

Everybody, except Chicago, has left Chalmers. * * * * * John R. Hooper is still on the aggressive on behalf of Rowland Hill. Sooner or later his efforts to propagate truth will be acknowledged.

* * * * * The only noticeable thing in Mr. Chalmers' last circular is the implied withdrawal of the 1834 claim. This will cause those who have as yet been undecided to incline more to Hill's side.

—*The Curio*, October, 1889.

Rowland Hill invented the postage stamp.

—*American Exchange and Mart*.

Mr. P. Chalmers is still busy publishing circulars to prove that his father invented the postage stamp, his latest circular being caused by a speech of Mr. Gladstone, in which *that gentleman gave the credit to Sir Rowland Hill*. * * * * * Mr. Francis Worrell Stevens is the latest claimant. * * * * * He does not inform the world why he remained silent for fifty-two years.—*Stamp News* (London, Eng.,) Dec. 1889.

Sir Rowland Hill persuaded the Government to make a trial of the Penny Post. To this far-seeing man we owe the freedom and cheapness of our present arrangements.—*Eureka Philatelist*, Sept., 1889.

The adhesive stamp was invented over a hundred years ago, yet an impostor, named P. Chalmers, claims that his father invented it fifty years ago. Rowland Hill first conceived the idea of applying

stamps for the prepayment of postage. The impostor's claims have received no intelligent following.

—*Agents' Gazette.*

The pretensions of Mr. Jas. Chalmers, as put forward by his son will not bear the test of close investigation. They are put forward with a pertinacity and impudence which has had considerable weight with our transatlantic friends, but they have not had the opportunities which we have had of consulting other and independent sources of information.

—*Monthly Circular, Bath, Eng.*

Not only will the Chalmers "c'aze" die a natural death, but it behoves all enlightened and intelligent philatelists to do all in their power to crush out the evil already wrought. This they can do by their vote and influence. Philatelists, be on your guard; demand *proof*, not hearsay evidence from the memories of persons. If a Chalmerite asks you for support, tell him that if he has a just case that they will accept Mr. Pearson Hill's challenge to have it decided before a proper tribunal. Ask them also why Chalmers refuses to do so, as he has everything to gain and nothing to lose. Mr. Hill has charged Patrick Chalmers with being a fabricator and a perjurer. The latter does not deny this and continues misrepresentation. One-hundredth part of the money Patrick has spent in pamphlets, photos, Jubilee sets, books, presents, etc., would clear the whole case up. Our philatelic writers also see through the little game and put it down as the

GREATEST FRAUD ON CREDULITY.

It is known that the first suggestion in modern times came from Rowland Hill.

—*Mecklenburg.*

Very few of the A. P. A. members anticipated the introduction of an endorsement of Chalmers, or a larger negative vote would have been cast.

—*Era.*

If the Chalmers men * * * imagine that they can obtain any endorsement of their champion's *spurious* claim, they will be sadly disappointed at the next convention of the C. P. A. —*Acadia.*

I am certain that the intelligent philatelists of America will swamp the Chalmers clique when it comes to a vote next July and I am glad for this reason that the Hill side will demand absolute proof or undoubted records for every point argued. If the two old personages are to be brought forward, only a thorough cross-examination to test their memory before a proper court will satisfy any one who is not prejudiced. —*Canadensis.*

I may state here that the two living witnesses of Patrick Chalmers are Prain and Maxwell, and I am prepared to state that whenever they are ready to meet their fate before a tribunal of justice the cost of such will be forthcoming, so no objections can be raised on this score.

The American Philatelic Association at their last annual convention (Sept. 1889.) decided by a vote of 427 for to 52 against, that they would reconsider the Chalmers question.

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AN account of the large number of letters of inquiry received lately, we take this opportunity for saying that postals, and all letters not containing stamp for reply, will not receive an answer. If J. D. A. would like his rejected manuscript returned, as he requested us to do, he must send stamps to pay the postage; otherwise it goes into the inevitable waste-basket:— and ours is a large one.

—Mr. Geo. H. Watson has our

thanks for a bound copy of Vol. I of the *Post Card*.

—Mr. Duncan S. Wylie of New York City has removed to No. 60 Broadway, Room 219.

—We notice in the last number of the *Dominion Philatelist* that the librarian reports that he received word from Mr. S. C. Scott, of Calmar, Iowa, that he had sent a complete file of the late United States Philatelist for the library of the C. P. A., but that he had failed to receive it as yet. This is somewhat similar to our own ex-

perience. About two months ago Mr. Scott agreed to send us, for back numbers of the BEACON which we had sent to him, a complete file of the late U. S. Philatelist. He wrote to us saying that he had sent them, but up to date we have not received them. By the way, where is that paragon, the "Stamp Collectors' Magazine", advertised by Mr. Scott to appear on Dec. 20th., 1889? We begin to think that it is a myth, and that Mr. Scott—well never mind.

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At a meeting on Jan. 2nd., after the annual election of officers, on motion of Sec. J. L. Pender, the following resolutions were unanimously carried:—

Resolved, that this society fully endorses the claim of Mr. Pearson Hill, that establishes the fact that his father, the late Sir Rowland Hill, was the originator of the adhesive postage stamp; that this decision was achieved after careful study of all proof bearing on the case in any way.

Resolved, that the Secretary be instructed to furnish a copy of these resolutions to Mr. Pearson Hill, also to provide for their being published in various philatelic journals.

Resolved, that this society express its belief that those who have decided in favor of James Chalmers did not give the matter sufficient study as to warrant such belief.

Granite State Phil. Asso.

Presdt. T. H. Gray.

Vice Presdt. W. Noyes.

Secy. J. L. Pender.

Treas. C. S. Rand.

Librarian Geo. H. Young.

The first stamp thought of by James Chalmers in Nov. 1837, was no doubt a seal or some such device. In contradistinction, herewith we show an exact counterpart of the adhesive postage stamp as proposed by Rowland Hill in Feb. 1837:—



The following societies have either refused to entertain Chalmers' claims, or decided against him:—

International Philatelic Verein of Dresden.

London Philatelic Society.

New York Philatelic Society.

Canadian Philatelic Association.

Quaker City Philatelic Society.

Granite State Philatelic Asso.

Minnesota Branch A. P. A.

and a number of smaller societies.

The following papers have favored Rowland Hill's claim:—

American Journal of Philately.

American Stamp Journal.

Philatelic Fortnightly.

Quaker City Philatelist.

Dominion Philatelist.

Canadian Philatelist.

Curiosity and Stamp World.

Flour City Philatelist.

Philatelic Monthly. (Phila.)

Minnesota Philatelist.

The Gossip.

Philatelic Beacon.

Granite State Philatelist.

Philatelic Record. (London.)

Empire State Philatelist.

Keystone State Philatelist.

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Odds and Ends.

IN New York, letters with special delivery stamps are now delivered on Sunday.

THE Chicago postal clerks are demanding eight hours a day and graded salaries.

WANAMAKER says the green stamp must go. Of course; that is what it is made for.

IN spite of Mr. Wanamaker's temperance proclivities, it is to be hoped he will take his envelope gum with a stick in it.

THE government envelope factory at Hartford uses over two tons of gum a week, and Vassar will not rest satisfied until she has equalled this record.

The New Postal Cards.

The new style of postal cards which was promised by the gov-

ernment several months ago have not yet made their appearance, and some doubt is expressed as to whether they will ever be issued according to the original intention.

It will be remembered that the contract for the cards was awarded to Albert Daggett, the Brooklyn politician, last summer. The awarding of the contract to him created much unfavorable comment at the time, principally for the reason that he was not a manufacturer, and had no plant from which to turn the cards out. It was said at the time that the bid was so low that it would be impossible to sub-let the contract to a reputable firm for the figures named in the proposal. This criticism seems to have been a just and accurate one, as no move has yet been made by the contractor to furnish the cards. The new cards are inquired for every day at the Boston Postoffice, and there is much public disappointment expressed at the inability to purchase them. The postal cards now in use are all of the old style and pattern, and are furnished by the old contractor at Castleton, N. Y. Postal cards are furnished to the Boston office in lots of 4,000,000. A lot lasts about six weeks. There is on hand at present about a month's supply, so that for that period, at least, none of the new cards will be on sale here. But from what the postoffice officials have been able to learn it is doubtful if any cards will ever be turned out under the Daggett contract. His sureties have petitioned the department to be relieved of their

bond, and the matter is now held under advisement.

It was expected that the new one and two cent postage stamps would be in use by the beginning of the year, but they have not yet made their appearance. The new supply furnished the Boston office since the beginning of the year are of the old varieties, with the exception of the threes, and they are little used. But the new stamps will be forthcoming shortly, in a few weeks at most, and then the sickly green will cease to offend the taste of the æsthetic. It will be followed by what is heralded as a delicate carmine.

Famine in St. Louis.

February 6th. there was a famine in two-cent stamps for the second time in St. Louis, Mo. A week before that date the supply in the postoffice was exhausted, and a small supply was received a few days later, which lasted but two or three days. Nearly all the letters which went from the St. Louis postoffice on Feb. 6th. carried three and four-cent stamps.

Boston Letter Carriers.

On Friday evening, Feb. 7th., the Boston letter carriers held their annual ball. About 3000 people were gathered in the Mechanics' building, and the galleries were filled with onlookers. The hall was draped with brilliant bunting, the galleries were garnished with the stars and stripes, and,

back of the ferns upon the stage, on a painted arras shone the titular legend: "Boston Letter Carriers' Mutual Benefit Association" emblazoned in golden characters. A golden eagle flapped his metallic wings against the mammoth flags that dangled on the wall above the entrance.

The order of dances was of the unique pattern affected by the sunny-tempered "postmen." It consisted of a folding card, envelope shaped, duly stamped, and bearing a Boston postmark. The superscription was:

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The left-hand corner bore the stereotyped request: "If not delivered, return to T. C. Dennis, Secretary, Boston, Mass."

Current Notes.

POSTAL cards are made at the rate of 4,000 per minute.

IT has been stated that Postmaster General Wanamaker paid \$100,000 for "Christ before Pilate."

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Postage and the Post-Office.

THE Postmaster General, Mr. Wanamaker, says *Judge*, is said to have stated that before his accession to the department he favored the reduction of letter-postage to one cent. Now, fully appreciating the inefficiency of the service with its present revenue, the lowering of the rate would, with begrudging or insufficient appropriations, be likely to embarrass the service still more.

The public, who receive with promptness letters from a thousand to two thousand miles away, mailed at some rough shanty on the cross-roads of a cattle ranch, or in a mining cañon, with a proportionate speed of delivery as from any of the great cities, do not comprehend the vast, as well as detailed, methods involved in this immense and complicated service. There are letters which cost each two to three dollars for delivery. The mail-carrier, with a leather pouch thrown over the pony, is, however, driven further and further to the frontier, and along the great arteries of commercial connection the locomotive draws ponderous trains freighted solely with the correspondence and newspapers of the day. The foreign mails of fifty years ago, taking in transit from four to six

weeks, have shrunk to a single one, and the domestic distribution that covered a day is compressed to an hour.

What possibilities of further swiftness are in the future are beyond conjecture. The laws of gravity and force can never be annulled, and while the "constitution" of the universe may by new light be apparently modified, its fundamental requirements are beyond human repeal. It is possible that the realms of the air may some time be as navigable to man as to the bird, and as certain and as easy of use as water to the fish. It may be, for the lighter touches of friendship, the telegraph and the perfected telephone may multiply their webs till the land shimmers with silver threads, like a summer meadow in a morning sun. We have at present, however, to deal, not with what may be, but what is.

Modern civilization is broadened, if not based, on easy intercourse of thought. The telegraphic cables that tie shore to shore under the sea are but extended nerves that give and return the touch and pulses of two worlds.

The newspaper is the best missionary, needing of itself no churches for its gospel, yet scattering the seed that builds them.

The best service of the postal department is an increased efficiency, not greater cheapness. Let the

business man who sends his fifty or a hundred and fifty letters a day pay no less for such service than now. It must be remembered that every year the post-office department solicits of Congress an appropriation of millions of dollars for the necessary support of the service. The scattered territorial outposts, the settled or illiterate portions of the south, and the small hamlets, even in the older states, cost vastly more than the revenues they return. Congress is inclined to be penurious. The majority of its members are narrow and unbusinesslike men. The cowboy, promoted from the saddle, and the selected representative of some labor organization are not apt to be broad, and stand aghast at the mention of unfamiliar sums needed for the service of ocean or continental mails. They bring their personal cheese-paring prudence to the consideration of national needs. Nothing other than the local demands for a structure at federal expense, or perhaps a distribution of funds in the district from a river and harbor appropriation, can stimulate to a combine, or broaden their views.

The great cities, from which, like the human heart, the postal circulation is pushed or pulled, are meagrely and insufficiently manned.

There is no question but that Mr. Pearson, the late postmaster of New York, fell a victim of overwork. He not only labored sixteen hours a day, but took his private secretary, intended to labor for his easement, as a helper

to facilitate in the work. The mails of this metropolis, as well as other cities, are necessarily increasing with increased growth. Congressional provision does not keep pace with their needs. Embarrassment, and constriction of distribution, or labor to excess, is the result.

The 50th. Anniversary of the Postage Stamp, and the Stamp Exhibitions.

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The year 1890 will be a memorable anniversary for the philatelic world. It is, in fact, during this year that the postage stamp will gloriously celebrate the fiftieth year of its existence.

The promoter of the postage stamp, Mr. Rowland Hill, obtained the idea of this important reform from a very common circumstance.

In 1838, in the course of one of his journeys, Mr. Rowland Hill, having noticed the evident embarrassment of a young girl who could not pay the postage on a letter sent by her fiancé, generously offered to pay the charge which was owing. The young girl declined the offer, and the postman took back the letter. Mr. Rowland Hill, justly astonished, questioned the girl, and drew from her the admission, that by certain conventional signs put upon the envelope, she and her lover corresponded, and evaded paying the postal charges; which at that time were very high.

It was then that Mr. Rowland Hill had the idea of a reform to prevent this fraud, and thought of applying throughout the whole United Kingdom a uniform rate upon the matter to be sent by the mails. The result of this reform had its appearance on the 6th. of May, 1840, in the first adhesive stamp,— the one penny black. During the same month the two penny blue appeared.

Since then the different governments, convinced by the good results of this reform, have imitated England and established for themselves the adhesive postage stamp.

The career of the postage stamp has been fulfilled, and today, as we are about to celebrate its anniversary, the number and variety of the adhesive are immense.

The quantity of varieties gave rise, about two years ago, to the idea of Postage Stamp Exhibitions. To bring together for some time the finest and rarest collections of the world, to furnish thus to many collectors the means of seeing in reality the great rarities of which, up to the present time, they have been able to see only the fac-similes, to stimulate the zeal of authors to give learnedly expressed works on the subject, to create among amateurs and dealers fresh relations;— such has been the aim of the Philatelic Exhibition.

The first held, — that of Antwerp, had a success beyond the hopes of its promoters. The next, at Amsterdam, had a success not less deserved. Its board of managers, with M. Huart at its head, was in every way made up in a manner calculated to lead the en-

terprise to good results. The special number containing articles by Messrs. Kloss, Legrand, Moschkau, J. B. Moens, J. E. Bohlmeier, Ernest Frank, Oscar Kausch and J. R. Hooper, will always remain in the hands of collectors as a souvenir of this great occasion.

We have the counterpart of these two successful exhibitions. We refer to that of Munich. Never, within the memory of man, has there been seen an enterprise more badly managed, and with less tact, than was that exhibition. Our contemporaries *The Stamp* and the *Postage Stamp* have already uttered just criticisms upon the action of the jury, which generously awarded itself the first medals, and granted only distinctions of the second order to the exhibitors whose displays were far superior, but had the disadvantage of not being made by members of the jury. Also have we noticed with satisfaction that Messrs. Kloss and Moens have returned their medal, thus protesting against the incapacity of the jury of awards of the exhibition.

We could not pass over these facts in silence, and hope that watch will be kept on the committees of future exhibitions, in order that mistakes similar to those which have taken place at Munich will not be repeated elsewhere; and we also expect to see the three exhibitions which are announced for this year, attain their end by giving to philatelic science, and collections of stamps, a prestige beside which such exhibitions

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WHAT the people of this country need is not lower postage, but better postal service. This can be brought about by increasing the number of postal clerks, and thus giving more time for painstaking, careful work, which at present is next to an impossibility on many lines on account of the vast amount of work to be done and the short time given in which to perform it. —We received of Mr. H. W. Boers, of Detroit, Mich., a very

neat and tastefully gotten up New Year Souvenir, mention of which was crowded out by lack of space. Please accept our thanks. *Better late than never.*

—Philatelic journalism has lost two of its shining lights; the *Philatelic Gazette* and the *Stamp World*. (What will become of Chicago?) Mr. Hubbard, of the *World*, says that a philatelic journal doesn't pay, (we could have told him that ourselves) and he will now publish a juvenile monthly magazine in place of it. The

Eastern Philatelist has left Massachusetts, Mr. Goodrich having given it up, and it will hereafter be published by F. H. Pinkham, of Newmarket, N. H. We also hear that the *Western Philatelist* will not publish another number till next September, which probably means that it will never be published again. The reason for its suspension is obvious when we remember that it was a *philatelic* journal; or possibly it was the P. S. of A. which caused its death, since it took upon itself the onerous duties of official organ of that society, when it was discovered that their official organ, *The Alabama Philatelist*, was not such a lively ghost as they had taken it to be.

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as that of Munich will be lost sight of.

The *Verein für Briefmarkenkunde* is organizing a Philatelic Exhibition to take place during May. The circular of invitation which has been addressed to us leads us to believe, by the arrangement of the committee, that we shall have before us an assemblage seriously organized, and concerning the good results of which we may rest satisfied. The number of classifications is sufficiently large to embrace all the branches of philately. Among others there will be awards for the finest collection of stamps in general, for the finest collection of postage stamps from five parts of the world, for the finest collection of whole envelopes and cards, for the finest collection of the stamps

of Europe, for the finest collection of four other countries of the world, for the finest collection of a country having large colonies, for the best special works, albums etc., and finally for the most convenient form of cabinet for large collections. There is enough to satisfy the most exacting, and there is not a single amateur who does not allow himself to be tempted by such an alluring programme!

Vienna also has organized an exhibition. It will be placed under the protection of Marquis Olivier Bacquehem, Austrian Minister of Commerce, and will have its location in the halls of the Museum of Arts and Industries. The expense for rental will be nothing, as the manager of the board of directors is permitted to allot space to the exhibitors free of charge. This exhibition, like that of Magdebourg, comprises everything relating to postage stamps, philatelic collections, catalogues, journals, periodical publications, &c. The proceeds of the exhibition will be devoted to charitable work, and it will be held from the 20th. of April to the 10th. of May 1890.

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London will have its exhibition during May. The committee is already drawn up, and when we have received the details we shall have more to say concerning it. We are able to state, however, that contrary to the arrangement at the Vienna exhibition, the ex-

hibitors engage space by paying an assessment of at least £10, which seems to us exorbitant, and it will tend to keep out amateurs who are not over anxious to loan their whole collections by paying in advance the relatively large amount of 250 francs.

As we said above, it is well to have these exhibitions, but to hold too many is bad. Each of the three exhibitions has a committee for the purpose of giving all guarantees, but candidly, we fear that the exhibitors could not undertake to send their collections to three exhibitions. In fact it would be impossible, for the dates are either the same, or too nearly approaching each other.

If they wish to see the exhibitions succeed, they ought to have them in proper proportion, and we repeat that three such celebrations in one year is too many.

News and Notes.

A postal card sent from Reading, Pa., to Stroudsburg, fifteen miles away, one year ago, has just reached its destination.

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A Letter from Japan.

In this far off land there are but few enthusiastic philatelists and they are all either Europeans or Americans. The Japanese so far have taken no interest in philatelic matters, with the exception of a very few who collect the stamps of their country only, and that as a pure matter of business. They are however quick to learn the value of their obsolete issues, and have, during the past year, advanced their price over 100 per cent. Several of the old and rarest issues are now priced in Scott's catalogue at a lower price than they can be bought for here.

When I first came to this country, in 1875, the Japanese Postal Service was in its infancy. Their first issue of postage stamps was in February 1871. From that time until January 1, 1875, they only handled their own local mails. Previous to that time all foreign mails, both inward and outward, passed through foreign offices or agencies. The English and French Governments both maintained regularly constituted post offices. European mails all passed through one or the other of these offices, and American mails came through the U. S. Postal Agency at the United States Consulate.

In the meantime however the Japanese Government being ambitious to handle all mails coming to, or going from Japan, engaged the services of Mr. Samuel Bryan, who associated with himself Messrs. L. T. Farr and W. L. Merriman, (all Americans,) and at once proceeded to organize an efficient postal service. By the latter part of 1874 they had met with sufficient success to warrant the United States in closing their Postal Agency and allowing all their mails to pass through the native office. Accordingly this agency was closed the first day of January, 1875.

From this time on Japan made rapid strides in perfecting her service, and June 1, 1877 was admitted to the General Postal Union. The Europeans were still backward about entrusting their mails to the Japanese, but were eventually convinced of her competence and in Dec. '79 the English Post Office was closed. The French Office remained open three months longer, but the 31st. of March 1880 it was closed, and from that time on *all* mails to or from Japan have passed through their hands.

The services of Messrs. Bryan and Farr were long since dispensed with and now there is but one foreigner in the whole P. O. Department and he is retained to

superintend the foreign mails only.

They have just completed and moved into a very fine new brick building here in Yokohama that is both a credit and ornament to the town. Taking the department as a whole it is a credit to the country, and will compare favorably with that of most any of the older and larger services of either Europe or America. E. A. SARGENT.

News and Notes.

A very large letter was mailed recently in Bechuanaland. It weighed 238 ounces and the value of the stamps on it came to fifty-five dollars.

Mr. Wanamaker has introduced his spring styles in postage stamps but he has not as yet announced a clearing sale of the old patterns at reduced prices.

A Philadelphia letter carrier has been arrested for burning letters intrusted to him for delivery. He put them in a stove and set fire to them, but a part were saved.

Some ingenious arithmetician has calculated that the 30,000,000 stamps issued by the English post-office from 1840 to 1884, if placed end to end, would reach to the moon and back.

The people of the United States use annually about seven postal cards for every man, woman and child; that is to say their total consumption for a year reaches 400,000,000.

"Talk about cheap postal rates, I've seen 125 pounds go for a two cent stamp," remarked Mr. Keep-

lent. "When was that?" said Mrs. K., laying down her paper. "This morning, my dear, when you went to the corner drug store for a stamp."

A wag remarks that the new postage stamps, which are smaller than the old ones, will carry just as much weight and go just as far. What we need down this way is a stamp that will carry more speed and less wait.

—*Wilmington (S. C.) Star.*

"I don't see why you criticise the mail service. I sent a letter to a man in Chicago a month ago."

"And when did he get it?"

"He didn't get it. The letter came back to me in good shape, and that after having gone way out to San Francisco. —*Life.*

We understand that letter-carriers will hereafter have to pass a civil-service examination in order to get their appointments. We suppose that some of the questions will read as follows: 1. Have you corns? If so, state how many and where situated. 2. How would you approach an unfriendly dog? 3. Do you enjoy walking?

Can't the Post Office Department celebrate the father of his country by putting a more delicate and efficacious gum on the back of the old gentleman as he appears on the two-cent postage stamp? Stickativeness was one of Washington's traits, and in this instance the two-cent stamp of Wanamaker is a libel on a helpless defunct statesman.

In consequence of the decline in the supply of gum arabic, the postoffice department has been o-

bliged to abandon its use as a sealer for letter envelopes. In lieu of gum arabic a filthy and foul-tasting compound has been substituted. Any one who closes a letter in the ordinary manner finds the lips soiled and a villianous taste left in the mouth.

How many words can be written on a postal card? There has just been a competition among the stenographers to decide this question, and Sylvanus Jones, of Richmond, Va., has taken the prize which was offered for the largest number of words written upon a card, 36,764 words.

Free Delivery Service.

THE next report of Postmaster-General Wanamaker is likely to contain a recommendation that Congress will extend the free delivery system so as to embrace a larger number of towns than now. As at present established, the postmaster-general is authorized to confer free delivery upon any town having a population—ascertained by a regular census, and not merely estimated—of not less than 10,000, or where the local postage amounts to \$10,000 a year. Mr. Wanamaker is considering the feasibility of reducing this minimum to 8000 population and \$8000 local postage. This would let in a good many offices, especially after the census of 1890 is taken.

When Postmaster-General Vilas took charge of the department he found the free delivery system dragging itself slowly along, and complaints from all over the Un-

ion that the terms of the existing law—which set the minimum population at 20,000—were altogether too strict. Mr. R. W. Gurley, who was then superintendent of the free delivery division, was the father of the system, and deserved much credit for it: but it had out-grown him, and he was accordingly offered an assistant's place, and the superintendency was given to Col. J. F. Bates, an energetic business man, one of whose first acts was to urge upon Congress the wisdom of reducing the minimum from 20,000 to 10,000. The system, under his management, has made tremendous strides in growth. In three years the 181 free delivery offices have swelled to 433; the 4841 carriers have become 8536; the aggregate of local postage has advanced from \$5,839,242 to \$9,536,921; while the appropriation, which was \$4,312,306 three years ago, is now \$8,000,000.

Wedding Cake.

A woman about 40 years of age bearing the unmistakable stamp of the genus 'old maid' put down a package at the window of the post office for mailing. "What's in this, madam?" inquired the affable clerk. The old maid gave no answer, but bit her lips and grinned. The clerk looked at her and then said "We must know the contents of the package before we can mail it." She finally answered "It's tee hee, —it's wedding cake — tee hee t'tut, ha! ha! ha!" and her face was the picture of bashfully awkward merriment. From the surface indication the clerk concluded that she was the bride.

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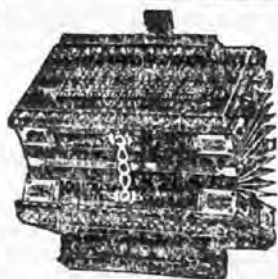


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POSTAL currency, which was the "change" during the war and until the resumption of specie payments, was the invention of Gen. Spinner, who had represented the Syracuse district of New York in Congress, and had been appointed Treasurer of the United States by President Lincoln. Small change had vanished, and in buying a dinner in the market change had to be taken in beets, cabbages, potatoes, and what not. Gen. Spinner was constantly appealed to from all quarters to do something to supply the demand for small change. He had no law under which he could act, but after buying a half-dollar's worth of apples several times and receiving for his half-dollar in change more or less different kinds of produce, he began to cast around for a substitute for small change. In his dilemma he bethought himself of the postage stamp. He sent down to the post-office department and purchased a quantity of stamps. He then ordered up a package of the paper upon which government securities were printed. He cut the paper into various sizes. On the pieces he pasted stamps to represent different amounts. He thus initiated a substitute for fractional silver. This was not, however, a

government transaction in any sense; it could not be. Gen. Spinner distributed his improvised currency among the clerks of the department. They took it readily, and the trade folks more readily. The idea spread; the postage stamps, either detached or pasted upon a piece of paper, became the medium of small exchange. It was dubbed "postal currency."

From this Gen. Spinner got his idea of the fractional currency, and went before Congress with it. That body readily adopted it, and but a short time after Gen. Spinner had begun pasting operations a law was on the statute-book providing for the issue of the fractional currency which became so popular. The fac-simile of postage stamps was put on each piece of currency, and for a long time it was known as "postal currency." An enormous amount never was presented for redemption, and the government was consequently the gainer.

There are probably very few philatelists who are aware of the fact that two South American countries have used a postal currency very much after the fashion of the United States during the war.

The first of these is Uruguay, which issued, in 1869, a set of fractional paper currency of two values. It was made by enclosing

the stamps of the issue of 1866, one centavo, black, and five centavos, blue, (cuts 2323 and 2324 in Scott's fiftieth edition) in an engraved border of scroll work. The design measures sixty-five millimetres from top to bottom and fifty across. The stamp appears upright in the centre.

The other country is Brazil, where the 200 reis telegraph stamp is said to regularly pass current as money, in the interior. *Le Collectionneur de Timbres-poste*, which makes the statement, give no reason for that particular stamp and no other being used in this way, but perhaps it is because there is no coin of that value and thus the stamp comes in handy. It is quite large, 31 mm. square, bearing in the centre a representation of an old-fashioned telegraph instrument, with 'TELEGRAPHO DO INTERIOR' above, enclosed in an oval. Numeral of value in corners.

By the Way.

THE king of Spain is shortly to put on his first pair of diamond-studded short trousers.

NOTWITHSTANDING the efficiency of the British postal service, millions of letters are lost annually through the mails:—mostly h's.

POSTMASTER General Wanamaker insists that no postoffice shall be kept in a saloon or any room from which a saloon may be entered. And yet no stamp is available unless it has its lick.

It is probably because the postage stamp cannot talk that it will

never acknowledge that it is licked. It is too bad that the stamp should be so deprived as to decline to do its duty until it has had a licking.

JOHN Wanamaker's Sunday school scholars in Philadelphia are now given two-cent postage stamp instead of merit cards when they are unusually proficient. Five greens entitle the winners to one brown (10c.), and five browns can be exchanged for fifty cents, a fourth class postmastership, or an autograph of the Postmaster General.

BEFORE Uncle Sam required postage to be prepaid, a letter directed as follows was sent from the New York Post-office;—

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—*Harper's Magazine.*

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A NUMBER of useful persons are now discussing how many postage stamps it will take to reach from the earth to the moon. We trust this little matter will be settled at an early date so that Postmaster General Wanamaker may have the requisite number printed. It would be an indelible stain on the administration, if it were called upon to furnish these stamps at the last moment and were unable to honor the draft. In the meantime who can tell us how many postage stamps it will take to carry a short and simple request to the fool-killer?

News and Notes.

A MEDAL has been struck in England to commemorate the 50th anniversary of penny postage. —*Boston Journal.*

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THE recently published statistics of the Imperial German Post-office Department show that in

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THE German Emperor having issued an order suppressing the use of all French words in the postal service, the Czar has antagonized it by a circular which declares that all letters, telegrams and packages sent abroad must be addressed in French, and the Russian authorities will not be responsible for the transmission of any mail matter that is not addressed in that language.

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—*New York Tribune.*

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[London Globe.]

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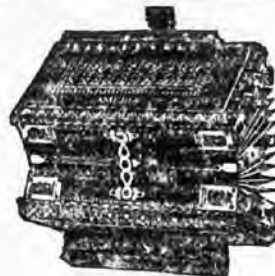
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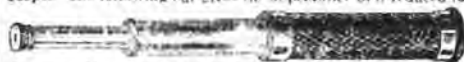


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Tracing a Delayed Letter.

The tracing of mail matter lost, misdirected or missent, has become an important part of the work of the postal service. Occasionally a paragraph in the newspapers calls attention to some glaring mistake in the transmission of mail matter, as, for instance, the missending of a package addressed to Jefferson Davis, Beauvoir, Miss., to a town in Maine, which occasioned indiscriminate condemnation of the employees whose stupidity was responsible for the same. But a large postoffice has to busy itself continually about just such mistakes, and, quite singularly, the more stupid the error seems to the public, the greater the excuse appears for its occurrence when an investigation develops all the facts in the case. For instance, a man wrote to the postmaster of Boston that he had sent a letter to Jamaica Plain, which had not been received, and accompanying the complaint was a duplicate of the envelope containing the lost letter, bearing a fac-simile of the original handwriting. The state was omitted in the address, and it was observed at once that the "Jamaica Plain" bore a strong resemblance to "Indianapolis." The

envelope was shown to several employees, all of whom were ignorant of the accompanying complaint, and each said at first glance that the address was Indianapolis. The writing was very peculiar, and both words were run together. A tracer was sent to Indianapolis, and the missing letter was returned in due time. But before it came back, the writer of the letter, not hearing from his first inquiry at once, made a second complaint. When notified of the action taken he said it was the most stupid thing he had ever heard of, sending to Indianapolis for information about a letter plainly addressed to Jamaica Plain. Nothing was heard from him when he received the letter back, and no doubt he would rather have lost it than have it shown that the irregularity was the result of his own carelessness.

A lady came into the postoffice recently and stated that a letter had been sent to her address, an office in School street, where she was employed, and in her absence from the city a person at the office had redirected the letter to her house in West Newton street. The letter had not been delivered and no trace of it could be found, either at the central or station A offices. The letter, she said, contained a ticket for Montreal, which she was to use that afternoon. She

knew that the fault lay with the postoffice, for the letter had certainly been remailed to her. It was plain that the letter was not in the Boston office, and yet something must be done for the complainant, so depressed was she at the loss of her railroad ticket. A telegram was sent to the postmaster at West Newton, asking if he had the letter, and he replied in the affirmative. The letter came back to Boston by the next mail and it showed that the person who remailed it had erased the School street address and written West Newton in its place. Yet the complainant was positive that the street and number had been included in the address. These are sample cases of what is occurring daily.

A person who examines the advertised list at the Boston postoffice is likely, if he reflects upon the matter at all, to wonder why there is not more complaint against the administration of the postal service. This list is published weekly, and contains, on an average, nearly 1500 addresses to which letters cannot be delivered. Probably every name on the list represents an actual person, and many of them must be expecting the letters addressed to them. The natural result of the failure to deliver is, of course, to charge the responsibility to the postal service. But of the 1500 names which appear weekly upon the list, it is doubtful if more than half represent persons who are residents of this city. Letters lie in the general delivery here

which are intended for persons living at all points from Portland, Me., to San Francisco, but which have been addressed to Boston by mistake. Quite a number of these letters are delivered by exchanging advertised lists with other postoffices. The advertised list embraces merely the letters remaining undelivered at the close of each week. Letters bearing a return request or the name of the sender are not advertised. These letters are all addressed to Boston, and bear upon their face no evidence of inability to deliver them here. By this is meant, that they are all to possible Boston addresses, otherwise they would be sent to the inquiry division. For instance, if a letter was addressed to John Jones, Front street, Boston, Mass., it would not be held for delivery, but would go to the inquiry division as misdirected, for the reason that there is no Front street in Boston. The Boston postoffice sends to the dead letter office at Washington about 2500 pieces of mail matter a week which has been held here for delivery. This does not include the misdirected matter sent to the dead letter office from the inquiry division, but simply that which is plainly addressed to this city. Probably a good many of these letters are addressed to people who have been temporarily stopping in the city, and who go away without receiving them, perhaps caring nothing for them. But the failure to deliver in a great many cases, is of real consequence to both the sender and

the addressee. It is fair to presume that postmasters in all parts of the country receive complaints about the non-delivery of letters which are lying misdirected in the Boston postoffice.

The inquiry division of the Boston postoffice receives upward of 1000 pieces of misdirected matter daily. It seems almost inconceivable to those who are shown about the office, that there could be so much matter misdirected. There is a little town containing a population of only a few hundred, named Boston, in Erie county, N. Y., which is furnished with a Boston, Mass., directory, and which by every mail sends to this city a large package of letters misdirected to that place. These letters are usually intended for houses which are among the best known in this city. The theory of the law of averages finds fresh confirmation in the number of misdirected or insufficiently addressed letters which are received in the inquiry division. A record is kept of the number received, and the variance from day to day is very slight. Mondays about 500 are received; on the other days of the week about 350. The excess for Monday over the other days is due to the accumulation from Saturday, as no work is done in the division on Sunday. Here are some samples of misdirected letters: "Schooner Panther, box 273, R. I."; "Mary F. Oxford, Berks Vier county, Mass." This is plainly intended for Berkshire county, but no postoffice is given. "W. Wilson Windermere,

Mills, Gilbertville, Conn., N. Y." "Mr. Albert H. Jackson Connecticut, in care of Lewis Bros in Hart." It was thought that the latter might possibly be intended for Hartford. Here are a number of summer resort addresses with the names of the persons omitted: "Sea Shore House, Ingalls, near Boston"; "Vienna Beach, Cape Cod"; "Stone Cottage, Me."; "Hedding Camp Ground, N. H."; "Graves Cottage, Lake City, Me." These are probably all local names which are given to places, but they are not postoffices, and are not known to the postoffice officials.

The system of tracing letters is necessarily slow in its operation, as mail matter transmitted over long distances passes through many hands, and it is sometimes necessary to get a report from every person who has handled the stray missive. As the result of an investigation, 25 individual reports will sometimes be returned, all connected together, making quite a voluminous correspondence. It is the practice to return the whole correspondence to the person making the inquiry. In cases where letters contain money, it is generally a waste of time to bother with an investigation. The presumption is that such letters have been stolen. This is especially true in cases where letters are addressed to the agents of lottery companies. Everything is done to discourage the sending of money in the ordinary mail, but still a great deal is sent in that way. It proves a constant tempt-

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ation to poorly paid or habitually dishonest clerks, but still many people would rather run the risk of loss by theft than to take the trouble to have a letter registered or to buy a money order.

Speaking of the delay in the system of tracing letters recalls an anecdote told by an official in the registry division. A great many registered letters are sent to foreign countries, the Italians being especially particular to have their letters containing money for friends or relatives at home sent

in this way. Many of these people are unable to write, and as a result of getting other people to do their writing for them many of the letters are misdirected. To trace such letters takes a long time. The tracers apparently lie in the foreign offices for months at a time without action. People who are anxious to know the result of the inquiry sent abroad come to the postoffice every few days asking for information, and it is impossible to explain to them intelligibly the reason of the long

delays. The official referred to tells, in a humorous way, that a young man once sent a misdirected letter abroad, and that he came to the postoffice periodically for many years inquiring about the result of an investigation which he had instituted, but he grew old and died before the result was known. His son then put in an appearance, as the legatee of the deceased, and about the time that age had begun to enfeeble his system word came that no trace of the letter could be found. The sarcasm is not without point to those who know of the long delays which are incident to the tracing of foreign letters.

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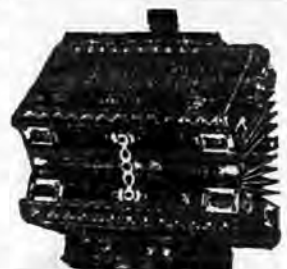
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Travels of a Letter.

AMONG the many curious things that occur in the handling of the mails none are more curious or out of the ordinary than a story related by Mr. John Schomaker, of Detroit, Mich., a member of Ransom post, G. A. R. At the beginning of the late war Mr. Schomaker was living at Fort Madison, Iowa, where he enlisted. He went south and became a member of company F, Fifth Iowa cavalry, which was attached to company G, of the Fourth Michigan cavalry. He was under Gen. Thomas, and as a member of the headquarters courier line carried dispatches on the Chickamauga battlefield. On April 11, 1864, John H. Schomaker, father of the soldier, directed a letter to him from Fort Madison, Iowa, and, thinking he was in Tennessee, wrote the following address on the envelope:—

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Co. F, Fifth Iowa Cavalry,
with Co. G, Fourth Michigan
cavalry,
via Nashville.

The letter reached Nashville in due time, and was forwarded to the Fifth Iowa cavalry, living near Chattanooga, Tenn. But Mr.

Schomaker had been detailed on the headquarters courier line, and was gone a few days before the letter arrived at the camp. The letter was sent back to Nashville, Tenn., where it remained a few days while the mail officials were looking up the whereabouts of the Iowa company. It seems that Company F, of the Fifth Iowa cavalry had about this time gone home on a veteran's furlough to see their wives and sweethearts, and were afterward thrown among two Iowa companies. The letter was forwarded from Nashville, Tenn., to the Third Minnesota cavalry at St. Paul, Minn. But Mr. Schomaker, instead of taking advantage of the furlough of his Iowa company in Tennessee, had gone on to Georgia with Sherman, and of course the letter did not reach him in Minnesota. However, the St. Paul postoffice officials, thinking that Mr. Schomaker was among the Iowans mixed up with the Minnesota companies, re-directed the letter as follows:

On detached duty at Fort Snelling, Minn.

The letter now found its way to this outpost in the North, while the soldier to whom it was written was fighting the Johnnies far away in Georgia. The letter was finally advertised, according to the postal laws, at Fort Snelling, but on July 31, 1864, was sent to the dead letter office in Washing-

ton, D. C. Up to this time the nearest in time and space that the letter came to Mr. Schomaker was the distance from Nashville to Chattanooga and the period of one day. He left Chattanooga for Georgia one day before the letter arrived there. But the letter was again to follow him to the exact place he had left only a few days before it arrived. Mr. Schomaker visited his home in Fort Madison, Iowa, for one month in 1864, and a few days after he left the letter was returned there to its writer, John H. Schomaker, from the dead letter office. The envelope and letter were inclosed in a new envelope. It was thrown into a bureau drawer among several old letters and relics, and was forgotten by the family.

Mr. Schomaker never visited his home again until last September, and while there he was nosing around among some old letters and ran across this identical letter which his father had written to him during the war. The envelope was covered with the mold of 25 years, and the ink had faded into dim lines at places. Yet the sentences were entirely legible, and Mr. Schomaker read the letter for the first time with as much avidity as if he had received it 25 years before, when it arrived in Tennessee, and had then perused the message by the flickering light of the camp fire.

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claims pending in the pension office, and the department is paying out more than a million and a half of dollars in pensions every week. It is the largest business of the kind in the world, and it grows larger every year.

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for the last fiscal year \$101,401.73, representing 10,140,173 pounds of second-class matter mailed. The prevailing colors of these stamps are shades of red and green — the postoffice department seems very partial to green — varying according to denomination, and each bears in its centre the figure of a beautiful and scantily attired female.

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In the course of a year the people of this country use considerably more than 100,000,000 postal cards. Yet the postal card is a comparatively recent innovation. You need not go to the oldest inhabitant to ask when it was introduced. The man who has not yet seen his 30th year can easily carry his memory back to a period when there was no such thing in existence as a United States postal card.

An act passed June 8, 1872, authorized the postmaster-general to issue postal cards. The first in this country were accordingly on sale in May of the following year at a cost of one cent each, this price having been distinctly specified in the act. England was slightly ahead of us in realizing the advantage of the new style of communication, as postal cards were introduced there in October, 1870.

A glance at the newspapers of that period will show that the feature which most impressed people was the apparent absurdity of writing private information on an open piece of cardboard that might be read by half a dozen persons before it reached its destination. But on the score of e-

conomy there was then a stronger argument for using postal cards than at present, for letter rates were three cents for a half ounce. At that time the funny paragraph man was becoming a most prominent feature of American journalism, and the advent of the cards furnished him with abundant material for stories.

At the present day postal cards are extensively used by all civilized nations, the majority of which have more varieties and make them of larger size than does the United States. We have but two kinds in this country. The handsome 2-cent blue-printed card of the Universal Postal Union is, of course, the one less used. The smallest postal is the English local card, by which is meant the one corresponding to our 1-cent card, and on which there is stamped "half-penny." An important difference, however, is that in England you have to buy postal cards somewhat as you do stamped envelopes in this country, paying a little more than the value of the stamp. This card is three inches wide by five long. To find its antipodes we must go to Spain, where we may purchase a leviathan affair, measuring four inches one way by half a foot the other.

None of the continental countries appear to have any intention

of emulating England or the United States in the matter of cheap cards. If a Frenchman desires to write to his next door neighbor, he must pay 10 centimes (2 cents), but the very same card would go to Berlin or London or Boston if it were so addressed. In Italy, Spain and some other countries the card to send abroad is of different design from the home card, but both cost the same as the French. All cards of the Universal Postal Union, save the Italian, have a French translation of the whole or a part of their wording, French being more widely understood by foreigners than any other modern language.

Germany has no less than four different kinds of cards. In addition to the home and foreign ones, it has a home reply card and a foreign reply card. The reply card is an exclusively European idea, and, although repeatedly suggested in this country, does not appear to meet a long-felt want in the United States. Briefly, the reply card is a double card. It is made twice as large as the ordinary card, and is neatly folded over, so as to look like two postal cards fastened together. This ingenious contrivance, which is certainly a great boon to the recipients, obviates the send-stamp-for-reply custom of American commercial circles. For instance, suppose you are living in Russia and want to send Mr. Suchandsuchakoff a little reminder about that 10 rubles. You write on one-half the card: "Dear Mr. Suchandsuchakoff: Excuse

me for again reminding you that you have not yet repaid that 10 ruble spot you borrowed of me last October. When are you coming 'round, anyhow?" The recipient carefully tears off half the card and writes on the back of the uncanceled remainder: "Dear Smithowitch: Very sorry, but I haven't 10 rubles handy just at present. Will make it all right week after next." The French reply card costs 4 cents; the Russian is 6 kopecks, which is about the same, while the two German cards just alluded to cost respectively 10 and 20 pfennigs, the pfennig being something less than half a cent.

A subject which has created virulent and acrimonious discussion among grammatical purists, debating clubs and newspaper writers is the legend on the United States card. A glance at our local one will show that it reads at present: "Nothing but the address to be on this side," while our foreign card says: "Write only the address on this side." It will be remembered that, although the national design has been varied only four times since 1873, the wording of the legend has been repeatedly changed. The acme of clumsy and incorrect English was perhaps reached when we were thus directed: "Nothing but the address can be placed on this side — write the message on the other." It will be interesting to see how foreign nations regard this matter, so the reader is invited to make a selection from the following:

Canada: The address to be written on this side.

England: The address only to be written on this side.

France: This side is exclusively reserved for the address.

Germany: Only for the address.

Spain: On this side is written only the address (foreign). What is to be written will be done on the opposite side, and will go signed by the sender (home).

Switzerland: Only for the address (in German). Side reserved for the address (in Italian and French).

Italy: N. B. On this side nothing is to be written save the address only.

Sweden: This side reserved for the address.

Denmark: On this side write only the address.

Russia: This side reserved specially for the address.

Holland: Side reserved for the address.

Hungary, Belgium and a few other countries make no specification, but throw out unequivocal hints that you "must write only the address on this side."

No less various are the names of the postal card in different countries. The name postal card is distinctly an Americanism, for in England, Canada and Australia we find the term post card. Our expression is a mere translation of the French *carte postale*. In Italy you buy a *cartolina postale*, in Spain a *tarjeta postal*, and in Germany a *postkarte*. You can get a *brevkort* in Norway and

Denmark, a *brevkort* in Sweden, and a *briefkaart* in Holland and Belgium. The Hungarian is wont to purchase a *levelező-lap*, the thinnest in existence, as it is printed on mere paper, while the Russian Nihilist who isn't quite satisfied with the way Alexander is running things can file his little remonstrance, coupled with vague allusions to dynamite, on an *ot-kritoe pisimo*.

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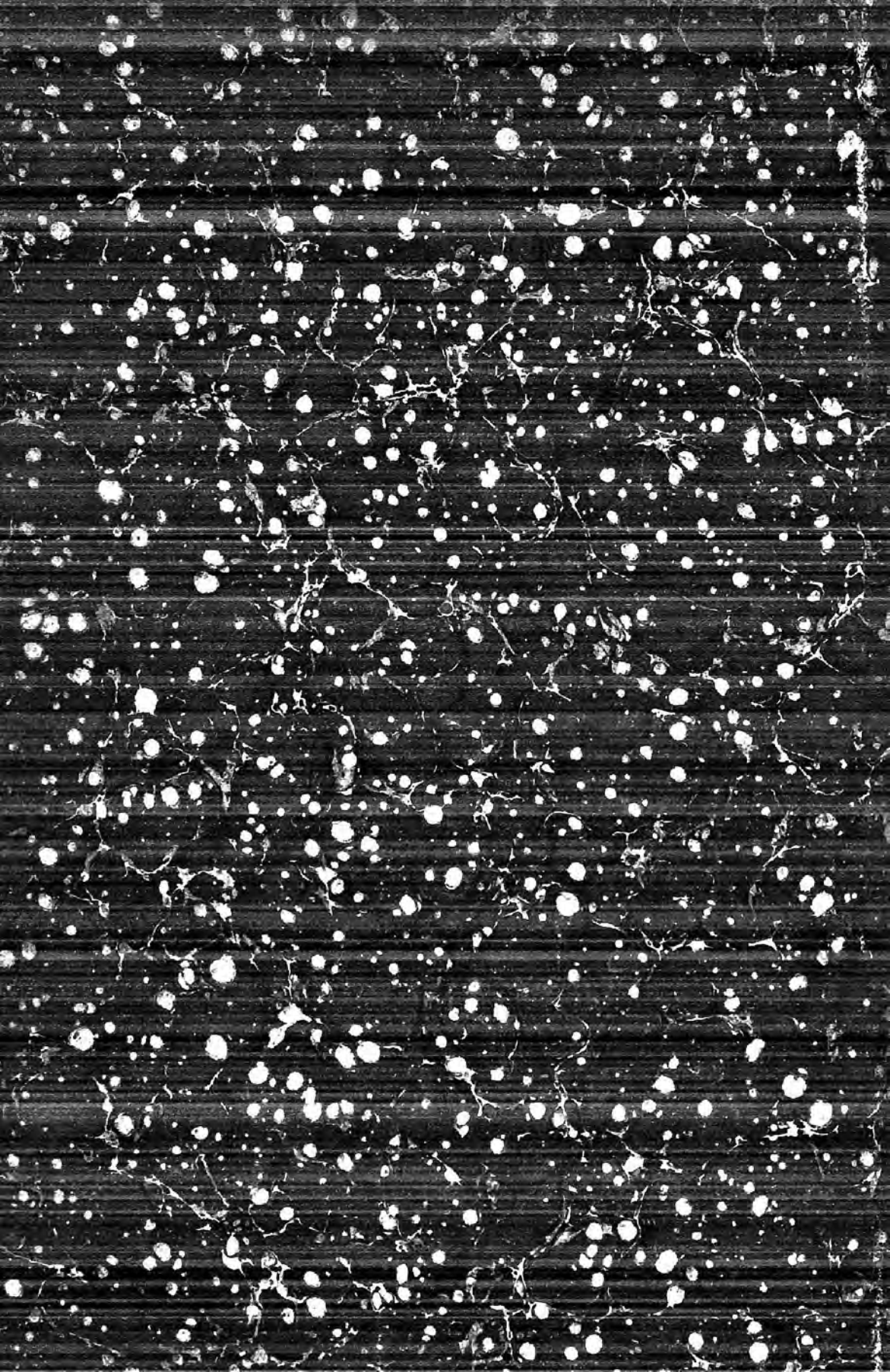
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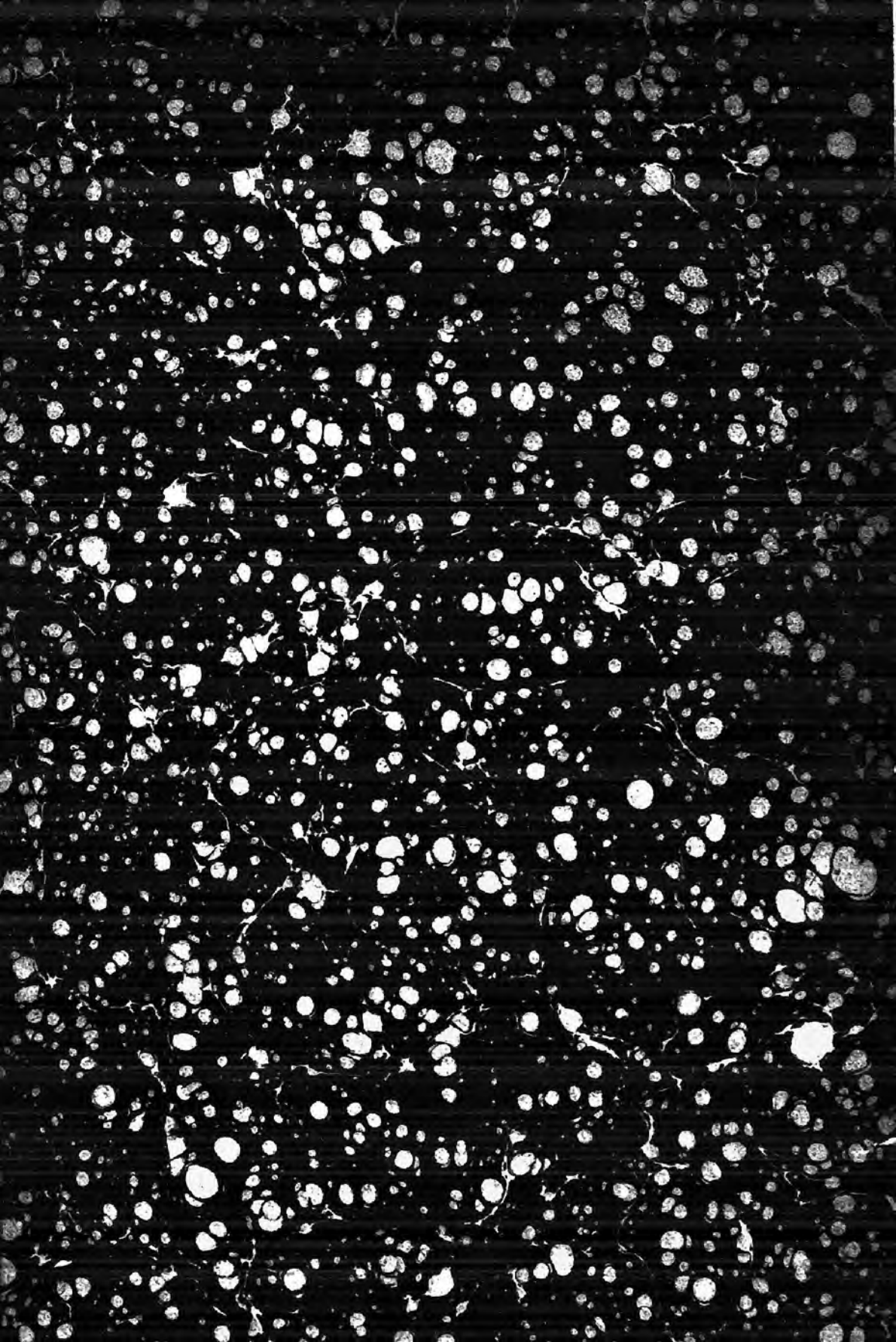
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NO. 1.

Report of the Postmaster General of the United States in the year 1841.

Postoffice Department,
May 29, 1841.

Sir—The arrangement of business at, and the manner of returns to the General Post-Office, forbid a detailed report of its operations at the approaching session of Congress. I have, however, felt it my duty, at this time, to call public attention to the present state of its finances, so far as I have yet been able to learn their condition.

When first entering upon my official duties, my attention was forced to the constant demands for payment beyond the ability of the Department to discharge; and with a view to ascertain, as nearly as might be, its undisputed liabilities and probable means, on the 27th. of March last, a letter was addressed to the auditor of the Treasury, for the Post Office Department, requesting from him information on those subjects. Such statements have not been furnished for reasons clearly set forth in a letter from the Auditor, dated the 25th. of May instant.

It was also important to learn, without delay, what were the pressing liabilities and what the

active funds of the Department. For this purpose, directions were given to the chief clerk to state the amount due to contractors anterior to and for the quarter ending the 31st. December, 1840, so far as they had been reported by the Auditor, and also the amount in deposit, subject to draft, for the discharge of such arrearages.

By an examination of his statement, it will be seen that there was due and unpaid to contractors, of ascertained balance, on the first day of January last, the sum of four hundred and forty-seven thousand and seventy-nine dollars, (\$447,079), a considerable portion of which has been paid from the revenues of the quarter ending on the thirty-first of March. A report from the Auditor upon all the outstanding contracts will undoubtedly increase this amount of indebtedness to a total exceeding half a million of dollars, in addition to which heavy demands are frequently made on the Department upon unliquidated claims. Of such demands no notice can be taken at this time, nor is it proper that an opinion as to their justice should be now expressed.

Under these circumstances, two questions naturally present themselves: How is the Department to be sustained under its present embarrassments, and: What are its financial hopes for the future?

As no estimates, upon which can be based an answer to the first inquiry, can be presented until a full statement of the balances due from postmasters shall have been reported by the Auditor, it is passed with the single remark, that, although it can hardly be doubted that a large aggregate sum will be found due, it is to be feared that, from the small amount of most of such separate balances, scattered throughout this wide-spread nation, the want of responsibility in many of these officers and many of their securities, and the lapse of time since these balances accrued, but an inconsiderable part of the amount actually due will ever be received. It therefore remains for Congress to determine whether the amount now due to contractors shall be paid from the National Treasury, or whether this Department shall struggle on with the present embarrassments, consuming its daily accruing revenues in the partial payment of old debts, and still leaving large balances which it has not the ability to discharge.

Notwithstanding the heavy increased expenditure consequent upon the act of 7th. July, 1838, and although, instead of the supposed gradual increase of revenue, the receipts for the quarter ending the 31st. March last, present, as compared with the corresponding quarter of the year before, a diminution of more than *six* per cent., still the Department would probably find sufficient relief in its future operations from the decrease of prices which, it may be calcu-

lated, will be hereafter demanded upon most of the routes, were it not for the continually increasing exactions in other branches of the service.

To present this subject in its most intelligible form, the First Assistant Postmaster General has prepared a tabular view of recent proposals, that comparison may be made between the amount of present bids and the sums now paid for mail service upon the same routes.

On an examination of this statement, it will be seen that in some cases, the amount demanded by railroad companies for transportation of the mails, is more than *two hundred per cent.* higher than is paid for coach service upon roads forming connecting links between different railroad companies upon the same main route, and that too where the night service upon the railroads is less than that performed in coaches. Such demands deserve more consideration from the facts that at the recent lettings in New York and in the six Eastern States the accepted service by coaches and other modes of conveyance has been secured at an average of twenty-two per cent. upon the contracts of 1839, there are but few instances where the demands of incorporated companies have not been increased in such manner as imposed upon me the necessity of suspending the contracts. Nor is the extravagant price demanded for transportation upon railroads the only manner in which these incorporations affect the revenue of

this Department. The facilities secured by this mode of conveyance for sending letters by private hands very seriously diminish the receipts of the office upon these routes. A single operation will establish this assertion.

(To be Continued.)

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New Heligoland Postals.

FREDERICK Hess, of the *California Democrat* of San Francisco, has received the first postal card sent out from Heligoland after the cession of that island to Germany by the British government. The postal is rather unique in design, and illustrates the patriotic pride of the Heligolanders at being once more under German rule. In one corner of the card is a miniature cut, giving a bird’s-eye view of the little island, and underneath are printed the following lines:

Gruen is das Land,
Roth is die Kant,
Weiss is der Sand;
Das is das Deutsche
Heligoland.

A rather free translation of this gives the following:

Green is the land,
Red is the sideband,
White is the sand;
That is German
Heligoland.

Mr. Hess intends to keep the card as a souvenir.

Stamps he didn't have.

HE was a stamp fiend, young and precocious. The plain American stamp had no interest for him. He was making a collection of foreign ones, and so when they sent him down to the postoffice for a package he did not pay much attention, but brought it home and handed it over, and skipped out to play tag. The next day they showed him a new sister who had arrived. He looked at her with some curiosity.

“Say, where did she come from?”

“Oh, from heaven.”

“From heaven! I know; that was the package I brought from the postoffice yesterday, and I never knowed anything about it.”

“Yes.”

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AN average of 200 letters per day are miscarried and delayed because the City of Washington and the State of Washington are all mixed up, and the number is more liable to increase than decrease. This government should have had the common sense to put its foot down fifty years ago and forbid duplicate names for towns or states.

ASSISTANT Secretary Tichenor has advised the surveyer of customs at Albany that Canadian postal cards imported through the mails are dutiable at the rate of 25 per cent. ad valorem as "printed matter," and has instructed him to prevent a continuance of the practice under which these cards have been admitted, in 500 lots, free of duty.

A WORCESTER business house lately received a postal card dated Auburn, Dec. 15, 1875. The delay was not the fault of the mails, as it was mailed at Worcester on the same day that they received it. It had probably reposed peacefully in somebody's old coat for more than fourteen years.

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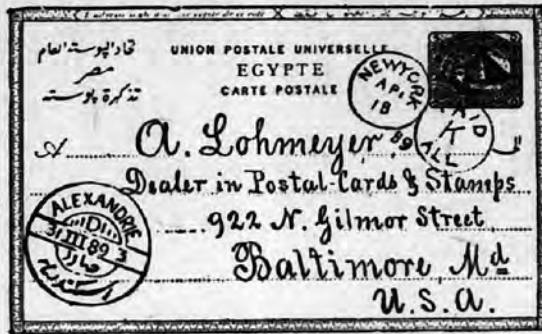
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ABOUT two years ago a young man going by the name of L. L. Troeder, alias A. M. Andrews Jr., alias J. T. Mc. Farland, was arrested in Boston for using the United States mails for fraudulent purposes. This same person is discovered to be engaged in this same fraudulent business again, under the name of J. T. Mc. Farland, at number 84 Warrenton St., Boston. He issues printed circulars wherein he offers some great bargains to the stamp collecting fraternity, providing that the stamps were genuine, but he has not a single genuine stamp in his whole stock-in-trade. Warrenton St. leads from number 877 Washington St., and number 84, the domicile of this young man of questionable employment, bears the name of Mrs. Joanna J. Mc. Farland.

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which he has ever received from Mc. Farland, and these have now been sent to the Post Office Inspector, at Bangor, Me., who is after Mr. Mc. Farland.

His past career may be gleaned from the following, which we reprint from the *Rhode Island Philatelist*.

AN EXPOSE.

I notice an article in your last number about some counterfeit stamps received by H. W. Boers from J. T. Mc. Farland. This is the party who was arrested in Boston about two years ago under the name of L. L. Troeder, on evidence furnished by me to the P. O. Inspector, for using the U. S. mails for a scheme to defraud. After first working the sheet fraud business under the name of A. M. Andrews, Jr., from Jamaica Plain, Mass., until it was made too hot for him there, he turned up again about four months later in Boston as L. L. Troeder, having letter heads printed for the express purpose to inspire confidence.

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President.

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Mc. Farland is a printer by trade, married about two years ago, just before he was arrested.

On one of these letter heads he had the imprudence to order stamps on approval for his neph-

ew, for which he "kindly" offered to be responsible. He wrote as if *he* knew nothing about stamps, stating that his nephew wanted what he called Executive, Agriculture, Periodicals, etc.

I immediately recognized "Andrews'" handwriting and sent the letter to Inspector Boynton who had charge of the Andrews case. To complete the chain of evidence a young man in our office received a sheet of stamps from J. T. Mc. Farland, 84 Warrenton St., Boston, and *the same handwriting again*. I obtained this letter and sent it to Boynton, and the next day Mc. F. was arrested and held for court to answer the charge of practicing a scheme to defraud through the United States mails.

His foreman in the printing office took charge of his case, and obtained all the stamps he had, opened correspondence with dealers who had been defrauded, and sent them payment in stamps, thereby lessening the number of cases against him. Boynton corresponded with me and plead for him on account of his youth, etc., etc., but I persistently declined to withdraw my case. Finally seeing that all other dealers were being satisfied and I, who had all the trouble of working up the case, was being left in the cold, I sent in my bill, received a fair lot of stamps and withdrew. Had other dealers stood by me, Mc. F. would have had his term to serve.

This is a short biography of him and I am surprised to hear that he is "at it again."

Report of the Postmaster General of the United States in the year 1841.

(Concluded.)

Boston is one of the most important points of railroad connection in the Union. Its business prosperity is proverbial, and yet in that city the quarter ending 31st. March last shows, as compared with the corresponding quarter of the year before, a decrease in postage receipts of three thousand one hundred and ninety-five dollars — being double the amount of diminution to be found, within the same time, in any other post-office in the nation, with the single exception of Philadelphia, which is another great terminus of railroad communication.

These facts are presented in no spirit of unkindness towards those to whose management these incorporations are entrusted, but that I have considered it due to our whole people to refer to this subject, as one which will ere long call for National and State legislation, unless a corrective be sooner applied by public opinion.

A considerable saving will be found in the curtailment of service generally, directed by my immediate predecessor, in limiting the transportation of the mails to six trips a week upon most of the routes throughout the nation. The embarrassed condition of the finances of the Department, if it was to remain unaided by Government, clearly indicated the pro-

priety of some reduction of service, and the religious sense of the community will certainly approve the feeling that selects the Sabbath as the day on which that service should not be performed. Yet it cannot be denied this order has borne heavily upon contractors, and in many instances caused great derangement in the transportation of the mails.

While in some sections of our country this alteration has not only received a cheerful acquiescence, but is warmly approved, there has been great general complaint of its operation, and daily appeals for the old facilities are pressed upon the Department. Without entering upon this subject at large, it is sufficient for my present purpose to state that, as this order purports to have been given to reduce the expenses of the Department, and to aid in bringing them within its receipts, a return to the former service, at this time, might well be considered as a declaration of my confidence in its ability to sustain the expenditures necessary for such restoration. I have, therefore, felt it imperative upon me to adhere to this order of curtailment.

The building now being erected for the General Post-Office, is so far advanced, as to give assurance that it can be completed before the session of Congress in December. This is much to be desired, not only for the convenience of the transaction of business, but that the public property may be kept in security. Such means as are within my power are continu-

ally employed to protect the present building from fire, but in its exposed condition the danger of destruction to the books and papers of the office is a source of constant anxiety.

All which is respectfully submitted.

FRANCIS GRANGER.

To the President of the United States.

An Obliging Postmaster.

It's an obliging world sure enough. A New York woman mailed a letter to Baltimore. It had a paper pocket sewed on the outside of the envelope with white thread. On the pocket was a message to the postmaster that it contained ten cents, and that the writer desired the postal authorities to buy a special delivery stamp for the letter and deliver it as soon as it reached there. The injunction was obeyed and the letter promptly forwarded.

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It looks as if New York would run the association. It cannot be denied however that a large proportion of the most prominent members of the association reside in or near the cities of New York and Brooklyn. Let the dues be raised to three dollars a year and the publication of the *American Philatelist* continued, bringing it, if possible, up to its former high standard. The *A. P.* has been costing the association more than \$650 a year.

THE Philatelic Society of America is being greatly benefited by A. P. A. dissatisfactions. Many prominent members of the latter are joining the former, which is having a decided boom.

—*Rhode Island Philatelist.*

WE are constantly in receipt of circulars and letters announcing the formation of National Philatelic Societies, claiming many advantages over the A. P. A., and, although none of them ever amount to anything, it still keeps on. One thing very noticeable is, that the parties who are particularly active in the formation of these associations, always nominate themselves for the office of Secretary. It would seem that the failure of the Philatelic Society of America, which started out under very favorable auspices, should throw a damper on the vain hopes of these youthful organizers, and cause them to desist, but they, evidently having great confidence in their own ability, pay no attention to the failure of others, and prefer finding out for themselves that "experience is the best teacher." Nevertheless, it is time to stop, for these repeated failures do more harm than good.

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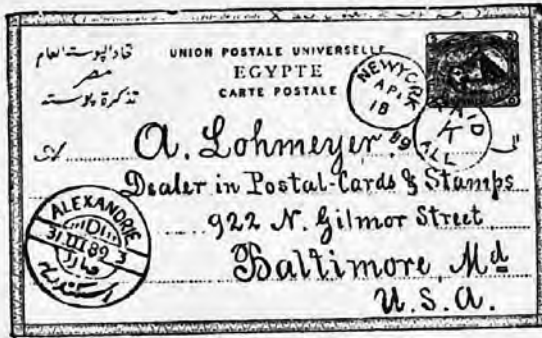


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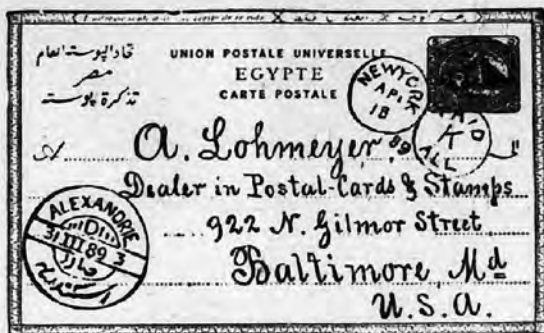
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In my possession I have one of Sir Henry Cole's clever "squibs" put forward by this postal reformer in 1839, to show the absurdity of the old postal charges. It is referred to in the "Life of Sir Rowland Hill and History of Penny Postage," Vol. I. p. 295. This document was intended for distribution among the anti-postal reformers, and consequently had a very limited circulation among members of the British Houses of Parliament. The copy in my possession is in a remarkable state of preservation and valued as a rare curiosity of the postal reform of 1839. It consists of one large sheet of paper and two very small pieces of paper to illustrate the peculiarity of the postal system over fifty years ago. As most philatelists know, if you sent a very bulky letter, as long as it was in one piece or entire sheet it called for *single* rates, but if you enclosed a little slip in the very smallest slip of paper possible it was charged as a *double* letter.

On the outside of the large sheet (folded like an enormous letter) is the following: "Specimen of Postage Charges in 1839—To be preserved among the curiosities of any museum, &c." On

the face of the fold is the following:

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On the inside pages was the following, headed

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further along the same road), the Wolverhampton letter would be delivered first.' Dr. Lardner shows that under some circumstances it takes longer to convey a letter from Hammersmith to London than from London to Bristol or Birmingham: the one, unless put in before four in the afternoon, will not be delivered till noon the next day; the other, put in at a quarter before seven, will be delivered at nine or ten." —*London and Westminster Review, Dec. 1838.*

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—*British & Foreign Review, 1839.*

The other part of this extraordinary letter is indeed a miniature. On the outside or cover portion of the little sheet are the words

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I may mention that the way the old-time P. O. clerks told a *double* letter from a *single* one was principally by holding it up to a strong light, thereby creating a temptation to rob the contents if a note was contained therein.

CANADENSIS.

Attention, Postmasters.

Here Are Your Instructions Regarding Lottery Mail, Etc.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3.—Instructions embodying the construction placed upon the anti-lottery law by the postoffice department were mailed to postmasters throughout the country today.

The law applies to any letter, ordinary or registered, if it concerns any lottery, gift concern or scheme described in the section, and to lottery tickets, checks, drafts, bills, postal notes or money orders for the purchase of lottery tickets or any share or chance in a lottery or gift enterprise, and to the list of the drawings at a lottery or similar scheme, and forbids the carrying of them in the mails or the delivery of them from postoffices.

The seal of a letter or of any sealed packet, prepaid at letter rates, must not be disturbed for the purpose of ascertaining if its transmission in the mail or its delivery at the postoffice is forbidden by the provisions of this act. Not

will the mere suspicion that such letter or packet relates to a lottery, or the fact that it is addressed to any person known to be engaged in the business of conducting a lottery, justify its detention or non-delivery except that the delivery of registered letters at the office of destination shall be withheld, when the Postmaster General has issued specific orders, under the provisions of section 3929 to that effect.

Postal cards and circulars unsealed, and all other unsealed matter, may, when suspected of having been deposited or mailed in violation of the provisions of the act, be examined for the purpose of ascertaining their character.

The mailing of matter interdicted by this act by citizens to lottery companies and their representatives is as clear a violation of the law as the mailing of such matter by the lottery companies to their customers or other persons.

When it is known at the time of depositing them for mailing that postal cards or circulars are unmailable under the provisions of section 3394, the postmaster should decline to receive them. If they be found in a postoffice and the sender is unknown to the postmaster, or if they be discovered in the mail in transit, they should be withdrawn and marked or stamped "fraudulent," and sent to the Postmaster General, accompanied by a special report from the postmaster explaining the reasons for their detentions.

Stray Items.

A STAMP duty — Licking it.

PAID to date — The postage stamp canceller.

Chicago uses \$11,000 worth of stamps and stamped envelopes every day.

In the United States over 3,000,000,000 of envelopes are manufactured yearly.

The *Timbre Poste* states that the Jubilee postal cards of Great Britain have been offered for sale at \$15 each.

Mr. Wanamaker has issued a postal card for women. We suppose it has P. S. engraved near the top.—*N. Y. Com. Advertiser*.

A daily newspaper says: — "Postage stamps are waste paper after cancellation, and it is not likely that anybody is foolish enough to buy them excepting as such, whether they number twenty-five or a million."

Among the many curious postal documents, etc., in the "Hooper collection" about to be sold is an autograph letter of the late Sir Rowland Hill, written in 1849 to the Right Hon. W. G. Hayter, M. P. The autograph collectors will be making a strong bid for this.

The postal savings banks of Japan, which for several years received but little attention from the people, have become a great

success. They were established in 1875, but at the end of the year had only \$15,320 on deposit. In 1882, however, it amounted to \$1,058,000, and in 1889 to \$20,450,000.

The collection of foreign fiscals is looming up in this country. Canada and Mexico seem to be the only ones heretofore in demand by U. S. collectors, but now the lots of foreign fiscals are bought up, and used for foreign exchange purposes, many rarities having been found in common lots offered by persons unacquainted with revenues.

A Thrifty Year.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18. — The annual report of the Postmaster General is almost completed, but of course will not be made public until it is presented to Congress. The report will show that during the present year there have been more new postoffices established than during any year since 1866. In that year the postoffices throughout the south which had been necessarily abandoned by the government during the war were re-established, so that during that particular year the record for new postoffices established exceeded all previous years. The number of new offices established during the last fiscal year was 4,427, of which the vast majority were established in the southern states. The largest number of new offices in any one state was 250 created

in Pennsylvania, but, with the exception of that one northern state, the south secured the greatest number. Thus Texas received 208 new offices, North Carolina 203, Virginia 202, Kentucky 199, Alabama 197, Georgia 196, Tennessee 178, Missouri 170, West Virginia 160, Arkansas 141 and Mississippi 124. Of the northern states in which more than 100 new offices have been established, after Pennsylvania came Ohio 137, Washington 132, California 115 and New York 101. Wisconsin had an even 100. There were no less than 122 new offices established in the Indian Territory.

Brevities.

A New Departure.

THOSE postal cards for ladies' use will add a new department to Uncle Sam's big bazaar, and the idea does credit to the energy of the gentlemanly manager.

Expensive.

"Funniboy says his postage alone costs him \$500 a year."

"Is that because his wit is so heavy?"

"No. He's too conceited to send it as second-class matter."

When is it Coming?

POSTMASTER General Wanamaker may save the government \$325,000 for stamped envelopes for the ensuing four years, as reported, but the country generally are still anxiously waiting for that promised one-cent postage.

Miseries of Trade.

Druggist (awakened at 2 a. m.)

"What do you wish?"

Voice (at the door)—"If you'll let me look in your directory to see how to address this letter I'll buy the postage stamp of you."

Defrauding the Mails.

Gaggam — "Are you going to post that letter, Pat?" Pat—"Yis." Gaggam—"Well, why don't you put a stamp on it?" Pat—"Whist! Oi'm goin' teh thry teh slip it in the postoffice widout anyone seein' me."

Where the Difficulty Lies.

"I am glad to see that Tolstoi's 'Kreutzer Sonata' is to be excluded from the mails," said Mr. Goodboy, as he laid the morning newspaper down.

"Yes, dear," responded Mrs. Goodboy sympathetically, "but it should be excluded from the females, also."

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From Another Point of View.

[INDEPENDENT PHILATELIST.]

The business was transacted and home the members strayed,

Some full of conscous rectitude and some of lemonade,

But the eyes of many of them wore a glitter of defiance,

For had they not just voted down the A. P. A.'s reliance,

Strange, now they'd done this righteous thing, they still were much in doubt,

Of how the boys would take it when the awful truth was out;

But the rest of them, it must be said, were made of sterner stuff,

'Twas sufficient they had willed it, that ought to have been enough.

Then suddenly from out the gloom a voice was heard to say:

"Oh, gentlemen for this night's work there'll be the deuce to pay;

Just mark me well, in years to come this work you'll dearly rue,

Like chickens that come home to roost this'll come back to you."

P. A. M.

American Philatelist, **381**
Metropolitan " **35**

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WE have received the latest effusion of Patrick Chalmers in the form of a circular, dated October 15, in which he gives a copy of the correspondence which he has had with the Secretary of the London Philatelic Society. Patrick feels sore because Mr. Garth, the Secretary of the Society, has refused to give him the addresses of the members of that body, which has refused to admit Patrick's claim.

In such haste did this champion of a hopeless cause get off these

latest circulars, that the printing ink was not dry when he folded and sent them off, so that they are as a mirror to his own disordered imagination, being very much *blurred*. Patrick says that he has cause to think that certain journals in the United States which have not been sent to him, have been misleading the philatelic body there, and alienating support from his cause, but he goes on to say: "To these attacks upon me I have had no difficulty in drawing up conclusive replies."

We have seen some of these replies, but we wish Pat would point out to us wherein they are *conclusive*. We can imagine the sad and sorrowful expression of Pat's countenance when he wrote that part of the circular where he says that he is represented to the press as 'only a person of weak mind who claims the invention of the Penny Postage *Scheme* for his father,' and consequently that he is unworthy of attention. How disagreeable the truth sometimes is! But poor Patrick, in his infatuation, continues to chase a phantom. We conclude from the above quotation, however, that he is still harmless and may yet recover, as it shows a trace of sanity still lingering in his clouded mind. We wish him a speedy recovery.

WE have received No. 2 of "Jewett's Philatelic Library," the "Handbook on Counterfeits." It is a condensed and handy manual on counterfeits and reprints, containing 32 pages of useful matter. Mr. Jewett contemplates continuing this series, and will soon issue No. 3, entitled "Ten Days with a Modern Stamp Dealer." The price of these little pamphlets is ten cents each, and every collector should own a copy.

WE have received the *Record and Review*, the new philatelic magazine from New York, published by A. R. Rogers, with J. W. Scott as business manager. If it is carried out according to their original idea, as set forth in the first number, it will certainly fill that 'long felt want' of which they speak in their prospectus.

THE second annual convention of German philatelists, held at Frankfort on Main, Germany, on August 10, 1890, have declared by a unanimous vote that they cannot accept the claim put forward by Mr. Patrick Chalmers. We hope that other societies will follow this example.

To those persons who have written to us requesting a copy of our last number, we would say that we have not yet published our *last* number, but when we do we will try to remember and send you one.

Evolution of a Stamp.

"WHERE ignorance is bliss 'tis folly to be wise," is an old adage, and very applicable to many of the writings one sees now-a-days in so-called stamp papers. To say I was *astonished* at a certain item published in a recent number of a stamp journal would not half express myself. I was literally dumbfounded! To show the way extraordinary statements gain currency and the way they are twisted and turned from the original I shall crave your indulgence and give you a philatelic lesson in four chapters:—

CHAPTER I.

The largest and most valuable collection in the world is said to be that of Philippe le Renotere de Ferrary, in Paris, worth about £80,000. He possesses a veritable Koh-i-Noor among stamps, for which he refused £2,000.

—From *New York extract*.

CHAPTER II.

A certain journal published in Massachusetts (never mind its name) published the following paragraph in its October number: "It is said that Phillipe Le Renetore de Lerrary in Paris, has the largest collection of stamps in the world, its value being \$400,000. *One stamp the Kor-nor is worth \$10,000 alone!!!*"

CHAPTER III.

In the November number of a small stamp paper under the heading of new issues is the following: "KOH-NOR—This state in India has issued stamps. M. Lerrary has the only specimen known. Very few were used."

CHAPTER IV, *and last.*

And now to let the cat out of the bag. The New York daily (which I now have before me) used the expression "Koh-i-noor" simply to show that it was valuable or unique, and the paper had no intention of conveying the impression that the stamp was so named. *Koh-noor*, or *Koh-i-nur* simply means "Mountain of Light," literally the huge diamond gem shown in the Crystal Palace, London, Eng., in 1851, which was brought from Lahore, India, the year before as a present to Queen Victoria. It was originally found in the mines of Golconda in the year 1550. It passed in the train of conquest to Delhi, thence to Mushed and Lahore. To express magnificence and greatness the expression "Koh-i-noor" is often used, but it is hoped our stamp publishers will try and keep the outside public from laughing

at such nonsensical talk as a "Kor-Nor" stamp, or we will have to find a *corner* somewhere for its perpetrator.

CANADENSIS

 Philatelic Publications.

THE annual report of the Literary Board of the American Philatelic Association as presented at the recent convention, demonstrates quite conclusively that a readable journal, devoted exclusively to matters appertaining to stamp collecting is not as a rule, an overwhelming success, if the financial aspect be considered.

During the past year, the Society has already contributed the tidy sum of \$591.17 towards defraying the running expenses of its official organ, the *American Philatelist*,* and to settle accounts for the current 12 months is called upon for a further amount of \$535.93, a total of \$1,127.10 † dead loss, or about \$2 per capita on each member, a rather high rate of subscription, even for such an admirable periodical. ‡ The most discouraging part of it all is that there are so few paying subscribers, the average number being the insignificant total of 158! Were the experience of the Literary Board uncommon, it might be

* The average yearly expenditure has since increased to over \$650.

† The total cost of the *American Philatelist* has since been increased to the sum of \$2,012.21.

‡ Very true at the time it was written, but it has since deteriorated.

well to discontinue the journal and put a summary end to this monthly expenditure of nearly \$100, but the lamentable truth is that the average stamp paper is a money losing venture from start to finish. There are it is true a few of our leading periodicals that are self supporting and even profitable, but they are the exceptions that prove the rule. Mr. John K. Tiffany's Library Companion is an eloquent proof of this assertion. The list of aspirants is a long one, and if the obituary inscriptions were written over the unmarked graves of the many long departed journals it would be something like this:

"DIED FROM LACK OF SUPPORT

A foregone Conclusion."

The philatelic public, as well as the general public are like that immortal character depicted in the "Hunting of the Snark" who,

"At Charity meetings stands at the door,
And collects, but does not subscribe."

A little consideration will convince every one that the rapid advances that philately has made during the past fifteen or twenty years, is due in a great measure to its literature, and every one owes it to himself, if he takes the least interest in collecting, either as a pastime or considering it from a more scientific point of view, to encourage the dissemination of matters relating to the pursuit and if there be any evidence of merit in any, he certainly can make no better investment than a year's subscription. The outlay cannot be large, and there is hardly a

paper published but what will be of some benefit.

*Duncan S. Wylie in "Philately,"
February, 1890.*

Asked Too Many Questions.

"HAS the last mail gone out to Kalamazoo?" she asked as she stood at the postoffice window with a sealed package in her hand.

"You have just time to get it in," said the clerk as he reached for the package.

"O, I want it weighed. May be there ain't stamps enough on." So the clerk weighed it and told her there were two cents too many.

"Then you can take off one stamp."

"I can't do it, ma'am. It's against the law."

"Then give me another stamp!"

"I can't do that, either. The office is not responsible for your mistake."

"Then I'll write to Washington."

"All right, ma'am. That will be your best way."

"Well, you may send that out in this mail."

"Mail's closed, ma'am. It won't go now till to-morrow morning."

Then the clerk slammed the door of the window shut, and the woman stood and talked to herself in the corridor.

Immediate Delivery.

A reasonable proposition has been presented to Congress on the

subject of special delivery letters. To secure special delivery for a letter at present it is necessary, in addition to the usual postage, to attach a special stamp, costing ten cents. The suggestion has been made that the same result may be secured by putting on the extra stamps in ordinary stamps, at the same time marking the letter conspicuously as one for immediate delivery. There can be no objection to this, and it would prove convenient in many cases when special stamps are not at hand.

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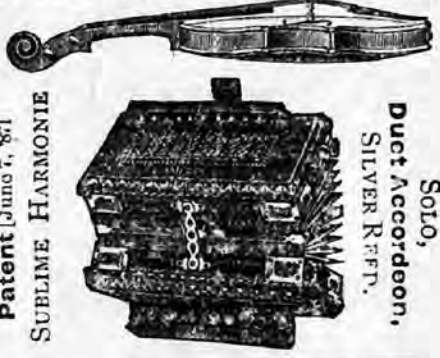
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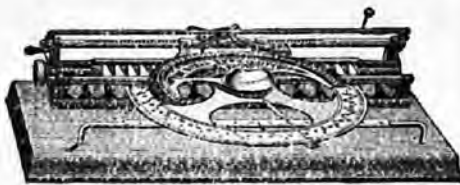
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VOL. III.

SUPPLEMENT.

NO. 3.

ARREST OF S. ALLAN TAYLOR.

THE MOST NOTORIOUS COUNTERFEITOR OF STAMPS IN AMERICA.

SOME two years ago Mr. S. Allan Taylor, having been arrested for counterfeiting found it convenient to stay away from Boston for a time. Those of our readers who were at the Boston Convention of 1888 will remember that he had just returned at that time. Since then he has made very little stir in the philatelic world. He certainly did not resume his old trade immediately, for the writer found his office deserted at every visit he made him that fall. He has however one very precise recollection of having seen him since. He is sure that a peddler of pencils and stationary whom he passed on a Newton street in the summer was none other than S. Allan Taylor.

It seems, however, that since then the man has been at his old tricks. Happening the other day, since the number which this supplement accompanies went to press, to glance carelessly over the morning paper, we came across the following notice, which explains the case better than any words of our own.

"P. O. Inspector J. H. Bario arrested S. A. Taylor of 24 Congress St., yesterday afternoon, on the charge of being engaged in a scheme to defraud and uttering counterfeit postage stamps of various foreign governments. A large quantity of plates and stamps were found in Taylor's office and seized by the inspector. They will be used in evidence against the man. Taylor's business seems to have been a very extensive one, though carried on very quietly. Numerous circulars and price lists were also found at his place of business. Many of the stamps were excellent imitations of the originals and were carefully cancelled in order apparently to further carry out the idea that they were genuine.

The crime with which Taylor is charged is a very serious one. The statutes place a greater penalty on counterfeiting foreign postage stamps than upon counterfeiting U. S. stamps. In the first case the minimum penalty is two years imprisonment with a fine, while in the second case the statutes simply say that the defendant may be punished by imprisonment not exceeding five years and a fine not exceeding \$500. Taylor is about 50 years of age. He took his arrest very hard. Before Commissioner Hallet his hearing will be continued today."

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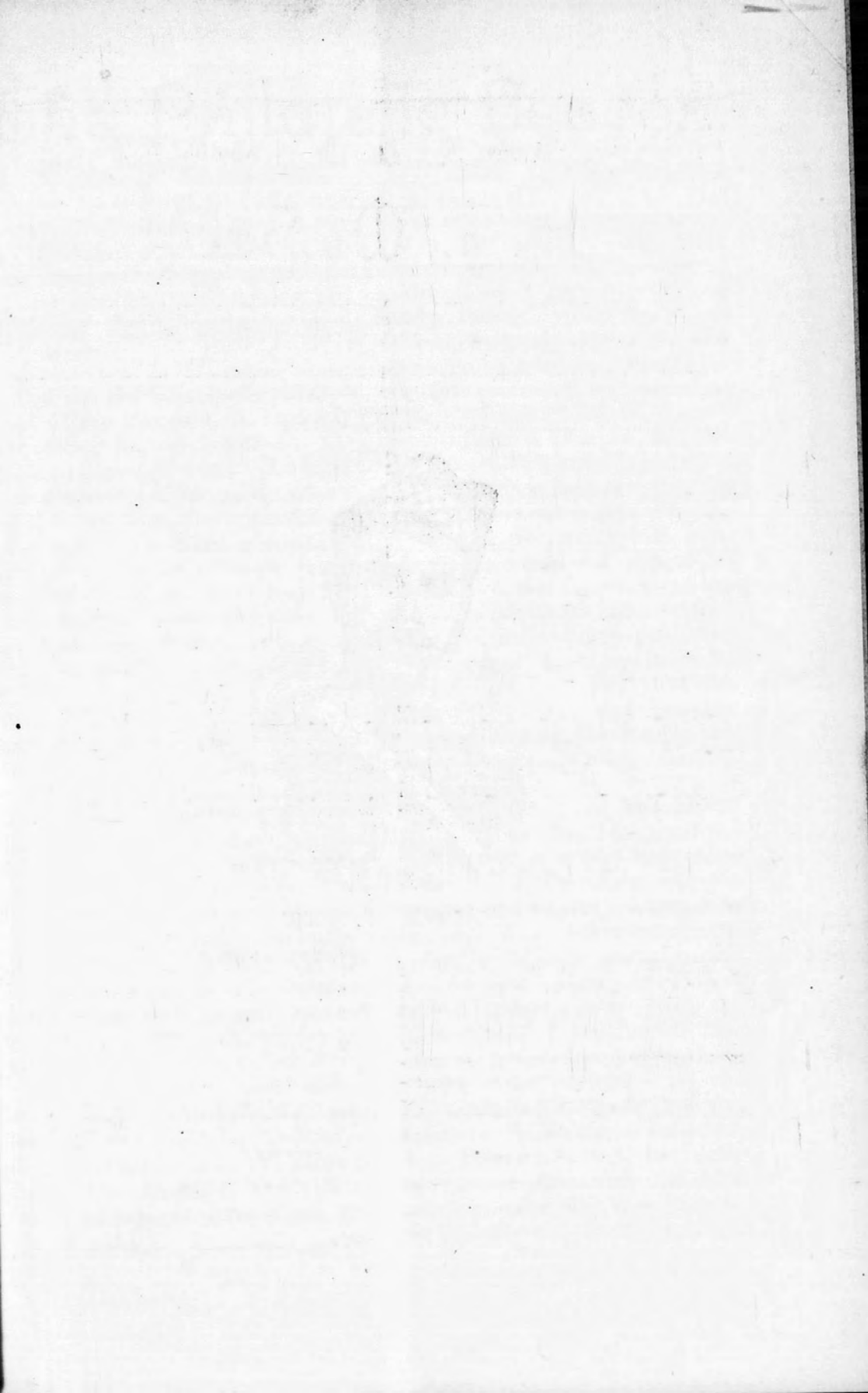
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SOME INK, PAPER AND LIGHT.

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NO. 4.

John Reginald Hooper.

ONE of the prominent philatelists of the day is J. R. Hooper, an official in the Head P. O. Dept., Ottawa, Canada. As he is now disposing of his collection by auction, we take the opportunity of giving a few facts concerning this philatelist. Mr. Hooper is an English-Canadian, born on the third of April, 1859, and now in his thirty-second year. There is but one family of Hoopers, and they are all descendants or relatives of Lord Kinnearsly-Hooper and of John Hooper, Bishop of Gloucester, an early English martyr, who was burnt at the stake. One of the ancestors, Robert Hooper, was one of the Pilgrim fathers, who went from Plymouth to Marblehead, Mass., where he became known as "King" Hooper. Another descendant was a signer of the American Declaration of Independence. The great grandfather of our subject, also named John Hooper, was commander of a privateer in the service of King George III. The American branch of the family divided on the outbreak of the Revolution, and those that remained loyal to the Crown returned to England, the others taking up arms in defence of the New Republic.

Mr. Hooper began collecting nearly twenty years ago; has stuck to it closely ever since, and is now going into specialism. He was the promoter and organizer of the Canadian Philatelic Association, of which he is No. 1. His writings are well-known, and need no critic, suffice it to say that he is fearless and outspoken. Having been editor, proprietor and publisher of professional papers he well understands the "trick of the pen." His numerous contributions to the philatelic press published in all the leading stamp journals, his solving of the mystery of the Canada 12 pence, and proving date after date of old foreign issues of stamps wrong, shows a careful study.

In response to our request to "write him up" Mr. Hooper says: "I do not know what I have done to deserve being again brought privately and publicly before the keen gaze of my fellow-collectors. I hope to always maintain the love for our hobby that I do at present. Before I retire from the active arena of philatelic life, however, I wish to say that I do so with many regrets. In the wordy combats we have had (on paper) probably there are some whom I have offended, but nothing further from my thoughts have been otherwise than to maintain friendly and kindly relations

with all. While I also have had some hard knocks (with the pen) I have taken all in good part and bear no ill-feeling towards anyone. As regards my collection, it is now in the hands of the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., to be sold by public auction. Every collector, I suppose, likes to pride himself on a certain part of his collection. I take pride in my collection of British North American stamps, of which I possess some that are in no other collection, not excepting the great Ferarry collection, although I hear this gentleman is after my *unique* Newfoundlands. The acme of perfection in some collections of Nova Scotia would be one specimen each of the 1d., 3d., 6d. and 1 shilling stamp. Well, I have only been contented with no less than 115 N. S. pence stamps, in all possible combinations, shades, papers, gums, etc. In preserving stamps for my collection if I could buy better specimens or saw better, I was never satisfied until I had them. Most of my best stamps were found hidden away, either by myself or my wife, who is also an enthusiastic philatelist, and one reason why I amassed so many of the provincial stamps was that they are not fully appreciated by dealers on this side. While at the C. P. A. convention I was told I was foolish to sell my pence issues of N. B. and N. S. for the very reason that they would double or treble their value in a few years. I am aware of this, but had previously arranged for the sale, so could not very well back out. Two prominent dealers have since offered me

an advance on the prices, but this I have refused, resolved to give the collectors a chance. Just why a N. S. 1d. is only worth \$2.00 here and \$4.00 in Europe is hard to tell, but when the prices come level the small stock of stamps used in the maritime provinces will have run out. This is an advertisement for me, you may think, but still it is a pointer for our collectors. Better to cry a halt on your two-cent and five-cent specimens bought by the score, and get *one* good stamp. A stamp is catalogued at say \$3 and you think it is really worth it, suppose you bid \$2 for it, the dealer will hardly touch that, as he wants 50 per cent. profit at least. Those who put in bids for rare stamps regularly always get the bargains when they are going. But, I am diverging from what I intended to say. I intend, at some future period, to give a few plain pointers on the harm being done to philately by collectors decrying certain adjuncts to our hobby. Counterfeits, fac-similes, reprints and like rubbish banish if you wish, but when the rot about speculative *this* and the speculative *that* comes in, with the anti *this* and anti *that*, it is high time to call a halt, and seriously consider if it would not be better to let everyone collect what they wish, surcharges, good or bad, and foreign revenues and match stamps, or oleomargarine labels if they like. Cull out the fraudulent, but leave the good, and rather strive to educate the coming collector what is fit to collect and what not. This is better, is it not,

than having him giving up in disgust at some new "fake" being boomed in on him two or three times a year, in the shape of efforts to decry what the tyro takes an interest in. There are two sides to everything and others have theirs, but we must respect the opinion of even one, — even if he is the one out of a hundred. My advice to younger collectors again is to drop at once the "quantity" race, and go in for "quality." Shun bogus surcharges the same as bogus stamps, but collect *genuine* surcharges the same as you would a great rarity among stamps. If you don't do this you will be left in the race. You will be deficient in your collection and probably its completeness spoiled. Another point — be up to the times — collect all you can on the entire covers. What more can I say?—nothing—except that those of your readers who are advanced collectors or wide-awake philatelists should send to the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. for a catalogue of my collection. But, probably, that would be too good of an advertisement for yours philatelically,

J. R. HOOPER.

The Ships that Carry Our Mail.

TWICE a democratic Congress made reasonable provision for adequate payment to our ships for carrying the mail—first, by granting authority to the Postmaster General to expend the sum of \$400,000 among those ships that

carried our mail to the countries of Central and South America, and second, by doubling the amount, and including our whole mail transportation abroad. The Postmaster General, however, conceiving it his duty to administer the affairs of his Department with fatuous economy, refused to take advantage of either of the appropriations of Congress, and thus it was that our ships were prevented from receiving the benefits that would have resulted from a distribution of \$1,200,000 among them, both in giving the United States better service, and the merchants of the country better facilities for developing markets to the south of us for our surplus manufactures. Thus it was, also, that the American mails were given hap-hazard, to the first tramp steamship that came along, destined for a West Indian, South or Central American port, to be by them, perhaps, dumped on the dock, there to lie until the next ship happened along, which could assist in conveying them to their destination. The history of Mr. William F. Vilas' administration of the Post Office Department is a history of outrage on American shipping; it is the history of an attempt to crowd our ships from the sea, and was even an attempt to browbeat and intimidate them, when it was found impossible to torture them into lying at the dock; and is a history, too, of a triumphant, but maimed escape from the toils which had sought to engulf them. The meagre fleet of American ships still ploughs its way through the broad

oceans, while the vindictive hater of them has passed into oblivion, forgotten by the people, and remembered by American ship-owners only as an enemy to his country.

Events have so shaped themselves, however, that the brief reign of torture and humiliation which for four years our steamship companies were obliged to live through, has brought about the changes which are so promising, so encouraging to American steamships. There is every certainty that the most liberal encouragement will be extended to them, particularly in the development of trade, and the opening up of new lines with the countries to the South, and if a Democratic Congress was willing to appropriate the sum of \$1,200,000 as adequate mail pay, there can be no doubt that the present Congress will, at least, be equally as liberal, and, the Post Office Department, having been relieved from that character of partizanship which seeks to destroy American institutions, and being now in favor of aiding to the fullest extent possible American enterprise, which is in favor of encouraging trade relations between the Republics of America, there can be no doubt that the dawn of prosperity, of fraternity and of better home industrial conditions will not only be the result, but the development of exportation to South and Central America will receive an impetus, through the Post Office Department, particularly, that will be of untold value to our people,

and of great benefit to the struggling Republics of all the Americas.

But we must have ships, too, that will carry our mails to Europe, ships of the best and fleetest kind. Our Government, to fulfil its manifest destiny, must accomplish that, also.

— *Seaboard, N. Y.*

The Druggist's Customer.

He Was Affable, and in the End Willing to Spend His Money.

"Have you any objection to telling me whether your clock indicates the exact time?" asked a mild-looking man who stepped into a drug store one afternoon.

"Certainly not," said the proprietor. "The clock is exactly right."

"Thanks. I will set my watch with it."

"All right, sir."

"Now, if you don't mind," he said, after setting his watch, "I will look after the morning's paper lying on your counter. I see nobody is using it."

"That's all right."

He read the paper awhile and laid it aside with the remark:

"There doesn't seem to be much in the papers these days. By the way, may I trouble you for that city directory? Thanks. I want to look it over for the address of a friend or two."

He spent five or ten minutes looking through the directory and then rose as if to go.

"Have you an almanac?" he inquired, after standing irresolute-

ly in the doorway for some moments. "Thanks. One of another kind also, please. Thanks. You don't object to a man smoking a cigar here, I presume?"

"No, Sir," said the proprietor, going behind the cigar showcase.

"Thanks." And the mild-looking man took a cigar from his vest pocket.

"May I ask you for a match? Thanks."

He lit his cigar, smoked it in silence awhile, and then said:

"If you have no objection I will use your telephone a moment to ask my wife if there is anything she wants me to bring home."

"You may use it."

"Thanks."

He spent the next five minutes at the telephone.

"She says there is nothing she wants," he observed, as he hung up the 'phone and rung off.

"Can I do anything else for you?" inquired the druggist.

"Thanks, no."

Then his eye fell upon a stack of advertising cards.

"I'll take a few of these. They are for gratuitous distribution, I suppose?"

"Yes."

"Thanks. They will please the children."

"Anything else?"

"Thanks, no. Yes, there is, too. Got any postage stamps?"

"Yes."

"Let me have a two-center."

"Here it is."

"Th—no, I'll pay for this."

He threw down a silver dollar, got his change, and walked away with the proud bearing of a man

accustomed to paving his way through this world.

A Stupid Official.

"HERE," exclaimed the young woman with a business education to the office boy, "I want you to go to the postoffice for a money order."

When the youth returned, with the word that the postmaster said she had neglected to state on what postoffice the order was and in whose favor, the young woman with a business education tossed her head in scorn as she remarked: "He'd ought to know! It was only week before last that I got an order! The stupid! Must one explain everything every time? I've no patience with such incapables!" —*Boston Transcript.*

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THE oligarchy of the A. P. A. very nearly accomplished by a *coup d'etat* one step in the series of their long-planned schemes. It has long been their desired object to concentrate the ruling power of this society in New York, and to govern it according to the inclinations of the local societies of that city. At the recent convention they struck their first decisive blow, and perhaps the first blow which will ultimately result in the disorganization and death of the A. P. A. By

a sudden attack, and the abuse of their privilege as proxy-holders, they passed the motion calling for the abolition of the official organ of the association, and at the same time asking that the magazine published by themselves be made the official organ. Why should they desire to burden themselves with the load which they say has already proved so disastrous to the association? Why, we ask? Simply because they desired to muzzle the organ of free speech, and to put in its place a journal

which they, as censors, should control. If the *American Philatelist* had passed away A. P. A. members would have lost the means for free and open expression of opinion, and in its place they would have had an official organ that agreed to publish only the reports of the various A. P. A. officers.

This same clique, not being satisfied at having aimed a well-nigh fatal blow at the official organ of the society, proceed to attack the character and ability of the officers and of the ex-literary board. Now that they have failed in their original desire must they proceed to create hard feelings between members, and stir up trouble in other directions? The only conclusion we can draw is that they aim at the ultimate death of the society, for the furtherance of their own selfish desires, and well will they succeed if they continue in the diabolical work so well begun.

THE portrait of Mr. J. Walter Scott in our next number will undoubtedly be very fine. Mr. Scott is having the plate made in New York, and he writes us that we will have something to be proud of, as he has given the portrait out to the best artist in the city.

THE Pope Mfg. Co., of 79 Franklin St., Boston, have sent us their calendar pad and stand for 1891. It is a very neat as well as useful article and they will mail it to any address on receipt of 24 cents. If you wish to enjoy life ride a Columbia cycle; catalogues free.

To the Philatelic Public.

OUR column for "DEAD BEATS" will probably be as much appreciated by honest dealers, as by the collectors, to whom it will serve as a warning BEACON.

We publish below a letter which we received last summer from Mr. A. Lohmeyer, of Baltimore, Md., who has been so active in exposing frauds among collectors, and which shows that the better class of dealers appreciate our efforts to "weed out" the dishonest dealers. Mr. Lohmeyer sets a worthy example for other dealers to follow, as he spares neither time nor expense in exposing fraud in the philatelic world. We take this occasion to say that our columns are always open to the philatelic public for the purpose of exposing the dishonest dealer or collector.

The following is Mr. Lohmeyer's letter:

Dear Sir:

I hope that, when you return in the fall, and re-assume the management of the BEACON you will make good use of the space reserved for "Dead Beat Dealers."

Honest and reliable Dealers will stand by you and Collectors to whom you look for subscriptions will appreciate your efforts to show them in plain figures to whom they may best entrust their orders.

Let us have, besides "Some Ink and Paper" Light on this subject.

It is time that all "Weeds" be rooted out, and the Press must lend a hand to do it.

I have had my share of experience and I presume you have.

Yours for fair dealing

A. Lohmeyer.

ADVERTISING

DEAD BEATS.

Under this heading we shall publish the names of those who have failed to pay their accounts for advertising, after having sent them several bills for same, and giving them fair notice.

Publishers, dealers and collectors are warned against having any transactions with these parties, as we have proved them to be **Dead Beats**.

NOTICE! — If this paragraph is marked, it signifies that you are a candidate for this department: in other words, this is a final warning, and if your account is not paid before our next number goes to press, your name will appear under this heading. Any name will be removed when the account is settled.

W. F. Bishop, La Grange, Ill.
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Pencilings.

BY "MACQUE."

SPECIAL delivery stamps have so limited a use that a great many of the smaller offices still have large remainders of the first variety on hand.

RATHER unique is the idea of gathering the set of Uncle Sam's last postal issue from the first of each variety received upon one's own mail after a given date.

Too much care cannot be used by the collector in selecting

gummed paper for mounting stamps. I have before me a sample less than a year old which has already turned yellow and discolored stamps mounted with it. **Moral** — If you have proven some variety to be satisfactory, stick by it in more ways than one.

In a Confederate almanac of '64 I came across a paragraph, the other day, bearing upon the mail exchange between the north and south during the progress of the Civil War. To cross Mason and Dixon's line the letter must be sent to the Department of Exchange at Richmond enclosing sufficient money for the forwarding postage; could not exceed a sheet of note paper in length nor treat of other than personal topics.

QUITE an oddity to place among your philatelic curiosities is an advertising card issued some time ago by the Illinois Watch Co., and which I believe has not yet been chronicled. It is lithographed to represent an envelope torn open across the face which bears two Japanese stamps, one sen green and two sen rose. Within the envelope are represented a five yen piece, a draft and the works of a watch.

BY THE WAYSIDE.

BY EDWARD P. NEWCOMER.

"Stamps, Stamps,
Stamps Here Mister!"

A **PHILATELIST** in a large city sees and hears many amusing in-

cidents, and many times they are of a stamp nature. I was briskly walking on State St. the other day when I heard in the distance "Stamps, Stamps, Stamps here Mister!" and I wandered toward where the sound seemed to come. The vender proved to be a little ragged urchin about nine years old and he was busily approaching every passer by trying to sell stamps which were kept in a little book under his arm. I questioned the lad as to how many the album contained and he said "Oh about four hundred." I expressed a desire to examine them and we proceeded to a nook between two buildings where I could examine them without being molested by the crowd. The stamps were mounted in an old English album and pasted down tight of course. I looked at the United States first. These were nearly all represented up to the year 1872 and I did not have time to examine the foreign, though he assured me he had some rare ones. The little fellow's mother was sick with the "grip" and he informed me that he thought he would sell the stamps to obtain money to purchase medicine for his mother. His brother had just died with the "grip" and had formed this collection long ago and would not part with it during his life and so this little lad had to sell it, as he informed me that he had disposed of everything else they could possibly get along without and the stamp collection was the last resort. He would take only one dollar for the collection he said. At a hasty es-

timate the United States stamps in it were worth about \$10.00 and I pulled out of my pocket a crisp \$5.00 bill and handed the lad. "Oh Mister I don't have any change" he said. I told him to keep it all, and took the collection and went my way rejoicing not only because I had a bargain, but because I had done some one some good. The collection came to over \$30. when catalogued.

It was Only a Bluff.

A CHICAGO dealer in coffees and teas offers a packet of 200 different stamps with every pound package of a certain brand of coffee or tea sold. The packages are sealed up tight and the stamps are represented as being inside. A friend of mine purchased a package but the stamps were missing and not to be found anywhere. I also made a purchase with the same result. A salesman in the store when requested to open a package and show the stamps it contained strongly refused. It is certainly only a bluff as no stamps are in the packages at all. Just something to draw trade.

To a Reprint.

Ah undefended and despised thing
From out my album's classic shades I
tear thee:—
What lowering charge against thee
do I bring?
Thy name's enough: — a reprint they
declare thee.

"MACQUE."

Nicknames of the States.

BELOW will be found a careful compilation of the various nicknames given to the states and people of this republic, valuable for reference:

Alabama, Lizards; Arkansas, Toothpicks; California, Gold-Hunters; Colorado, Rovers; Connecticut, Wooden Nutmegs; Delaware, Musk-Rats; Florida, Fly-up-the-Creeks; Georgia, Buzzards and Crackers; Illinois, Suckers; Indiana, Hoosiers; Iowa, Hawk-eyes; Kansas, Jayhawkers; Kentucky, Corn-Crackers; Louisiana, Creoles; Maine, Foxes; Maryland, Craw-Thumpers; Massachusetts, Bay State Boys; Michigan, Wolverines; Minnesota, Gophers; Mississippi, Tadpoles; Missouri, Pukes; Nebraska, Bug-Eaters; Nevada, Sage-Hens; New Hampshire, Granite Boys; New Jersey, Blue Hen's Chickens, or Clam Catchers; New York, Knickerbockers; North Carolina, Tar-Boilers, or Tar-Heels; Ohio, Buckeyes; Oregon, Web-Foot; Pennsylvania, Pennites, and Leatherheads; Rhode Island, Gun-Flints; South Carolina, Weasels; Tennessee, Whelps; Texas, Beef-Heads; Vermont, Green Mountain Boys; Virginia, F. F. V's.; Wisconsin, Badgers.

Odds and Ends.

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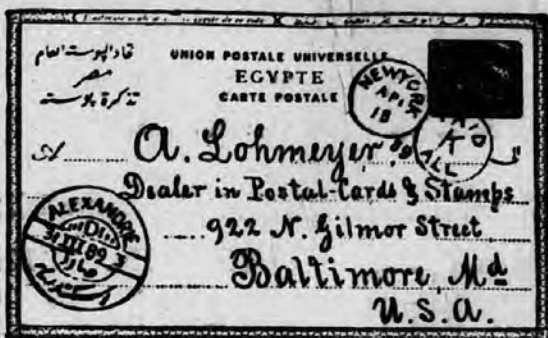
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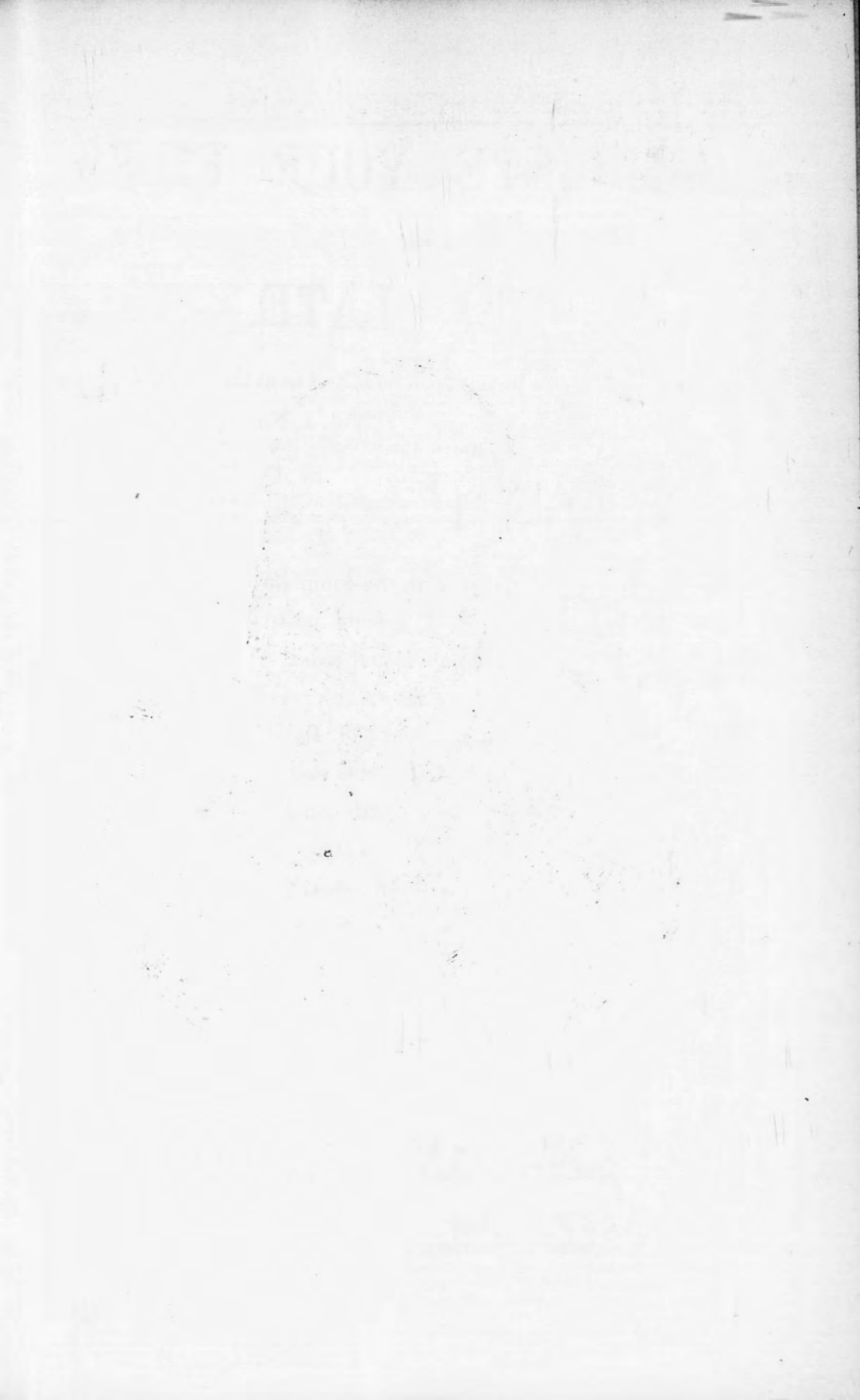
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which is just completed and brings the collector right up to the present time, so that he can keep pace in the most luxurious and, at the same time, most instructive manner with his beloved hobby. For, this volume is a treasure house of information, being as it is an Atlas, Geography and History of all the stamp producing countries. It well deserves the title that is bestowed on it of *J. W. Scott's Best Album* and it is bound to be the most popular album in the world. An entirely new and novel feature of the book is in the fact that the current value of all stamps, that is, the price at which they may be obtained from dealers, is printed, in the squares made to receive them, which will prove a great help to collectors. There are also many other novel and interesting features that will commend themselves at once. In addition to preparing this album for Philatelists, he has recently issued the most valuable catalogues of stamps and entire envelopes and also has had the editorial care and business management of two or three Philatelic papers, so that, as we said before, there are few busier men in New York than J. Walter Scott.

A few words about the life of this remarkable man will be of interest to our readers here. Mr. Scott is of English birth, having been born in London, in 1845, where he lived until 1860, when he set out for the New World, and started in the stamp business in New York City. But at that time the collecting of stamps was not as general as it is now and the

result was not very satisfactory or profitable to him. Accordingly, after a few months of fair trial, he made up his mind to try new ventures, and started out for the gold fields that were then opening out in the Western part of the United States and here his efforts were attended with considerable success, so much so that he soon left the camps and set out for a long trip down the Pacific Coast and then to New York City. From here he made a trip to his native country again to buy a large stock of stamps with which, when he returned, he re-entered the stamp business first in Liberty Street, then in Nassau Street, next in Fulton Street and then in Broadway, his business increasing so fast that it outgrew, in a few years, every place he moved into. To-day, he is to be found at 163 Fulton Street, near Broadway, New York City, and is, as we have said before, as busy a man now as he has ever been in his wonderfully busy life. His three years of leisure, after he retired from the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. seems to have given him the additional strength and capacity which is shown in the able way in which he conducts his present large business, and one great secret of his success is in the fact that he is just as careful and attentive to an order for 10 cents worth of stamps, as he is to one for one hundred dollars. He is truly the Father of Philately and can number his philatelic children by tens of thousands in every state of the Union. Mr. Scott, however, in addition to his large

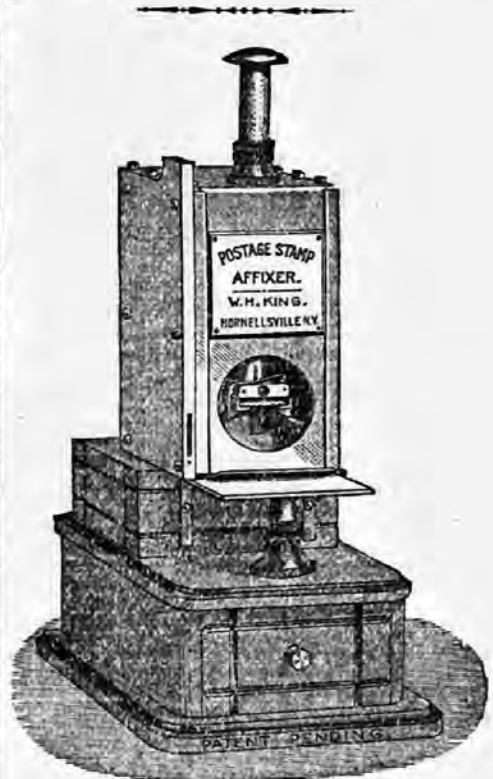
Philatelic family has a most estimable and accomplished wife and five interesting children, the eldest of whom, his son and namesake, is being brought up to succeed his father in the business. Mr. Scott can well look back with satisfaction on the results of his business career and feel proud of the work he has done and is doing. He is a member of the leading Philatelic societies in this and other countries, and is always considered as one of their greatest props and bulwarks and the best man to get advice from in all times of need. In all matters connected with Philately or Numismatics he stands to-day the highest authority in the world which is a truly remarkable position for so comparatively young a man to have attained and held for so many years.

"Enclosed."

A DETROIT lawyer received a letter from Texas the other day on which the postage stamp was of an issue current fifteen years ago, and on the envelope of which there was a request to "return if not delivered sometime pretty soon." The contents read:

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The coin arrangement is a useful appliance of the "Drop a Nickel in the Slot" plan. Place the letter or parcel in the position as explained before, drop two one-cent pieces in the slot, and one stamp only may be affixed to the mailable package. The drawer in base receives the pennies as the stamps are sold. Any coin used except pennies will not operate the machine, but will fall to the floor, thus giving no one cause to condemn it as a fraud in case other coins are used through ignorance. It is impossible to make an entrance to the machine when locked, except with key.

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A Tale of Bitter Rivalry in the Post-office Business.

Bid Sawyer's Branch Office kept the Community Supplied With Letters, and the Postmaster was at Length Compelled to Sell His Commission.

 **POSTOFFICE** was recently established at Honey Run, a community mainly populated by the sons of the veterans of Africa, and was placed in the keeping of Abraham Nick, a seller of eggs that had attained their majority and bacon so musty that a hound pup had been known to turn from it and sigh distressingly. When Abraham received the appointment there was great rejoicing among his friends. At one time he had been sentenced to the penitentiary, but the fact that the governor pardoned him proved that he had attracted the attention of the chief executive and was therefore worthy of the respect of his everyday associates.

Shortly after the first mail had arrived, and while a number of negroes were standing around, looking in admiration at a seed circular and a sample copy of a story paper, Bid Sawyer, a well known character and a man whose "crap" throwing was said to be

marvelous, came into the store and addressing the postmaster, said :

"Wall, I reckon you think de mantle o' ole man Ligy dun drapped on you, eh?"

"Neber mine 'bout dat, but I'll say dis : Ef de mantle has drapped on me I kin w'ar it ter de queen's tase."

"Oh, I ain't sprized at dat," Bid replied. "You is so uster w'arin' uder folks' clothes dat mighty nigh any thing will fit you. I reckon you kin swell yo'se'f out or draw yo'se'f in so dat no sorter gyarmint ain't so mighty fur wranng."

"I ain't wore none o' yo' clothes, I kin tell you dat. I'se mighty particular whose clothes I w'ar."

"Yas, mighty particular not ter w'ar yo' own when you kin he'p it."

"Look yere," said Abraham, brushing the morning's "mail" aside and leaning back against the counter, "did you come round yere ter pick er quarrel wid me on dis de day o' my 'joyment? Is dis de way you does when my frien's an' neighbors has come in yere ter 'gratulate me ! W'y, man, I'se almos' threatened ter be er-shamed o' you."

"Oh, no, Abe, I ain't come ter pick no quarrel wid you, but I tell you whut I has come ter do ; I has come ter tell you dat I'se

gwine start er sto' right er cross de road dar, an' mo'n dat, de wag-in an' team is done gone atter de lumber ter build de house wid."

"Huh," Abraham grunted, "an' is dat all you come ter tell! W'y, useless worryin' pusson, you mout er staid at home an' sont dat through de mail, er haw, haw!"

POST OFFICE



[“YOU THINK DE MANTLE OF OLE MAN 'LIGY DUN DROPPED ON YOU, EH?”]

“Mout er done it, dat's er fack, fur I'se mighty handy wid er pen, but dat ain't all I got ter say. I knows in reason dat I kain't buck er gin you when you is got er postoffice ter draw trade”——

“Now you hittin' it,” Abe broke in.

“But hole on. Doan ack like de sheep dat jumped ober de shader an' den butted his brains out er gin de fence. I knows dat I kain't buck er gin dis postoffice, so I has 'cluded ter start one myse'f.”

“W'y, man, you kain't do dat. De guberment will be down on you in er minit. Dar kain't be but one postoffice in de same place, you know.”

“Oh, I knows dat, but I'se gwine start er branch office. Dar ain't nuthin' in de constertution er gin branch offices. De constertution say mighty p'intedly dat ever' postoffice is 'titled ter er branch an' dat de main office has got ter divide de mail wid de branch, an' it furder states, and states mighty p'intedly, dat ef de man dat has charge o' de main office 'fuses ter reconize de branch office dat de office shall be tuck er way frum him an' put in de han's o' de branch postmarster. Oh, yere's de constertution right yere,” he added, taking a book from his pocket and beginning to unwind a twine string. “Constertution right yere in my han', an' ef you want ter show yo' ignunce ter all deze folks, w'y, jest say dat dis book got out by Gin'l Washington hisse'f doan say deze facks.”

“Oh, I knows the constertution say dat,” Abe replied, scratching his head, “but dat constertution has dun been repealed. Gin'l Jackson he come erlong wid his constertution, doan you know?”

“Now look yere,” Bid replied, “is you 'terminated to show yo' ignunce, whuther er no? Doan you know dat Gin'l Jackson fotch up er bill fur de changin' o' de constertution, but dat the senate reached down an' flung it outen de house? W'y, Abe, I has allus gi'n you credit fur bein' er smart man, but de way you gwine on now you is sprizin' me might'ly.”

"Hol' on er minit," said Abe, rubbing the wool on the top of his loaf-shaped head, "I does ricolleck now. I has been l'arnin' so much lately dat I jest nachully haster furgit some o' it. Like pourin' water in er quart cup, you know. Ef you keep on pourin' after de cup dun full some o' it boun' ter run ober."

"Yas, dat's er fack. Now, whut I want ter git at is dis yere: Ef you will 'gree ter gin me ah'f o' dis yere sto', I won't start de one cross de road."

"No, I kain't do dat; I would ruther enter inter de compertition."

"All right. De wagin an' team will be yere putty soon an' den de compertition will begin sho 'nuff. But say, you gwine divide de mail wid me, ain't you?"

"No, kain't say dat I'll do dat."

"All right, I'll jest go er head wid de branch de best way I kin an' let you rock along ez you sees fitten."

Bud's store was soon established. It was known that he was going to have a branch office, but as the negroes were in favor of the office that had received the direct sanction of the government, the new store drew but a small percentage of trade. But Bid was not discouraged. His wits were not idle. He went to a white man that lived some distance away and employed him to write a number of letters and address them to the most influential negroes in the community. The next day, just after a few seed catalogues had been received at the main office,

Bid stepped to the door of his store and shouted:

"De mail fur de gre't branch office has jest arrive'. Is Dan Worthy in de crowd?"



"IS DAN WORTHLY IN DE CROWD?"

"Yere I is," cried a husky fellow, timidly moving forward, with an expression of astonishment on his face.

"All right, yere's a letter fur you. Is Al Soaper yere?"

"I'se de man," a squatty Guinea negro answered.

"Wall, dar's er letter yere fur you in dis office."

He continued to call off names until some ten or fifteen letters had been delivered. Of course, the letters amounted to nothing, but that made no difference with their recipients. All they wanted was recognition from the outside world. This piece of shrewdness

changed the current of trade. The negroes flocked into Bid's store, and when Abe remonstrated with them, the only satisfaction that he received was that the main office had done nothing for the people, and that the branch office, in consideration of its enterprise, was entitled to patronage. One morning, during a lull in trade, Abe called on the branch postmaster.

"Look yere, Bid, I doan like de way things gwine on."

"No, sah, I reckons not. De fox didn't like de way things wuz gwine on nuther, but de hounds kotch him all de same."

"I doan know nuthin' bout dat, but I tell you what I does know. I knows dat dar haster be er change yere mighty soon ur somebody gwine git hurt. I has been er foolin' wid you an' losin' my trade long er nuff, an' now dar's got ter be er change."

"All right, I'se pufuckly willin'. Dar neber wuz er man dat liked change better den I does. W'y, sah, I'se so fond o' change dat sometimes when I'se feelin' right good I gits tired o' it an' hurts myse'f wid suthin' jest fur de change. How you thinkin' bout bringin' er bout de change, Bru'r Abraham, an' whu sort o' change does you prefer?"

"I prefurs er change dat'll fetch me back my trade. Dis yere blame branch office business dun gone fur er nuff. It's de tail dat is er waggin' de dog. I wants de dog ter wag de tail er while. I doan blebe you gits dem letters frum de guberment no how. I noticed dat dar ain't no post

stomps on de letters you gits."

"Da doan put post stomps on de letters dat da sends ter de branch office, an' ef you wanter show yo' ignunce er gin I kain't he'p it. I has done my best ter edycate you, an' ef you is 'terminated ter take de bit o' ignunce twixt yo' teeth an' run off down in de woods o' darkness, I shan't hol' you back."

"I ain't tuck no bit o' ignunce 'tween my teeth an' doan 'low ter, but I tell you whut I is gwine take 'tween my teeth. I'se gwine take some black meat 'tween deze yere teeth, an' de meat 'longs ter er niggah dat keeps er branch postoffice."

"Oh, no doubt ef you takes meat 'tween yo' teeth it 'longs ter somebody else. You went ter de pennytenchy once fur takin' uder folks' meat 'tween yo' teeth."

"I ain't gwine be slandered, so you got ter fight right yere."

"I thought sunthin' like dat," Bid replied, "an' dat's de reason I set up nearly all night er strop-pin' dis yere razor. She's powerful keen now," he added, taking a razor from his bosom. "De constertution say, an' say it mighty p'intedly, dat when de branch postmarster thinks er fight is er comin', w'y, he must strop his razor an' den let natur' take her co'se."

"Look yere, Bid, I doan want-er hab no trouble wid you."

"So I sees, sah."

"Den let us settle dis er 'fa'r."

"Oh, I'se willin' ter do that, fer de constertution says, an' says mighty p'intedly, dat de branch

postmarster must settle all de trouble he kin."

"I thought," said Abraham, after a moment's reflection, "dat I mout sell my sto' ter you."

"Yas, sah, yas, dat's good. I'll buy yo' sto' an' de postoffice, too."

"How much you gin me fur bof?"

"I'll gin you er hunnud dollars in cash."

"An' sign er paper takin' all de sponcerbilities o' de office?"

"Yas, I'll do dat."



[“I HAS DUN ’BEZZLED ALL DE POST STOMPS.”]

The next day Bid sold his wagon and team and handed Abraham \$100. He also signed a paper, taking upon himself all responsibility for the previous running of the office. Just as old Abraham had mounted a horse to ride away, a friend approached him and said:

“Abe, I think you wuz mighty foolish ter sell out fur dat little price.”

“Does you? Wall, honey, you doan know dis yere life ez well ez I does. I has dun ’bezzled all de best stomps dat has come inter de office, an’ sides dat de stock o’ goods wuz mortgaged fur two hunnud dollars, an’ de pusson gwine lif’ de mortgage termorrer. Wall, good-bye, I mus’ be ridin’ on towardder quieter neighborhood.”

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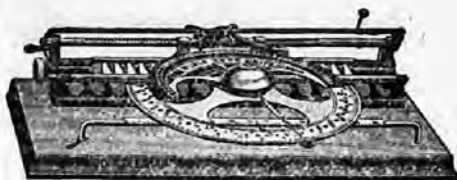
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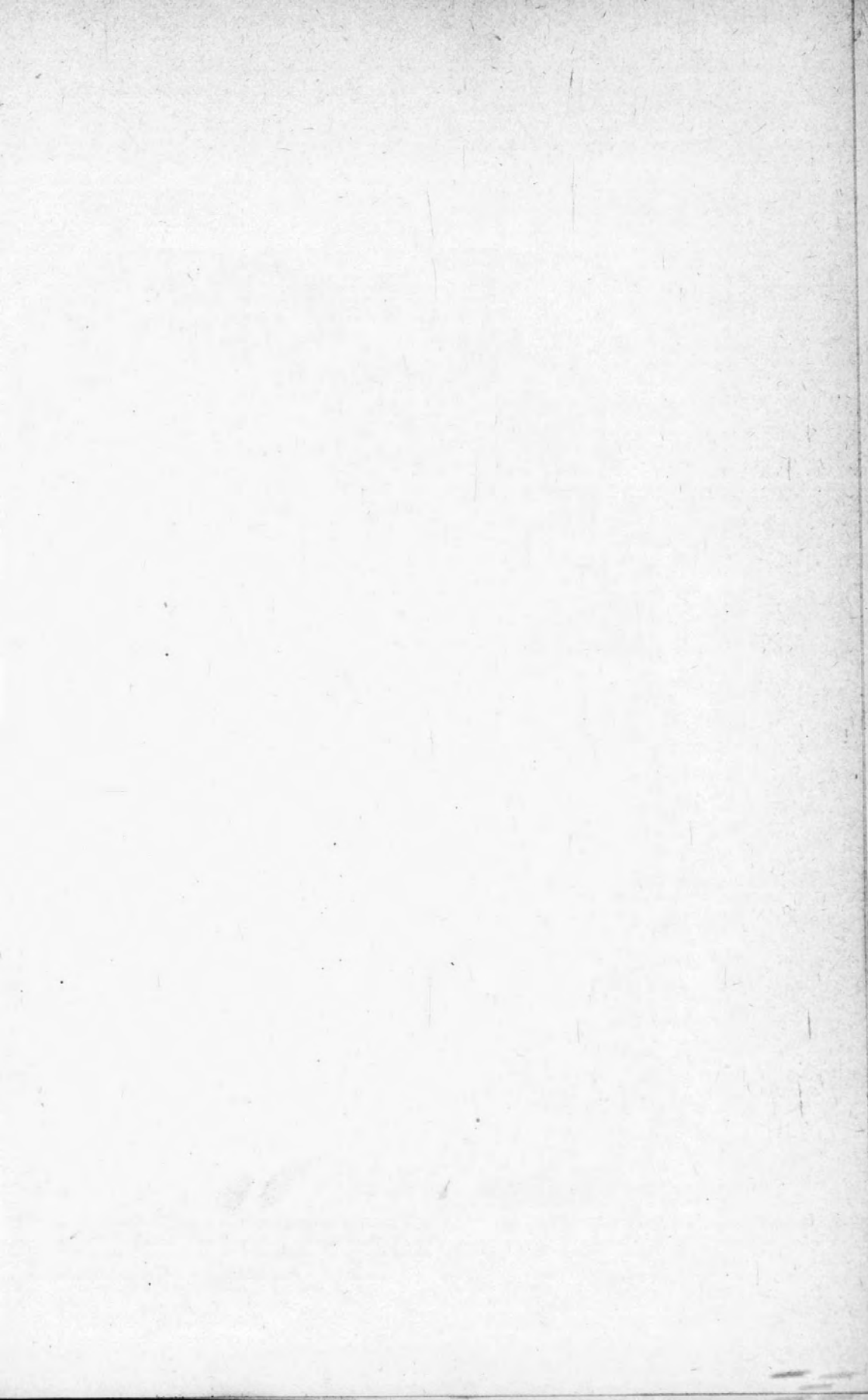
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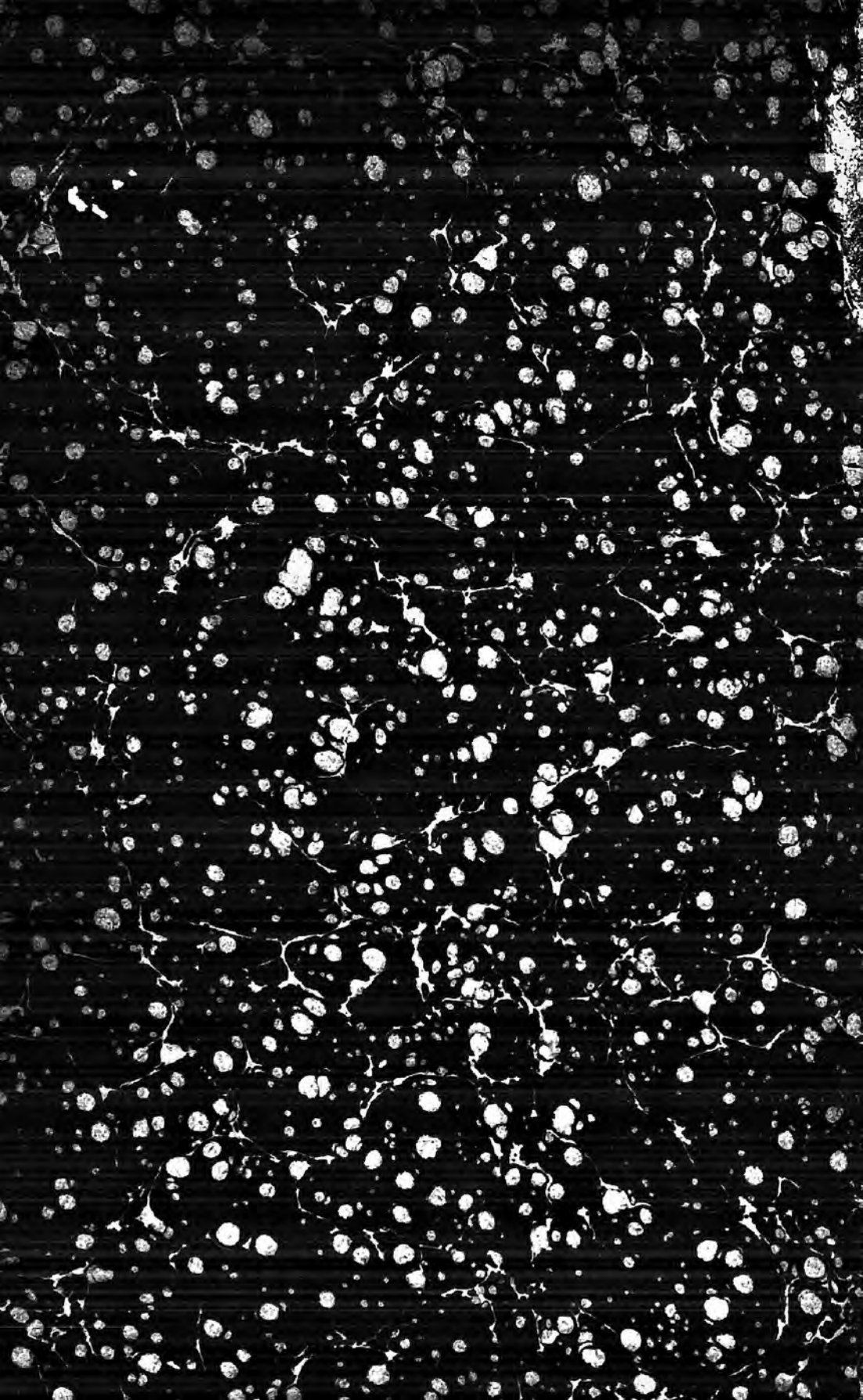
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1	1	1a	1869, 2 kr., yellow, "An" at left.....	5	
2		1b	" 2 kr., orange, " ".....	4	
3			" 2 kr., ochre (c c 13) "An" at left.....	8	
4	2	2b	1871, 2 kr., orange, "Adresse" at left.....	3	
5	3	3b	1872, 2 kr., " " ".....	3	
6	4	4a	" 2 kr., yellow, " ".....	3	
7		4b	" 2 kr., orange, " ".....	2	
8			" 2 kr., ochre (c c 16) " ".....	5	
9	5	5	1876, 2 kr., brown (Head).....	4	1
10	6	6	1880, 2x2 kr., " T 3.....	8	
11	7	7b	" 5 kr., red.....	8	5
12	8	8b	" 5x5 kr., red, T 3.....	12	
13	9	9	1883, 2 kr., brown (Eagle).....	4	1
14	10	10	" 2x2 kr., brown, T 3.....	8	
15	11	11a	" 5 kr., red.....	8	
16		11c	" 5 kr., ".....	8	
17	12	12a	" 5x5 kr., red T 3.....	12	
18			1890, 2 kr., brown, with Greek border.....	8	
19			" 2x2 kr., " " " T 3.....	15	
19a			" 5 kr., red, " " " T 3.....	15	
19b			Sept. 2 kr., brown (Head).....	4	
19c			" 2x2 kr., brown, (Head) T 3.....	8	
19d			" 5 kr., rose, " ".....	8	
19e			" 5x5 kr., " " T 3.....	12	

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