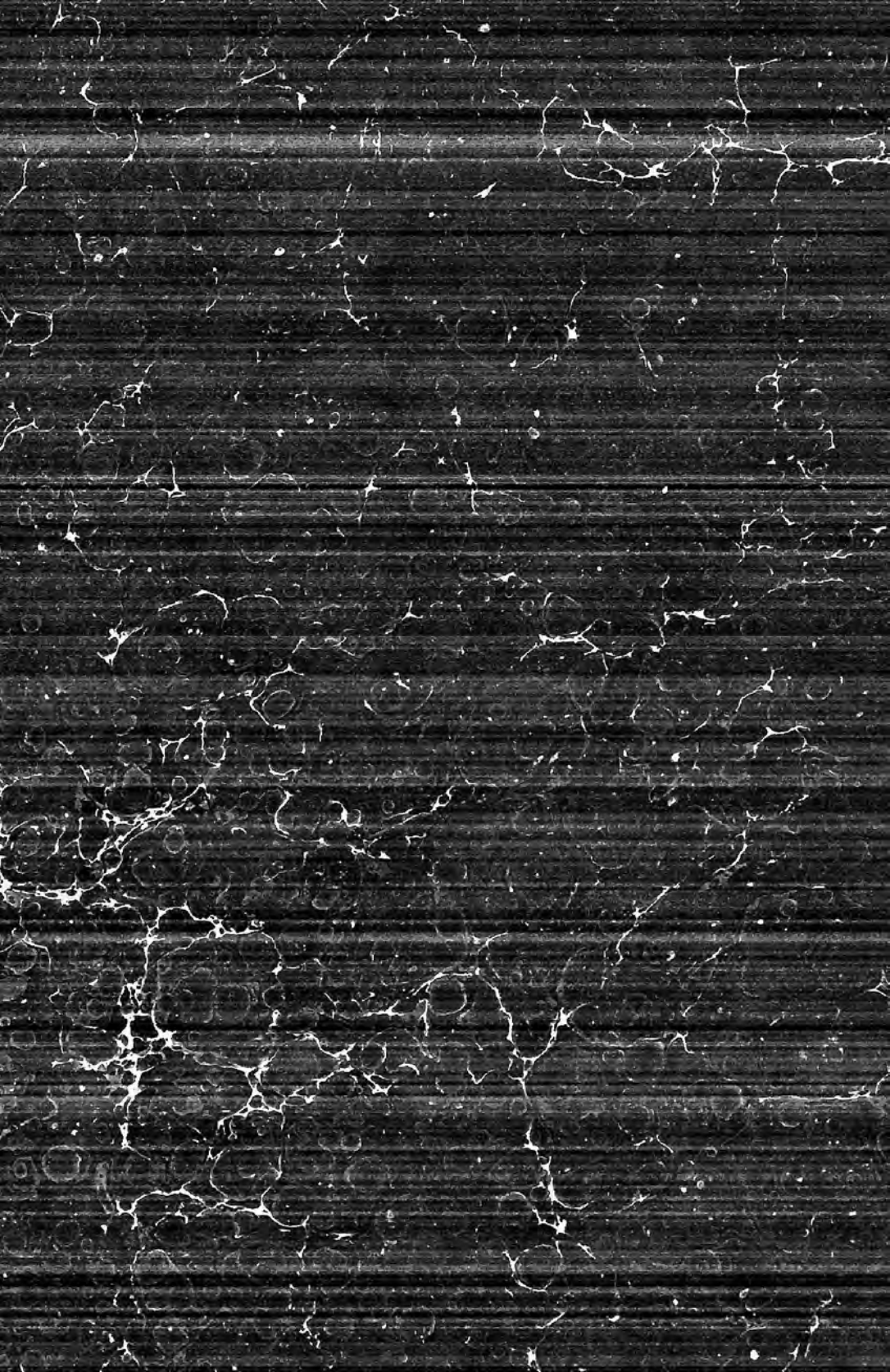
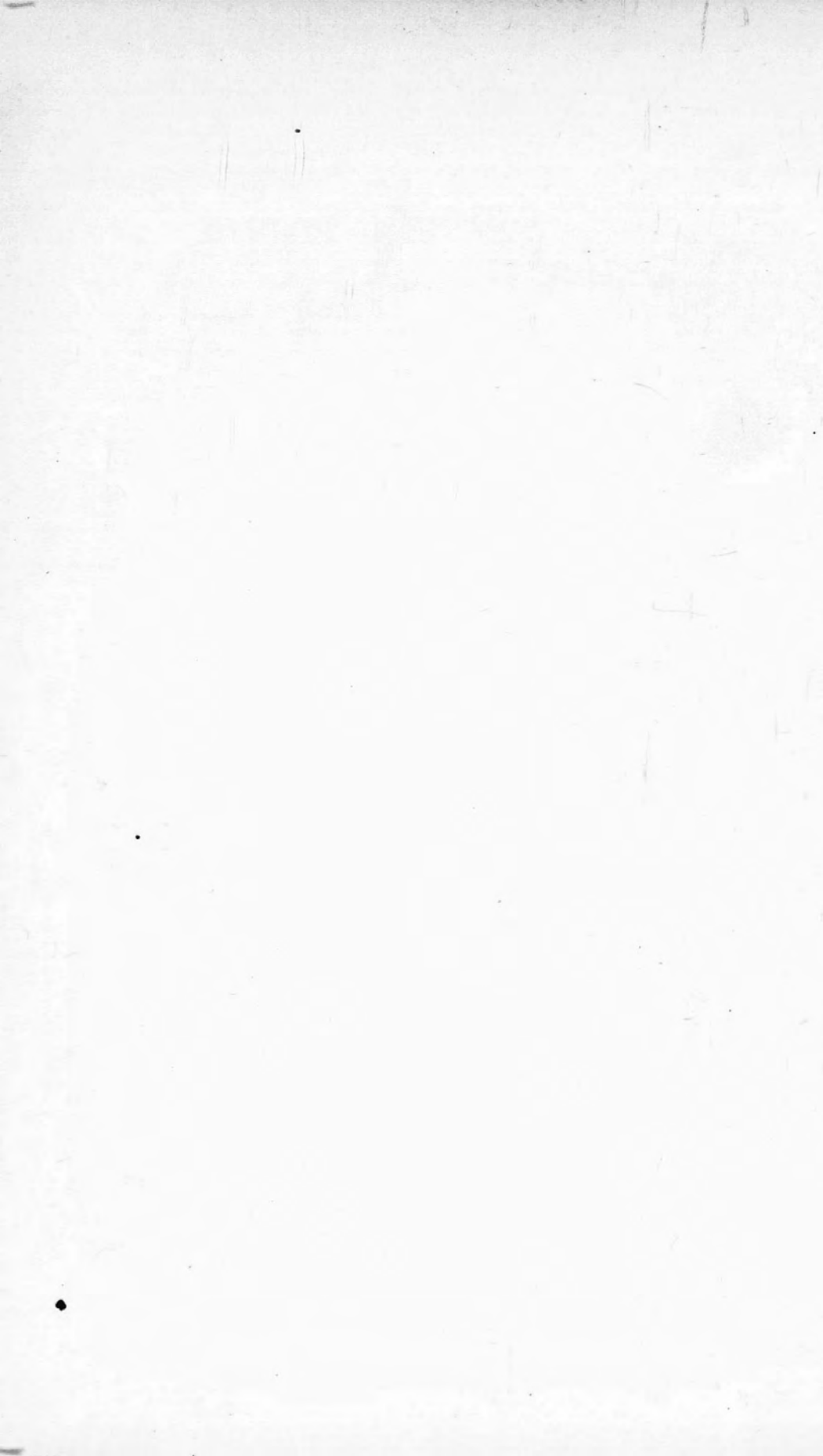


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OF INTEREST TO ALL CLASSES OF STAMP COLLECTORS.

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WHY SOME STAMPS WERE ISSUED

BY C. ALLEN HALL.

Most stamp collectors seem to have no knowledge of the reason for certain stamps having been issued, which should be one of the special studies of collecting. Of course every stamp was issued for a purpose, but some varieties may call for special mention.

The United States have issued a few denominations for special service: the 24 and 90 cent of various issues are an odd figure; the 7 cent of 1870 was a value placed on postage to Germany for letters. The official stamps were issued for the use of the various departments they represented, and could not be used by any outside parties which is the cause of the great rarity of some of the department denominations such as Executive and high value State.

The Executive stamps were used by the President and Vice-President of the United States: therefore, philatelists having used specimens have not only a philatelic treasure, but have also a historical relic.

Canada has produced several oddities, notably among which are the 2 cents issued in 1864, also the same denomination of New Brunswick, 1861, and Nova Scotia, 1862, all of which were struck off to prepay soldiers letters to Great Britain (who had been sent to Canada in 1862, on the occasion of the Slidell

Mason affair.) Another Canadian stamp was the 12 pence black, which, as most collectors know is almost unique in rarity, was struck off to do duty for postage to India, is said by some officials in government circles to have been issued in error, as the postage at that time was only ten pence.

The 17 cents Canadian, 1859, was struck for postage to India, also the 12½ cents of the same year was issued expressly for letters to Great Britain. The stamps of Prince Edward Island, for their odd denominations might cause collectors to imagine that they were issued for some special service, but I have never heard of such.

The 8½ cents Nova Scotia was issued for letters to Newfoundland.

The 13 cents Newfoundland was issued for letters to Great Britain. These are the principal varieties issued in Canada for postage out of the usual run.

The Australian colonies have issued very few stamps for any special duty, and with the exception of a very few European, very few exist outside of America.

In fact economical postage for specified countries seems to be peculiar to America as regards odd values. Most of these stamps are noticeably scarce and should be made as great a study of as any other.

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EDITORIALS.

WE would like to receive a few good selections of MSS. Write on any good subject and send on approval, with stamp for return if not accepted.

IN publishing this paper we realize to what extent the philatelic public is bored with cheap trashy papers which appear once and only once and then go down in philatelic history as No. 1, Vol. I, of so and so. We have taken great pains to make our paper appear neat and attractive and as to our success you are the judges, and we have already a large subscription list. We regret extremely our inability to announce that we have started the publication of this journal in order to fill a long felt want. After looking around and searching all the bargain counters we were unable to find any "long felt wants," and so decided not to fabricate concerning the matter but to speak the truth and

shame—well all other men who ever published Vol. I. No. 1, of a stamp paper. We are simply "out for dust" and if we are so fortunate as to please our readers and achieve more or less glory in this way so much better for the readers.

THEN with regard to the length of time over which we expect the publication of this paper to extend. Most stamp papers in their initial number besides announcing that the editor's effort is the result of the wishes of the great majority of the devotees of philately for a really first class paper, give such information as would lead one to believe that as long as a new moon shines down on the world each month so long would their periodicals continue to shine forth each month, to light the steps of the followers of our goddess. If we are refused second class rates by the postoffice department we will never see our first moon but will probably see stars instead. If in the opinion of the post office authorities we are fit to be cut loose on the world we will go on publishing this paper until further notice, which if we are compelled to give such we will make a satisfactory settlement of all existing contracts. No contracts made for more than ten years as it is doubtful if we shall continue publication after the year A. D. 2000.

We intend to print and circulate 1000 copies of the paper this month. The Sept. number will have an exceptionally large circulation as we intend to send one sample copy to every philatelist in the United States and Canada whose address we can procure. We do not however intend to send many copies to foreign countries, nor do we expect to have anything of a foreign circulation for months to come, so that any collector loo'g for foreign

SAMPLE COPY
Your Adv. Solicited.

correspondents would be throwing his money away by advertising in the P. B. just now.

You will perhaps think that we have said almost enough about ourselves, what we are going to do and what we are going to leave undone. But we have our reasons for saying more, one of which is that it is desired that this paper should set out clearly and distinctly its aims and aspirations, rules and regulations in its first number so that our philatelic brethren will understand exactly what may be expected from us. We have several other reasons but will content ourselves with one more, which is that this is our first grasp of the editorial quill, we feel like writing and see no reason why we should not. All friends and acquaintances most confidently assured us upon solicitation to give us their advertisements that in starting a stamp paper we were very foolish. Some used the noun instead of the adjective, and others prefixed the noun by very expressive adjectives. If we are going to sink about \$30 a month on this venture without any financial returns surely no one can blame us if we endeavor to "even up" by indulging in a little practice in composition.

But to return to earth again, it is intended to have some of the best philatelic authors of the day, as regular contributors to our columns. We invite all those who can write as well as those who think they can, to send us some MSS. with terms and enclosing stamp for reply, and if you think you can write a readable article send us some copy. It does not matter if you have never written anything before, as this may be the beginning of a literary career.

SHOULD you receive this paper in a wrapper marked "sample

copy" you will no doubt perceive that the publishers desire your subscription. Don't imagine that you will receive a sample copy every month. This is merely a gentle hint to the many sample copy "fiends" who endeavor to "work" publishers for a year's subscription free.

SOON the usual flood of new stampic papers will be put out in all their short lived glory, and possibly some of those that have been taking a Rip Van Winkle nap will again awake to delight an appreciative public, but we want to solicit the support of dealers in their ad patronage for the old stand-bys who have cared enough about the welfare of our hobby to keep it ever prominent without any vacations, skips or naps.—*Evergreen State Philatelist.*

WE sincerely hope that friend French of the *E. S. P.* does not mean to class the P. B. with the aforesaid Rip Van Winkle papers, for it is our intention to run this sheet 12 months in the year; rain or shine; hot or cold.—ED.

ADVICE FROM A DEALER.

One who knows something about the market, and is not afraid to tell it for fear of losing a dollar. He will have a few hints for collectors every month.

Have you purchased a set of those Nova Scotia remainders? If not, just wait a few months and save money. The price is bound to come down and if I am not greatly mistaken, they will yet be purchased for about \$3 to \$3.50 per set. Dealers first asked \$8.00 now you can buy all you want at \$5.00 per set including the 5c.

On the other hand if you have not completed your set of Columbians, do so at once, as they will soon make a slight advance. None but the \$2 value can now be secured at less than face value.

THE five-cent rose, ten-cent orange, twenty-cent blue Llama type of 1895-96 issue of Peru, and the one-cent vermilion and two-cent blue, were in use but a short time. I would advise my readers to purchase them at an early date.

BLACK-LIST.

Under this column we shall publish the names of all philatelic crooks such as approval sheet thieves, substitutes, etc., and by thus doing, try to protect our advertisers as well collectors. We hope for the sake of dear old Philatelia that the column will never be over run.

OF INTEREST TO THE BEGINNER.

BY DUTCH.

Under this head, there will appear each month items and hints that will be of interest to the beginner.

We shall also be glad to answer questions through this column, so don't be bashful, remember "God helps the man who helps himself."

We have noticed of late that some dealers use cheap approval sheets to "palm off" torn stamps, etc., at catalogue prices, upon the young and unsuspecting beginner. This practice ought to be stopped as it is in truth dishonest. Torn stamps are worth only a fraction of catalogue value.

There are several small articles which are indispensable to the active collector. One of these is a small bottle of benzine for ascertaining the watermarks on a stamp. Lay the stamp on a black enameled piece of tin, drop a little benzine on it and the watermark will at once

stand out a little darker than the rest of the stamp.

Another article which is very handy is made by fastening two blotters together by one corner. Dampen these and place the stamp between them which you wish to clean of paper on the back. The paper will soon peel off. This is a much more satisfactory way of preparing stamps to mount than the old way of soaking them in water.

All collectors, young and old, have often seen Seebecks, but they did not always know what they were. These stamps are very pretty and I often buy them for their beauty. A sheet of Seebecks is as pretty a sight as any collector cares to see. I can see no harm in advising any one to collect them if they know what they are buying. The fault often lies with the dealer who guarantees his stamps to be genuine and charges the young collector an enormous price for these beautiful stamps which are only Seebecks. The young collector should bear in mind that Seebecks are cheap, therefore should be careful not to pay too much for them.

ANNOUNCED.

The Revenue Philatelist is announced from Johnstown, Penna., to be published by the Johnstown Stamp Co. to appear October 1st.

The National Philatelist from Washington, D. C. is announced to appear in October, R. P. Rickenbacher publisher.

The Canadian Philatelic Magazine is to be re-issued by Mr. W. R. Adams next month owing to a non-fulfilment of contract by the Canadian Weekly Stamp News Co.

The S. of P. is at last on its legs again, thanks to the *American Collector* which has been appointed official organ.

NOTES FROM NEW YORK.

BY WILLOW.

Prosperity has arrived at last, Post Master Van Cott of this City has the following to say: "We are having indications right here in the Post Office of the rapidly increasing business activity. We have been taking account of the stamps, postal cards, and envelopes, and find that the sale from the 1st to the 20th of this month (August) were over 13 per cent larger than during the corresponding period of last year. That is a good evidence of growing business.

Auditor Thomas H. Jardenes says that this increase is phenomenal. The sale of stamps, envelopes, and postal cards from July 1 to August 20, this year shows an increase of about \$75,000.00 over the corresponding period of 1896. They can thank the poor persecuted stamp collectors, for part of this increase.

Mr. Frederick A. Coudert who recently went to Bar Harbor, Maine, for his health, is resting quietly at the Kingsley Cottage. Anxiety was manifested by his friends, but he is said to be now out of danger and hopes are entertained for his complete recovery in a short time. He is not dangerously ill, his physicians say. In regard to the above, will say that Mr. Coudert is the lawyer retained by J. W. Scott Co. in their fight with the U. S. Government in the periodical stamp seizure; all philatelists interested hope for his complete recovery.

Bids were opened on Aug. 18, at the Post Office Department, in Washington for the printing of the postal cards for the next four years. A number of bids were received and as expected by the department the bids were much lower than

heretofore. As a result the government will get them at a very low cost. Nearly all the bids were received from this city. The bids were for the printing of 1,800,000,000 cards, 3½ by 5½ inches and running about 6 pounds 3 ounces to the thousand; 20,000,000, 5½ by 6½ averaging 12 pounds 6 ounces to the thousand and 250,000,000 cards 3 by 5 inches, averaging five pounds per thousand. Seven bidders hailed from New York, but the contract fell to Albert Daggett of Washington his bid averaging the lowest, it being 23, 95, 47, and 20 cents per 1,000. There will be two sizes of the cards, both smaller than the one in use at present. One of them will be about a quarter of an inch narrower than the present size, to be used by merchants and others who desire to send the cards to customers or friends inside of envelopes. The other card will be an inch smaller one way and three-quarters of an inch another than the ones to be had now. They will be most convenient for indexing purposes for librarians or others.

The cards will have different lettering from those now in use. The larger one will have the head of Jefferson, the same as now, and the smaller one will have a vignette of the head of John Quincy Adams, whose face has never been put upon paper issued by the department before.

The A. P. A., the P. S. of A., and the E. S. P. S., will hold conventions in this city during 1898.

PACK'S ITEMS OF INTEREST.

A few of the cheaper class of British Colonies, that wouldn't be a bad idea to purchase at full catalogue prices are the stamps of Sierra Leone. They are the one penny

rose 1883 issue, and the 1½ pence violet, 2½ pence blue, 3 pence yellow and the 4 pence bistre of the 1884-92 issue. These stamps are obsolete, having been replaced by a new issue (De LaRue style) in 1896. The three and four pence are hardly obtainable in unused condition. They are well worth their price.

Another stamp seldom met with is the one penny light blue Jamaica watermarked a pine apple, and is fully worth the Catalogue price of 12 cents.

According to Scott's Catalogue, the North Borneosians sometimes spell REVENUE with two V's and no N.—REVEVUE. As an example look at type A 22 North Borneo (Page 430) On all the other types it is spelt correctly—Revenue.

I have seen several copies of the 2c green stamped envelopes with the G of postage invisible. A few were post marked Boston and another Washington, D. C. and all from non-collectors. I do not believe this to be a plate variety, possibly the paper may have blistered and the die failed to catch up the paper at that spot, when it was embossed. Although it can't be called a die variety, it is an interesting minor variety.

I have also seen a copy of France 40c orange imperforated Type A 3, with a double inside border. This is a plate variety sure enough, as no other part of the design shows the slightest variation from the cut in the Catalogue (Scott's.) The variety can be seen without the aid of a microscope.

One U. S. entire envelope that could be left alone without fear of losing the opportunity of buying it cheap is the 1c blue Scott's 1178, priced at 75c in both conditions.

This envelope can be purchased at eighty per cent less than that figure (75c) and even less, if a quantity is purchased at one time.

The reprints of the ½ cent red New Foundland stamps are being bought up by certain parties in and around New York. Very few of the reprints are seen nowadays, although a year ago, they were quite plentiful. To distinguish these stamps from the common variety the chief difference lies in the paper, being pure white; the color of the ink used could be properly called vermilion, and the gum a dark brown shade; to place the two side by side, the difference is discerned instantly.

BOSTON NOTES.

BY BEANEATER.

All dealers unite in saying that business here is very good considering the unfavorable part of the season, in their estimation stamps will be "booming" this year.

It is said that C. F. Rothfuchs, formerly of Washington, D. C., who recently sold out his business in that city to J. M. Bartels and Co., is about to locate his place of business on Huntington-ave., Boston.

The 12th annual Convention of the A. P. A. adjourned Thursday, August 26th, until their next meeting in New York City in '98. "A very pleasant time" was the parting words of nearly all the members. A delightful excursion by steamer to the old and historic city of Salem. (Witch-town) where this paper is published, was furnished by the committee of entertainments followed by an outing at Salem Willows, a seaside resort near by, and it was with reluctant steps that the party retraced their way to Boston.



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In quoting from the Advance Sheets we find it somewhat difficult to give comparisons so many new varieties being included, and we shall accordingly reprint the varieties etc. in toto, barring superfluous descriptions. All stamps not mentioned by us the prices remain as in the 57th and we omit them to economize space.

UNITED STATES.

	NEW.	USED.
1845 New York, 5c black.....	\$20 00	\$ 12 00
St. Louis, 5c greenish.....		200 00
10c ".....		200 00
20c ".....		200 00
1846 St. Louis 5c gray lilac.....		300 00
10c ".....		200 00
20c ".....		200 00

GENERAL ISSUE.

1847 5c brown (Franklin).....		3 50
5c red brown (bluish).....	7 50	85
5c dark brown (bluish).....	7 50	85
5c orange (bluish).....		3 00
10c black (Washington).....		12 00
10c bluish.....	29 00	4 00
a. Diagonal half used as 5c.....		40 00
b Vertical.....		4 00

HEAD IN OVAL.

1851-56 1c blue, dark blue (type I)...	50 00	25 00
12c black, diagonal half used as 6c.....		35 00
30c orange.....	125 00	

Same, perf. 15.

1855-60 1c blue, (type II).....	10 00	1 50
5c brick red (type I).....	75 00	12 50
5c orange brown (type II).....	5 00	3 50
5c orange (type III).....	7 50	2 50
5c orange brown (type III).....	5 00	3 50
12c black.....	3 00	1 00

1861 September, Perf. 12.		
5c brown yellow.....	50 00	8 50
5c olive yellow.....		12 50
5c buff.....	50 00	10 00
10c dark green.....	1 75	15
30c orange.....	6 00	60
90c blue.....	20 00	4 00
90c pale blue.....	25 00	4 00
90c marine blue.....		7 50
1862-66 2c black (Jackson).....	60	06
a. Diagonal half used as 1c.....		25 00
b. Vertical.....		25 00
3c scarlet.....	100 00	
a. imperforate.....		15 00
5c brick red.....		15 00
5c black brown.....	10 00	50

Wove Paper.

Embossing measuring 11x13 m m.		
1c blue.....	6 50	1 25
3c lake red.....		10
10c green.....		75
12c black.....		60

Embossing measuring 9x13 m m.

1c blue.....	6 50	1 00
2c black.....		10
5c black brown.....		5 00

'62-66 10c yellow green.....	\$ 5 00	\$ 60
10c dark green.....	5 00	60
12c black.....	5 00	60
1869 Embossing measuring 9 1/2 x 13 1/2 m m.		
1c buff.....	1 50	75
a. without grill.....	25 00	
1c brown orange.....	1 50	75
2c brown.....	1 25	15
a. without grill.....	25 00	
b. Diagonal half used as 1c.....		
3c blue.....	1 00	02
a. without grill.....	25 00	
b. Vertical 3/4 used as 2c.....		
6c blue.....	4 00	75
10c yellow.....	7 00	90
15c brown and blue.....	12 50	4 00
a. without grill.....	50 00	
15c brown and blue (picture framed).....	7 50	2 00
a. picture inverted.....		200 00
24c green and purple.....	20 00	7 00
a. without grill.....	50 00	
b. picture inverted.....		200 00
30c blue and carmine.....	20 00	4 00
a. without grill.....	50 00	
b. flags inverted.....		600 00
90c black and carmine.....	40 00	20 00
a. without grill.....	75 00	
Reissue, without embossing hard white paper.		
1875 1c buff.....	5 00	5 00
Soft Porous paper.		
1880 1c buff.....	2 50	2 50
Printed by the National Bank Note Co. without embossing.		
1870-71 2c red brown.....	2 00	03
7c vermilion.....	8 00	60
12c dull violet.....	12 50	50
30c full black.....	15 00	40
90c carmine.....	17 50	1 50
Printed by the Continental Bank Note Co., thin hard paper.		
1873 7c orange vermilion.....	6 00	60
10c brown.....	3 00	07
12c blackish violet.....	12 50	50
15c yellow orange.....	10 00	75
Same, horizontally or vertically ribbed paper.		
1875 1c ultramarine.....		2 00
2c dark brown.....		50
3c green.....		1 00
Reissue, hard white wove paper.		
2c dark brown.....	30 00	
7c reddish vermilion.....	30 00	
1875 2c vermilion.....	1 00	05
a. imperforate		
5c blue (Taylor).....	2 00	10
Double Paper.		
1876 1c dark ultramarine.....		1 00
2c dark brown.....		1 00
2c blue green.....		1 00
Printed by the American Bank Note Co. soft porous paper.		
1879 1c blue.....	1 50	05

1879 1c ultramarine.....	1 00	02
10c yellow brown (National plate).....	3 00	04
10c brown (Continental plate).....	3 00	01
10c black brown (Continental Plate).....	5 00	10
15c orange.....	2 00	30
90c carmine.....	7 50	1 00
1882 5c brown (Garfield) type I.....	50	02
5c yellow brown, type I.....	75	02
5c yellow brown, type II.....	50	02
5c gray brown, type II.....	50	02
10c black brown re-engraved.....	5 00	25
1883 2c orange brown (Washington).....	08	01
2c red brown.....	08	01
1887 2c green.....	08	01

a. Imperforate.

New designs, stamps smaller.

1890-93 6c brown red.....	15	06
8c lilac.....	15	04
15c indigo.....	30	08
30c black.....	60	12
90c orange.....	2 00	65

(Imperforate stamps exists from 1-90c but prices are not quoted in the advance sheets.)

COLUMBIAN ISSUE.

1893 2c gray violet, violet.....	04	01
4c ultramarine.....	08	03
4c blue.....		
8c magenta.....	15	06
10c black brown, gray black.....	20	04
15c dark green.....	25	20
30c orange brown.....	50	40
50c slate blue.....	75	65
1 00 salmon.....	4 00	4 00
2 00 brown red.....	2 75	2 50
3 00 yellow green, olive green.....	3 50	3 50
4 00 crimson lake, rose carmine.....	4 50	4 50
5 00 black.....	5 50	5 50

Same as 1890-93 with triangular shaped ornaments in upper angles.

1894 1c pale, ultramarine.....	15	02
2c pink, triangle I.....	08	03
2c carmine lake I.....	15	02
2c carmine I.....	05	01

a. Imperforate horizontally.

5c yellow brown.....	10	01
a. Imperforate horizontally.....	10 00	
8c puce.....	15	05
15c dark blue.....	25	06
50c orange.....	1 00	40
a. Imperforate horizontally.....	12 50	
6c dark red brown.....	12	05

Same as 1894 issue, watermarked U. S. P. S. repeated in horizontal rows.

1895 6c dark red brown.....	08	03
15c dark blue.....	20	03
50c orange.....	60	15
1 00 black.....	1 25	60
5 00 dark green.....	5 50	2 50

OFFICIAL STAMPS.

Printed by the Continental Bank Note Co.

Thin hard paper.

Interior.

1873 10c vermilion.....	50	50
Justice.		
90c purple.....	50 00	50 00
3c bluish purple.....	2 00	1 00
6c " ".....	3 00	2 00
10c " ".....		
Navy,		
2c dull blue.....	1 00	1 00
6c " ".....	1 00	
24c ultramarine.....	6 50	4 00

Post office.

White paper

1c black.....	40	04
30c black.....	3 00	1 00

Gray surfaced paper.

1c black.....		60
2c black.....		40
3c ".....	15	01
6c ".....	30	15
10c ".....	2 00	2 00
12c ".....	1 00	75
15c ".....	3 00	2 00
24c ".....		2 50
30c ".....	1 00	1 00
90c ".....	5 00	3 50

Ribbed paper.

2c black.....		20
3c ".....		50
6c ".....		

Double paper.

3c black.....		
24c ".....		
90c ".....		

State.

6c dark green.....	2 00	2 00
3c yellow green.....	3 50	3 50
3c bright green.....	75	75
6c " ".....	1 00	1 00
10c " ".....	3 50	2 50

Double paper.

3c green.....		
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Treasury.

1c brown.....	1 25	50
3c ".....	25	05
6c ".....	60	35
7c ".....	3 00	2 50
10c ".....	1 50	1 00
15c ".....	1 00	30
30c ".....	75	35
90c ".....	3 00	2 00
1c yellow brown.....	3 50	15
2c " ".....	35	12
3c " ".....	10	03
6c " ".....	20	10
7c " ".....	2 50	1 50
10c " ".....	50	25
12c " ".....	50	15
15c " ".....	50	30
30c " ".....	3 00	1 00
90c " ".....	2 00	1 00

Double paper.

3c brown.....		
10c ".....		
90c ".....		

War.

2c rose red.....	50	08
10c " ".....	1 00	30
12c " ".....	1 00	30
15c " ".....	25	25
24c " ".....	25	25
90c " ".....	1 00	1 00
1c brown red.....		
2c " ".....		
3c " ".....		05
6c " ".....		10
7c " ".....		
10c " ".....		
12c " ".....	2 50	1 00
15c " ".....		50
24c " ".....		50
30c " ".....		
90c " ".....		2 00

(TO BE CONTINUED NEXT MONTH.)

NOTES CONCERNING STAMPS IN
GENERAL.

Under this heading we shall give the latest information regarding counterfeits, reprints and "fakes" that may turn up.

Informations and contributions are especially solicited.

There have been presented to us for our opinion several "oddities," which, after careful research in one case and examination in the other, we must put down as "fakes," and warn our young collectors against investing in them. They are a "TEN" CENTS confederate Jeff. Davis; same design as the London print FIVE, and about the same shade of pale blue, though with a bit of violet tinge. There never was such an issue, and they are merely prints from an altered plate, or an all-round forgery. Further, there are so-called "shades" of the Columbians. For instance, there was shown us a 4c "Fleet of Columbus" in light brown, a 6c in "sick" blue, and a 1c in greenish blue. They are all fakes, and were changed in color by the simple means of applying lemon juice.—*Va. Phil.*

The *Austrian Philatelist* describes a very good forgery of the 50c Mexico, 1866 issue, with head of the Emperor Maximilian. This forgery is so good that collectors may be taken in. The whole execution is good, only the beard is rather too long. The inscriptions are somewhat too thin, which makes them appear longer than in the genuine.

We have it on good authority that the revenues used for postage chronicled for British Central Africa are frauds.

Brazil, 1894, with inverted centre, is a counterfeit. The police are now on the track of the forgers.

OF INTEREST TO THE BEGINNER.

BY DUTCH.

Under this head, there will appear each month items and hints that will be of interest to the beginner.

We shall also be glad to answer questions through this column, so don't be bashful, remember "God helps the man who helps himself."

A set of stamps frequently sold to young collectors, and that they should refuse to buy unless posted upon, are the telegraph stamps issued by Chili. When genuinely used for postage they are much rarer than the catalogue price would indicate. With the telegraph they are practically worthless. This cancellation is in blue ink. A five pronged star, surrounded by the inscription, "Telegrafos del Estado Chile," the whole inclosed in a single line circle.

Boy collectors too often become discouraged after collecting a short time on account of the great number of varieties and expense involved. This is not the way to do. Simply keep on collecting, even if your collection does not grow fast enough for you. Stick to it, and you will never regret it, as our more experienced philatelists can testify.

It is a good plan for all collectors to subscribe to at least one or two good stamp papers, such as the PHILATELIC BULLETIN. In this way you learn of new issues, etc., and also see the many bargains offered in the advertising columns of the periodical.

Never collect or purchase badly cancelled, torn, or otherwise imperfect specimens. Always buy clean, lightly postmarked stamps. Unused ones are preferable if they can be obtained, as they are prettier and increase in value much more quickly than used specimens.

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THE 58th edition of Scott's Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue will soon be ready for delivery. We have placed our order with the Scott Co. and we will have the Catalogues shipped as soon as they are issued.

We will mail you a copy of the catalogue (postpaid), give you a years subscription to this paper and a thirty word exchange notice for 70 cents. Money order preferred.

WE have noticed that a few publishers are laying great stress on the fact that they have seldom (if ever) allowed any reprinted matter to be published in their respective journals. Well we still continue to copy matter occasionally from other papers as we are not yet so conceited as to think some one else cannot write as good if not better articles than ourselves.

WE would like to hear from any of our readers on subjects of interest to philately. Should there be sufficient interest manifested we would be pleased to inaugurate a correspondence column, where much information might be gained through an interchange of ideas. Any suggestions tending toward improving the contents of this magazine will be thankfully received and have due consideration.

MR. IRVING E. PATTERSON, of Guelph, Ont., has removed to Detroit, Mich., and has purchased a half interest in the Detroit Stamp Co., of 42 Howard St., Detroit.

WE are indebted to W. A. Chapman, publisher of the *Perforator* for two beautiful half tone pictures, one of himself and the other of the ever famous Charter Oak, which was raised near his home.

THE Prince of Wales hospital fund stamps are now out, values 1 sh. blue and 2 sh. 6 d. red. They are not good for postage, but are simply vouchers for money contributed to the hospital fund.

OUR New York letter failed to materialize this month, reason unknown.

PHILATELIC PRESS REVIEW.

BY L. A. PREVOST.

The Herald Exchange (Vol. III, No. 1.) is at hand. This is the only German-American stamp paper in the U. S. as far as we know, it is always brim full of readable news, and this number is no exception to the rule.

The New York Philatelist (Vol. II, No. 6.) is up to their usual high standard. The paper starts off with an article entitled "A Model Protective Association" by I. E. Patterson, and notes from numerous stamp centres follow.

We have received the initial number of *The Virginia Philatelist*, it contains 16 pages and a handsome cover and is one of the finest first issues we have seen for some time. The publishers have our best wishes for the success of their venture, come again.

The Perforator (Vol. I. No. 7.) which we have nick-named "Our Brother," gives a half-tone picture of Mrs. Louise Disselhorst as well as that lady's philatelic life. The present issue is truly a lady's number, as nearly every article has been contributed by the fair sex.

The Evergreen State Philatelist (Vol. VIII, No. 3.) is as breezy and up to date as usual. The "Critic" pulls the *Home Worker* over the coals for having an unphilatelic name, and "Era" gives a lot of interesting notes on U. S. stamps.

The Southern Stamp Collector (Vol. I, No. 1.) official organ of the Southern Stamp Exchange is at hand. It contains a photo of A. L. Morrice the editor of the paper. We fail to find anything of interest to stamp collectors in general, all the space being devoted to the stamp exchange.

FROM OUR EXCHANGES.

From the way Cuban stamps are floating about it seems to us the Spanish Government must be running an entire print-shop to supply the world (or some one else is doing it), and gets enough pesos out of the guileless Cuba sympathizing collector to carry on the slaughter business at our doors.

A few varieties, on the entire cover, used, are worth double an entire set unused, as offered to-day.

Why can't we get the Canadian Jubilee ½c. and 6c. without buying the entire set, including the \$5 variety? If that isn't bare-faced speculation, what is it? Such issues go further toward putting the chill on the ardor of young collectors than any Seebecks ever did. Nail them as "speculative," and leave them "severely alone."

Just fifty years ago, in 1847, Uncle Sam issued his first general postage stamps. Will any notice be taken of this fact by our government, and will we get the jubilee issue craze again?

And what about it, if we get Hawaii? Will we have surcharged Hawaiian or regular U. S., or an entire new "U. S. Colonial" set?—*Virginia Philatelist.*

It is whispered that very likely we will have a new envelope to collect soon, one with an 8c stamp impressed upon it, that being the amount of our registration fee. There has been considerable complaint about the strength, or rather the weakness, of the envelopes in general use for letters, some of them being very liable to burst open and scatter their contents, regardless of what their value may be.—*The Perforator.*

ADVICE FROM A DEALER.

One who knows something about the market, and is not afraid to tell it for fear of losing a dollar. He will have a few hints for collectors every month.

If you come across any of the stamps of Prussia of the issue of 1856, with a solid background, treasure them. They are not catalogued very high used but they are hard to find, while unused they are among the great rarities.

Do you know that the 1864 Tasmania 6 pence is still current? Such is the case so don't figure on the Catalogue price of \$1.50. Numbers have been offered here and it seems that a lot have turned up and are being sold out.

The two cent Columbian unused bids fair to become a very desirable stamp.

The common two was never thought of while the Columbians were on sale, every one at that time was buying the high values; now when they want them, Collectors are surprised to find that they cannot get them everywhere.

The 50c Life Insurance U. S. Revenue, which is catalogued at \$3.00 in Scott's latest catalogue, seems to be an over priced stamp; this stamp can be purchased from almost any dealer at from sixty to seventy-five per cent below above catalogue. There are numerous other imperforated and part-perforated revenues that seem to be greatly overpriced, and I would advise collectors, when purchasing this class of revenues, to get prices from several dealers before purchasing; if their prices vary to any great extent it is best to keep clear of that stamp, but if there is only a difference of ten cents or so there need be no fear of purchasing.

OLD DOMINION NOTES.

BY CONFED.

Virginia is a great "Stamp-State".... This may be startling news to the majority of your readers north of "Mason's and Dixon's Line," and yet it is a fact. Now and then a report of some "find" of rare locals in Virginia has reached the philatelic public, but as a rule Virginia collectors have contented themselves with "saying little and sawing wood"—if you will pardon native slang. Philatelic politics have never as much as rippled the serenity of our lives (our own State politics being sufficient for that purpose), and we have been little agitated over the effect of Scott's 58th, nor about "The Future of Philately."

It is this apparent inactivity that has led our northern friends to believe Philately has few adherents in the Old Dominion, and yet we can boast of some of the finest and most complete collection of United States and Confederate States stamps in this country.

The names and addresses of upward of 700 stamp collectors of Virginia are known to the writer, and since the Virginia Philatelic Association has been formed through the efforts of our first stamp magazine *The Virginia Philatelist*, it is anticipated that great things are in store for philately in the Old Dominion.

Few of your readers are aware of the fact that to complete a Confederate collection they need but enter into exchange relations with Virginia collectors,—few may know that the old capitol city of the Confederacy is a Klondike of Confederate stamps; that in the possession of a local dealer is the largest stock of

Confederate stamps in this country—and yet these are facts.

Apropos of the 10c. Confederate Jeff. Davis "perforated"—has the reader ever seen a genuine specimen? I doubt it. It was my good fortune to see an entire sheet of this rare variety. It was in the possession of an old farmer, and he was kind enough to present me with a pair. "Perforated" specimens of this stamp—when the perforation is clear cut—are, without exception, "fakes"; but these in my collection, corresponding to the one in the possession of Major John F. Mayer, of this city, on the original cover, cancelled, are "perforated," I suppose, on a sewing machine—"perforation" resembling roulette—the paper being merely broken irregularly. It is an established fact that none of the stamps of the Confederate States were "officially" perforated, these referred to being evidently perforated by individuals for their own convenience. It is therefore bad policy to purchase at a "fancy price," perhaps, a perforated 10c. unless on the original cover, cancelled.

An active season is anticipated this fall and winter in stamps. The approval sheet business is brisk at this early date and what is of most importance—there are buying collectors in Richmond and Virginia. It is a grand field for Exchange and sale.

—Bermuda is to have a new issue of the Leeward Islands type.—*The Home Worker*.

—The rarest United States revenue stamp is the \$20 Probate of Will imperforate.—*The Perforator*.

—"It is not the medium that brings replies that is valuable; it is the medium that brings customers."—*Printer's Ink*.

CHANGES OF COLORS IN POSTAGE STAMPS.

The Two Cent Will Remain Carmine but New One and Five-Cent ones will be Different.

Washington, Sept. 17.—While on account of the agreement made by the International Postal Congress there will be no change in the color of the two cent postage stamp, the colors of stamps of some of the other denominations will be altered. That Congress provided for uniform colors for stamps of certain denominations or their equivalent in the money of each country, applicable to all the administrations of the Postal Union. This will require a change in the five cent stamp, which represents the single rate of foreign letter postage. It is now a light brown, but it will become a dark blue. The one cent stamp, now a blue, will be changed to green.

These changes, which will become operative on the 1st of January, 1899, were incorporated in the international postage treaty concluded by the Postal Congress which, when it shall be attested by the official signatures of the Postmaster General and the approval of the President, will have the effect of law. The President and the Postmaster General are expected to sign the document within the next few days.

BLACK-LIST.

Under this column we shall publish the names of all philatelic crooks such as approval sheet thieves, substitutes, etc., and by thus doing, try to protect our advertisers as well as collectors.

Collectors are hereby warned not to do business with C. C. Rogers, 109 W. 16th-st., N. Y. City and also C. B. Rice, Oswego, N. Y. as they are not reliable parties. The latter's ad. has regularly appeared in *Mekel's Weekly Stamp News* until quite recently.

STAMP AUCTIONS IN THE DAYS OF OUR FATHERS.

BY G. A. HUNT.

Another sale of postage stamps, from Mason & Co., of Philadelphia, was held at Leavitt Strebeigh & Co's. on Thursday evening, September 8th, 1870.

The novelty of a stamp sale being over and but few real scarce stamps being listed in their catalogue, the attendance was somewhat small, and the bids came mostly from dealers.

The highest bids during the evening were for 3 Buenos Ayres stamps of the Guacho series, 4, 6 and 8 reales, which brought \$15.00. A Mobile 5c blue, used, went at \$2.75; a set of 6 French Republic unused O. G. sold for \$2.25. 5-1c blue Corrientes, unused, brought \$2.12.

A lot of rare card board proofs and essays of U. S. stamps brought about 50 cents each, and one of a \$2.00 revenues went for \$1.50. The proceeds of the entire sale were about \$175, quite a contrast from the auction sales of to-day that run up into the thousands of dollars.

A good many of our most ardent collectors of to-day can remember when the 90c 1869 sold for 20 cents used and the 10c 1847 at 25 cents. When we think of it, it makes us all wish that we could be transported back into our boyhood days again.

ANNOUNCED.

The *Stamp Collectors Figaro* from Wellington, Ohio, is announced to appear November 15th. It will contain 8 pages and cover and will be edited by C. B. Duffy of Columbus, Ohio.

THE PHILATELIC BULLETIN.

OF INTEREST TO ALL CLASSES OF STAMP COLLECTORS.

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SCOTT'S 58 PRICES.

(CONTINUED.)

All stamps not mentioned by us the prices remain as in the 57th and we omit them to economize space.

UNITED STATES.

Printed by the American Bank Note Co.
Soft porous paper.
War.

2c rose red.....	05	05
6c " ".....	05	05
10c " ".....	25	25
12c " ".....	25	25
30c " ".....	25	25
2c dull vermilion.....	25	

NEWSPAPER STAMPS.

Printed by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.
Soft wove paper.

2c intense black.....	50	
4c " ".....	1 00	
12c pink.....	2 50	
24c " ".....	5 00	

UNPAID LETTER STAMPS.

1879 30c brown.....	1 50	1 00
50c " ".....	3 00	2 50
1c red brown.....	15	08
2c " ".....	12	02
5c " ".....	50	15
10c " ".....	75	08

Figure of value in lozenge shaped frame.

1891 1c vermilion.....	25	05
2c " ".....	25	05
1c deep claret.....	08	02
1895 50c deep claret.....	1 25	1 00

ENVELOPES.

(These are only the following few changes in the advance sheets.)

War.

3c light red.....	10 00
Cream paper.	
3c dark red.....	55 00
6c light red.....	200 00

U. S. REVENUE STAMPS.

First Issue.

	Imperf.	Old p.	Part perf.	Silk p.
2c Bank Check, blue.....	\$.05	\$.01	\$.01	\$
2c " " orange.....		.01		
2c certificate, blue.....	.30	1.00		
2c " " orange.....		.60		
2c Express, blue.....	.30	1.00	.05	
2c " " orange.....		.08		
2c Playing Cards, orange.....		1.25		
2c Proprietary, orange.....		2.00		
4c Inland Exchange, brn.....		.05	1.50	
5c Agreement, red.....		.04	.15	
5c certificate, red.....	.25	.15	.01	.15
5c Express, red.....	.50	.15	.08	
5c Inland Exchange, red.....	.20	.10	.01	1.00
10c certificate, blue.....	4.00	1.50	.01	.50
10c contract, blue.....		1.00	.01	.10
10c Power of Attorney, bl.....	15.00	.50	.03	

15c Foreign Exch., brn.....		.75	
20c " " red.....		1.00	
20c Inland Exchange, red.....	.25	.10	.02
25c Bond, red.....	5.00	.75	.10
25c Certificate, red.....	.50	.15	.01
25c Entry of Goods, red.....	.25	1.50	.07
25c Life Insurance, red.....	1.75	1.50	.30
25c Protest, red.....	1.00	2.50	.35
25c Warehouse Rec't, red.....	1.50	1.00	.75
30c Foreign Exch, lilac.....	1.50		2.00
50c Conveyance, blue.....	1.75	.25	.01
50c Foreign Exch, blue.....	1.75	1.00	.60
50c Lease, blue.....	1.50	5.00	.50
50c Mortgage, blue.....	1.75	1.00	.05
50c Original Process, blue.....	.50		.02
50c Passage Ticket, blue.....	5.00	2.50	.15
50c Probate of Will, blue.....	3.00	5.00	1.00
\$1.00 Conveyance, red.....	.35		.20
1.00 Entry of Goods, red.....	1.50		.05
1.00 Foreign Exch., red.....	1.00		.03
1.00 Inland Exch., red.....	.25	5.00	.02
1.00 Manifest, red.....	2.50		.85
1.00 Power of Atty., red.....	1.25		.08
1.00 Probate of Will, red.....	2.25		1.75
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2.00 Probate of Will, red.....	25.00		1.00
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30c " " ".....	1.00
60c " " ".....	1.00
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1.00 blue and black.....	25.00
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(Rock Island).....	Silk p. Wmk
	\$50.00 \$ \$ \$
1c blue, Eisenhart J. W.....	.05 .25 .05
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MEDICINE STAMPS.

4c black, Wilson, Thos. E.	200.00	
CONFEDERATE STATES.		
Provisional Stamps. New.		
Baton Rouge, La. \$		
1861, 5c green and carmine	85.00	65.00
5c green and carmine, 2d issue		100.00

GENERAL ISSUE.

1862, 5c light blue	.60	.75
5c blue	.60	.60
5c dark blue	.60	1.00
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1863, 10c Milky bl. (with outer line)	10.00	6.00
10c	.50	.25
10c dark blue	.03	.50
10c blue	.05	.15
10c greenish blue	.25	.20
10c milky blue	.50	.10
10c dark blue	.05	.10
10c light blue	.10	.10
10c greenish blue	.15	.15

THIN PAPER.

10c dark blue	.50	
10c blue	.05	.10
a. Perforated	.75	5.00
10c greenish blue	.03	.08
10c dark blue	.25	.25
10c blue	.08	.10
a. Perforated	.75	5.00
10c greenish blue	.05	.10

LAID PAPER.

10c blue	.10	
10c dark blue	.10	
10c light blue	.10	

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20c green	.15	3.00
a. Perforated		
c. Diagonal halfused as 10c		
20c yellow green	.15	3.00

ANGOLA, AF.

1870-76, 10c yellow	.50	
40r blue	1.75	1.75
100r mauve	.08	.25
200r orange	.18	
800r chocolate	.25	.60
1886 50r chocolate	.20	.35
100r brown	.25	.15
200r lilac	.40	.40
300r orange	.60	.60
1894 5r yellow	.02	.02
10r reddish violet	.03	.03
15r chocolate	.04	.04
20r lavender	.05	.05
25r green	.06	.05
50r light blue	.10	.03
80r light green	.15	.15
100r brown, buff paper	.18	.18
150r carmine, rose paper	.25	.25
200r dark blue, light blue paper	.35	.35
300r dark blue, buff paper	.50	.50

ANTIGUA, W. I.

Unwatermarked. Perf. 14 to 16.		
1862 6p blue green		7.00
a. Imperforate: 6p yellow green		25.00
Perf. 11 to 13x14 to 16.		
6p blue green		25.00
Watermarked Sur. Perf. 14 to 16.		
1863 1p lilac rose		60
a. Imperforate.		
1p vermilion	1.50	.60
6p blue green	5.00	1.00
a. Imperforate		25.00
6p yellow green	6.00	1.25
Wmkd. crown and C. C. Perf. 12½.		
1873 1p red	1.50	.85
1p vermilion	2.50	1.75
6p blue green	12.00	.85

Perf. 14.

1873-79 1p red		.50
4p blue		2.50
Watermarked Crown and C. A. Perf. 14.		
1882-85 ½p green		.06
1p red		.08
2½p brown		2.50
4p blue		7.50

Perf. 12.

1886 1p red		1.00
		.75

Perf. 14.

2½ blue	.20	.25
4p brown	.40	.40
1sh mauve	7.00	6.00

The above quotations are the last installments of the new catalogue that will appear in this paper as by the time the next number is published (Dec. 25th.) the book will be upon the market.—[Ed.]

SNAP SHOTS.

The Granite State Stamp Co. will dispose of their stock at auction through B. L. Drew & Co. of Boston on December 9th.

At this season of the year we find every year a great number of new stamp papers commencing publication, many of which are only able to survive but a few months and make way for others.

What a daintily gotten up anniversary commemorative issue is the November *Perforator*. Mr. Chapman is rapidly bringing his periodical to the front and always is championing the best interests of the gentler sex. He announces that another ladies' feature will be produced in the December number.

Collectors this year will not be required to purchase the new catalogue so much as they were last season, on account of having the new prices so generally heralded through energies of the press. However a new catalogue looks much better than an old one with corrected pricings inserted.

We cannot comprehend why some dealers will rush to a magazine for space which contains many, many pages of competitor's notices, just because others use it. Now unless we grossly miscalculate and wrong-

ly judge the tendency of the times we should think that the paper whose columns were not overcrowded with advertisements would be the most profitable to the advertiser. But, "where one dog goes, so goes another," and follows knowing not why.

The new officers selected to serve the Sons of Philatelia's best interests are a noble set and competent to benefit the society in no meagre way. The S. of P. is one of the great powers in American stamp circles now.

When you send in application to a philatelic society immediately upon the appearance of your name in the official journal you are showered with the cheapest kind of cheap approval sheets wholly unsolicited. It is about time to stop this practice.

THE LOOKER ON.

NEW ENGLAND ITEMS AND GENERAL NOTES OF INTEREST.

Dealers in the hub report an increase in sales for the past month.

The 90c orange 1890 issue is still on sale at the Boston P. O., and it is claimed by good authority that enough are on hand to last a year or more, so do not pay fancy prices for them when they can be had at face.

Columbians are still sailing about. One dealer has recently procured a lot of the 10c value from a would be speculator at 40% below face.

Mr. G. A. Camp, in speaking of the new variety of the 2c Columbian, does not mention but one variety, whereas there is practically 3 types as follows: Type I, solid border line; type II, border line on lower right hand side, shows as broken line; type III, the border line is twice broken.

B. L. Drew's next sale is listed to take place some time this month. It contains a lot of good things, as usual, including a fine assortment of wholesale lots.

"Little Rhody" is by no means behind the times. It not only holds the chief of the A. P. A.'s and a few other prominent Philatelists, but a superb collection of Match and Medicine stamps in the possession of Mr. Bowen of Providence.

Boston might well be called the stamp Mecca of the U. S. Mr. C. F. Rothfuchs, formerly of Washington, has recently taken an office on Huntington-ave., and now another dealer shows up in the person of Mr. Chas. Cutler of Cambridge.

The dealer who advises to buy any U. S. at 70% off catalogue, no doubt would like a lot of current 2 centers used at, say \$3.00 per thousand, and why not? They catalogue at \$10.00 per thousand.

Collectors are salting down the 10c orange special delivery, it is quite scarce in an unused condition, as only 55,000 were issued and most of these have been postally used. Speculators are also trying to corner it in the unused condition.

Great Britain is soon to issue a new series of stamps for the Solomon Islands in the Southern Pacific. At present the stamps of the Fiji Islands are in use on these islands.

G. A. HUNT.

It is altogether likely that Canada will in the near future produce an entirely new set of stamps to succeed the Jubilees. This series will be permanent at least for a while, and a design has already been submitted to and approved by the Postmaster.

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—NOVEMBER 25, 1897.—

EDITORIALS.

THIS issue of THE PHILATELIC BULLETIN appears under the guidance of a new editor. It is with exceeding regret that we announce that Mr. Hall our editor, and also manager for the past 5 years, has resigned his position. He has started out in business for himself.

His ad. to that effect, will be found on the cover of this issue, and he certainly deserves a fair share of your patronage, during the coming season.

He is a gentleman of thorough knowledge in his line of business and his customers are assured of prompt and reliable dealings in every way.

We have succeeded in securing to fill the vacancy, Everett B. Horn

whose efforts we trust you will find equal to Mr. Hall's, in every respect.

However, time will tell, and we do not feel that you will be entirely dissatisfied with our new editor.

Many marked improvements will be introduced in our columns from month to month, while the best features of the previous issues will be retained.

The paper is not, like many others, published for the amusement of its editor, for the mouth piece of some clique, or as the house organ of any firm. It is a business enterprise in every sense of the word; and if you consider the journal in any way deserving, we solicit a share of your patronage, which we will always strive to merit.

Thanking our friends and the philatelic public for all past favors which they have bestowed upon us, we remain,

Yours in philately,
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SEND your copy for our next number—Christmas number.

WE have accepted the position of Editor of the PHILATELIC BULLETIN and begin our services in that capacity with this number. We were notified of our appointment at a time so late as to leave at our philatelic disposal but a fraction of a week, and consequently we have been hurried, which may account for any shortcomings on our part in this edition. We will request all publishers who desire to Exchange with us to forward one copy to the Editor at his address, and two to the publisher's box, and we will gladly reciprocate. Please bear this in mind.

AND now our friend J. F. Dodge has undertaken the publishing of a third venture the *Rocky Mountain Stamp* which has been indulging in a profound slumber during the summer months. Mr. Dodge is to publish this magazine under its well known title, though it emanate henceforth from a source far distant from its former home in the rugged Rockies. Dodge must be a very busy character, publishing three stamp papers, conducting an extensive trade in stamps, and officiating as President and Secretary respectfully in two philatelic societies.

OUR esteemed friend Editor Chapman of the *Perforator* has favored us with a complete file to date of his interesting magazine, and we cannot render him thanks enough.

Mr. Chapman is that sort of man who makes philately enjoyable to all such as he comes in contact with, and his *Perforator* has come to be one of the finest magazines in the field. Such favors as his bestowed upon us are pleasantries that render a philatelic editor's life bearable.

MR. KRAMER the present incumbent of the presidency of the League of American Philatelists writes us that he's struggling (oh! so hard!) to get the L. A. P. on a sound foundation again. But it seems to us that it is taking him an exceedingly long time to aright matters. We should think that the only expedient and business like method would be to select immediately an official organ, and proceed to business. The time for election is already passed, and the sooner it does now come off, the better it will be for the society. The officers of this society are apparently disinterested in its progress and welfare,

and most certainly ought to be replaced by an entirely new corpse who will take interest, and exert themselves to the betterment of the L. A. P. Now, gents, if you are such, buckle down to work, and choose an official organ; there are plenty of papers willing to act as such at a small charge.

THE Carion matter of which one hears so much now-a-days is provoking much comment in the philatelic press. We have received sworn statements of many prominent western collectors testifying to the authenticity of the stamps in question. Mr. Carion is probably innocent of the charges brought against him.

It has been suggested to us by certain stamp enthusiasts of the old Bay State that a strictly state organization of stamp collectors would be sure to prosper in this commonwealth. Now we fear that this proposition would be in direct conflict with the N. E. P. A. and its noble work, but still it cannot be denied that this suggestion is a worthy one. However, since the dues of the New England Society are 75 cents per annum, by placing the dues of the proposed society at a more moderate figure, say 35 or 40 cents, we could enroll many members who would not care to expend the large amount. And again the Bay State Society would embrace Massachusetts alone, whereas the N. E. P. A. takes in all New England. If this proposal meet with the approval of Bay State stamp men, will they please communicate their ideas and theories to the Editor? If enough interest is manifested we will gladly extend our co-operation, and give the matter due consideration.

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	2c on 2c " 1876, ".....	4.25
	1c on 48c rose of 1863, per 10.....	3.75
	1c on 96c of 1876 (new) per 10.....	1.25
	1c on 48c official 1876, per 10.....	4.00
	2c on 96c bistre, 1876, per 10.....	2.00
	2c on 12c official 1876, per 4.....	7.50
	2c on 12c official on 1876, per 10.....	2.25
	2c on 24c official on 1876, each.....	\$ 3.00
	2c on 24c " 1863, per 10.....	17.50
	2c on 24c " 1876, ".....	2.50
ANTIGUA.		
1863	1d lilac rose.....	1.00
	6d green.....	.50
BARBADOS.		
1852	blue paper, 1/2d green.....	1.25
	" 1d blue.....	1.50
	" 4d red.....	2.50
	white paper, 1/2d green.....	1.25
	" 1d blue.....	.50
	" 4d red.....	8.50
1871-73	wmk star, 1/2d green.....	3.00
	" 1d blue.....	.12
	" 3d claret.....	1.50
	" 4d red.....	4.00
	" 6d vermilion.....	1.25
	1d on right half of 6s pink.....	49.00
	1d on left half of 5c pink.....	50.00
NEVIS.		
1861	grayish paper, 1d lake rose.....	4.00
	" 6d lilac gray.....	7.00
1879	wmk crown and c. e., 1d violet.....	1.50
	" 2 1/2d brown.....	5.00
1882-83	" c. a., 1/2d green per 10.....	2.50
	" 1d violet per 10.....	10.00
	" 2 1/2d brown.....	3.25
	" 4d blue.....	3.00
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OLD DOMINION NOTES.

BY CONFED.

The stamp season in Va. has opened with a very promising outlook. The decrease of interest in stamps, which is reported from a number of heretofore exceedingly active philatelic centers finds a decided contrast in the increasing activity in our State and our friends in the sections referred to would find a mart for their tired-of collections in the Old Dominion.

The one thing needed in Richmond is a stamp concern; a dealer with a good *general* stock of stamps, albums, and sundry philatelic supplies, for the juvenile as well as the advanced collector. I am confident a good business could be established here and would "pay." Our collectors are dependent, for their foreign stamps, on the generally unsatisfactory system of purchasing from approval sheets, for our local "dealers" with one exception, carry only a stock of Confederates—this exception referred to carries a selection of approval sheets sent him monthly by a prominent dealer South. His sales are good and net him quite a profit; but his stock is naturally limited, and offers the advanced collector little to select from.

Norfolk and Newport News, as well as several smaller towns in Virginia, have their stamp dealers, but the surprising fact remains that Richmond—with her several hundred collectors—is still without a stamp dealer!

The Virginia Philatelic Association, organized in October, has, at this early date, nearly one hundred members. Mr. Franklin Stearns, Jr., the Secretary-Treasurer, is devoting his time and energy to the work, and we expect, in the near future to have a strong State Association.

Quite a lot of Confederate TENS and rose tens, on the original cover, were bought by a local dealer this week, and are being sold to local collectors at below half-catalogue.

NEW YORK NOTES.

BY WILLOW.

Another society added to the list of (Greater) New York Convention meets; the new arrival being the Sons of Philatelia. Outside of A. P. A., this society has more paid up members than any other philatelic society in existence to-day.

It is always best to look at every stamp very carefully provided it is priced as a variety at a much higher figure. The writer had the good fortune to pick up a fine copy of the 3 pence Canada, first issue on *laid* paper. This stamp was purchased for 25c from the stock book of a wide awake (?) dealer.

Your correspondent has always followed this plan and in the majority of cases has met with success.

Scott's 58 Catalogue is announced to appear promptly on the 10 inst.

No price has as yet been advertised for the Postal Card Catalogue, probably ten cents will be the figure. The catalogue ought to have foreseen that it would have been much handier and much more compact to price envelopes in entire condition in the separate volume with the postal cards. As it is now, the sale of this book will be limited to those who only specialize in cards, whereas if envelopes were included, all philatelists would purchase the book.

Up to two months ago, the 10c brown U. S. envelope 1874 issue on white paper could be purchased at a small fraction over face, at New York General Post Office. Later on some smart aleck came along and

cleaned out the entire business getting over 100 copies.

It is said that the American Bank Note Co., of this City is printing a new supply of one cent Jubilee stamps of New Foundland (Cabot issue) although it is claimed that the plates were destroyed.

MACK'S ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Another cut in Scott's Catalogue which is out of gear. Roumania type A 9. The spelling of the word *Roumana* is wrong; the error occurring in the last letter—should be "A" instead of "I."

There seems to be no abatement of new issues. There is nothing backward with the Mongolians, for fake surcharges and the like.

The idea of taking a 5c stamp and surcharging it 5 cents. That's the most bare-face fake I came across in some time. Another rank fake surcharging one cent on a stamp of the same value—1c on 1c. What was the object in surcharging the stamp, when the face value is the same without the overprint. Very queer people those "laundry men" are.

Talking about new issues reminds me of Seychelles Islands. This is a small "dimple" on the face of the earth, that has had more talk about than some of our most prominent countries. Not being satisfied in raising a big rumpus with 1890 issued, the officials took the remaining stamps on hand, and had them issued in all manner of surcharges. Not being satisfied with this deluge, and seeing that revenues were not selling as fast as they should for the purpose they were intended for, the officials used some (?) for postage, to get rid of a large surplus so they say; which

is very true of the philatelists surplus cash. Off and on we hear of a new variety or surcharge, but now I learn that seven stamps of the two colored series has made their appearance, and more to follow. What fools we mortals be.

Labuan and Borneo are two other countries (?) that have been brought prominently before the philatelic public on various occasions. The latest. Two new stamps were issued, 18c and 24c values. It was discovered that after the stamps were circulated, the word postage was incorrectly spelt being—postal. The stamps have been withdrawn, and the new values have appeared with the correction. These stamps are printed in England, and this work doesn't give the engravers much credit for good workmanship, if such blundering errors occur. If these engravers can not be relied upon for accurate work why don't the P. O. Officials try some other firm who will do satisfactory work on this side of the "pond." There are quite a few engraving companies who can turn out the very best work in that line that can't be equalled for accuracy. For examples we can point to our Columbian series, the Canadian and the New Foundland Jubilee emissions. These latter series can hardly be equalled for exactness.

IN No. 1 of the P. B. we quoted three items from the *International Stamp* and in No. 2 we also took another all of which we failed to credit the above mentioned paper with; but we are always ready to right all our oversights and we will try and not let it happen again without due credit to the paper that the item is taken from.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Collectors are at liberty to express their views on timely topics through this column. Letters must be restricted to 300 words and must be directed to the Editor of the Bulletin at his address.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE P. B.

Can you spare me a little space in your magazine to express an opinion on a current question? In a recent number of a stamp paper I noticed an article on an "Ideal Philatelic Society" by Mr. B. L. Morris, in which article he seems to harp on the impossible too much.

But his arguments are good in a few instances. With a little sifting down his suggestings might be made practical. He seems to expect too much of the society and would make it ten thousand strong, and have it the only association of the kind in America. This is where he errs—But "To err is human and to forgive divine" therefore we pardon him and hope others will be as lenient with our errings. But here are my ideas of the best society attainable under existing circumstances. It's membership would number about two hundred, and there would be about five Ideal Societies. It should be governed by a company of officers with similar duties to those of the P. S. of A. or A. P. A. The dues would be \$1.00 only, and the benefits would be worth it. The Exchange Superintendent would be a salaried officer, required to devote his entire time to the Society. The directors would publish a magazine devoted exclusively to the Society, in which articles would be published helpful to all philatelists; and members would be extended the free use of it's columns for discussions of timely topics. In the official organ advice should regularly be given concerning the status of markets and prices current. We think this plan of a society is more easily able

to become practicable than the ambition of Mr. Morris. Thanking you Mr. Editor, for your indulgence I beg to remain,

Faternally yours,

ATHENIENSIS.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

The December number of the PHILATELIC BULLETIN will be our Christmas number. It will have an excellent leading article from a well known author—and the usual notes from stamp centres, which will include a letter from Canada, which we will continue to publish monthly hereafter, for the benefit of our numerous Canadian subscribers. The main feature of the paper will be a new dress.

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4	7 and 30c 1870	2
5	3, 6 and 8c 1890 unused horizontal pairs	6
6	1 to 30c Columbian	10
7	same unused	10
8	Navy 2c unused	1
REVENUES.		
9	50c mortgage part perf.,	1
10	2c playing cards, 10c for. ex. perf.,	2
11	15c foreign exchange	1
12	25c warehouse receipts	1
13	\$3.50 inland exchange	1
14	\$5 probate of will	1
15	second issue 70c, \$1.50	2
16	" " \$2, \$2.50, \$3	3
17	" " \$5	1
18	third issue, \$2, \$2.50, \$3	3
FOREIGN.		
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21	Gold Coast 2sh unused	1
22	" " 5sh penmarked	1
23	" " 10sh "	1

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PHILATELIC PRESS REVIEWS.

The *Eastern Philatelist* for October serves up for its leading article a discussion concerning a "Good Stamp Collection" by Hobart Clark, which article seems to "beat about the bush" rather too much before the conclusive point is reached. But this article is a very readable treatise. Following this Mr. F. E. Smith relates the chief events of his European tour which is very interesting. He promises more in the future.

The *Philatelic Messenger* for October contains the first installment of a Catalogue description of Canadian postage stamps, by "Artemas," which bids fair to be a worthy work. Karl Kramer gives us a "Tilt at Discounts" and calls all dealers to time for cutting prices so much. What else can they do, Karl, when the prices of the stamps as given by the catalogue are so frequently over estimated? The rest of this number is comprised of short but interesting items. The *Messenger* will hereafter come as a monthly.

The *Perforator* for November is a commemorative issue, observing the anniversary of its founders wedding. Portraits of Miss Swift, Mr. Stowell and a family group of Chapmans, are given, and the reading contents of this edition are up to its usual high standard.

The *Weekly Philatelic Era* has greatly improved since the A. P. A. selected it to act as official journal. But Mr. Jewett still persists in telling his readers the necessity of subscribing to his paper. This has come to be a chestnut to those who are already subscribers.

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" 4r.....	1-50	1872, 6c to 100c imperf.....	5-1 30
" 8r.....	1-2 00	" 6, 12, 25c, perf.....	3-70
" 1/2r to 8r, complete.....	5-2 60	" 50c perf.....	1-50
1861, 1, 2r.....	2-12	" 100c perf.....	1-75
" 4r yellow.....	1-88	" 6c to 100c perf.....	5-1 85
" 8r red brown.....	1-1 25	1874-78, 4, 5, 10, 10, 25, 50, 100c.....	7-60
" 1r to 8r.....	4-2 10	1882, 2, 3, 6, numeral.....	3-15
1862, 4r red, yellow.....	1-75	1884, 1c to 10c.....	7-15
" 8r green, brown.....	1-1 75	" 12, 20, 25, 50c, 1 pesos.....	5-40
" 4r, 8r.....	2-2 30	" 1c, to 1 peso.....	12-50
1864, 1, 2r, Eagle.....	2-12	1885, 1c to 10c.....	8-25
" 4r green, Eagle.....	1-50	" 12, 25.....	2-65
" 8r red, Eagle.....	1-1 50	" 1c to 25c.....	10-80
" 1r to 8r, Eagle.....	4-2 00	1886, 3, 4, 6, 10, 12, 25c, lilacs.....	6-60
1867, 4r red, yellow, "Gothic".....	1-1 25	1887-94, 1c to 25c.....	9-12
" 4r red "Gothic".....	1-6 00	*1894, 20c lilac, Wmk, rare, numeral.....	1-1 00
" The set.....	2-7 00	" 12c red.....	1-20
1868, 6, 12, 25c, imperf.....	3-17	1895, New Issue, 1c to 10c.....	6-05
" 50c imperf.....	1-75	" " 1c to 20c.....	9-15
" 100c imperf.....	1-1 00	" " 1c to 50c.....	10-25
" 6c to 100c imperf.....	5-1 60	" " 1c to 1 pesos.....	11-50
" 6, 12, 25c, perf.....	3-40	" " 1c to 10 pesos.....	13-10 50
" 50c perf.....	1-1 00	1884-94, Officials.....	5-10
" 100c perf.....	1-1 25	*Envelopes, 1874-82, 5, 10, 25c, cut square.....	3-30
" 6c to 100c perf.....	5-2 50	" " 1882, 5x10x10c, entire.....	1-20
1872, 6, 12, 25c, imperf.....	3-30	" " 1884-85, 4, 6, 12c entire or □.....	3-2 50
" 50c imperf.....	1-50	" " 1880, 4, 6, 12, 20c cut square.....	4-40

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THE PHILATELIC BULLETIN.

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PHILATELIC POTPOURRI.

BY VINLA.

The Canadians, especially the dealers, are decidedly "off" in asserting that the Columbians are as bad in a speculative point of view as the Jubilees. It is very easy to prove how fallacious are their statements, viz: Take the newspaper stamp, the 1/2c Jubilee. When could you buy a single one at the Canada post office? Was there ever a time during the sale of the 1c newspaper Columbian stamp that you couldn't buy one? The same remark applies to the 6c and 8c issues. At this late day, even, you can buy the 1c. and other Columbian issues at face value. There has never been any great premium put on any Columbian stamp except the \$1.00 issue, which was done undoubtedly for speculative purposes, but it took quite a tumble.

A philatelic Canadian writer who has been sensitive to the accusation against the Jubilees, advertised a sheet of 1/2c for \$60.00—face value 50c. If that isn't a contrast to the Columbian issue, then your humble servant is no logician. The \$1.00 issue was catalogued at \$6.00 but very few sold at that price.

The writer has no specialty in

collecting, but generally goes in for clean stamps, free from debris; would prefer them well centered, bright colored, unused or, if used, lightly canceled. Of course if there is a suspicion of reprint about them it is preferable to have a bona fide cancellation in sight. The latter idea being uppermost, there is a good reason for wishing to keep stamps on cover, with the address, post mark, etc., all to prove genuineness. Many envelopes, with the stamps thereon, are curiosities, and worthy of preservation. The writer recently had a registered letter from Canada which he considered worth preserving—that is, the envelope. On the envelope were three 2c and two 1c jubilees and two 6c stamps of the regular issue. The writer, after receiving the letter, which came from Canada, had to be interviewed at the custom house, as the words "Suspected Liable to Duty" appeared. Of course envelopes preserved in this way take up space, but can be kept in the same manner as "entires." The writer recently was shown by a lady collector, who had a fine collection of stamps in her album, a very large drawer full of envelopes containing the stamps, and they represented thousands of

dollars. This lady very seldom buys or sells stamps, but sometimes the offer for a fine specimen on the cover tempts her, and she succumbs.

Some people are very much prejudiced against Seebecks. The writer "don't like 'em" either, but they are considered legitimate by the majority; they do postal duty—so should go in the album.

Recently I was shown a handsome collection of U. S. stamps by a gentleman who had the where-withal to collect about anything that money could buy. He had 100 of a single issue of blue 1c stamps—I believe before the triangle was used—and no two were alike. His collection in various lines was almost bewildering. I could have spent a week with pleasure in looking his oddities over. There were stamps reversed, perforations of all sorts, imperforations of all descriptions, etc.

New York City will have its share of the conventions. Next summer the A. P. A., the P. S. of A., S. of P. and E. S. P. S., all meet there, and, taken in connection with the local societies, those who gather there should have their fill of matters philatelic.

Does it ever occur to the reader how ridiculous some reviewers are. They make a specialty of picking flaws. It seems to be their stock in trade. A monthly publication recently had some matter left over, and it was kept standing. The next month, the material furnished was short, and the "maker-up" seized on the "left over" matter and put it in to fill up. The matter was a little stale, but not worth noticing for review, where there was so much worthy of reviewing. But the argus-eyed harpy wanted no better chance to "roast" the journal, which does not care a rap

for his (the roasters) organ. This kind of business may help the above critic to keep *his* accustomed reputation, but as he is always prating about "nothing to do with philately," it is amusing to see where he is helping philately!

A newly-fledged monthly editorially gives its opinion of how a philatelic journal should be conducted. It scores those journals who print, and illustrate with likenesses of advertisers. This may be a thing which is open to question, but it is pretty hard to draw the line, as there are many worthy philatelists, who, while being good citizens, are very exemplary withal, do more or less advertising. Why they should be tabooed as objects for illustration, if illustrating is indulged in, doth not appear to yours truly! The critical journal was poorly printed, some items being hardly legible.

I meandered into the post office on Thanksgiving day. Glancing towards my box, I spied a package, which led me to think it was something good to eat. It proved to be something to digest, viz., the new catalogue. Complaint cannot be made this year of its being late. Probably the croakers who laughed at the "baby blue" cover last year will have something to remark against this year's handsome orange cover. If so, they are hard to suit!

PRESS REVIEWS.

The holiday number of the *Eastern Philatelist* presents its accustomed "fine" variety of subjects of vital interest to all classes of collectors. "German Cancellations," "How to Improve a Collection," "Talks about Philatelic Advertising," and Mr. F. E. Smith's Memoirs of his European Voyage together with some very interesting notes go to make up a worthy maga-

zine. Mr. Pinkham has one of the very best magazines in his *Eastern Philatelist*.

The *Virginia Philatelist* comes to hand promptly on its stated date of issuance, and in its December Number shows improvement already even in its youthfulness. It contains twenty-four very interesting pages, treating "The Bergedorf Locals" in an interesting manner, and other equally entertaining subjects in an able way.

Our Friend Chapman of the *Perforator* has always good success in producing a magazine of interest to all. The December edition contains many miscellaneous articles of more or less importance, and presents the likenesses of Stearns and Dietz, of the *Virginia Philatelist* on its opening page; further along we notice two more young collectors' portraits among its contents.

The *Herald Exchange* is out for December with a special holiday issue of sixteen large pages. "Notes" from Chicago, Boston, Canada, and Cleveland, and an exceedingly thrilling story about an imaginary discovery of counterfeits go to make up a worthy Christmas Number. Mr. Tausig is placing the *Herald Exchange* among the leaders and his paper is always a welcome visitor.

The *Philatelic Advocate* of Canada has been received. There is not much of anything very important in its contents, but still there are some good qualities about it. In their next they, the publishers, promise an inside history of their magazine. Lord knows what it can be, we don't.

The November *Post Office* contains an article by Crawford Capen re-printed from *Mekeel's Weekly* relating to the newly formed Collec-

tors Company. Almost all of its contents are given over to discussions concerning this company, which is well under way now, and which very soon will commence business.

SNAP SHOTS.

We notice that Canada is issuing an entirely new set of postage stamps, and dealers are spreading the news that they are to become scarce. What is the matter with our good friend Canada? Making money out of us poor philatelists?

Auction sales for the season are now in full swing and coming thick and fast, of course more or less direct competition with "regular" dealers is thereby caused, but still the "regular" dealer gets the best of the trade.

A renewed activity in the stamp line is noticeable since the issuance of the new catalogue, and trade is picking up, although it never has been really dull of recent days.

There have been arrangements made, whereby Orange Free State is to enter the U. P. U. on the first of next January. Does this mean a new set of stamps?

Postmaster Gary is to present a bill, we understand, in the present congress, for the reforming of our wretched newspaper system. This may mean that second class rates will be refused to many of our Stamp papers.

I learn from the "Postal Guide" that a monthly Exchange of mail matter including registered parcels has been inaugurated at Dyea Alaska, and one at Dawson City. Hence Klondike stamps' are a reality although they are not of a separate design.

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SALEM, MASS., DECEMBER 25, 1897.

EDITORIALS.**MERRY CHRISTMAS.**

This issue of the BULLETIN appears as our Christmas number, and we have tried to make it attractive in appearance as well as in the contents. Our success, we will leave to your own judgment. The heading for our outside cover was designed and engraved by Mr. Aug. Dietz, of Richmond, Va., and we think his work will speak for itself.

The two inside designs were executed by the Witch City Engraving Co. of Salem, Mass. and all in all we think that the present number of the P. B. presents a marked improvement over our last issue. We do not intend to stop here however, and we hope that our January number will be as good again as No. 4. But remember, we need your support to do it, don't trust to your neighbor, let each one do his share.

CANADA, that erstwhile non-speculative, in a philatelic way, country, has of recent date been going at the speculation method of stamps issuance in a manner that is wholly removing from itself the former praise bestowed on it for being content with a single issue of stamps for so long a period. It is now producing stamps of such values as to call down upon itself the utmost wrath of the alliterative S. S. S. S.

APROPOS of Canada, we might add, that, insomuch as many of the Canadian philatelic pen-pushers chide us across the border for criticizing their government for issuing stamps purely for speculative purposes, offering as stumbling to our criticism the fact that America acted in similar manner with its Columbian stamps, there is no comparability discernible to us between the two issues. To be sure there was little necessity for us to issue stamps of the higher denominations; but Canada is all the less justified in this respect. But looking at the main body of the two issues, did the American government withdraw at such an early and wholly unsuspected date the sale of her stamps? Did the United States require that certain stamps should not be sold except complete sets? Did the United States Columbian issue

have any stamps that sold at one hundred times its face value within a few weeks of its original appearance? These and a few more similar queries are considerations that are worthy those Canadians' attention who chide us for censuring their speculative Jubilee set, when, as they claim, we are living in a glass house. Ah, no, our house is a substantial one in this respect.

WITH a feeling of satisfaction we report that communications come to us from every considerable philatelic trade center that business is very perceptibly good this season, and prospects are even better for a flourishing trade this winter.

THERE has been much adverse criticism concerning the BULLETIN, in respect to the first two editions wherein much of their contents was matter reprinted from other papers without the customary credit being extended. We arise to explain that it was occasioned by an oversight on the part of our former Editor, and due also to his inexperience in matters editorial, but most emphatically we wish to impress upon the reading public that this occurrence will not come about again. We believe in originality and 'though oftentimes our talk be stale, still we shall endeavor to see that it is our own.

THE new edition catalogue has reached us in all its glory, and presents a tasty appearance, usually characteristic of this book. We notice that postal cards have been wholly excluded from its contents, (to appear in separate pamphlet;) and that many additions have been made in the line of minor varieties. We shall not linger on criticism of its price-rating as our readers are generally aware of their propor-

tions, through the agency of the re-printings from the advanced sheets.

AS YET our attempts towards reconciling L. J. Kramer to his task of re-organizing the L. A. P. or of inspiring wakefulness into this individual have been without the slightest success. Kramer writes us that he will soon have the society in working order, but we doubt it. He is lazy—and what is more, too lazy to even appoint a new official organ, which is needed at this present crisis more than anything. But no! Kramer is so inadvertent and so blind to the sore needs of his pet followers that he is running the League to the dogs. We do hate to see the old society sink into oblivion without one attempt to rescue it, but being a simple plain unpolitical member we are wholly unable to do anything, which we would gladly consent to were it in our power to so act. Kramer is president, (at least he is the one, if we have any) and he is consequently responsible for the society's welfare. Of course it is clearly evident that he does not desire another term; this is manifested by his remissness, and utter disregard for the best interests of his society. Let us see how easy it would be for him to revive the L. A. P.: all he would have to do would be to immediately select an official organ (temporary), and notify all the officers to report, then to authorize an election, having published the list of candidates, and appointed a credential committee, and having notified all members to send in their votes. Simple enough, and it does not take more than one or two hours to do this work. Mr. L. J. Kramer why cannot you submit this little work, and sacrifice a little of your valuable time so as to save the L. A. P. from utter ruin.

The Virginia Philatelist, says J. F. Dodge, "is going to contest my right of the claim of the prettiest of all philatelic magazines for the *Rocky Mountain Stamp*;" and we most frankly admit that as far as looks go the Virginia paper leads Dodge's.

THE craze of the times in philatelic circles seems to center around the formation of "Stamp Exchanges." We concede that many of these "exchanges" are exceedingly good, but our preference still clings to the Sales Departments of our various societies. We cannot be induced to believe that there newly organized private concerns surpass the old society arrangement.

THE editor of the PHILATELIC BULLETIN would be pleased to receive some good common sense MSS. from his readers and is willing to make satisfactory payment for accepted matter. Send me any interesting bit of information you possess.

NEW ENGLAND ITEMS AND GENERAL NOTES OF INTEREST.

Perhaps the most interesting stamp to Boston collectors is the famous "Tea stamp" which was issued by the the Boston Tea party.

It is of a dull slate color and is about the size of an ordinary postage stamp; it bears a coat of arms above which is stamped the word America. It is said to be worth about \$75.00

Last year a catalogue jumped into the air and it has been a year coming down to earth again. By this I refer to Scott's 57th and 58th edition.

Although many stamps have advanced a trifle, the U. S. of the 1869 issue, Columbians, Departments and

Revenues are a bit lower than in 1897 edition of the catalogue. The mere fact of this, no doubt, makes some people happy, "but there are others."

The Mexican stamps of the 1888 issue have been ruled with blue lines across the face and sold at a profit. The bogus stamp can be detected by the line which is ruled over the face instead of under it, as in the genuine.

It is claimed by many collectors that the gum on the Hungarian stamps is poisonous.

At the present time a dangerous counterfeit of the 7N lilac 1874 issue of Montenegro is upon the market, it has been found both in used and unused condition. The difference from the original is very slight as regards printing and color, but the perforations are very poor and are not clear and sharp as in the originals.

The U. S. is third on the list as a Philatelic centre. Germany and England precede us. Of the two countries, Germany ranks as first, as there is hardly a town or hamlet that has not its stamp societies and enthusiasts. England comes next and the interest there is claimed to be very strong. U. S. is third, and as regards publications, societies, etc., the former two countries must be "right in it."

Talk about a rich American collector, he is not to be compared with some of the darker tinted race. Some of the largest collections in the world are owned by Indian princes, and in connection with this fact it may be mentioned that a short time ago a native prince of Afghanistan paid a London dealer the sum of \$12,000 for a collection of Afghanistan stamps.

The explanation is that, from their form of issue it is a most difficult task to get a complete set of these stamps.

The 5c 1894 issue of U. S. has two varieties of back ground, viz: with and without diagonal lines. The same difference that exists in the 5 cent Garfield stamp of 1882-88.

It is estimated that the entire force of London postmen together walk 48,600 miles a day, a distance of nearly twice the circumference of the globe.

One of the happiest things kind Heaven has ever done for the crow is to make each one certain that her little crow is the blackest.

On the other hand, one of the happiest things kind Seebeck has ever done for philatelia, is to make each new issue of Central American stamps handsomer than its predecessor.

G. A. HUNT.

STAMP COLLECTING IN THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE.

BY ORIENT.

It is just 50 years since the first stamps were issued. The people little thought then that some of these stamps would be sold for hundreds of Dollars now, but such is the case. People who collected stamps in those days were thought crazy and there were very few collectors.

The question has often been asked, "Why are the old stamps so rare?" The reason is that hardly any people collected in those days, and the stamps after being used were nearly all destroyed. Another reason is that few of some stamps are printed, for instance the half and six cent Jubilees of Canada. If they had been issued long ago when there was few stamp collectors

there would be very few copies obtainable now, and they would command a high price.

There has been a great change in the 50 years as there are nearly 400,000 stamp collectors in the United States and Canada now. Now stamp collecting is said to be a most pleasant pursuit and many papers have a page or two devoted to the interests of stamps. I know a man who had 30 or 40 of the 8c blue registration stamps of Canada, unused and he sold them at face and did not know their value. Why if he had been a stamp collector he could have got 60 or 70 Dollars for them.

It is always of great value to know all about stamps as you might come across rare stamps and destroy them, but if you know all about them you can look out for rare ones. Stamp collectors are increasing every day. The Canada Jubilees have created fresh interest in stamps and has added quite a number to our hobby.

The future for stamp collecting is very bright, as most of the stamps are in reach of all and it only requires a little patience to get a good collection. The stamp business has been pretty lively this summer considering the depression in business all over. There is good cause to believe that there will be a good business this winter.

OLD DOMINION NOTES.

BY CONFED.

Virginia is experiencing a season of philatelic revival, and your correspondent, who has prided himself upon knowing every stamp collector in Richmond, found, since the organization of the Virginia Philatelic Association, that "there are others"—in fact many others—collectors, who for years had been

"pegging away" in silence, as friend Ahern says, have "come to light" and joined the Association. New converts are being made monthly and each meeting witnesses the steady increase of membership, which is most encouraging, and confirms, in a measure the firm belief of your correspondent that the number of adherents of our fair goddess Philatelia is on the increase.

Speaking of Mr. Ahern—I had the pleasure of inspecting his collection some days ago, and the system followed by this gentleman is one to be commended to all collectors—beginners as well as veterans. In his collection none but clean, well centered, lightly canceled specimens find reception. His album is neat to a fault, and withal is a treat to look upon.

Apropos of the Newfoundland surcharged one cent on 3c, which are the talk of the day—there are *three* distinct types—they have been arranged by Newfoundland collectors in rotation according to the number of stamps over-printed of each, beginning with the most common as Type I., which appears in "Brevier Caledonian" (this is printers parlance) Type II., set up in "Brevier Old Style Antique," and last, and rarest, Type III., in "Nonpareil Boldface Gothic."

These stamps have gone up—way up—Type I. sells for 15c, Type II. for 50c and Type III. for \$1.50.

Richmond collectors are well-supplied with all three types.

I note in the Boston Correspondence of a philatelic publication that now obsolete surcharges of St. Vincent—the 2½d. and five pence are sought after in blocks by Boston collectors—quite a number of entire sheets of these pretty stamps were secured by Richmond collectors

previous to the issuing of the two few stamps, and he is holding them for bids.

The well-known star actor Mr. Martin Hayden, of New York, who is also an enthusiastic collector, stopped in our city for a few days last week, exhibiting a magnificent collection recently purchased, from which he intends transferring to his general collection. Mr. Hayden called on a number of our most prominent collectors and effected some good bargains in exchanges.

Quite a number of Confederate stamps on covers were secured by a collector last week and our northern friends desirous of filling vacancies in these stamps should correspond and exchange with Richmond collectors.

More anon.

CANADIAN LETTER.

After Jan. 1st. Canadians will be permitted to mail their letters to Great Britain for 3 cents per ounce, same rates with United States. This is one of the results of Mr. Mulocks administration.

Another advance. The law prohibiting the printing or writing of any matter other than the address on the face of the postal cards has been repealed. Here after we will be permitted to use the front of our cards for advertising our business.

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	" 1d blue.....	.50
	" 4d red.....	8.50
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	" 4d red.....	4.00
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	" 2 1/2d brown.....	5.00
1882-83	" c. a., 1/2d green per 10.....	2.50
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DATE.	PRICE.	DATE.	PRICE.
1856, 1/2, 1, 2r.....	3-80 20	1872, 100c imperf.....	1-\$ 60
" 4r.....	1- 50	1872, 6c to 100c imperf.....	5- 1 30
" 8r.....	1- 2 00	" 6, 12, 25c, perf.....	3- 70
" 1/2r to 8r, complete.....	5- 2 60	" 50c perf.....	1- 50
1861, 1, 2r.....	2- 12	" 100c perf.....	1- 75
" 4r yellow.....	1- 88	" 6c to 100c perf.....	5- 1 85
" 8r red brown.....	1- 1 25	1874-78, 4, 5, 10, 10, 25, 50, 100c.....	7- 60
" 1r to 8r.....	4- 2 10	1882, 2, 3, 6, numeral.....	3- 15
1862, 4r red, yellow.....	1- 75	1884, 1c to 10c.....	7- 15
" 8r green, brown.....	1- 1 75	" 12, 20, 25, 50c, 1 pesos.....	5- 40
" 4r, 8r.....	2- 2 30	" 1c, to 1 peso.....	12- 70
1864, 1, 2r, Eagle.....	2- 12	1885, 1c to 10c.....	8- 21
" 4r green, Eagle.....	1- 50	" 12, 25.....	2- 65
" 8r red, Eagle.....	1- 1 50	" 1c to 25c.....	10- 80
" 1r to 8r, Eagle.....	4- 2 00	1886, 3, 4, 6, 10, 12, 25c, lilacs.....	6- 60
1867, 4r red, yellow, "Gothic".....	1- 1 25	1887-94, 1c to 25c.....	9- 12
" 4r red "Gothic".....	1- 6 00	*1894, 20c lilac, Wmk, rare, numeral.....	1- 1 00
" The set.....	2- 7 00	* " 12c red.....	1- 20
1868, 6, 12, 25c, imperf.....	3- 17	1895, New Issue, 1c to 10c.....	6- 05
" 50c imperf.....	1- 75	" " 1c to 20c.....	9- 15
" 100c imperf.....	1- 1 00	" " 1c to 50c.....	10- 25
" 6c to 100c imperf.....	5- 1 60	" " 1c to 1 pesos.....	11- 50
" 6, 12, 25c, perf.....	3- 40	" " 1c to 10 pesos.....	13- 10 50
" 50c perf.....	1- 1 00	1884-94, Officials.....	5- 10
" 100c perf.....	1- 1 25	*Envelopes, 1874-82, 5, 10, 25c, cut square.....	3- 30
" 6c to 100c perf.....	5- 2 50	* " 1882, 5x10x10c, entire.....	1- 20
1872, 6, 12, 25c, imperf.....	3- 30	* " 1884-85, 4, 6, 12c entire or □.....	3- 2 50
" 50c imperf.....	1- 50	* " 1880, 4, 6, 12, 20c cut square.....	4- 40

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EARLY COLONIAL POSTAL SERVICE.

BY ATHENIENSIS.

It must be borne in mind that the issuance of postage stamps in this country does not mark the beginning of postal service by any means. Of course the system previous to 1847 was a very crude one in comparison with the present highly developed state. As regards the early service, in the seventeenth century, we find, upon examination of the records of the General Court of Massachusetts, that as early as 1639 official notice is given of the existence of a post office. The manner of conveyance of communications was by messengers who under "official guidance" traveled from one locality to another. We hardly think that it is wholly uninteresting so we herein reproduce a paragraph from the records of the General Court relating to this very matter. "It is ordered that notice be given that Richard Fairbanks' house in Boston is the place appointed for all letters which are brought from beyond the Seas, or are to be sent thither to be left with him; and he is to take care that they are to be delivered or sent according to the directions; and he is allowed for every letter a penny, and must answer all miscarriages through his own neglect of this kind." But this was not without its flaws. In consequence of the incapacity of this system to attend strictly to the requirements, several merchants and others, alleging that many of their important letters had been lost in transmission, petitioned the General Court that better arrangements be effected. But from such documents and reports as we have been able to reach, no mention is given of the granting this request.

Later on we find mention of a new departure. In 1672 there was inaugurated a monthly delivery of matter postal between the ports of New York and Boston.

A notification was made that "those that be disposed to send letters, to bring them to the Secretary's office, where, in a lockt box they shall be preserved until the messenger calls for them, all persons paying the post before the bag be sealed up."

It was deemed insufficient to exchange letters only once a month in 1702, and this system was reinforced by additional deliveries and better service, hereafter deliveries to occur fortnightly.

The post-boys whose duty it was to see to the delivery of matter entrusted to them went "alternatively from Boston to Saybrook and Hartford to exchange the mayle of letters with the New York Ryder." Postage was invariably demanded in advance. This crude and rudimentary system was the nucleus of our present-day P. O. Department with all its complications and wonderful workings. To be sure the development was at first slow, but when once improvement was begun it rapidly developed.

SNAP SHOTS.

Sarawak has supplemented the current issue with two new values 50 cents and one dollar, and Siam has still another surcharge, viz: 4 att. on one att. There are two varieties of this surcharge.

Mr. Chapman of the *Perforator* places his Cincinnati letter under the heading "From the West;" whereas the writer of the letter in question insists on calling it from the South. Which?

Here's a little fact about Shsng hai which possibly has previously slipped you. Ever since the first of last October their local postage stamps have been retired, and those in use now are of the Chinese Imperial issue.

Veritas has been waxing angry at the recent attempts of certain semi-philatelic papers to publish stories—love and otherwise—having faint connections

with stamps. *Veritas* is just right. We do not have to go to stamp papers to find fiction of a very inferior quality. There are plenty of good books in this country and good story papers. But let philatelic papers draw the line on fiction. We do not go to Druggists', Jewellers' and other trade papers to find fiction based on their respective vocations. Nix! They confine themselves strictly to what they purport to be. Of philatelic papers we say it should be just so.

The LOOKER-ON was recently shown a fine copy of the rare one shilling New Brunswick, used. It is only catalogued at one-hundred and fifty "bones" but then.

The Looker-on never fails to attempt to profit by the discrepancies of Scott's, Gibbons' and Senf's catalogues in their price-ratings. If a certain stamp on his want list is priced lower by Gibbons, he buys by Gibbons, or if Scott touches the low water mark he buys by Scott and tells our dealer so; he usually accommodates. We don't vary in our selling price, however, as we personally always sell a' la Scott's.

THE LOOKER-ON.

ADVICE

By one who knows something about the market, and is not afraid to tell it for fear of losing a dollar. He will have a few hints for collectors every month.

Two good stamps, to purchase at the present catalogue quotations, are the Columbian issue of Argentine Republic which were put on sale for one day only, (October 12, 1892) for although there has been a large number upon the market in years past, the supply is now rapidly becoming exhausted, and these stamps are bound to be good property in the near future.

The 1 peso postage due of the Chili issue of 1895 is another good stamp to secure as soon as possible. The value has been changed to read "100 centavos," in order that it may not be taken as the 1 centavo stamp of the same issue, as all the values were "struck off" in the same color. Only a little over 800 of the 1 peso value were printed.

The space, for the 2 cent gray Lagos stamp of 1885-86, in nearly every collector's album will doubtless, be found vacant, as but few are the fortunate possessors of this very desirable stamp. Collectors will always find that very few

dealers (large or small) can supply them with a copy of this particular stamp. It is well worth the full catalogue price, and collectors should not hesitate to pay that amount for a copy. In Scott's 55th catalogue it was priced at 12 cents used or unused, in the 56th it was quoted at 18 cents, in the 57th, at 75 cents and in the present catalogue it has jumped to \$1.25. It is one of the stamps that will have a brilliant future, and now is the time to obtain a copy, if possible.

Now what most of the 1882 issue of Canada have become obsolete, it wouldn't be a bad idea to lay aside a few copies of the 6, 10, 20 and 50 cent denominations, especially the two latter, for future use. The $\frac{1}{2}$ cent black of the same issue is also a good stamp to get a few spare copies of.

South and Central American stamps are rapidly coming into favor, viz: Uruguay, Paraguay, Argentine, etc. Most of these stamps can now be obtained at a small cost and collectors should not neglect the stamps of these countries, or they will regret it exceedingly in the future. Any of these stamps are good property at the present prices (barring Seebecks). Seebecks, are however, good things on the original cover, but it is of great importance, that they should be kept in this state, as otherwise they are useless.

CANADIAN LETTER.

As a starter this month I wish to reply to the editorial in X-mas BULLETIN on Canada Jubilees. Our Government did not issue these stamps "purely for speculative purposes." In fact the officials did all that they could to prevent speculation and for this reason sold the bulk of the scarcer values in sets only. The dollar values were issued, no doubt, on the reasoning that the U. S. Government issued dollar values in their Columbian Issue; therefore, why not Canada? You know the Canadian officials tried to copy the U. S. in this respect, and in all probability the dollar values were issued to add to the revenue. That the United States issued these values for money-making purposes can hardly be doubted. If the values of the Canada Jubilees above one dollar are bad why brand those under one dollar as speculative? In answer to the first question asked in the editorial "Did the American Government withdraw at such an early and wholly unsuspected date the sale of her

stamps?" Let me say: Did the Canadian Government do so? No! A certain number of the $\frac{1}{2}$, 6 and 8c varieties were reserved for sale only in sets, the rest were placed on sale the day announced beforehand and bought up in a few hours. The other values were sold until the supply was exhausted. In some postoffices all the values are not sold yet. The Canadian Government did not withdraw any Jubilee stamps. I admit that they withheld a few for sale only in sets. If they had not, all the scarcer values would have been bought up, and what then would parties do who wanted a set as a souvenir? Because the $\frac{1}{2}$, 6 and 8c, were sold, they would not buy 10 and 20c stamps. Our Government certainly did a wise thing in withholding some of the stamps. Next, "Did the United States require that certain stamps should not be sold except in complete sets?" In answer I say that I do not know that they did, but; did the Canadian Government do so? No! As I have said before some of the stamps were reserved for sale only in sets and the remainder placed on sale. If all the stamps had been placed on sale separately they would all have been gone in a few hours. The issue was based on a three-months supply, calculated on the number sold the previous year, and if there had been the same number of half and six-cent stamps printed as the other values, the possibilities are that there would have been no greater demand for them than for the five-cent ones. The small number issued made everybody want them, and the result was a grand scramble. Again "Did the U. S. Columbian issue have any stamps that sold at one hundred times its face value within a few weeks of its original appearance?" Because the $\frac{1}{2}$ c Jubilee stamp sold for 50c shortly after its appearance, are we to brand this issue "speculative." I think not. The Canadian Government did not sell them for 50c. The fault lies with the dealers. Do not blame Canada officials or Canada Jubilees for this. It was the great desire collectors had for these values that made them demand exorbitant prices for the same. In my opinion the Canadian Government followed the example of the U. S. Government in many respects in regard to this issue. They played the "me-too" trick.—ED. Canada has a great fair in Toronto every year. Are we to follow the example of U. S. and have a special issue of stamps to celebrate the same as your government intends to do at Omaha? The event the U. S. Govern-

ment celebrated with their Columbian issue can happen every four hundred years. The event Canadians celebrated by a special issue has not happened since the discovery of England (if before, my memory does not reach it) and may not happen for as long again. The condemnation these stamps are receiving from various sources are proving a great advertisement.

The proposed scheme to reduce the postage on letters to England has been knocked in the head by the Imperial Authorities. The Canadian Government has been informed that they are infringing on the rules of the Universal Postal Union, by undertaking to reduce the postage on letters from Canada to the United Kingdom without consulting other members of the Union. A consultation will possibly result.

A scheme is on foot to reduce the rate on city "drop-letters" from two cents to one cent per ounce; also, to reduce the rate throughout Canada from three cents to two cents per ounce.

The following varieties of Canada's new issue have, up to the time of writing, been placed on sale in the various Canadian post offices: $\frac{1}{2}$ c black, 1c green, 2c purple, 5c blue, 6c brown, 8c orange-vermilion, 10c plum color.

A society has been organized lately in the interests especially of junior collectors and beginners. It is called The Boy's Own Philatelic Association. All interested and wishing to join should write W. A. Lydiatt, 229 Davenport Rd., Toronto, Canada, Secretary (pro tem), for application blanks and further particulars.

The Canadian Philatelic Advertiser and Review of Reviews is the name of a philatelic paper announced to appear from Toronto in January.

"Hurrah! for Hamilton" is the cry of the Ontario members of the D. P. A. The cause of this is the result of the late election as to the 1898 Convention seat of the D. P. A. eagerly contested for by both Hamilton and Halifax. Hamilton securing the next meet and Halifax the bone.

A plan to have a philatelic exhibition the time of the convention has been suggested by several members. No doubt if their scheme were to be carried out it would be a success and prove very interesting.

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SALEM, MASS., JANUARY 25, 1898.

EDITORIALS.

It is rather late, but since this is our January edition, and eleven long months of the new year are yet to come, we wish all our readers a Happy New Year; and may you live long and subscribe.

WE notice by a recent number of the *Filatelic Facts and Falacies* that their publishers are inclined to

doubt the actual and strict authenticity of Mr. Carion's Cochin China stamps, offering as their objections some pretty good arguments against these stamps.

A LIKELY result of the present dismemberment of China would be the issuance of several new sets of postage stamps, especially in the case of grasping Brittany. Shall we have *Chusan Colony* stamps *et al?* Germany may also help us to increase the scope of Philately by proffering a new set for what she obtains as her share.

THERE seems to be some misunderstanding still as regards the management of this paper. All matter of a literary character should be sent to the Editor. Our address is given under the Editorial page; and all business communications should be sent to the publishers. Exchanges are also very delinquent in sending a copy to us. We call once more to your notice that one copy should be sent to us and one to the publisher. Mark this and if you desire a review of your paper kindly mark the copy "For Review" which you send to the Editor.

MR. J. F. DODGE, President of the Columbian Philatelic Society has issued a call for a convention to occur January 31st, at his place of residence, New Oxford. This seems hardly a justifiable act on the part of the president, as members are left entirely without voice in the matter. Mr. Dodge waxeth indignant at Kissinger doing this same thing in his little state society, but of course it is all right for Dodge to do it in his national society. It would seem to our way of thinking that a more satisfactory

method is to throw open nominations for cities to be voted upon by the members at large, and without any proxy business either.

MANY of our brother publishers have mentioned that the PHILATELIC BULLETIN has greatly improved under the new management. Thanks for your kind words, brethren. If we don't accomplish anything further, however, we are going to have original matter, so long as we are Editor or "bust." We do give a good many valuable items about stamps, too; don't you think, Mr. Sample Copyman, that we are worth a quarter?

OUR Canadian correspondent takes exception to our remarks relating to Canada in the December number, and although we greatly differ from him in our opinion, we publish his defense in order that our readers may see all sides of the question. His arguments as a whole, while intending to defend the Jubilees, directly oppose them, and black list them. He openly admits that the Canadian government withheld certain stamps to be sold only in complete sets, thereby compelling all such as desired to purchase these stamps to buy complete sets at a great price. There is no comparison between these and our own Columbian stamps. Were our Columbians in the first place intended to be on sale only for three months? Many are the arguments that can be offered to prove these Canadian stamps speculative. They were issued for a laudable celebration, but in a speculative manner. The fault is not so much with the dealers as with Canada. The price of the half penny stamp went up to 50c in a few days. Why? Because the gov-

ernment refused to sell them singly, and the dealers who had previously purchased a few stamps were compelled to demand the high price as it was impossible for them to increase their small supply. Canada is the guilty party.

MANY collectors apparently look upon the catalogue as a book that makes the prices for stamps. A recent note in one of our stamp journals arrest our attention in which, commenting upon certain stamps, the writer said that, since the catalogue did not price these stamps they would sell at high prices "irrespective of the catalogue." This is truly a boyish notion. Of course if they are scarce they will sell at good prices, listed or not. Often the catalogue attempts to make prices, but they soon adjust themselves. It must be remembered that prices as a rule make the catalogue.

IF the United States issue a series of stamps to commemorate the Trans-Mississippi Exposition to be held this year we do hope that they will issue it in an open and free-from-speculation way. We hope that our government will not condescend to the adoption of the manner in which the Canadian Jubilees were prepared.

RECEIVED.

Sample packet of "Special" hinges from Comet Stamp Co. of 229 Davenport Road, Toronto, Ont., Can. We understand that a sample is free for the asking.

Bargain List No. 8 from L. V. Lindsey, Greene, N. Y.

Price List No. 1 from H. H. Hall, Hartford, Conn. Also a sample of his baby stamp envelopes.

BLACK-LIST.

Under this column we shall publish the names of all philatelic crooks such as approval sheet thieves, substitutes, etc., and by thus doing, try to protect our advertisers as well as collectors.

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The name of **L. E. Gregerson**, of 418 Y. St., Rochester, Minn., has been handed us by W. A. Lydiatt of Toronto, Ont., Canada and he informs us that this party is a stamp thief of the first water. Dealers take note.

REVIEWS OF THE PRESS.

The *Evergreen State Philatelist* for January, 1898, is opened up with the customary remarks of "The Critic" in which this month he touches upon the subject of Scott's new catalogue, giving it a full and entertaining review. Mr. Aldrich's U. S. Notes appear as usual and are about as instructive as any "notes" that appear in any of our magazines. Editorial notices and an article on W. U. Telegraph Stamps conclude this edition.

H. C. Beardsley's revived *International Philatelist* appears as a Holiday Number for December and is composed of thirty-six pages of which the greater number are advertising pages. For reading matter we have creditable essays on "Reprints," "Notes," "Used vs. Unused," "Editorials," and "Suggestions to Beginners" by a certain "Twak" who apparently is "Tawking" through his hat on a subject which is unkillable. H. C. Beardsley's Big Editions all seem to be successful somehow or other and this number is a howling success to B. as far as ads. go.

Crawford Capen gives us a long review of the catalogue in the current number of the *Post Office* which is followed by a reprinted article entitled "Early Postmarks of Queensland." Editorial comments touching especially on speculative stamps and a chronicle of new issues complete the reading portion.

Bre'er Chapman, as they of the *Virginia Philatelist* call him, did himself

proud with his "Happy New Year" issue with its emblazoned cover and highly artistic printing, and general good tone of breezy items. A portrait of a young man Erwin Fischer is the one included in this number, and is accompanied by a brief sketch of the person. Mr. E. R. Aldrich is also portrayed herein. The "Gossip's" chat and notes from divers localities together with essays on "Collecting Stamps on the Original Cover," "Counterfeits" and a criticism of the catalogue complete an "absorbingly" interesting issue.

The *Texas Philatelist* for December like many others is a gala edition made up of 32 pages. Fiction reprinted from other papers fills up much of the space; and although we do not personally approve of the idea of including silly and senseless stories in stamp papers we were in a way interested in their attempts. There is a good many newsy items in this number, and a few notes reprinted from the BULLETIN which goes to show that the P. B. is not wholly without interest. The editor takes us up on a laughable error which occurred in our third number speaking of a *corpse* of officers which obviously is a printer's blunder. We intended *corps* of course, Mr. Lowry, and we wrote it thus.

We could not bestow enough praise on the January number of the *Virginia Philatelist* which is the handsomest stamp paper published, and one of the best in literary characteristics. A portrait of F. L. Kerns is given on the first page and a sketch of his life, etc. "The War Stamps of Germany" is an extremely instructive essay by Mr. Stearns, and another article of interest is Mr. Reed's "Postal Issues of Confederate States of America" (to be continued.) Items up-to-date and instructive notes are likewise included in the current issue, and the Review's Department is ably conducted, including impartial criticisms on the various papers.

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OLD DOMINION NOTES.

BY CONFED.

In my last notes to the BULLETIN I had occasion to refer to the Newfoundland surcharges, stating that there were *three* distinct varieties. I have now to supplement this with the information, on reliable authority—that there are perhaps *six more*. It is reported that several sheets of these surcharges were printed in *red and red and black*. There are less than 100 in all of these rarities which bid fair to become valuable if—there's not something "rotten" at the bottom of it all.

Richmond collectors have found two distinct varieties of the new Canadian (permanent issue) Half Cent black, on Type II, as I may style it, the frame is considerably shorter, about 1-36 of an inch, than that of Type I, while in width in both types are identical. A careful examination has not disclosed a lesser number of shade lines, and a theory that the gum may have caused a shrinkage of the paper—does not hold good, as in that case the shrinkage would occur horizontally as well as vertically.

The Sales Department of the Virginia Philatelic Association is in full operation, under the efficient management of Mr. John Paalzow, whose article on the Berge-dorf Locals in *The Virginia Philatelist* created such widespread flattering comment. Our Association is enjoying a phenomenal growth since the barriers have been removed, admitting philatelists residing in other states than Virginia.

Another *premiere gravure* has turned up in our city, and Mr. John Paalzow is the lucky possessor. It is the 90c blue. This stamp has been examined by a number of collectors since its discovery and though a light cancellation covers part of the frame bearing the distinguishing marks, still, primarily the usual dot in the apex of the frame is missing and the difference of "expression" of the countenance is quite noticeable.

Richmond collectors had the pleasure of meeting with their first "Outer-State" member Mr. Strause of North Carolina, who with his brother paid our city a "fying visit." Our Richmond "phils" found Messrs. Strause the most refined and congenial gentlemen, and had the rare treat of inspecting one of the finest collections South, which Mr. Strause brought with him.

Quite a number of rare Confederates are being sent abroad by Richmond collectors in exchange, and as these historic stamps are fast coming into prominence our friends "across the line" are fortunate in getting the first pick.

NEW ENGLAND NOTES AND GENERAL ITEMS OF INTEREST.

B. L. Drew & Co.'s Auction Sale of rare stamps, on the 20th of December, contained the finest lot of U. S. and Foreign, as regards quality and condition, ever sold in the Hub.

Among the rarities at this sale were the 5 and 10 cent St. Louis, Provisional (pen cancellation); an unused copy of the 6 cent Proprietary U. S. Rev., and a 6r Zurich (vertical lines).

The sale was held at Wesleyan Hall, Bromfield St., and was an improvement on those formerly held at Elk's Hall, inasmuch as the former hall, being nearer the Union Station, gives out-of-town buyers a chance to stay until the last moment, whereas, when the sales took place in the latter hall, persons were forced to depart at an earlier hour, on account of train accommodations.

The 2 pence Great Britain Stamp of the 1887 series comes in two distinct shades as follows:

- 2 pence green and rose.
- 2 pence yellow-green and rose.

A proof of the \$5000 U. S. Revenue sold, in one of Scott's auction sales in 1888, for only \$43.00.

A Winchester, Mass., collector has a 1c U. S. Proprietary, green and black of the 1878 issue minus the medalion of Washington in black. He considers it quite a rarity.

The 5 cent Columbian stamp has a minor variety, viz: the open white space after the figures 1492 in the upper left hand corner has several short vertical lines, and the variety has the same vertical lines, but they are cut by three fine horizontal lines, thus forming a sort of a net work. One is as plenty as the other, and if collectors look through a lot of the 5's they will find about an equal number of each.

Where do all the unused Confederate States stamps come from? Many that

are not printed as yet, will, no doubt, be sold to collectors in 1900 as genuine originals.

During the Cival War, postage stamps were in great demand by the soldiers and were used as sticking plasters, targets, poker chips, etc. A trio or more of soldiers would play poker on a damp night, with stamps as chips, and when the winner came to take in his prize, it was no unusual occurrence to find them firmly stuck to a barrel head or ante-board.

G. A. HUNT.

NEW YORK NOTES.

BY WILLOW.

The demand at present for Canadian stamps is tremendous, which may be attributed to the issuance of the Jubilees, and the widely advertised new issues. All emissions are now in demand; in some cases dealers being unable to supply the demands of their patrons. Judging from the present standpoint, we should say that this boom is to be a permanent affair, and we state without fear of contradiction that a year hence will see a big revival of interest in Canadian revenue stamps. The 20c vermilion and 50c blue of the regular postal issue are good ones to have. The small $\frac{1}{2}$ c black 1888 has been selling here for two cents, unused.

Newfoundland Cabot adhesives sell well in this city; the one and two cent values readily bring ten cents each. Other denominations sell at double face value. The new provisional are selling at prices ranging from 20c thence up to 75c.

Strictly State philatelic societies as a rule are not successful. The Empire State society, when forming, considered the question of admitting non-resident members. It was decided to accept them. As a result over 100 members are now enrolled, two thirds of which are state members and one third non-resident. The Virginia Philatelic association at first refused admittance to all who were not residents of their state, but now they have altered their decision and thrown open the benefits to collectors at large. This is a move in the right direction and surely will meet with success.

The new stamp paper announced from Brooklyn has failed to materialize.

It is claimed by a writer in Mekeel's *Weekly Stamp News* that there were two issues of "Specimen" departments. The first issue appeared with gum, and the second issue without it. This may be true as far as it goes, but the writer had a specimen with full original gum and by accident it got into the water thereby losing its coat of gum. What I want to know is, is the stamp now the first issue or second?

HIGH VALUE U. S. ENVELOPES.

Collectors find it hard to secure high value U. S. envelopes without paying an enormous per cent. above face for them. The 4c and 5c can be procured at most offices but the others are not to be had.

Every post office receives a notice in the form of an official circular, that envelopes of the value of 10, 30 and 90c can be ordered by anybody desiring them in quantities of not less than 1,000. The reason for this is that the demand for these envelopes is so small that the government does not think it worth while to print them for general use and distribute them to all the post offices in the country. So the only way to get them at face value is to buy 1,000 or more, which is done by large dealers, who combine in the purchase of large quantities.

They are strictly a Government issue, but a limit is put on the purchase of them by postal authorities.

The earlier high value envelopes came in but few sizes and on but two kinds of paper up to the 1870 issue when several colors of paper were used and a multitude of shapes and sizes were inaugurated.

This was improved upon in the 1888 issue when other sizes were added, thus making of the 4c 16 varieties, 5c 6 varieties, 30c 18 varieties, 90c 8 varieties. These high values are rarely used for postage on account of their frail texture.

Parties sending valuable envelopes of merchandise abroad prefer a strong cloth lined envelope and to use high value adhesive stamps than to use a cheap envelope with the stamp impressed upon it.

If the Government were to issue a new set of high value envelopes made of tough cloth lined paper there is no doubt but that thousands of them would be used by bankers, lawyers, insurance companies, etc.

That the Government sees the advantage of this can be noted from the premeditated issue of cloth lined registration envelopes.

G. A. HUNT.

The new postal service which has been recently established between Mazagan-Azamour and Maraskech has prepared and issued a new series of postage stamps comprising values respectively, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50 centimes, and 1 pesata. Up to this time these three cities have been devoid of all inter-communication of a postal nature.

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THE STAMPS OF MOROCCO.

BY F. P.

Which of the so-called Moroccan stamps are "suspicious"? is a question which very few collectors are able to answer. We hear from time to time that Morocco issues new stamps. What for? in such a nominal barbaric state under a colored native ruler? We must ascertain surely which of the "too often" issued stamps of Morocco are worth being classed as postage stamps, to separate them from the purely local stamps. The latter most frequently issued by enterprising private merchants (natives), are not authorized and not recognized by the native government and foreign "protectors" of Morocco. The only regular postage stamps are those issued by the native government. These French stamps surcharged with Spanish money values; and those issued by the postoffice at Gibraltar; and those issued by the Spanish postoffice for Morocco service. The official Moroccan stamps are only "Labels" with arabic inscription, as various in colors as a rainbow, and issued only for cities in Morocco.

The postoffices of Spain and France located in Morocco use their own country's stamps, and the English postoffices in Morocco use the stamps of Gibraltar. The French stamps are surcharged with Moroccan money values, but the stamps of the English are known only by their cancellation mark 'Morocco.' The Spanish stamps are canceled with a round hand stamp, bearing on top the words "Correo Espanol" (Spanish Postoffice) and just below the word "Marruecos" (Moroccan). At the bottom the name of the city, and in the middle is the date. The Gibraltar stamps are canceled with a hand stamp of small size; on top the name of the city, in the middle is the date, and at the bottom, the word Morocco.

In regard to the native governmental Moroccan stamps issued solely for a

messenger service from one city to another city (uncivilized people). There are the following which merit the name postage stamps or rather local postage stamps:

First: Messenger Service; Tanger (the capital) to Fez; Second: Mazagan to Marakesch; Third: Fez to Sefres; Fourth: Mogador to Marakesch; Fifth: Tanger to Arzila; Sixth; Tetsuan to Chechsuan; Seventh: Fez to Mequinez. The two first named merit the name mostly as the most commercial mail route in interior Morocco. There is another messenger service from Alcazar to Ouazzan which existed only for three weeks as the service was suppressed by the High Sheriff (a native clerical authority), because Ouazzan is a Holy City (pilgrimages) and shall not be connected with another *unholy* city. The native "speculative" stamps for the so-called messenger service between Alcazar-Tetsuan and Mogador-Agadir, do not exist at all! Because the French postoffice at Tetsuan carries the mail to Alcazar. The large nomadic village of Agadir, situated in the desert, has almost no commercial relation, to speak of, with the large city of Mogador. Although most European stamp papers regularly chronicle those "frequently" issued native messenger service stamps of Morocco it is advisable that serious stamp collectors confine their Morocco stamps to those used by the Spanish, French and English postoffices, -and such ones as issued by the native government—with the seldom permission of England, France and Spain.

SNAP SHOTS.

We always had a hankering for days of unemployment, as it were, provided that they don't come so often as to reduce our salary to a minus quantity, and always take advantage of the loaf days to have a philatelic holiday, so to speak. That is we stroll about the stamp shops (say it quick and it sounds like snap shots),

looking over the various wares, new issues *et al.*, both the lives out of the dealers with "how's trade" and then spend extravagantly 50 cents for something we don't really want. We like to hear the dealer growl when he sees us spend such a magnificent sum after wasting much of his valued time. One pet dealer growls way up in high C. But anyway we have to have some fun once-in-a-while. We had an 'aunt's funeral' (?) yesterday, and struck the boss for a day off to attend it; we mourned, but we did strike a bargain offer our high C growlers; it was a beauty 30c orange 1855-60 and cheap too. We guess our 'aunt' will have to die again soon.

The Looker-on attends regularly the meetings of the local society (Boston), and although he enjoys himself immensely, he has always wondered why in Hades a Collectors' Club is not established with permanent headquarters. Perhaps Boston will get one before long.

How's this for poetry? Our poetry machine needs oiling but submit it to you.

HOOT MON!

The Looker-On is a fenny mon
A fenny mon is he.
He's got crossed "lamps" and buys few stamps,
But he's all Philately.

Good! very good! We guess we'll turn poet.

That old story which many years ago was a chestnut has "bobbed up serenely" in Dodge's *Columbian*. We refer to the barrel-post story which, though dead and buried has risen.

In the possession of a French collector there is a curious error. The stamp in question is the 50 rose of the Reunion current series, which is generally surcharged in blue in the space at the Southerly end. But this particular stamp has been surcharged in red. The owner claims that he has got a unique specimen and would not take a very small amount for it.

There are two distinct varieties of the Bulgarian unpaid letter stamp 50 stotinki 1884-6 imperforated, pale blue and dark blue. In purchasing it is well to discriminate between the two shades as the latter is much scarcer than the *light* blue. Also other varieties are to be found in the 5, 25 and 50 stotinki of the 1894 perforated issue viz: they occasionally turn up on pelure paper.

The only sure means of recognizing the genuine stamps of Romagna is by measuring. The correct measurements for the genuine stamps are 18 $\frac{3}{4}$ by 22 mm. The reprints do not give the same measurements and are printed on paper very unlike the original as is seen by careful comparison. THE LOOKER ON.

CANADIAN LETTER.

Adam's 98 Canada Revenue Catalogue acknowledged by all to be the Standard Catalogue of these beautiful stamps has appeared. In style it is somewhat the same as last year's edition, but the prices are up-to-date and are calculated by the market value and not by the dealers' stock. These stamps are now the most popular stamps on the market and the dealer or collector who is not the possessor of a few is "behind the times." Taking them in general there are no prettier stamps in existence to-day, while as an investment none could be better. The demand made on Canadian dealers for them is something enormous, but the dealers are up to it and have a large stock of these popular stamps.

The Canadian Philatelic Advertiser is announced to appear from Toronto shortly as an advertiser of philatelic publications and supplies. W. A. Lydiatt intends to publish a paper of this kind and name, in connection with his now popular and prosperous advertising and subscription agency.

The beautiful photo-engraved plate of Canadian Revenues given with the first number of the Johnstown Stamp & Publishing Co.'s *Revenue Philatelist* is indeed a philatelic beauty. In the same number commences a descriptive illustrated catalogue of these stamps.

The money-order system now in use is soon to be superseded by a new one. Postal notes will shortly be issued for am's under \$5.00 payable to bearer without identification. This is sure to prove a less expensive and much more convenient system than our present one.

Chas. A. Needham of Hamilton was a frequent visitor to Toronto during the past month. He reports business fair in the ambitious city and generally takes away more than he brings with him.

Business has been very good during the past month, a special demand being

made for all kinds of Canadian stamps. The demand for Canada's old issue (the one just concluded) is very brisk and collectors who have any ½, 6, 10, 15, 20, 40c are lucky and I would advise them to keep them for future use. The ½c is bringing 2c used in Boston and the 20 and 50c are worth nearly face.

The new issue is now with us *en bloc*. The following is a list of the values as far as I have seen with the different colors: ½c black; 1c green; 2c purple; 3c carmine; 5c blue; 6c rich brown; 8c orange-vermilion; 10c plum color; 1c postal card, green, same type as stamp (and very ugly); 2c red, Foreign Post (very pretty).

Two distinct varieties of the ½ cent black have been found. On Type II the frame is considerably shorter, about 1-36 of an inch than that of type one, while in width the both types are identical. It can hardly be said that this difference is caused by the gum shrinking the paper as the shrinkage would occur horizontally as well as vertically. A difference has also been noted in the weight of the paper used on the different varieties.

WALCET.

NEW YORK NOTES.

BY WILLOW.

The chief topic of conversation at present is the manner by which a few of our dealers were duped by "Dr." Nelson of Rochester. Three dealers are bewailing losses, but Mr. Walter Scott alone admits it, his loss amounting to about \$100 net. Mr. Scott contemplates prosecution, if he secures sufficient government aid, and aid from other sources.

It is rumored that a new stamp paper will shortly make its appearance from this city. If the party hopes to succeed, the services of an experienced editor are most needed, and the publisher does the rest.

The parties who have been purchasing for some time Orange Special Delivery stamps have discontinued to buy. These stamps are not being cornered in this country. The original purchasers immediately resold what they procured to European collectors. Perhaps our Trans-Atlantic brethren hope to corner them, but then 8,000,000 is quite a number, this number having been issued.

The Empire State Philatelic Society has rapidly forged to the front, and in respect of membership the six score mark has been passed.

The Scott Stamp & Coin Company's 144th auction sale of U. S. and foreign stamps is to occur, and will have occurred by the time this reaches my readers, on the evening of February 16th and 17th at the Collectors Club. There are 878 select lots of first class stamps. The W. S. Scott Co.'s sale of February 3rd was a good success.

New York collectors are grieved to announce the death of one of the most prominent of philatelists. Philately has suffered the loss of many of her leaders by death during the past year not the least of whom is the most recent, Mr. G. B. Calman, a young man of but thirty years. His illness was of several months duration and his death was almost expected by his near relatives. Mr. Calman conducted an extensive wholesale trade in stamps, and was brother to Henry L. Calman of the Scott Stamp & Coin Co.

Trade in stamp circles here has been very fair considering the frequency of auction sales which always more or less impede the progress of the general dealers. There is a noticeable scramble to secure the Newfoundland provisional and the price goes up almost daily.

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EDITORIALS.

YOUR attention is called to the fact that the March number of the PHILATELIC BULLETIN, in addition to reaching its regular subscribers, is to be specially widely circulated among philatelists of all classes, chiefly among members of the more important societies, a class who are ever on the alert to snap up a bargain whenever offered. Our aim in making our March number a "Boom Issue" is twofold: first, to acquaint philatelists with our paper that they may become

subscribers; and second, to give advertisers an advantageous opportunity of testing the particular "pulling qualities" of our advertising columns. Our issue will not be subject to a broadcast circulation, but rather a choice, selected, circulation of strictly first class grade. Try an advertisement, Mr. Dealer, our rates remain unchanged and the quality of paper stock is to be improved.

THE awakening of interest in Canadian Revenues has doubtless become a permanent fixture, as is verified by the fact that many dealers are acquiring stocks of these stamps, which are continually being exhausted by the demands of the customer. Daily new contingents are enrolling them selves in the already large list of collectors who take special notice of these stamps, which are principally worthy of collection on account of their beauty, cheapness, and concomitance with United State Revenues. But on account of the enormity of the supply of these stamps, there is scant liability of their prices advancing very rapidly as yet.

A STAMP which has created considerable commotion in the markets is the Newfoundland Provisional. This surcharged stamp has successively advanced from a very insignificant figure until it sells at \$1.00 readily. There are dealers who have great faith in its rising probabilities in the near future, and absolutely refuse to sell what they have of it in stock.

CERTAIN newspapers of this country, in fact in this section of the country, are giving stamp collectors a dressing down for petitioning the government not to issue the projected Omaha stamps, asserting that it is none of our business, to be plain. What fools these outsiders are, as a rule wilfully ignorant of the importance of philately! Were they acquainted with the influence of philately and the vast numbers of its followers, they would not so mistakably rebuke us. But we are getting used to it.

READERS of the BULLETIN are doubtless aware that we have exerted all our efforts in every manner towards effecting a public utterance from Mr. Kramer as regards the standing of the League of American Philatelists. In the January *Lone Star State Philatelist* he comes forth with a notice which really gave us

satisfaction to observe that he had not entirely deserted his society. Mr. Kramer is going to attempt reorganization, and needs the co-operation of every member. If you are such write him immediately, or likewise if you wish to become a member. A new official journal is to be selected and new officers elected. We are glad to see our friend Dodge's name down as nominee for Secretary, as he would do credit to the society in that capacity.

How fresh and 'becoming' are the new green one cent stamps !

THE question of whether collectors should oppose or endorse the issuance by the United States of special commemorative stamps for the Trans-Mississippi Exposition is receiving considerable discussion everywhere. Many seem to favor it in view of its tendency to draw new enthusiasts to our ranks, but the majority are firmly opposed to it, regarding its speculative appearance as too great an offset for the good which might result from its issuance from a philatelic point of view. We are with the majority, and sincerely hope the issue will never materialize, as the S. S. S. S. would mark the United States with an ugly black cross, which all would be forced to admit was deserved.

A WRITER in the *Columbian Philatelist* on the subject of Entire Envelopes comes to the conclusion that entire ought to prevail among envelope collectors since in possessing the entire, you have everything, cut square, cut round, with flap etc. etc. whatever the style is; there you've got it all in the entire envelope.

WE do not see the need of an 'Ideal Philatelic Magazine' as long as we have the *Virginia Philatelist* to inform, instruct, and enlighten the philatelic portion of the brain.

THE fad of making a specialty of current British Colonial postage stamps in unused condition has been much in evidence for many years past, but never so extensively engaged in as at the present time. Many dealers are devoting their entire attention to supplying collectors with these stamps charging a reasonable advance over value as a commission to cover expenses of sending to the gov-

ernments for them. These stamps with but few exceptions are good investments, as they seldom fail to advance in value when superseded by subsequent omissions, which are comparatively frequent amongst all colonial governments.

THE 1c green U. S. stamps that are to replace the old blue ones, were placed on sale at the local postoffice on the morning of Jan. 27th. A large quantity of the blue stamps are still on hand, and the greens are furnished, only, at your request.

MACK'S ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Our European collectors, Germans especially, are a queer set. A pen cancelled stamp will find no market. The ring cancellations containing the name of the city, state, and the date, are only acceptable to most collectors. Unused Columbians (U. S.) bring less than in used condition, which may seem strange, but which nevertheless is true.

If the cancellation touches the "face" on the stamps, it is respectfully declined; Very odd, indeed.

The 10c Columbian is catalogued in two colors, this year, and although the shades, gray-black and black-brown, are somewhat dissimilar, there are many plate varieties discernible with the naked eye. The most important of these I will attempt to describe. The gray black: Under the band containing the words "Columbus Presenting Natives," is a row of short vertical lines, extending nearly the entire length of the band; at either end of these vertical lines appear two heavy lines.

The black-brown:—The foregoing description applies equally to this stamp, except that these vertical lines are crossed by three horizontal lines. These parallel lines are immediately distinguishable if the two varieties lie side by side.

There are many minor varieties, but the ones noted above will be sufficient to judge the difference.

I have seen more copies of the black-brown than the gray-brown, although many claim the latter, is the commoner. I will not dispute it.

It is said that the surcharged official stamps of Jamaica are to be done away with. This has been rumored for some time among our philatelic "speculators"; one such showing me a box containing about 25,000 copies of different values.



Publishers that wish an impartial review of their respective magazines must send one copy to our editor's address, 11 Greenwich Park, Boston, Mass.

The *New York Philatelist* for January contains articles of interest on British Guiana stamps, Historical associations of French stamps, Editorials and notes.

The *Philatelic Messenger* for January contains the usual valuable installment of their Descriptive Catalogue which alone is worth the paper's subscription price. There are many other articles of especial interest in this edition of the best stamp paper in Canada. It is a shame that the postoffice authorities so ignorantly refuse second class rates to this journal, when others not to be compared with it from the same country are generously granted the privilege.

The *Philatelic Advocate* is much improved in appearance with its new cover.

The *Revenue Philatelist*, a quarterly from Penn. contains much to interest all who collect revenues. "The Revenue stamps of the World" (Part I, Canada) is a worthy article which will tend to boom revenue stamps to a great extent, giving one a better knowledge of these stamps.

The *Stamp Reporter* from Canada is made up of various items of more or less importance and on the whole is a very interesting publication.

The *Texas Philatelist* contains one of F. P.'s Historical articles, this on Greenland, in its January number. Mr. J. A. Cook the review editor says of us "come again here's our turn." All right, broth-Cook, here's ours, shake!! and we're friends.

The *International Philatelist* issued promptly for January despite the extra labor occasioned by their last month's big edition. Mr. Beardsley is going to make it a strictly philatelic paper, and No. 3 is a success in that line, containing

much about stamps which is both instructive and interesting.

The *Stamp Collector's Figaro* from Ohio is a creditable undertaking catering to the especial interests of the Ohio collector, but much of its contents is as good for non-Ohioans as for those who live in that state.

The February number of the "only" *Perforator* is another feather in Bre'er Chapman's chapeau. Somebody has remarked that it is "one of the three prettiest" stamp journals; why not one of the two prettiest, we reply.

Filatelic Facts and Fallacies is a magazine that is always of the highest value to the collector. The *Postoffice*, we notice, has come into the possession of J. C. Mergenthau & Co.

The *Herald Exchange* for February has appeared containing its usual amount and quality of matter. Notes from various localities and other articles including editorials are among this month's contents.

The *American Collector* for January serves up a creditable essay by Mr. Jenney on "A Common-Sense Catalogue." His chief point of contention is that net prices ought to be given in the catalogue and stamps sold at these prices. Most pitifully do we need such a book when stamps sell at such discounts as 60%. We hope to see Mr. Jenney's common-sense catalogue a reality before the lapse of many years. If some influential association (the A. P. A. for instance) would take this matter in hand it could soon be possible for us to have a catalogue listing the actual value of our stamps.

The *Philatelic West* has been revived and continues to be of as much value as formerly. Mr. Woolston is the editor and shows much ability in his first number.

We also acknowledge receipt of the following: auction catalogues from W. S. Scott & Co. of their eleventh sale, B. L. Drew & Co., of their 21st, 22nd and 23rd sales, Bogert & Durbin Co's. 94th, 95th and 96th sales, C. L. Moreau of his 16th sale, Scott Stamp & Coin Co's. sale No. 144, Baltimore Philatelic Society's seventh sale, Albrecht's special sale No. 4, Wolsieffer's sale of Feb. 19th. Also lists from F. P. Gibbs and L. V. Lindsey, sample patriotic cards from Albrecht, and 1898 edition of Adams Catalogue for Canadian Revenues, price 10c.

OLD DOMINION NOTES.

BY CONFED.

In chronicling the Newfoundland surcharges *The American Journal of Philately* refers to the red, and red and black surcharged copies (mentioned in my last notes) as follows: "It is said two or three are in the hands of collectors, and of course these should be considered only in the nature of essays, they being in the same class as the similar double surcharge which was made at the time Barbadoes issued the 1d. on 4d. brown."

In a letter received from my correspondent in St. John's, N. F., reference is made to the paragraph above quoted, and the gentleman states that "perhaps Scott is right when he calls them 'essays' but the fact remains that several of them went through the Post office."

About a dozen sheets of the new ONE CENT green came to the Richmond postoffice this week, in exchange for 2c. stamps from a country postoffice, and were quickly secured by Richmond collectors—*The Virginia Philatelist* securing enough to frank its entire foreign mailing list for February, and just in time to be chronicled in advance of any other American philatelic publication.

From the plate numbers on the sheets it is apparent there were no new plates prepared for this issue, but the same plates are being used for the new color. There is a four months' supply of blue ONES on hand in our postoffice, hence we may not have the green on sale for some time. In appearance the new color is most pleasing,—while green is adapted to clearer and sharper printing than blue ink. As we are about to bid a final farewell to blue "ONES" and brown "fives" we might as well lay aside a well centered sheet of each for future exchange purposes. If each of your many readers heeds this advice they may have the future "cinch" that a congenial philatelic friend of mine will have, who is "cornering" every stamp bearing the Queen's effigy, in the fond hope that—as soon as Her Majesty shirks this world's responsibilities they will be valuable (!!!)

In my last notes I made reference to two distinct types of the new Canadian Half Cent. It appears there are also two varieties of the new ONE CENT of the series. I have, as yet, heard no satisfactory explanation of this "phenomena."

I notice an illustration in *The Virginia Philatelist*, for February, of Mr. N. P.

Stause's gems, the Emory (Va.) locals and that our congenial brother member of the Virginia Philatelic Association does not "want the earth" to himself but is willing to dispose of one of the only two known to exist. According to Crawford Capen's method of affixing a value to a stamp, these little labels must commend a fabulous price.

The Richmond members of the Virginia Philatelic Association have inaugurated, among themselves, weekly informal gatherings at home for social and exchange purposes, and the venture has proven a decided success.—

In conclusion I wish to compliment THE PHILATELIC BULLETIN on its appearance, both typographical and philatelic, under the new management,—which will prove a safe assurance of success.

FROM A FOREIGN CLIME.

We are indebted to Messrs. Williams & Co.—Casilla 989—Lima, Peru, for the following information concerning the recent issue of postage stamps and post cards of that country. There are three denominations of stamps, viz: 1c blue, 2c brown and 5c pink. The 1 and 2c stamps which accompany the information are very pretty in design and were executed by the American Bank Note Co., of New York. The 1c blue contains the picture of a suspended railroad bridge, crossing a river in Peru. The 2c brown has an exterior view of the new Post Office Bldg at Lima, and we must say that it is a magnificent looking structure and one that the Peruvian government, as well as its people, can look upon with pride. We have not seen the 5c denomination as yet, but trust that we will in the near future.

The new post cards that were issued on Dec. 31, 1897, consist of the following values: 1c green; 1c red; 2c blue; 2x2c blue; 3c red brown; 3x3c red brown; 4c black and 4x4c black. The 1c green is for local use; the 2c orange for Provincial, which has a New Year greeting printed on the reverse side and dated Jan. 1, 1898. These cards are valueless for foreign service.

All of the 9 varieties are surcharged on the old 5c black card, with the exception of 3 and 4c, and have a view of the new Post Office in the upper right hand corner. This building was opened to the public on Jan. 1, 1898. All the stamps and post cards of recent issues are still available for postage.



Of late, Newfoundland seems to be having more than a fair share of attention in philatelic matters and our papers have been full to the brim concerning the recent provisionals issued by that country. They will no doubt, some day, be a very good stamp and I can see no harm in securing a copy or two as soon as possible, for they will probably advance in price shortly.

In speaking of Newfoundland I would say that this country has issued many desirable stamps and almost anything in the stamp line from this island, is a safe investment. If you have not completed your set of re-issue stamps which were placed on sale in 1896-97, do so at once, for they are indeed "good things" and will never be cheaper than at the present time. For example take the re-issue stamps of 1875 of our country, for several years after their appearance they could be purchased for almost nothing, compared with the prices they demand to-day, yet many collectors failed to take advantage of the fact, and consequently the spaces for these stamps in many albums are blank, and in numerous cases they will remain so.

Canadian Jubilee stamps of the dollar values will soon be selling at a discount on face, and my advice is not to think of purchasing these stamps at present. Nearly all these stamps were bought up by speculators, and the bottom of the "kettle" will not hold long, and the discount will be greater than when you bought \$2.00 Columbians for \$1.65.

It is current that Zululand was annexed to Natal early in December of last year. If this is the case no time should be lost in filling the spaces that you have vacant in this country, as very few of these stamps are used annually, and they are bound to take a sudden and rapid advance in price.

At the present time the old issues of Denmark, Norway, Sweden, etc., are excellent stamps to purchase, and the catalogue quotations as a rule, are very low on this class of stamps; and when the future "boom" comes you will find that they were scarcer than the present prices would indicate.

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Postage Stamps of Columbia.

BY F. P.

Among the Spanish American republics the most interesting country for stamp collectors is the republic of Columbia, or as her national name is Estados Unidos de Colombia, called up to 1862 Confederacion Granadina (Granada Confederation). Already in the year 1857 a Mr. Gregoris Oleregon had proposed to the Granadian government to issue postage stamps; but not until 1858 did the congress of Granada conclude to issue a series of postage stamps. The design is an octagon, in the middle of which are the arms of Granada, on top and below is the value. And under the whole of the stamp is the inscription "Confed. Granadina" Correos Nacionales, and again the value, but in letters. At the beginning of the year 1860 (as is usual in Spanish America) a revolution broke out which ended July 18th 1861, with the overthrow of the government. On August 10th, 1861, the provisional government under General Mosquera issued a new set of postage stamps, and the country was called Estados Unidos de Nueva (New) Granada. In the centre of the stamps are the arms of New Granada (with a plain visible liberty cap). Around the arms is the inscription Estados Unidos de Nueva Granada. In the outside empty place of the stamp is the inscription Correos Nacionales (National Post). Below the arms are 8 stars, signifying states. At the bottom of the stamp is the value. In May 1862 the National Convention accepted a new state constitution, and changed again the country's name in Estados Unidos de Colombia. On July 6th a new set of postage stamps appeared. In the middle are the arms of Colombia, above there are five stars, and below four stars (9 states). The design is octagon and the inscription reads E. U. de Colombia, Correos Nacionales; at the bottom is the value. It was decreed that the stamps of Colombia should be changed each

year, as is usual with stamped fiscal paper in Colombia. The stamps of 1859-61 show many variations of color, and are miserably executed. The 10 centavos 1858 exists with arms downward, like the 5 and 20 centavos values of 1860. The 5 centavos value of 1858, laid paper, came in 1859 into circulation. The color of this stamp is always lilac rose, and was specially made by order of the postoffice at Bogota. The one peso value 1860 on blue paper has "never circulated" but is only a proof. The 5c, 20 centavos, and 1 peso values of 1861 were made "on the same plate." The printer simply erased one value and put in another value. On the 1 peso value is the underground value 2½c, easily distinguishable. On all other values the underground value ½ is visible.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Snap Shots.

BY THE LOOKER-ON.

Uncle Sam says he is going to have his Omaha Stamps regardless of all "injured feelings" of philatelists. Editor Pinkham takes a sensible view of the situation and thinks that their issuance is all right. J. W. Scott expresses a similar opinion, and Editor Dietz agrees with Mr. Pinkham. Hence the LOOKER-ON says "me-too!" We are not opposed to their issuance.

Somebody wanted to know if the LOOKER-ON was the LOOKER-HORN. Guess again and you will come nearer.

The formation of so many "stamp exchanges" good and bad as have lately come into existence causes much detriment to the Sales Departments of our regular societies. By experienced participation in nearly all of the more important "Exchanges," and most of the national societies, we come to the conclusion that the properly managed Exchange Department of the regular society is infinitely more beneficial than the privately conducted "Exchange."

The present issue of Malta postage stamps is to be supplemented by three new stamps of colors and values as yet undetermined. There is a probability that the values will be 4½d., 1sh. and 2sh. 6d.

Mr. Willard O. Wylie, of Boston, has done very much to promote the highest welfare of the Boston Philatelic Society. Whenever there is any discussion going on Mr. "Our Eye" is generally one of the participants usually advocating very sensible principles. Mr. Wylie is a credit to the society.

From a foreign contemporary we learn that Guatemala withdrew, last January, its issue commemorative of the Central America Exposition, and has gone back to its old "birds."

Greece will probably issue a new series of postage stamps with Mercury's Head as a central figure, on account of the Olympian games stamps being practically exhausted.

Here's a tip—a tip-top tip. If you are desirous of making a lot of money hold on to your Spain stamps. If the United States is to wage war with Spain, there won't be any more Spain. Keep 'em for a curiosity. They may be valuable some day as "Stamps without a Country."

Old Dominion Notes.

BY CONFED.

The Newfoundland Surcharge topic like the recent warscare has well-nigh worn itself out and is making way for a new theme. The "harping on it" has begun in good fashion. I refer to the coming series of stamps for the Trans-Mississippi Exposition at Omaha, Neb.

The majority of philatelic publications have inaugurated a crusade against these stamps that are to come. Protests have been forwarded to the Postmaster General, setting forth at length the effect this series would have on American philately and beseeching the Hon. Mr. Gary to reconsider the matter, etc., etc.

Among all this clamor there have been a few publications and a few prominent stamp men who have taken up the other side of the question, heartily endorsing these newcomers. The stamps are being prepared in Washington. Protests have availed naught. Let us therefore face the issue, and reason together calmly. Wherein lies this great danger to philately?

Your humble correspondent is a stamp

collector. Not a philatelist—that distinction he has not as yet attained. I am devoted to our hobby. Twenty-two years of fidelity to philatelia are the credentials I bring—if they speak for aught * * * * I am not opposed to these stamps. I am not alone in endorsing them. I shall state my reasons for these views and append a few queries to my opponents.

We should be patriotic enough to welcome these stamps for our country's sake. Besides the indisputable fact that they will add new adherents to our ranks they will carry the fame of our "Great West" and her wonderful resources to "the farthest corners of the earth." They will advertise, as it were, the wealth of our grand republic. We are a progressive people; we should not let views which cannot be substantiated, cause us to lose sight of the fact that these stamps will benefit our country, directly and indirectly, and, dispute it if you can, they will benefit philately.

These stamps will be instructive and beautiful, and above all (aside from the \$1. value for which I harbor an unkind feeling) they will be cheap and plentiful. They will *not* depreciate the value of obsolete U. S. stamps; and they will boom trade for the American dealer wonderfully * * * * *

Now my friends—opponents—what are your reasons for branding the Omaha series?

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"Afraid our Canadian neighbors will turn the laugh on us—ridicule us?" Bah! The same arguments we put up for our Columbians against their Jubilees—yea, better ones, are at our command for our Omaha stamps.—

Now finally, in this matter: *What ARE you kicking on?*

Philately is still on the increase in Richmond. New names are added monthly to the list of members of the Virginia Philatelic Association; philatelic politics do not as much as make a ripple on the tranquil surface of our Association life. Several prominent collectors have lately joined our Association, among them Rev. Dr. Hartley Carmichael and Corp'l John C. Weckert, formerly editor of *The Virginia Volunteer*; besides the newly inaugurated feature of social-home-exchange-meetings has proved a decided success.

Still we have no stamp dealer in Richmond. Our nearest being Mr. Hamilton of Manchester, Va., just across the "noble James."

The most beautiful U. S. 3c, red grilled all over was found by a Richmond collector this week, the margins are exceptionally wide, the stamp well preserved on the original cover, and the grilling very strong.—More anon.

Items of Interest.

E. V. CAMPION.

Upwards of 30,000 postage stamps were utilized by a Baltimore woman in the preparation of a costume which won the fancy dress prize at a masked ball recently. Five weeks were spent in stamp collecting and three weeks in the making of the dress.

The first annual convention of the Canadian Philatelic Association was held in Toronto on the 19th and 20th of September 1888.

The first U. S. State revenues came into existence in 1862. California has the largest number of varieties, 284 in all, mostly state tax stamps.

On January 1869 the 1c stamp of Canada was changed to orange owing to some confusion having arisen in the use of the 1 and 3c values on account of the similarity of color. There are to be found varieties of this stamp varying in color from light yellow to bright orange.

If the gum on the new Canadian postage stamps is not changed, the morality of the nation will suffer, for who can help using sulphurous language after licking one of the new stamps, and then often having to hunt up a mucilage bottle to finish the job.

Postal cards were first issued by Austria and Hungary in 1869 and by United States in 1873.

The first stamp paper published in the United States appeared in 1867. F. Triffet, Boston, Mass., was the publisher.

The inventor of the stamped newspaper wrapper is said to have been Augustine Watson of Washington, D. C.

The first stamps of Prince Edward Island were issued in December 1860, four in number and printed on stout white paper and of the following values—two pence rose, three pence blue, four pence black and six pence green.

CANADIAN POSTAL MATTERS.

BY ORIENT.

The old issue of the Dominion postage stamps is being rapidly exhausted and in a very short time there will be hardly one of the old postage stamps left in the department at Ottawa. Of late a growing demand has manifested itself for full sets of the old issue stamps and it is becoming difficult to secure them from postmasters. Requests for full sets have been received from England and other countries. The ones, twos, fives and sixes of the old issue have been exhausted. Of the new issue the half, two, five, six and eight-cent stamps have been issued to offices which have run short of the old ones. The new three cent stamp will be issued this month.

It is understood that Mr. Chamberlain, Colonial Secretary, has remonstrated with the Canadian Government for infringing the rules of the Universal Postal Union by undertaking to reduce the postage on letters from Canada to the United Kingdom without consulting the other members of the Union. The Universal Postal Union of 1878 is of the nature of a treaty between all the contracting parties, establishing universal weights and rates of postage. Under this treaty all the consenting nations were declared to be a single postal territory for the reciprocal exchange of correspondence. The P. O. Department at Ottawa has therefore issued a notice deferring the three-cent rate on letters to England, which was to come into force on January 1, till such time as the necessary agreement can be reached with the other parties to the postal treaty.



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SALEM, MASS., MARCH 25, 1898.

WITH this issue, we admit, we are putting our best foot forward, and have greatly extended the sample circulation of this edition for the benefit of our advertisers and ultimately for our own good. It has been our ardent desire to steadily improve this magazine in appearance and worth according as support justifies. We are inclined to feel highly satisfied with our progress thus far, and shall leave nothing untried to better the worth of our periodical. We promise great things for the future and hope no

misfortune will baffle our intentions. The greater the amount of support we get from subscribers and advertisers, the more can we expend in beautifying our paper. If you are not already a subscriber we would be pleased to have your name on our books.

As for contents—we are in need of Mss. of all kinds, preferably articles bearing on postage stamps directly. Of course we can make use of other articles too, and would consider it a favor to receive a Mss. from you for approval.

There are manifestly not enough writers on stamp subjects, considering the great number of philatelists who have the ability and command of knowledge to do so. This is practically a much neglected field due largely to the necessitated smallness of payment. But we believe that if a man can divulge some interesting information, he ought to try his hand at contributing for the press, and two to one he will become a successful philatelic writer who thus tries his hand at the work.

MR. L. J. KRAMER, the worthy president of the League of American Philatelists, recently requested members to communicate with him in view of reorganization. Kramer now writes us, with an assumed name attached, that he has mysteriously disappeared, and probably gone to Alaska. A man of pretty character he! to attempt to make us swallow that.

WE are grieved to report the sad news of the death of Mr. H. L. Van Dermark of Alden, Mich. He was a very young man and was an efficient auction manager of the S. of P. He also managed the Van Stamp company, and was a widely known and popular philatelist.

THE thriving Columbian Philatelic Society held its annual convention at New Oxford, Penn., on the 31st of January. The usual business was transacted and the election of officers resulted in the selection of the following: President, J. F. Dodge; Vice-President, Leo Fritter; Secretary-Treasurer, H. C. Crowell; Exchange Sup't, Fred P. Holt; Auction Manager, H. Smith; Attorney, C. F. Bridge; Librarian, H. S. Adair; Trustees, Jungman, Toelle and Protzmann.

MISS AMY L. SWIFT in her interesting review department in the *Home Worker*

remarks that in our Christmas number the Newfoundland Provisional was estimated at \$1.50 in one part and at \$5.00 in another part. Miss Swift asks "Which?" and we reply "neither; but more accurate \$2.00 and less."

MUCH agitation is rife concerning the catalogue question. Many very rational propositions have been advanced, and ways out of the difficulty demonstrated. There is a gaping space already waiting for this new catalogue as soon as some individual or national society pleases to take the matter in hand. A writer in a recent "Era" offers many timely suggestions, declaring that "Any catalogue, the product of human brains, will be faulty, but it will not price a stamp at \$5.00 that everybody posted knows is high at \$1.00; or list a stamp worth \$2.00 at \$1.00."

THE Special Issue of *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* dedicated to Stanley Gibbons, Limited, of England, is indeed a triumph. Whenever Mekeel attempts to brush up and produce a special issue he does, and does it up brown. Financially speaking we should say that I. A. must have added considerable to his bank account.

A REMARKABLY fine auction sale catalogued in a remarkably well printed booklet and illustrated by a plate engraving of the rarer stamps of the sale is Mr. B. L. Drew's twenty-fourth sale to occur March 23, 1898, in Boston. The sale includes only rare stamps in the finest condition. Drew's twenty-fifth sale is scheduled for March 31st and catalogues are already prepared.

Black-List.

Under this column we shall publish the names of all philatelic crooks such as approval sheet thieves, substitutes, etc., and by thus doing, try to protect our advertisers as well as collectors.

Samuel W. Carter, British Guiana.

John Coumenos, Athens, Greece.

J. V. Raindole, North Bay, Ont. Can.

Mr. G. A. Hunt, Manager of Rumford Stamp Co., of Woburn, Mass., claims to be responsible for the following list of "beets."

H. E. Lapp, Rochester, N. Y.

Sara D. Jones, North Bay, Ont., Can.

W. S. Preston, Winchester, Ind.



Publishers that wish an impartial review of their respective magazines must send one copy to our editor's address, 11 Greenwich Park, Boston, Mass.

The February *Eastern Philatelist* is smaller than usual, containing but eight pages. "The Postage Stamp of 1893" by *Veritas* is the leading article written in a style which only *Veritas* can command. Following is the fourth article on Philatelic advertising by L. G. Quackenbush, which is very dry reading for all who do not advertise or deal. The editorials are next in order. Mr. Pinkham speaking of the Omaha stamps says "For our part, we think this set of stamps will be a good thing for stamp collecting in the United States, as it will interest a great many people in the pursuit." Just so Mr. Pinkham. The writer was influenced to become a collector by our own Columbian stamps.

The *Post Office* under the new management is practically unchanged, since C. Capen still has Editorial charge. The February number contains a good essay on the "Study of Stamps."

The *International Philatelist*, for February is printed on paper of particularly good quality. A portrait of Mr. H. N. Bullard is included, and many items of interest are to be found in this issue. Beardsley is going to have a special issue for March.

The *Stamp Reporter* of Canada has now regularly appeared for six numbers, and has bright prospects of continuing to survive. There is much to instruct us, in the February number.

Bro. Herbst of the *New York Philatelist* always manages to give us an excellent paper. The February number contains "Minor varieties" by Mr. McKearin; "Revenue and Telegraph Stamps used for Postage" by Webster; and other essays. Editorially Mr. Herbst opposes the Omaha Stamps.

The *Virginia Philatelist*, ("The Ideal Philatelic Magazine") for March is just as interesting as ever. Mr. W. D. Reed's

article on Confederate stamps is given in its second part, which describes the typographed stamps. Notes from various localities, Chronicles, The Market, and a portrait of Mr. N. P. Strause go to make up a fine issue.

The *Ontario Philatelist* has been revived by Mr. Widdicombe and bids fair to equal any of Canada's magazines. The March number includes "The Envelopes of Canada" by Dominion; "The Local Society" by H. S. Hahn. Editorials and notes.

The *Peñnsy* for February is as entertaining as ever. It contains illustrations of Messrs. Sterling, Sherwood, Payne, and Marx.

The *Evergreen State Philatelist* in its February number contains its usual departments. U. S. Specialists, Notes by E. R. Aldrich lead off and Veritas criticises the *Virginia Philatelist*.

Mr. J. F. Dodge has been striving exceedingly hard to keep apace of time with his three papers but the *Columbian Philatelist* for January has lagged behind. It is none the less interesting on that account, however. Mr. S. B. Hopkins looks at us from the centre of the page and around him is a little story about his life.

We have received Auction Catalogues from the following: B. L. Drew & Co., of Boston; Walter L. Scott Company, of New York; Scott Stamp & Coin Co., of New York; Bogert & Durbin, of New York and Philadelphia; Judson N. Burton, of Madison, New York; R. F. Albrecht of New York; and Woisieffer, of Chicago.

Also received: The *Philatelic Advocate* and the *Stamp Collectors' Figaro*.

Correspondence.

Collectors are at liberty to express their views on timely topics through this column. Letters must be restricted to 300 words and must be directed to the Editor of the BULLETIN at his address.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE P. B.

We again wish to beg of you permission to express our views on a current topic, and would crave your indulgence for the time being. We notice that the national philatelic societies all, almost invariably, have departments, among others, corresponding to the following ones herein enumerated, *Attorney, Li-*

brarian and Counterfeit Detector. These three officers, let me say, have come to be *minus* quantities as far as service to the members comes in, and yet we can hardly attribute the fundamental origin of this "evil" to the officers themselves. As I have intimated these three departments have come to be merely nominal or honorary positions, whereas they might be put to the greatest serviceability, were the matter taken in hand by the members themselves. There is a sort of *don't care* spirit ingrown in the member, and thus they fail to be benefited by the valuable library owned by most societies, by the "at your service" readiness of the Attorney and Counterfeit Detector. We cannot overrate the possibilities of these departments, nay rather we are inclined to underrate their respective redeeming qualities. There is a wide chance of improvement in the conduct of our society libraries, but through some lack of interest these needed reforms are seldom accomplished. We might suggest that there is a vast field for improvement in the library alone in the single question of forming magazine clubs, as it were, to circulate circuits of various interesting stamp papers. As it stands now the librarian himself is the sole personage to be benefited by the valuable library. We would suggest that some movement be made whereby the members might taste the literary good things of forgotten lore. Form circuits, we say, and make the library an attraction to members. And again members are lax about consulting the Attorney and Counterfeit Detector when often there is a great need of so doing. Wake up, and use what is at your disposal, if you have never before been doing so. We would like to see the Attorney, Librarian, and Counterfeit Detector kept as busy as the Secretary, but our fears are contrary.

Yours Truly,

ATHENIENSIS.

Why is a postage stamp like a school master? Because one sticks with a lick, and the other licks with a stick.

Twigs—I hear the U. S. are going to issue new stamps with Fitzsimmons head on them.

Sprigs—Why?

Twigs—So Corbett would then have a chance to lick him.

NOTES HERE AND THERE.

The varieties of the 10c 1847 United States were first noticed by Mr. F. W. Ayer. They are as follows: In the first type the words 'Post office' and 'Ten cents' are shaded, caused by shifting of the die in making the plate; in the second type there are two thin horizontal dashes in the border at the left almost in the middle.

The N. Y. Weekly in an issue in 1873 gives an illustration of an entire postal card with the following description:

"They will be printed in brown on buff cards 3x5½ inches in size. The face above represented, is merely for the address; the reverse is for anything in the line of communications" * * * "For brief communications * * * the postal card is superior to the ordinary letter * * * its chief advantage is its economy, one cent paying for the card, and insuring its transmission to any part of the U. S."

The cards in use previous to 1873, it would seem from this article, were merely experimental, and were not used by the general public until after 1873.

G. A. HUNT.

The first regular issue of Confederate States stamps were prepared by Hayer and Ludwig, of Richmond. The following stamp which replaced these stamps was the five cent value which was prepared in England. The next plates were furnished from the workmanship of Archer and Daly of Richmond, who were unable to live up to their agreement, hence the contract was turned over to Keating and Ball of Columbia, South Carolina, who prepared the stamps in a satisfactory manner.

It may be interesting to know that the Japanese address their postal missives exactly the reverse of the way which we use. They begin on the country, then state, city, street and last the addressee. This may seem curious but in many ways it is vastly superior to our own as the postal officials are not by the Japs required to read from 'last to first' as with us. However *chaque a son goule*.

Another little fact. The British Post Office require that their female employees shall be of a certain height at a certain age or else ineligible to service. All girls of 19 summers who are not 5 feet tall are excluded. We haven't learned whether or not men are restricted in this way.

MASSASOIT.

Chicago Letter.

BY WINDY.

Mr. A. W. Batchelder of the New England Stamp Co., of Boston, called upon us on the 3rd of February, with a magnificent line of stamps including nearly all the great rarities, and among the \$75,000 of fine things, we saw sights worth seeing and will long be remembered by the local collectors who were fortunate enough to gaze upon them.

P. M. Wolsieffer's ninth auction sale took place February 19th, but owing to bad weather only a small attendance was present. Prices averaged fair, however, and the following lots sold at \$5.00 or over.

Ent. Env. Nat. No. 9 Scott No. 1312 stamp	*\$ 7 00
" " " " 201 stamp	" 20 00
*20 P. of W. perf.	15 05
Prop. 50c violet p mended	6 75
" \$1.00 " "	36 00
" " 1c inverted medallion fine.	10 25
1851 strip of 3, 1 cent type III o. o.	15 00
*1869 reprint pair of 2 cent fine.	8 00
*1863 1c to 3c complete.	8 95
*Navy 90c o. g.	5 50
*News 9c	5 80
1851 5c close at one side.	6 50
Executive 2c fine.	5 10
" " 6c off centre.	6 05
Justice 90c stained.	19 05
*Br. Guiana 1c No. 12 reprint.	5 00
U. S. 1867 strip of 3 three cent "all over"	11 80
Gr. Britain reconstructed sheet of 240 of the	
2d 1841 No. 8 fine.	11 25

His next sale is to take place this month and consists wholly of U. S. the greater part being Match and Medicine stamps.

There seems to be quite a demand for Canadian Revenues and Match and Medicine stamps at present and dealers are kept on the bustle to supply the want lists received daily. U. S. and Department stamps seem to be taking a rest and there is but little sales for these except at very low prices, even lower than the quotations of some years past.

Regarding the new 1c green stamps, several of the daily papers came out with sensational stories to the effect that the P. O. clerks first thought them counterfeit and had the postmaster notify the officials at Washington, but they soon received assurance that the green stamps were O. K.

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The Jamaica official stamps are now obsolete, the remainders being withdrawn on the first of January. Better see that your spaces for these stamps are occupied (unused preferred) and also lay aside a few copies for future exchange purposes.

It is current that enormous quantities of forged Venezuela 1898 issue are on the European market, and later, will probably reach this side. Keep your eyes peeled, and see that none of them find their way into your album.

Nearly all the stamps issued by Sierra Leone are good stamps to purchase at present, but I may mention as one of the best the ½d bistre wmk. C. C. This stamp is found to be one of THE stamps of the future, and I should advise my readers, one and all, to obtain it as soon as possible, even at full catalogue price, for you must bear in mind that many of the stamps are under-priced and vice-versa, and at present this is one of the snags.

There are two other stamps that are bringing full catalogue. These are the 2d and 1-sh, 1893, Niger Coast Protectorate and even at this price they are practically unobtainable.

In regard to the stamps of this country I might say, that almost any are at present what might be called "good things," and the collector that can boast of a complete set of every issue from Niger Coast Protectorate, is indeed a person to be looked upon with envy.

Nearly every collector at present, is, according to the numerous correspondents for the several stamp journals, engaged in filling out their spaces for British African stamps. While I may say, that, in almost every respect, these stamps are very handsome and attractive and consequently tempt collectors to the last extremes, they are nothing more or less than "Boomed Stamps" and every one who has been favored with an average amount of common sense, must know that the number of stamps used annually for postage by the British African colonies, is very small, and new issues are still appearing at short intervals and if this state of affairs preceeds to any length of time, these stamps cannot long

hold favor, although I would not say "do not purchase," I would most emphatically advise my many readers, not to pay fancy prices for these goods as they will doubtless be obtainable for years to come, at current prices, so do not think that it is case of "Now or Never."

U. S. Revenues are still on the decline as may be seen by the numerous ads of dealers and many can be purchased at from 60 to 75 per cent. discount from catalogue quotations, and I may safely assert, that they have not yet reached their level. This is generally the fate of boomed stamps.

Ontario Notes.

POSTAGE STAMP FORGERIES.

The following is a clipping from the *Mail and Empire*, Toronto:—"St. John's, Newfoundland, March 3. "Extensive forgeries of the three-cent surcharged postage stamps were discovered yesterday. Four persons suspected of being the forgers are under arrest."

This means work for the "philatelic expert."

No doubt many will be surprised to learn that small numbers of the ½c *Canada in Jubilee* were put on sale at the various small post-offices in Canada. A half-sheet of 50 was received at the P. O. here (Mitchell) on Feb. 14th. The price will now be a little more reasonable.

I have seen two varieties of the ½c New Issue, both from plate No. 1. One is upon thicker paper, and appears to be a little larger than the other; but this is likely due to the influence of the gum.

A business man the other day called our attention to a decided defect in the new issue of postage stamps—the lack of some mark that would serve for at once distinguishing the top from the bottom. He had repeatedly found himself putting on the new stamps upside down, and as he is a loyal subject of Her Majesty it went against the grain.

Since the defect has been pointed out, we have found several others who have noticed the same tendency to put on the stamps wrong side up. When another issue is required,—and it is rumored that there is about to be a change—it would be a good idea to reduce the size of the ear-rings and to make the top of the stamps distinct in design from the bottom; perhaps by substituting figures for the maple leaves in the lower corners.

G. W. HICKS.

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The Postage Stamps of Columbia.

BY F. P.

[Continued from last issue.]

Among the stamps of the 1862 issue there are no varieties in types, although Moen's Catalogue lists the 10 centavo value on blue paper. But the lithographer Ayala said, that his firm had only the 1 peso value made on blue paper, and this man must know. Why is the 20 centavo value quoted so ridiculously high, while its partner the 10 centavo 1862 is much, much cheaper? To make money! The lithographer, Mr. Ayala said, that he furnished the "same quantity" of 10c and 20 centavo stamps.

In 1862 the postage fee in Columbia was very high, so that each letter did cost more than the 10 centavo stamp fee (the cheapest tax for each interior letter). It is a puzzle that in fact the 20 centavo value was not so much used by people as the 10 centavo value, in spite of the fact that in the 1862 issue there are no 5 centavos values. No official Columbian postal document can explain this puzzle! Anyway since equal quantities "of 10c and 20 centavos values were made, there is no reason at all why the 20c value should be four times dearer in price than its partner, 10c. In the 1863 issue of Columbia's postage stamps we find the most seldom and most scarce stamp. It is the (error) 50 centavos red (instead of green). The lithographer said, that "possibly" one or two stamp sheets of this 50 centavos value were colored in red, and were sold by the post-office—but all of these stamps sold now by stamp dealers are counterfeits. There is another so-called "error" the value 20 centavos green 1863 issue, but this stamp has never circulated, and all offered for sale are "mysterious counterfeits." Some catalogues quote the 50 centavos 1863 values on white paper, while the genuine ones are on blue paper only. All the stamps of New Granada and Columbia from 1858 to 1868 were lithographed by the firm of Ayala & Medrano

and on the 1862 and 1863 issues we see on top of the stamps the initials A. & Co. (Ayala & Co.) This firm has destroyed each year the official plates. The 1863 stamp design is the same as in 1862, except that the 9 stars (signifying states) are above the arms. In the year 1864, '65, '66, new series of stamps appeared, in various designs and in shade, varieties like colors in a rainbow. In 1868 the Columbian government gave the contract for stamps to the lithographing firm of Demetrio Paredes. This firm made an arrangement with the former contractors the firm of Ayala & Medrano, so that each firm should furnish half of the stamp order. From each value of the 1868 issue were made "two plates," one for Paredes and one for Ayala. Now each lithographer used different paper, and various color shades, and as a consequence we have of the 1868 issue many shade varieties of each value. The 5 centavos value 1867-1868 orange, has seldom been seen, and must have circulated only for a very short time and is a rarity. The 10 centavos value 1867-68 issue on blue paper is also seldom met with. In 1867 Columbia issued for the first time (not in 1866 as catalogues quote) high values of postage stamps viz: 5 pesos green and 10 pesos vermilion. Nobody (outside of Columbia) knew why these high values were issued. Here I give the explanation: There is no money order system in Columbia, and all money must be sent in letters, (registered or not, at your pleasure and risk). But merchants and bankers frequently have to send cash in large quantities from one city to another. They pay the money to the postal clerk, who counts (or weights) the cash money, and puts it in a box, seals the box, and the postoffice forwards the box with the money to its destination. The fee per kilo (2½ lbs) is 80 centavos (70 cents) and as the weight of these many boxes is heavy, the high values stamps 5 pesos, 10 pesos are therefore used as postal fee. These stamps are (similar to the U. S. periodical

stamps) upon a printed slip of paper, bound in book form and after a short time are destroyed by the postofficials. And how came stamp dealers and collectors to possess these 5 and 10 pesos stamps, so seldomly used in Columbia? The reason why we find so many shade and paper varieties in the 1867-68 issue is, that all paper and paints must be imported from the U. S., or Europe. Months pass before the goods arrive at Columbia, and the road from the port of Honda to the Columbian capital Bogota, where goods are transported only on muleback, is in a bad condition, and all this has influence on paper and paints more or less. The further history of the stamps of Columbia will be

[CONTINUED IN NEXT ISSUE.]

Snap Shots.

BY THE LOOKER-ON.

The Spring is now pretty well consumed, and summer will presently appear; then you will hear the dealers growl about hard times. We never did like summer anyhow. Our Seebecks always stick together like flies on fly-paper; and we have to go to some old each hotel and live on hash and tooth-picks. Last summer we had many variations of bill-of-fare for a week. Crackers and coffee for breakfast with an optional course of tripe stew. For lunch we had tooth-picks and napkins to use. Dinner brought us an entire change of order. We had coffee and crackers; also hashed onions. But where are my stamp notes? Summer is also the season of conventions, and the time is already at hand when preparations should be anticipated at least. It is of course out of the question for collectors living at great distances to attend conventions, but whenever it is possible to do so, the opportunity ought not to be neglected.

The discovery of the existence of fake Newfoundland surcharges is of course to be greatly deplored—not the discovery; but the existence—and yet it is hardly more than what we might have expected. Philately includes all classes and characters of men, and when an opportunity presents itself there are those who are degraded enough morally to descend to the sneaking practice of counterfeiting stamps or surcharges for the sake of obtaining a few paltry dollars. If it were only possible to rid ourselves of such offenders stamp collecting would certainly go along more smoothly. Exposal

is the only practical method of punishing these cheaters, and if their offence be serious recourse to the help of United States Officials may be made. Beware when you are purchasing Newfoundland.

Our dear old friend J. F. Dodge has to manage three great giant magazines and the Looker-On has a column to fill and thinks it a tedious task. We grind and grind and bore you and yet the notes don't come. But Dodge has three papers to look after. The least we could say is that he is succeeding remarkably well in his ventures, besides so competently officiating in some of our very best associations.

We note with regret the withdrawal of Hr. Crawford Capen from connection with the *Post Office*. Mr. Capen has conducted the paper for four years and at last is going to give up his efforts. It will be hard for us to think of the *Post Office* without associating Mr. Capen with it; but we do hope that the managers will be successful in obtaining a suitable successor for one of our leading philatelic editors.

The death of Mr. Chas. W. Grevning comes as a severe blow to philately. His death was practically expected but nevertheless it came all too suddenly. Collectors will remember him by his very excellent magazine *The Stamp* which flourished but a few years ago.

Old Dominion Notes.

BY CONFED.

The strained relations between Uncle Sam and the haughty Dons, the sole topic of the hour, seem to have but little, if any on the peace of philatelia, and yet, perhaps before these notes appear in THE BULLETIN "Boots and Saddles" have been sounded and your humble correspondent is following the guidon in "Stuart's cavalry," and the Old Dominion again re-echoing with the song of the "buttermilk rangers:"

"If you want to have a good time
'Jine' the cav'lry—'jine' the cav'lry."

—Perhaps—. I may therefore style this instalment "*ante-bellum* notes."

But this is unphilatelic—decidedly so. Still it suggests a few things which are of interest to stamp collectors. Spain has just issued a new Colonial series, including, of course, Cuba. While it would be placing a few hundred pesos in the Castilian's depleted treasury with

which to pay for overhauling and repairs, or perhaps, later on, divers' fees on the second Armada, it would be a good investment to "put in" a few sets of "Isla de Cuba," and a few Phillipines. Don't know that they'll go up very high, nor very soon, but they'll be souvenirs at least.

I fear I have "harped" on surcharges and Omahas to too great an extent in my former notes, in fact my Omaha ballad in your March number was pitched in a key that I do not admire myself—still I adhere to my views re these stamps, and am pleased to find that "there are others."

Quite a number of Newfoundland counterfeit surcharges (Type III) have come to Richmond, and were purchased at a low figure by many of our collectors. *The American Journal of Philately* presents a very fine article, accompanied by half-tone illustrations, on this subject in its April number, stating as the chief differences in counterfeit and original that in the original the words ONE CENT are 2½ mm. from the lower bar while the space in the bogus stamp is 4½ mm.; in the originals the ink is heavy, glossy black, while in the counterfeit it is of a light and dull gray black. The latter distinction is perhaps the best, as I have seen two specimens, which I am confident are counterfeit, with the space identical with the genuine, but the *ink tells the tale*. In several cases, on examination I found the surcharge printed *after* and *over* the cancellation. It also seems the crooks have confined themselves to manufacturing Type III.—the most rare.

Mr. John Paalzw, the efficient sales manager of the Virginia Philatelic Association has returned from his Florida trip and found his "hands full" of stamp work at his office.

Rev. Dr. Hartley Cartmichael of our Association has returned from his trip to the Bahamas, bringing a fine assortment of stamps.

Mr. Franklin Stearns, Jr., of *The Virginia Philatelist* has decided to confine himself to U. S., Confeds and British Colonials, of which he now possesses one of the finest collections in Virginia.

And finally, I congratulate you on the "Boom Edition" of THE BULLETIN. Compared to earlier issues it is one to be truly proud of.

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Ontario Notes.

G. W. HICKS.

As expected the Canadian new issue of stamps is about to be changed. It seems that the French speaking inhabitants of Canada are "kicking" about the way in which the value of the stamps is expressed—being printed in English, which many of them do not understand. It has, therefore, been decided to alter the new stamps by removing the maple leaves from the lower corners and inserting large numerals of value in their place. A band below the space occupied by the head, will contain the value. It is needless to mention that as soon as this news is out, everybody will be "tumbling over each other" in the rush to get specimens before they become obsolete. As only one plate number of the ½c stamps has appeared yet, this stamp will be as much sought after as the half-cent Jubilee was recently; but it is to be hoped it will not command the absurd price which was asked for its late "brother."

Many are the disputes among Canadian philatelists as to whether the supposed varieties of the low values of the new issue of Canadian stamps are *true* varieties or not.

No one seems to have decided the matter; but for my part, I have seen copies of the ½c, 1c, and 2c, in which a marked difference could be noticed, when compared with other copies, even when held at arm's-length.

The convention committee of the D. P. A. has decided that the convention will be held in Hamilton on July 1st and 2nd.

At present Canadian collectors can boast of five philatelic publications, but after April 15th one more will be added to this list, as the *Montreal Philatelist* is announced to appear from Montreal, on or about that date.

It is rumored that there will be six candidates for Official Organ of the D. P. A., and that two out of the six will have a "tight race."

The new 1c carmine and black post-cards of Canada, are issued in sheets of sixteen or four or single, as desired by the purchaser.

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SALEM, MASS., APRIL 25, 1898.

EDITORIALS.

MATTERS are hastening speedily to a crisis in regard the relations between Spain and the United States and it may be that by the time this issue reaches our readers a war is waging in behalf of Cuba, and in vengeance of the treacherous destruction of the 'Maine'. If a war should result we have no doubts as to its termination; but as far as philately is concerned we suppose that Cuba Republic stamps will be the result.

THE new five cent blue stamps are now coming to be frequently used in all sections. They are very tasty as regards their color, and remind us forcibly of the times when we used the blue five cent Garfield stamp. The green one cent stamps are now nearly as common as the blue ones were recently. And are almost universally used. We have not as yet seen the second type of the new postal cards, and are unable to state whether or not they exist as yet.

A FEW of our advertisers have personally requested us to give editorial mention to their respective notices, after the manner of some of our contemporary periodicals, but we do not care to indulge in this practice as we cannot see the profit that would result from so doing. Our advertising columns are all well filled with good inducements that recommend themselves. We shall not call special attention to any of our advertisers but request the readers to look at them all. We are confident that you will be able to save many dollars by reading some of our advertisements and answering them.

UNAVOIDABLY our Press Review column is omitted this month on account of there being too little space. We shall, however, continue it next month.

EDITORS as a rule seem to laughing at the idea of attempting to create a fad for collecting souvenir postal cards, and deservedly. We cannot see, philatelically, anything in them more than, as Mr. French says, simple picture cards. The illustrations are by no means accurate and as postal cards they are inefficient of affording enough space on which to write more than your name. But outside of philately they may possibly be interesting as a collection of "pretty picture cards."

ALTHOUGH the government decisively gave out some time ago the announcement that the Omaha stamps are to be issued irrespective of all protesting, since the protests were all received too late; certain papers continue to clamor against their issuance. We can do nothing further in order to prevent their issuance; we can only comply with their issue as necessary. And yet all this talk against them is utterly uncalled for. It is not as if our country were some strug-

gling bankrupt tribe seeking to put a coin in their dilapidated treasury. We are a great nation and the Omaha stamps are not to be issued for pecuniary gain primarily, but for the purpose of making public the exposition to be held at Omaha. In this light they can hardly be regarded as speculative.

THE *Philatelic Helvetique*, in a well-written essay, calls attention to the fact that Italy requires the payment of a duty on all postal packages coming from foreign countries of 75 francs per 100 kilograms; and that the United States is still more exacting in this respect. The article states that it requires a duty of one fourth their own value to admit letters containing postage stamps to this country. Of course this is an error, as everybody knows stamps have long been on the "free list" in this country.

THE stamp markets, at the present time, seems to be in a peculiarly changeable condition. One dealer will report that trade is flourishing whereas another dealer cannot complain enough of the dullness of business. Mail trade on the contrary continues to be very satisfactory on the whole considering the extreme stringency of the times.

APROPOS of Omaha stamps we notice in the *Metropolitan Philatelist* an interjection that seems to be aptly suited to the circumstances of the case. "Omahas—we will all denounce them and all struggle to be first in securing a set." This seems to be equally applicable to other stamps that have the slightest ground for suspicion of speculative motives in issuing them.

WE were puzzled when we ran up against the following in the Editorial department of the *American Collector*. Mr. Dodge is usually too careful to admit such errors and at first thought we considered that the trouble must be with us, but surely we had been drinking nothing but water. Here it is:

"An attempt to resuscitate the League of American Philatelists is being made by E. B. Harn, Dan E. Hazen and a thing but wreck the society. But we must except Mr. Arhtur who has managed the Exchange Department in a highly creditable mann"

Mr. Dodge consolingly wrote us that two lines were missing; and we presume by Mr. Arhtur is meant Mr. John Arbtin.

PRIZE CONTEST.

As this issue is to be our Easter Number, we have decided to prolong the prize contest, just one more month. This month the P. B. is to have a wide-spread circulation of sample copies, and many collectors that have never before seen the paper, will receive this number, and we propose to allow everybody one more chance in our contest. Instructions and words will be found at the foot of page 85, and bear in mind that this is positively the last month that the list will appear, as no further postponements will be made on any account. The contest will close on the 10th of May, and lists received after that date will not be considered. A correct solution of the words will appear in our May number, together with the names of the successful contestants.

Varieties.

G. A. HUNT.

Philatelists would do well to procure the United States letter sheets as soon as possible, as they are now becoming scarce. There are but very few on sale at the post-offices, although at one Boston branch office copies can still be secured. It is of course known to you that they were called in by the government from the smaller offices more than a year ago, but were left for sale only at the larger post-offices throughout the country.

A letter recently came to a Georgia post-office directed in the following "definite" way: "To my son William, if he's keeping good company if he aint please return as there's \$2.00 in it."

There were only 1600 copies of the Newfoundland surcharged stamps, in Gothic type, issued; a number which would not furnish each collector in New York alone with a specimen.

There is a rumor that the government is to change the color of the stamped envelope in order to conform with the regulations of the International postal laws. Already the regular one and five cent adhesives have been changed.

The U. S. Government will not redeem uncanceled revenue stamps much to the discomfiture of a certain fussy old maid who has a block of eight 50c conveyance and wants four dollars for them. If they were only 6c proprietaries!

Black-List.

Under this column we shall publish the names of all philatelic crooks such as approval sheet thieves, substitutes, etc., and by thus doing, try to protect our advertisers as well as collectors.

This month we wish warn dealers against one, F. H. Gould, who claims to hail from Wakefield, N. H. We have been in communication with the postmaster at this place and he informs us that Gould's mail is forwarded to Franklin and from there to Enfield, and a letter from the latter P. M. brings out the fact that Gould has called for his mail, including several registered letters, and "skipped" the town. Just how many dealers that mourn his departure, is as yet unknown. He is liable to be heard from in other quarters, so it is best to be on the lookout for him, as he is doubtless a travelling crook, being entirely unknown in all the above stated places.

Mr. L. H. Macdonald, a stamp dealer of Seerbrooke, N. S., writes us and states that he has had unpleasant experience, with the following persons, and declares them to be approval sheet frauds.

Geo. Johnson, Box 298, Truro, N. S., Canada.

Frank Lloyd, Jr., Westholme, Vancouver Island, British Columbia.

Canadian Letter.

BY E. V. CAMPION.

The new Canadian stamped envelopes have appeared. They consist of three values one, two, and three cent and are of only one size, that of the present larger envelope. The cost of the new envelopes has been reduced ten cents per hundred in each denomination and will be supplied to the public without extra cost.

The Dominion Philatelic Association convention will be held in Hamilton on the first and second of July. It is said there will be five papers as candidates for election to the official journalship; but our opinion is that it will continue to be represented by *The Philatelic Advocate*.

Collectors should try to get as many of the two cent blue green stamped envelopes of 1895 as possible. They are sure to become rare as they could only be obtained in cities where the rate on drop letters is two cents.

A number of Canadian papers, outside of those published in the interests of philately, have taken up the subject of

reducing the postal rate to all parts of Canada and United States, from three to two cents per ounce. This is as it should be, and surely when other countries can get along with it, our progressive and prosperous Canada should do the same.

It must have been with a feeling of great disappointment that a number of our speculatively inclined philatelists watched the slump in the price of the half-cent Canadian jubilee; but although the price has not increased any, still, now that there are no possibilities of more being issued, also since the coming of the new issue has been fully digested, a rise may be expected at once.

There are five philatelic magazines published in Canada at present. One in New Brunswick, and four in Ontario. Two of the Ont. papers are published in Berlin and two in St. Catharines.

The first revenue stamps of Canada were issued in 1865, and were "Bill" and "tobacco" stamps. The design was a small head of the Queen to the left, rectangular, color blue. Those stamps were used only for drafts and promissory notes.

The paper used for the 1868 issue of Canadian stamps may be found of various thicknesses and kinds. Apparently no appreciable care was taken in selecting the quality of paper to be used.

When the Supreme Court was established in 1876, the Dominion Government assumed the administration of regulating the correctness of weights and measures, and the supervision of gas. Stamps were accordingly issued for those three Departments viz: Supreme Court, Weights and Measures, and Gas inspection.

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Postage Charged on Newspapers in Canada.

Ottawa, April 1.—(Special.)—The Government to-day announced a tax upon newspaper readers. At present the reading public receives newspapers through the mail without any charge for postage. By charging half a cent a pound for carrying newspapers Mr. Mulock expects to extract \$82,500 a year from the pockets of the reading public. This is accompanied by a seductive proposal to reduce the ordinary rate of letter postage in Canada from three cents to two cents an ounce. The Government is, however, not making that reduction now; it is merely taking power to make the reduction at some indefinite future time.



Received; For March: *Eastern Philatelist*, *Lone Star State Philatelist*, *Texas Philatelist*, *Philatelic West*, *Pennsylvania Philatelist*, *Evergreen State Philatelist*, *Omaha Philatelist*, *Herald Exchange*, *International Philatelist*, *Allegheny Philatelist*, *Tennessee Philatelist*, *Ontario Philatelist*, *Perforator*, *Philatelic Facts and Fallacies*, *Philatelic Review*, *New York Philatelist*, *Post Office*.

For April: *Philatelic Advocate*, *Ontario Philatelist*, *Metropolitan Philatelist*, *Pennsylvania Philatelist*, *Virginia Philatelist*.

We also acknowledge the receipt of the following price-lists, catalogues, etc., etc.:—1898 list from Isaac J. Cohen & Co., Tangier, Morocco, Africa; Burton's 37th auction sale catalogue; Illustrated price list of John Woodland Fullwood, 21 Hargwyne St., Brixton, London, S. W., England; List of W. C. Proudfoot, Kingstown, St. Vincent, B. W. I.; Wolsieffer's April 23rd auction sale catalogue, and Bunce's Dealers Address Book, which can be had of the publisher Richard H. Bunce, Middletown, Conn.

New York Notes.

BY WILLOW.

Among our visitors this month, was Mr. J. F. Seybold of Syracuse, New York. He had with him a very small part of his "original covers" collection; in all there were just twenty-seven covers, and the total value was in the neighborhood of five thousands dollars. Mr. Seybold makes a specialty of stamps on original covers, and his entire collection is said to be unequalled on the Western Hemisphere.

Match and Medicine stamps, are holding their own in popularity and price. At auction sales, it is on very few occasions that they sell at less than half catalogue, and at private sale, the better class bring in most cases full catalogue quotations. This latter statement cannot be applied to other United States revenues.

All our local societies, especially the Manhattan Philatelic Society, are prospering exceedingly well. The past winter meetings were all well attended, and the instructive talks on stamps, etc., were greatly enjoyed by the members fortunate enough to be present. One of the features of the Manhattan Society is the auction sales held at each meeting, and many bargains are thus to be secured at your own price. A special hobby of several M. P. S. members, is the collection of foreign stamps in unused condition only. Two of these specialists, can show a very fine array of such stamps; the fever is contagious and liable to attack other members, if our doctors (quite a few) don't command 'halt'.

Although "finds" of any great size are scarce these days, nevertheless a local collector had the good fortune to pick up, right in this city, a large batch of the better class of United States Revenues. The collector is a law student, and he had an occasion to call on an old established attorney. In the course of conversation, something was mentioned in regard to taxing documents by the United States Government. The attorney even went further to say, "that he could show many of these 'war relics'." The law student politely informed him, that being a collector of such stamps, he would be very much pleased to see them; the attorney then informed him that any of the stamps he desired he was at liberty to take, provided he did not damage or destroy the documents in so doing. My friend jumped (who wouldn't?) at the chance, and satisfied himself with mostly the better class of the first issue. Among many I noticed, five \$20.00 Conveyance, four \$1.00 Mortgage, two \$25.00 Mortgage, two \$15.00 Mortgage, three \$50.00 U. S. Internal Revenue, and dozens of \$10.00 Probate of Will, Conveyance, etc. A \$200.00 U. S. I. R. still reposes on one document; it was impossible to separate the stamp from the paper for fear of damaging the latter. Stamps priced at fifty cents and under, were left on the documents, but my lawyer-collector friend says at some future date, he will tackle those documents.

In the course of time a local stamp society located in the upper part of this city, will be a reality. An attempt to organize one several years ago, proved to be a failure, but now things have changed. Already over a dozen have promised

to co-operate, and others are expected to be heard from at an early date. One important feature of this proposed society, will be the library; philatelic magazines, books, and catalogues of all kinds and in many languages, will either be donated, loaned or purchased, and the librarian is to be held responsible for any carelessness on his part.

Mack's Items of Interest.

Don't be victimized by dishonest dealers who take advantage of your oversight and offer the 30c Post Office Department, on gray surface paper, claiming that it is catalogued at \$3. This price is corrected in the errata, under "corrections and omissions in prices," and is worth only \$1.00.

At the present time, if United States Government declared war with Spain, not only will Cuba be seized, but also Porto Rica and Phillipine Islands, and if it become necessary Spain itself. If this forecast proves to be true Spanish Colonial stamps will be a thing of the past.* It is needless to say that these stamps are NOT good things to buy as the large quantities issued are enough to last for centuries to come.

The rumored change of the stamps of Falkland Islands, probably to the De la Rue design, is a warning in time, that it is best to complete the present issue, if the opportunity is at hand. This is a pretty set, and the six pence, nine pence and one shilling values being on sale the small part of two years are liable to become much sought for, and when obsolete, will be desirable stamps to possess.

Talk about cheap postal rates, it lies to the credit of France to take this decisive steps. Packages weighing up to twenty two pounds, and measuring not more than five feet cube are now transported by the French Post Office for thirty-seven cents to any part of France.

The smallest U. S. Match and Medicine stamp is Scott's number 3267, G. G. Green 3c black, size 23x17 millimeters, and the largest of such stamps is Scott's number 3395, A. L. Scovill & Co., 1c black, size 334x22 millimeters, and it catalogues only at eighty cents; quantity but not quality.

*As the "Looker-on" said "stamps without a country."—Ed.

The First Issue of Stamped Envelopes.

BY F. P.

The honor of having first issued stamped envelopes must be attributed to the British Colony of New South Wales; the envelopes were issued in the year 1838, which is two years before the first adhesive postage stamp was issued, by Great Britain. The value was one penny, and the stamp appeared on November 1st, 1838. This envelope was a local issue circulating only in the city of Sydney. The paper was of a white color and the stamp thereon was a colorless impression. No value is indicated on the stamp. In the centre is the arms of Great Britain. Inside the surrounding circle at the top, is inscribed "General Post-Office," and at the bottom, the words "Sydney, New South Wales." In consequence of postal service, this local envelope can be recognized as a regular postage stamp, but in a strong philatelic sense, might not be taken for such. But nevertheless, in the year 1888, the New South Wales postal authorities took occasion to use this 1838 stamped envelope as a reason for celebrating the 50th anniversary of stampic service, and issued a series of postal cards, each having the design of the above mentioned local. The design on the postal cards appeared as follows: in the middle are the arms of England, around these appear three circles. In the inner circle is the inscription "General Post Office, Sydney, New South Wales." Inside the second circle are the words "Design of the First Postage Stamp." The third and last circle contains the inscription in big letters "In Commemoration of the Fiftieth Year of the Issue of Postage Stamps in the Colony." At the bottom is the value, 2 pence. In the top corners is the figure 2 and just below in a curved line on the left the word Jubilee, and to the right, the word stamp. In both bottom corners in diagonal lines, appears the year 1888. The middle of both sides is ornamented with oak and eukalyptus leaves.

There was also issued a 3 pence value postal-card of similar description, on both blue and white paper. In the year 1890 another postal card, 3 pence green, on white paper of same description appeared.

These are the finest, most beautiful and highly executed designs of all the postal cards of New South Wales, and very suitable to commemorate the issue of the first stamped envelopes.



Not because of the present war talk would I especially advise collectors to turn their attention to the stamps of Cuba; but for the reason that at present there is not a really rare one in the lot, and the complete country could be accumulated at a comparative small cost, and these stamps are sure to advance at a future date. To collectors interested in minor varieties, etc., they afford an unlimited resource, as many have been re-engraved several times.

Of late, a large number of Bolivia 1867 issue, have appeared in the market, in both used and unused condition. It is claimed on good authority that they are reprints which the Bolivian government have recently produced. If such be the case the prices on these stamps will doubtless decline, and at present I should advise collectors not to pay fancy prices for these goods.

The recent forgeries, which have been discovered, of the Newfoundland Provisional surcharges, will not, in my estimation, hurt the present market value of these stamps, inasmuch as nearly all the counterfeits have been seized by the

court, and will doubtless be destroyed at an early date. Of course a number have found their way into the hands of collectors, but in nearly all cases the parties are aware of their existence, as the forgeries have been minutely described in nearly all the stamp journals in the land; which will, of course, place collectors on their guard hereafter.

There is about to be another change in the stamps of Canada. This is to be brought about for various reasons. Among those current, are: that several are too near alike in color; that the 2c ones, being of a dark violet color, cancellation marks cannot be distinguished upon it at night; that the gum on all, is of a very inferior quality and minus adhesiveness. But it is said that the principal cause of their change is that the French speaking inhabitants of the rural parts of Canada are unable to understand the different denominations, there being no figures of value upon the stamps and the printing being in English.

It is said that the maple leaves in the present issue will be removed and large numerals inserted in their stead.

As these stamps have been upon the market but a short while, it does not take a prophet to see that they will be desirable, and collectors should fill up their sets immediately. It would be a good plan also to lay aside a few of the 6 and 8 cent ones, as these denominations have received the least circulation and use.

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C - p - . Something to wear.	A - - - on. Largest river in the world.
Gl - - - t - - - . A famous Englishman.	Mi - - i - - i - - i. Another large river.

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6c blue used.....	75	35
10c yellow used.....	90	50
12c green ".....	75	35
15c brown and blue used.....	4 00	2 00
30c blue and carmine used.....	4 00	2 00
1875 3c blue no emblem ".....	15 00	7 00
10c yellow no ".....	12 50	6 00
1871 1c blue no ".....	15	10
24c purple no ".....	2 00	1 50
90c carmine ".....	1 50	1 00
1883 2c red brown unused.....	08	05
4c brown green ".....	15	10
1887 2c green ".....	08	06
3c vermilion ".....	15	10
1c ultramarine ".....	08	06
1888 4c carmine ".....	15	10
5c indigo ".....	50	25
30c orange brown ".....	85	50
90c purple used.....	1 25	1 00
1890 30c black ".....	12	06
90c orange ".....	65	40
1893 15c Columbus unused.....	25	20
50c slate blue.....	75	60
\$1.00 salmon.....	4 00	4 00
UNPAID LETTER.		
1879 1c yellow brown unused.....	35	20
3c ".....	50	25
5c " used.....	25	15
5c red brown ".....	15	10
30c ".....	1 00	65
50c ".....	2 50	1 50
1891 5c bright claret unused.....	15	10
30c " used.....	1 25	75
50c ".....	2 00	1 00
SPECIAL DELIVERY.		
10c blue any office unused.....	25	15
10c " delivery office.....	30	20
10c orange.....	20	15
Agriculture 6c used.....	75	60
Interior 1c unused.....	25	15
2c ".....	30	20
3c ".....	25	15
6c ".....	50	30
90c ".....	3 00	2 00
3c used.....	10	06
12c ".....	40	20
15c ".....	50	30
24c ".....	75	60
30c ".....	75	60
Justice 1c unused.....	2 00	1 50
2c ".....	4 00	3 25
3c used.....	75	60
6c ".....	1 00	80
Post Office 1c black white unused.....	40	30
2c " " ".....	25	20
6c " " ".....	30	20
12c " " ".....	1 00	75
90c " " ".....	2 50	2 00
3c " grey ".....	15	10
10c " " ".....	2 00	1 25
24c " " ".....	2 50	2 00
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United States Stamps and American History.

BY J. L. R.

The United States Government first issued stamps in 1847. Until 1857 all its stamps were unperforated, being perforated after that. The five-cent of this issue bears the portrait of Franklin, who obtained for us in the revolution the alliance of France, Spain and Holland, and valuable advantages for our republic in the treaty of 1783. He is regarded by many as next to Washington among the founders of our nation. On the ten-cent is the likeness of Washington, the "Father of his Country." On the great character of Washington, it is not necessary to dilate much here. Called, like Cincinnatus, to the head of our army in a time of peril, he faithfully discharged the duties of his position for eight years, and after crushing British oppression in America, retired quietly to his estate. Twice President, he equalled as a statesman his reputation as a soldier, and died in 1799, regretted not only by the United States but by the world. His virtues are too well-known to need a long account, but I may quote Bancroft's words: "But for him the country could not have achieved its independence; but for him it could not have formed the Union."

In the 1851 issue the portrait of Jefferson appears on the five-cent. His name will live in our history not so much as a President but as the author of the immortal Declaration, the foundation of American liberty. He negotiated the treaty by which we gained Louisiana, and died on July 4th, 1826.

The 1857 series presents some new likenesses, those of Jackson and Lincoln. In the Revolution Jackson had been once captured by the British, and the brutal treatment he then suffered increased his natural hatred of them as tyrants, and its remembrance strengthened his arm when he inflicted at New

Orleans the most crushing defeat a British army ever experienced. He was elected President in 1828, serving two terms. Bancroft said that he united personal and moral courage beyond any man in history. On the fifteen-cent appears the face of Abraham Lincoln, who from poverty rose to the highest office in the gift of the people. He conducted the government successfully in a time of great danger, and by his assertion of the Monroe doctrine, forced Napoleon to abandon his Mexican venture. As Washington was the "Father of his Country," so was Lincoln its preserver.

The next series, that of 1869, consisted of small square stamps, bearing pictures as well as portraits, among which were the discovery of America and the declaration.

The 1870 issue bears some new faces. On the seven-cent is a profile of Stanton, Lincoln's Secretary of State, and on the twelve-cent a likeness of Clay, one of our greatest orators. He was Speaker of the House and one of the United States peace commission at Ghent in 1814. "The life of Mr. Clay is a striking example of the abiding fame which surely awaits the direct and candid statesman." Webster's head appears on the fifteen-cent. He is most noted as an orator, his speech, called the "Reply to Hayne," being regarded as the greatest since Demosthenes' "On the Crown." He was Harrison's and Fillmore's Secretary of State, and negotiated for the United States the Ashburton Treaty, by which the Maine boundary was fixed. Scott's portrait is on the twenty-four-cent. He is chiefly noted as a soldier. In 1814 he captured Fort Erie and defeated the British at Chippewa, and in the Mexican war he captured Vera Cruz and defeated the Mexicans at Cerro Gordo, Contreras, and Churubusco, entering Mexico in 1847. On the thirty-cent and ninety-cent are the likenesses of Hamilton and Perry respectively. Hamilton was Washington's Secretary

of the Treasury and *confidant*; Perry, when twenty-seven, captured a whole British fleet on Lake Erie in 1813.

The 1875 series was the same as the last with the addition of a five-cent stamp bearing Taylor's portrait. Taylor made his reputation in the Mexican War, defeating the Mexicans at Palo Alto, Monterey and Buena Vista. He was elected President in 1848, but died soon after.

In the issues of 1890 and 1894 we find Grant's portrait on the five-cent. His career as a soldier and President is too well-known to need many words here. By his energetic management he crushed the Rebellion and after serving two terms as President, died in 1885. Sherman's likeness adorns the eight-cent. He was another great general of the north and the captor of Atlanta, Savannah and Charleston. Grant called him the best field-officer the war had produced. The six-cent bears the portrait of the martyr President, Garfield. In the 1894 series, the portraits of the great war President, Madison, and the eminent jurist, Marshall, are depicted on the two-dollar and five-dollar stamps respectively. In 1892 an issue was made, commemorative of the discovery of America, and bearing pictures of scenes connected with it.

These were about all the regular U. S. postage stamps. However, there were issued, besides, national and state revenue, newspaper, official and local stamps, but as these do not belong to the regular issues, I will not mention them here.

On these stamps our history may be read by the portraits upon them. The faces of Washington, Jefferson, Franklin and Hamilton, will recall to the mind the glorious Revolution, the downfall of British tyranny and the birth of liberty in America; those of Madison, Clay and Perry, the war of 1812, which proved that Americans were quite a match for the boasted British seamen; those of Scott and Taylor, the Mexican War; and those of Lincoln, Grant, Sherman, and Stanton, the dark days of the Rebellion, and the final triumph of the Federal Government. These, the portraits of the great men of the great republic, should inspire patriotism and emulation in American hearts. American boys, remembering that

"Lives of great men all remind us
We may make our lives sublime,"

should strive to imitate them and particularly, the immortal Washington, him who was indeed "first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen."

Snap Shots.

THE LOOKER-ON.

The contemplated issuance of a series of revenue stamps for the purpose of taxing Bank Checks would probably be a move very beneficial to stamp collecting in general, inasmuch as it would place stamps before the sight of many men unacquainted with philately, and might excite their curiosity to such a degree as to cause them to look over their old documents and correspondence in search of other stamps with which to start a collection. This might result in the discovery of many a hidden revenue rarity.

The Looker-On admires the sagacity of a certain correspondent of a weekly stamp paper whose special theme seems to be Plate numbers. Needless to say he has plenty of 'em himself.

Pack up your carpet bag and prepare to go to conventions. We hope to see this the banner year in point of attendance at the conventions.

The new postal cards bearing the portrait of John Adams, small size, have appeared and we understand the one cent reply cards are nearly ready. The workmanship is noticeably poor in the execution of these cards. The Omaha stamps are also on the point of preparation.

Pennsylvania supports two distinct state societies: The Pennsylvania Philatelic Association, and the Keystone State Philatelic Association, the latter one springing up in consequence of justified dissatisfaction with the methods of officers of the former.

Monthly special editions seem to be in vogue among our weekly periodicals each of which is struggling to out-do the other, while the philatelic world sits on and enjoys the benefits. Great thing, this competition.

There has just appeared a new jubilee stamp for Mauritius, 36c face value, commemorating the reign of Queen Victoria. The stamp is a two colored one of oblong shape.

What promises to be a valuable article is announced to appear in a series of future remarks of the English paper *Stamps* bearing a United States stamp. The article in *Stamps* are unvariably high class and of sterling worth to the collector and judging from this we look forward expectantly to the appearance of the United States article.

Old Dominion Notes.

BY CONFRD.

"Well, we's gwine ter fi't" it seems the long thread of patience with the Castilian has at last snapped and the "jig is up." May the tune be short and Alphonso XIII (unlucky child) pay the fiddler.

Your humble correspondent, tho', is still among the *pacificados*—his cavalry troop was not called into service on this occasion—and hence he is enabled again to bore the readers of THE BULLETIN with his notes.

I'm through harping on surcharges; I know nothing new about the Omahas—except that we are still left in the dark as to which values will be issued, though *The Philatelic West* tells us that three of the series have arrived at Omaha, and that they are of the 1c, 4c and \$2 varieties; also that all of the stamps are to be two colored—that's nice—a la 1869. I predict they'll sell like hot cakes—and by the way, the *American Journal of Philately* is giving the S. S. S. S. a few verses of sound argument in reply to theirsame old stereotype circular against this series.—In fact, does anybody know what good the "quadruple S." has ever done?—the thing ought to enjoy a second demise.

And now Canada is to make another change in the stamps just issued—well, we're used to it in our neighbor by this time. There's one thing to be said about her new issue—their colors are the richest of any current stamps, and the set—so far as issued—placed on the album page is a veritable treat to the eye. The colors are rich—the ink is good the design medium, and the gum—"bum."

Two other philatelic picture galleries have appeared, from New Zealand and Portugal. Portugal is "hard up" we think; But as to New Zealand—well we suppose the Premier has tried to make good his remark on the occasion of the Queen's Jubilee, in London, that his colony should have a set of the prettiest stamps ever issued, and so he has given us a series of thirteen with birds, landscapes and "waterscapes" of his colony. Portugal is satisfied with eight, and they

are among the prettiest ever issued; in comparison the Premier seems "not to be in it" with his.

The *Virginia Philatelist* prints, this month, an article by Mr. John Paalzow in reply to *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal*, re, the Bergedorf locals. Mr. Paalzow establishes, beyond a doubt, the fact that the "rarities" $\frac{1}{2}$ sch. lilac and 3 sch. black on rose, catalogued by M. Moens of Brussels, are nothing but essays or proofs and were *never* postally used. This statement will make it hot for somebody and has created quite a sensation in upper philatelic circles. Mr. Paalzow is the son of the former Postmaster at Bergedorf (who issued these stamps) and is sales manager of the Virginia Philatelic Association.

Our Association is still a-booming, but we shall miss one of our members: Corporal Wechert will go with Co. F. 1st Regiment Inf, Va. Vols.—now U. S. Vols. to Cuba. I have a standing order with my friend and comrade for the Cuban set from headquarters.

So much for this time, I must attend to grilling some U. S. 3c all over, as well as trimming the perforations off some wide margin old issues, and that must be done neatly.

Black-List.

Under this column we shall publish the names of all philatelic crooks such as approval sheet thieves, substitutes, etc., and by thus doing, try to protect our advertisers as well as collectors.

W. A. Hatch, a dealer of Bellows Falls, Vt., wish us to state that K. L. Schnell, Box 135, Alton, Ill., is an approval sheet fraud.

The following names are taken from the "Guard of Honor" in the May number of the *Virginia Philatelist*.

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EVERYWHERE in the United States we venture to say, the principal topic for conversation at the present time is the current war and the extraordinary achievement of Commodore, now Admiral, Dewey. The war has thus far gone along extremely favorable to the United States due largely to the Dewey's brilliant victory which is unsurpassed in the annals of history. Our hero ought well to be remembered on our postage stamps in some future date.

THE nearer we get to summer proportionately decreases the auction sale. Boston has practically concluded its auction season, and but few firms elsewhere in the country are holding sales.

THERE is to be held a philatelic exhibition this year at the Trans-Mississippi Exposition, which venture is supported by Omaha collectors particularly. It is by means of such exhibitions that stamp collecting becomes more directly in touch with the outsiders and gives them an idea of 'just what it is.' Enthusiastic collectors in all parts of the country ought to take hold of this matter and send their philatelic possessions for exhibition purposes. More specific information may be had of almost any Omaha collector.

THE discussion in the May number of the *International Philatelist*, contributed to by a symposium of prominent collectors, in regard to the actual worth of the auction sale to philately concerns a topic that has been a favorite among writers for years. Unquestionably the best conclusions can be arrived at by philatelists such as have attended and participated in auction sales, and thus have a practical knowledge of their value. We incline to the doctrine laid down by Dr. B. A. Cottlow, of Chicago who states specifically the reasons why auctions benefit philately. Dr. Cottlow has had experience and ought to know.

THE stock of stamps heretofore belonging to the R. F. Albrecht Co. has been acquired by the American Collectors' Company, who seem to be succeeding auspiciously in procuring excellent stocks of stamps.

WE are not given much to bragging about our PHILATELIC BULLETIN but we do feel rather self satisfied with our success in producing such good numbers typographically as our last two editions.

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FOR reasons unknown, F. P. failed to send in the continuation and conclusion of his "Postage Stamps of Columbia." We hope, however, to have it appear in our next number.

WE are pleased to note the success of the *Metropolitan Philatelist* as a weekly publication which of course is natural enough since Mr. J. W. Scott is promoting it. In many respects the *Metropolitan* surpasses the other two weeklies and bids fair to give them both a hard rub for first honors.

THERE seems to be an unusual quietness at this time of the year among the political aspirants. Generally the philatelic world is troubled by much discussion about the merits of respective candidates, but political candidates as yet have not been announced.

THE tendency of the times or as the *London Philatelist* recently put it "The Spirit of the Age" is philatelically speaking, one of speculation and desire for pecuniary gain primarily; this condition exists all over the world where stamp collectors are to be found and it is to be deplored that we should be inclining to such a state. There are very many among us who make it a special point to study catalogues, price lists, etc. with the sole purpose of becoming acquainted with the condition of the mar-

ket and the liability of certain stamps to increase in value. It were better if these speculators were not among us as they compel greater advances in prices than are actually called for. But still there are as many real philatelists as ever engaged in collecting stamps for the pleasure and educational profit to be derived therefrom.

THE current war apparently is working wonderful effects to the disadvantage of the Spanish monarchy. Political confusion is rife in Spain and in the event of a Sampson victory a great revolution may be looked for. There is also much unrest caused by economic and social conditions, and as a result there are many hostile feelings against the kingdom form of government. Eventually, it is highly probable, the Republicans will establish their desired form of government, and then we may look for a new issue of Spanish Republic stamps.

WE regret to be called upon to report the sad news of the death of Mr. Joe. F. Beard, of Muscatine, Iowa who served the American Philatelic Association as Secretary discharging his duties in a highly efficient manner. Mr. Beard was born forty six years ago, and during his life had risen to high esteem in the judgment of his friends and philatelic brethren. All philatelia deplores its irreparable loss.

The members of the Hamilton Stamp Club are hard at work to make the third Annual D. P. A. Convention a success.

Canada's 8c blue registration stamp was first issued on November 15th, 1875, and is bound to become a rare stamp, as only 125,000 were issued of which 75,000 were destroyed by order of the Postmaster General.

Ontario Notes.

G. W. HICKS.

Postmaster General Mulock's bill to impose postage on newspapers will not become a law this season, if ever. The Ministers have received so many protests from members of Parliament and citizens that they have decided to allow the bill to drop this session. Mr. Mulock has considerably changed his personal views on the subject, and will probably set to work to devise some other means of reducing the deficit of \$780,000 in his department.

The distinctions between the two varieties of the ½c new issue is quite obvious when two whole sheets are compared. Even when held at arm's length a distinct difference in shade is noticeable. The sheet on which the darker shade is printed is much larger in size than the other—that is it has larger margins projecting from the four sides of the plate.

The supply of 1, 2, and 3c envelopes at the various postoffices is exhausted and the new issue is taking its place. The latter in design are similar to the adhesives tho' somewhat larger and present a far "smarter" appearance than their "predecessors." By the way the old issue of envelopes is rapidly advancing in price as very few are used. Either a used or unused set is a good thing to possess.

Not long ago I received a copy of the *Inter. Briefmarken Offertenblatt*, a popular German stamp paper, on the wrapper of which was the following—besides my regular address—"Canada, United States of America." As I am not very proficient in German I was unable to make out whether the paper contained an account of the annexation of Canada to the U. S. or whether Canada had been "lifted up bodily" and placed within the protecting arms of the U. S. Anyway the paper reached its destination.

A few young collectors in the U. S. seem to be of the opinion that Canadian dealers are in the business "for fun," and that as long as they receive the cost price of any Canadian stamp that they should be perfectly satisfied. I have heard of a party in the vicinity of Iowa Falls, who is a regular "Benedict" and who seems to make a practice of sending for sheets on approval and before returning these he writes the dealer, enclosing

a small amount, asking for Canadian stamps—even some old issues—at face value. Of course the dealer must comply with his wish, or say good-bye to the approval selection sent. Then when the party receives the stamps he returns the selection without having purchased a single stamp. Such "sharks" as these should be exposed, to keep them from imposing on dealers.

A special edition of the *Philatelic Advocate* has just been issued, and is styled the "D. P. A. Convention Number." Besides fourteen other cuts, it contains a beautiful full page photo engraving showing Hamilton from the mountain, in which city the convention is to be held July 1st and 2nd. S. Bros. are much to be commended for getting out such a creditable issue.

It seems that Canada is to have a two cent letter rate after Jan. 1st, 1899. On April 30th a resolution was passed in favor of it.

It is rumored that the plates for the "New, new issue" as we may style it are prepared. We may now expect to see the new stamps—bearing numerals in lower corners—at an early date.

Prize Contest.

Our prize contest, which has been running in the BULLETIN for the past few months, came to a successful close May 10th, and of the numerous solutions received, only four were found correct, these parties having been awarded the prizes offered.

A correct solution of the words is as follows:

- No. 1—LIVING STONE.
- " 2—STANLEY.
- " 3—M'KINLEY.
- " 4—CAPS.
- " 5—GLADSTONE.
- " 6—VICTORIA.
- " 7—COKE.
- " 8—PHILATELIC BULLETIN.
- " 9—AMAZON.
- " 10—MISSISSIPPI.

Those that furnished correct solutions were:

- John A. Mardin, La Crosse, Wis.
- Edmond Y. Pineau, North Bay, Ont.
- Charles, S. Edwards, Humboldt, Nebr.
- Arthur D. Estes, Oldtown, Maine.



The March numbers of the *American Collector* and the *Columbian Philatelist* are very worthy issues. The contents is highly creditable to the busy Mr. Dodge. Mr. Charles E. Jenny's "Reminiscences of an Old Time Collection" in the *American Collector* is specially interesting.

The May numbers of the *International Philatelist* the *Evergreen State Philatelist* and the handsome *Ideal Philatelic Magazine*, i. e., the *Virginia Philatelist*, are fully up to the several standards set by these publications. If it were possible to produce a better magazine than the *Virginia Philatelist*, typographically at least, it were not practicable.

The *Metropolitan Philatelist* has, since April 1st, appeared as a weekly, and, although several of our publications predict a short run for Brother Scott's publication, it has appeared regularly and on time, up to the date of our going to press. In appearance and contents, it equals any of its contemporaries, and we see no reason why it should not be a great and lasting success.

The *Montreal Philatelist* is a new one from Canada promoted by Rudolph C. Bach. Number one is made up principally of short notes, with a page set apart for German readers.

The energetic *Philatelic Advocate* for May is a special "Convention Number" containing much interesting reading and many illustrations. In all there are twenty-four well filled pages.

The *New York Philatelist* for April portrays the features of Mr. John F. Seybold on its opening page and contains articles by "Veritas," editorials fully up-to-date and a clipping from a

New York daily. The Empire State Philatelic Association of which the *N. Y. Philatelist* is official organ is rapidly growing in membership.

The *Ontario Philatelist* unquestionably leads all the Canadian magazines at present although the literary standard of its contents could well be raised. The May edition contains interesting letters from various localities and is brightened by a half tone of Mr. Ed. A. Whalen. Typographically the *Ontario Philatelist* is almost perfect.

The May number of the *Pennsy* is much the same as ever containing interesting compositions and notes, and also a portrait of Mr. Wm. v. d. Wettern the wholesale dealer.

The *Philatelic West* for April is an extremely interesting one and very instructive. Mr. Woolston is proving himself a capable editor. The Camera department is a pleasing feature of the *Philatelic West*.

The *Stamp Reporter* of Canada under the management of Mr. Geo. Bradley has issued a very good edition for April. Speaking of Canada stamp papers reminds us that the *Philatelic Messenger* has been granted second class mail privileges and its publisher is hereafter to do his own printing. We expect to see the *Messenger* soon be the Canadian leader.

The *The Eastern Philatelist* serves up in its April issue its customary excellent array of essays. Dr. B. A. Cottlow's dissertation on "The Grilled Issue of 1868" is a valuable addition to the study of U. S. stamps. Mr. W. O. Wylie's Boston notes are especially entertaining.

Illustrated With Cuts.

The boy at school became tired of one of his books and, taking out his jack-knife, cut it up, talking to himself as he supposed, but he forgot and "spoke out in meeting," remarking, "Illustrated with cuts." The teacher happened along just then, and seeing the performance, and hearing the remark, brought

down his switch rapidly over the youngster's back, remarking also, "Illustrated with cuts!" "What has this to do with Philately?" the fussy critic will say. "Oh, nothing" I reply, "but as this is an article about cuts, the story came into my mind. I believe, with my good friend Wylie, that readers of stamp papers in general do not insist on the articles always having to be philatelic, and think with him that a little nonsense now and then is a good thing.

Brother Wylie's story of the boys pasting the leaves together in the colored preacher's Bible is on a par with the one I read once where the minister was reading from one of the books of Moses. At the bottom of a page he started to read, "I am—" then turned over a leaf too many and finished the sentence—"an ass." Discovering his mistake, he turned back and read correctly, "that I am."

But to proceed. All kinds of journals have illustrations, sometime or another, and the general reader delights in looking at them. Still there are plenty of philatelists who "don't like 'em," and are always croaking against them. There is no question that publishers are actuated by different motives in producing illustrations of philatelists.

Some publishers are sincere in asking for photos of their friendly correspondents, and produce half-tones and sketches to attract the attention and interest of their readers. As long as that course is taken, it seems to me that there can be no reasonable objection in producing cuts and sketches. Of course certain ones are always willing to be "pictured," and if they are prominent, they get pretty well "done up."

What I dislike is the soliciting of cuts, and a request with it, for an ad—price of the whole, \$—. You know how it is. And there are plenty who will bite at the suggestion right away, and this is what makes it harder for the honest publisher to get a subject oftentimes, for he is certain to run up against a snag, and get a "grand snub" when his "intentions are honorable."

The illustrating of stamps is generally well received, but here you have to be careful, or else you'll do something the government forbids, and then you're "in a box." Illustrating "on the cover" could be indulged in and create a great deal of amusement. Some of the requests for "samples" would make comical cuts, especially those from people not entirely familiar with our language.

The writer recently had a request from a European country. It was sent on an ordinary pink card. There were five one centime stamps on the left, and the address, Herr ———, Umerica." The request read, "I wantend please a speicemen of a stamp paper and the price or a advertisement." The style and chrography together would make curious pictures, and could not fail to amuse.

There is certainly nothing much more attractive than some of the special editions of *Mekeel's Weekly*, where half-tones in profusion are produced of philatelists or the work rooms of some prominent stamp concerns, etc. Some journals cannot afford to be so lavish, but even one cut illuminates what would otherwise appear very dry. I could enlarge on this subject at considerable length, but I think I have said enough to give the idea sought for, and will conclude by saying that I would like to see all philatelic journals

"Illustrated with cuts!"

KUTT.

Macks Items of Interest.

The \$1.00 Mortgage perforated is a good United States Revenue to buy. Comparing it with the \$1.00 Passage Ticket, it is priced very low. In 1893 before revenues attained recognition from the majority of collectors the \$1.00 Mortgage was selling from two to two dollars and a half, and the \$1.00 Passage Ticket from a dollar and a half to two dollars. To-day the latter is priced at \$7.00 and the former at \$3.50. This is surely enough evidence to substantiate my assertions.

The flag stamp is again being proposed by some of our patriotic citizens. Think what a sensation it would cause to have the American flag dropped into the hands of a rabid Spanish, who hates the sight of anything American. Think of the millions of such "Flags" being sent to Spain yearly; the Spaniards couldn't help receiving them; this would teach them that the American flag must be respected at any cost, and that flag is bound to go everywhere whether it is welcomed or not, and the combine of the whole of Europe is unable to prevent it. So much for the flag stamp, and it is a good idea to provide such stamps at once.



It is current, that the Canadian stamps have already been changed, (the numerals being added in place of the fig leaves in each corner) and that they may be expected at any time, from now on. If such be the case, we should indeed hurry and complete our set of present stamps. They can now be obtained at a normal price, but as they have been in use for only a short period, they are bound to become good things in the future. The denominations that are especially desirable are the ½c, 2c, 6c, 8c, and 10c, as these values are used less frequently than the 1c, 3c and 5c stamps.

Match and Medicine stamps are, without question, receiving a great and deserving boom. Several, recently sold at auction, brought over catalogue value, and when we look at them in the light of supply and demand, we cannot fail to see that they have a brilliant future in store. When young collectors and beginners, put their money into these stamps, they have indeed a safe and sure investment, and they can feel assured that no reprints or remainders will appear to blight the value of their treasures. Those of my readers who have not already added M. and M. stamps to their collections, should not fail to do so at the earliest opportunity, for nearly every day sees a change in the real value of these stamps.

The stamps of Spain and its colonies are at present being eagerly sought after by the junior philatelist, doubtless on account of the present war with that country, and although I would not discourage this feeling on the part of our young collectors, I really think that they could spend their money to better advantage, for it is well known that nearly every dealer has enormous stocks of these stamps, and it will be many many years before they will advance in value, even if the present strife results in the extermination of Spain and all its colonies. If the boys would turn their attention to old European stamps (many of which, can be purchased at present, far below their actual value) they would find themselves much better off, financially, in the years to-come.

Canadian Letter.

E. V. CAMPION.

Canadian collectors have much to be thankful in the manner in which the United States revenues were, and are still being boomed, as it has caused a similar one in the fiscal stamps of Canada.

Our revenues are now in demand more than they ever were before. The dealers of the Dominion are paying special attention to the revenues now, as well they might, for numerous varieties are being constantly found, which command very high prices. We think dealers having a large stock of these, ought to vote Lewis Robie a special vote of thanks and help all they can in the sale of his new new book, for surely he is the one who brought the United States and Canadian revenues to be regarded as they now are, favorites with the greater portion of philatelists.

The new 3c envelopes have been placed on sale in many of the principal Canadian cities. They are very pretty.

The Canadian Government now charges 5% for the redemption of unused Canadian postage stamps.

A couple of years ago Canada had the reputation among U. S. dealers as a place where frauds grew and flourished like weeds. The same views are now being held by Canada dealers regarding the United States. It now seems that nearly every fraud in the Union recognizes the fact that punishment is less likely to ensue if the fraudulent operations are carried on in Canada. A large number of Canada dealers have been victimized lately by parties living across the line. Experience, though a hard teacher, is a good one, and persons getting stamps other than the common, on approval from Canada dealers without the best of references, will be lucky.

The Postmaster General of Canada has introduced a bill into parliament which provides for a two-cent letter rate, which if passed will come into force on January 1st 1899. This will be warmly received by the business men all over the country.

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Anent Some Inscriptions.

BY J. L. R.

REMEMBER THE "MAINE"!

The frequent recurrence and widespread use of the watchword which inspired such ardor in Dewey's gallant tars at Manila Bay, nerving them to deeds of unexampled heroism, and which has furnished the battle-cry of the Nation in the present war against the crumbling despotism of Spain, led me to look up some of my stamps in the hope of bringing to light a few other similar sentiments of patriotism inscribed upon these fascinating little pieces of paper. My efforts were not entirely without their reward.

"*Libertad*," the Spanish form of our native "Liberty," appears to be the rallying cry of our sister republics of South America, and a good one it makes. The word is conspicuously absent from the stamps of our present enemy; but it is to be hoped that we will soon be able to hail it anew on the next issue of the "Pearl of the Antilles," the latest accession to the ranks of American commonwealths, for whom the dawn of liberty has already broken with the appearance of the fleets of Sampson and Schley off the Cuban shores. In the Latin "*Libertas*," the same sentiment finds expression on the stamps of San Marino, the smallest republic in the world, a state which has maintained its independence and free government, through all the turmoil and revolution on its every side, since the date of its settlement, A. D. 469. "The love of liberty brought us here," reads a scroll in the lower right-hand corner of the 1894 triangular stamps of Liberia. In that one sentence are concisely summed up all the reasons which led to the founding of the negro democracy on the west coast of Africa, which was accomplished in 1822 by emancipated blacks, emigrants from America, under the auspices of the

American Colonization Society during the presidency of Judge Bushrod Washington.

The blessings of union form another favorite theme for inscriptions of this kind. The St. Louis Bear locals recall, by the device, "United, we stand; divided, we fall." Æsop's fable of the bundle of fagots and Lincoln's famous utterance in 1859, at Chicago, "A house divided against itself cannot stand." This sentiment is re-echoed across the sea in the "*L'union fait la force*" of the Belgian stamps and the "*Cendragt maakt magt*" of the Transvaal—both of which phrases mean literally, "Union makes strength." The South African Republic apparently will soon have need of all the strength it is capable of mustering to defend its democracy against the insidious encroachments of a certain arrogant and aggressive monarchy of Europe, which has been making a practice of *ultimata* and raids against weaker states. It is most devoutly hoped that, if such a danger should arise, the Transvaal may be able to celebrate another Majuba Hill or another Krügersdorp.

The "*Pergo et Perago*,"—"I advance and achieve"—of North Borneo would seem to bespeak an unusual progressiveness in that little state, which may not however be altogether justified by the facts and maybe only a case of hyperbole or poetic license after all. "*Damus Petimusque Vicissim*," with a ship under full sail, as depicted on the postal emissions of British Guiana, voices the very considerable commercial interest of that South American colony, whose boundary dispute with Venezuela in 1895 will be remembered as having caused President Cleveland's celebrated message to Congress, and the subsequent appointment of a board of arbitration to fix the line between the two countries.

There is a certain gleam of romance about the origin of one of the mottoes on the escutcheon of Great Britain, King Edward III, of England on one oc-

casation, picked up a garter, which had been dropped by the Countess of Salisbury in dancing, and tied it around his own leg; but on noticing the jealous aspect of his wife, the monarch thought better of his act and at once returned the "bone of contention," if I may be pardoned the expression, to its owner, with the observation, which has been incorporated in the coat-of-arms, "*Honi soit qui mal y pense*"—"Shamed be he who thinks evil of it." The other inscription, which always accompanies the preceding, "*Dieu et mon droit*"—"God and my right"—is of earlier origin, having been first adopted as an heraldic device by Richard Coeur de Lion. Of a piece with this is the "*Dios, Patria, Rey*,"—"Our God, Our Country, Our King,"—of the stamps issued by the turbulent Carlist faction in Spain, which must however yield a higher place, in American minds at least, to the "*Dios, Patria, Libertad*" of the Dominican Republic. Honduras has a variation of this on its early emissions,—"*Dios, Union y Libertad*."

The desirability of a few other boons, in conjunction with that of liberty, has induced some countries to insert the names of some of these in the devices on and about their national coats-of-arms. For instance, "*Libertad y orden*,"—"Liberty and order"—in very small type, by the way, may be discerned with a microscope and some difficulty, on many issues of the United States of Columbia. It certainly looks rather peculiar, coming from one of those nations whose most cultivated product is revolution, with two harvests at least in a year, on the average. Bolivia displays a similar absurdity in the form of an open book, inscribed "*La ley*"—"The law,"—which may be seen on the 5-cent, 1876 issue of that country. Other much desired conditions in different parts of the world are: "*Pax et Sustitia*," on a St. Vincent 5-shilling stamp; "Justice, Freedom, Commerce," on the British South African stamps; and "Light and Liberty," on the issues of the British East African Company. One of the most laudable wishes of any occurs on the St. Louis Bear locals as follows: "*Salus populi suprema lex esto*," which may be rendered into English as: "Let the security of the people be the highest law."

All these inscriptions are surely very interesting and should be instructive, for they point many morals, which I have not space to dilate upon here. As

for us, the path to greater liberty and enlightenment and power should be shown our Nation by the idea in those three words taken from an old poem by Virgil, the Roman singer, which have been emblazoned upon our Great Seal: "*E Pluribus Unum!*" And so through the ages.

"For aye must our motto stand fronting
the sun,
'*E Pluribus Unum*'—though many,
we're one."

The Postage Stamps of Columbia.

BY F. P.

(CONTINUED FROM APRIL BULLETIN.)

At the beginning of 1876 the government of Columbia intended to issue a full set of postage stamps, but only the 5 centavos 10 and 20 centavos value were sold to the public. The other denominations as 50 centavos, 1 peso, 5 pesos, 10 pesos (quoted in some American catalogues)—came never into circulation—although they were printed. The reason was that a large quantity of these values had been stolen, and to prevent misuse the government never sold them at the postoffices. What has been done with these stamps is not known. In the year of 1877 a revolution broke out (as usual in Spanish America!) and the revolutionary army operated between the national capital Bogota and the independent state of Cauca. In consequence of this event the national postoffice was forced to issue a provisional postage stamp of Columbia. In the capital of the state of Cauca, named Popayan, the value of 10 centavos rose was issued, and also 25 centavos, green. In the cities of Cali and Buga (state of Cauca) the Columbian postoffice issued provisional postage stamps with the inscription, "No hay estampillas" (There are no postage stamps) bearing also the value. These provisional stamps were made in the printing office of Nicholas Hurtado. There were 5 different plates and the design is an ornamented square.—Only a small quantity of these provisional stamps was printed and they were canceled with a small circle and the words "Cali or Buga," which is generally written with a pen. These curious stamps were only in circulation during two months (wartime) and they are very, very scarce! In 1879 circulated for a

short time a postage "due" stamp of Columbia, value 25 centavos on rose and yellow paper, and also the value 25 centavos green on white, black and yellow paper. Both have the design of the 1870 issue Columbia. The value 25 centavos on rose and yellow paper has been doubtful of existence, and very few catalogues contain this value, but nevertheless it is a fact, according to Columbian official sources, that this 25 centavos, rose and yellow paper value was issued by the postoffice, and circulated for a very short time. This value was made by the Columbian lithograph Paredes in the year 1879, who also made the value 25 centavos, green, on white, black and yellow paper. Paredes' partner, the lithographer Ayala made also a part of both values and therefore both varieties show a difference in paper, color and execution of the work. Used specimens of both values are very seldom to be found.

In the year 1880 the congress of Columbia authorized to issue a postage due stamp, valued 10 centavos, but this stamp never came in circulation, because in 1881 the postage due tax stamp (a tax on foreign mail) was declared void and the law repealed, as in 1881 the United States of Columbia entered as a member the Universal Postal Union. These postage due stamps were triangular shaped. In the year 1879 the plates of the issue of 1858 emission of the values 50 centavos green and 1 peso rose, were retouched and the stamps printed on these retouched plates look much better in execution. In 1881 the plates for the 50 centavos value was again retouched, but the plate was an old and much used one, these stamps 50 centavos green therefore were made much worse and look indeed almost like counterfeits. In 1881 four new values were made to be used for mail to countries in the Universal Postal Union. They are 1 centavo green, 2c rose, 5c blue and 10 centavos violet. These stamps of Columbia are the first that bear the inscription "Union Postal Universal." In 1881 also were issued postage stamps for inland postal matters, but of course without the words U. P. U., and a different design (Head of Liberty). In this issue exist many mistakes in printing the color, as 1 centavos rose (also lilac) 2c green (also lilac) 5c green (also rose). Used specimens of these misprinted stamps are very scarce and unused too. Now I come to a series of extraordinary sized stamps of Columbia, so called "Vignettes" of which the first

appeared in 1865. There are insured letter stamps, which were pasted upon letters containing money or valuable documents or letters which were expressly insured against loss or damage. These Vignette stamps were not for regular postal fee, as this had to be paid extra to be insured in regular postage stamps. Such extra letters had to be given to the postal clerk—in open condition, and after the clerk had counted the contents and found it correct, he closed the letter (in presence of the boarer) and after pasting such a Vignette stamp upon the envelope, the bearer received a postal receipt for his or her letter. In case of loss of such an extra insured or registered letter, the sender obtained the full amount the letter contained in return. At the first issue of these insurance stamps two kinds of stamps were made: One for insured letters containing nothing like the regular letter or document for which the sender received only a partial indemnity of about \$5. Such stamps had on top (second line) the words "certificacion ein contenido"—(insured without contents).

The second kind of these stamps bears the inscription in Spanish "Certificacion con contenido" (insured with contents). These letters contained bills or checks or cash and in case of loss the Columbian postoffice paid the full amount back to the sender. But in such, letters containing money not more than \$100 will be sent in one letter. In Columbia it is customary to pay in Columbian postage stamps to amount for unpaid or not sufficiently prepaid letters. The clerk at the postoffice pasts the stamps upon the envelope, and cancels the stamps, before delivering the unpaid letter to the addressee.

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Under this column we shall publish the names of all philatelic crooks such as approval sheet thieves, substitutes, etc., and by thus doing, try to protect our advertisers as well as collectors.

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DEALERS will note the announcement of the fact that our next number (July 25th) is to be a Special Mid-Summer Trade Boomer. It is our intention to make this number, as elaborate as the occasion and encouragement will warrant. It will have a *double circulation*, inasmuch as in addition to reaching its regular subscribers, it will be widely cir-

culated among collectors who, as yet, have not read the columns of the BULLETIN. Members of nearly all the stamp societies, will also be favored with a copy of this issue, and live advertisers will be given another chance to test the particular "pulling qualities" of the P. B.

Our rates will remain unchanged and an attractive ad. cannot fail to produce pleasing results. It is a well known fact, that a certain class of collectors prefer to purchase during the summer months only, and a dealer who is not well represented in our July Special, certainly does not care for the trade of this or the general class of buyers. "Keeping Everlastingly at it Brings Success." A trial is all we ask of you; we do the rest.

UNDOUBTEDLY philatelic affairs will be rather quiet this summer on account of the Spanish War, and likewise as a result of collectors going to various summer resorts. There is, however, always a certain number of philatelists who make the summer months their busy months in so far as they can pick up more advantageous bargains than in the more active seasons; realizing this fact dealers do not usually remain in a semi-fossil condition, but advertise scrupulously what bargains they have, and it stands to reason that the dealer offers good opportunities, inasmuch as his trade is necessarily smaller, and he must in some way stir up trade. From this it will be seen that it is advantageous to purchase in the summer months, especially in one so situated as the present one. While on the subject of summer stamp collecting we might appropriately add that it is our sincerest hope that the conventions will all be highly successful in every phase. This will be so if collectors will exert every possible effort to attend the different meetings.

THE Texas Philatelic Association successfully held its second annual conven-

tion, April 23rd in New Braunfels, Texas with the result of electing the following officers: President, Otto Staerker; Secretary, E. W. Heusinger; Treasurer, Emil Gerlich; Exchange Manager, A. Richter; Convention Seat 1899, Austin, Texas.

One of the most interesting philatelic magazines from the other side of the Atlantic is "*Stamps*", edited by Mr. F. L. Heygate, includes the following item: "At a meeting of the Scottish Philatelic Society at Edinburg, Dr. Ballantyne showed some very curious envelopes used in America during the never to be forgotten Civil War, illustrating with great distinctness the penury which was its most natural effect. One envelope was evidently made of common wall-paper, another from the page from the household Atlas, while a third appeared to have been turned inside out, so as to have done service a second time."

There is a tendency now to collect Telegraph stamps of all countries with as much favor as Revenues of the United States. English collectors have probably set the ball rolling in this department although many other foreign collectors have for years been collecting such stamps.

AMONG the many ready volunteers who have valiantly gone forth to war in defense of their country's interest number many who are ardent philatelic devotees. Needless to say they make the best soldiers and sailors.

WE may now expect the arrival of the Omaha stamps daily inasmuch as the Bureau of Engraving and Printing have them nearly ready for placing on the market. The numbers of the various values are as follows:

1c 120,000,000; 2c 200,000,000; 4c 5,000,000; 5c 10,000,000; 10c 5,000,000;

50c 500,000; \$1. 100,000; \$2. 50,000; total number 320,650,000 stamps.

It is evident that the result expected (i. e. to advertise the Omaha Fair,) will be accomplished satisfactorily if this number is put in circulation.

SOUVENIR CARD business seems to be dragging along without much notice from collectors. One firm promoting these cards has already failed.

REALLY it seems as though we would never be able to finish these editorials with the thermometer 90° F. in the shade and a clumsy palm leaf fan waving to and fro in a fruitless effort to keep ourselves cool. To add to our misery our bull-dog is striving pretty emphatically to chew up our package of stamp papers placed before us to give us inspiration and information philatelic. But we must grind and grind.

THERE is a very interesting controversy waging between two correspondents of the *Weekly Era* on the subject of the Newfoundland Provisionals. Each participant thinking himself, naturally, in the right. We are inclined to put more credence in the views of — but we reconsider and hold it back in order not to incur the disfavor of the one whom we do not intend to mention. We should think one of the disputants would submit or settle the matter privately.

IMAGINE attending a June auction in the heat of a city! But imagine the surpassing bargains the attendants who show up will obtain as a result of the paucity of attendance. Mr. Geo. R. Tuttle holds his Tenth sale in New York at the Collectors' Club June 16th. ("What so rare as a stamp auction in June?")

Lack of space necessitates our omitting several exchange advertisements. They will appear as usual, next month.



U. S. Revenues have at last reached their level, and a good stiff rise in price may be expected anytime from now on. For the past several months these stamps have been on the decline, and dealers have been offering them to their customers at enormous discounts; the chain is at last broken and revenues have taken a brace, doubtless by our proposed new issue for the revenue tax. It is my opinion that these stamps can never be bought at lower prices than the present market quotations. Collectors should fill up their empty spaces during the next two months, as the coming fall will, without doubt, bring heavy advancements in the prices of these handsome stamps. Keep your eye on Canadian Revenues also. They are worthy companions for our stamps of that class, and winter will see them hand in hand.

Turn to your Columbian Republic pages. How do they look? Stamps few and far between in many cases, 'er? Not because they are too highly priced, but because of neglectance on your part? Yes! well "hustle while you have the legs," as these stamps are rapidly becoming fashionable, and most of you know what that means. Homely? Well, some of them are, and no mistake, but a good page full don't look so bad after all. Try it and see, and then you have the consolation in knowing that they are booked for a rise in the near future, and in years to come you may be richly repaid for your *Gathering of the Homely*. Specialists will find these stamps a fine field for their hobby, as varieties are numerous and there are many yet undiscovered. A chance for some one to gain fame; what more do you wish?

It is an undying fact, that the best and cheapest time to purchase unused stamps is when they are current in their respective countries. Perhaps this year has, thus far, been held up as a better example, of this fact, than its numerous predecessors, for, to date it has been famous for its Jubilee, Commemorative and other new issues, color, besides surcharges and many errors in spelling, etc. These of course, will all be desirable stamps in the future, and will never be cheaper than when bought while current.

My readers should use care in purchasing the Eagle series from Bolivia, issued in 1867, as there are many dangerous counterfeits upon the market. Lack of space prevents me from giving a detailed description of these forgeries, but I see that nearly all current journals give an excellent comparison between the genuine and bogus, so it seems useless to again traverse the ground.

Canadian Letter.

BY E. V. CAMPION.

Jubilee stamps can still be obtained at some of the smaller Post Offices in the Dominion and a few ½c denomination were bought at a Post Office not far from here (Goderich) a few days ago.

The Hamilton Stamp Club have secured the Y. M. C. A. Hall for the D. P. A. meet which will be held in that city on the 1st and 2nd of July.

A short time ago I had the pleasure of looking over 25 sets of Newfoundland jubilees in blocks of 25. The owner had not taken any interest in stamps until the Canadian and Newfoundland Jubilees were issued. He is now an ardent collector, which proves that unnecessary issues are of some good after all which is said against them.

It is now certain that the new issue is to be changed by placing large numerals in the lower corners. Every collector

should try and secure a set as they have only been issued up to 10c denomination. When this change takes place the 6 and 10c values will be hard to obtain as only a few have been issued.

The *Philatelic Advocate* is making a strong pull to be re-elected Official Organ for the D. P. A. We hope it will succeed as it is always on time and is full of good reading matter.

The half cent jubilees have taken a drop in price within the last few months and in all probability they will go still lower before the summer is out. The collectors who hold them are selling out as fast as they can fearing a still lower drop in price. The 6c and 8c values are selling at very near the same price as they were in the winter. The other values have hardly any sale. Dealers say that the U. S. collectors are saving their money for the Omaha stamps which accounts for the small sale in Canadian jubilees.

Canadian revenues and the new issue are having quite a sale at present which shows that they are very popular among collectors.

The Omaha stamps now on sale will help to keep the trade on a boom this summer as doubtless all the Canadian collectors will purchase them, as will those in the U. S.

The Canadian 1c postcards with pink design is said to be printed in two sizes. No doubt this is due to the fact that some are printed in blocks of sixteen and others separately.

Ontario Notes.

G. W. HICKS.

The Canadian Government has decided to utilize bicycles in the special rapid delivery of letters in larger cities. The system will be brought into force by July 1st. The rate will be probably ten cents per letter. The stamps are now in preparation. As yet I have received no information as to the design, but will try to obtain a full description of this stamp for my next notes.

A proposal to reduce the rate on drop letters in cities from two to one cent is under consideration. Statistics will be gathered as to the probable effect of the reduction before any step is taken. If this movement is successful the number of two cent stamps used will proportionately decrease and consequently they will increase in value as very few will be used. In fact it would be quite possible to do without the two cent value, so perhaps in a few months a two cent Canadian stamp may be a "thing of the past."

The *Canadian Philatelic Magazine* has "sprung up" again, and is beginning No. 1 of its fourth volume. Three pages of it are devoted to a catalogue of "Canada Revenue Stamps" which is to be completed in its next issue. We hope it may stay with us (not the catalogue—we are losing faith in them—but the magazine.)

Canada is to have another new stamp paper; this time it is "out West," Mr. C. T. Kirkley of Winnipeg, Manitoba, being the publisher.

Postmaster General Mulock proposes to establish branch "dead letter offices" in Toronto and Montreal as well as Victoria, Winnipeg and Halifax. He states that it may not be necessary to appoint new officers to carry out this proposal. Possibly some employes will be transferred from Ottawa to outside points and the present staffs may be utilized. Those engaged in this work will be considered to belong to the inside service. This amendment was made by the Post Office Act, May 23rd.

Another amendment of very general interest was made. Hereafter the Postmaster General may make regulations providing that when a letter is insufficiently stamped or incorrectly addressed the postmaster may, if the sender's name is on the outside, apply to him to complete the postage or correct the address, instead of sending the letter to the dead-letter office.

Business is rather dull on this side just now, for which we all blame the war. However Canadian Revenues and the new issue of stamps are selling fairly well at present.



We give the place of honor this month to one of the prettiest, typographically, magazine among stamp papers, *The Perforator*, published and printed by Mr. J. W. Stowell. The May number of the *Perforator* is made up of twenty four interesting pages notwithstanding many are advertising pages. "From Woman's Standpoint" is a praiseworthy department conducted by Miss 'Gossip' in a highly efficient and entertaining manner. Mr. Chapman's "Perforations" and Reviews are also praiseworthy. Mr. Caldwell's essay on Minor Varieties, although it treats of a worn out subject, is still so written as to give new light on the subject. The correspondents of the different philatelic centres all furnish acceptable letters, and the editorials are very creditable. All in all the *Perforator* has been benefitted by its removal and stands among the leaders of philatelic papers.

The *Lone Star State Philatelist* gives a very good report of the Texas Society Convention in its May edition. Mr. R. B. Bradley, its editor, was elected Vice President of the Texas Philatelic Association.

The *Pennsylvania Philatelist* for June opens up with a touching tribute to the memory of the late Joe F. Beard and contains also its usual general array of essays and notes.

The *Canadian Philatelic Magazine* for June comes to us bringing with it considerable surprise to us, since it has not

appeared for so long. It is a welcome return to the fold.

Mr. J. F. Dodge's *Columbian Philatelist* for April is an exceedingly good one. Our Postal Stationery is the subject of the leading article by Mr. F. A. Lilly. Mr. Jenney also has a very good article further on in this number, and Mr. W. O. Wylie's department is as usual entertaining.

The *May Eastern Philatelist* serves up "Iceland and its Stamps," "More Peculiarities," and letters from various correspondents. Mr. Pinkham has devised a new method of procuring subscribers and has instituted a "Proof-reading contest."

The *New York Philatelist* and the *Revenue Philatelist* No. 2 have also been received and fully came up to the standard set by each respectively.

Old Dominion Notes.

BY CONFED.

A sad duty has just been performed—a leave-taking from comrades and friends—the last of the Virginia troops, marching to the stirring strains of "Dixie"—confident of victory and a safe return—have embarked for the seat of war. Among them were two staunch members of the Virginia Philatelic Association, Corp'l John C. Weckert and John J. Bunce—both enthusiastic stamp collectors and as enthusiastic soldiers. Even at parting they proved the true stamp collector, assuring me that the first Cuban post office they struck they would loot it, and put in a supply of such current and obsolete as were in stock. But it makes one sad to see them go, while remaining at home as a member of the "home guard."

"Our Fitz"—now claimed by both North and South—resided in Richmond before going to Cuba and frequently, while Governor of Virginia, visited our Armory—being an old cavalryman him-

self—and Fitzhugh Lee Jr. was at one time a member of my troop. But this is unphilatelic—still the thoughts that are uppermost “will out.”

To change the subject then—it seems war has had little effect on stamps—inasmuch as our collectors are at present investing more than ever—especially as the prices on good stamps are more reasonable than ever before.

I do not know how many of my readers will agree with me in my views, but, as a buying collector, always ready to add to my collection, I prefer to purchase *one* good obsolete stamp to a dozen current issues amounting to the same. And here again I give preference to stamps printed by the copperplate process, such as British Colonials, Sicily,

Naples, etc. They hold for me a peculiar charm. Compared to the de la Rue designs, fast gaining ground in the British Colonies, they are as poetry to dry prose. I cannot see anything attractive in a lithographed nor an electrotype plate stamp—they appear dull, flat and meaningless to me—where, on the other hand, a copper or steel plate stamp has a breath of life, of refinement, about it that appeals to me every time. I will ever think of them as stamps of the days of chivalry—while the current flat prosaic stamps are to me but the solution of a problem of economy in postal departments—cheap—and—well, I don't like them—that's all.

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The Mistake of Publishers.

There are many mistaken ideas in the field of philatelic publishing. The great mistake to begin with is the way so many rush in to start a paper. They act as though they thought there was a fortune in it. In the spring the journals start up as thick as mushrooms; many of them by July are either getting out "emergency" numbers, or postponing a couple of issues, getting from two weeks to 2 months behind in their publication; the rule is generally that by October three-quarters or more of them are chronicled among the "deceased."

But the mistakes made by publishers who are supposed to be well established are likewise manifold. One great error is to suppose that, because they are well established, their reputation will carry them through all emergencies. A journal that has always looked neat and pretty must keep up the standard, or it will in a short time come to grief. Even a reduction in price will not stay off the inevitable.

Another mistaken idea is that because they print a good journal, it makes no difference if they do get behindhand. Readers become anxious, advertisers "kick," and the chances are that even if the typography be best, when his subscription expires, the subscriber will change and take the journal that is prompt; he certainly will if the workmanship deteriorate. As between a good looking journal and a poor looking one, the latter stands the best show, if regularly and promptly published.

No one will dispute that there are too many philatelic journals in existence,

although most of them may do some good. Again the price is generally placed at too low a figure. A good journal is worth at least 25 cents a year if it be a monthly, and 50 or 75 cents if it be a weekly. If these prices be sustained and one gets out a good, newsy publication, readers will hardly object to the price.

Some editors make the mistake of giving nothing except dry statistics. This may do for a very few people but the majority of readers like something newsy, amusing, lively, up-to-date—they like to know what the individuals are doing. It is not necessary to stick strictly to philatelic subjects in publishing a stamp magazine any more than it is for a newspaper to stick to politics. If a newspaper were all politics, with nothing thrown in, a lack of circulation would be apparent. Theatrical journals live by keeping well within their business, but even those publications would fail quicker if they should stick entirely to the speaking drama, and it might be so with a musical journal that did the same, although I think the latter would have the best show.

I might mention by name a few philatelic journals which I like as ideals, and there are only a few; but to specify would call forth protests, possibly, and it might be suggested that I was trying to advertise them. I do not like to find a journal entirely full of letters that are made up merely of notes, nor do I prefer to see a periodical made up of long articles on single subjects. I especially dislike letters that indulge in insinuation and personalities, and I also dislike to

see a letter used as a medium whereby to boom some advertising firm or some particular philatelic society. Those things should be attended to in a proper manner in the proper place.

The proof-reading seems to be lost sight of in many journals. To be sure, there are cases where it has to be hurriedly done. Copy is often behindhand. If publishers would stick to their rule of having copy in as they advertise they want it, contributors would be on time. It is very amusing to read that "copy *must* be in the 15th," and then see the journal make its appearance six weeks afterward. It leads the contributor to ask, "which 15th—this or some other?" I frequently pick up a journal which mentions certain "Coming Events" which have occurred long before the publication was issued.

The review column of a philatelic journal is often fearfully and wonderfully made. Some reviewers tell me they lay their exchanges in a pile. When they are ready to "fill space" they start at the top and go down till they have "got enough" and then stop. Sometimes they turn the pile over and commence at the other end, and sometimes they split the pile in the middle, so as to give all a "fair show." This may sound absurd, but it is a fact.

Some journals make a point of "having it in" for some particular person, but this cannot be indulged in very long, as readers soon tire of such nonsense notwithstanding some persons do make fools of themselves at regular intervals, for whom roasting is none too good.

The publisher who goes ahead conscientiously, paying attention to good workmanship, good printing, newsy matter, and who chronicles necessary occurrences of the day, but leaves out personalities, and has the advertising pages tastefully "set up"—in short he who caters honestly to the wants and needs of his patrons, will come pretty near "getting there." KUTT.

Snap Shots at Persons and Things.

THE LOOKER-ON.

See the Spaniards fly! We know one collector who is so prejudiced against Spain and things Spanish that for spite he destroyed all his valuable postage stamps that were issued by Spain. He reminds us of the hungry boy who got mad with his mother and to punish her refused to eat his dinner.

We have noticed several poems in various literary papers from the pen of Mr. Everett B. Horn, the editor of the PHILATELIC BULLETIN.

The engagement is announced of Miss Florence G. Ayer to Mr. William E. Pratt, both of Boston.

We are pleased to hear this happy news from our old friend Mr. Pratt who is one of Boston's enthusiastic collectors. His revenue collection which he recently sold was extraordinarily complete, and his Match and Medicine stamps also formed a valuable lot. Mr. Pratt is a dealer in a small way, but is a druggist by trade, although he has already made an enviable reputation as an actor.

The Looker-On enjoys the "Gossip's" department in the *Perforator* as much as if not more than any similar department in any stamp paper. There are always many instructive items in her columns.

We notice that Omaha Souvenir postal cards are being advertised in various papers. We hoped and thought that this fad was dead.

Mr. Franklin Stearns, Jr., of the *Virginia Philatelist* is writing some very commendable poetry for stamp papers; and Mr. Dietz, his partner is doing all he can to promote philately by prose articles. Both are very active collectors and have done an immense amount of good for philately by their activity; would there were more of them!

Old Dominion Notes.

BY CONFED.

I fear my humble notes (with the thermometer at 110° down here in the Confederate States, and the noise of a doubly "glorious Fourth" around me) will prove unworthy of your great mid-summer edition of THE PHILATELIC BULLETIN—however, though it is

Too hot to work—too hot to sing;

Too hot, too hot for anything.—

Too hot to go on rural tramps—

"Tis ne'er too hot to—talk of stamps.—

I will therefore indulge in this topic—the most acceptable one at any rate.

Apropos of the Omaha series. We have all seen them now—and all speculation as to what they will look like is at an end. The discussion of the new series is going on under a full head of steam. Prominent among the philatelic monthlies to "rip them up" is *The American Journal of Philately*. In the July number of that publication a writer, in a painful attempt at witticism, cynically criticises the series and finds them "miserable daubs" compared to the Columbian series and others. This writer takes occasion to ridicule every detail of the stamps, and from the comparisons he chooses to make betrays his inability to appreciate truly artistic work. It were folly and waste of time and patience to attempt a contradiction of such criticism—inasmuch as the "Omahas" are now in the hands of collectors—some of whom, I trust, will be more capable of judging—and with less prejudice. The most deplorable feature of this biased essay is, that it appeared in *The American Journal of Philately*.

What a harvest of new stamps last month! Besides the Omahas—the "changeling Canadians"—the Newfoundland 1c in green, and last—though to the Revenue hobbyist, not least—the United States "War Tax" stamps, several of which, I venture to predict

will prove good investments, *i. e.* the surcharged "provisionals" I. R. on one cent green, I. R. on two cents carmine, and the \$5 newspaper and periodical stamps which have been surcharged for documentary revenue service. While an investment in the latter stamp is not to be recommended; a few sheets of the former 1c and 2c surcharges will prove quite a good thing—especially the 2c carmine. The 1c seems to be quite plentiful.

Philately in Virginia, notwithstanding the intense heat, enjoys the best of health, and every meeting of the Virginia Philatelic Association witnesses the election of new collectors to membership. Our meetings, which are well attended by the resident members, begin at 8 o'clock, and far into the "wee" morning hours the "cranks" sit and "swap stamps" and stamp lore. Quite a number of veteran collectors are always there, prominent among them Maj. Jno. F. Mayer and Dr. John Paalzow, from whose vast store house of knowledge the novice is supplied with ample "rations"—while our counterfeit detector, Mr. Moser, renders decisions from which there is no appeal. What he says "goes," there's no contradicting.

I believe the Virginia Philatelic Association is the only one in America wherein philatelic politics and "ring rule" have gained no foothold—wherein there is not a shadow of discord. I can but attribute this state of affairs to the fact that there is nothing to gain in an office, but the respect and esteem of our fellow members—and because there are no dealers among us—because we are associated to foster our hobby and make this the sole motive of our meetings. Perhaps these facts are the cause of so many earnest, enthusiastic collectors applying for admission. Will you not join?

But I must fire my little cannon today, in honor of the Fourth and of Sampson's victory. *Vive la—"boom"!*



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UNUSUAL things have been happening in this country of ours this year, which have had a direct influence upon philatelic matters, and have been productive of immediate results; e. g. the current Revenue Issue. The Spanish-American war, which has been so phenomenally

favorable to the party who has the Right for an ally, and Right is Might, will in its outcome revolutionize completely the postal systems of several communities. As a direct result on the United States we have the new revenues, so appropriately adorned by the picture of the never-to-be-forgotten "Maine," which by the way is our only naval loss, with the exception of our strategically self-destroyed Merrimac, against Spain's loss of her entire fleets inasmuch as what few battleships she has left are mere "toys."

The end of the war is not in sight; would that it were! and it would be if the Spaniards were an intellectual or even common sense people. Certain postal changes are in sight however, and will become realized when the end of the war does come. Spain is on the brink of civil warfare and imperial overthrow; therefore we may look for new Spanish stamps. Cuba, Porto Rico, Philippines, etc. will soon independently issue postage stamps and the United States already has issued war stamps.

WE almost neglected to mention the probability of new Hawaiian stamps. Hawaii will soon be annexed, thus congress has declared, and in doing so has made one of the gravest, most deplorable blunders ever committed by it. A change of policy of the United States is fool-hardy. Extension of power to colonial possessions mean a weakening of the firm hold at home, but we must not discuss political questions here. Hawaii, unfortunately be it said, will be annexed; and will either use specially prepared stamps, or regular United States issues, which then will be collectable as varieties since they will bear the Hawaiian postmark.

WE have purchased of Chas. D. Lowe, of California his late philatelic journal the "California Stamp," and will con-

bine its circulation with ours. Mr. Lowe, who fully intended to make his paper a leader of the western coast, was called to war by a sense of duty, and joined the Volunteers who went to Manila on the first expedition against that strong-hold. We have now issued eleven numbers regularly and promptly. What other journal as young as ours can boast of as much? Considering that we are not enjoying second class mail privileges our success is more to be wondered at, and we take pardonable pride in "blowing our 'Horn'" with which we are well supplied by the way. Our circulation now is really very large, and were it not for the oversight of the postal authorities we would be circulating even greater editions. Advertisers who do use our medium almost to a single one write us the most flattering letters anent our "pulling" qualities, that we feel well repaid for our trouble and expense. We shall continue to improve and appear regularly. It would be well for you, Mr. Dealer, to make a contract with us.

It would be well to keep an open eye for all the surcharged provisional revenue stamps of the recent issue United States, i. e. the current one and two cents surcharged I. R. These stamps in used condition are very apt to become rare.

DR. B. A. COTTLOW gives us a good common-sense article in the June *Perforator* relative to the lowering of stamp prices. He aptly demonstrates that there exists too great a discrepancy between catalogue and actual prices. Too much responsibility is vested in individuals in making the catalogue as it is made at present, and while we are under great obligations to the Scott Co. for making the catalogue, and while we realize that they do their level best, the best any men could do individually, still a catalogue universally agreed upon by some leading association each of whose

members were to suggest the prices, and give reasons for such prices, etc., more satisfaction would be the result. A catalogue which would give the net prices instead of the prices to sell with a discount of 50% would be everywhere welcomed heartily. Let it be understood that we do not reflect at all upon the Scott's catalogue which is as good as any could be under the circumstances. Dr. Cottlow expects a self-adjustment of prices soon.

WE are informed of the death of Mr. F. W. Bradley of Washington, a leading dealer of this country, who was taken away in the prime of life by an untimely death. Mr. Bradley will be missed by all. How many brilliant leaders of our cause have been taken from us this year from Mr. Tiffany down! But God knows best.

Correspondence From New York.

BY WILLOW.

Philatelic conventions are near at hand, and arrangements are practically completed. The dates selected include the last ten days of August, and this period will cover all four conventions. The A. P. A., on August 23, 24, 25. The P. S. of A., on 25, 26, 27. E. S. P. S., 29, 30. S. of P., 29, 30 and 31. The A. P. A. will meet at the Collector's Club; the P. S. of A., at the Grand Union Hotel; the E. S. P. S. and the S. of P., at Miller's Hotel.

This is the entire thing in a nut-shell, and it is the wish of all society men that a large crowd attend.

R. P. Wolle, the convicted criminal who escaped has at last been re-captured through our reformed-actor and private detective Edgar Nelson. Another swindler was captured who had cheated a few dealers on fraudulent Philadelphia locals, on "original" covers. This party

is held under \$500.00 bail; J. W. Scott, Mr. Dieschbourg and Scott Stamp & Coin Co., are numbered among his victims.

Dealers and collectors alike were thunder struck when they learned that the one cent carmine present issue Newfoundland had become obsolete. Dealers are very short on this stamp, and copies are being bought up by speculators at prices from two to four cents each. The demand is greater than the supply and prices are sure to advance, if the dealers' stocks are not replenished.

The reason the color of the one cent was changed is that the Universal Postal Union agreement requires that the color of the 1 cent value be green.

United States Revenues of the new issue are indeed things of beauty. The rush for these stamps when placed on sale at the Internal Revenue office in Nassau Street was so great that parties had to wait as long as eight hours, according to when they got in line, before procuring their stamps, and then they received such limited quantities. Plate numbers of the revenues as a result are in much demand; one dealer has invested over six thousand dollars in these stamps with plates attached. Another dealer offers to purchase them at 10 per cent premium. The stamps are rouletted and come apart very easily. The one and two cent values became exhausted the first day, and the regular one and two cent postage stamps were surcharged I. R. in red on the one cent and in black on the two cent. There were many millions of the latter issued, but the one cent value isn't so common, although neither is *very* scarce. The stamps affixed to documents remain there and are not circulated.

Last week the one cent and two cents Omaha stamps became exhausted at the General Post Office; the Bureau of

Engraving and Printing were rushed with work on other matter so that the printing of these low values was temporarily discontinued; but now, the supply will last indefinitely, although many of the stamps are badly centered, showing poor handling of the perforating machine.

Collectors are also completing their sets of newspaper stamps; they will shortly become obsolete, and the remainders destroyed.

Notwithstanding the depression of business in general the stamp business is far from dull. The only serious obstacle that threatens to harm stamp trade is the discontinuance of the mail service between Spain and America. It is the wholesale dealer who is the greatest loser by this state of affairs. Then again the mail order trade in this country is somewhat in a tangled condition; collectors leaving for the front are compelled to lay aside collecting for the time being. Of course this interferes with the mails and it is impossible for dealers to contend with such conditions.

In the large department stores in this city I notice envelopes containing printed patriotic mottoes. During the Civil war these envelopes were issued in abundance, of various designs. So far I have seen but one variety; the American Flag with the words "Remember the Maine." I also have seen souvenir "postal cards" on sale in many of the retail dry goods stores. Talking about dry goods stores reminds me that Wanamaker of this city has a full fledged post office in active operation in his store.

Two young men were arrested lately on charge of selling U. S. stamps in cancelled condition to store-keepers, claiming the stamps were uncanceled. They were discharged as it was proved that the stamps were really unused. Prob-

ably these young men received the stamps in payment, and as the Government refused to redeem them, they sold them to various shop keepers in small amounts. Why the post office authorities refused to redeem postage stamps, but take soiled or damaged stamped envelopes at face value is hard to comprehend. Stamp dealers to raise ready cash, sometimes sell unused current U. S. stamps at 5% below face, just to get rid of them. This is a great loss, and many dealers refuse to accept stamps in payment for this reason. A signed petition by all classes of collectors and dealers should be forwarded to Post Master General stating forth our grievance, and asking for some relief, even if one per cent discount is conceded. The Canadian post office authorities find it profitable why not United States?

Ontario Notes.

BY G. W. HICKS.

The third annual convention of the D. P. A. was a grand success. It was held in Hamilton on the 1st and 2nd of this month, and "merry was the feast and long." The officers elected for the coming year are as follows:

President—A. M. Muirhead.

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and Geo. W. Hicks.

The "new" new issue of Canadian stamps is "out" at last. They are a decided improvement on the old issue, but that is not saying very much in their

favor. The design is a little larger than that of the old stamps and the oval containing the portrait of the Queen has been enlarged until it touches the outer line on all sides. The picture of Her Majesty has been considerably enlarged, which improves her appearance greatly, as she no longer "squints." In place of the maple leaves in the lower corners have been added figures of value in small oblong panels. A few other minor changes have been made in the shading.

The new special delivery stamp was placed on sale at the post offices in the Dominion on July 1st. The following are names of the cities at which the letters will obtain special delivery: Toronto, London, Ottawa, Montreal, Kingston, Winnipeg, Victoria, Vancouver, Hamilton, Brantford, Quebec, Fredericton, St. John, N. B., and Halifax. Whilst the delivery of such letters will, for the present, be restricted to the city post offices named, they may be mailed at any of the money order post offices of the Dominion. The dimensions of the engraved work of the special delivery stamp are $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches long by $\frac{3}{8}$ of an inch wide. The design is without any vignette and consists substantially of a panel across the top of the stamp containing the words "Canada Post-office" with a lathework border round the other three sides of the stamp. The value is contained within an oval in the centre of the stamp. It must be confessed that altogether it is not very attractive, but notwithstanding this fact everybody wants to possess one.

Postmaster-General Mulock is at present in London, England, attending the Postal Conference. He is using his influence to try and get a uniform penny postage from any one portion of the British Empire to any other. It is to be hoped his mission will be successful.



Received for this month, which lack of space forbids us giving a detailed review: *Eastern Philatelist*, *Lone Star State Philatelist*, *Texas Philatelist*, *Philatelic West*, *Pennsylvania Philatelist*, *Evergreen State Philatelist*, *Herald Exchange*, *International Philatelist*, *Allegheny Philatelist*, *Tennessee Philatelist*, *Ontario Philatelist*, *Perforator*, *Philatelic Facts and Fallacies*, *New York Philatelist*, *Post Office*, *Philatelic Advocate*, *Metropolitan Philatelist*, *Virginia Philatelist*, *Stamp Reporter*, *Michigan Philatelist*, and *American Collector*.

Canadian Letter.

BY E. V. CAMPION.

The first of the Omaha stamps, a one cent value was received here (Goderich) June 20th. We are of the same opinion as the *Revenue Philatelist* regarding these stamps, that they should be classed as revenue instead of postage. They are pretty enough, and according to the number issued, should bring considerable revenue to the American government.

There are six philatelic papers published in Canada at present, exactly the same number as published eleven years ago.

The favorites for the coming season, are the Canadian and U. S. revenues. We have not heard any more about the album for these stamps, which was talked of a short time ago. It would undoubtedly have a large sale as almost everybody is interested in revenues.

We first caught sight of the "new" new Canadian stamps on June 22nd. They differ quite a bit from the old issue. The oval containing the Queen's portrait is larger and touches the outer lines. The maple leaves have been taken out of the lower corners and are replaced by small numerals. The horizontal lines running across the stamps are much wider than in the old ones. The new stamps are also of a lighter shade in color.

The new Canadian Special Delivery stamp has appeared; it is green in color. We agree with the *Philatelic Advocate* that it is more like a spool-label than a stamp.

The third annual convention of the D. P. A. was held in Hamilton on July 1st and 2nd. It proved a great success, over thirty five members were present. The *Philatelic Advocate* was elected Official Organ by a majority of thirty-eight over the *Ontario Philatelist*.

So far only the 1c and 3c new Canadian stamps have been seen. Collectors should try and get all the new 2c stamps they can, as Canada will soon have a two cent letter rate and then these stamps will have to be changed to red.

Black-List.

Under this column we shall publish the names of all philatelic crooks such as approval sheet thieves, substituters, etc., and by thus doing, try to protect our advertisers as well as collectors.

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L. J. Williams, Manager of Vernon Stamp Co., of Viroqua, Wis., says beware of James McKay, Cayuga, Ind.

Macks Items of Interest.

A casual glance over the stamps of Prince Edward Islands will cause you to notice that an error in spelling occurs on a few of the values in using a "C" in postage instead of a "G."

Many young collectors on looking up Grenada generally inquire what is the meaning of "tête bêche." This term is applied wherever the second row of stamps on the sheet is inverted. The stamps are printed in ten horizontal rows; every second row is inverted but the watermark remains the same. Therefore "tête bêche" stamps can only be collected in pairs, one stamp regular and one stamp inverted. A sheet of 100 stamps has fifty tête bêche pairs. Another thing; these are not errors; the stamps do not exist otherwise. If you should happen to run across a pair (tête bêche) don't jump at the conclusion that you've struck a great rarity, and will hold same at a fabulous price.

A good stamp to keep yours eyes open for is the one penny rose red of Antigua. It isn't exactly the stamp that is worth the trouble, but it is the cancellation. If the stamp is postmarked A 12, it imparts the information that the stamp was used in St. Christopher as a provisional. There are many common English stamps bearing this and similar cancellations which are collected by our British brethren and the fad is taking root is this country also.

It is claimed by many that the first type of Tobago is really a revenue issue. According to all appearances the stamp is neither a postage or a revenue stamp, as nothing on the face of the stamp imparts that information.

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Owhyhee : A State of the Union.

BY J. L. R.

Now that Hawaii is to become a State of the Union, its stamps will at once assume a new and unique importance in the eyes of philatelists. It is almost as certain that in the estimation of collectors the stamps of the Hawaii monarchy will be more valuable than those of the Republic, as indeed they have always been. The country that will lose its nationality or its sovereignty (except as a State) by the act of annexation has an interesting history and it is a fact worthy of notice that the stamp-collector of all others has this history in condensed form in his specimens from the island republic. Let me outline it for him in words.

Hawaii or Owhyhee was discovered in 1778 by Captain Cook who was murdered by its natives the next year. The group numbers thirteen islands. Its very rocky and volcanic character furnishes a novel argument for a United States Senator in the recent debate on the annexation bill. The gentlemen in question argued that it would be of no advantage to annex the islands as it was altogether likely that in the course of some violent volcanic eruption of which there have been many there, it might be swallowed up by the sea! This danger seems rather too remote, however, to necessitate the attention of the present generation. The Hawaiians, who are probably of Malay extraction, were for centuries under the rule of a number of petty chiefs, but in 1795 after a fourteen year's war, they were united under the sway of Kamehameha I, a man of exceptional ability,

whose portrait may be seen on the 25 cent purple of the 1883-86 issue, the same surcharged in red of the 1893 series and the 5 cent rose of 1894, these being the first chapters in our stamp history of the Sandwich Islands. This king in return for the aid given him by Europeans in subduing the other kings of the islands, extended his especial favor to those foreigners who should decide to settle in Hawaii and placed his kingdom under the protection of England. At his death in 1819, he was succeeded by his son, Kamehameha II, who abolished idolatry and introduced Christianity into his country. Kamehameha II died in England in 1824, and was succeeded by the third of his race and name, whose portrait graces the 5 cent blue and 13 cent vermilion of 1853. Kamehameha III in 1840 formally declared the independence of the Sandwich Islands which was officially recognized by Great Britain and the United States four years later, a treaty, however, being concluded in 1846 giving a preponderating influence in Hawaii to the former power. At the instance of American residents the King in 1852 gave the country a liberal constitution, under the provisions of which were established a house of twenty-seven nobles and a lower house of twenty-five, including three and eight foreigners respectively. He also practically freed the common people from a condition of serfdom by apportioning out half of all his land to them for their own cultivation. To the Hawaiians, he was always the "good king," and his death in 1854, was sincerely mourned by all classes. During his reign another whose feature

are reproduced on an Hawaiian stamp, flourished. This was Kekuanaoa who has been limned for the benefit of collectors on the 18 cent dull rose of the 1864-71 issue. He was a chief of secondary rank but of some considerable ability who had married Kiuan, the second Vice King and half-sister of Kamehameha III. The office of Vice-King or *Kuhina Mu*, as it is known in the native language, had been instituted by the second of the Kamehameha dynasty.

On the death of the "good king," Prince Alexander Liholihi ascended the throne as Kamekameha IV. His features may be discerned upon the 2 cent rose of 1862 and the 2 cent vermilion of the 1864-71 series. This prince was the grandson of Kamehameha I, and the adopted son of his predecessor, and was endowed with unusual talents. He left as monuments of his love for his people, the Queen's Hospital, water works with a fine water front and other improvements. In 1855 he married Emma Rooker, daughter of an English physician, whose portrait adorns the \$1.00 rose-red of the 1883-86 emissions. On his death in 1863 he was succeeded as ruler of Hawaii by the last of his name who was an elder brother of his. He framed a new Constitution, making the right of suffrage depend upon a small property qualification and ability to read and write for those born after 1840. A Board of Education was formed with Hon. A. Fernandes as the first Inspector General of Schools, and education was made compulsory. The leper settlements on Molokai Island were established in this reign. Kamehameha V died in 1872 and his likeness graces the 5 cent blue of the 1864-71 series of stamps. Prince William C. Lunalilo was elected to succeed him but only reigned for a short time, dying of consumption. His portrait is upon the 50 cent red of the 1883-86 issue.

I had forgotten to mention in its proper place that the heiress apparent of

Kamehameha V, was the Princess Victoria Kamamalu, his sister, who is portrayed upon the 1 cent violet of 1864-71. She was in addition to being heiress-apparent, the last Vice-King, the office being abolished in 1864, and died when twenty-seven years of age.

As Lunalilo like his predecessor had neglected to appoint an heir, the legislature elected Colonel David Kalakaua to the vacant throne. A good likeness of him may be seen on the 2 cent of 1875 and 1882, and another on the 10 cent of 1882 and 1883-86. His trip to the United States in 1875 resulted in a reciprocity treaty between his country and America. After a celebrated tour round the world and another to California in 1890, Kalakaua died at the Palace Hotel, San Francisco, on January 20th, 1891. His brother William Pitt Leleiohoku, the heir to the throne, a likeness of whom is upon the 12 cent stamp of 1875 and of 1883-86, died in 1877. One of his sisters Princess Likilike, whose features decorate the 1 cent of the 1882 and 1883-86 emissions died in 1887. His other sister, Lydia Kamakaeha Liliuokalani (Mrs. Dominis) on the death of Leleiohoku in 1877, was proclaimed heiress-apparent. Kalakaua and his brother and sisters were descended from one of the first Kamehameha's counselors and he himself married Kapiolani, a high chiefess, whose likeness is limned upon the 15 cent brown of the 1882 series.

On Kalakaua's death, Liliuokalani ascended the throne only to be deposed therefrom by the revolution of 1893. The 2 cent violet of the 1889-91 issue is the only stamp bearing her portrait. By the revolution of 1893, as you all remember, a republic was established, the Queen thrown into prison and afterwards exiled, and Hon. Sanford B. Dole put at the head of the new government. The preceding stamp issues of the Hawaiian monarchy from 1864 to 1891 inclusive were surcharged at first "Provisional Gov't 1893," and afterward an entirely

new issue was made with some very attractive designs, the portrait of President Dole being upon the 25 cent stamp.

As is known universally now, negotiations have been in progress for some time between Hawaii and the United States looking toward annexation. The Senate of the islands a short time ago virtually offered Hawaii to this country for annexation and soon after the Newlands resolution for annexing the republic was introduced into the American Congress, passed and sent on to the Senate, which after protracted debate also passed the measure which received the President's signature at 7 P. M. on July 7th, 1898. With that act the annexation of the islands was completed. The work of raising the flag over them and transforming the government was a mere matter of form. But what about Washington's words of warning in his "Farewell Address?"

Old Dominion Notes.

BY CONFED

There has been quite a flurry in Richmond stamp circles of late on account of our post-office running short on Omahas. In a letter from a correspondent in Washington I am informed the rush incident to the supplying of the new revenues caused a temporary suspension of the printing of Omahas. There was great uneasiness for a time here, as the Omahas were immensely popular from the start, but now we are "flush" again a goodly supply having just arrived.

What a pity it was our government did not issue special field-post stamps for the campaign. What a "big thing" this would have been, still, the fortunate possessors of letters from Santiago since the surrender may well treasure these stamps—they will be quite interesting to the philatelic curio collector more so than the stamps canceled at the U. S. postoffice at Shanghai, which, by the way, are scarcely noticed now.

If ever our country does issue a Colonial set, these "temporaries" will be of value—those from Cuba, Porto Rico and Manila.

The approval sheet business is a boom in our city; Spanish Colonials are rushed at us with a vengeance—but they find no sale whatever. Like many South and Central Americans they have grown too numerous and in appearance too inviting—besides the ease with which they may be—and are—counterfeited has caused many collectors to give them the cold shoulder.

The Virginia Philatelic Association will hold its annual meeting August 10th, and celebrate its first anniversary. *The Virginia Philatelist* will celebrate its first anniversary with a "Anniversary edition" in September. Both association and official organ have experienced phenomenal success during the past year, and new members are being enrolled at every meeting especially since philatelists from the states are admitted to membership.

I have just received a communication from Honolulu, Hawaii, franked with a one cent Hawaiian stamp—the letter sealed, and the only cancellation thereon a San Francisco, Cal., regular P. O. cancellation. No deficient postage was charged, and the only way I can account for this is that the Hawaiians—rather the new "United Statesers" are so elated over their new nativity that "any old thing goes"—they'll take a letter to their motherland (nurseland better say) for one cent. Well, Uncle Sam will regulate these matters in future.

It's almost too hot to talk stamps—next month I'll do better.

Everybody please use Omahas in writing to me—4's, 5's and 8's. I have so many foreign correspondents who want "a set" that my small change won't hold out.

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With this issue we finish Volume One and pride ourselves in the successful accomplishment of issuing twelve consecutive numbers without resort to "Emergency Numbers" and skipping issues, and without falling behind time once. No efforts have been spared to make our paper in every respect first class, even in transmission thro' the mails. We have built up a larger circulation than many publishers can boast of, and have added greatly to our list by the purchase of the *California Stamp* and the *Tennessee Philatelist* and *Home Worker* making our paid up subscription list exceed 1000 copies monthly. Typographically we have made our magazine the best we know how, and feel that our appearance is much better than that of a great many pioneer stamp magazines. We hope that those whose subscriptions expire with this issue will promptly renew. If we can issue twelve good numbers regularly under disadvantages, we feel sure we can at least do as much with Volume II under advantages. We will close this egotistical paragraph with an invitation to compare our magazine, its appearance, regularity, literary matter, etc., with that of any 25c magazine of its class. Amen.

THIS is the month of philatelic conventions, which meet severally at New York City this year to transact the necessary business matters which devolves upon them annually. The election of officers is no unimportant factor

of the convention, and generally demands judicious determination as to who is best fitted to occupy the offices of the various associations, which depend directly for their prestige and success upon the chosen servants of the members. We are too apt to disregard the great importance of carefully selecting presidents and secretaries, etc. Let us this year use discretion and appoint officers who will upbuild philatelia and their respective society.

THE philatelic society is an institution which is capable of being of much more service to the stamp collecting fraternity than it is at present. We are too loose, too disinclined to exert ourselves in its upbuilding and outspreading whereas a little effort on the part of each individual member would reap marvelous results personally and collectively. Personally the stamp society can be of greater use to us if we avail ourselves of the benefits of the many departments, from the Exchange Department in which a great number of advantageous bargains are to be picked up regularly, to the Library Department which, we are sorry to say, is sorely neglected when it might be of untold benefit to each member. Let us shake off this state of lethargy and put more enthusiasm in our work this coming year; let us each contribute our mite for the upbuilding of philatelia in general. United effort can overcome the greatest obstacles. Let us be active!

THE termination of the Spanish-American war is now in sight, and but for a few complicated diplomatic negotiations may be said to be at hand. Let us keep our eyes on philatelic Porto Rico, Cuba, Phillipines, Ladrones, etc.

SCARCITY of Omaha stamps seems to be the prevailing complaint at post offices everywhere, but later we expect to find them overstocked like some dealers

WE don't like to make promises since we might be forced to break them by circumstances but we will state that it is our intention to improve our magazine as much in the future as in the past.

COLLECTORS in every locality have distinguishing characteristics which are not manifested in collectors of other countries. For instance, our English cousins are largely scientific philatelists, whereas we are only stamp collectors; our English friends study their stamps in the most scrutinizing fashion, whereas we only stick the stamps in our albums, as a general thing. The British collectors are more ready to recognize Telegraph stamps than we, and do not think so much of pecuniary profit as mental delectation; with us the reverse is, sad to tell, generally true. Much time is devoted by the Britons to "plating" the stamps of their country, and in this they seem to take much pleasure. The English stamp magazines are largely scientific; ours are more general in their contents, and in this respect the writer thinks we excel, since we are not totally without the scientific article, and have less-heavy reading matter in addition.

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Ontario Notes.

BY GEO. W. HICKS.

Up to the present time only the 1c and 3c stamps, with numerals in lower corners, have been put on sale; the other denominations will follow in a week or so, as the stocks on hand at the various post offices are being rapidly bought up by dealers and speculators. This last issue comprises the fourth which has been used in Canada within the past few months. Canada for many years was content with having but one issue of postage stamps, but now she has come boldly forward and surprised us all by her many postal changes. Nor have these changes stopped! For very soon the 2c stamp will be the one used for inland postage, and then the color will be changed to red to agree with the "International Colors." And, as the postal rate to or from any British Colony is about to be changed to 1 penny, or 2c, therefore the color of the 2c stamp must be blue, as agreed upon by the postal authorities of the world. This will necessitate the color of the 2c stamp being printed in two different colors—one being red, for the inland post, and the other color being blue, for the international post. It is quite probable tho', that a special 2c stamp may be issued for the latter purpose so as to avoid any misunderstanding.

The postal note system was inaugurated in Canada the 1st of August. The notes will consist of sixteen denominations, ranging from 25c to \$5. The Government's commission will be at the rate of two cents on notes up to \$2.50, and three cents on the five dollar notes. These postal notes will be issued by postmasters throughout the country, and will bear the date stamp of the office of issue. These must be cashed within three months of the date of their issue.

Canadian Letter.

BY E. V. CAMPION.

The Omaba stamps are very scarce around here, even to the lower values. We think they are the poorest specimens of workmanship we have seen. The engraving coarse and indistinct and the colors not very attractive. They cannot be compared with the Canadian or Newfoundland Jubilees.

Unused Canadian stamps will not be redeemed at any post office after October first. At present they are redeemable at 5% discount.

The new stamps with the numerals are arriving very slowly as only the 1c and 3c are on sale at present. The Canadian stamps with maple leaves in the corners are commanding a good price, especially the 5, 6 and 8c values, while the 10c in a used condition is almost unobtainable.

On January 1st, 1899 a letter may go from Canada to Great Britain, India, Natal or Cape of Good Hope for 2c per half ounce. At the same time a 2c letter rate will come in force in Canada instead of the 3c rate at present. This change will be a great advantage to stamp collectors as well as to business men. This will also make another change in the Canadian stamps as the 2c will have to be changed to red and the 3c to some other color.

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The *Ontario Philatelist* was the first paper to send out its August Edition, which is fully up to the standard set by its publisher. The leading article is of no consequence, but following are some interesting items by H. A. Chapman and a correspondent from Virginia. Mr. R. G. Widdicombe's editorials are always readable, and his success in publishing an interesting paper is evident from this issue.

The *International Philatelist* for July is a four pager, but Editor Beardsley promises better edition in September.

The July *Perforator* contains an excellent contribution from Miss Swift on the "Home of a Collection," together with its usual array of interesting items from various correspondents. We notice one item to the effect that Mr. J. Bisbee is trying to resuscitate the L. of A. P. and we wish to state that we had a little experience in that line ourself. After considerable correspondence and editorial discussion we succeeded in ekeing out a scant reply from a few members whose enthusiasm returned to its dormant condition upon our second letter to them. Go ahead Mr. Bisbee and remember the PHILATELIC BULLETIN for Official Journal.

The July *New York Philatelist* is a Convention Number and contains matter pertaining to the coming conventions.

The ideal magazine from Virginia for August completes volume one auspiciously. The contents are made up of

interesting notes mostly, but also contains an interesting write up of Mr. J. E. Allemong. Messrs Stearns and Dietz promise an extraordinarily exquisite edition for their next.

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HERBERT C. BEARDSLEY.

We are pleased to present a portrait of Mr. H. C. Beardsley the editor and publisher of the *International Philatelist*. Mr. Beardsley was born May 10, 1870 and has been a collector for sixteen of his twenty-eight years. Mr. Beardsley's literary talent early asserted itself for at the age of seventeen he published for a while the *Philatelic Literature Collector*.

Since then at various intervals he has published the *Western Philatelist*, and *The Advertiser*. The *International Philatelist* which is alive to-day was started by Mr. Beardsley in 1895 and has enjoyed a prosperous existence ever since, under his efficient guidance. Herbert C. Beardsley was the first Literary Exchange Manager of the A. P. A. and has

served other societies officially. Mr. Beardsley is the compiler and publisher of Beardsley's Address Book (1895) which is a standard of its kind. Few collectors have benefited philately more materially than our St. Joseph, Mo. friend, whose philatelic life is worthy of imitation, and we hope to have his smiling face with us for many years to come, and may his future years be as successful as the ones just passed.

E. B. H.

"CUBA LIBRE!"

BY J. L. R.

"— the lost Atlanta's daughter,
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It is not too much to say that, at the present time, the Cuban question and the War with Spain have so overshadowed every other important matter in the estimation of the American people as to

practically exclude all else from the public mind. There is no need of going to 4th of July celebrations to find evidences of this feeling. It is apparent everywhere; in places of business, where the Star Spangled Banner and the Lone Star of Cuba confront one on every hand to publish; gain to the world the innate sympathy of the Nation for every

suffering people; in the streets, where they adorn, in amazing profusion, the coat-lapels, the hat-bands and even the linen collars of the citizens; and in the eagerness of all classes to get news from the front as soon and as quickly as possible. Indeed, with reference to this news-hunger, the editor of one of the largest and most influential journals in the State of New York told me recently that if the war continued for any length of time he



HERBERT C. BEARDSLEY.

would be able to dispense with all his city reporters, so little was the interest felt by the mass of the public in local affairs. In view of these facts, it may not be considered amiss for me to intrude upon the columns of a philatelic publication a brief history of the island which has caused all the rumpus. If my readers will turn to the Cuban page in their albums and try to follow the changes of government in the different portraits and inscriptions upon their specimens there, a sufficiently philatelic flavor may be imparted to the narration to render it acceptable to the large constituency reached by the PHILATELIC BULLETIN.

Cuba was discovered shortly after San Salvador by Columbus, and its colonization was begun in 1511 by Spain, who in 1524, introduced slavery. The colonization of the island was conducted on the most approved lines of Spain's well-known policy towards her possessions, whether continental or trans-oceanic. The natives were exterminated and thousands of blacks were annually brought from Africa to work in the tobacco and sugar plantations, until, at the instance of Great Britain, the traffic was suppressed in 1845. In 1534 and in 1554 the French destroyed Havana which was also occupied for a time by the English, whose rule produced great prosperity. The population at first was very slow in increasing, being only about 50,000 two centuries after discovery. However, when Spain, in 1817 opened Cuban ports to the world and relinquished her monopoly of the tobacco industry, the numbers of the inhabitants were swelled to very considerable proportions, until at the beginning of the present rebellion, they amounted to about 1,500,000, of which half were native whites, a third colored, and the rest Spaniards.

The Spanish government of the island has always been most oppressive; in fact the wrongs which impelled our forefathers to the Declaration we commemorated last month, were as nothing com-

pared to those under which the Cuban people have groaned for a period of centuries. Ostensibly represented in the Spanish Cortes, they were not so in reality, for out of the 1,500,000 inhabitants, the franchise was only given to about 53,000, of whom most were not Cubans but Spaniards. Having no share in the government, it followed that they should be taxed intolerably, as they were. At the outbreak of the present war, the Cuban debt amounted to \$295,000,000 of which every cent has been spent, not in Cuba, but in Spanish wars. The taxes were enormous, the tariff securing a monopoly to Spanish importers as against native Cubans. Of a budget of \$26,000,000, only about \$750,000 was applied to internal improvement, most of the rest going to pay the ridiculously disproportionate salaries of the officials sent out by Spain to keep the island in subjection. These officials, moreover, exactly in the same manner as the Roman proconsuls, got considerably more than their salaries during their terms of office. Corruption prevailed throughout the service from top to bottom, it being estimated in 1890 that the Cuban treasury had been robbed of about \$22,811,000. Up to a late date the Roman Catholic was the only religion allowed by law, but this has been more recently rectified, all denominations being now tolerated. And the supreme authority was vested in a Spanish Captain-General, who was in reality, an absolute despot. His will was practically as much law as the Czar of Russia's, for justice could not be obtained on account of the corruption and political subservience of the entire judiciary.

The fabric of this frightful tyranny was first shaken by the revolutions in the Spanish South American Colonies at the beginning of this century which caused grave unrest in Cuba. In 1848 President James Knox Polk offered Spain \$100,000,000 for the island, but the latter nation apparently did not know a good thing when she saw it and the offer was

peremptorily refused. In the same year the first serious revolt was attempted under the leadership of Narciso Lopez, who again descended on the island in force in 1851, but was captured and garroted. Some time afterward, when the Spanish fired on an American ship, the *Black Warrior* off the Cuban coast, President Franklin Pierce thought that the time had come for the acquisition of the "Pearl of the Antilles" by the United States; and he appointed James Buchanan, John Y. Mason, and Pierre Soule, U. S. representatives at the courts of London, Paris and Madrid respectively to confer upon the subject. They met first at Ostend, Belgium, and afterwards at Aix-la-Chapelle, in 1854; and published their conclusions in a paper known as the Ostend Manifesto, which received the endorsement of the President. In it they set forth by argument that Cuba ought to belong to the United States, proposing to buy it for \$120,000,000, and that in certain circumstances, such as its Africanization, the United States would be justified in annexing it by force.

The next year is marked by the beginning of Cuba's philatelic history. The first issue bearing the profile of the reigning Spanish Sovereign, Isabella II, was in use until 1864 when a new emission was made with the head of the queen in an oval. These stamps were surcharged "66" two years later and were succeeded by an issue similar in design with the date at the bottom. The perforation of Cuban stamps also dates from the year 1866. The 1868-'69 emissions were the last to bear the head of Isabella, who was driven out by a revolution, and these were afterwards surcharged "*Habilitado por la nacion*" in black.

(TO BE CONTINUED IN OUR NEXT.)

THE end of the war did not bring to a close the issuance of the war tax stamps, but it is evident that they will not continue in use many more years. It might be well to gather in a few for future use.

SNAP SHOTS.

Gee; didn't we give it to Spain! We made their tin soldiers walk Spanish all right, all right! Whenever any of our European "nephews" need a spanking just come to Uncle Sammy. He'll lick them so that they won't be able to lick a postage stamp.

The Looker On was in Portsmouth, N. H., recently and visited Leavey's (C. V's) island to see the prisoners of war. We had seen funny papers before but never living cartoons! Anyhow the Spaniards are all glad we licked the mother country. Funny Ducks they are.

Mr. Carl Young has started a philatelic Advertiser the first number of which has been already issued.

Mr. J. H. Lowe has kindly favored us with copies of some of the lower values' current Canadian stamps.

There is much discussion as to the disposal of the left-over Newspaper stamps, and it is a question to many minds what will become of them. The Looker-On saw an item, in a Boston paper stating that they would be sold at face to collectors at the post-offices. We hid ourself to the nearest office but were refused the sale of them by the post-master. We showed him the item clipped from the paper, and dog-goned if he didn't sell us all we wanted. Bet your shirt the Looker-On wears no false teeth.

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From The Editor's Pen.

WE are pleased at the results of our several philatelic conventions and the influence they exerted indirectly on the outside world toward making our hobby more popular and better understood.

The results of the elections and good accounts of the principal acts of the conventions appeared in the daily press throughout the country, having been sent out by the associated press service. While our new officers may not be entirely satisfactory to everybody we still feel that as a general thing capable men have been selected to further their society's interests. Looking backward upon prosperous days and comparing them with the present is not always pleasant, but it is true nevertheless that there was a time when the philatelic society was better than it is at present, in that it offered more real benefits to its members. This we feel is directly attributable to the activity or want of activity of the officers in charge of the departments. We have competent men now elected. Let them be active, and make their department such that it will be indispensable to the member. We are sure of Red Letter Days in the philatelic association history if we are thus served by our officers. Let the members support the office, and let the officer serve to his best ability the interests of his fellow-members. Thus we may and shall uplift and broaden philately.

THE *Eastern Philatelist* which bears the distinction of being the oldest living stamp paper in America has been changed to new management. Mr. Pinkham in stepping out of the ranks of active editors and publishers deserves the heartiest congratulations for his long continued services to our hobby, and for the unequalled record for regularity and excellence of his worthy periodical. The *Eastern Philatelist* has always been a leader of American stamp papers, and has been noted for the excellence of its essays. In the change of hands it has been fortunate because B. L. Drew & Co. are sure to maintain its high standing as they are competent to give us the best magazine going; however, all we ask is a similarity to the old *Eastern*.

THE question of the Philippines still stands preeminently prominent in the thinking citizen's mind. The disposal of these islands will have an effect upon philately, and therefore we all speculate as to what kind of stamps there are to be used in these islands. Let us hope for the welfare of our own glorious country, that they will be Philippine Republic stamps. We are the U. S. of America. May God never make us the *U. S. of America and Asia* as some insane politicians would have us for the purpose of political influence and personal enrichment.

THE results of the A. P. A. election, and of the P. S. of A. election are surely known to all by this time, as they have appeared in daily papers, and the stamp papers appearing earliest in the month. The S. of P. election resulted in the selection of J. C. Miller for President; Vice-President, J. S. Davis; Secretary, J. F. Dodge; Treasurer, Emil Gerlich; Auction Manager, W. A. McDonnell; Exchange Manager, C. E. Shaw.

An Error.

The ad of C. H. Griffith, Jr., of Peoria, Ill., appeared in a rather ridiculous manner in our August number. (We quote Mr. Griffith's expression.) He now wishes to state that it should have read \$15.00 cash instead of \$1.00, and also that the stamps catalogued between \$300.00 and \$400.00 instead of \$3.00 and \$4.00 as the ad stated.

The money sent him in answer to the ad has been returned to each individual. He also says he is perfectly satisfied with the P. B. as an ad medium, as, even to this senseless ad, he received no less than 35 answers, each desirous to obtain the book, and they haven't stopped coming yet. We hope his ad which appears in this number will be as successful, for it is indeed full of bargains, and the prices attached to them are *correct*, this time in every instance.



After a vacation of two months I again resume my duties on the staff of the P. B. as adviser. I trust that my many readers have found some hints, etc., that they could apply to themselves, and that they have profited thereby. However, I have the satisfaction of knowing that I have not led any of them astray, whether they have or have not, been able to put any of my advice to the test.

Remember dear friends, I do not give this advice to benefit the speculator or dealer, although it would be impossible for me to keep him from reading this column if he so wished, but for the collector, whose insight into the market, is sometimes very vague. It is for this personage that my hints and advice are intended.

The class of stamps that are in great demand, as the season opens is as follows: U. S. and Canadian revenues; nearly all issues of Canadian postage, with a leaning toward Jubilee and the issue containing four maple leaves. The latter issue seem to be cornered to a certain extent, and several values are now quite scarce. Add this set to your collection immediately, as the present market quotation cannot long hold. Jubilees, are at present not quite as strong as their "maple leaf" brothers, but an advance in these may be looked for at almost any time.

The stamps of Africa are quite popular and eagerly sought for: especially those of British East and South Africa, although on this latter class the market value remains stationary, as the supply seems unexhaustable.

The stamps of the Spanish colonies which, a few weeks ago, were quoted at top notch prices, have now taken a slight decline as the demand seems to have

been supplied, and I think I can safely say that it has not made a very large hole in enormous quantity which various dealers have in stock. To the above statement I will make an exception of the 1898-99 issues of these stamps, which are without doubt good property, the supply being very limited.

Now that Hawaii has been annexed to the United States, the stamps from these islands will immediately become very popular, and the prices will never be cheaper. Moral:—Fill up your spaces before a rize takes places.

THE collectors who are ever and eternally bringing the '70 prices up and wishing they could buy at the prices then current, should lose no time in buying at the prices now ruling, otherwise, those who are alive in 1910 will be in a position to more strongly express their regrets at their shortsightedness, for good stamps will never be cheaper than they are at present.

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CANADIAN LETTER.

BY E. V. CAMPION.

The supply of Canadian stamps with maple leaves in the corners is gradually decreasing in number. The 1 and 3c values with maple leaves in all corners cannot be obtained in any of the Cities or Towns while they are hard to get even at the small country post offices.

The American Bank Note Company of New York, has established a branch at Ottawa. The fine new building has been erected and they also have procured a complete plant, and the company now does all the printing and engraving of the Canadian postage stamps.

Mr. C. Bailey, of Toronto and Mr. A. M. Muirhead, of Halifax have been nominated for President of the D. P. A. Mr. Muirhead having resigned but has again been nominated. The election takes place this month and as both of these men are popular it will be a very even fight between them. H. A. Chapman of Hartford, Conn., and F. D. Sawyer, of Otisfield Gore, Maine are also nominated to run for U. S. Vice-President. Mr. Bailey who filled that office having removed to Toronto.

The new Canadian stamped envelopes are considered very pretty. The 1c is of a rich green in color and has a very striking appearance.

The Canadian revenues still continue to have a good sale as most all collectors have a liking for them. They are low priced and very handsome so that nearly every collector can afford a good collection without laying out much money.

It is rumored that Canada is to have a complete new issue when the 3c letter rate comes in force. It is said that the Postmaster-General is dissatisfied with the present set.

Of the Canadian 10c stamped envelopes of 1860 an even 100,000 was said to have been printed, and in 1867, 60,000 were destroyed by order of the Postmaster General, so that means an issue of only 40,000 of which a large number of which must have disappeared as stamps always do. It is strange why half cent jubilee holders don't try to work another corner here.

The postal notes any value are on sale here. The cost of obtaining them is 1c each up to 40c, 2c up to \$2.50 and 3c up to \$5.00. They are far less cumbersome than the present money order system and will likely do away with payments of accounts in postage stamps, the postal notes being payable at any money order office without the identification of the payee. This system is very popular in England and will doubtless, be hailed with delight by stamp dealers in Canada.

The Omaha's 1c and 2c values are very scarce here, while the higher values are looked on as rarities, that is if they come used. Most collectors having bought a set unused.

ONTARIO NOTES.

BY GEO. W. HICKS.

There has been a noted improvement in the stamp trade within the past month. This is very encouraging as it shows that there will be an increased interest in stamps this season, seeing that the season has opened so early. The cause of this, no doubt is, that the issuing of such stamps as the Omahas, new revenues, and Canadian new issues, has added many new recruits to our ranks, and also created the desire within the heart of the inactive collector, to bring forth his almost-forgotten album, and enter again into the pleasures of our fascinating "hobby."

Mr. C. Bailey who was formerly U. S. Vice President for the D. P. A., since returning to Toronto, has been nominated to run as President for this Association. His opponent Mr. A. M. Muirhead the former President resigned that office on account of certain complaints made against him at the recent convention held in Hamilton, but has since been nominated to run again. Mr. Muirhead has taken this step to ascertain whether the majority of the members are in favor of his being President, and whether the complaints are well founded. The polls close September 15th, and the result of this election is eagerly anticipated.

The new 1c Canadian wrappers have been put on sale. They are printed in green on light straw, dark manila, and buff paper.

It is rumored that Canada is about to issue another new set of stamps on account of the bad appearance of the last set. No doubt this will surprise many, but we in Canada are getting used to such things. Surely we can expect something good this time: something that will eclipse the Omahas or even the pretty New Zealand set. I respectfully submit the following design for the \$5.00 stamp:—A picture, framed, representing how Canada turned out six new issues of stamps within a year. NOTE.—Bottom row of stamps to be printed without figures of value.

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Second Boy: Let's ask the clerk.

Clerk: We use that ice to put the dead letters on.

OLD DOMINION NOTES.

BY CONFED.

The war is over; the great Conventions are over; the Omahas and Revenues have been sufficiently discussed—there's nothing sensational on the philatelic horizon—nothing at all. And here in "old Virginny" Sol is glaring down upon us with a vengeance, shriveling the gum on all my stamps—shriveling even the scant remnant of "original gum" (as Bro. Osgood of *The Stampman* terms it) that I thought to possess. In fact, it would be better to fill the space my notes occupy this month with matter more worthy THE PHILATELIC BULLETIN.

However, I will relate an incident that occurred to a Richmond collector this month, which, in itself, is an evidence of the existence of a certain Code of Honor among philatelists.

Mr. B., of Richmond, some time ago, secured the name and address of a collector residing in an English Colony in the Mediterranean—names and places are immaterial—a Spaniard, as the name indicates. The result of this correspondence was, that the Spanish gentleman desired, in exchange for stamps of his Colony, the same values in U. S.—Simultaneously both parties dispatched their letters, the Richmond collector sending the current U. S., quite a number of obsolete U. S. and a small selection of Confederates; the party abroad sending the current set of his country—canceled, but in prime condition.

Both letters were received in due time, and the Richmond collector—though he found about four duplicates of stamps then in his collection among the lot—was satisfied with the bargain. But after a fortnight—lo, there comes a letter from the gentleman abroad stating that most of the stamps sent him from Richmond were already in his collection and to either send him his stamps or \$1.75, concluding his letter with: "whom must I

give your stamps to?" Well, our Richmond friend did not just care to have his stamps "*given to*" anyone, neither did he care to send \$1.75 for a set of canceled stamps that did not catalogue \$2.00 in Scott's 58th. So he sat himself down and penned his correspondent a few lines to the effect that his stamps were herewith being returned, and requested reciprocation. The Omahas were just then on sale here, so he concluded his letter by begging his foreign correspondent to accept, as a recompense for his fruitless correspondence, a selection of unused Omahas. That move struck the Spanish pride to the quick.—The return mail brought a registered letter containing a complete fine set of that British Colony, enclosed in a neat envelope, bearing but the words "Accept, please, with my compliments."—So endeth the evenings lesson—future developments will not be chronicled. Philately has her Code of Honor.

Mr. Sydney Du Val, Richmond's only stamp dealer is seriously ill—his passing from among us is hourly expected.

The Virginia Philatelic Association has postponed its annual meeting to September 10th. All the present incumbents are re-nominated for office—an evidence of the trust reposed in them by our Association.

The new 3c Newfoundland has come to us. It is printed in *orange*. Is that not contrary to the resolutions of the Postal Congress—to print the inland single postage value in *red*? But Newfoundland is quite active—philatelically—of late, Cabots, new designs—change of colors, surcharging, etc., that we may expect more changes.

Apropos of speculating in Omahas.—I am of the opinion that not one of the values will ever be a "good thing," i. e. I do not mean this to imply that they are not worth laying aside—for they are more so than Columbians, but nowadays every school-boy "saves stamps"—thinking they're worth something—

and thus we shall find an abundance of Omahas always available. There are no odd values—all denominations are in constant use—hence plentiful. Don't invest to "make money" on them. You'll be disappointed—but use them—spread phialately—advertise our great country.

WILL BE THREE POSTAL RATES.

Special to the PHILATELIC BULLETIN.

Ottawa, Sept. 12.—It is understood on excellent authority that the Postmaster-General has decided that it would be too risky an experiment to reduce the rate of domestic postage to two cents at the same time that the reduction within the Empire from five cents to two cents goes into effect, that is on Christmas day. The letter postage for Canada and the United States will, therefore, remain at three cents until the Postmaster-General has been able to judge what effect the two cent rate within the Empire has on the revenue. After the 25th of December there will, therefore be three rates of postage on letters, viz.:—Two cents for Great Britain and her colonies; three cents for Canada and the United States; and five cents for foreign countries.

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8c 1892-93, gray, unused.....	.25	.13
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*20c 1892.....	.30	

HONDURAS.

*2, 5 and 10 pesos 1891.....	.35	
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Set Official 3 var.....	.04	
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"CUBA LIBRE!"

BY J. L. R.

(Continued from last month.)

In 1868 the famous Ten Years' War for Cuban independence began at Yama, where Manuel Céspedes raised the standard of revolt. The rebellion soon spread and was waged with much severity and savagery until 1878, taxing the energies of Spain's best generals to suppress it. At last the insurgents were induced to lay down their arms by promises of reforms made them by Marshal Martínez Campos in the Agreement of Zanjón, 1878. During their struggles for freedom the rebels had issued a 10-centavo stamp in green, bearing their coat-of-arms, with the inscription, "Rep. de Cuba" across its face.

We will now turn to affairs in Spain. After the expulsion of Isabelle II, mentioned above, a republic had been established which issued stamps for Cuba bearing as if in mockery the head of Liberty (*sic*) with the date 1870. In 1871 the Cuban emissions had a seated female figure upon them, the Spanish arms resting beside her, and the date. The life of this republic in Spain was short and Amadeus of Savoy, a son of Victor Emanuel of Italy ascended the throne. His portrait appears on the Cuban stamps of 1873. He was, however, unpopular with the people on account of his foreign extraction, and, realizing his unpopularity, abdicated, to give place to

another republic, under Emilio Castelar as President. This republic reissued for Cuba the stamps of 1871 with the date changed and made a new series in 1875 bearing the Spanish escutcheon, surrounded by a wreath, and surmounted by a mural crown with the date 1875 above. Overthrown by the second Carlist war, the Republic was succeeded in the government of Spain by Alfonso XII as king, whose portraits appear henceforward on the stamps of Cuba from 1876 to 1888 inclusive. Alfonso XII died in 1886 and was succeeded by the little princess Mercedes and later on, by his posthumous son Alfonso XIII, with Maria Christina as Regent. The profile of the baby King adorns the Cuban emission from 1890 onward until the issue of this year's new stamps.

Now we have about arrived at the beginning of the present revolution. To understand the causes we must go back a little time to the promises of reforms made the Cuban people at the Agreement of Zanjón in 1878. These were repudiated by the Spanish Parliament as soon as they had served the Spaniards' purpose of inducing the Cuban leaders to abandon their struggle for independence. What wonder is it that the insurgents in the present war, should shoot those who come from the Spanish with more like promises of reforms? Dealing with a people capable of perpetrating such a national fraud while boasting so blatantly of their honor and chivalry, it is my own private opinion at least

that the Cubans are fully justified in their course of action. But to return to our muttons. The crushed and now doubly oppressed inhabitants, while unable to do anything practical in the way of revolution, cherished the most undying and implacable hatred of the foreign oppressor and of everything bearing the Spanish name. Many, as was to be expected, left their native land to seek a voluntary exile rather than to live at home under such a despotism; and most of these emigrants came to the United States, "the friend of all who suffer, the foe of all who wrong." Among these was Jose Marti, now known among the patriots as "the Washington of Cuba." After serving for some years as a newspaper writer in New York, Marti, in 1890, began to travel all over the United States, forming the Cuban exiles wherever found, into clubs which were sworn to fidelity to the Cuban Revolutionary party, which had its headquarters in New York City. The organization was perfected in every possible way, funds were raised, arms and ammunition bought and secretly shipped to Cuba, and finally when all was as complete as it could have been, the Cuban Republic was proclaimed by Marti on February 24th, 1895. Risings occurred at more than a dozen places in all parts of Cuba which were almost simultaneous in their action. Thus was the revolution begun.

On March 31st Antonio Maceo, who had been made a Major-General by Gomez in the Ten Years' War, landed in the province of Santiago de Cuba from Costa Rica, whither he had escaped from Centa after the previous rebellion. On the 11th of April, Maximo Gomez himself landed and took the chief command of the insurgent army. Since that time the war has waged with extreme fierceness on both sides. I have not space to notice every battle, but let it suffice to say that with their forty thousand men the patriots have been continually making incredible headway against the

Spanish. Marti fell in battle in 1895 and in 1896 Maceo was lured into an ambush while under a flag of truce and shot down in cold blood. The Spaniards replaced Campos who had been Captain-General at the beginning, by Weyler, than whom no more savage monster in war has probably been recorded in history. If one believed in the Pythagorean theory of metempsychosis, it might be said that Weyler was but the latter-day reincarnation of another famous Spanish general, the Duke of Alva, whose boast it was that during six years' rule on the Netherlands he had caused the execution of 18,600 people! Under Weyler's *regime* prisoners-of-war were daily led out to be shot, massacres of non-combatants and of hospital patients were transformed in the official despatches into glorious Spanish victories, and the merciless reconcentration order was issued, having in view the extermination of the whole people. His savagery at last became intollerable and President McKinley obtained his recall in the latter part of 1897. The revolution has now been kept up against overwhelming odds for over three years, and at last it has been deemed necessary for the United States Government to step in and restore order. The forces of the American army and navy have so far been everywhere successful. It is to be hoped that they will continue to be so until the American continent has been rid of the last vestige of a power that has left misery and devastation in her train wherever she has essayed to govern conquered peoples, and until Cuba at last has been made in truth as in hope, *Cuba Libre!*

(THE END.)

The stamp season is now open, and it promises to be a record breaker, and those that advertise and keep their names before the public will get the trade. Moral—"A hint is as good as a kick."

Canadian Letter.

BY E. V. CAMPION.

The Canadian Postal Notes are already in use. They serve as a useful auxiliary to the money order system: while not so safe as money orders, they are cheaper for a good many small amounts. The notes will doubtless be used to a greater extent when all the denominations are issued and the public become better acquainted with the new scheme.

The Post Office Department has sent to all newspapers in Canada a copy of the new Postage Act, which provides for the re-imposition of postage on newspapers sent from offices of publication in Canada addressed to regular subscribers, with the exception of papers published not more frequently than once a week and addressed to places not more than 20 miles distant from the place of publication or included within a circular area of a diameter not exceeding 40 miles. The rate of postage on newspapers coming under the jurisdiction of the act, is a quarter of a cent per pound from Jan. 1 to June 30, next, and one half a cent per pound thereafter.

So far not a great many of the Special Delivery Stamps recently issued by the Post Office Department have been sold at the Post Office here. It always takes time to introduce a new system and the demand for these stamps will increase as time goes on. They are used a great deal in the U. S. and occasionally they turn up at the Post Office here on letters mailed in the U. S. by persons who do not stop to think that the United States does not cover the whole continent.

The Canadian stamps with maple leaves in all corners are advancing in price rapidly. Dealers cannot get enough of some values to supply the demand.

The following values have been issued of the Canadian stamps with numerals in the lower corners: $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2, 3, 6c. The new $\frac{1}{2}$ c stamps are of a darker shade than their predecessors. Collectors should buy a set of the new issue as soon as possible, as there is a constant rumor of a complete new issue.

A complaint is made against the Post Office Department because it costs 48 cents to send a parcel of two pounds to any part of Canada, while it only costs only 28 cents to send the same parcel to Great Britain or Hong Kong.

What Canadian collectors need badly is a Canadian Album. Much has been spoken about this but so far it has been unsuccessful.

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SALEM, MASS., OCTOBER 25, 1898.

THE stamp season, if it may be called such, is now on, and it gives every promise of eclipsing all past years. The Philatelist, returning from mountains, sea-shore and, last but not least, war,

is again seeking his old love. This year seems to be a record breaker for beginners into our hobby; nearly all firms stating that the demand for albums far exceeds the supply, as is a general rule with all philatelic supplies. It is needless to state the advantages one gets in advertising; for those who keep their name constantly before the public must necessarily reap the harvest they have so faithfully sown. The columns of the P. B. are open to all honest and reliable dealers, and we solicit your patronage, and you may feel assured of fair dealings, it matters not how small your ad may be. We now have a very large circulation, having purchased the *California Stamp*, *Tennessee Philatelist* and *Home Worker*, and you can safely count on good returns from any contract you may see fit to place with us.

THIS month we are forced to adopt our old front cover design, on account of a large increase in our ads. We followed this plan because we did not care to decrease our MSS. for the sake of running more ads. Next month we shall probably enlarge the paper several pages and our new cover design will be with you again.

R. M. GAY & Co. of Brooklyn, N. Y. have our thanks for a generous sample of their die cut stamp hinge, the "Omega". Their ad will be found in the columns of this month's P. B. and a sample will be furnished free for the asking. We find that that the hinge is superior to any we have used in the past; it comes up to every claim mentioned in the ad, and in some points, shows that its makers have been a little modest in heralding its merits.

We extend our thanks to F. J. Laurie of Worcester, Mass., for a cabinet photo a magnificent copy of the Milbury stamp. The photos retail at 25 cents each.

THE following was recently received from Williams & Co. of Lima, Peru :

LIMA, PERU, *Sept. 28, 1898.*

NAUMKEAG STAMP & PUB. CO.,

DEAR SIRS :—New 1c affixed *stamp was placed on sale today.

On Sept. 19th orders were sent to New York for 5 and 10 soles stamps (50,000 of each). These will soon be in use.

Yours truly,

WILLIAMS & CO.

*The stamp mentioned is the new 1 centavos printed in green instead of blue, to comply, we presume, with the regulations made by the U. S. P. U.—ED.]

FROM London, England, comes a copy of Alfred Smith & Son's "Rowland Hill" packet collection; and we think that these gentlemen can convince you, that buying stamps in packets pays, after all. Bargains abound within its covers. A copy will be mailed you on applying to their address.

Old Dominion Notes.

All symptoms point to a grand revival in philately this fall. And especially is this noticeable "down South," speaking in general; and in Virginia, in particular.

There is not a single dealer in our city of nearly 100,000 inhabitants—and nearly 300 stamp collectors.—This seems strange.—We depend entirely on approval sheets and such stamps as we secure in exchange among ourselves and with foreign collectors. We fare very well by this method, for the most choice selections circulate among our collectors, and they are buying collectors too.

Several fine blocks of 2c surcharged revenues with I. R. inverted have been offered here at \$1.40 per block of four. The price asked by some dealers is \$2.00. Oh, to have a "pull" with one of the

press-boys at the Bureau in Washington; to furnish him about 100 sheets of 2c postage stamps and get him to run 'em through up-side down. Yes, oh, to have a "pull".

There's a rumor to the effect that Canada's Postmaster General is dissatisfied with the "new" new Canadian stamps, and that probably a *new* set will be issued. In the name of the Nine Seraphics let's all join in and "tell him to don't."

Mr. Bartels in his Washington Notes to the *Era*, tells of a number of changes in colors of the current U. S. stamps, and the suggestion to collectors might not be amiss to lay by a few dozen of each the new 5c *dark* blue the 4c, 6c, 8c, 10c, and 15c values; for when once changed the colors will probably remain a good long time, and while the stamps will, by no means, be scarce, still they are good to have on hand for exchange purposes.

Since the stamps of the Confederate States are receiving so much attention from the philatelic press of late, it is to be supposed that the demand for them will increase, and there is no better source from whence to secure a complete set than from the collectors of the South. I predict that among all the obsolete stamps, Confederates will be the most safe investment. A 1 specimens of the higher priced stamps are rare.

Valuable Stamp Collection Stolen.

LONDON, Oct. 7.—A despatch from Paris to a local agency says that a priceless international collection of postage stamps have been stolen from the Central Post Office in that city. The collection comprised specimens of every stamp issue for many years past by every country in the world.



Any of the following stamps, purchased this month, or at the present market quotation, are a good investment, for they are paying stamps, and will never be priced lower: $\frac{1}{2}$ c orange documentary; $1\frac{1}{2}$ c plum; $1\frac{1}{2}$ c purple; 1c I. R. surcharge in block or small type; 1 and 2c inverted I. R., \$5.00 newspaper surcharged documentary and almost any of the Hawaiian Island stamps including the Official set. The last mentioned are very good stamps and every collector should add a set to his or her collection at the present retail prices, as everything points to a speedy rise in price, on these stamps.

Several years ago the \$1.00 Hawaiian surcharge could be bought at \$1.15 each, and even at this price the stamps went begging, as did several other denominations of the set. Let one be offered today at that price, and it would not be long looking up a purchaser, and if parties held large numbers of them they would be finding themselves reaping a high rate of interest on their investment. So, as I before stated, do not neglect securing Hawaiian Islands at the present prices, if you are in need of them.

Bear in mind always, that any of the South and Central American stamps, *postally used* are good things, and they surely have a brilliant future in store for them.

Collectors would do well at the present time to hang on to any of the issues of Canada that may come their way, even to the most common varieties, as this country has by no means settled down to a permanent issue as yet, and the ones that are to-day the most common may at a near future, become rarities.

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Amount Previously Reported in Treas.	\$1.59	
Receipts for month.....	.96	\$2.55
DISBURSEMENTS.		
Vouchers Nos. 1, 2 and 3.....		\$1.11
		\$1.55

NEW MEMBERS.

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This is the banner month of P. E., but let us all work to exceed this next month.

CORRECTIONS OF LAST MONTH'S REPORT.

"Reinstated" should have read "Resigned."

The following members still owe dues from July 1st, 1898, to Jan. 1st, 1899, amounting to 10 cents, and unless paid before Jan. 1st will be suspended:

C. A. Pearson. Lawrence Gregerson.
 Luke S. Wunderly. Claude W. Unger.

Two of these have fair chances of being on the board of officers for the coming year and I hope all will pay up. CHAS. L. MCNUTT, Secretary.

ELECTION.

As only one nomination for each office has been made, I ask that it be made unanimous. If no objections are received before Nov. 10th, following officers will be elected:

President and Sales Supt.,	D. J. REILLY, JR.
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	C. L. MCNUTT, Secretary.

ONTARIO NOTES.

BY GEO. W. HICKS.

At the recent D. P. A. election held on September 15th last, Mr. Charles Bailey was elected President by a majority of seventeen votes.

The following shows the number of votes for each candidate:—

For President	{ A. M. Muirhead	15.
	{ Charles Bailey	32.
For U. S. V. P.	{ F. D. Sawyer	26.
	{ H. A. Chapman	21.

As will be seen only forty-seven members voted, which is very few considering that the D. P. A. has one hundred and sixty "paid-up" members.

We are glad to see the *Philatelic Messenger* in the field again. Mr. Knight has removed to Boisetown, N. B. and is making up for lost time by sending out the back numbers of his paper as fast as they can be printed. No doubt he has caught up to "Father Time" ere now.

The D. P. A. is growing rapidly. The Secretary reports fourteen applications and ten new members for the month of October; a showing which very few societies can equal. All delinquent members have been suspended from membership, and the rest have been re-numbered.

Starnaman Bros., promise an extra big special of the *Philatelic Advocate* for January. A prompt, "snug," newsy paper, is the *Advocate*. We would feel that we had lost a trusty friend, were it to go "with the silent majority."

It would, no doubt, seem strange to we philatelists in Canada, when writing to any British Colony—after the "Penny Postage" rate comes in—to affix a 2c stamp to a letter about to travel a distance of half the circumference of the globe; and a 3c stamp to one going a distance equal to half the circumference of one of our large cities. Queer thing, when we come to think about it, isn't it?

NOTES OF INTEREST.

The war with Spain is having numerous and varied effects on stamp-collecting. Apart from the impetus it has given to the stamps of Cuba, Porto Rico, and the Philippine Islands, war envelopes used during the rebellion and those made at the present time are laying claim to considerable popularity. The new ones show some very neat designs of flags, both United States and Cuban, singly and in groups, while others have on them the eagle and the national coat-of-arms.

It has also been predicted that the stamps of the Navy Department would come in for a share of attention owing to the prominence into which that branch of the government has come. As yet there has yet been no appreciable increase in the demand, though such a thing is quite possible considering the distinction that department has attained.

In 1710 the post office system of the American Colonies was established. It had a very slow growth, for under Washington's first administration, Franklin, the postmaster-general, visited all the post offices of the nation, we are told, riding in his own carriage. The growth of late years has been very rapid, there being in 1895, 447,581 miles of post routes. The post offices numbered 67,119, while the revenues of the department were \$70,930,475. The number of letters carried was 3,800,000,000, an average of 54 for every person in the nation, counting 70,000,000 as the population. The world's mail for that year embraced 8,000,000,000 letters, so that nearly one half of all were sent by Americans.

Switzerland has not only the cheapest postage of any country in the world but also the largest number of postoffices pro rata of the population, there being one for every 845 inhabitants. The United States has a postoffice for every 887 inhabitants; Germany for every 1376; Great Britain for every 1913, and France for every 4782.

NOTES FROM TANGIER, MOROCCO.

BY HAIM J. COLEDANO.

The collection of Morocco stamps has just been increased by a fresh recruit.

You know that there exists no administration in Morocco. The Moorish government do not take the least care of the requirements of his country and everything vegetates in the most pitiable neglect. The official postal service is a languishing one and so deficient that it has become almost useless. Only a small number of natives recur to it. Postage stamps are supplied by the stamping on the cover, at the time of paying, with an hexagonal seal, bept by the *Director of the Post Office*, a Moor muffled up at the bottom of a miserable shop. This seal, which bears, in Arabic writing, the name of the city from which the letter departs, is consequently a different one in each city. Hence the only variety as there are no different values. Still, once in a while, a different colored, one can be seen but this is perhaps because the ink is ended and they cannot get of the same colour.

On account of this, the Foreign Powers, as well as particular enterprises, have to their care the organization of a postal service in accordance with the importance and requirements of commerce.

So far, France, Spain and England are the only Powers that have established postal agencies in Morocco. (Now, I hear of the probability of a German agency being founded) The Spanish service has no special stamp. It uses the regular Spanish stamp. France makes use of the French stamp, bearing the value in *centimos*, surcharged.

As for the English Post Office, up to the 1st June, it borrowed the Gibraltar stamp, which it used without any alteration. Since then, this partnership has ceased and to-day it can boast of being independent, having its own stamp, which is, by the way, the most charac-

teristic among the above mentioned stamps, as it is the only one that claims its origin. This stamp is the same used formerly with the surcharge of the words MOROCCO AGENCIES, in black. And this is the issue I referred to, at the beginning of these lines.

Probably this issue will turn out to be a provisional one, and the time will not be long in coming, perhaps, in which a new and more definite stamp will appear made exactly like the Gibraltar one, but the word *Gibraltar* being simply supplanted by *Tangier* or *Morocco*. But, perhaps too, before accomplishing this, England will expect to see her golden dream, in regard to Tangier, realized in an affective manner.

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IT IS RUMORED.

BY LEON V. CASS.

That the Bank of Montreal has bought up the majority of the 1c Cabot issue of Newfoundland as an investment.

That there is likely to be some addition to our present set of revenues as there is need of different denominations.

That the 4, 6, and 10c present issue—small size—are likely to be changed in color if not in design.

That the Solomon Islands are to have stamps, probably British Colonials.

That Canada is to have an entire new issue.

That certain old Canada revenues are being looked after by speculators.

That Mexican revenues are again coming into favor.

That U. S. telegraph stamps are being collected to a greater extent than ever before.

That many of the old U. S. revenues are good things to buy at the present low prices.

That foreign revenues are at present being favored by many collectors.

That the Jubilant Cubans are contemplating issuing a new set to celebrate their freedom.

That the present Cuban Republic stamps are not plentiful. Many dealers and collectors lack them.

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5c Express.....	04
5c Inland Exchange, imperf.....	08
6c " ".....	12
10c Bill of Lading.....	02
10c Foreign Exchange.....	30
15c Inland ".....	02
25c Bond.....	05
25c Certificate, imperf.....	24
25c Entry of Goods.....	03
25c Life Insurance.....	15
25c Protest.....	16
25c Warehouse Receipt.....	35
30c Inland Exchange.....	05
40c " ".....	05
50c Foreign Exchange.....	30
50c Mortgage.....	02
50c " P. P.....	40
50c Passage Ticket.....	08
50c Lease.....	25
50c Life Insurance.....	05
50c Surety Bond.....	04
60c Inland Exchange.....	08
70c Foreign ".....	06
\$1.00 Conveyance.....	10
1.00 Entry of Goods.....	02
1.00 Lease.....	06
1.00 Life Insurance.....	15
1.00 Manifest.....	45
1.00 Foreign Exchange, imperf.....	45
1.00 Power of Attorney.....	05
1.00 Mortgage, imperf.....	50
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30c.....	50
\$1.00.....	08
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2.50.....	25
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MR. GEORGE CARION.

The subject of this sketch is Mr. Geo. Carion, the reliable, popular and well known dealer and philatelic expert of San Francisco.

Mr. George Carion, the resident Vice President of the *Philatelic Sons of America* for California, was born in Paris, France in April 1868 where he began collecting in 1876. He became a dealer in 1879 and still has an office in Paris at 29rue Legendre. He has published 2 philatelic papers in France *The Bulletin Mensuel*, in 1884, and *La Timbrologie* in 1885, but owing to increase of business, was compelled to discontinue all publications and to devote his entire time to stamps. He came to San Francisco in 1893 and has met with the success that honest business deserves.

He contributed articles to a few of the stamp papers in France, and many articles to the *American Press*. These articles have attracted much attention as he stated many facts concerning stamps that were previously unknown to collectors.

Mr. George Carion is known as an expert on all stamps and is acknowledged to be the highest authority on the stamps

of France and her Colonies, in which he was the first stamp dealer in Paris to make a specialty of.

He is a member of all the leading Societies, and is resident Vice President for the Southern Philatelic Association, Philatelic Sons of America, Columbian Philatelic Society, and at the last New York

convention of the PHILATELIC SONS OF AMERICA was elected by an overwhelming majority, to the most important office of Expert Counterfeit Detector.



A NEW postal departure which is of particular interest to travellers has just been instituted in the Grand Duchy of Baden.

The scheme is this: Supposing that in the course of a journey you want to dispatch a telegram, all that you have to do is to write your mes-

sage on a post-card with the intimation that you wished it wired, affix the requisite amount of stamps, and drop it into the letter box attached to the train. When the train stops the box will be cleared and the wire sent off without further trouble to you. Postal reformers in other countries will doubtless make a note of this.

ROCKY HILL PENCILINGS.

BY H. A. CHAPMAN.

INTRODUCTORY.—The writer has been on friendly terms with the publisher of *THE PHILATELIC BULLETIN* from the time this journal was first started, and has occasionally contributed to its columns. A request has been received for regular articles and hereafter I shall do my best to interest the readers of this bright monthly. I am happy to know that *THE BULLETIN* is generally "on time," and that anything furnished it will not get mouldy before it is printed.

THE STANDARD OF COLOR.—The variations of color are often perplexing to philatelists, and the need of something to go by has often been felt. L. Prang of Boston, Mass., has put on the market a set of seven plates, which must be, as advertised, "indispensable to collectors." The number of shades or tints given is 1,176. These are carefully arranged on the seven plates (the colors of the spectrum), so as to be easily designated. The cost is reasonable.

DEWEY NOT A STAMP COLLECTOR.—Heroes are always claimed by the devotees of all fads, and Dewey, of course, has been placed in the ranks of stamp collectors. A correspondent of a New Orleans paper, however, denies that the hero of Manila is a philatelist, but says he is a lepidopterist, and that his collection of butterflies gathered on his voyages is very valuable and handsome, the insurance on it being from \$6,000 to \$8,000 and said to be worth much more.

A COMICAL MISTAKE.—When a person's brain is thoroughly saturated with "stampiana," no wonder imagination leads him to think he sees stamps often when he doesn't. The morning after election, the writer passed through a dark hallway in the city, and saw on the floor what appeared to be a strip of five stamps on cover, each of a different

color. It was eagerly grabbed, and proved to be a set of colored designs, with a capital letter in the center of each, which spelled VOTES. Of course the disappointment was great.

THE POWER OF THE POSTAGE STAMP.—Under this title a well known lady writer contributed an article to a contemporary, in which she tells of the sacredness of the mail which is protected by a postage stamp, and how Uncle Sam's vehicles in the postal service have the right of way under all circumstances. It calls to mind an incident which fell under the writer's personal observation. There is no doubt that some of these government drivers are a little puffed up on account of their authority, and officious at times, but that is neither here nor there. Standing on the edge of the curbstone in a nearby city I was watching a military procession as it passed by. The local company had gone on ahead, and a visiting organization was coming. Just then the U. S. mail wagon dashed up from a side-street, and made a break to cross through the line. An officer of the front row of the out-of-town company at first thought it was an unwarranted interference, and grabbed the horse by the bit. Looking again, the words "U. S. Mail" stared him in the face, and he let go as suddenly as though he had meddled with a red-hot poker. With a "Beg Pardon!" and a polite military salute from the officer, the company halted, the postalic Jehu passed, and the band struck up "Hail to the Chief!" It was a very amusing episode, and one could truly exclaim, "Great is the Power of the Postage Stamp!"

A CHANGE OF ORGANSHIP.—At the convention of the Southern Philatelic Association, held October 20, the official organship was taken away from *The Lone Star State Philatelist*, which has heretofore printed the reports, and *The Virginia Philatelist* was elected to fill its place. While I regret that Brother

Bradley's journal has been superseded by the Richmond journal, I am not altogether surprised. It was a bad lack of judgment on Mr. B.'s part, after printing such an elegant August number, to have an interim of eight weeks before he issued the September number, especially as the announcement of the meet to be held October 20, occurred therein and did not reach members till afterward. The writer is a member and did not receive a copy till October 23. To this fact, also to the fact that ballots were not received by members until too late to furnish proxies, the attendance and the proxies were light. Those present were dissatisfied, and the laxity was made a reason for changing the official organ. If the lesson taught at the convention is taken home by other dilators organs, it will prove a blessing. Three times similar cases have occurred quite recently, and there "may be others." In one case I should have attended the meet had I any means of knowing when to go, and I also had the Southern Philatelic Association gathering in my mind, but a serious illness prevented me from attending anyway. A long list of suspended members recently appeared in an official organ. Of course members, if they don't wish to stay in a society, ought to have decency and pride enough to withdraw in a decent manner; but quite a number told me they didn't think it was any more to be lax in their dues than it was to be so abominably and irregularly served by an organ when they were not in arrears, and I could only say "Amen!"

A PROMPT JOURNAL.—Apropos of the above, while the necessity of a change of official journal is regretted, it is a pleasure to know that the successor is one of the promptest monthlies in the country, being almost as regular as "Old Sol" himself. It has always been neatly printed, is full of interesting matter, and reports will be set forth in good shape.

PRIVATE POSTAL CARDS ADMITTED.—An associated press dispatch, under date of November 8, states that Postmaster-General Smith has issued an order admitting private mailing cards, authorized by the act of May 19, 1893, into the foreign mails at one cent postage each for Canada and Mexico, and two cents each for all other postal union countries. This permits the sending of any kind of card in lieu of requiring the usual postal card, provided the size is the same as the official cards.

REDUCED POSTAL RATES.

Inquiry made at the General Postoffice here shows the postal authorities know nothing officially of the fact that the Third Assistant Postmaster-General of the United States, John A. Merritt, will, in his annual report this year, recommend the reduction of ocean postage between the United States and Great Britain to 2 cents a half ounce, which would mean a great saving to business houses on both sides of the Atlantic, having a large correspondence. The only information which has reached here was contained in cable dispatches announcing these facts. The officials of the British postoffice say the matter stands as follows:

"When a reduction of the postage between Great Britain and her colonies was decided upon the idea of a similar arrangement with the United States was mooted and well received by the British authorities. But, they now add, the only objection is that the United States may wish to make it a step for a similar reduction with other countries of the postal union, for which Great Britain is not yet prepared."

"But," one of the British postal officials remarked, "for such an arrangement with the United States, as the great English-speaking nation having the closest commercial and social relations with us, we are quite ready."



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We are entering now upon a new season which is under somewhat different conditions from previous ones. We are told that there is to be no catalogue issued this year; consequently the speculator is baffled, but the firm friend of philately is pleased. This cannot but work good. We are not to have fictitious values forced upon us this year, because there is no call for raising the valuation of stamps in general; and surely we need no catalogue which merely serves as a speculator's instrument to inflate the 'value' of his possessions. It is infinitely better to allow the market to work out its own changes, than to issue a catalogue which purports to record the changes in prices, but which often creates these changes.

THE catalogue has often anticipated rises in stamp values which have not been justifiable; then these anticipated prices become the "true values" of the stamp according to the catalogue. This bullish tendency to inflate valuations will fortunately be dispensed with this year.

THE season will undoubtedly be an exceedingly successful and active one. Stamp values are more firmly settled than they have been in recent years, the nation has come out successfully from an honorable war, and in fact everything augurs a prosperous season. Dealers and correspondents are practically unanimous in reporting good trade and favorable prospects. There is no reason why we should not have a booming year. It lies with every individual to assert his influence on philately, and if he will exert himself slightly he can contribute his mite to the united power of all collectors, which will make this season a remarkable one. Let us try it. We all profit by it individually as well as collectively.

AUCTION SALES have again begun at Boston and elsewhere, at the larger philatelic centers will occur frequently throughout the year. Mr. B. L. Drew

opened the season at Boston on the 10th of October. Mr. Drew's sales are always features of the Boston stamp season.

Now for a word about postal cards. Many collectors are in the habit of entirely discarding this class of postage franks. Some do so on account of their bulkiness; but this obstacle can easily be overcome by using a separate album for the postal cards. They are as truly *philatelic*, if the term may be used, as postage stamps and are therefore collectible. Even the most fastidious can offer no argument against their collection, for certainly they are attractive, instructive, and valuable. Postal cards are going to rise in value, before many years, and it were well to prepare for this rise. The writer would advise every collector not only to accept what postal cards fall into his hands but to hunt for them and buy them. Postal cards should and will form a more important branch of stamp collecting than they do at present.

RECEIVED.

Mr. H. B. Vesey of 124 York Place, Norfolk, Va., has very kindly mailed us a copy of his latest directory of Virginia's Philatelists. It is a very neatly printed book of eight pages and cover and contains a number of hundred names and addresses. Mail 10c to Mr. Vesey and receive a copy.

At last the much talked of and advertised price list of Messrs. Williams & Co. of Lima, Peru, is at hand, and we can truthfully say that it contains the treat of the season (yes, and a good many seasons to come) for it is brim full of *bargains*, and *such bargains*, it is a regular Klondyke for persons who are "gunning" for snaps. If you wish to purchase stamps at from 5 to 20 cents on the dollar do not fail to procure a copy at once. If you do not wish to purchase, but are looking for exchange, the list offers just as many inducements, and without a copy of this pamphlet, you are missing the chance of a life time.



Gibraltar has changed her currency from the Spanish centimo and peseta to the English penny and shilling.

Not very startling news, to be sure, especially in this, the year of so many changes; but nevertheless this alteration of coin has made it necessary to change the denomination of the current stamps and henceforth they will appear printed in the values of English money. We may therefore look for an early rise in the market value of the stamp just obsolete, and now is the time to fill up your blank spots.

I have often heard the question asked, "what is the best *class* of stamps as regards countries to purchase?" All stamps at present are quoted at very low figures, in my estimation, lower than they will ever be offered again and you would therefore not go amiss to any great extent if the question was left unanswered; but if I were to give my opinion I should simply say, "complete your pages of old European," for these stamps, as many know, have long been underpriced, and as the supply cannot be enlarged upon, the natural consequence, an early advancement in prices, is only reasonable, and if I am not thoroughly mistaken the 59th edition catalogue will reveal some surprises for the unsuspected.

I have it on good authority that several parties intend placing large quantities of old U. S. revenues upon the market during the coming season, as they feel that the opportunity which they have long been waiting has at last arrived. If such be the case we may as well look for a flood of this stuff, as it is generally known that immense numbers of these revenues are hoarded away somewhere. If the bottom of the "kettle" is about

to fall we may feel assured of a speedy decrease in the value of these stamps, and I might say that, if such be the case, you can purchase them at your own price before the season closes. At present I should advise those of my readers who are contemplating filling up their revenue spaces to lay low, as it were, and patiently await developments.

PHILATELIC "CROOK" REVIEW.

Now that the winter season is on we wish to warn dealers and collectors against doing business with the following parties, of whom we have absolute proof against, and who have played their tricks successfully upon numerous dealers in time past. Paste this list on a spot near at hand for future reference and you will be many dollars in.

The following names all appeared in our "Black List" at different times last season, and we know that they are people to be avoided if you wish to have clear accounts:

C. C. Rogers, 109 W. 16th-st., N. Y. City.
Frank Griffith, 34 Summer St., Rochester, N. Y.

L. E. Gregerson, 418 Y St., Rochester, Minn.

J. R. Ashton, 911 Rothschilds Building, Philadelphia, Pa.

S. Cronin, Hartford City, Ind.

Wm. C. R. Peck, Box 291, Hortonville, Mass.

S. A. Reigel, Box 606, Lewistown, Pa.

Samuel W. Carter, British Guiana.

John Coumenos, Athens, Greece.

J. Y. Raindole, North Bay, Ont., Can.

F. H. Gould, Wakefield, N. H., and numerous other points near there.

Robert McCompr, Box 764, St. Thomas, Ont.

R. L. Henderson, 179 Joy St., Atlanta, Ga.

G. Kohn, 333 Michigan Ave., Detroit, Mich.

J. Nixon, Fountain City, Ind.

J. J. Williams, Manager of Vernon

Stamp Co., of Viroqua, Wis., says beware of James MaKay, Cayuga, Ind.
Harry C. Ioor, 520 S. East St., Indianapolis, Ind.

Paul Cline of Tippecanbe City, Ohio, submits the following list:

Gilbert Nuiver, Fremont, Mich.

James Lacey, Box 845, N. Y. City.

G. I. Silvey, 420 E. 34th St., Chicago, Ill.

Victor Jones, Denton, Texas.

W. C. Miller, Box 245, Elkhart, Ind.

Mr. G. A. Hunt, Manager of Rumford Stamp Co., of Woburn, Mass., claims to be responsible for the following list of "beats."

H. E. Lapp, Rochester, N. Y.

Sara D. Jones, North Bay, Ont., Can.

W. S. Preston, Winchester, Ind.

W. A. Hatch, a dealer of Bellows Falls, Vt., wish us to state that K. L. Schnell, Box 135, Alton, Ill., is an approval sheet fraud.

Mr. L. H. MacDonald, a stamp dealer of Seerbrooke, N. S., writes us and states that he has had unpleasant experience, with the following persons, and declares them to be approval sheet frauds.

George Johnson, Box 298, Truro, N. S., Canada.

Frank Lloyd, Jr., Westholine, Vancouver Island, British Columbia.

The following names are taken from the "Guard of Honor" in the May number of the *Virginia Philatelist*.

G. E. Montgomery, Alliance, Neb.

Surinam Stamp Association of Paramaribo, Surinam.

X-MAS BULLETIN.

As is customary, on December 25th, we shall issue a x-mas number, elaborately gotten up, with a *double circulation*. If your ad does not appear in this issue, you certainly cannot be classed with the up-to-date dealers. An ad in this number offers you many advantages and such an investment cannot fail to pay, if you greet the public with an attractive one. *All copy must be in before December 10th to insure insertion.*

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OLD DOMINION NOTES.

BY OLD CONFED.

Richmond, Va., has been selected by the members of the Southern Philatelic Association, in session at Knoxville, Tenn., last month, as the Convention Seat for 1899. Truly a better choice could not be made.

It is well that this representative southern Association decided upon a city around whose very name cluster so many memories dear to us of the South. But it is not alone the interest lent by Richmond's historic past that will attract the S. P. A., but coupled with these are real *philatelic* landmarks.—There is the wartime post-office; the sight of Archer & Daly's printery, where most of the issues of the late Confederacy were printed; and there is yet the building where Hayer & Ludwig executed Confederate Government printing contracts. There is also the A. Hoen & Co. lithographing plant where Revenues were printed—and here in Richmond may yet still be seen one of the lithographic stones from which were printed Confederate "shin plasters."

Yes, there will be much to interest the philatelic visitor to the "City of the Seven Hills."—There will be awaiting them—come they from the North or South—a warm southern welcome.—A strong society of active stamp collectors who will exert every effort to make their stay here one of pleasure throughout.

The S. P. A. is the representative association of the Southern States, and every southern collector should be found in its ranks.

Of stamp news there is little to report.—The approval sheet trade is in full blast, and I have just heard of two of our older collectors considering the advisability of going into the stamp business. Success would be assured them from the start, as they would be the only dealers in our city.

Several Horsemen Carriers—black—one of them one cent, the other one "sent," have been found by a Richmond collector.

I am informed by a correspondent in Washington that several changes in colors of our Revenues will again be made, on account of similarity in colors (but not in values) of the Proprietary and Documentary stamps.

Richmond collectors are securing Confederates on original covers from every source they can, confident that the day is not remote when these stamps will prove good stock to offer in exchange, or sale.

More attention is being paid these issues, and collectors will soon awaken to the fact that to fill the spaces reserved in their albums for Confederates, is no such easy task—especially the 20c green, the 2c carmine and the 2c green *cancelled*. Either of these will hold its own against the overrated TEN cent stamps, however, *that* is not to be dispised by any means.

But, I'll tell you all more about these trifles when you come to the Convention in '99.

There are a number of different philatelic clubs and societies in Canada. The largest and most flourishing of these, is the Dominion Philatelic Association, which enrolled fourteen new members last month, and fifteen applications were received.

ONTARIO NOTES.

BY G. W. HICKS.

The President of the D. P. A. is trying to arrange for a meeting of the officers of this society, in Toronto, on Thanksgiving Day. It is to be hoped that such an arrangement can be made, so that the officers may all become acquainted and talk matters over for the benefiting of the "good old D. P. A."

Mr. F. I. Weaver, publisher of the *Boys Own Philatelist* has changed the name of that magazine to *The Canadian Philatelic Weekly*, which, as its name implies, is published every week. This will not be Canada's only "weekly" as another "Canadian Philatelic Weekly" is about to appear—this one published in Toronto. Which was named first we wonder?

The *Philatelic Advocate* says: "The *Mail and Empire* of Toronto, one of Canada's largest daily papers, has started a stamp column and stamp exchange for its "readers." This is very promising as it shows the interest in stamps has revived in Canada; and no doubt it will gain many new adherents to our cause—"the more the merrier."

Toronto collectors have formed a Philatelic Club with Wm. Meyers as President. In a city like Toronto, where there are no small number of collectors, the wonder is there was not a society formed long ago.

The average collector will find it hard enough to complete his set of "maple leaf" Canada without going in for shades; however we cannot overlook the fact that there are some; the most distinct being 5c light, and very dark blue; 8c orange, yellow and dark shades.

Canada is to have a four cent stamp after the penny postage rate comes in this Xmas.

Two new philatelic societies have been formed in Canada—the "League of Canadian Philatelists" and the "Maritime Philatelic Association."

The business outlook:—A vast improvement over the past months, but "room for more."

CANADIAN LETTER.

BY E. V. CAMPION.

The Canadian jubilees have taken another drop in price, dealers are selling $\frac{1}{2}$ ct. ones from 18 to 20 cents each, while a set from $\frac{1}{2}$ ct. to 50cts. can now be bought for \$1.75. No doubt the "maple leaf" issue is taking the attention of the collector from them. The maple leaf issue as it is called was in use about as long as the jubilees and the whole set can be bought cheap. A collector who invests in the high values will not lose money on his speculation as they are bound to rise, particularly the 6 and 10c values and will be selling as high as the jubilees, in a short time.

The new 8c stamp with numerals in the lower corners has appeared and is of a much lighter shade than the former one. It is said that the new 5 and 10c stamps are being issued.

The special delivery stamps, put in use a short time ago, are turning out a failure, hardly any are used, the greater number being sold to philatelists.

The Canadian postal notes are greatly in demand and are used extensively by those remitting small sums of money.

Now that nearly all the values of the new issue are in use, collectors will be hunting for errors. One is said to occur in the $\frac{1}{2}$ c stamp, the oval band surrounding the Queen's head is not shaded. Only one stamp on some sheets are found to be of this variety.

Canada is more than making up for lost time in the way of new issues, in fact they have become so numerous that we have lost count, but then half a dozen more or less does not matter considering what is expected in the future.

Another new philatelic society, "The League of Canadian Philatelists" is added to the list of Canadian societies. Its headquarters are at Montreal.

PARAGRAPH OF INTEREST.

It is generally understood that each country where stamps are used is responsible for the preparation and issuing of these articles. The announcement therefore, that one little French colony makes about two hundred varieties of stamps comes as a bit of surprise. This is the colony of Obock, and is simply a great stamp factory.—The capital of the place is a little village of huts and the administration consists merely of a governor, with eight functionaries. The methods of these people are somewhat novel. The secretary of one of the engraving companies is under contract to supply without charge whatever postage stamps may be needed by Central and South America.—Coupled with this agreement is the understanding that every year the design is a new one. The government returns to the company whatever stamps remain on hand unused. The manufacturers keep the design plates and paraphernalia in order to make reprints for collectors. Under these circumstances it is not remarkable if very great latitude is allowed to their caprices by these people whenever they desire to run out a new issue of stamps. In one instance a man took possession of a rocky island where there were no inhabitants, gave the place a name and had an immense issue of postage-stamps prepared, all of which were furnished to collectors at a good profit. If this sort of thing keeps on it will be easy enough to fill one's books with specimens which have really no local habitation or name.



AMY L. SWIFT.

Publishers that wish an impartial review of their respective magazines must send one copy to our Review Editor's address, Box 335, Whitman, Mass.

The September *Lone Star State Philatelist* was woefully late, not arriving until Nov. 1. Much of its space was devoted to Confederate matter, and collectors of these long obsolete issues will find many interesting items within its pages.

The *Eastern Philatelist* has changed hands, and is now issued from Boston by B. L. Drew & Co. October treats of the "Speculative feature of the Omaha set," describes some of Mr. Seybold's original covers, has a department for the benefit of new issues, and another for review, and closes with editorials and notes of a very creditable order.

The *Revue Postale* for October has a long article by Dr. Legrande on the colors of stamps, how they are obtained and their susceptibility to change. This journal also illustrates and describes several Swiss Hotel stamps which appear to have been used in addition to the regular postage on letters mailed from these hotels.

The *Perforator* is both pretty and plump, the October number being no exception to either rule. Its most inspiring article is by B. G. McFall and will probably provoke some discussion among collectors as it aims to give a "somewhere near correct" price list of U. S. issues arranged according to condition etc. It is to be continued next month.

The *Philatelic West* seems to be gradually swaying toward amateur photography, a large share of the September number being devoted to "kodak fiends." Stamps still have a place, however, the history of the Schleswig Holsteins being the leading article. There is also a reprint anent the Connell "essay" from the *International Philatelist*.

The length of the October *Stampman* is the same as in former days, but its breadth has almost tripled itself, giving now four columns to each of the eight pages. It isn't safe to find fault with the *Stampman*, but we would suggest—with meek respect—that he study ornithology, and give the "Guatemala Parrot set" its correct description.

The October *Montreal Philatelist* says Canada is soon to have a 4c stamp; remarks that there are two shades each of the current Canadian 5c and 8c, and adds that the ½c with numerals has been found with the oval band surrounding the Queen's head unshaded. The *M. P.* runs a short revenue department which this month has three illustrations.

J. Francis Farrell makes a plea in the October *New York Philatelist* for better philatelic literary work; less "dullness, idle speculation, unjustified controversies" and space filling, and more really helpful work carefully and conscientiously written. We do need it truly, but both the fault and the cure lie with the editors, many of whom will accept almost anything if it only is cheap. Really good work must invariably be well paid for, and those who do not hesitate to so pay can generally get it.

A portrait and sketch of Mr. J. C. Miller adorns the first page of the *Rocky Mountain Stamp*, and following comes an article from the pen of S. A. D. Cox, who wants some method agreed upon for pricing uncatalogued oddities and minor varieties generally. Mr. Dodge has a few editorials, and the rest of the paper

is monopolized by the Peruvian firm of Williams & Co., twelve pages being filled by their price list while Peruvian notes occupy three more.

The *Melita Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser* has a part of these notes also, and as they read identically it would seem as though they had been sent out in the form of a circular. This journal is championing the cause of philatelic feminines, and has articles encouraging them in both English and Italian. In addition there are numerous short items, one of which informs us that the Duchess of York is an enthusiastic postal card collector. Not it only remains for little Prince Edward to start a revenue collection and then they will be a happy family ever after.

AN EXPERIMENT.

This is an experiment to test this Journal. If successful will try it again. I offer for sale—
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In connection with this question of discounting, we might properly bring in the subject of auction sales, which many would look to in search of a standard for value estimation. But here we find no

true criterion. Stamps are sold at auction at great sacrifices by collectors, and the peculiarity of circumstances centering around the auction sale render its prices incompetent, as it were, to act as a measure for the prices of their sister stamps. That the auction is no reliable standard is evident from the fact that stamps are sold spasmodically at prices for which one would neither be able to sell stamps for or duplicate stamps at elsewhere. However in the case of stamps selling regularly at auction in the neighborhood of a fixed amount, we can take that amount as an accurate criterion. Thus we have seen that generally the auction is no proper standard for us to go by, and for similar reasons exchange books of stamp clubs are equally unsuitable.

What then have we left? The advertising columns of our philatelic periodicals, dealers price lists, and the approval book minus the allowable discount. A stamp is rated by the catalogue at \$2.00, but is universally sold at \$1.00. It needs no argument to prove that \$1.00 is the proper valuation of the stamp, and if the catalogue does not recognize it, must we submit to the catalogue, or make a catalogue that will be accurate? Better if the present catalogue were to be more accurate. Universal agitation may open the eyes of the cataloguers and instead of raising the price to \$3.00 of a stamp that is catalogued at \$2.00 but sells for \$1.00 let the price come down to \$1.00, still pricing at advances such stamps as

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AN EASY EXPLANATION.—A Canadian correspondent recently made mention of the fact that Canadian stamps could often be obtained cheaper in the United States than at home, especially unused ones. The explanation is that in the United States the Canadian stamps are taken for cash, but when they accumulate, those having them are glad to dispose of them at a discount, and the purchaser can thus afford to sell accordingly. Probably the same thing is true with regard to U. S. stamps in Canadian hands.

THE NEW REPUBLIC.—As well known, the countries of Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua have consolidated, and at present are known as the United States of Central America. It is safe to predict that in the near future Guatemala and Costa Rica will form a part of the republic. The question naturally presents itself whether one set of stamps will be issued for the whole country, or each state still have its own as now. Perhaps there are enough and to spare of the present issues for speculative purposes, so that a brand new set of stamps will be launched forth to help make our lives miserable, and as Columbus first planted his foot on this section of country in 1502, watch for another commemorative issue in 1902.

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THEN AND NOW.—I was recently favored by an English correspondent with a copy of a philatelic magazine published in 1874. The price list of sets of a large dealer are given therein, and the marked difference in some prices is interesting. To enumerate the total comparisons would make a long article, but a few will suffice here. A set of eight unused U. S. stamps of 1851, face value \$1.75, were sold for \$1.82; the present catalogue price of seven of these stamps is \$367, the 90c not being in the market to-day. A set of five used Barbados brought 14c, the price now being \$16.37. An unused set of four British Honduras brought 74c, now \$51.25. A set of five 1859 Lubeck, unused was 20c, now \$19.70. Prussia, 1850, unused set of five, then 50c, now \$23. Some countries have indulged in "reprinting," and to-day their used stamps are much higher priced than the unused. In many cases certain stamps in a set are not so very much higher, yet a single stamp will be found as much different as from 1c to \$6.

PHILATELIC READING.—The subject of philatelic reading is hackneyed and tiresome to many. Most philatelists like to read several publications, and it is impossible for any one journal to suit everybody, no matter how high priced. It is disgusting to read occasionally the anonymous contributions of some readers telling a journal what it ought to do and what is expected by them. No reader has any business to dictate to a publisher what he shall print. If the reader is not satisfied, let him try elsewhere. For a reader to tell what he expects (i. e., all philatelic news) and then himself furnish an article without a philatelic fact in it, is the height of impudence and inconsistency. Such an article recently appeared in a contem-

porary, and the "cheeky" author had the "nerve" to say that if the editor didn't know enough to do it himself, he should pay for expert material. A newspaper man of many years' experience ought to have sense enough to know that journals published at 25c a year cannot pay heavily for copy. If philately is worth anything, readers should not grumble if they have to pay \$1 a year for literature, and for that sum, by clubbing, at least seven reasonably good monthly publications can be obtained, or one weekly and four or five monthlies, and thus secure a variety of reading. I have nearly fifty exchanges sent me, though reviewing for two journals, yet spend \$3 or \$4 yearly for philatelic reading, partly for myself and for friends. No doubt some philatelic publications are "thin," but I believe all are generally welcome (they are to me), and I very seldom come across one but that it has *something* good in it. I might pick out seven journals which I consider worth much more than the dollar necessary to procure them, but probably would be considered partial and having an "axe to grind" by doing so. I will say, however, that I should select those that were prompt, even if some of the diltary ones do contain readable material, and should include THE BULLETIN in the seven. To save themselves, by securing advertising patronage, circulation is necessary, even if not the paying factor in itself, and the journal that is of a chatty nature will more readily get the subscribers than the dryly all-scientific ones, no matter how much you may prate about the latter as being the "necessary" article. I believe 50 cents a year is little enough for any good philatelic journal to be published at, yet there are journals of which three or four can be procured for 50 cents, and in my opinion any one of them give as good satisfaction as some that cost 50 cents alone. If this is "heresy," then I am a "heretic." HENRY A. CHAPMAN.



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SALEM, MASS., DECEMBER 25, 1898.

WE take pleasure in greeting our readers and patrons, one and all, with a Merry Christmas, and a prosperous New Year, which, if such be the case, would be a "Happy" one.

REGARDING the BULLETIN for the coming year, we wish to state that we promised nothing for the year past and consequently disappointed no one, and we intend publishing the paper on the same plan this season. Even the best of us cannot tell what is in store, and promises are but mists, which disappear upon the coming of the morning Sun.

Our motto may not be of the best, but to us it means much, viz: "*Say Nothing, but Saw Wood.*"

WE heartily thank our many patrons of the past year, for their generous support, without which, of course we could not have lived, and we trust we have merited a continuation of the same, which we can assure you, will be appreciated.

WE have recently been deluged with post cards and letters, making inquiries as to the whereabouts of our November number, which was two weeks late; owing to numerous causes, among which was the great snow storm of November 25th. This alone hindered the paper for nearly 10 days, and we can assure our friends that the circumstance was embarrassing to us, as we have always strived to have the BULLETIN appear *regularly and on time*, even if we succeed in doing nothing else, but Fate, in all her furies, seemed to be against us, and there was nothing to do but wait until the paper got through. We trust, however, that our delay, (the first of any consequence) will be over-looked, for this time, and we will try and appear on the 25th of each month as usual, hereafter.

OF course our many readers could not have failed to have noticed the fact that we have not been enjoying the privilege

granted to nearly all other stamp publications, viz :—second class postage rates. But this difficulty, after a fifteen months struggle, (the longest on record, in the world of stamp papers) has at last been removed, and we have been awarded the pound rates, which will unhamper our future movements to a considerable degree, and assist us in making progress towards the goal which we desire to reach ere long.

WE are indebted to E. B. MacGillway, of Toronto, Canada, for the first copy of the new Canadian Imperial Postage stamp. It is very handsomely printed in three colors, and only one fault seems apparent, namely, careless feeding of the stamps into the press in taking the impression of the red color, which represents the British Empire upon the map of the world which appears on the stamp. A little care on the part of the printer would remedy this defect, and a beautiful stamp would be the result.

GEO. B. FORREST, of 1002 Huron St., Indianapolis, Indiana, has favored us with a copy of his indispensable "National Mail Order Register and Business Record." They retail at 25c each post paid, and are indeed well worth double that amount. The pages provide spaces for the number of order, buyer's name, address, article, price received, cost, profit, adv. medium, date of order, when filed and how sent, in fact it is the biggest quarter's worth we have seen for many a moon, and every dealer should add one to his set of books.

ROY B. BRADLEY of Waco, Texas, has sent us one of Jaunasch's Want Lists of U. S. Revenue Stamps. It is a very neatly gotten up affair of 32 pages and cover, the main fault seems to be in the fact, that it is printed on too cheap a grade of paper, the wearing quality of which is doubtful; however, it is well worth the 10c asked, and should be worn in the pocket of every revenue collector.

STAMP TALK.

BY LEON V. CASS.

While many collectors are inclined to collect old issues exclusively, the varied and artistic design of the new issues are continually attracting new collectors and many of these will, in time, become the main stay of philately.

Therefore, I do not condemn the new issues like many others.

Canadian stamps are all the rage at present and prices will doubtless take a jump before long; especially in the case of scarce old issues.

U. S. revenues are again in great demand and collectors who filled their sets while prices were low should congratulate themselves.

It is being whispered around that the following changes will take place in our "War Revenues" at an early date:

First, that the 1c proprietary or the 1c documentary will come printed in a new color.

Second, that either the 2c documentary, or the 2½c proprietary will also come in a new color.

Third, that the entire set will come perforated.

While speaking of new issues I wish to urge collectors to obtain all the used "Omahas" they may need as prices will come up with a jump after the New Year commences.

Dealers report large sales of new issues notwithstanding their speculative character.

Philatelic literature collecting is one of our hobby's most fascinating branches and no collector should neglect his library. While publishers are offering their magazines at such low figures every collector should subscribe to at least half a dozen of the larger magazines.

While speaking of our literature I wish to urge collectors to join together and get the publishers to give more space to really stamp matter and not give so much space to philatelic politics.

The majority of our magazines are not given to political broils although our Canadian magazines have been full of politics for the last four or five months.

Hawaiians are still selling good and prices are not very much higher than last year although an advance in prices is sure to come before long.

The throwing on the market of the Porto Rico remainders have caused prices of unused specimens to take a drop.

Match, Medicine and Perfumery stamps are good sellers and high prices are obtained for really fine specimens.

Old Europeans are selling better in Europe than in America. One reason for this is that in Europe, collectors specialize in Europeans and in America collectors specialize in American stamps.

THE NEW IMPERIAL STAMP.

The Colours Upon It Are Very Badly Printed.

Special to THE PHILATELIC BULLETIN.

Ottawa, Dec. 6.—A specimen of the new Imperial 2-cent stamp was shown to a local philatelist. While the general appearance of the stamp, he remarked, is pleasing to the eye, and flattering to Canadians from the prominence which the Dominion receives in this miniature map of the world, yet, from an artistic standpoint, the stamp is not a success. The red colour, which is intended to indicate portions of the Empire, is not printed evenly or accurately upon the land areas, thereby destroying the value of the stamp as a work of art. This criticism does not of course apply to every stamp, as on some the printing is well done.

THE ads of all up-to-date collectors appear in BULLETIN. If you wish to be among them send copy for January number, forms of which close Jan. 10th.

A LETTER FROM MODEST MISS PHILADELPHIA.

BY CECIL PAWSON.

Stamp trade is again springing up throughout ye country and prices are on the advance. This makes both ye dealer's and collector's hearts gladden with ye bountiful happiness.

Ye new issues have much to do with this. Ye new war revenue, Omaha and Canadian issues have come forth and trade in them is brisk and likely to remain so.

But for all this bright outlook there is a subject I wish to speak to you upon, viz:—That class of collectors and dealers who impede more than help us advance the progress of Philately. They send for selections of approval sheets and buy from 10 to 15c worth of the one that are priced at one and two cents, ones that probably the owner of the sheets had had large supplies of and had placed them at a low price as leaders. Woe betide this class! They are a dredge to humanity.

Then the dealers. They are not for Philately. They care not for catalogue value. They only sell to gain, not friendship, not trade, but money, money, money, is their everlasting cry. Their thoughts are on this alone. And just as Patrick Henry pictured, before a jury many years ago, the form of un-patriotic John Hook hoarsely bawling through an American camp—beef, beef, beef, so do I hope to picture before your minds the forms of these so called dealers hoarsely bawling, in 1 inch special day issue, advertisement, their cry money, money, money. I for one say, let their universal bawl be turned into one of silence.

Honest collectors and dealers band yourselves and drive this vermin out of your ranks. For just as bothersome as the fox is to a chicken raising farmer, ten times more so is this class to your welfare.

Then again, there is the Society for the Suppression of Speculative Issues.

Their object may be good but I do not approve of it. If countries wish to issue stamps for financial benefit, or to commemorate some noble affair what business is it of dealers and collectors. As for that matter, it will make a new page in their collection, a new subject to discuss upon and a new issue to trade and make honest money on. The S. S. S. S. may be alright to some people and in some ways but it is all wrong to other people and their ways.

CANADIAN LETTER.

BY E. V. CAMPION.

Parcels up to eleven pounds in weight may now be sent from Canada to any place in Europe and Russia. The rate of postage on the 1st pound is 66cts, four pounds one dollar.

The new 10ct stamp with numerals in the lower corners has appeared and is of a different shade than its predecessor. The new 1ct reply card is on sale at all the principal post offices. The design on the card is printed in black.

The following news has just appeared in one of our daily newspapers. The stamp mentioned below will be in general use by the time this appears in print.

"Ottawa, Dec. 5th.—It having been stated in some newspapers that the new 2 cent Imperial stamp would not become available until Christmas day, enquiry made at the Post-office Department today as to ascertain the truth of this statement elicits the fact that, although it was the original intention of the Department that the new stamp should not come into use until the 25th inst., the demand from the public for it has become so pressing that the Department has decided to issue it at once, and permit its immediate use to the extent of its face value for all postage purposes. In other words, as soon as it reaches the public it may, if preferred by the purchaser, be used instead of the ordinary two-cent stamp. The two-cent inter-Imperial rate does not, of course, come into effect until Christmas day."

The 1st Imperial postage stamp was run off from the press on the morning of Dec. 1st. Among those present were the Governor-General and Hon. Mr. Muloch who ably assisted in the ceremony.

The special new one-cent card for advertising purposes has been issued by the Post-office Department in sheets of 16, 8 and singly.

All the denominations of the postal notes have been issued and are used extensively by the public. The Post-office Department did a wise thing when they introduced this system.

A good stamp to invest in is the ten cent special delivery. Hardly any are sold, and it is said that it will be retired shortly.

A great deal of criticism has arisen over the fact that on and after Christmas day, a person can mail a letter to Hong Kong and the postage rate is only 2cts, while the same person would have to pay a 3ct rate if he wished to send a letter from Toronto to Galt or to any other town in Canada.

OLD DOMINION NOTES.

BY CONFED.

Real "philatelic news" is a very scarce article in Virginia—at least as far as "stamps" proper are concerned. Now and then a nice "find" of Confederates causes a ripple of excitement in local circles, but beyond that no new shades, no new varieties—nothing to chronicle; for since '65 we have "quit" printing "our own" stamps—the ink run out, I believe.

I shall not harp on Confederates this month—it's too near Christmas, besides that subject is well taken care of by others of more ability than I possess.

Well, our friends across the border are to present us—on Christmas—with

another (!) new stamp: that for "Penny Postage" service.

From all accounts this stamp will be quite a novelty. The idea is unique, appropriate and tasty and Mr. Mulock (I think he is credited with the design) must possess a goodly share of artistic taste.

But it comes from Canada—that's the bad feature about it. Canada has "done" too much in stamps of late—so have we, as for that matter,—

And this very "too much," that is cropping out everywhere, leads one to ask: What *is* Philately coming to? These all too numerous new issues cannot fail to discourage the beginner, and to disgust the old collector.

And yet, there is no relief in sight. At one time such a vision of relief did appear on the horizon: the idea of an International Stamp was advanced—but, alas, it vanished like a "Fata Morgana."

Do we ever stop to think: *Why* all these new issues? Are they necessary? Are the postoffice officials at a loss what they want—and merely experimenting 'til they "hit the right thing," soon finding out that they haven't struck it again, and beginning anew with experiments?—Or, isn't the true cause the fact, that they are well aware of the power of Philately—well aware that we may be "fleeced" continually? I think it so.

Well, we cannot rectify matters, so we may as well "put up with it," and not let it mar our holiday pleasures.

Am I too late to wish the readers of THE PHILATELIC BULLETIN, one and all, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Now is the time to subscribe and take advantage of our prize contest.

MR. DEALER:—If you wish a noticable increase in your business, try an ad in our columns, and remember that "keeping everlastingly at it brings success."



AMY L. SWIFT.

Publishers that wish an impartial review of their respective magazines must send one copy to our Review Editor's address, Box 335, Whitman, Mass.

The *International Philatelist* has been discussing the Connell stamp of late, whether it was an essay or not, finally deciding that it was. Now in the Nov. number appears a letter from a lady who lived in New Brunswick in 1860 and was a stamp dealer. She says the Connell is not an essay; that it was used on a number of letters written by Mr. Connell himself which passed through the mail all right thus giving the stamp "all the eclat of the genuine article." Her letter will be of much interest to those holding one of these specimens, and would probably settle the matter if people didn't have such an aptitude for liking things of that sort left open to discussion.

"Not Imperial, but Universal Penny Postage." So says the Nov. *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain*. It quotes the United States as looking favorably on the idea of a penny rate with Great Britain, and says that should those two nations adopt the rate, then a universal penny rate is certain to come in time. Mr. G. F. H. Gibson has as fine an article on the "Collection of Minor Varieties," what they are and their claim to recognition, as it has ever been our good fortune to read. Authorized and intentional changes he is willing to consider, but printers errors of all kinds and things of that like he very justly thinks are unworthy of attention.

The *Montreal Philatelist* issues a large Christmas number of 32 pages, a good

proportion of which are devoted to advertisements. The editor, Mr. Bach, supplies most of the reading matter; his story of a 12 pence Canada which laid buried in the mud of the St. Lawrence in an iron box for forty-one years and was then dredged up and sold for \$350 being of exceptional interest. In another column he says that an entire set of Canadian Imperial Postage Commemoratives is said to be in preparation. May we be spared!

Phil A. Telist holds forth in the Nov. *Allegheny Philatelist* "About Exchanging Stamps," saying that exchange departments and societies are a delusion and a snare, and that the only way to handle duplicates is to sell them outright to a dealer. (of course for less than they cost!) Mr. "Telist" has evidently had unfortunate experiences. Some of us, yours truly among the number, have good reason to consider the exchange society a good thing and the Sales department of the regular society not quite so black as it is painted.

"Lenod" of the *Virginia Philatelist* remarked awhile ago that there seemed to be two varieties of roulette in our war revenues, one straight across and the other bracket shaped. A recent number of the "Metropolitan" says the differences are due simply to the way the stamps are separated; if folded before tearing the edges are straight, but if roughly pulled apart the bracket edge is the result.

The *Rushden Stamps* began in October to reprint the article on Paraguayan issues which recently appeared in the *Virginia Philatelist* from the pen of Mr. McDonnell. Both this Journal and the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* strongly disapproves of the Providence reprints lately prepared by the Bogert & Durbin Co., and so too does many a collector.

Each *Canadian Philatelic Weekly* is still in existence, and still squabbling as to which one has the best right to the name. The controversy may be of paramount importance to the publishers, but doubtless the subscribers would prefer having space devoted to matters philatelic.

The New Zealand notes in the November *Philatelic Advocate* say that the 2½p Wakitipu error "will be far better canceled than unused." Yea! So will the majority of the late issues of nearly every land.

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PRES. AND EX. SUPTS. REPORT.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., December 6th, 1898.

DEAR FELLOW MEMBERS:—I beg to extend my sincere thanks to all the members of The Philatelic Exchange, for having elected me to fill the honorable offices of President and Exchange Superintendent of our beloved exchange. I will not leave any stone unturned to secure new members and promote the interests of our exchange. I will do my utmost to make a success of the Exchange Department, and would ask all the members to kindly give me their assistance. The Exchange Department will be conducted strictly on business principles. Charges will be 10% commission on all sales, and 3% insurance fee. Blank books can be had from Exchange Superintendent at 5c each or 6 for 25c. All members who desire their names placed on circuit will please write me. Trusting to hear from all the members, believe me to remain yours for the success of The Philatelic Exchange, DANIEL J. REILLY, JR., President and Exchange Supt.

AUCTION MANAGER'S REPORT.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE P. E.

By the time this reaches the members of this society I shall be duly appointed as auction manager. And fellow members allow me to state that I will do all in my power to make this department a success, at the same time I am sure I can please all. I would like very much to receive stamps from this date on from members only, so as I can have them published in next No. of official organ. Hoping that everyone is satisfied I will now close with best wishes for the welfare of the Philatelic Exchange.

Yours Fraternally,
W. A. HIRSCH, Auction Mgr.

SECRETARY—TREASURERS REPORT.

Balance from last report.....\$1.35
Cash received......60

\$1.95

DISBURSEMENTS.

Voucher No. 4.....\$.57
5......30

\$.87

BALANCE.

\$1.08

NEW MEMBERS.

41 C. W. Kissinger, Reading, Pa. Refs. D. J. Reilly, Jr., C. L. McNutt.
42 Frank T. Eichbauer, 61 Pennsylvania Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. Refs. W. A. Hirsch, C. L. McNutt.

SUSPENDED.

23 Luke S. Wunderly, Huron, O.
24 C. A. Pearson, Newcomb Mills, Ont.
25 Lawrence Gregerson, Rochester, Minn.

CHANGE IN ADDRESS.

8 John L. Cadwallader, Delafield, Wis.
Gross membership.....42
Suspended.....12
Expelled.....1
Resigned.....1

14 28

By the time this reaches members, dues for 1899 will be payable and it is hoped all will pay up promptly. All who have not paid by March 1st will be dropped from rolls.

CHAS. L. MCNUTT, Sec'y-Treas.

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19	Same used.....	8
20	*1/2c jubilee.....	1
21	*6c " ".....	1
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1884 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 12, 20, 25, 50c, 1 peso, complete.....	12	1 29	50	4 00	
1885 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 12c.....	8	77	35	3 00	
*1886 3, 4, 6, 10, 12, 20, 25c, all lilacs, complete.....	7	4 41	1 75	15 00	
1886-94 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25c, colors, complete.....	9	48	10	75	5 00
*1886-94 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 12, 20, 25c, colors, complete.....	10	98	25	2 00	
1895 New issue, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c.....	5	12	04	20	1 50
1895 " " 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10c.....	6	13	05	25	1 75
1895 " " 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12c.....	7	21	08	70	5 00
1895 " " 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20c.....	9	34	12	1 00	7 00
1895 " " 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20, 50c.....	10	59	23	2 00	
1895 " " 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20, 50c, 1 peso.....	11	1 19	50	4 00	
1895 " " 1c to 10 pesos, complete unused specimen set in black, perf.....	13		2 50		

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1880 10 " red and black " ".....	4 00	1 00
1882 5 " carmine " ".....	6 00	1 50
1883 5 " lake " ".....	5 00	1 25
1887-88 10 pesos bright red " ".....	5 00	1 25
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HENRY A. CHAPMAN.

The subject of our sketch was born in Deep-River village, town of Saybrook, Conn., in the year 1845. He was educated principally at the boarding school of his father, in Ellington, Conn. In January, 1862 he entered the office of the *Hartford Courant*, the leading paper in that state, where he remained till his resignation in January 1898, after a period of 36 years service. His early insight into Philately occurred directly after an accident in an Elevator in 1892, at this time the "fever" slightly showed itself, but was not considered serious until November of 1896, when it developed into an incurable malady, of which he has suffered from ever since. The collection, which belongs to his son has increased in two years from 250 to 3500 varieties,

which can't be considered a bad showing.

In March, 1897, Mr. Chapman launched upon Philatelia's fair (?) seas, his new enterprise the *Perforator*, and with his hand at the helm it enjoyed a successful voyage of 13 months, notwithstanding the fact that during the entire length of time it was burdened to a great extent by not being able to secure that boon to all philatelic publishers, second class postal rates. On account of unsettled future plans, he

finally disposed of it to Mr. J. W. Stowell of Federalsburg, Md. He has however since served continually as associate editor, which however, does not include his entire effects as a philatelic writer as he is a regular contributor to several of our leading journals among which may be mentioned the BULLETIN.

He makes no pretense of being "philatelic" in the expert sense, but always tries to interest his readers, a trait that evidently does not come hard with him. He informs us that his philatelic engagements have always come to him unsolicited, which can be sustained from the fact that he is ever ready to accommodate whenever in his power.

He is one of the few that the BULLETIN can proudly look upon as its life long friend, having been so from its feeble infancy. Last April Mr.

C. removed to Rocky Hill, (where originates the "pencilings" under that name) located about eight miles from Hartford; here he has a small farm inherited from his father. Our friend is a member of several societies, and interested in the proceedings of them all. The above likeness is from a very recent photograph, and has not appeared in any journal before.

PREVOST.



HENRY A. CHAPMAN.

A CURIOSITY FROM MANILA.

BY HENRY A. CHAPMAN.

During my conduct of a philatelic journal I received a subscription for it from a young man in San Francisco, who afterwards made an attempt to publish a paper of his own. The conditions under which he labored were not encouraging, and after issuing two or three numbers he abandoned what might, under different circumstances, have proved successful. The young man's name was Charles D. Lowe, and the journal in question was *The California Stamp*. This young man has kind and devoted parents, particularly his mother, and he had everything at home to make life pleasant. When the war with Spain broke out, he was all in a fever of excitement to "go with the other boys," and enlisted in the First Regiment of California Infantry, U. S. V., and set sail for Manila. The patriotic young man of nineteen (I believe that is his age) was sick nearly all of the voyage to Honolulu, but recovered sufficiently to go ashore there and participate in a grand barbecue; from thence he set sail for Manila, which place he reached in time to celebrate Fourth of July in Spanish territory, which is now proving to be a part of the world in which we are particularly interested.

This young man on several occasions expressed a singular liking for the writer, notwithstanding we never met, and the disparagement in our ages, but that really makes no difference especially if an old body possesses a young heart which can sympathize with young ideas. In December I was favored with a copy of *The Manila Times* from friend Lowe which was received with open arms. This paper is printed in English, and appears daily, Sundays excepted, the issue in question being Vol. I. No. 24, bearing date of November 7. The subscription price is put at \$20 a year or \$2 a month,

Mexican money, single copies 10 cents (or one nickel). The business office is at No. 2 Plaza de Cervantes, next door to the Chartered Bank.

This paper bears a strong resemblance to many Connecticut journals issued in the country towns, being a four-page blanket sheet, six columns to a page, the reading matter being set apparently in long primer and larger type, the body of the advertisements in brier, and I was struck with the very good appearance of the paper at first sight, it being quite well printed. However, when I investigated its contents, I was not so much surprised. The business announcement sets forth that the office hours are from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. The paper is delivered at 4:30 each day to all subscribers in Manila, and on sale in the streets and at the barracks by that time. Papers for Cavite catch the 4:30 p. m. ferry-boat every day. "Facilities for publishing local news have been satisfactorily developed," and all items of interest inserted. Here is the secret of the good looks of the journal: "*The Manila Times* employs the best skilled American labor, and the style of the work turned out speaks for itself. There is no printing in the Orient to compare with this. Asiatic labor may be cheap, but it gives poor results and takes a long time. Job printing brought to *The Manila Times* office will be done better, quicker and cheaper than elsewhere." The notice to advertisers is printed in both English and Spanish and sets forth that advertisements will be translated free of charge from Spanish to English, or from English to Spanish, or translate gratis from any other language, Oriental or Occidental, printed in any language desired.

The first page is devoted to advertisements all set in double-column, large type, while the fourth page is entirely taken up with one advertisement, which is set clear across the page, announcing that "Amid the roar of battle the boys

all thought of Schlitz Beer (Milwaukee) and would have been willing to have given a big order on the paymaster for just one glass. What's the matter now? In peace or war Schlitz is always good and don't you forget it. Insist on having it, and kick if you don't get it! Schlitz the beer that made Milwaukee famous!" The firm selling it is styled American Commercial Co. Other ads noted are of bank agencies, insurance, jewelers, San Miguel (Cal.) oil and flour, whiskey at \$1.87 a bottle, time tables and rates of travel, and the advertising rates are \$2 per inch for one insertion, \$100 per year.

On the second or editorial page the first article, of a column in length, complains that the native buffalo, or Cariboo is too numerous on the City's big bridge, the Puente de Espana, delaying traffic. The cariboo is described as a cross between a gutta-percha camel and a tired hippopotamus, contract speed about two miles a week. If the editor had been familiar with our style of expressing things he would have said the cariboo had reminders of the genus tramp, with a rubber neck attached. The second editorial is headed "A Growing Trade," viz.: the Philippine molasses industry. The third article is devoted to "Murdered Monarchs," from the Empress of Austria back during the present century, and has the odor of the shears and paste-pot.

Skipping over a double-column of telegrams, relative to the Spanish-American war, the French-English difficulties, etc., specials from London, Paris and Hong-Kong on the date of publication, we peruse the local news. On that date (Nov. 7) the post office was packed with Spanish, buying stamps and mailing letters home, as the steamer Buenos Aires was to set sail on that day, being the first steamer direct for Spain since the blockade of May 1. Base ball games were in progress, as well as glove-fights. An inaugural ball of the Filipino Chef came off the night before, being a swell affair.

A detachment of Friend Lowe's company (24 men in the party) had just gone up to Pandacan, colliding on the river with a Philippine canoe, without damage, and after a tramp of two miles pitched their shelter tents in front of an old church, on the walls of which were proudly floating the Stars and Stripes.

There were notices to Delta Kappa Epsilon men, announcing a thanksgiving dinner at \$1 a head, and sales of canoe, Dayton bicycle, a pony, stuffed birds, shells, offices to let at \$30 a month, etc. A poem, "Letter from Camp," appears on the third page, credited to *The Cincinnati Inquirer*. An article from a San Francisco paper ridicules Robinson Crusoe, and the writer of it refers to Juan Fernandez Island as unromantic, and that it would inspire sentiment in no living creature, barring a goat or an easily satisfied jackass. The intimation that Robinson had canned oysters and sardines is comical. George Dewey, rear admiral, has an ad calling for sealed proposals for the purchase of a Spanish transport that was, and one ad gives rates of telegraphing, to all parts of the world, the prices to the different States of this country ranging from \$3.53 (to Hoboken, N. J.) to \$3.78 to Key West, Florida.

There is much else that is interesting. I am well aware that this article does not deal with philately, but the paper coming from one of our soldier-boy philatelists whose journal was consolidated with THE PHILATELIC BULLETIN may excuse its being alluded to.

In all my two-score years in the newspaperial field I have come across many curiosities in literature and other things that go to relieve the tedium of our variegated existence, but seldom have seen anything more startling than this American newspaper printed under the American flag, (long may it wave) at the antipodes, with notices of our great national game of base ball, and the figures of the score. *Vive la Manila Times!*



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SALEM, MASS., JANUARY 25, 1899.

FROM THE EDITORS' PEN.

OUR talk this month must necessarily
be short, as we have much valuable MSS.
to appear, and we do not care to tire the
minds of our readers, with our uninter-
esting "chin."

WE wish to call your attention to the
fact, that with this number, a large por-
tion of our subscriptions expire, among
which, are chiefly those of the
Tennessee Philatelist, *Home Worker*, and
Californian Stamp, which were pur-
chased by us some time ago, the sub-
scriptions of which we have been filling
until the date of their expiration, which,
in many cases is January 1899. To these,
we extend a cordial invitation to a prompt
renewal, which will be appreciated in the
manner deserving. Remember that in
renewing, you are entitled to a chance in
our prize contest, and one free insertion
of a trade and exchange notice. What
more could you ask for?

REGARDING our Prize Contest, we
would say that lately, we have received
several letters from different parties, who
have submitted lists, asking why we do
not send them the packet of stamps as
agreed upon. One of our younger read-
ers went so far as to say, that he had had
dealings with us before, and having al-
ways found us reliable, wondered how it
could be that he had not received the
packet, and demanded an *immediate ex-
planation*. In defence of ourselves, we
would kindly ask all persons intending
to take advantage of the contest, to *read
the instructions carefully* and by so doing
they will see that it comes to a close in
March, and it is at that time, and not be-
fore, that we shall award the prizes to all
winners, whose names will appear in our
March BULLETIN. We trust that these
few remarks are sufficient to relieve the
minds of those that have written us re-
garding this matter, and hope that others
will also profit by them.

IF a cross appears on the opposite column of this page, you may take it as a gentle hint that your subscription has expired. Further remarks unnecessary.

THE following letter, which we recently received is self-explainable :

CHICAGO, DEC. 30th, 1898.

NAUMKEAG STAMP & PUBLISHING CO.,

SALEM, MASS.

GENTLEMEN:—Kindly have entered on your black-list of the PHILATELIC BULLETIN the name of A. A. Scott, 175 Niagara St., Toronto, Can., as an approval sheet thief. I had sent him a selection of stamps before I had seen his name black-listed in the Toronto notes of the *Herald Exchange*.

Yours very truly,

A. C. TRASK.

WE would call our reader's attention to Mr. I. A. Mekeel's ad on our inside front cover. This gentleman advertises to send you free, a copy of the New Years number of *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*, and also one copy of the regular edition. If you do not already know, you have doubtless heard that *Mekeel's Weekly* is lead by none, and our readers, one and all, should avail themselves of the opportunity of securing this desirable number of the publication.

BEFORE closing, we beg to acknowledge the receipt of the following price lists, catalogues, etc. : Price list of The Raynor Hubbell Stamp Co., of Buffalo and New York, N. Y., wholesale list No. 24 of G. B. Calman, New York City; wholesale list of H. H. Ashworth & Co., 63 Brown St., Manchester, England; The Philatelic Almanac for 1899, published by Smyth & Co., Boscomb, Bournemouth, England, price 4d.; J. M. Bartels Co.'s, fourth edition Standard catalogue of Plate Numbers, price 25c from publishers, and Wm. B. Hopson's Nebraska Philatelic Blue Book, price 10c, obtainable at 1214 Farnam Street, Omaha, Neb.

IMPERIAL PENNY POSTAGE.



The above Canadian Imperial stamp is not approved of by a writer in the London, Ont., *Daily Graphic*, who thus discusses it: "If a man were to adorn his hat with the motto, 'I have a vaster estate than anyone else,' passers-by would both ridicule him and be inclined to knock his hat off, if not his head. Similarly the proposed inscription on the penny stamp will only excite the dislike and ridicule of other nations. Doubtless the *Daily Graphic* is largely read in Canada. Pray use your influence to stop such silly bragadocio, and to induce the authorities to substitute the simple but grand words, 'British Empire.' If the Postal Department in Canada has already printed these stamps with the vainglorious motto, may I humbly suggest the obliteration and subsequent sale at (say) half a crown apiece to stamp collectors, who would quickly buy them up as monuments of bad taste, so far as the motto is concerned."

THE PHILATELIC EXCHANGE.

ORGANIZED JUNE 1st, 1897.

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No report received up to time of going to press.



The days of our Trans-Mississippian, or Omaha stamps are fast passing away, indeed it is a difficult matter to obtain all values at any one post office at the present writing.

All collectors are doubtless aware of the fact, that comparatively few have been used to prepay postage, and that nearly all dealers are offering high prices for cancelled specimens. This fact alone should signify that they are good property, for when has such prices been offered in the past, for *current* stamps? There is an enormous demand for them all through Europe, and after the new year, prices are bound to advance rapidly, and I should advise my readers to hold what they now have, and await developments. Then again, you must bear in mind the fact that there were two printings of these stamps, the first and rarer being distinguished by the richness of color, and in most cases a slight blurring of the design. The later printing brings the designs out more clear and the colors in most instances are of a lighter shade than those of their predecessors.

Lay aside a few evenly centered unused copies of the new Imperial Postage stamps of Canada, for future use, as it is rumored that a change is about to take place. The lavender color of the oceans being altered to light green. * If this plan is carried out, the stamps of the first printing will be desirable.

Continued rumors of a new issue from Canada, after the new year, make it advisable for us to suggest that you retain

[* Note.—The above mentioned alteration has already been made, and the stamps have appeared in a dark green colored ocean, as well as light.—ED.]

all of the stamps that may fall into your hands from that country, as at present, it is hard telling which are to be the desirable ones of the future.

OLD DOMINION NOTES.

Squirming under the grip of *La Grippe*, with little or no knowledge of what has been going on in the outer world since '99 was ushered in 'midst snow and hail, and with 20 grains of quinine dancing a weird "houchy-kouchy" in that vacuum where other normally constituted mortals carry their thinking-machines, I feel eminently unfit to contribute to the columns of THE PHILATELIC BULLETIN'S New Year Number.

Last month we had almost reconciled ourselves to the inevitable *i. e.*—another stamp from Canada. Because of the "Penny Postage" and—because of its being Christmas time, we thought the thing all right; thought that with this spurt things would "settle down;" but it seems to be just a beginning.

The kick of the "natives" in Canada on paying 3c. for inland letters and 2c. on such to the motherland has been taken into consideration and the rate reduced to 2c. on January 1, 1899; that means, the 2c. *purple* will now come out in *red* as per U. P. U. rules.

Registration has been dropped down a peg now a 7c. stamp will appear.—What next?

And Uncle Sam has gone into surcharging for Cuba, to be followed by a regular issue for that island.

These surcharged stamps for Cuba, by the way, would seem to me a good thing to lay by. Especially good if secured on original covers, and cancelled in Cuba. They will be short lived, besides being quite interesting—similar in a certain sense to the Elsass-Lorraine issue.

MELANGE.

I notice that a California paper states that hereafter no postmasters in the Netherlands and colonies will be allowed to execute mail orders for postage stamps. This so-called rule was made necessary by virtue of the fact that some colonial postmasters were prostituting their official positions to base ends. A postmaster in Surinam has designed and issued certain provisional stamps for his colony, for the money in it.

But there is another side to this story. A certain dealer in Boston showed me in *December* a detailed memorandum of stamps received from a Netherlands postmaster, and if this is true it only goes to show that there are some rules, difficult to enforce.

Isn't Newfoundland leading us a pretty race with all her new issues? And Canada itself is certainly making up for lost time. Not content with giving us a new 2c orange a short time since, the color has now been changed to carmine. The latest from Canada is the "map" referred to last month. This stamp is meeting with a ready sale. I note that the color has been changed from a light blue ground to a light green.

Some very fine English collections are being disposed of. Mr. R. Pierce's very fine collection of Transvaal's has been sold under the hammer of the auctioneer. Mr. A. F. Calvert is to sell his splendid collection of Australians. Mr. Isidore Dreyfus, who has specialized in Swiss stamps, will dispose of his collection intact. I was struck by an aphorism recently uttered by Editor Severn:—"When a man buys his stamps singly, he must expect to make sacrifices when selling them collectively." Yet, though these men sell their collections, I feel satisfied that they cannot wholly forsake the pleasures of past years.

If one wishes to grapple with the perplexities of one of the choicest stamp issuing principalities on the face of the globe, let him wrestle with Bhopaul. After successfully grappling with her 67 stamps you will be fitted for any kind of philatelic effort. Modest little Alwur, upon the other hand has only four stamps and these have been in use since 1877. I take off my hat to Alwur, and it is with no small degree of pleasure that I con her postal emissions when they are in my range of vision.

I should think Iceland would be a popular country because of the honorable record of its postal department. Since 1873, there has been only 31 stamps issued and of this number 10 are official. The highest catalogue value, used or unused is that of the 1873, 2sk blue used at \$5.00. I take a delight in completing those countries that are easily completed.

With this issue we enter in upon a new year. The BULLETIN makes no loud claims as to what it will do. The best guarantee for the future is its splendid work of the past year. 1898 has been remarkable in many ways. Its mark has been left upon philately in a positive manner. The issuance of the United States war revenue stamps, the withdrawal of the periodical stamps, the discovery of the 1sh English forgery, the Gibraltar stamps with "Morocco Agencies" surcharged and later their appearance in English values, the establishment of penny postage between England and nearly all the large colonies, not to mention the commemorative issues of various countries, have all materially contributed to the activities of the year.

Philatelic journalism will receive a serious blow in the suspension of the *Boston Stamp Book*. The record of the *Stamp Book* has been an honorable one. For over three years it has been one of the foremost representatives of philatelic journalism.

telic journalism and secured a fine and influential list of subscribers. The recent business depression made the outgo so much greater than the income, that suspension was necessary.

The *Eastern Philatelist* will fill out the unexpired subscriptions.

The latest thing is a seamless envelope made of silk and smoothed by a secret process. It will be exhibited at Paris in 1900, and is the product of a woman's brain.

PURITAN.

TORONTO NOTES.

BY MAC.

During the month of December Toronto lost three of her largest stamp dealers, two by retirement and one by death, Mr. F. Whatley having departed this life December 26th after an illness of several months.

Canada's Imperial Penny Postage Stamp has made its appearance in two shades, the background of those now on sale being a sea green in colour while of those first issued a blue-gray or lavender. The latter shade is the scarcer of the two but it is almost impossible to get either shade used in quantities.

The regular weekly meeting of the Philatelic Club of Toronto was held in their clubroom in the Forum Hall, on Tuesday, Jan. 3rd. Mr. Chas. Bailey, in the absence of the President occupied the chair. After the regular business had been transacted, and a committee appointed to make arrangements for a social evening to take place Jan. 17th., an auction sale of stamps was held, some good lots going at a very low figure. The meeting adjourned at 10.30 p. m.

Mr. Geo. Hicks, the well known dealer of Mitchell, Ont., and Ontario correspondent for the BULLETIN has been in town for the last two or three weeks.

Toronto is no longer represented by a Philatelic journal, Mr. Lydiatt publisher of the *Canadian Philatelic Weekly* having suspended publication.

Mr. Lydiatt however intends to publish a monthly about the first of February.

Canada now has a two-cent letter rate to any point in Canada or the United States and this will probably mean a new issue, or at any rate a change of the color to conform with the requirements of the U. P. U. A 4 cent stamp is also expected for double weight letters so there is no doubt some truth in the rumor that a new set is in preparation, therefore it would be wise to get your blank spaces filled while the issue is current.

ONTARIO NOTES.

BY GEORGE W. HICKS.

Another year has passed. Another year has come; and with it new reforms in the postal laws.

Not only has the rate on letters to British colonies been reduced to two cents, but also the domestic rate has been brought down to the "two-cent mark" so that now all letters, whether bound for points in Canada, the United States, Great Britain or her colonies, will be prepaid by a two cent stamp.

As a large supply of the new two cent "Xmas stamp" has been printed, (about 60,000,000 it is reported) it will be in use for some time, so that there will be plenty of time in which to change the color of the present two cent purple, to red.

The poor old three cent stamps will be forgotten, but if there is much of a supply on hand where would be the harm in surcharging them with a big "2"—It would be Canada's first surcharged stamp.

However, we do not think there is much danger of the postal authorities so doing, as the supply of three cent "numerals" seems to be low at present as many of the post offices are being supplied with the maple leaf variety.

They seem to keep a "back-stock" of Canadian stamps at Ottawa. I have it on good authority that the government holds a large number of 12½c Canada, and the old—and scarce—8c Registration stamp.

We recently had the pleasure of visiting the "Weston Stamp Co., of Toronto. They report the local trade as being dull, but are doing a large mail trade especially in Canadian stamps of which they have an immense stock. The genial manager, Mr. Willy, takes great pleasure in showing his well-filled stock books to any visitors.

The special meeting of the D. P. A. officers in Toronto on Thanksgiving Day was a success. All agreed that the time had been profitably and pleasantly spent. The Vice-President Mr. Chas. Applegath and "Yours Truly" the writer, succeeded in taking successful "snap shots" of the group.

A letter bearing the new two cent stamp recently passed through the post office, and had the following legend written under that "showy" label "Thank Henniker Heaton for this." Mr. Heaton was instrumental in bringing about this reform.

A coming announcement by the Postmaster-General:—"We have a vaster deficit than has been."

—LATER.—

The very latest reports from the Post Office Department in Ottawa, have it, that there is but one month's supply of 3-cent postage stamps. When they are exhausted no more will be issued. It is not unlikely that the 4c stamp may appear before then.

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*Bavaria Return Letter, sets of 6 var., R.	25	2 00
Belgium Parcel Post, well assorted.....	05	45
Bosnia, 7 var., well assorted.....	05	40
Canada, 1850, 1 and 5c, evenly assorted...	35	3 00
Canada, obsolete, 7 var, finely mixed...	05	30
Canada, current, 5 varieties, mixed.....	05	30
Canada, registered, 4 varieties, mixed....	10	75
Canada, envelopes, □ 2 var.. mixed.....	15	1 25
Canada, cards, finely mixed, inc.unused	10	90
Canada, law, well assorted.....	10	90
Ceylon, 4c lilac rose.....	35	3 00
*Constantinople, sets of 3 var., complete	15	1 00
Egypt, assorted, including official.....	05	25
French Revenues, finely assorted.....	05	40
Greece, well assorted.....	05	20
India, 1865-88, assorted, including envs...	05	20
Italy, well assorted.....		10
Japan, well assorted.....	05	15
Newfoundland, finely assorted.....	20	1 50
New Zealand, Departments, assorted...	10	75
Portugal, finely assorted.....	03	15
Russia, finely assorted.....	03	15
*Switzerland, 1881, 6 var., well assorted.	05	25
Wurtenburg, official, well assorted.....	05	25

*Means unused.

My wholesale list will appear in January. If you are a dealer, or a wholesale buyer, let me have your name and address and I will be pleased to mail you a copy when ready.

Correspondence with dealers desired. I buy, sell, and exchange. Write me if I can serve you in any capacity.

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 Complete set Hawaii official, unused (New York price \$3).....2 50
 6c 1869 U. S. fine..... 40
 Set of War Dept. (9 var.) unused..... 75

UNITED STATES.

	CAT. P	M. Y. P.
90c orange, 1800.....	\$ 65	\$ 30
*5c blue, 1888 (Garfield).....	50	25
30c Due, 1895.....	40	40
50c Due, 1895-98.....	1 00	50
*\$1 Columbian.....	4 00	2 90
*5c claret Due.....	15	09
*10c " ".....	25	18
30c " ".....	1 25	50
50c " ".....	2 00	1 00
30c red-brown Due.....	1 00	55
*2c 1879 newspaper.....	35	18
6c 1870-71.....	20	10
6c 1873.....	10	04
15c Columbian, used.....	20	12

CANADA.

4 var. unused Jubilee, 1, 2, 3 and 5c.....	25	25
4 " " " " 1, 2, 3, 5, 10 and 15c.....	65	65
7 " " " " 1, 2, 3, 5, 10 15 & 20c.....	90	90
*2c Jubilee.....	15	15
1/2c " ".....	25	25
6c " ".....	50	50
*20c 1892.....	30	30
5c brown.....	06	02
*2c Imperial Postage (first printing).....	10	10
" " " " V (second).....	04	04

JAMAICA.

Set Official 3 var..... 04

NEW BRUNSWICK.

1c red lilac.....	08	05
2c orange.....	08	04
5c green.....	05	02
17c black.....	25	15

NFWFOUNDLAND.

*Cabot issue complete.....	8 00	
1 on 3c Provisional 1897 unused.....	1 00	
*1 and 2c 1897.....	15	

Want lists of U. S. Revenues filled at 50% discount from Scott's prices.

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Perfect.....	09
Superior.....	08

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10.00 green.....	4 00	2 00
20.00 slate.....	6 00	3 50
50.00 carmine.....	20 00	6 00
100.00 purple.....	15 00	6 00
Complete set 12 varieties.....	50 00	20 00

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2nds Used.	Price per 1.	Per 10
1c or 2c.....	\$ 02	\$ 15
3c or 6c.....	01	06
10c or 15c.....	08	70
24c or 30c.....	10	70
90c.....	40	350
12c.....	07	50
7c.....	75	
3c and 6c, assorted, per 100.....		50
12c and 30c, assorted, per 100.....		5 00

1st Used.		
1c or 2c.....	05	25
3c or 6c.....	03	20
10c or 15c.....	25	1 75
12c.....	15	1 00
24c.....	35	2 50
30c.....	20	1 75
90c.....	1 00	7 50
1c, 2c, 3c, 6c, assorted, per 100.....		1 85
10c, 12c, 15c, 30c, assorted, per 100.....		18 50

Unused War Department.

1c, 2c, 3c, 6c, 10c, 12c, 15c, 24c, 30c, 1 set of 9 varieties.....	\$ 75
10 sets of 9 varieties.....	5 50
1 set of 9 " 2nds.....	50

Treasury Department Stamps.

2nds Used.	Price per 1.	Per 10.
1, 10, 15, or 30c.....	\$ 10	\$ 75
2c or 12c.....	05	35
3c.....	01	08
6c.....	02	15
7c.....	75	
24c.....	2 25	
90c.....	40	3 50

1st Used.		
1c or 12c.....	15	1 00
2c.....	10	60
3c or 6c.....	03	20
10c or 15c.....	20	1 50
30c.....	25	2 00
90c.....	75	6 00
2c, 3c, 6c, assorted, per 100.....		2 85

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- The Items Co., Independence, Iowa..... 1 50
- Frank J. Morgan, 104 Park Row, N. Y. City.. 1 50
- H. C. Ioor, Indianapolis, Ind 3 50

More to follow, if remittances are not forwarded to us.

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- Derham's Philatelic Directory, 1100 names, foreign and domestic, post free..... 60

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2c Playing Card, blue.....				10
Same orange.....				45
2c Proprietary, blue.....	3 00			03
3c " green.....				03
3c Telegraph.....		15		12
4c Inland Exchange.....				03
4c Playing Card.....				4 00
4c Proprietary.....				07
5c Express.....	20	15		06
5c Playing Card.....				20
10c Foreign Exchange.....				25
15c ".....				30
20c ".....	50			40
25c Bond.....		35		04
25c Protest.....	40			10
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ENIGMATICAL PHILATELISTS.

BY HENRY A. CHAPMAN.

To all the world at large, who are outside the pale of philately, the collectors of postage stamps, who, without regard to their status as to experience or expertness, must be classed as "philatelists," if the dictionary is right, (and I am not so fussy but that I am willing to think it is), are considered puzzles, designated as "cranks" by some, and are also enigmas, to non-philatelists.

Within the charmed circle, we look upon each other as imbued with curious ideas, because the actions of individuals are so often at variance with their expressions regarding collecting, and much that they do looks "conundrumical"—in truth, to use a favorite phrase of mine they are "precious bundles of contradictions." They are so pronounced in their views, that when they depart from them, we cannot but be amused at their inconsistencies. I am guilty myself, I acknowledge, although I do not stick to the idea that a collector of postage stamps cannot collect stamps that do not do postal duty.

There are people who *would not* collect "fraudulent" issues, yet we see them putting in their Simon-pure album the emissions of a government which was fraudulent from beginning to end, and consequently all its stamps were "fraudulent," in the strict sense of the term, and even they are found trying to get up a boom in favor of local post-marks, which appears ridiculous, and the whole thing strikes me as very

enigmatical. As I said before, I am not squeamish. I do not hesitate to save them when they come my way.

Another enigmatical individual is he who does not wish to have speculative issues appear, and writes at length in deprecating their coming, almost holding up his hands in horror, with mute and expressed prayers that they may be squelched, yet, when they appear, he is ready to seize upon them and speculate on them, too, put them in his exchange book of duplicates, and there is where his rubber conscience shows out as plainly as his rubber neck in reaching for them.

Some of the enigmatical doings are of the buy low and sell high order—enigmatical, because it seems odd that persons with ordinary sense should expect to find so many ignoramuses ready to answer their ads. It seems queer to think that a publisher of a journal at 25 cents a year, which will combine at 15 cents, will advertise to furnish it in exchange for 100 "Christmas Canadians" or 300 1 cent Omahas, especially when you reflect that dealers will give 17 cents a hundred for the 1 cent Omahas and that some of the first issue of Christmas stamps are already in the market at 10 cents each, and I don't believe you can buy them used at all short of \$1 per 100, so the proposition to make any such exchange seems decidedly enigmatical.

It seems to me a very absurd idea to undertake to collect used stamps, barring unused. It must be very hard to draw the line. A party with these ideas will come across a very lightly canceled

stamp, sometimes the corner will be scarcely "nipped." The gum is gone, to be sure, but the suspicious collector thinks it has been removed on purpose to sell as used, and oftentimes that very stamp is worth more unused, and thus the fear of hinging it seems all the more queer. All stamps priced higher in used condition are watched, but because a used stamp is priced higher than the unused does not make the latter a reprint necessarily. Many stamps which do postal duty do not come into our country very much after being used, and hence they are priced higher because the dealers, especially the leading ones, can more easily secure the unused ones. I have seen canceled stamps in the albums of people, who object to unused ones on notional grounds, which turned out to be fraudulent, and I defy them to tell the difference in some cases.

The individual who discriminates against "Seebecks" has more or less enigmatical attachments. He will pay three times the face value for a Canada Jubilee, but will not touch a Salvador stamp which can be bought often less than face. He will pay a speculator his price, but will not take advantage of a chance to speculate himself. And we know that some jubilees have done very little postal service, whereas "Seebecks" have done legitimate duty. I am not imbued, however, with any encouragement of the Central American issues, even if I do save them.

Publishing a philatelic paper is not collecting stamps, but the publisher is a philatelist, and he has his enigmatical ideas. You will find him oftentimes figuring on the attempts of his contemporaries to get advertisements at rates lower than stated; he watches his rivals business when he had better attend to his own. If you investigate you will find that he will take the ad at any price at a slight advance over what it costs to pay the printer, or even at a price suffi-

cient to fill a page, which he had rather do than to furnish a page of good reading matter, or he will take off 10 or 15 per cent. here or there. He will prate about others praising themselves, yet he has a stereotyped puff of his own journal ever present.

The philatelic writer is often a very enigmatical or inconsistent individual. He will take rival journals to task for reprinting the ideas of others, yet he is constantly doing the same thing himself. Shortly after the Omahas came out, I furnished an article to a Canadian journal, in which I gave excerpts from our papers, and one or two opinions given me privately, but I gave credit for them. Soon after my work was copied bodily by an English journal, and no credit was given either to me or the journal in which it appeared; the paragraphs were "swapped" around, but that didn't "fool" the careful observer. To be sure, the reprinted paragraphs could have been got at, but some of the private opinions could not; it was a piratical act; yet the perpetrator has accused others of piracy. A friend of mine, a careful observer, furnished some items lately to a journal; these were also copied abroad as original, and the "cribber" accuses others of stealing from his columns. One journal deprecates the wire-pulling of its rival by booming stamps and then advertising them, while almost instantly it does the same thing itself. These things all seem enigmatical, yet when you get down to the bottom facts, you will find we are all contradicting ourselves—we are bundles of contradiction. We are doing the very same thing we see others do. We see the mote in the other fellow's eye before casting the speck out of our own.

That most lovable of Englishmen, Thackeray, was regaled with a tale of doings of people who were designated as "snobs." He simply smiled and replied: "We are all snobs!"

DEALERS BE HONEST.

BY C. H. WATTS.

I know a dealer who would rather die than break a promise to a friend, but he is not so scrupulous about keeping the promises he makes to collectors through the medium of his advertisements in papers.

Precisely where the difference is, would be difficult to determine. A Pledge is the same whether it be made to a friend or stranger; whether made in social life or in business. The moral obligation is there just the same. In most business transactions a contract is drawn up and signed by both parties to the deal, and that is what is considered legally binding. When a dealer makes a certain offer in his advertisements it is printed and published, over or under his name, but the contract is not legally binding. It sounds very comical but it just amounts to this. A dealer must not fraud a collector or the law can punish him, but he may defraud the general collecting public with impunity for the law cannot touch him.

Fortunately however collectors can take the law in their own hands in a sense. They can punish the dealers who advertise promises they do not keep by withholding their custom from them and by telling others of the fraud. Collectors can and ought to do this but they do not do it often enough for their own safety.

A big combine on the part of collectors would soon force these dealers out of business and leave more room for stamp merchants who treat collectors honestly and act up to their promises.

A dealer who advertises a stamp as good, that he knows is not, or represents it to be a picked copy, when it would hardly pass as a second, is just as dishonest as a pickpocket or burglar, however, much he may try to gloss over his conduct to satisfy his own end.

Robbery may be committed in a hundred different ways but the method does not change the name. If I advertise and sell as original what I know to be reprint or if I advertise a genuine stamp as superb when I know it to be an artificially mended stamp. Am I less of a thief than the bunco-stealer or green-goods man, who treads on the confidence and guilelessness of his victim?

A dealer can never expect to retain customers and have a permanent business by breaking faith with collectors and failing to make good the statements in his advertisement. False promises may attract collectors for a time, but they are only so many nails in the stamp merchants coffin.

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CHARLOTTE, MICH., Jan. 26, '99.

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H. S. AMBRGSE, P. S. A. 1313.

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SALEM, MASS., FEBRUARY 25, 1899.

FROM THE EDITOR'S PEN.

To THOSE who are contemplating sending in their subscription to this journal, we would say that the present number is the last in which the list of words that constitute our prize contest, will appear, and if you wish to take advantage of it, you should do so *this month*. Those who have and do send in a correct solution of the list will have their names appear in our next issue together with the correct list of words which will give all a chance to see how near they happened to come to drawing a prize in this contest. If you wish to subscribe, do so at once.

THE last month has shown a great rush for the recently issued surcharged U. S. stamps for use in Cuba. The sale of these stamps is reported as being phenomenal and most dealers have had great difficulty in supplying all orders received. This set alone should boom the stamp trade for the next year. The following denominations have been thus far surcharged:

1c green, surcharged	1c	de peso.
2c vermilion,	2c	" "
2c vermilion,	2½c	" "
3c purple,	3c	" "
5c light blue,	5c	" "
10c brown,	10c	" "

Quite a few errors in the surcharge, as is invariably the case, have found their way into the hands of collectors, and we may expect at any time to hear of an inverted surcharge.

SCOTT'S supplementary catalogue which prices all new issues up to Oct. 1st, '98, and the PHILATELIC BULLETIN one year for 30 cents.

It will pay you to look elsewhere in this number for the ad of Ralph W. Tucker who offers bargains in U. S. His prices range from 40 to 75% below catalogue.

CANADIAN NOTES.

BY E. V. CAMPION.

Canada at last has secured the 2c postal rate, which came into effect on January 1st. Under this new rate a letter may be sent to any part of Canada or the U. S. for two cents an ounce. It gave the people a great surprise as it was only announced on December 31st. Many people are still unaware of this new rate and are consequently using the old 3c stamps. The above new rate has caused considerable change in the stamps as follows: The 3c stamp is to die a natural death, also the 3c stamped envelope, the present 2c stamp is to be changed to red. A new 4c stamp is to be issued for letters of double weight, and a 7c stamp is likely to be issued for registration, the 8c stamp is to be done away with. The new 2c stamped envelope has just been issued, the die was procured from the famous London house of De La Rue & Co., the making and printing of the envelopes being executed at the Government Printing Bureau. The engraving on the envelope is finely executed.

The new 2c Imperial stamp which was first printed in black, red, and lavender; and black, red and a very light green is now appearing in black, red and dark green. The first printing which was black, red and lavender will no doubt be very scarce as only a few were issued and were mostly mailed to Great Britain.

People are using the 2c Imperial stamp to pay the postage on letters within the Dominion and to the U. S. as the new 2c stamp which is to be used for the domestic rate has not yet appeared.

The 2c purple, and 3c red stamps now obsolete, are being bought up by dealers, who expect a rise in price soon. The 2c value with numerals will no doubt be very scarce as very few were issued.

A large number of the dollar values of the jubilees are still unsold, and the Government proposes using them for postage on newspapers, which will require high values as the postage is now one quarter cent a pound. When the jubilees are all exhausted a new supply will be issued up to the \$5.00 values, the design being the same as the current issue.

Surely Canada has had enough issues of stamps. In less than two years six different issues have appeared, and we will not complain if we do not have any more issues for ten years.

The 3c stamped envelopes will very likely be destroyed, or else sold to collectors and dealers.

The following is taken from one of our dailies: "The reduction in the postal rate to Great Britain has resulted in a large increase in the English mails, and the lowering of the domestic rate of postage from three cents to two cents per ounce on first-class matter has almost doubled the business of the post-offices. The increase has been largely due to the fact that circulars and printed matter formerly sent through the mails unsealed at the 1c rate is now being sent by letter postage, and sealed. There has also been a considerable falling off in the use of postcards.

On December 30th the U. S. Postmaster General signed an order accepting as private mailing cards both the Canadian mailing cards, bearing United States stamps, and mailed on that side of the line, and the United States cards mailed in Canada with Canadian postage. This is the result of a reciprocal arrangement between the two Governments, looking to avoid considerable annoyance in refusing postal transmission where travellers both ways write home on cards of their own country.

NOTES ON CONFEDERATES.

BY AUG. DIETZ.

THE Editor of THE BULLETIN has suggested that I substitute an "article" on Confederate stamps for my "notes" this month; and—while conscious of my inability to produce an "article"—I cheerfully comply with the request, the more so as in doing this I hope to interest some of the many readers of THE BULLETIN in a series of stamps, which, though short-lived, recall the most stirring epoch of American history—standing alone and without a peer among the postage stamps of the world.

For years the Confederate stamp has been neglected by the student of philately, narrowly escaping the fate of a Pompeii and Herculaneum. Nearly forty years have been permitted to pass, since the first Confederate issue appeared, before earnest efforts were made to remove the lava-crust of oblivion, to delve into the buried past, and bring to light the facts connected with the issue of the stamps of the Confederate States of America.

The penalty for this neglect followed at its heels. The principals who figured in the production of this series have passed over to "the great majority," and none save Ex-Postmaster-General Reagan, are left to aid us in compiling at least a fragmentary record of the postal emissions of the Southern States during the years 1860-65.

It is not necessary that I should speak of the efforts of certain southern stamp publications along this line. Groping, as it were, among the gloom and *debris* of the past, their search has now and then been rewarded by the finding of a pearl in some obscure niche, by a ray of light on some disputed point, by a mouldy document that adds another link to history's chain.

And it is right here that I desire to mention the names of a few Southern

collectors earnestly laboring in this cause. Foremost in the ranks are Royal Bennett Bradley, editor of *The Lone Star State Philatelist*, and E. R. Aldrich, contributing to the same publication. These and many others have within the last few years, given to philately the rich fruits of their tireless research, arousing an interest unprecedented throughout our country in the stamps of the Confederacy.

The lack of interest in the Confederate stamps during the past has always been an enigma to me, the more so because to every philatelist—whether he collects for love or profit—this series, like no other, offers every inducement to attract his attention.

To the *real* stamp collector—the one who collects for love of stamps, and for the pleasure their possession affords him—there are none to compare with the Confederates.

Do you wish to learn a people's history from its stamps? Then study the Confederate series—

They tell the story once more—
From the first of that dream to the last:
Modest, and born of the angel Hope—
Like our hopes of success—they passed."

If you are an admirer of excellence in the engraver's art, I invite you to turn your attention to the TEN cents, 10 cents, and Twenty cents stamps of 1862-63.

I you seek varieties and shades this series opens to you the widest field.

And last, if you collect stamps for *profit*, there are none to equal Confederates as an investment. It needs no argument to substantiate this statement.

—Write to dealers in Northern or Western cities; request a selection of the higher-priced stamps of this series, and you will find few offered you at 50% off catalogue—in fact you will find that they are very scarce, and that few dealers can supply them at all.—

But now, through the efforts of Southern stamp publications and Southern

collectors, a strong interest in these stamps has been aroused, and interest that bids fair to endure.

The general issue, barring shades, varieties, and *perforated* specimens, are still within the reach of the collector of moderate means—in fact most of our Southern collectors have "Confeds" in duplicate to exchange with their friends "up North".

There is, however, another variety of Confederate stamps, which may be considered the most rare and interesting postal emissions extant—the Confederate "locals".

These provisional or emergency issues are beyond the reach of most philatelists and a complete collection of them does not exist.

There is especially one that bids fair to rank with the scarcest stamps of the Confederacy—the Franklin, N. C., local envelope just discovered, which was purchased by the writer for a Richmond collector, and described and illustrated in the February number of the *Virginia Philatelist*.—It is a fine specimen, well preserved, and, as far as known, is the only stamp of its kind.—

I shall endeavor, next month, to present a few notes on the general issue; the war-time oddities and curios found in many Southern collections, and a few guiding points for completing your collection of the Confederate States of America's stamps.

DON'T miss Richard H. Bunce's ad. He's new to our readers but O. K., and his prices are winners.

THE Newspaper and Periodical stamps are now on sale at the principal postoffices in the U. S., in complete sets at \$5.00 the set. Mr. H. A. Chapman informs us they were placed on sale at the Hartford, Conn., postoffice first.

TORONTO NOTES.

BY MAC.

The 19th meeting of the Philatelic Club of Toronto was held Tuesday Jan. 29th, and was one of the most successful yet held. After the business had been completed an auction sale of over sixty lots of stamps was held and were sold at a very good figure. The meeting adjourned at 10.15.

The Imperial Penny Postage Stamp is still in great demand and dealers are offering as high as 75c per 100 and cannot get enough of them at that price.

The Toronto *Mail-Empire* is running a Stamp Club in connection with its Children's Corner and the membership is now over 270. Some useful hints to the beginner are given, and this will no doubt add many juveniles to the ranks as the paper is read all over Canada.

The two cent red envelope has been placed on sale to take the place of the two cent purple which was on sale here only two days. It seems the two cent envelope was printed in purple and after supplies of them had left Ottawa, it was noticed that as they were for domestic use, they should correspond with the domestic stamp, which should be red in accordance with the U. P. U. regulations. All these stamps were at once recalled, but not before nearly 200 had been bought up by the public and dealers. One dealer secured seventy-five but he will not sell any as he claims there are not more 800 on the market, Hamilton, Ottawa, Montreal and Kingston being the only other cities supplied.

The two cent purple present issue has made its appearance in two shades, purple and plum. These shades are quite distinct and collectors are eagerly gathering together all those of the plum shade that they can lay hands on.



AMY L. SWIFT.

Publishers that wish an impartial review of their respective magazines must send one copy to our Review Editor's address, Box 335, Whitman, Mass.

The *Berlin Canadian Philatelic Weekly* announces that its Toronto namesake has collapsed. We interestedly await further particulars.

The Christmas number of *Stamp Talk* consists mostly of reprinted matter, the story of the discovery a few years ago of the St. Louis "bear" stamp heading the list.

The *Perforator* seems to have taken 32 pages as its regular standard of size, and is therefore, for a stamp journal, a remarkably plump individual. They are invariably well filled pages too, both reading matter and advertisements being of a high order.

"Zura" treats us in the December *Texan Philatelist* to a lengthy story of how some stolen stamps were traced to the thief through a chemical "Mysterious Surcharge." There are several short articles of interest, and taken as a whole the number is above the average.

The leading article in the December *Eastern Philatelist* is decidedly well written and interesting, but deals more with the historical matters of the islands than of Philatelic matters. Mr. Chapman's comparison of 1874 and 1898 prices for certain sets come next, showing an immense rise in most instances. The prize manuscript contest is still running, its close, formerly advertised for January, has been postponed another month.

The *Columbian Philatelist*, *American Collector* and *Rocky Mountain Stamp* will appear among us no more, Editor Dodge having merged them into a single publication, the *Tri-Monthly Collector*. The first number of the new venture is dated January 3rd, and seems rather inferior to its predecessors, its most interesting feature being a page of prices from Scott's supplementary catalogue listing the "new issues and discoveries" in this country and Canada.

The notes of J. B. T. in the last (November) *Rocky Mountain Stamp* mentions that a Californian recently received a "large bundle of valuable papers from England on which the postage amounted to more than would have paid the round trip for two men to bring the package." This a pretty big story for us to swallow, but the further statement that "the stamps were considerably tampered with in transit" sounds so probable that it relieves the tale from much of its fishy flavor.

The December *Evergreen State Philatelist* is quite plump, there being 14 pages, a good share of which is (as usual) filled by Veritas. Abe Atlas Leve speaks of possessing a "scarce" Omaha plate number variety, one having a blot of green ink on the margin. I have had two such "varieties," if they are worthy of that name, each of which had in addition blots on one or both of the stamps beneath the margin. In each case the plate number was 612 of the 1c Omaha.

The *International Philatelist* for December opens with a chat on Commemorative stamps, the Omaha and Canadian issues being chiefly discussed, though Cuba, Porto Rico, the Philippines and Portugal all come in for mention. Most Commemorative stamps are very handsome, and for that reason are likely to attract new collectors, but there is no doubt but that they induce speculation and other objectional results; still, in summing up

the author truthfully remarks that whether on the whole they do philately good or harm "is a very vexed question."

The holiday *New York Philatelist* made a favorable impression on us all, but a little blue penciling of the "Notes from England" would not have come amiss. The story there told about the big stamp robbery in Paris has long since been contradicted, and is indeed referred to on another page as being untrue. The assertion that one of the stolen stamps, a Reunion, was worth £400 is ridiculous in itself, for all posted philatelists know well that no single Reunion is worth anywhere near that sum.

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S - E - M - N, a famous general.

S H - - - -, another.

B A - O - N, an animal.

T - - - R, another.

W - - - E R, a Spaniard.

B - - N - O, another.

O R - - - E, a fruit.

P - U -, another.

C H - - -, a foreign country.

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*10c " "	25	16
30c " "	1 25	50
50c " "	2 00	1 00
30c red-brown Due.	1 00	55
*2c 1879 newspaper.	35	18
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6c 1873.	10	04
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482	" 1872-75, 1 to 7s, 2nds.	6	20
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484	" Unpaid	4	08
485	Nova Scotia, 2nd.	1	15
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487	Orange Free State.	3	05
488	" " 1868-91.	8	30
*489	Paraguay, 1879-84.	4	40
*490	" 1887, C.	7	50
*491	" Official, 1886, C.	7	1 75
492	" "	4	08
493	Persia	3	06
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*575	" 1891.	4	05
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599	" 1883-94.	4	15
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605	" 1/2 to 1d.	5	10
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WHAT ARE COLLECTIBLE SHADES?

BY AMY L. SWIFT.

The above question is one which has puzzled the average collector as much, if not more, than any other he has been called upon to consider. The philatelic specialist and scientist answers it by saving anything and everything in which can be discerned the slightest variation of tint, but that is too much for the collector of the medium class, whose time, patience and money are all inadequate to such a strain. He thinks it nonsense to gather up a dozen or more slight variations of shade in a single stamp and call them so many varieties, yet he does not wish to miss any shade which has, for any reason, a special claim to consideration, and how to decide which are sheep and which goats is, as I remarked above, a very puzzling question.

One thing against the collecting of numerous shades of one color is the strong suspicion that many of them have been changed from the original (and officially intended) color through the agencies of time and exposure, and in some extreme cases, of chemicals. As an instance of this possibility and probability take the United States 3c of 1861 type. It is variously listed as pink, rose, dull red, scarlet, lake red and brown red, and can also be found in many other shades even to black, but of all these colors only three, pink, rose and scarlet, were officially intended, and it therefore seems to me that only those three are

really entitled to a place in the album; the others are merely changelings or unintentional tints, and while they might be included in a collection of oddities they have no actual right elsewhere.

Two values of the Canadian Jubilee set might be mentioned under this head as another illustration. The 1c yellow and 3c rose have been known to change to brown and pale pink respectively through exposure to sunlight, and while there are some who like to have the odd changelings the idea of listing them as distinct varieties would be universally scouted, yet there are many shades of old issues now listed whose claim to respectability is strongly suspected to rest on no better foundation. Obviously, this is rather too much and the medium collector cannot be blamed for thinking so, or for trying to evolve some plan by which he can decide what shades are collectible and what are not.

To lay down a hard and fast rule which shall apply to every question raised in the shade line is manifestly impossible, but there is one test which seems to be available in most cases, and I find that it is in more general use among the unscientific collectors than is commonly supposed, albeit none of them dignify it by the name of rule and all of them are willing to stretch it a little in favor of a doubtful specimen, should one such be encountered, thinking perhaps that it is much easier to eject from the album a shade that has proved itself unworthy than it is to reject it at first and have to go a-hunting for it afterwards, when its claim as a distinct variety has been satis-

factorily established. This rule is the law of official intent, meaning that stamps whose colors have been purposely changed by authority from one tint to another of the same color may be admitted as separate varieties, whereas all shades which are due merely to a difference in the quality of the printing inks or to the way they are mixed, may not.

Of course this rule must be elastic enough to allow of many exceptions, but granting that, I think it is a pretty good one; mistakes, such as the printing of one value in the color of another, are of a totally different class, and have no connection with shades and changelings.

As an example of how this rule is used let us look at our 2c 1894, both the watermarked and unwatermarked. There must be at least fifty shades of that value, and possibly even more, but the only authorized change was from the pale pink of the first printing to carmine, therefore pink and carmine are the only shades which have any right in the album as distinct varieties. This change was made by the post office department for good reasons; all the other tints, even the very different "plum" and "lake" are simply oddities of manufacture and not varieties. Our current 5c blue is another specimen of this class; when first issued last spring it was printed in dark blue, but the color proved too dense to show the canceling ink plainly, so now it comes in a lighter shade, thus giving two shades of blue which are both admittable as varieties because each of them was made by official authority and intention. In contrast with this take our current 8c. Only one shade was intended to appear in that value, but I have seen four very decided variations and possibly there are still others; one, however, is all that the average collector need think it needful to obtain.

I have used United States stamps as instances because they are the ones with which we are the most familiar, but shades exist in pretty much all countries

and may be sifted apart in much the same way by a little careful study. I haven't the slightest ill-will against shades of any country, but I do object to seeing catalogued as actual varieties those which are nothing but victims of poor manufacture, or of the ravages of time. To collect such as oddities is all right provided they are not in any manner confounded with varieties proper, and in suggesting a method by which to decide which shades are reasonably allowable in a general collection I am raising no breath against the pets of the specialist, but am simply trying to make a little easier the answer to a very puzzling question that often upsets the peace of mind of a collector who cannot "go in for everything."

NOTES ON CONFEDERATES.

BY AUG. DIETZ.

WITH but few exceptions the entire series of the general issue of Confederate States stamps are, as I stated in my preceding notes on this subject, still within reach of the collector of moderate means.

And some of these are "very good things to have in the family"—especially the two cents green in *used* condition. In fact, and I have stated this before—I consider this stamp, canceled, of more value than the overrated TEN cents. Two other good stamps, when used, are the two cents red of 1862, and the twenty cents green, though unused specimens of these two are quite plentiful.

In collecting Confederate stamps, specimens on original covers, *used*, are, in every instance, to be preferred to unused specimens; and along this line stamp-canceled copies are considered of more value than those bearing pen cancellations.

Confederate stamps should be collected

on cover. It is not wise to remove them, for, in most cases the envelopes bearing them are as interesting as are the stamps themselves.

While I write this there lies before me a bundle of discolored Confederate envelopes. The first one on top is quite interesting, though it bears but a large green 1861 five cents. It is a letter from "the front" to a Miss—well, it doesn't matter what Miss.—The left half of this envelope is adorned by the engraving of a Confederate cavalryman and the quotation "*Forti et fideli nil difficile.*" The top right-hand corner bears the following lines:

"Let Beauregard's dauntless breast,
With patriot ardour glow,
And in the garb of vict'ry drest,
Triumphant blast the foe."

There's one instance. Remove the stamp and you have a damaged five cents green, and the envelope is worthless. So with many others.

Next comes a "Flag of Truce" letter. This, too, bears a five cents green and a U. S. 3c 1862—side by side—rather I should say "back to back," for our "immortal George" looks to the left while President Jeff. Davis to the right—which owes the other an apology for being there, I am not inclined to discuss. Here again the example—remove the stamps and what is there left?

But I could pass along through the entire batch before me, demonstrating the wisdom of collecting Confederates on cover.

If, however, you must have them convenient for your album page, cut a good bit of the envelope bearing cancelation along with the stamp—but better not cut it at all.

I will reserve a description of Confederate oddities and curios philatelic for next month's notes.

TORONTO NOTES.

Canada's first surcharge is the topic of discussion amongst Toronto collectors, and nearly all condemn the Post Office Department for its action in this matter, but I have noticed that these same collectors have suddenly discovered that they are specializing in Canadian varieties and as the surcharging was done with a hand rubber stamp there are hardly two alike and they are therefore holding all these surcharges that come their way of course for the collection.

The work on both the envelopes and letter cards is very poorly done and all-together is no credit to Canada.

The regular weekly meeting of the Philatelic Club of Toronto was held Tuesday, March 7th. President George E. Davenport in the chair. There were twelve members and six visitors present. Three new members were elected to membership. After the business had been transacted a debate was held. Subject: "Are Canada's late issues beneficial or harmful to Philately." The meeting adjourned at 10:15.

The dealers report trade very fair, there is a good demand for the late issues of Canada, and the boy trade is also looking up since one of our local papers instituted a stamp department for their young readers.

MAC.

MEMBERS of the Philatelic Exchange will please note that our Sec'y calls for your attention and votes on a very important item, viz: A re-naming of our beloved society. It is suggested by the three trustees that the name be changed to the Philatelic Association of America, their reason for same is that it would be a decided advantage for the society, and of much influence to its future growth and prosperity. Those members that wish to express their opinions on this subject should send their votes to Secretary McNutt, immediately.

NEXT.—Our Spring Trade Boomer for April. Are you with us? If not; why not?



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FROM THE EDITOR'S PEN.

OUR prize contest, which has been running for the past few months, came to a successful ending on the 10th instant.

Three parties submitted correct solutions and were awarded the packets offered. Several other persons sent in correct lists, but they included from two to three solutions of each word. This was not allowable and their lists were consequently barred out.

The correct list is as follows:—Gladstone, Sherman, Shafter, Baboon, Tapir, Weyler, Blanco, Orange, Plum, Chili.

The following parties sent in correct solutions: J. P. Whipple, F. T. Johnson and W. H. Boomhovers.

OUR SPRING TRADE BOOMER.

Our April number will be so called. It is to be an extra large edition with *double circulation positively guaranteed*. Dealers who take advantage of this issue may feel assured of *good paying results*, as we have nothing but words of praise from those who advertise in our regular editions. If you wish to have your *trade continue late into the season* it is surely a necessity that your ad appear in this number. Our patrons may feel assured that no matter how small a favor they bestow upon us, it will receive our prompt and appreciative attention.

All copy for this issue must be at our office on or before April 10th. We shall *not* advance our rates in the least. They remain the same for one and all.

WE extend our thanks to Mr. George Hicks, our Ontario correspondent, for a cabinet photo of the officers and friends of the Dominion Philatelic Association taken by him on Thanksgiving of '98 at Toronto, Ont.

You surely wish to keep your trade going this spring. An ad in our Spring Trade Boomer will help you. Look for it next month.



AMY L. SWIFT.

Publishers that wish an impartial review of their respective magazines must send one copy to our Review Editor's address, Box 335, Whitman, Mass.

Fat, fair and interesting—The *Perforator*.

The Toronto *Canadian Philatelic Weekly* has departed this life, and the Berlin one has substituted *Review for Weekly* and become a fortnightly. What ails the name that those bearing it cannot stay in existence?

Friend Dodge has become so used to apologizing for being late that he has begun doing it in his new *Tri-Monthly Collector*. The February 23rd number is plumper than were its predecessors, but alas, it does not come up to the early issues of the defunct *Columbian* in point of excellence either of appearance or contents.

Lovers of Confederate issues can rely on always finding something to interest them in the *Lone Star State Philatelist*. It is now publishing "Philatelic Notes from the Official Reports of the Postmaster General of the Confederate States," a couple of pages of the January number being devoted to it with more to follow next month.

A treasure to the advanced collector is the *American Journal of Philately*. It describes exhaustively the minor varieties of all countries, but more especially those of the United States, and while rather deep for the beginner it is to those farther advanced about as indispensable as a philatelic journal can well be.

Prompt, beautiful, and a benefit to all beholders—The *Virginia Philatelist*.

The February *Stampman* has an unparalleled "scoop" in a letter from the secretary of the League of Philatelic Shades, a society which is reported to inhabit the regions across the Styx. As no letters ever came to us from those shores before, Mr. Osgood surely has a great rarity in the entire cover, and should be able to live in luxury ever after on the proceeds of its sale.

A magazine that bids fair to occupy a high niche in our world is the young *Stamp Tribune* of Harriman, Tenn. Articles on the stamps of Antigua, the newspaper stamps of France and the postal savings service of England occupy the first few pages of the February number, and several more are given over to notes and a press review. Taken in all it is both a plump journal and a good one.

The *Metropolitan Philatelist* thinks that the sooner Dawson City grows up enough to adopt streets and numbers the better it will be for the sanity of the post office officials. These are some of the addresses quoted from letters sent there: "The cabin with the screen door," "The slat house facing the river," "The tent with the two stove pipes," and "The cabin three doors south of where all the dogs are."

The February *Bay State Philatelist* has as its leader some advice on the beginning of a stamp collection which unfortunately those who need it will not be likely to see, as few beginners know enough to take any journal until they have learnt the preliminaries of getting a collection under way through personal experience. Another writer thinks stamps are more interesting to gaze upon if kept on the original covers. True, but they are so bulky that way.

Stamps of New York has been rejuvenated, and in January it came among us again in all its pristine beauty with Crawford Capen at the helm. The front-piece is a group of twenty stamps showing minor differences which are explained in the article following it. Mr. Capen does not believe in the recently noted laid paper varieties of the current issue, saying they are due merely to a peculiarity in printing "which caused the ink to be laid more thickly along some vertical lines of the stamp than along others." Nevertheless there will be many to cling to the "laid paper" idea.

The *Eastern Philatelist* for March concludes Mr. R. S. Baker's articles on Natal, discusses the "Real Status of the Due Stamp," and continues Mr. Kilbon's reference list of type and die varieties. The result of the prize literary contest is still in doubt but will be announced next month. The publishers state that the first prize, a 90c 1864, will probably be withheld as no contributions sent in were equal to those already published which had been paid for less generously, so that to award the 90c under these conditions "would be manifestly unjust." Possibly, but surely the not awarding it at all would be still more unjust, unjust to the many who accepted the conditions in good faith believing they would be carried out as promised.

ONTARIO NOTES.

BY GEO. W. HICKS.

More new issues! There is nothing surprising in this statement; we are quite used to them now and take all as a matter of course. The very latest to appear is the new 2c Canada envelope in red, the design being considerably different from the preceding 3c of the

same color. Besides this there were the 2c purple envelopes, and Canada's first surcharged postal stationery—the 3c letter card surcharged "2."

There is a peculiarity about this latter freak. Business men who had large quantities of 3c letter cards on hand complained to the Government about being unwilling to use them when a two cent card would answer the purpose. So the Post Office authorities gave them permission to return all of the 3c denomination they had in stock to Ottawa, where they were surcharged, thus decreasing their value 1c each. To make up for this, other 3c letter cards were surcharged to make up the full value of those sent in. The surcharging is done by hand with a rubber stamp.

Regarding the 2c purple envelope, error, I wish to warn collectors not to pay a fancy price for them until they see if any more will appear. It seems that our worthy Postmaster-General, upon finding out that the 2c envelopes were being printed in purple, gave orders that no more were to be sent out, but not before a few of the large cities had received a small supply. They are holding the rest back at Ottawa, but collectors may prevail upon Mr. Mulock to let all that were printed, be circulated, and then the present price at which these envelopes are selling will be lowered considerably. They are at present bringing from 60c to \$1.50 but will be worth a great deal more if the rest are not put on sale.

The 2c "Imperial" is no longer on sale at most of the post offices but the demand has not decreased so the prices are going up. Everyone seems to be holding on to what he has of them, and very few dealers are offering them for sale at wholesale, but are ever ready to buy and at high prices.

By the time these notes are in print the new 2c stamp will have appeared in red, and along with it the 4c and 7c stamps.

The supply of 2c numerals seems to be exhausted, as 2c maple leaf stamps are being sent out in their stead. The 2c numeral stamp is another "good one" and will prove a good investment to anyone.

Since writing the above notes I have learned that the following "stationery" has been surcharged:—2c on 3c letter card 1897; 2c on 3c letter card 1898, 2c on 3c envelope, old type, large size; 2c on 3c envelope, old type, small size and 2c on 3c envelope 1898. There are almost as many varieties of surcharge as there are impressions, as it appears in nearly every position on the envelope except perfectly straight in the centre of the stamp.

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CANADIAN LETTER.

BY E. V. CAMPION.

Canada has at last resorted to surcharging her stamps. Mr. Mulock having a supply of the 3c stamped envelopes on hand when the new 2c rate came into force, has hit upon a plan which has enabled him to use the envelopes and also to increase the revenue. He has changed the value of the envelope into 2cts by placing a big figure "2" on the Queen's head.

The above envelope has already been placed on sale at some of the larger post offices and were all bought up by dealers who were informed beforehand when they were to be placed on sale. The 3c letter sheet has also been surcharged and

as the Postmaster-General has a large supply of the 3c numeral issue on hand, they will very likely appear surcharged also.

Mr. Mulock, our Postmaster-General is determined to keep abreast of the times in stamp matters. Seeing that the U. S. were surcharging some of their stamps, he thought it would be well to follow in their footsteps, by surcharging the Canadian stamps. We will not encourage him in his new project, but we believe that his venture in that direction has proven a success.

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At a few postoffices a supply of the 2c Imperial (slate, red, and lavender) stamps, were received and put on sale a short time ago. The plate numbers being 1 and 2. It was reported that this variety was being reprinted, but such is not the case, as the department having a small supply on hand, sent them out to the postoffices ordering the Imperial stamp.

A small supply of the 1 and 2c stamps with maple leaves in all corners were received at the Post Office here (Goderich) a few weeks ago. It is reported that the

Department at Ottawa have a supply of the $\frac{1}{2}$ c stamps of the above variety on hand and will shortly send them out to the postoffices requiring $\frac{1}{2}$ c stamps. This was the case with the $\frac{1}{2}$ c jubilees as a small supply of them were sent out by the Department fully four months after the jubilee stamps had become obsolete.

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SOME RARE STAMPS.

BY HENRY A. CHAPMAN.

Some time since the publisher of THE BULLETIN suggested a contribution of this nature, and I commenced to pore over the Standard catalogue. Before going far, I was in possession of a list of 100 rare stamps given by the *Revue Postale*, and have made use of it. The foreign journal gave no prices, so I have made use of the catalogue and given what I could, and, in passing, have mentioned a few others. I don't think many of these stamps will be scooped up in the St. Lawrence river—or any other river, and they will not be found in the albums of those collectors whom a reverend writer (more shame to him) classes as the "vulgar herd".

A list must, of course commence with the high-priced Mauritius issues of 1847—price anything the seeker after them feels like paying; the 2d. blue of 1858 unused is given, also the used 1859, (probably unused 1858 being meant), cataloguing \$100—12 varieties only.

British Guiana's 1c. red of 1856, in either condition, is unpriced, ditto 4c. blue, ditto 2c. pink of 1850. The 4c. blue of 1850, reminding one in looks and shape of an oblong bundle of wood, costs \$400 used, while the 8c. green is placed at \$150 used, but no price on the unused. The 4c. magenta of 1856, used, lists \$125.

Three used stamps of Hawaii—1851 2—2c. 5c, and 13c, all blue, are unpriced.

The 3 lire yellow of Tuscany, 1860, is catalogued at \$300 used. The Standard gives the original color as ochre, designating the yellow as a reprint.

Moldavia (Roumania) furnished hand stamps in 1858, on laid paper, 27 paras being at \$350, 54 paras at \$110, and 108 at \$250. Several Roumanians are unpriced.

Ceylon's 4d 1857 rose is noticeable in unused condition, unpriced, but \$90 is asked for a used one; the 8d chocolate is priced the same; the 2 shilling blue is not priced in mint condition, \$30 used; the 8d of 1861 is placed at \$75.

Nearer home. Newfoundlands 1s. unused of 1857, is \$250 used, not given unused, and the same value used in 1860 \$200.

Austria is generally modest, but a 10 Kreuzer red newspaper, with Mercury's head, is a rare one, unpriced.

Canada's celebrated 12d black of 1851, \$500 unused, \$450 used, is a coveted stamp, and costs \$50 more on wove than on laid paper.

No one would object to Spain's 1 real of 1854, or the 2 reales and 3 curatos of 1851; the first is unpriced, the second \$200 unused, \$150 used, and the third \$100.

The Reunion stamps of to-day are let alone by particular collectors, but they would grab the 15c blue and 30c blue of 1852, four values of each, especially the originals. I would take a reprint. They are rather unique. (Perhaps these are the counterparts of the stolen stamps Miss Swift spoke of last month, worth £400, which she reasonably thinks "fake").

The triangular 1d blue "error" 1861, of Cape of Good Hope, would be acceptable, and is unpriced.

Portugal's late emissions may be sneer-

ed at, but she had a 100 reis lilac (the date has got away from me), rare unused, \$12.50 used.

Switzerland, the land of cheap unused stamps, had a geneva 5c yellow green before the United States had entered the business, desirable either way; Zurich's 4 rappen, black is listed at \$115 @ 200 in vertical red lines, or \$135 @ 200 horizontally. The 2½ rappen of 1850 costs \$85 used, but higher unused; also the 10 rappen is high.

That elegant diamond shaped 1s. of New Brunswick, 1851, is \$300 @ 350, unused, or \$150 @ 175 used. (The rare 5 cent is not mentioned in the foreign journal.)

In Australia, Queensland's 2d blue, unused of 1860, is high. (I would thank a person very kindly for a used one, smothered with cancellation.) Southern Australia had some between £1 and £20, the latter unused at \$130, and it is doubtful if used ones are in existence. The Western Australian swan of 1855, has a high-priced bronze 6d, very rare. New South Wales has no price on her 8d orange, unused, but \$25 would take the used. The 8d of 1853 is not given, but probably just as expensive and handsome. Victoria is passed by, but a complete collection of her issues would cost a fortune.

Only two United stamps are spoken of, the \$5 and \$10 state department of 1873. Used ones are rare, the unused \$5 being at \$135 and the latter at \$70. I should prefer the 24c and 30c regular issues of 1855-6, both at \$100 or more, unused.

Natal, 1857, 9d unused; 1860, 3d blue (perf.) used; the same unused (imperf.) all are rare, the first \$125, the others not given.

Uruguay's red error, 1857, value 180 centavos, is in the French list, but I can find nothing about it. The regular issue was green in color, two shades.

Alsace and Lorraine's 5c green, 1870, reversed net-work, high-priced unused, \$9 used.

The Colombian Republic's 20c red of

1862 says \$100 unused, \$50 used; Antioquia's 10c lilac of 1868 is unpriced, unused, \$150 used, and the 2½c blue is priced at \$80 used. The 5c green is not given, but valuable.

The Two Sicilies' ½ tornese blue of 1860 is an ordinary looking affair, \$100 used, unused not priced.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

PICK UPS.

In these days of specialism when collectors are anxiously seeking for Cuban, Puerto Rican and Phillipine cancelled specimens of U. S. stamps they should not forget to obtain also specimens cancelled at Shanghai, China, our only foreign post office prior to the Hispano troubles.

The cost of railroad transportation in the U. S. for the year ending June 30, 1891 was \$22,398,868.66. The number of routes was 2261, the aggregate length of these was 159,518 miles and the total amount of mileage of the card 228,719,900 miles. The expenditure on mail cars for the same period was \$2,784,845.16. There was 6032 mail clerks employed, and their compensation was \$60,690.74.

The reason for surcharging the U. S. stamps with Cuba and value instead of using the stamps without surcharge is on account of the difference of monetary value between the peso and dollar. Purchasers in Cuba could purchase fifty two's for a peso—93.2 cents, and it would not be long before speculators would take advantage of the change to realize the 7% reduction and pocket the difference.

Under the date of February 20, John A. Merritt, the third assistant postmaster general in a letter says in reference to the sets of newspaper stamps offered by the government: "All stamps will be watermarked. None of the unwatermarked will be included in the stamps sold."

VEDA.

NOTES ON CONFEDERATES.

BY AUG. DEITZ.

Before concluding these notes on Confederates I must strive to make amends for the unpardonable—though unintentional—omission of the name of one who especially merits the gratitude of philately for his untiring labors and researches in the field of Confederate stamp-lore. It is H. G. Askew, who has given us the "Notes from the Official Reports of the P. M. G. of the Confederate States," which appeared in *The Lone Star State Philatelist*. The omission was as grievous as it was unintentional, and should there be others—like the Athenians, I here erect an altar to "the unknown."

And now to Confederate oddities and curios philatelic:

I dare say there is not a collection of Confederate stamps in the South that does not contain one or more of these interesting treasures.

"Necessity is the Mother of Inventions," and emergencies produce queer, ingenious results. This is especially true when we look over a collection of Confederate covers.

Such curios and oddities are treasured—like most Confeds—not for their catalogue value, they have none—but merely from sentiment—and they deserve it.

I have seen quite a number—I possess several in my own collection—and of these I would write.

It is not at all uncommon to find reversed envelopes, with a stamp on the out and another on the inside. It usually occurred in this way: "Johnnie Reb," while on the march, was handed a letter from the "old folks at home." Stationery in the field then was as scarce as fresh beef at San Juan. In this emergency "Johnnie Reb" turned the envelope "inside-out," enclosed his reply—possibly his last—and thus the envelope rendered double service. I have found a TEN on the inside of an envel-

ope with the common 10c on the outside.

There is an envelope in the collection of a Richmond friend with the stamp *sewed* on. It is well known that quite many Confeds were issued minus gum. To put on the stamp needle and thread were resorted to—in many instances soap, molasses, starch-paste, etc. were used.

At the beginning of the war many U. S. 3c red envelopes were on hand in Southern postoffices. I have seen a number of these carefully covered with a Confederate stamp. Others, that were not covered by the stamp were not canceled while the Confed got its full quota of the "dab."

Oddities and curios in the shape of envelopes are quite numerous—every conceivable sort of paper was used in this line. I have seen envelopes neatly cut, folded and gummed, made of brown (straw) paper, writing paper, *wall-paper*, magazine covers, and one that, after being "dissected" proved to be a receipt for a sale of negro slaves!

There are many more such oddities and curios philatelic to be found in Southern collections, and I dare say they are no mean factors in winning the non-philatelist to an interest in our science, and endearing to the advanced collector his page of stamps of the Confederate States of America.

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HAMILTON, Feb. 13, '99.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE PHILATELIC BULLETIN, SALEM, MASS.

DEAR SIR:—On one of the plates of the Imperial Canada Map Stamp, there is one stamp which is different to all the rest. This stamp has a deep blue-slate color on United States, Alaska, Greenland, Norway, Sweden and that part of Asia across from Alaska, while the other countries are a light color except of course the British Empire. It is the only one out of the hundred on the sheet and is only on one number or plate. I believe it will be in great demand, especially by collectors in the United States. I understand that this stamp has been sought after by a number of prominent collectors and is already commanding a high price. Some have refused to take ten unused Imperial 2c for this one.

Yours truly,

R. BURNS.

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GENTS:—Please publish as "bad" the name of N. H. Bartlett, 45 Clinton St., Fitchburg, Mass. Can get no response from him whatever. Postmaster states in answer to inquiry that he "receives his mail regularly."

Yours truly,

IRVING STAMP CO.

CHICAGO, ILL., March 29, '99.

ROCKY HILL PENCILINGS.

BY HENRY A. CHAPMAN.

Within the past month letter boxes have been placed in the cars of all the principal trolley lines of Hartford, Conn. The cars all pass a given point, where the mail is transferred and forwarded at once to the post office, which is near by. Since this system was inaugurated, a marked increase has been noticed in the sale of special delivery stamps. The system results quite frequently in a saving of car fare. For instance, a person in the north or south parts of the city would have to ride to the post office, where they would alight from the car, deposit the letter, then board another car and pay over again. Now they can post the letter aboard the car and the other fellow does the rest.

How many of our general collectors know the number of the different varieties of stamped envelopes? There are 37 varieties of the 2c red alone of the issue of 1899. Offices in places of less than 100,000 population carry less than a dozen varieties of white envelopes.

Apropos of the above, I notice a marked difference in the price asked by dealers for the set of 61 varieties, which takes in the two with Die A. I have seen it advertised for \$1.85 and \$2.50 respectively, which is not as great a difference proportionately as the price asked for the 2c envelope on 1894 paper, 5c being the lowest price asked, while some are sanguine of securing 25c for it.

In my notes I have occasionally alluded to the beauty of certain stamps, and as a consequence the past month have received several letters asking where such stamps can be bought. I find that a good many people prefer handsome unused stamps to dirty used ones, even if

they are classed as "picture label" collectors.

I have been informed lately that I am a "space filler." It does not worry me, as nearly every writer under the sun is called that by some one. As I have never been engaged to fill any particular amount in any journal I contribute to, the quantity being optional, I fail to see the correctness of the application. As all my employers are satisfied that is enough for the deponent. We can't suit everybody.

I have heard considerable complaint recently from small dabblers in stamps who buy from larger dealers. The large dealers advertise variety packets from 100 up to 1,000 or more, to be, "picked specimens," yet several cut postals will be found. Any dealer who sends out cut postals as stamps is dishonest, and should be steered clear of. I have bought 1,000 mixtures occasionally to make use of in "filling out," and it isn't pleasant to find these pieces mixed in. Cut postals have no business in any mixture, no matter how cheap, for they are not stamps, and any claim that they are in the same category as "cut squares," i. e. envelope stamps, is rank nonsense.

In some of my "ads" I used "K" for "C" to attract attention, as for instance in saying "Kanada, Kristmas, Kongo," etc. In consequence I have received two rather funny letters asking me if I knew how to spell. In a Connecticut city more than thirty years ago a jeweler attracted much attention by advertising "Klocks" continually, and at the present time one dealer in another line has a sign, "Klothing" conspicuously displayed, and he sells lots of clothing, too.

The first thing that struck me on receiving the Porto Rico surcharged stamps was the absence of the "u." Lo Puerto Rico is a "has been," while Porto Rico is the correct thing now.

ONTARIO NOTES.

BY GEO. W. HICKS.

Spring again! And again renewed activity in the stamp line. The bright sun and the balmy air of this season, following our severe winter, tends to turn the hearts of all true philatelists "stampwards". Many there are who affirm that at this time above all others they take a special interest in their stamps. This is also true with the writer, but seeing he first started collecting at this season it may explain the special interest felt in stamps, in his case. But how about the rest? There must have been a large number who started collecting at this time of the year, if that is the reason. But let us attribute it to Spring herself.

I have been "wandering", I must confine my further efforts to what is indicated by the heading of these paragraphs.

Well, of course the first thing is to "speak our say" about the "Williams & Co. business"—why not? Everyone else is! Of course we have all had a personal letter from this big (?) firm—at least every "brother phil" we run against says he has. But then we haven't all been "taken in". How many of us were on the verge of sending over some of our best and latest new issues but desisted as we tho't "green hills look greener in the distance". And now, we who hung on to our stamps look on him who parted with his, with a "self-righteous" smile and an "I told you so", but the other fellow fails to remember the latter phrase; but then we are so positive. Ah! but it is the way of the world.

Nominations are already being made for candidates to hold office in the D. P. A. Nothing like being early for the race.

The L. of C. P. is progressing. The election of officers will soon take place.

It is surprising how few "map stamps" are seen in the mails now-a-days. Where are the large numbers which are reported to have been issued? We are beginning to think they never saw the light. Upon enquiring at the Toronto main branch there were none on sale. They are a good stamp to hold now. They will be better!

Mr. Geo. Bradley of St. Catharines, is now issuing his *Stamp Reporter* as a weekly, the first number to appear was dated April 1st, but we hope it will not be an "April Fool".

Something new to announce.—There has been *no* new issues during the past month.

TORONTO NOTES.

Two fine copies of the rare Canada 12 penny black, on the original cover, were recently unearthed in Toronto and the lucky owner disposed of them for the sum of \$535.00. This looks as though the day of rare finds had not passed away, despite all said to the contrary.

The Map stamp has been placed on sale again, this time being printed a dark lavender. This stamp is easily distinguished from the first lavender (the rare shade) the latter being several shades lighter.

Mr. F. I. Weaver of Berlin, Ont., publisher of the *Canadian Philatelic Review* was in town last week and was a visitor at the rooms of the Philatelic Club of Toronto.

The 5c numeral has been placed on sale and the 2c red is expected very shortly as the supply of the 2c purple is reported to be nearly exhausted.

The *Toronto Globe* of April 1st gives a very good cut of the new stamps of The Virgin Islands and a short article on the stamps of these islands.

The *Stamp Reporter* of St. Catharines, Ont., formerly published monthly has been received in the form of a weekly.

The regular weekly meeting of the Philatelic Club of Toronto was held Tuesday, April 5th, president George Davenport in the chair. As there was no business of importance on hand the members spent an enjoyable evening exchanging stamps and information. The meeting was adjourned at 10 p. m.

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CANADIAN NOTES.

BY E. V. CAMPION.

A short time ago a package was sent through the mails bearing an old 12½c Canadian stamp. The sender had no doubt come across it, in some old drawer or pocket book, and not knowing its philatelic value, used the stamp for postage purposes.

A local philatelist, who had a small supply of ½ and 6c jubilees on hand, wishing to have some used, and on original cover, sent thirteen 6c values to a friend in a nearby town, instructing him to use them, when writing. He did so and only four reached the philatelist, all the others having been removed in transit. The collector is now using some pretty strong language against the post office authorities.

At present four distinct issues are used by the public in prepaying postage, namely: maple leaf, numeral, jubilee, and the Imperial stamps.

Postmaster-General Mulock's report shows that the number of post-offices has been increased by 179 since 1896, and it is estimated that the number of letters in 1898 exceeded the previous year by 11,145,000. In addition to letters handled last year there were 28,153,000 postcards, 3,344,500 registered letters, 5,673,000 free letters, 26,595,000 newspapers and periodicals, as well as other matter.

The mode of surcharging the stamped envelopes and letter sheets is a disgrace to our country, and the Canadian collectors are not to be blamed for condemning the above piece of workmanship. When another country surcharges its stamps, it is done in such a way as to make the overprinted stamps have a neat appearance. A rubber stamp was used for surcharging our stamps, and it is no wonder that the Postmaster-General's first attempt in the above line has proven a dismal failure.

The new 2c Canadian stamped envelope is being used extensively by the public. The envelopes can be obtained at the rate of 5 for 11c or \$2.20 per 100.

It is said that the new 2c stamp has appeared at a few of the larger post-offices. From another source comes the rumor, that the reason given by the Department for the non-appearance of the 2c stamp is that it has been decided to issue an entirely new set of stamps, which will appear as soon as all the stamps on hand are exhausted. If the above report proves true, it may account for the supply of jubilees and maple leaf stamps put on sale a short time ago.

The map stamps are still commanding a high price in a used condition, very few being used by the public. The variety in red, slate, and very light green, is considered to be the scarcest of the four shades issued.

Never before has there been such an interest taken in stamp collecting than has been during the past few months. The prominent newspapers are at present encouraging the above hobby by printing instructing articles on stamps, which are of great benefit to young collectors. The Dominion Philatelic Association, Canada's largest society, received no less than 24 applications for membership, which shows that the above society is in a flourishing condition.



AMY L. SWIFT.

Publishers that wish an impartial review of their respective magazines must send one copy to our Review Editor's address, Box 335, Whitman, Mass.

There are some changes to chronicle this month; the *Texan Philatelist* breathed its last with its February number, bequeathing its subscribers to the *Lone Star State Philatelist*; and the bright little *Stamp Talk* announced in March that it had purchased the *International Philatelist* with all its belongings.

Then there is the *All Around Philatelist* which appeared in March from East Boston under the management of Joseph P. Plourd. This is a sort of department journal, there being only one solid article, which is by "F. P." and treats of San Marino postal matters very interestingly.

"How to Arrange a Stamp Collection" is the leading article of the March *Perforator*, and in it C. E. Range describes very interestingly a number of different methods, the album, framing, mounting between glass sheets, and even papering walls. The way Uncle Sam fixed up his collection for exhibition at the Chicago Exposition is touched upon also in a way to arouse pleasant memories in the minds of those who had the pleasure of seeing it.

The *Philatelic West and Camera News* is requested to kindly arrive regularly if it has any desire for the goodwill of the BULLETIN'S review editor. She has seen only one copy since November and when asked a question concerning it the other day had to disgrace herself by inability to answer it.

And finally there's Leon V. Cass' little *Bi-Monthly Collector*, an effort whose name and aspirations are bigger than it is itself; not that it made any large promises, but simply because it tried to live at all in such a valueless form.

There isn't much in the *Bay State Philatelist* for March, just four pages and cover. G. A. Hunt's "Uncle Hiram on Stamps" occupies the first page, and is very smile provoking on account of its quaint wording and quainter orthography.

A five page chronicle of new issues is rather discouraging, yet that is what the March *Allegheny Philatelist* gives. As those who are desirous of keeping posted on this subject are almost invariably subscribers to the weeklies who make a specialty of that matter it really seems as if the monthlies might leave the field to them and devote their pages to articles of more general interest, and to matter that has not appeared before. The *Allegheny Philatelist* has some such work but it is mostly in the shape of notes.

Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal out does the above magazine however, for it has six pages of "new issues and varieties" all printed in much smaller type, but then *Stanley Gibbons'* is to the average Britisher what our weeklies are to us. The February number has an illustrated article on the stamps of Bamra, India, and the 1897 provisionals of Iceland have their status authoritatively explained.

Speaking of chronicles, the *New York Philatelist* has started one, partial not complete, under the guidance of H. A. Chapman who intends to make it a "comment" on late issues. "Veritas" has a good essay in this number (March) on the "Philatelic Aspects of Imperial Penny Postage," pointing out among other things that owing to the currency differences between Great Britain and

various of her colonies it is hardly probable that there can be a "universal" stamp or set for some time to come.

The *Tri-Monthly Collector* has about decided to drop solid articles in favor of short notes and chat. Its editor speaks in the issue of March 23 about the Die A of our current 2c carmine envelope, remarking that those without the return request on the corner seem very scarce unused, and are likely to prove good property to the fortunate holders.

The final *International Philatelist* (March) has a specially good article as leader, the only valuable thing in it. The author is Foster A. Lilly, and the subject our newspaper and periodical stamps, their history from conception to date and how they were used. The general reader will find much that is new to him in this article, and will moreover be interested in reading it.

The *Eastern Philatelist* began in its April number what promises to be a valuable history and description of the stamps of the Roman States. "Lacus Viridis," the author is now supplying to the *Virginia Philatelist* an equally valuable history of the stamps of Japan.

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4—6c blue, 1869.....		75	1
5—12c green, 1869.....		75	1
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9—10c War Department.....		25	1
10—12c " ".....		25	1
11—24c " ".....		25	1
12—30c " ".....		25	1
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5c vermilion.....	06	03
10c violet.....	50	30
2c pink.....	1 00	65
12½c green.....	40	25
1868 1c brown red.....	20	13
3c red.....	04	03
12½c blue (rare).....	20	15
1869 1c yellow.....	30	20
*1882 ½c black.....	02	02
* 6c brown.....	10	09
*1892 15c gray lilac.....	30	20
* 20c vermilion.....	35	28
same used.....	15	10
1892 8c slate.....		03
8c lilac gray.....		03
8c black gray.....		03
Stanley Gibbons' prices run from 8 to 12c each on the shades.		
4 var. unused Jubilee, 1, 2, 3 and 5c....		25
6 " " " 1, 2, 3, 5, 10 and 15c.....		65
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*8c Jubilee.....		15
*½c ".....		25
*6c ".....		50
*Set ½c to \$1.00 inclusive.....	2 70	
*Special Delivery 15c (third).....		04
*Set maple leaf ½ to 10c.....		50
" " used ½ to 10c.....		25
" " " ½ to 8c.....		15
* " numerals ½ to 10c (except 8c).....		42
*2c Imperial Postage (first printing)....		06
" " (second).....		06
" " (third).....		05
All three shades used.....		10
*3c envs. surcharged 2c, entire.....		10

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\$1.00, 1898 Documentary.....	10	05
50c " ".....		03
25c " ".....		02

	CAT. P.	MY P.
*5c blue, 1888 (Garfield).....	\$ 50	\$ 25
30c Due, 1895.....		40
50c Due, 1895-98.....	1 00	50
50c orange, 1895, used fine.....		15
*5c claret Due.....		15
*10c " ".....		25
*2c 1879 newspaper.....		35
6c 1870 71.....		20
6c 1873.....		10
15c Columbian, used.....		20
*2c Agriculture, fine.....	1 25	60
*50c Omaha.....		65
*\$1.00 ".....		1 25
* 2.00 ".....		2 25
Unused set Omaha 1 to 10c.....		18
* 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10c Columbians..		55
Same used.....		20
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*½c (baby head) olive.....		01
*1c green.....		02
*2c orange.....		06
*2c carmine.....		03
*3c orange.....		05
*1882 2c green (cod).....		10
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SOME RARE STAMPS.

BY HENRY A. CHAPMAN.

Continued from last month.

British Columbia's stamp-issuing career was short, but its imperforate 2½ pink is put at \$175 unused, used one unpriced. Vancouver's 5c rare of 1865 is not priced unused, \$110 used.

When Argentine was Buenos Ayres, she issued a few stamps, now high-priced. The 4 pesos vermilion of 1858 at \$125 unused, \$90 used; the 5 pesos orange, \$150 unused, \$100 used; the 5 pesos ochre, \$125 used, no price unused.

Bavaria, 1870, 23 florin 50 K., (telegraph) unused, unpriced.

Afghanistan has many unpriced varieties, the 1870 1 rupee being called the scarcest in used condition, \$90 unused. Few collectors of my acquaintance consider this country at all.

Sierra Leone, 1861, 6d violet is \$60 unused, used not priced.

Bergedorf closes the list with ½ sch. violet, 1861, unused \$150, used not priced. The 3s rose, same date, is not mentioned, yet it takes \$100 to secure it.

In looking through the catalogue, I am forced to believe many not named are just as desirable.

Prussia is not mentioned, but she had some that are listed at \$100.

Brazil does not go over \$60, nor does Belgium. Bavaria's 1849 6Kr (broken

circle) would satisfy me as well as the one mentioned from that country.

The three high ones of Brunswick are missing, but they are priced \$250, \$100 and \$150, unused.

Outside of the United States, I would be satisfied with the 12d black of Canada, and other Dominion issues are desirable.

Denmark and Fiji are not high usually, \$30 being the top price, and France or her colonies don't go above \$75.

Germany, barring Prussian issues, is not extravagant. Thurn and Taxis lead, perhaps, yet Hannover, Heligoland, Mecklenburg-Schwerin and Strelitz, Oldenburg and Schleswig-Holstein show good ones.

Great Britain has desirable ones, viz: the 1d black of 1840, at \$75 unused, used not priced; 1s green of 1847, 2d blue of 1854-5, 4d rose of 1856 (\$125), and the 2d blue of 1857. The 5s and 10s issues of 1882-3 cost a pretty sum, unused.

Hungary is usually easy, \$30 being the top notch; India goes up to \$75. Many of her stamps are not priced, used. If collectors bar the unused ones, they'll always have plenty of blank spaces.

If you would specialize in Italy, it will not drain your pocket-book heavily, \$10 being the high figure, while the majority are below \$1, and Japan ditto.

Lagos, British colony, has some high ones. 1885 issue, from \$35 to \$100 unused, with no set price on the used.

Madagascar, which is not tackled much, can furnish her big stamps unused from \$4 to \$50 unused.

Portugal's home issues are not high,

but the 50 reis Madeira of 1868, in either condition, is \$50. A large collection of her latest mushrooms can be secured cheap.

In the light of the celebrated high ones of Mauritius, the \$50 ones appear like "small potatoes."

Mexico, quite free from speculation, and not high-toned has a 3c brown of 1864, \$50 either way, while in the provinces of Guadalajara, Chiapas and Patzcuaco there are higher ones.

The territory governed by Queen Wilhelmina, at home or abroad, has no high-priced ones.

Turks Island was skipped in the rare list, her 1873 1s violet being \$125 unused. Nevis is ignored, yet a half dozen over \$50 are catalogued, and the 1s green of 1867 unused is \$100, used \$27.80. St. Lucia has some at \$35 @ 40. The Tobago 6d brown, 1883, is \$85 used or unused. Trinidad has a few fine ones, as well as many of the British West Indies.

South America does not figure very largely in the rare column, nor does Central America. Speculation has killed prices for their issues.

Sweden and Norway are like that other Scandinavian country (Denmark) in being modest in prices.

The Philippine issues of 1854-5 are between \$20 and \$50 and not very handsome affairs.

Russia's highest are at \$75, the five stamps of Poland ranging between \$1.50 and \$25; Finland's errors are a little steep, but some folks are "gone" on errors, and *will* have them.

Rhodesia has two or three high priced ones of the pound values.

Outside of Moldavia, Roumania has few high-priced ones, but there is one at \$40 and another at \$60.

Bangkok furnishes the highest in the Straits Settlements, some 1882 issues being up to \$30.

Turkey has nothing, I believe higher than the 25 piaster of 1867, \$20 unused, the price not being stated on the used.

Wurtemberg has a good many between \$30 and \$40, and it would take a pretty sum to specialize there.

The foregoing article shows that we shall always have a good many empty spaces in our albums. As long as there are so many high-priced regular issues, no one can be blamed for collecting all kinds of stamps, revenues, telegraphs, "unnecessary," "mushrooms," "Seebecks," etc., etc., anything that pleases us and makes us happy.

[THE END.]

OLD DOMINION NOTES.

BY AUG. DIETZ.

I have always had a predilection for "war-time" stamps—those which mark an epoch in a nation's history. Thus the stamps of Elsass-Lorraine, the stamps of the Carlist Insurrection in Spain, and primarily the stamps of the Confederate States of America, have been my favorites. They—like none other—present a rich field for research, study and pleasure.

And now another series of "war-time" stamps appeal to the collector for favor.

I refer to the surcharged stamps of our country for Cuba, Porto Rico, the Philippines and Guam.

Whatever our views may be regarding the policy of our administration—whether we approve of "expansion" or whether we deplore the perilous course which seems to be the program of "the powers that be"—I say, whatever our faith, we unanimously approve of the coming of *our* new "war-stamps," and I have yet to hear the first cry of "speculative."

They have won with me (I should say, they *will*, because thus far I possess only the Cuban set) a place second only to

my Confederates, and I dare say their popularity is assured with American collectors for all time.

They are yet within reach of every collector—even those of moderate means—and I would urge all to put in a complete *used* set of our new "Colonials."

I am partial to *used* "war-time" stamps.—In that state alone do they present a historic as well as a market value, and I am confident the future will bear me out in this assertion.

I would not champion the collecting of such "errors" as the Cuban surcharges present. The CUPA error is undoubtedly the result of an accidental mutilation of the letter B on one of the electrotypes used in the surcharging.—Such trifles occur frequently in printing offices, and oftentimes an injured letter "creeps" into a form, running through unnoticed.

It is the spread of this eccentric whine of "error-collecting" and the "to-do" made over such stamps, that makes us appear ridiculous in the eyes of our non-collector friends.

It will be noticed that I have omitted Hawaii in enumerating our Colonies, and from all I can learn it appears our "first-born" will enjoy the prerogative of retaining her own series of stamps. Why we shouldn't have Hawaii's surcharged I cannot understand.

The date of the great S. P. A. Convention in Richmond is drawing near. The Virginia branch of the S. P. A. is making extensive preparations to entertain the visiting "phils," and quite a large number have signified their intention of coming.

And here, too, would I extend an invitation to all the readers of THE BULLETIN, to come to Richmond in September—to see the greatest display of Confederate stamps, and spend a few days in the old Capitol of the Confederacy.

ONTARIO NOTES.

BY GEO. W. HICKS.

The "Convention Season" is drawing near. Soon the different societies will be holding their respective meets and already preparations are being made in some cases for the occasion. It is so with the D. P. A. Convention—or at least it is *supposed* that preparations are being made—which meets this year in Toronto on July 1st.

It is the opinion of many dealers and collectors that there is to be *another* new issue of Canadian stamps, as no more of the numeral issue are being printed but the maple leaf stamps being run off instead. The reason of this is, that the dies from which the numeral stamps were printed have become worn and the authorities have instructed that the maple leaf dies be used, as that issue being stopped suddenly, they are still in good condition for printing purposes. Of course this looks as if we were going to have an entire new issue.

Among many of our Canadian "freaks" we are continually hearing of "split provisionals". Of course they were necessary (?).

We are assured in *Mekel's Weekly* that the "map stamp" will "never become rare." Of course we don't expect it to become really *rare*, but it will, undoubtedly, increase in value in a very short time, as all dealers know, for they "take all they can get and look for more."

Many there are who have their eyes turned towards the "Canadian Philatelist's Mecca"—Ottawa.—Some (those who have none) are looking and wishing for a re-issue of the 2c purple envelope; and others (those who have many) looking and hoping it will never appear. We are afraid it will never appear.



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From The Editor's Pen.

It will doubtless be somewhat of a surprise to our readers and patrons to learn that, beginning with our next number, we assume full control of the *Eastern Philatelist*, the oldest stamp paper in America, which up to the June number, will have been published by Messrs. B. L. Drew & Co., of Boston. Owing to their rapidly increasing auction and approval sheet business they find it next to impossible to publish the *E. P.* and keep it up to its present high plane of excellence. Rather than sacrifice the footing it now holds in the hearts of nearly all American Philatelists, as well as many abroad, they have decided to dispose of it to hands which they consider fully capable of holding it at its former high standard, and with a fair share of the public's support, (which is a very essential matter) we trust that we shall not wholly disappoint them in their choice. We shall consolidate it with the *BULLETIN* which will hereafter be styled *The Philatelic Bulletin and Eastern Philatelist*. It will of course give us the distinction of being the oldest philatelic monthly in America, and will also allow us the privilege, as well as the fact, of stating that we have the largest circulation of any monthly stamp journal, now being published. This alone, will give our patrons and advertisers many advantages not offered by our contemporaries, and we trust they will not be backward in favoring us with their co-operation.

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TO ADVERTISE when there is little or no business is like mending the nets when there are no fish. The man who does either is in a position to get earlier results.

MR. HENRY A. CHAPMAN, of Rocky Hill, Conn., the founder of the *Perforator*, which he controlled for 13 months, and also contributed many valuable articles and notes, while it was under the lead of Mr. Stowell, severed his connection with that journal when Mr. C. W. Kissinger assumed control.

Mr. Chapman wishes to say a few words, on retiring, to his many friends and readers. He states that his letter of resignation was forwarded to Mr. Stowell and contained no reflections on anyone, yet, when Mr. Kissinger heard of it, he positively refused its publication. The public will probably form its own opinion on the matter.

THE following letter is self-explainable, at least, we trust so:

NORWICH, CONN., April 29, 1899.

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DEAR SIR:—I wish you would publish the name of C. F. Burke, Worth, Ill., Cook Co., as a stamp swindler. He sent for sheets about Feb. 1, giving as a reference, C. H. Mekeel. I (like a fool) didn't write to the reference, but sent stamps and have never been able to get any kind of an answer from him. Last week I wrote to Mr. Mekeel and he says that he knows nothing of him.

I remain, yours respectfully

WALTER D. FULLER.

OUR BOSTON LETTER.

BY PURITAN.

I have learned with a great deal of interest that the BULLETIN has purchased the *Eastern Philatelist* and that hereafter the two will be merged into the one publication. I take more than a passing interest in this matter by virtue of having been interested in the *Boston Stamp Book* whose subscription list the BULLETIN will also attend to. Ex-Editor Drew

told me the other day that the weeks were not long enough to attend to his stamp business, edit a paper and run an auction every month.

Jas. F. Morton, Jr., of this city expects to be admitted to the bar at the June examinations. He has received a very flattering offer from San Francisco to do editorial work on a socialistic paper and is considering the proposition.

The New England Stamp Co. held a gilt edge sale the latter part of April that surpassed any sale held this season in the character of stamps offered for sale. I am frank in saying that the prices realized were not in keeping with the excellent condition of the stamps. I noticed many out of town dealers and philatelists present including Mr. Stone, of Concord, N. H., Mr. Bowen, of Providence, R. I., Mr. Washburn, of Greenfield, Mass., and many others. Messrs. Richardson and Harris, of Salem, were in attendance.

Our government is getting it hot and heavy on all sides for its rank deception in reprinting the newspaper stamps. The English papers are particularly strong in their condemnation of this latest move upon the part of our government. One of our Boston correspondents even goes so far as to state that he will wager that more than 50,000 sets were placed on sale. I am told (May 7) that sets are still on sale at the Boston office and the end is not yet. I know not what the future has in store for us, but I am satisfied that the stability of stamp collecting will be best subserved by governments carrying on their postal business with a due regard to postal needs, rather than making profits out of stamps sold to stamp merchants and collectors.

So distinguished a personage as J. M. Bartels can see no harm in the reprinting of these stamps and the differences be-

tween the originals and reprints "are so slight as not to call for any distinction." Paper, gum and ink are all different and if any reprints are deserving of recognition these newspaper stamps certainly belong to that class. I think Mr. Bartels is looking through the wrong end of the telescope. By the way what is the value of the original \$5 periodical unused and used?

H. F. Dunkhorst, of Washington, D. C., called on our dealers last month.

My letter does not have much space for new issues, but I must rise to remark that Cuba, Porto Rico, St. Vincent, Virgin Islands, Malta and international postal union requirements have been very much in evidence. The collector of United States will be compelled to build on quite an addition to his album to keep pace with our colonial emissions.

My correspondent at Matanzas, Cuba, writes me that the cost of registration is likely to be increased from eight to ten cents. He assigns no reason and I am at a loss to know why a new rate is called for. He enclosed me envelopes and the new special delivery surcharge, one a fine specimen of surcharging, the other a botch.

By the time this greets the reader's eye the May meeting of the B. P. S. will be a thing of the past. I am told that there is to be exhibited a fine collection of Canadian law and revenue stamps, the property of a Salem philatelist whose gems will be of rare interest.

Your correspondent will be in Toronto, Canada, the first week in July and will attend the D. P. A. convention. He hopes to receive light sufficient to enable him to do better philatelic work in the future.

ROCKY HILL PENCILINGS.

BY HENRY A. CHAPMAN.

ABSURD DISCRIMINATIONS.—In the surcharging of stamps it is quite often the case that varieties will be found in the lettering. If a bona fide "P" occurs in place of a "B," perhaps it is well enough to catalogue it as a distinct variety, but if a part of a period or "full point," as printers call it, is broken, or the lower part of the "B" is gone, yet shows signs of its being a broken "B," it does not seem the correct thing to call it a distinct or minor variety. It is not probable that the "minor variety crank" can be convinced, and of course he has the privilege of doing as he pleases. But, and that "but" should be spelled with a good big "B"—BUT—the catalogue should not be expected to classify all these "brokenoffities."

I notice in these Cuba surcharges that in some the word "Cuba" comes close up to the top of the stamp, while in others the "de peso" is just as close to the bottom, and in some the top and bottom lines are rightly printed on. And again, the variations are marked on each side. These differences are just as worthy of attention as the broken varieties, but if you take your scale and go into that business, you will be a hopeless lunatic. In the Christmas stamps of Canada, you will find the little red spots intended for islands under British rule varying from almost imperceptible ones to some as large as pin-heads, and good, big heads too, and on others you can't find them at all, making one think that a freshet has come in the night and submerged them. Will these be called "minor varieties?" If so, Lord save us, and the cataloguers too. And too, we come across various shades. Unless the government distinctly changes the color of a stamp, we should not expect the catalogue makers to bother with

them. In the current 2c, which is the 1895 issue, Triangle III, I am not aware that the government has ever authorized but one color—red or carmine, yet we find it in quite light or dark shades, vermillion of different shades, lake, carmine lake and even "purple." Now, the "shade crank" has the privilege of saving all these, (and I do it myself), but until the government authorises more than one color, it is unreasonable to "kick" at the catalogue for not giving more than one color. If you must "kick," put your foot with force against the high authorities, and not make the "catalogue maker's burden" any more onerous than necessary. He has all the "errata" he wants to attend to, nevertheless.

COURTESY NOT AMISS.—A collector of many years' standing, recently writing from a large city, informed me of the treatment received in the places conducted by stamp dealers, and expressed wonder that some secured trade at all, as they made no attempt at being courteous, especially if the customer looked like one who had a small roll. The true merchant will be pleasant to a little girl or boy with a penny, and does not forget that pennies make dollars, and that the child of to-day has a memory and will be possessed of ample means in future. Last summer, during the intervals of the sessions of the A. P. A., and other conventions at New York, I visited all the stamp marts I could in New York. Many of the proprietors were strangers to me, while some were not. In most cases I remarked that I was not after stamps, but was taking a cursory view for future guidance. In one or two cases, perhaps, the employees were inclined to be a little "swell" over their positions as salesmen for large concerns, but in every case the employers themselves were courteous, and it is a pleasant memory to know that such was the case.



AMY L. SWIFT.

Publishers that wish an impartial review of their respective magazines must send one copy to our Review Editor's address, Box 335, Whitman, Mass.

No. 2 of the *All Around Philatelist* is at hand dated April 15. It has considerable reprinted matter and gives a good share of its space to a new issue chronicle, but taken as a whole it is a decided improvement on No. 1.

Stamp Talk has captured Mr. Lewis Robie and has induced him to supply it with a continuation of his "Stamp Hunting." The first instalment of this sequel appears in the April number, being given the place of honor. Mr. Lilly's review occupies nearly three pages, and is of higher grade than the average review.

The May *Philatelic Advocate* promises us a large "D. P. A. Convention Number" next month, "not as large as the Holiday number, but a beauty." Then we may certainly expect something nice, for the *P. A.* is not given to making promises it does not fulfil to the very letter.

The *Michigan Philatelist* has taken a new lease of life, appearing in April with C. A. Gurney as editor and John C. Brassington as publisher. The leading article is by B. G. McFall, who hints at all the wisdom a philatelist might possess if only he would collect in the proper way.

The April *Montreal Philatelist* has almost three pages of exchange offers, wants, etc., a department that many readers will much appreciate. A column or two of personalities has been added,

the author calling himself "Jean Baptiste Canuck." A nom-de-plume cannot always be depended upon to hide identity, however, and Mon. Jeen's will be no puzzle to the majority of readers.

The brightest No. 1 to appear for a long time is the *Stamp Exchange* which arrived in April from the "Hub." There are 32 pages, filled by articles from such well and favorably known writers as Messrs. Dietz, Verbeck, Chapman, Watts and McFall beside several lesser lights. It is "just the darlinest journal" (this is a quotation from a small boy) and full worth its 20c per year. Ralph W. Tucker, Boston, Mass., publisher.

The April *Evergreen State Philatelist* says editorially that "a telegram from Washington dated the first informs us that 25,000 more sets of the newspaper and periodicals will be put on sale immediately. As we were faithfully promised by the government that no more than the first lot of 50,000 should be sent out, this bit of news would be rather disturbing if true, but—but—well, we all think the *E. S. P.* is just trying to work off an April joke on us.

Richmond, Va., intends to have a few conventions this fall and is setting forth its various "lions" and points of interest by aid of the *Virginia Philatelist* which devotes a page or more month by month to illustrations and descriptions thereof. This is a fine idea. Folks who go will know exactly what to look at, while folks who stay at home will follow the subsequent reports with greater interest and a stronger sense of Southern realities.

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93	"	4m ultramarine.....	.01	5 centavos, carmine.....	.07
100	"	5c blue green.....	.05	6 centavos, dark blue.....	.09
101	"	6c orange.....	.08	10 centavos, vermilion.....	.20
109	1894	1/2m chocolate.....	.01	15 centavos, slate green.....	.20
110	"	1m blue.....	.01	20 centavos, maroon.....	.30
111	"	2m flesh.....	.01	Same used.....	.20
112	"	4m red brown.....	.01		
113	"	1c lilac brown.....	.02	Habilitado, 1898-99, the following 13	
114	"	2c lilac.....	.03	stamps are provisionally surcharged on	
115	"	3c olive.....	.03	the regular issue of 1896-97 :	
116	"	4c slate blue.....	.04	2 mils, red on yellow green.....	.01
117	"	8c violet.....	.08	4 mils, red on blue green.....	.06
118	"	20c rose.....	.20	1 centavo, red on claret.....	.06
119	"	40c red violet.....	.40	2 centavos, red on red brown.....	.05
120	1896	1/2m violet.....	.01	3 centavos, red on claret.....	.10
121	"	1m lilac brown.....	.01	5 centavos, 1891 yellow green, RARE.....	.50
122	"	2m yellow green.....	.01	4 centavos, red on brown.....	.12
123	"	4m blue green.....	.01	5 centavos, red on blue.....	.15
124	"	1c claret.....	.02	6 centavos, red on lilac.....	.15
125	"	2c red brown.....	.02	8 centavos, red on rose.....	.15
126	"	3c ultramarine.....	.03	20 centavos, red on gray olive.....	.35
127	"	4c brown.....	.04	40 centavos, red on salmon.....	.50
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131	"	20c olive gray.....	.20	Postal Tax and served as postage, they	
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				5 centavos, violet on blue green.....	.15
				5 centavos on 1 mil, red on dark violet.....	.15
				5 centavos on 1 mil, red on blue.....	.15

1888-89, the following 19 stamps are of the regular issue :

1 mil orange brown.....	\$.02
2 mils orange brown.....	.02
3 mils orange brown.....	.03
4 mils orange brown.....	.45
5 mils orange brown.....	.03
1 centavo dark purple used.....	.02
2 centavos, blue green.....	.05

1896, Porto Rico, surcharged on the regular issue of U. S. stamps.

1 cent, black and green.....	.03
2 cents, black and carmine.....	.06
5 cents, black and blue.....	.10
10 cents, black and light brown.....	.18

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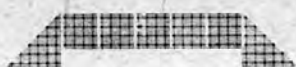
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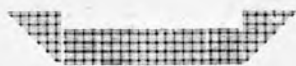


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	Cat.	Sale
	Value	Price
*U. S. 1867, 2c black, embossed 12x11..	\$10.00	\$10.00
Hanover, 1830, 10gr green.....	18.00	9.00
French Colonies, 1876, 4c gray.....	10.00	8.00
*North Borneo, 1893, \$10.00 brown.....	10.00	7.00
St. Thomas and P., 1802 2½, on 10 Nr. 58	12.50	6.00
*St. Vincent, 1883, 6c yellow green.....	12.50	5.00
Cochinchina, 1894, 40c black, post due, none	4.50	4.00
*United States, 1870, 7c vermilion.....	8.00	4.00
" " 1867, 3c red, outer line.....	15.00	3.50
" " 1861, 30c orange.....	6.00	3.00
" " " 3c pink.....	8.00	2.00
*Bremen, 1866, 2gr. orange.....	7.50	2.50
Tasmania 1871 1p red, Wmk 4.....	3.75	1.75
Grenada, 1860, 6c rose.....	3.00	1.50
*Malta, 1863, 1/2p golden yellow.....	2.50	1.25
Hawaii, 1882, 10c black.....	2.00	1.00
*Barbados, 1861, 1/2p blue green, St H	2.00	.95
Uruguay, 1864, 12c blue.....	2.00	.90
*Tasmania, 1889, 2½, on a deep blue.....	2.50	.85
South Australia, 1876, 4p dull purple.....	1.85	.80
Virgin Islands, 1883, 14c rose.....	1.50	.75
Bolivia, 1890, 100c yellow.....	1.00	.70

	Cat.	Sale
	Value	Price
*Philippine, 1881, 10c gr. on 2c ear.....	\$1.25	\$0.65
French Colonies, 1884, 2 francs brown.....	1.00	.60
*Bavaria, 1849, 3gr greenish blue.....	1.50	.55
Uruguay, 1860, 5 on 12c blue.....	1.00	.50
*Canada, 1898, 1, 1.2, 5, 6, 8, 10, 4leaves	.71	.45
*United States, 1888, 30c brown.....	.85	.40
Romania, 1895, 2 paras orange.....	1.00	.35
Antigua, 1886, 1p red, C. A. pet 1 12.....	.75	.50
U. S., 1876, 3c red envelope cut.....	.50	.25
New Caledonia, 1892, 10 on 40 red.....	.40	.20
U. S., 1873, 1rst Office, 1c black.....	.40	.15
" " Interior, 1c vermilion.....	.25	.10
Tasmania, 1889, 1/2p orange.....	.25	.09
Uruguay, 1860, 1c black.....	.25	.08
*United States, 1887, 3c vermilion.....	.14	.07
*Mauritius, 1891, 1c on 16c brown.....	.12	.06
Hawaii, 1884, 5c blue envelope cut.....	.20	.05
Japan, 1875, 2 sen yellow.....	.15	.04
*United States, 1887, 2c green.....	.08	.03
Philippine, 1898, 2c blue.....	.06	.02
" " 1880, 1m rose.....	.05	.04
" " 2m blue.....	.05	.04

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Hanover, 1839, 10c green.....	15.00	9.00	French colonies, 1884, 2 francs brown.....	1.00	.60
French Colonies, 1876, 4c gray.....	10.00	5.00	*Italy, 1810, 3c greenish blue.....	1.00	.55
*North Borneo, 1843, \$10.00 brown.....	10.00	7.00	*Uruguay, 1846, 3 on 12c blue.....	1.00	.50
St. Thomas and St. 1892 2 1/2 on 10 N. 68.....	12.50	6.00	*Canada, 1898, 5, 12, 3, 5, 8, 10, 15 censes.....	7.15	.45
*St. Vincent, 1884, 6c yellow green.....	12.50	5.00	*United States, 1888, 30c brown.....	85	.40
Cochinchina, 1891, 10c black post due.....	none	1.50	*Roumania, 1865, 2 paras orange.....	1.00	.25
*United States, 1879, 7c vermilion.....	8.00	4.00	Antigua, 1880, 10c red, U. S. perf 12.....	75	.50
1887, 3c red, outer line.....	15.00	7.50	U. S., 1876, 3c red envelope cut.....	50	.25
1897, 30c orange.....	6.00	3.00	New Caledonia, 1892, 10 on 10 red.....	10	.20
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*Breiten, 1866, 2c orange.....	7.50	2.50	10c office, 1c vermilion.....	25	.10
Casimiro, 1871, 1c red wmk. 1.....	5.75	1.75	Casimiro, 1880, 5c orange.....	25	.05
Greenland, 1860, 1c rose.....	3.00	1.50	*Uruguay, 1866, 1c black.....	25	.08
Malta, 1865, 1/2c golden yellow.....	2.50	1.25	*United States, 1857, 3c vermilion.....	15	.05
Hawaii, 1882, 10c black.....	2.00	1.00	*Manitoba, 1891, 1c on 10 (town).....	12	.05
*Barbados, 1861, 1/2c blue green No 11.....	2.00	.95	Hawaii, 1887, 5c blue envelope cut.....	50	.05
*Uruguay, 1864, 12c blue.....	2.00	.90	Hawaii, 1875, 2c on yellow.....	15	.01
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- Argentine, 28 fine varieties..... 49
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- *Bavaria, Return Letter, 6 varieties, r..... 05
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- Canada, Jubilee, 1/2 to 50c complete, scarce... 1.85
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“ 1c, “	30
“ 2c, “	40
“ 3c, “	15
“ 5c, “	1 25
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“ 8c, per 100.....	2 00
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“ 1896, 80c violet.....	40	15
Jamaica, 1883, 1d blue C. A....	25	10
“ “ 2d rose C. A....	25	10
*Great Britain, 6d surch. on 6d	85	35
Ceylon, 1888-90, 2c on 4c rose and lilac rose, 7 var.....	46	15

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DATE.	CAT. P.	MY P.
1859 1c pink	\$ 08	\$ 05
5c vermilion	06	03
12½c green	40	25
1868 1c brown red	20	13
3c red	04	03
12½c blue (rare)	20	15
*1882 ½c black	02	02
6c brown	10	09
*1892 15c gray lilac	30	20
* 20c vermilion	35	28
same used	15	10
1892 8c slate	03	03
8c lilac gray	03	03
8c black gray	03	03
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*8c Jubilee	15	15
*½c " "	25	25
*6c " "	50	50
*Special Delivery	15	15
*Set maple leaf ½ to 10c	50	50
" " used ½ to 10c	25	25
" " " ½ to 8c	15	15
* " numerals ½ to 10c (except 5c)	42	42
*2c Imperial Postage (first printing)	06	06
" " (second)	06	06
" " (third)	05	05
All three shades used	09	09

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*1.00, 1898 Documentary	\$ 10	\$ 05
*5c blue, 1888 (Garfield)	50	25
30c Due, 1895		40
50c Due, 1895-98	1 00	50
50c orange, 1895, used fine	15	07
6c 1870 71	20	10
6c 1873	10	04
15c Columbian, used	20	12
*2c Agriculture, fine	1 25	60
*50c Omaha		65
*\$1.00 " "		1 25
* 2 00 " "		2 25
Unused set Omaha 1 to 10c		18
* 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10c Columbians		55
Same used		20
Special 9 var. unused War Dept. fine		70

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*½c (dog) rose red		04
*½c " black		02
*½c (baby head) olive		01
*1c green		02
*2c orange		06
*2c carmine		03
*3c orange		05
*1882 2c green (cod)		10
*1887 10c black (ship)		17
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NEWFOUNDLAND, 1857, 1p vis.	1.55
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NEWFOUNDLAND, 1863, 1/2 lake	42
*No. 20, catalogues, 85, unused and o. g.	
NEWFOUNDLAND, 1863, 3/4 lake	37
*No. 23, catalogues 75, unused and o. g.	
NEWFOUNDLAND, 1863, 100 lake	75
*No. 25, catalogues \$1.00, unused and o. g.	
NEWFOUNDLAND, 1867, 6c rose	12
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NEWFOUNDLAND, 1869, 2 1/2 blue	36
*No. 31, catalogues 75, unused and o. g.	
NEWFOUNDLAND, 1869, 2c green	07
*No. 39, cat. by Gibbons, 50, unused, o. g.	
NEWFOUNDLAND, Cabot House	30
1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, unused and o. g.	
NEWFOUNDLAND, 1898, 1/2 blue	10
*No. 41, 1 green, 2 vermilion, 2 orange	
NEWFOUNDLAND, 1899, 2c green	48
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NEWFOUNDLAND, 1876, 3c blue	45
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5c to 10c	65	
5c to 10c	50	
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1c to 10c unused, 0 g.	50	
1c to 10c used.	25	
1c to 5c	32	
5c unused, per 100.	10	
NUMERALS (present issues)		
1, 1.2, 3, 6, 8 and 10c, used.	12	
2c mags. 3 shades.	05	
10c 10c, 15, 20 and 50c.	35	
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NEWFOUNDLAND, 1867, 4c, v. 18	1.55
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NEWFOUNDLAND, 1867, 5c green	.75
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NEWFOUNDLAND, 1867, 5c brown	.75
No. 1 catalogue \$1.50, unused and n. g.	
NEWFOUNDLAND, 1868, 4c lake	.42
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NEWFOUNDLAND, 1868, 4c lake	.37
No. 22 catalogue \$1.50, unused and n. g.	
NEWFOUNDLAND, 1868, 10c blue	.75
No. 21 catalogue \$1.50, unused and n. g.	
NEWFOUNDLAND, 1868, 10c blue	.12
No. 12 catalogue \$1.50, unused and n. g.	
NEWFOUNDLAND, 1868, 2c blue	.36
No. 31 catalogue \$1.50, unused and n. g.	
NEWFOUNDLAND, 1869, 2c blue	.07
No. 10 catalogue \$1.50, unused and n. g.	
NEWFOUNDLAND, 1869, 10c blue	.30
No. 3, 4, 5c, unused and n. g.	
NEWFOUNDLAND, 1878, 4c red	.10
No. 1, 1 green, 2 red, 10c, 2 shades	
NEWFOUNDLAND, 1869, 2c green	.48
No. 22 catalogue \$1.50, unused and n. g.	
NEWFOUNDLAND, 1876, 3c blue	.45
No. 10 catalogue \$1.50, unused and n. g.	
NEWFOUNDLAND, 1876, 3c green	.73
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