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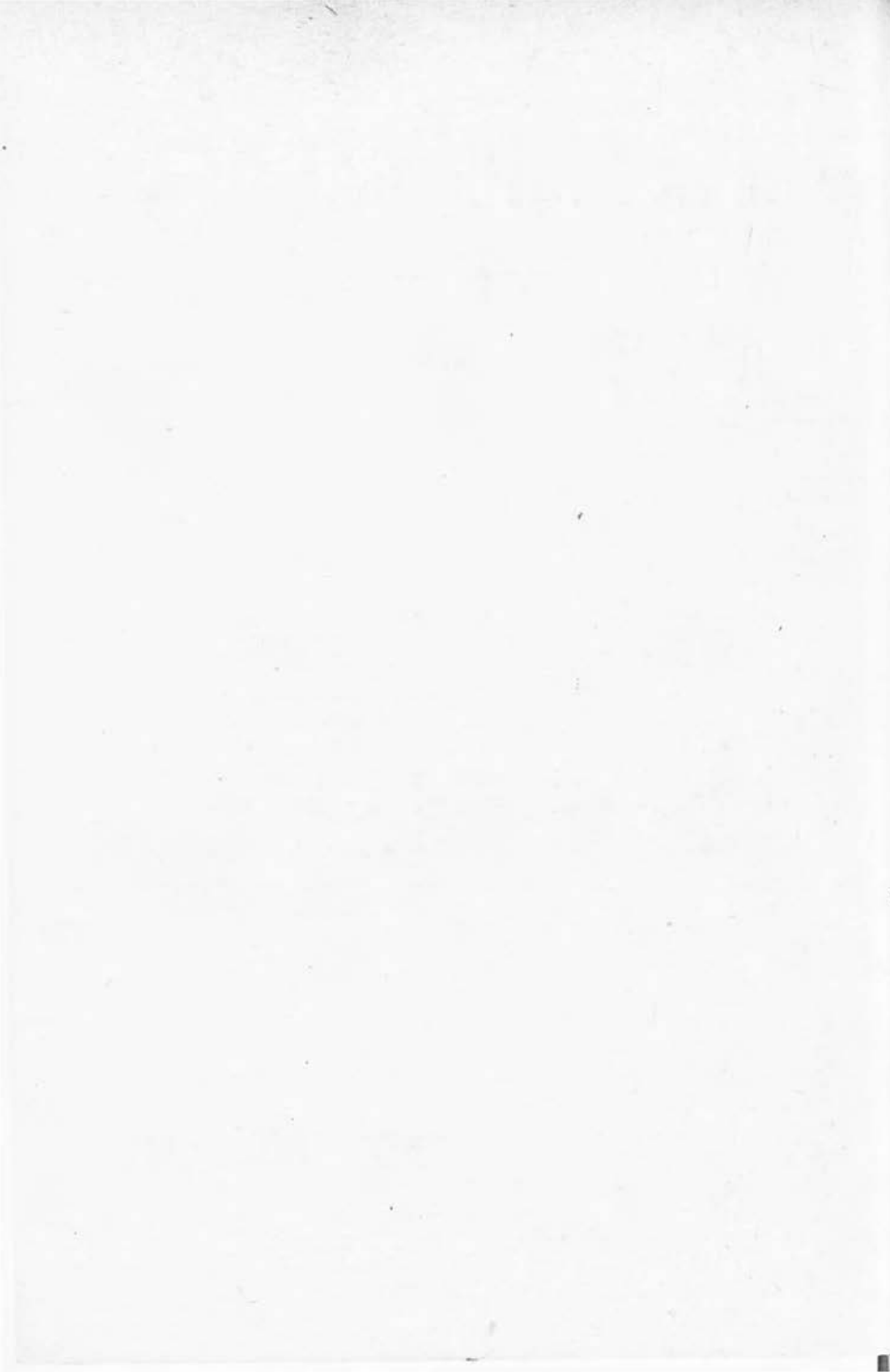
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PHILATELIC FACTS

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THE BIRTH OF PHILATELY.

IT WAS NOT UNTIL THE YEAR 1840 that the first POSTAGE STAMP appeared, the country of its origin being England*

In 1843 Brazil and Switzerland followed her lead, and issued stamps. Other countries rapidly fell into line, and Philately was born almost as soon as there was stamps to collect.

At first it was easy to get all the different kinds, as there was still a small number. Then, as old issues became obsolete, and the number of collectors grew, the older stamps began to have a cash value.

Soon, as a natural result, stamp dealers sprang up, and in 1831 a dealer in Great Britain issued a pricelist of stamps he had for sale. Others followed him and in 1832 appeared the pioneer stamp paper.

It was a success, and many new papers sprang up, some of which are continued at.

Justin Lalleir, a Frenchman, issued the first album about the close of the year 1833. It provided spaces for all stamps and kept up to the date.

Since then PHILATELY has grown, and become a full-fledged amusement to all parts of the civilized world. H. L. Watts

Authorities (?) differ about this. — Ed.

HOW I CARRIED THE MAIL.

By John De Quezou, es.

NOTE: The following paper is pure fiction excepting a few lines, which are founded on fact. In the the days of the old Pony Express, it was not uncommon for the carrier to be murdered as described further on.

The Author.



ON the fourth of August, 1865, while visiting with some friends in a little town in California, I decided to ride to S — with the daily mail.

The carrier, Tom Milton, was a strong healthy fellow who had carried the mail on that route since he was 19 years old. He had been one of my friends in early life, so knew I would have no trouble in riding with him.

Having secured a strong, well built Indian pony from the farmer I was stopping with, I waited for Tom to arrive.

I had not long to wait, however, for he soon came in sight, galloping swiftly toward the house, which was a sort of post office for the farmers around.

As he handed down the pouch, I noticed that he looked anxiously off toward the west, but I said nothing then.

The pouch was soon returned, and, after Tom's horse had finished drinking, we started.

When we had galloped along in silence

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for a while I said, "Tom, you look troubled. Whats the matter?"

"I hardly know," he said, "but I have a feeling that I shall never live to reach S—— with the mail.

To be continued.

TELEGRAPH STAMPS.

WE have often wondered why it is that collectors do not pay more attention to the U.S. Telegraph Stamps than they do.

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Why don't some enterprising dealer, (Mekeel, for instance) publish an album "For U.S. Telegraph Stamps?"

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HARRY'S STAMPS.

By H I Watts
Chapter One

It just a year ago that Harry Seawell finished his school work.

He was then 17 years old, bright and industrious, but the kind of boy his school mates called "queer." But the only noticeable difference between Harry and the other boys, was his studious habits and quiet ways.

He had a great passion for collecting curiosities of all kinds. In his room at the top of his grandfather's house, he had a great collection of oddities and curios.

Harry had lived with his grandparents since the death of his father and mother in an ocean disaster, 10 years before.

Just now we may see him coming down the street to the little post office after his grandfather's mail. As he turns the letters over in his hand, he comes to one addressed to himself.

It was only a circular, but something in it interested him greatly, and he walked slowly down the pleasant street reading it carefully.

It was from an eastern stamp dealer, and its brief description and illustrations caught his fancy. He had often heard of stamp collecting, but this was the first time he had read anything about it.

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DAVE NORMAN'S STAMPS;

OR

BEFORE and AFTER CHRISTMAS.

By Wm. H. Greenfield,
Author of 'The Camp in Brannan's
Woods, Number 55, The Stolen Coins, etc

PATR. 1.

Here it's near Christmas not a cent to my name, a shabby suit of cloth, no prospects of any work. - bah what's the use of fretting- I'm born to bad luck and the speaker Dave Norman plunged his hands deep into his pockets and relapsed into silence.

Dave Norman was an orphan, being left alone at the age of 10. He had known nothing but hard work all his life. He was living with an old friend of his father's, who was willing to furnish him with a home until he could get work, but he tried and tried, but no work could he get. But Dave did not despair: his motto was 'Try—Try again', and a very good one it was.

At the opening of our story Dave was gazing out of the window of his room. Suddenly he crossed the room and went to an old dusty trunk, in one corner. Lifting the heavy lid, he rummaged

about among the contents, drawing, at length a long yellow envelope from a package of papers.

Going to the table he opened the envelope and emptied the contents out in a heap. They were undoubtedly the object of his search, for his eyes sparkled as he saw them, and he cried: 'The stamps! I have found them. They will bring me \$10 at least; how lucky I thought of them. But, - and a shade of disappointment flitted across his face, - they were brother Jim's. Still, poor Jim is dead, and I need the money. I will sell them to old Kuntz, the stamp dealer, on C—— street', and, hurriedly putting on his hat, he left the house.

He had just stepped to the pavement when he met Cayle Manly, a chum of his.

'Which way now?' asked Cayle.
'Oh, out for a walk'.

I've good news Dave. You know that ring you found? There's a reward of \$25 offered for it. Here's the owners name' and he handed Dave a slip of paper and passed on.

Dave looked at the paper and read. —
J. Thompson Finley, No. — N——— St.

'I'll go there first' muttered Dave.

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—HERBERT I. WATTS.— 10 Varieties — 10 Varieties



MERBERT I. WATTS, one of our best philatelic writers, was born at Winchester, Indiana, July 13TH, 1875.

In January 1890, he became interested in stamp collecting, and in December, 1894, wrote his first philatelic article.

He was formerly connected with a publishing house but is now a student of law.

He writes for several papers—among which we may mention the Evergreen State Philatelic Society (Groveland) Philatelic Facts, etc.—and has a great deal of talent.

The writer has read many of Mr. Watt's productions, and has yet to find one that is not original.



-CANADIAN NOTES.-



THE December number of the Canadian Philatelic Magazine is at hand. Hereafter Mr. Adams will print the C.P.M. himself, and a great improvement may be expected.

—The Ottawa Philatelic Society has elected officers for the current year.

—We look for an improvement in the Michigan Philatelist. While S. L. Wing may be all right as a philatelist, he is N. G.

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The western states are producing an annually large crop of papers this winter. Some people must have more money than they can find use for.

The Dominion Philatelic Society has been re-organized, and Irving E. Patterson, of Guelph, Ont., appointed Sec'y-Treas. W. S. Weatherstone resigned. Application blanks furnished by Sec'y.

H. F. Ketcheson, the Canadian dealer who recently made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors, will probably start in business again, as soon as his affairs are settled.

The Western Stamp Co. have a very neat office at no. 83 King St., Toronto. Philately in Toronto is better than ever.

A new catalogue of Canadian Revenues is much needed. Who will publish one?

From present indications the P. S. of A. will have 2500 members when the next convention convenes.

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Review.

The Southern California Collector has appeared from Orange, Calif. The number at hand is dated January, and is very good.

The Missouri Philatelist for December consists of 5 pages of ads, and 11 pages of good reading matter.

One of the best papers for December is the Springfield Philatelist. The January issue is also very good.

The Evergreen State Philatelist comes to us regularly, and is one of our best.

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Editorial.

On examining our mail, the other
morning, we were pleasantly surprised
by finding the Badger Philatelist. At first
we did not know it, as it was so changed.
Let the good work go on, and it will be
among the leaders before another year
has passed.

To say that the big holiday edition
of the Eastern Philatelist was good, is not

enough. It was fine. The paper is now
the oldest in the U. S. and is one of the
best published.

In the December issue, the San
Francisco News-LETTER devotes over a
page to "Stamps From A Financial
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Gamb, Makins, also have ads. in the
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The Philatelic Californian for January, is a model of perfection. A new cover has been adopted, and is an improvement over the old. The contents are up to date, and fresh. The paper was rec'd too late for Review.

Although the Penny does not X with us, we cannot help saying something about the December number. It consists of 68 pages of ads and 60 pages of fine reading matter. It is the best number ever issued by any stamp paper.

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HOW I CARRIED THE MAIL.

Continued.

NONSENSE, Tom, said I, "why shouldn't you?"

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injury, so I am afraid they will attack us

If it were not for the mail, I wouldn't care so much, as there are some valuable packages.

After that, the silence was unbroken, save by the heavy pounding of our ponies' hoofs on the hard ground.

Suddenly, when we were 5 miles from S — there was a wild whoop from the roadside, and a score of arrows flew by me. I felt a sharp pain at my left side, while at the same time Tom cried, "My God, I'm hit."

To Be Continued.

HARRY'S STAMPS

Continued.

MARRY was indeed an earnest philatelist; he studied books on the subject that his grandmother often said: "he was steeped in stamps."

He secured an album and began his collection, which, before long presented a very handsome appearance.

Like did his fond grandparents think that the power which was yet to stand between them and poverty, lay between the leaves of Harry's album.

To be continued.



PHILATELIC NOTES.

Great improvement is needed in the watermark of the current U.S. stamps.

A society for junior collectors is being organized. It will be a great help to beginners.

Mexico, with her varied postal and revenue issues, offers a wide field for the specialist.

One of the questions to come before the next International Postal Convention will be the adoption of an International postage stamp.

In spite of the slur cast on nearly all Chinese Locals by the S. S. S., they
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62 Otis St., Somerville, Mass. X

are just as collectable (in a used condition) as any other stamps. And general collections MUST include them, or they are NOT general collections.

One can be a "collector" without studying his stamps, but no one can be a "philatelist" who does NOT devote a great deal of time to examining and studying his stamps.

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H. I. Watts.

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same black on white	.10	.06
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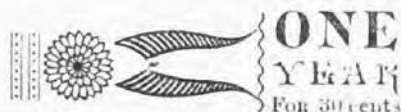
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RIVERSIDE, CAL., FEBRUARY, 1896.

WHOLE NO.—12.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

The following papers have been received, but we have not the space to review them this month:

Evergreen State Philatelist; February, Philatelist Monthly World; January, Philatelist West; February, Southern California Collector; February, Seneca Philatelist; February, Washington Philatelist; December, Texan; Springfield, Publico, Fireside, Baby, Bee Hive, Michigan, Diamon, Midland, Lone Star State, Gem, Eastern and Southern Philatelists, and Stamp, Rocky Mountain Stamp, Post-office, Michigau Stamp, Philatelic Californian and Philatelic Era.

COMMENTS.

The January E. P. is fully up to the average.

Mr. F. H. Pinkham is now president of the A. A. P. A.

S. L. Wing has gone out of the stamp business and is attend-

ing the Military Academy at Orchard Lake.

Mr. Spaulding of Michigan has a bill before the House for the annexation of Hawaii to the United States. We hope it will pass.

The February number of the E. S. P. was an intellectual treat. Every number seems to be a kind of advertiser's carnival.

Philatelic Comfort and the Stamp Journal are *non est*. The Stamp of Groveland, Mass., will fill the unexpired subscriptions.

The H. Elliott Woodward Co's. sale will probably be the largest auction sale ever held in this country.

Ralph W. Asheroft of New York is the candidate for president of P. S. of A. at the next election.

The Seneca Philatelist is now one of the best of our philatelic papers. I. E. PATTERSON.

In the Dominion Philatelist for February, 1894, it gives number of each of the Columbian issue, the total number and the total face value. Total number of stamps 2,000,000,000, face value, 40,077,950.—Fireside Phil.

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EDITORIAL.

IN a letter, dated Feb. 2nd., Mr. I. E. Patterson, our Canadian agent, informs us that he has been sick, and has just recovered. He has our sympathy.

THE Southern California Collector says: "To Mr. R. L. Deitrick belongs the distinction of being the first advertiser, Mr. J. F. Beard the first subscriber, and Philatelic Facts the first exchange.

WE extract the following from a letter received from Mr. Edward W. Hensinger, of San Antonio, Texas.

***I beg to call your attention to the Texas Philatelic Directory I am about to publish, which will contain the names of all collectors, dealers and publications in this state; varieties in collection; specialties; names of societies, if a member of such; history of philately in Texas; and a sketch of the Metropolitan Philatelic Club, of San Antonio, its officers, etc.

The subscription price will be 15c per copy, and "ad" rates are \$2 per page, \$1.25 per half page, 85c per third page, or 65c per quarter page. Many "ads" have been already received, and also some 500 paid up subscriptions have been entered; this shows that it will be a valuable advertising medium.***

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SEVERAL of our best papers, including the Bay State Philatelist, have been refused second class rates. We hope they will soon be able to secure them, as we do not want to lose some of our best papers.

MR. W. H. KESSLER jr., of Detroit, Mich., and editor of the Michigan Philatelist, is soon to issue an address book of philatelists in the state of Michigan. The price will be 10c per copy. Ad rates \$3.00 per page, (5x6.) We need such books from every state, and already have several. We are preparing one for California.

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RIVERSIDE, CAL., MARCH, 1895.

WHOLE NO.—13.

MONTHLY REVIEW.

The Diamond Philatelist for February is very good. Its little, but—

The Junior Philatelist is a new applicant for philatelic fame. Its very good.

The Lone Star State Philatelist has improved wonderfully since its first appearance. From a poorly printed sheet it has risen to be one of our best philatelic papers, with today such advertisers as the Scott, and Standard Stamp companies.

The Weekly Philatelic Era for March 7th, is here. It is by far our best weekly, and *greatly* excels the Mekeel *house organ*. The publisher announces another *big* number for Nov. 28th.

Sellchops's Price List for 1896 has been shown us. It is very neat, and shows a marked improvement over former ones. The prices are *very* low.

The Scott Stamp and Coin Co's price list for February 1896 is out. "*Hints for Collectors*"

fills seven closely printed pages. It is about the best price list issued by any firm. Their catalogue has also been received, but too late for review.

Owing to our small size this month we cannot review all papers received. Some of them are: Washington, and Dixie Philatelists; Filatelic Facts and Fallacies; and Pennsylvania Stamp; Stamp; (Groveland) Texas Philatelist.

WILL wonders never cease? The *Reporter* is out again!!!! And dated November and December! It is the same old paper, always down on somebody. This time it is ourselves and the Dixie Philatelist. Speaking of the Dixie they say: "Compare the September number of the Dixie with the November number, which is the best in typographical appearance?"**** The november number is by far the best printed.

Before you *try* to correct other papers, brother Hartley, you had better correct your own.

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EDITORIAL.

OUR reduction in size is only temporary, and we are thinking of a "big" issue to be out before long. Full particulars will be given later.

WE are now having our paper printed for us, until we can secure a larger plant. When everything is in working order we will be able to get this paper out promptly, and will resume our regular size.

SOMETHING must be wrong with the "Era." Every week we receive a copy addressed to "Philatelic Facts," and a few

days later one addressed to "Philatelic News." There must be a stamp paper published in this city which neither we or the P. O. Dep't. know of, or else the "Era" makes a mistake in addressing. We are glad to have the paper come, however.

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Would Dave take it? We will leave the reader to surmise Dave's answer.

Who says Dave didn't have a good Christmas.

After buying a new suit of clothes, hat, shoes, and etc., Dave paid Henry Finley another visit.

TO BE CONTINUED.

HOW I CARRIED THE MAIL.

CONTINUED.

I turned and saw him reel in his saddle. Suddenly he recovered himself, and grasping the mail pouch, tore it loose from its fastenings.

"There, John," he cried feebly, "take—the—the—mail—and—"

Those were the poor fellow's last words.

Quick as thought I grasped the pouch, and, digging my spurs into my horse's sides, was soon out of range of the arrows.

How I covered the five miles which lay between me and safety, I don't know, but I did it.

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When I recovered, which was several days later, I learned that as soon as I reached S—the cavalry had been sent out, and they had overtaken the Indians and killed them in the same cold blooded way that they had murdered poor Tom.

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THE END.

HARRY'S STAMPS.

CONTINUED.

In searching for specimens for his collection, Harry had rummaged through all the old letters in the garret at home, and in the old boxes at his grandfather's office.

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Many years before, his grandfather had had an extensive correspondence with parties in Australia, and all the wrappers and envelopes were in the office.

Thus it happened that his Australian collection was especially fine. Among the stamps were many fine pairs and blocks.

Just at this period of Harry's collecting, his grandfather fell ill, and remained hovering between life and death for a long time.

During his sickness a crisis was reached in the affairs of the business world, and those who would save their fortunes must be on the alert.

So it happened that when John Seawell at last regained his health, he found that his affairs were in such a condition, that, unless he could raise a large

sum of money within a month, his home and his business would be swept away, and himself, his aged wife, and Harry, would be penniless on the world.

TO BE CONTINUED.

From our regular correspondent.

A HOOSIER LETTER.

To readers of "Philatelic Facts."

Things are lively in Indiana now. U. S. Revenue seems to be in great demand in this part of the state. W. S. Preston, a local collector, has just added some Medicine stamps to his collection. Most revenues are bringing fair prices; some selling above catalogue.

It is very likely that Indiana will soon have a state society.

The Hoosier state can now claim a stamp paper. H. O. Smith having started the *Baby Philatelist* on the uncertain sea of philatelic journalism.

One of the recent finds out here was a lot of scarce *Cincinnati Hand Stamps*. This stamp, though not listed in the great catalogues, is destined to become famous.

Most of the Philatelists here are opposed to the public sale of Due and Newspaper stamps.

Much more could be written, but space is limited, and for this time most close.

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RIVERSIDE, CAL., APRIL, 1896.

WHOLE No. 14.

Breakers Ahead!

To the stalwart sons of the Pacific slope, who take an intense interest in social affairs, this epistle is dictated:

Could I thunder a thought through your thinkers and arouse the apparent apathy into which you have relaxed, I would warn you of the breakers ahead.

The P. S. of A. is threatened with sectional desertions and secession. On every hand men are clamoring and chattering like a set of silly magpies. As the convention draws near it grows worse. Knives are drawn and carnage is sure to follow. "Peace on any terms" is the constant cry of the cowering coward. Brave sons are loud in their lamentations. Some say secession is sure to follow. Breakers ahead! I live in the center of the conflict. I believe in giving the west a chance. Let the next P. S. of A. president be a thorough westerner. Two candidates present themselves. Choose the strongest or both will be defeated. The eastern men have the reins well in hand but they cannot drive the western men. Last year the west submitted. This year they will not. Work for the right man and there will be no secession or trouble.

SAMUEL M. HAMILTON.

Notes and Comments.

The Southern California Collector, published at Orange, Cal., has been refused second class rates.

The proposed Philatelic Literature Society is an assured fact. There are 59 charter members. May it long live and prosper.

A new specialism—Collecting the different state address books, "thick and thin paper," printer imprints, "errors" etc. Next!

Is the quasi-prententious daily alive yet?

The photo of an aspirant for the presidency of one of our leading societies is being sent around to the different philatelic papers like "boiler plate" to the country newspapers.

A lady in Boston wrote some letters and sealed them, as in her custom, with a Moorish coin on the wax. Being called suddenly, these letters were soon posted by her servant, and not till then did the woman miss the rare coin. After inquiries of the post man and a patient search in the house it could not be found. A few days after this lady received a letter from Canada sealed with the familiar hieroglyphics. The mystery was soon explained, for on opening the letter it was learned that this heavy seal had stuck to the letter, and though passing through so many hands, had arrived safely, to the great astonishment of the recipient.

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WHOLE No. 14.

Breakers Ahead!

To the stalwart sons of the Pacific slope, who take an intense interest in social affairs, this epistle is dictated:

Could I thunder a thought through your thinkers and arouse the apparent apathy into which you have relaxed, I would warn you of the breakers ahead.

The P. S. of A. is threatened with sectional desertions and secession. On every hand men are clamoring and chattering like a set of silly magpies. As the convention draws near it grows worse. Knives are drawn and carnage is sure to follow. "Peace on any terms" is the constant cry of the cowering coward. Brave sons are loud in their lamentations. Some say secession is sure to follow. Breakers ahead! I live in the center of the conflict. I believe in giving the west a chance. Let the next P. S. of A. president be a thorough westerner. Two candidates present themselves. Choose the strongest or both will be defeated. The eastern men have the reins well in hand but they cannot drive the western men. Last year the west submitted. This year they will not. Work for the right man and there will be no secession or trouble.

SAMUEL M. HAMILTON.

Notes and Comments.

The Southern California Collector, published at Orange, Cal., has been refused second class rates.

The proposed Philatelic Literature Society is an assured fact. There are 59 charter members. May it long live and prosper.

A new specialism—Collecting the different state address books, "thick and thin paper," printer imprints, "errors" etc. Next!

Is the quasi-pretentious daily alive yet?

The photo of an aspirant for the presidency of one of our leading societies is being sent around to the different philatelic papers like "boiler plate" to the country newspapers.

A lady in Boston wrote some letters and sealed them, as in her custom, with a Moorish coin on the wax. Being called suddenly, these letters were soon posted by her servant, and not till then did the woman miss the rare coin. After inquiries of the post man and a patient search in the house it could not be found. A few days after this lady received a letter from Canada sealed with the familiar hieroglyphics. The mystery was soon explained, for on opening the letter it was learned that this heavy seal had stuck to the letter, and though passing through so many hands, had arrived safely, to the great astonishment of the recipient.

Stamp speculators and speculative stamps are the parasites to philately.

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Forms close on 10th of the month.

Editorial.

Western collectors! Notice the article from the pen of Mr. S. M. Hamilton on first page.

We have been favored with a copy of a catalogue issued by the Enterprise Stamp Co., which is very neat and shows many bargains. Sent free. See ad. elsewhere.

On Friday, April 3rd, the editor had the pleasure of meeting the genial librarian of the P. S. of A., Mr. Alfred L. Becker. Mr. Becker is a very pleasant young man, and we regret that he only made a few hours stay in our city.

This paper is for sale in Riverside by the Riverside News Co., at 3c. each.

We have received the Junior Philatelist in its new form. It presents a handsome appearance.

Much more could be written, but space forbids. We regret that we could not mention our many welcome contemporaries, but when we have improved our own plant sufficient to enable us to print our own paper, we shall endeavor to review all of them impartially.



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Hoosier Letter.

To Readers of FACTS:—

Just now philately is at its height in the Hoosier state. The approach of spring seems to bring no decline.

The particular branch of our hobby which is receiving especial attention now is U. S. Revenues.

In document stamps Indiana affords a fine field. This is shown by the number of rare stamps which have been brought to light in this state.

A recent find consisted of several strips of part perforated Power of Attorney stamps.

Preparations for the organization of the state society are still under way. It is expected that the society will be a very strong one.

Some of our eastern friends are surprised to learn that there are enough collectors in the "wilds" of the Hoosier state to form a society. If they could only see Indiana with her railroads in all directions, and her myriad of town and village, each having one, two, or often more stamp collectors, they they would indeed be surprised.

There has also been some talk of organizing a number of local societies, but little has been done in this line.

When the state society is formed the philatelic world will hear from the Hoosier Philatelist in earnest.

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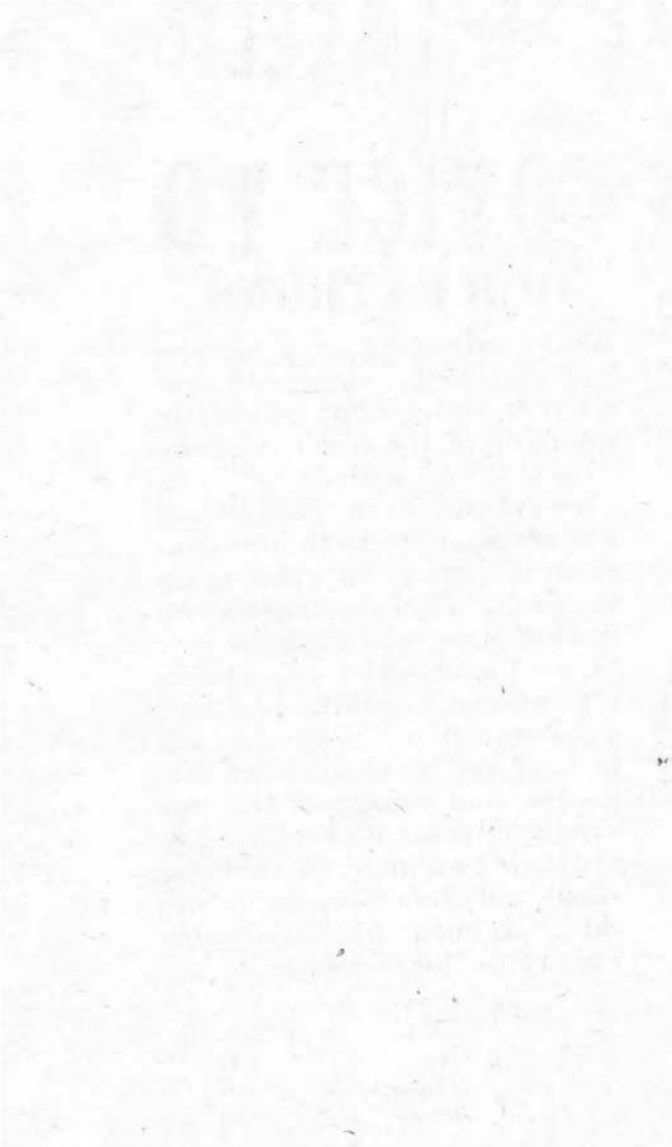
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NOTICE TO OUR PATRONS

We are extremely sorry for our bad appearance this month, which is partly our fault, and partly the fault of the foreman of the "Daily Press", of this city.

We did most of the type setting our selves, and gave the presswork to the Press. In making up the forms, we made a mistake on the first page, and got the columns wrong, which the person (?) who did printing didn't know enough to change. Nor did he have the sense to count the papers, and consequently, our supply fell some 200 copies short.

In their own interests, the Press should get a new foreman, before this "specimen" which they now have ruins their business'



PHILATELIC FACTS

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These were not intended for collectors, but some of them got out.

In the sheets of these reprints one of the 4d. stands is missing, and on the 1d. sheets two stamps are likewise gone.

These reprints may be drawn from the originals by their lighter color and smooth paper. A pair of genuine originals are hard to get.

H. I. WATTS.

STRAY NOTES

From Edwin Reynolds

The March number of the Evergreen State Philatelist had 18 pages of ads!

The Philatelic Literature Society has been organized. It is a step in the right direction.

The Pa. Stamp is a great improvement over the Golden Philatelist, which Mr. Lawton used to publish.

The inscription on the stamps of British Guiana-- "Dumas Petimusque Vicissim," means-- "we give & take by turns."

Written For "Philatelic Facts"

Cape of Good Hope; THE 1861 TRIANGULAR STAMP.

ON THE 10th. of April, 1861, the 1d. red, triangular stamp was given to the world.

Closely following it, on the 12th. of the same month came the 4d. blue.

These are the stamps commonly called by collectors, "woodblocks".

They are not woodblocks. That is they were not printed from cuts engraved on wood.

S. R. French, the postmaster general of the Cape of Good Hope, says the stamps were printed, 64 to the sheet, from METAL cuts, mounted on a large block.

These metal cuts were made from a steel die.

During the year 1861 there were issued 23660 of the 1d., and of the 4d., 12840.

Sometime in March, 1883, about 200 sheets of reprints of both stamps were struck from the original plates.

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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

BROTHER Philatelists; In the month of March, 1896, a few Philatelists opened correspondence with each other, in regard to forming a philatelic society, having as an aim the mutual benefit and welfare of all members, and the advancement of the cause of Philately.

Their efforts were not in vain, and the International Philatelic Society stands as a result of their labors.

We have at present 17 active members, and officers have been elected as above. All of our departments are in good running order, especially the Exchange Dept. (Be sure to read report in this number.)

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We earnestly invite every honest collector to join our ranks. We want a membership of 200 before 1897. Will you help us get it? Come, join the I.P.S., and you will never regret it. Application blanks furnished upon request. Yours Fraternally,
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Members who have not already done so, will please forward dues to Jan., 1897 (25c) and membership cards will be sent them.

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Will F Hollinger, Secretary, Cherokee, Iowa

EXCHANGE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

THE Exchange Department is in running order. The first packet, which started out on April 4, and was mailed to eight active members, contained an unusual good class of stamps for so new a society. Returns have been prompt and sales better than anticipated. New members are warned that to insure good sales stamps must be marked below dealers rates—which are very low at present—and that cheap, damaged stamps or stamps encumbered with unnecessary paper will be promptly excluded from the circuit. It is hoped that all new members will report to the Exchange Manager at once, and that all avail themselves of both sections of the department, purchase and sale. Sheets for club use are for sale at 12 for 25 cts.

The precaution of registering lots is absolutely necessary, as it protects the sender, at a slight expense, of being obliged to pay for all stamps sent through his hands, in case of loss. It is not, however, necessary to seal lots, if no writing is enclosed, as stamps are included under third class matter. If sent in this way, they must be securely wrapped, and tied in such a manner that they may be easily opened in the post office. It is hoped that members will adhere closely to these rules, so it will not be necessary to ad-

opt the stringent and expensive rules of other societies, which cannot trust members with packets for thirty days, but are obliged to return them to the superintendent from each member, he being obliged to pay postage and registry fee both ways. Suppose a member selects out of a probable two or three thousand stamps, specimens to the value of 15 or 20 cents, and has to pay 30 or 40 cents for postage,—he will not feel in the humor to ask for the next packet. So be scrupulously observant of rules, send in only good stamps, and we will soon have a club to be proud of, and only good stamps will be sent you on your circuit.

M. Cornish, Superintendent of Exchange.

AUCTION MANAGER'S REPORT.

TO THE members of the I.P.S.—Having been elected Auction Manager of the I.P.S., I would be pleased to receive lots for our first sale, which will be advertised in next number of "Philatelic Facts". The moderate fee of 10¢ will be charged on all lots sold, those not sold will be returned free of charge.

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DEALERS who intend to advertise in our California address

IS THE amateur daily still published? We haven't received a sample copy for several days. It must be busted! (Hope it is!)

THE TEXAS Philatelic Directory

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A new edition of 100 page is announced for 1897.

Don't forget to join the I.P.S. Will the "Boston Stamp Book" please exchange?

We can furnish our third volume, bound in paper for 25 cents. Undound, 15 cents.

The campaign season is here once more, and the different candidates have already begun to send their names around among the members of the societies.

Almost all of the philatelic papers are devoting a great deal of valuable (?) space to free advertising of their favorite candidates. We have, so far refrained from waisting space in this way, nor shall we, in the future, announce any candidate, unless the announcement is inserted as an advertisement, and paid for at regular rates.

THE Springfield Philatelist has suspended, and the Rocky Mountain Stamp will succeed it.

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THE PRICE of Mekeel's Weekly has been reduced to 50c per year. This is still about 49 1/2c more than it is worth.

A copy of the "Stamp Collectors' Hand Book and Directory of Michigan" has been received.

It is finely printed and is sent in an envelope to prevent creasing. The book contains 32 4 1/2 x 6 pages, and is bound in heavy, colored paper cover. It is really worth much more than the small price of 10 cents.

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Almost all of the philatelic papers are devoting a great deal of valuable (?) space to free advertising of their favorite candidates. We have, so far refrained from waisting space in this way, nor shall we, in the future, announce any candidate, unless the announcement is inserted as an advertisement, and paid for at regular rates.

THE Springfield Philatelist has suspended, and the Rocky Mountain Stamp will succeed it.

THE CORNER on the \$2.00 Columbians was not as successful as some people would like. The following letter received a few days ago by the editor, explains

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Yours Truly,

J. C. _____.

Number one of the Philatelic Free Lance has been received. It is a large 7x11 paper, and is very good.

THE PRICE of Mekeel's Weekly has been reduced to 50c per year. This is still about 49 1/2c more than it is worth.

A COPY of the "Stamp Collectors' Hand Book and Directory of Michigan" has been received.

It is finely printed and is sent in an envelope to prevent creasing. The book contains 32 4 1/2 x 6 pages, and is bound in heavy, colored paper cover. It is really worth much more than the small price of 10 cents.

If anyone who wants to start a collection and has two or three dollars to dispose of will send us the money, we can a fine collection to start on, varying in value according to the amount invested.

Who wants a complete set of 22 varieties of Columbian Envelopes for \$5.00? We can furnish one set at this price. Cash with order.

All dealers should follow the advice of the Ontario Philatelist about advertising space,

will aid me in the undertaking.

Thanking my friends for the office, and hoping to receive lots and bids, I remain,

Yours Fraternally,
N.R. Lowry.

HOOSIER LETTER.

To Readers of Philatelic Facts:—

THE beginning of the hot part of the year has already had its effect on the philatelists of the central states. Philatelic news is as scarce as frog ponds in August

A few Hoosiers are taking advantage of the drop in price of the \$1 Columbian to fill out their sets.

A collector here sent a 5c red Cincinnati local a collector in Pennsylvania in exchange. It was returned with the statement that it had been submitted to an expert who said it was only a postmark. Indiana collectors know it is not a postmark. It is a genuine local.

The gentleman who intended organizing a Hoosier state society must have dried up and blown away. Nothing more is heard of him. However, it is to be hoped that this matter will be taken up again this fall.

Many Hoosiers will take advantage of the low prices on Revenues, which, it is believed will prevail for at least a time this summer. Certainly the history of Philately will never record such prices as are now placed on these stamps, many of which are scarcer than some so-called rarities.

More next month.

H. I. WATTS,
Winchester, Indiana.

REVIEW OF THE PHILATELIC PRESS.

The April *Effreside Philatelist* comes out in a new dress of type. The May issue will be a 6x9 paper.

About the best looking and neatest paper we have seen lately is *Philatelia*, of Northampton, Mass. Will the publisher please favor us with first 7 numbers?

The *May Penny* is very good.

The *Philatelic Californian* for May is fine.

The editor has received another sample copy of *Mekeel's organ*. Thanks, but we do not subscribe to any paper, and if we did, we would not include either of your organs.

The *May Ontario philatelist* presents a truly handsome appearance. Instead of the secondhand type and cheap news paper formerly used, it is printed on good book paper, with new type. We predict success.

The *April Washington Philatelist* contained good matter, but was not typographically pretty.

No 2 of the *Connecticut Philatelist* is fine. Will the *Niagara Philatelist* please send back numbers except number one?

The *May Eastern Phil* is excellent.

No 6 of the *Phil west* is up to date and very good. Can you send us nos 1, 4 & 5?

The *June Dixie* is fine.

The *April Bee Hive philatelist* is rather late, but very good.

The *Interattical Stamp* for May closely follows the April issue, and—although not so large—contains some good matter.

The *June Texan philatelist* is improved.

The *May E S P* is the same as always—Excellent.

The *ERA* rapidly improves.

No one can do the *Rocky Mountain Stamp Justice Philatelic Facts and Ballads* for June is fine.

The *May American Philatelic Magazine* is as good as usual.

Also Received—*N E Carter's 7th Retail List of U.S.* Catalogue 2nd Auction from Metropolitan Philatelic Club, *W E Bishop's 18th Catalogue.*

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"	3c & three 12c
"	10 ct

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Written For "Philatelic Facts."

More About Hinges.

IT MAY seem that enough has already been written about stamp hinges, but it appears to me that there is yet more to say.

Few collectors fail to realize the importance of using good hinges for mounting valuable stamps.

As to the kind and quality of the paper used in making hinges, that has been decided already. It is of the shape that I wish to speak.

As all are aware, fully three fourths of all the hinges used are rectangular in shape. A few are round, and the rest are any shape one may chance to cut or tear them.

My opinion as to shape is in favor of a diamond hinge, cut from the best paper. This particular shape has the advantage, that, while it holds a stamp firmly, it does not cover as

much of the stamp as do rectangular hinges. A diamond shaped hinge, cut from the same size paper as a rectangular hinge, will hold the stamp as firmly as the latter, and, at the same time, afford a much better view of the back of the stamp. Thus, if a stamp is watermarked, a diamond shaped hinge will not obscure it to so great an extent.

Recently some sheets of stamps came under my notice on which the stamps were mounted with rectangular hinges. Regarding these, it may be said that they have some of the advantages of the diamond hinge. There is still much room for improvement in hinges, however, and something new may be expected at any time.

H. I. Watts

Swapping Stamps WITH THE CZAR.

SOME TIME ago the attention of a Philadelphia mother was attracted to

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Received and Read.

Home Worker; Washington, Texan, Ontario, Dixie, Diamond, Pennsylvania, and Boston Philatelists; Rocky Mountain Stamp; Philatelist; Boys World; Era; Philatelia; Stamp Collectors' Directory; A.C. Townsend's Revised List of U.S. Revenues; Phil Californian; Phil. Paragraph; Phil. Free Lance; Monthly Observer; Edwards' Phil. Press List; Phil. West; Am. Phil. Mag.; Filatelic Facts & Fallacies.

Harry's Stamps.

Continued from March number.

MEANWHILE, Harry was entirely unaware of the true state of affairs, and in his spare moments studied and arranged his stamps.

One evening he was just going to his room, when he heard his grandfather say, 'I've scraped together all but a few thousand dollars, but that is just what I must have, and unless I get that what I have raised will be of no use. Unless something unexpected happens, we shall all be homeless before a month has

passed.

CHAPTER III

SILENTLY Harry went to bed and passed a restless, sleepless night, while through his brain surged the thought, "Oh how can I help to raise the money that is to save our home?"

Next morning he appeared as bright as possible after such a night as he had passed, and no one supposed that he knew anything about the trouble.

After breakfast he went to his room, and turned to his stamps for comfort.

For a long time he silently examined stamp after stamp with a glass, looking them up in a catalogue.

Thus he turned on until he came to where the stamps were from New South Wales, and in the center of the page was a magnificent block of four two-penny stamps. Harry looked in his catalogue to find their date of issue and value.

He looked down the row of figures until he came to the words: "1756, two pence, blue, value, 18 cents."

He was just closing the book

when he saw something farther down the page which transfixed him with surprise. It was: "two pence, blue, error in w'm'k., value, \$250.00!"

The "error" was a figure "1" in the watermark instead of a "2," as in the regular stamps.

Harry's heart almost stopped beating, for if one stamp was worth \$250., four were worth at least \$1000.00. Then he remembered that it was only the 'error'

that was worth that much; perhaps his were only worth 18 cts. each. With fingers that trembled, he raised the stamps and held them to the light.

Hurrah! See that watermark!! There it is, plain and perfect; a figure "1" in the place that should been occupied by the "2!"

Like a flash he thought, "I'll send them to the _____ Stamp Co., and offer them for sale. If they buy them, I'll give grandfather the money.

He wrote a letter and sent it off by registered mail; inside the envelope rested the precious stamps. Then he went home to wait.

A week passed, and one mor-

ning came the letter from the stamp company. Eagerly he opened it, and drew out a bank draft for \$1200.00!

Home he went, filled with happiness. The reader can imagine the surprise with which Harry's grandfather received the money.

So the debt was paid off, and the extra money went to buy additions to, "HARRY'S STAMPS."

H. I. Watts

THE END.

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To members of the I. P. S.

We are very sorry to have to have to go to press this month with the official matter of the I. P. S., but for some reason the copy failed to reach us.

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Visions of Battleboros, New Havens, and other common stamps fitted across my mind as we climbed the rickety stairs to the antient garret above.

Down on my knees I went, before one of boxes, and taking up a handfull of letters, what should I see but thee of the 2c 1894, of the "Washington with a wart on his nose" variety, one of the rarest stamps known.

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Ninty cent, 1869 with picture inverted, were also abundant, as were the \$5.00 States.

I also found a copy of the 1c 1895, with only 1560½ hairs on Franklin's head, instead of 1563½

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Written for "Philatelic Facts."

Wanted- A Reform In Wrapping.

WHAT THE philatelic press of to-day most needs is some decent way of wrapping papers.

So far, about the best way has been to fold the paper once lengthwise, but various other methods have been introduced, such as rolling, sending flat, folding half a dozen times, etc.

When the papers are sent rolled, they are hard to get into shape again, and always come creased. When sent flat, in an envelope, they come folded and wrinkled.

One good way would be to print the address on the top of the paper without any wrapper at all, and trust the tender (?) mercies of the fiend who does the stamping to get the papers

through whole. However, this would not do at all for papers that have not got second class rates, for the cancel would cover up the whole of a 6x9 sheet and stick over the edges besides!

A better way would be to cut some $\frac{1}{2}$ inch boards exactly the size of paper to be mailed, and place one on each side of the paper. Then wrap up in some very thick, heavy, paper, and tie with stout baling wire. The subscriber would probably be willing to pay the freight.

Another way would be to roll the papers and mail in short sections of gas pipe, but this would cost a good deal, as gas pipe is expensive.

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Our Canadian Agent is J. J. Edwards, 50 Cartier Street, Montreal, Canada.

Editorial.

ONLY three stamp papers issued a special July issue this year.

RECENTLY a person who is evidently not a philatelist, innocently informed us that—

"Canada is not open for stamp collectors, but a place for papers only."

W. M. R. Adams, publisher of the Canadian Philatelic Magazine, is soon to publish the

"Canadian Weekly Stamp News." We wish him success.

THE July issue of the "Evangelical State Philatelist" deserves special notice. It was printed on good paper, from new type of the latest styles, and was bound better than usual. A darker green paper of a better quality was used for a cover.

M. R. Lowry, of Austin, Texas, one of our most extensive advertisers, writes us that he is now engaged in another business which requires all his time, and that he will have to give up stamps entirely, for a while at least. He will dispose of his immense stock at a sacrifice, and offers some bargains on another page.

THE July International Philatelist did not contain anything worth reading except the ads. The following was on the cover in large type: "This number is of special interest to P. S. of A. members." We are number 559, but we failed to see anything interesting in the I. P., on the contrary, we have been sick ever since reading it.

THE "Philatelic" suspended. We have not seen it for several weeks.

The Pony Express.

In the early part of the year 1860, a man by the name of Benjamin Huddaday conceived the idea of establishing a "pony express," for the transmission of letters across the continent, from St. Joseph, Mo., to Sacramento, and San Francisco, California.

All mail for California as heretofore had come by steamer, via Panama, which took nearly a month each way. The route was from St. Joseph to Fort Kearney, Fort Bendigo, Salt Lake, Camp Floyd, Carson City, Placerville, and Sacramento—nearly 2000 miles through a trackless wilderness.

Relay stations were established along the route, 60 miles apart. At each station a horse was kept saddled, and as the messenger came galloping up, he threw the bag of letters to the man who was to carry it to the next station, and who went tearing away at a break neck speed, never stopping till he reached the station beyond. Thus not a moment was lost in transferring the mail from one rider to another.

The adventures of these brave and daring men thrill with inter-

est; they often to fight their way through bands of hostile Indians,* with no other weapons than a brace of revolvers and a bowie-knife. They would never stop unless wounded, always dashing on, firing as they went.

The first pony express left St. Joseph at 6:30 p. m. on April 8, 1860, and reached San Francisco at 5:00 p. m. on the 13th, thus making the journey in 10 days, reducing former time nearly three fourths.

In 1861 this express was absorbed by Wells Fargo & Co. It was finally abandoned in 1872, and as a large amount of capital had been sunk in it, it was not considered a success.

—Continued from "Monthly Observer."

* A story entitled "How I Carried the Mail," begun in our December, '95 issue, contains an account of an adventure of this kind in which the carrier is killed, and a companion wounded, but he carries the mail safely to the end of the route.—P.

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Kurt P. Neitzke.

WE present our readers this month with a likeness of Kurt P. Neitzke of 1128 Eastern St., Los Angeles, Calif.

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club paper with a stamp department.

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Georges Carion.

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Editorial.

This is the last issue of "Philatelic Facts" that will be issued as we have been refused second-class rates. The paper will be sold to some one who will put up a few "plunks," each of which most worth 100 cents to the dollar—53 cent dollars not accepted!

As soon as we can secure the necessary material, we shall publish a new semi-monthly paper to be known as the "Western Stamp." The rates will be the same as in this paper, and we hope to see all our former subscribers on our new list.

send on your subscription, as we shall need it to make the new paper a success.

All unexpired subscriptions to "Philatelic Facts" will be filled by whoever buys the paper.

We had hoped to get this issue out promptly on time, but owing to the absence of the editor (who is the entire force now) from the city we could not do it.

Work on our "Address Book" is being pushed for word rapidly. All the copy is ready for the printer, with the exception of some of the ads., but we have not yet

secured enough ads to pay us for the expence of printing the book. However, it will be out sometime next month even if we receive no more ads., but there is yet time to secure space.

We present our readers with another half-tone cut in this number. The half-tones will be a regular feature hereSfter.

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Allon.

Come Sit by My Side, Little Darling.

COME sit by my side, little darling,
And lay your brown head on my breast.
While the angels of twilight around us
Are singing the flowers to rest.
Your hands are as fair as the lilies
That bloom in the shadows of green.
And their touch has a magical power
To my heart from all sadness to wean.

CHORUS.

Come sit by my side, little darling,
And lay your brown head on my breast,
While the angels of twilight around us
Are singing the flowers to rest.

I dream when your arms are around me,
That life is an infinite calm,
Your kiss has the spell of a charmer,
Your kiss, that is sweeter than balm.
Oh! what could be sweeter than dreaming
This dream that is on us to-night?
Let us think of the present my darling,
The future is out of our sight.—Chorus.

Sing low in the twilight some ballad,
As sweet as the smile on your face,
That shall thrill me with melody's sweetness,
And touch with its words' tender grace,
And I'll give you a kiss when it's ended,
A kiss that the singer shall earn,
And, perhaps (do you hear, little darling?)
I shall ask for a kiss in return.—Chorus.



The Fatal Stamp.*

BY H. I. WATTS,

AUTHOR OF

"Philatelia," "Harry's Stamps," etc.

"The Fatal Stamp is founded on fact.

CHAPTER I.

Brief, but to the point—makes the reader acquainted with two agreeable people, and shows how Robert Pardones made a new acquaintance.

AS Robert Pardones stood before the window in the Hotel Norris, at Allon he was watching the rain-drops dash against the glass, and wondering what evil genius had brought him to such a town. A rickety hotel, a railway station a dozen stores, a few muddy streets, a thousand inhabitants—and that was

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Robert Pardones had been touring around the country for his health, and, at the same time, picking up a few stamps here and there. (For he was an ardent Philatelist, and prided himself on his collection of revenue stamps of all nations.) While he was in the depot at Stelvedio, he had noticed the name of Allon in a list of stations, and finding it was only fifty miles east, he had purchased a ticket for that place.

He reached Allon at noon, at the same time that a violent rainstorm arrived.

Following the guidance of the hotel porter, he hastened to the Norris, which was half a square south of the depot.

Now that he had had his dinner, he was wondering what on earth he could do to pass the long afternoon. Walking was out of the question—taking views with his camera was equally impossible; there was nothing to do but lounge, and read, and smoke. At the time we first see him he is doing the first and last of these things—smoking and lounging. At last he sinks into a chair and putting his feet against the old-fashioned chimney flue, draws out a copy of the *Philatelist* and tries to read a little.

Idly turning over the leaves of the magazine, he comes at last to an article on United States Revenues. He read it through and as he finished he noticed it was written by a lady—Nettie Burliss.

The name was unfamiliar to him, and as he read nearly all the stamp papers, he reasoned that she must be a new writer.

"Pretty neat article," mused Robert, "she understands the subject pretty well. Wonder where she lives?"

He read on, and at last came to the "Exchange" column.

The first "ex. ad." he noticed was:

"U. S. Revenues to exchange. Also Philatelic Literature. Nettie Burliss, Allon, M——, U. S. A."

"So she really lives in this muddy little 'burg.' Blest if I don't find out where she lives and make her a call. When she finds I am a fellow crank she will doubtless pardon my intrusion."

He called to the proprietor, who was alternately sleeping and smoking in the office corner.

"Do you know of a young lady who lives here whose name is Nettie Burliss?"

"Indeed I do. She lives only a short distance from here."

"Could you lend me an umbrella and tell me how to find the place?"

"Certainly. Here is an umbrella, and if you go south to the second cross street, and then east one square you will see the house on the corner. Its the only white one around there. You won't miss it."

"Thank you. Please have my grips taken to my room."

He started off down the wet, slippery sidewalk, wondering what sort of a specimen of female philatelist he would find.

Nettie Burliss sat at a small table in her room over the family dining room. She was evidently preparing some 'Mss.' on a knotty subject, for she wrote slowly and a frown threw its shadow across her pretty face. And no wonder! She was trying to meet the exacting needs of the editor of the *Philatelist* by writing an article on United States Secrete Marks, and her numerous small brothers and sisters had improvised a ball park out of the room below and were scampering back and forth in a manner sufficiently noisy to completely distract Nettie's attention from the secrete marks.

Just as she was pausing over a particular difficult point she heard a ring at the door downstairs, and a little later her youngest brother sidled into the room holding a card between his dirty fingers.

Nettie took the card and read:

ROBERT PARDONES,

509 PARK AVENUE,

PHILATELIST. DUNBAR, I——.

"Gracious! A real, live collector. I have heard of him—— he is the gentleman who owns the fine collection and writes so much about it. What on earth can he want in Allon?"

Sending her brother to tell Mr. Pardones that she would be down in a moment, she proceeded to make her toilet, pending which operation we will discreetly withdraw to the parlor, where Mr. Pardones has preceeded us.

The parlor was a small, but well furnisher room, and on an easel in one corner stood an elegant frame in which was arranged a beautiful array of stamps of all nations. Robert sat looking at this until he heard some one coming along the hall and the door opened.

What *he* saw as he rose to meet her, was a tall brunette with very dark brown hair, a graceful figure, and a *rather* snub nose, which added to—— rather than detracted from—— her appearance. She was, in fact, just the sort of girl admiring young men delight to call "cute,"——not handsome, but so attractive that one forgets to notice whether they are handsome or not.

What *she* saw was a well dressed young man, with a *very* light mustache, small, well formed features, and a figure slightly inclined to be "dumpy."

Having brought these two people together, we will now leave them and reproduce their conversation in another chapter.

To be continued.


Easy to Please.

The king of Aragon once said, "There are four things in the world worth living for——old wine to drink, old wood to burn, old books to read and old friends to converse with."

The king was satisfied with any old thing.—Washington Times.

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"The Gray Dawn Is Breaking."

If attainment of fame almost in childhood, added to a life very long, genius, a handsome physique and perfect health, a fine presence and fascinating manners, could make a human being happy, then Frederic Nicholls Crouch ought to have been blest beyond most mortals, for he had all these in a striking degree. Yet his life was one long struggle with poverty, to which his brave soul succumbed at last. Domestic troubles beset him early in life and pursued him many years. The man who wrote "Kathleen Mavourneen" was lovable, chivalrous and all that the author of so great a song ought to be.

But he had no money making talent. He gave away the copyright of "Kathleen Mavourneen." It has swelled the fortunes of music publishers, but the beautiful English boy who wrote the sweet, thrilling melody lived to manhood and grew old and weak and poor without ever deriving a dollar of profit from it. One cent each contributed by the millions who have sung and listened to "Kathleen Mavourneen" would have made its author well off for life. Doubtless the announcement of his death will be the first intimation to many that he was the person who composed this piece of music. The words were written by an English lady. For many years Mr. George H. Thomas annually invited Professor Crouch to spend the summers at Portland, Me., where the aged composer closed his eyes to earth. Let us hope they have opened on a place that will be kinder to him than America, his adopted country, was. Let us hope the gray dawn has indeed broken into a brighter day for Frederic Nicholls Crouch.

Superior Talent.

"Does your wife understand politics, Pilcher?"

"No, but when she puts up a lunch with eggs in it she doesn't forget the salt and pepper."—Chicago Record.

Lafayette's Souvenir Box.

When Lafayette returned to France after his visit to the United States, he brought with him a box which is certainly one of the most remarkable ever made. This box is made of wood, but each piece of wood has a most interesting history.

The body of the box is made of black walnut from Philadelphia and was taken from a tree which in 1818 spread its branches in front of the hall in which the Declaration of Independence was made. The lid is formed of four pieces. The first is made from part of a branch of a forest tree, the last survivor of those which saw the foundations of Philadelphia laid. The second piece is of oak, a relic of the first bridge built, in 1683, over the little river Canaro. This particular piece was found in 1825 buried at a depth of about six feet below the present level of the soil. The third is a bit of the celebrated elm under which Penn made his first treaty with Schachamaxum. The tree died of old age in 1810, but one of its saplings, it is said, still flourishes in the public garden of Philadelphia. The fourth piece has still more ancient associations. It is a piece of the first house built by European hands on American soil. It is a piece of mahogany from the house built and occupied by Christopher Columbus in 1496.

This box is now in a private collection, but I am unable to trace it.—Springfield Republican.

The Smallest Human Brain.

Dr. Gore has furnished the Anthropological society with an account of the smallest adult human brain ever examined by a professional anatomist or physiologist. It is a well known fact that the brain of the adult male averages 49 ounces, the female 43½ ounces. The adult human being who had the smallest brain ever weighed was a female of 42 years of age. She was 5 feet high, and her intellect was infantile. The brain, without the membranes, weighed 10 ounces and 5 grains, being the smallest mature brain on record.—St. Louis Republic.

Most Famous Woman.

She is more talked about than any other woman living. She is in the papers every day in some part of this great country, and she is almost as much in the public eye in Europe as here, though not quite, for she belongs in the United States.

On Monday she was going home in the evening about dusk, when a fellow sprang from behind a tree, knocked her down, snatched her pocketbook out of her hand and ran away with it and was never caught.

Tuesday she stepped into a drug store to refresh herself with an ice cream soda. She laid her purse down upon the counter while she sipped the cooling drink with a spoon. When she went to pick it up, it was gone. Somebody had snatched it from the counter when she was not looking.

Wednesday she was going home from the bank, where she had just drawn out \$2,000. She dropped it as she stepped out of the cab at her own door, forgetting for the moment that she had it. Somebody grabbed it quick as lightning, and she mourns to this day the loss of that big batch of money.

Thursday she went down town in a car to do some shopping. She put her purse on the seat beside her for a moment, forgot it when she left the car and never recovered it. The conductor swears in the most solemn manner that he "never seen nothing of it."

Friday she went to the club. Her pocketbook was in her lap. It slid to the floor when she got up to make a motion, and in her endeavor to follow out parliamentary usage strictly she never thought of it till the clubroom was empty and swept and garnished. She never heard of it again.

Saturday she stopped a moment to pat upon the head the dearest little doggie with a blue ribbon around its neck. While she did that a bold, bad thief snatched her pocketbook and made off with it.

Sunday, when she was going to put a crisp new dollar bill into the contribution plate, she found her purse was not at all in her lap, where she generally

kept it. She must have dropped it when she went up the church steps.

She is the woman who carries her pocketbook in her hand.

Clearly Defined.

"Aunt Clarissa, what is precipitancy?"

"It is turning the gas out before you look to see if there is a man under the bed."—Chicago Record.

His Mistake.

Brown—This Billy the Biffer, the new English middleweight, is well known on the other side, is he not?

Robinson—Very well, indeed. If he had given his attention to verse instead of prose, he might have been poet laureate.—Truth.

To Extract Essence From Flowers.

Procure a quantity of the petals of any flowers that smell sweet and fragrant. Take thin pieces of muslin or fine linen, and after having dipped them in good Lucca oil or Florence oil place them as layers between the petals. Sprinkle a small quantity of fine salt on the flowers and put a layer of linen and a layer of flowers alternately until an earthen vessel or wide mouthed glass bottle is full. Tie the top over with oil silk, or parchment, then lay the vessel in a south aspect in the heat of the sun, and in 15 days, when uncovered, a fragrant oil may be squeezed away from the whole mass.—Florist.

Connected Somehow.

He—So he failed to win your love?
She—Not exactly; his failure was the precise reason he did not win it.—Truth.

TO CURE HEADACHES.

Simple Remedies That Will Bring Speedy Relief to Sufferers.

"A hot bath, a stroll in the fresh air, shampooing the head in weak soda water or a timely nap in a cool, quiet room will sometimes stop a nervous headache," writes Dr. B. F. Herrick in *Ladies' Home Journal*. "When over-fatigued from shopping or sightseeing, a sponge dipped in very hot water and pressed repeatedly over the back of the neck between the ears will be found exceedingly refreshing, especially if the face and temples are afterward subjected to the same treatment. Neuralgia is caused not only by cold air, but by acidity of the stomach, starved nerves, imperfect teeth or by indolence combined with a too generous diet. Heat is the best and quickest cure for this distressing pain. A hot flatiron, passed rapidly and deftly over several folds of flannel laid on the affected spot, will often give relief in less than ten minutes without the aid of medicine. Hot fomentations are of equal value, though when the skin is very tender it is more advisable to use dry heat, nothing being better for the purpose than bags of heated salt, flour or sand, which retain warmth for a long time. Cold water, applied by the finger tips to the nerves in front of the ear, has been known to dispel neuralgic pains like magic. When caused by acidity, a dose of charcoal or soda will usually act as a corrective. Sick headache is accompanied by bilious symptoms, and attacks usually come on when the person is overtired or below par physically. This is a disease of the first half of life and often stops of its own accord after middle age. A careful diet is imperative in every case, sweetmeats and pastry being especially pernicious.

"Eating heartily when very tired, late dinners, eating irregularly, insufficient mastication or too much animal food, especially in the spring or during the hot weather, is a frequent cause of indigestion, causing headaches by reflex action."

Ought to Be Excused.

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A BRILLIANT WOMAN.

Mrs. Helen M. Gougar, Orator, Author and Reformer.

Mrs. Helen M. Gougar is an orator, an agitator, an author and a politician. She has even been talked about as a presidential candidate by the Prohibition party of the country, and she would make a good campaign, for she is one of the best speakers among the bright women of this country. She speaks without manuscript or notes, rapidly, but easily and with dignity. Mrs. Gougar is the author of the law granting municipal suffrage to the women of Kansas, and the adoption of the measure was largely due to her efforts. Her home is in Lafayette, Ind. She is a graduate of law and a member of the bar of that state. She is 48 years old and a native of Michigan. She has written freely but mostly upon reform subjects.

Mrs. Emma Beckwith is manager of an establishment for the sale of optical goods in New York city. Mrs. Beckwith and her husband are equally interested in the enterprise. He travels for the house, while his clear headed, industrious wife makes things hum in the home office. It is a most successful and satisfactory partnership.

No Place in a Prayer.

The Rev. E. A. Meury, pastor of the Second Reformed church, Jersey City, has a son, Eddie, 2½ years old. Eddie is a bright boy and plays with boys older than himself. While his father and mother proudly listened Eddie said his prayers the other evening, thus concluding:

"And bless mamma and papa and make me a good boy—nit."

"What's that!" exclaimed the clergyman.

"Why, Eddie!" almost shrieked the horrified Mrs. Meury.

"Nit," repeated Eddie, with precision. "Nit. The big boys always say it at the end of everything they say."

With some firmness Eddie's father explained that "nit" is not to be used in supplication, and Eddie fell asleep after repeating his childish prayer:

"And make me a good boy. Amen."

—*New York World*.

Wishing on Hay.

She was a very nice looking girl and evidently belonged to what may be called the smart set. She was riding on a Brightwood car and was well out on the Seventh street road when she spoke to the motorman. "I am nearly dying to get something," she remarked, "and I want to wish for it on a load of hay. I was told that if I rode out on this line I could meet any number of wagons full of hay coming to the city."

"Right you are, miss," answered the motorman. "And here come five loads down the road. You can wish all you want now."

It is presumed that the necessary wish or wishes were made, for as soon as the loads of hay passed the young lady got off and took a car back to the city. Then, turning to The Star writer, the motorman said: "You heard that, didn't you? Well, sir, I have had a similar experience on this car several times. There are a certain number of ladies, young and otherwise, who ride out with us for no other reason than to meet a load of hay, so that they can wish on it. It appears, to have the charm or wish work out right, the wisher must meet the load of hay. There is very little trouble meeting hay wagons on the Seventh street road, for there is scarcely a trip of a car that we do not meet from one to six, especially in the morning hours and in dry weather. There is a great deal in it too. My wife tells me she never meets a load of hay without making a wish. She wished for me before she got me, she told me. Well, you see, she got a prize, though there never has been a time since we were married when I have had money enough saved to buy a load of hay half the size of that the young lady wished on. I hope her better luck, though. In love matters wishing on loads of hay is wonderfully effective."—Washington

MOTHER'S BOYS.

Yes, I know there are stains on my carpet
The traces of small muddy boots,
And I see your fair tapestry glowing,
All spotless with blossoms and fruits.

And I know that my walls are disfigured
With prints of small fingers and hands,
And that your own household most truly
In immaculate purity stands.

And I know that my parlor's littered
With many old treasures and toys,
While your own is in daintiest order,
Unharm'd by the presence of boys.

And I know that my room is invaded
Quite boldly all hours of the day,
While you sit in yours unmolested
And dream the soft quiet away.

Yes, I know there are four little bedsides
Where I must stand watchful each night,
While you can go out in your carriage
And shine in your dresses so bright.

Now, I think I'm a neat little woman.
I like my house orderly, too,
And I'm fond of all dainty belongings,
Yet would not change places with you.

No; keep your fair home with its order,
Its freedom from bother and noise,
And keep your own fanciful leisure,
But leave me my four noble boys!
—Silver Cross.

She Wanted Something New.

"George," she whispered, as she crept a little closer and placed her right auricular against his left hand second story vest pocket, "George, I want to ask you a question—a very important one: Why do you allude to papa as a pirate? Surely you must have some good reason for doing so."

"I have, indeed," responded George, with a dreamy, faraway look in his eyes; "pirates board people, you know, and I expect your father, if my plans work all right, to eventually board me. See?"

"Oh, how clever you are, George! Do you know, I was awfully afraid you were going to get off that ancient chestnut about his being such an old freebooter, and I'm so glad you didn't, because all the fellows I've had for five years past have said that, and I was longing for something new."

And with a contented little sigh she inserted her northeast ear deeper than ever in George's upper left hand vest pocket and settled down for the evening.—New York Sunday World.

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He—So he failed to win your love?
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Effect of the African Climate.

It must be fully recognized that the Matabele murders of unarmed whites, merely because they are whites, put them almost out of the pale of mercy, and that the absence among them of any leader who can answer for their conduct makes general arrangements for peace exceedingly difficult.

At the same time we regret, if only on grounds of policy, to see the temper of the white settlers hardening, to notice a certain readiness to execute as well as to slay in fighting, and to read exulting expressions as to the number killed. We do not want dead bodies in Rhodesia, but quiet subjects who will work for wages and ultimately become taxpayers. Lenity is good policy in Africa as well as Asia, but it is very seldom that it is displayed on the former continent.

Something in the climate of the surroundings seem to make all Europeans—Germans, Dutchmen, Portuguese and even Englishmen—abnormally hard.—*London Spectator.*

The Wife and the Home.

That the wife should run the home has been affirmed by no less an authority than the supreme court of the state of New York. One justice of the appellate division wrote the following opinion in a recent suit for separation, and two of his four associates concurred in it: "While in a legal sense the husband is the head of the family and has the right to rule the household and compel his wife as well as his children to obey him and submit to his dictation the details of the management of the house and servants, still the practical view of the marital relations usually is that within her peculiar sphere, the home, the wife should have her own way and be allowed to manage and control the details of housekeeping and servants. An intelligent woman should certainly not be subjected in the presence of servants and guests to humiliation and ill treatment by her husband by the offensive assertion that he is master and she must in all things obey him."

Drawbacks.

There is no rose without a thorn.
There's 'tuzz on all the peaches.
There never is a banquet given
Without a lot of speeches.

—*Indianapolis Journal.*

A Hopeless Case.

Judge—How is it that at your preliminary examination you pleaded not guilty and now you plead guilty?

Prisoner—I've seen the young lawyer your honor named to defend me.—*Exchange.*

An Old Song With Variations.

Lives of presidents remind us
That with fair degree of luck,
Departing, we may leave behind us
The bones of many a juicy duck.
—*Philadelphia North American.*

Both Objectionable.

"Yes," replied the woman with the square jaw, "my husband is full all the time. When he isn't full of liquor, he's full of remorse, and I'd as lief have him one way as the other."—*Town Topics.*

Battle Hymn.

We've got the men, we've got the ships—
At least we think we've got 'em—
For to the hour of going to press
No more had hit the bottom.
—*Indianapolis Journal.*

For Principle.

She—If you kiss me, I'll scream.
He—But there is no one but ourselves in the house.
She—I don't care about that. It's the principle of the thing.—*Town Topics.*

A Warning.

Lives of great men should remind us
One diversion sense forbids—
Not to go and leave behind us
Lofty names on humdrum kids.
—*Chicago Record.*

Used to It.

Mr. Newman—You're a nice little boy, Tommy.
Tommy—That's what they all say when they first meet sister.—*Tit-Bits.*

The Greek to His Girl.

Maid of Athens, ere we part
Let me have your marble heart.
When I fight upon the field,
It will make a first class shield.
—*Chicago Record.*

Reclassifying.

"Speaking of races," said Rivers, "there are in reality only two—the human race and the Inhuman, or six day, race."—*Chicago Tribune.*

Hornswoggled.

A swindler 'twas I traded with.
The way he cheated me was sin.
My bargain shoes have broken out
Before I got them broken in.
—*Detroit News.*

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Be very wary whom you catch,
For "match" rhymes with "scratch."

Look not for quiet in the house,
For "spouse" rhymes with "rows."

Reflect, when conjugally looped,
That "Cupid" rhymes with "stupid."

And don't blame me for telling you
That "woo" rhymes with "rue."
—Pick Me Up.

A Slur on His Phiz.

"O! didn't mind the threats av 'im,"
Mr. Hogan explained, "as much as th' In-
sultin sthyle av his remarks."

"And fwat did he say?" asked Mr.
Grogan.

"He says to me, 'Hogan,' says he, 'tis
a great notion I have to jump on you and
knock your face into shape.'"—Indian-
apolis Journal.

The Charge.

Magistrate Threehee—Officer Flannigan,
what's the charge against this man?

Officer Flannigan—Batin an officer, sur.

Magistrate Threehee—What did he do?

Officer Flannigan—He borrowed a quar-
ter from me, sur, and forgot to return it.
—St. Paul Dispatch.

Just as Mother Used to Do.

He criticised her puddings, and he didn't like
her cake.

He wished she'd make the biscuit that his
mother used to make.

She didn't wash the dishes, and she didn't
make a stew,

And she didn't mend his stockings as his
mother used to do.

Ah, well, she wasn't perfect, though she tried
to do her best.

Until at length she thought her time had come
to have a rest.

So when one day he went the same old rigmar-
ole all through

She turned and boxed his ears just as his moth-
er used to do.

—New York Evening Sun.

A Long Needed Sea Story.

Publisher—I wish you would write us a
good sea story.

Great Author—But I have never been to
sea.

"I know it. I want a sea story that peo-
ple can understand."—New York Weekly.

He—So he failed to win your love?

She—Not exactly; his failure was the pre-
cise reason he did not win it.—Truth.

Reciprocity.

Bacon—When he was courting her, he
promised to throw everything at her feet.

Egbert—And did she reciprocate?

Bacon—Well, I should rather say she
did! After they were married she threw
everything at his head.—Yonkers States
man.

Not Superstitious.

Friend—Do you consider it a sign of a
death in the family when your dog keeps
you awake by howling all night?

Colonel Kaintuck—No, suh. Nevah con-
sidered the dog as a membah of the fam-
ily, suh.—Truth.

At the Menagerie.

First Street Arab—I heard tell that
camels often has to go a week in the desert
without a drink.

Second Street Arab—No wonder they
get their backs up.—Tit-Bits.

A Continuous Performance.



Mandy—Come on, Silas. It costs too
much ter eat in thet place.

Silas—Yes, 50 cents is a lot ter pay fer
a dinner, but look how long we kin eat—
from 1:30 to 8 o'clock. Let's go in.—Twin-
kles.

The Old Story.

Farmer, in a hotel. Bedtime.

Blows the light out. Bright man he!

"Found next morn asphyxiated?"

Nup. It was a candle. See?

Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

Comforting.

Skinflint—Oh, I cannot bear to die and
leave all my money behind me!

Gayboy—Don't worry, uncle. It'll come
to the same end as if you took it along. I
promise to burn it for you.—New York
Journal.

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Press Review.

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The April *Eastern Philatelist* is not up to the usual standard, in point of literary excellence. The only thing of importance is Miss Swift's article on "Postal Facilities Where None Exist." It is very interesting. Mr. Pinkham's editorials are good.

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The *Canadian Philatelist* for March arrived on the first day of May. Truly

it may be said that Mr. Mc Mahan is out of the race. The idea of the official organ of a great society like the D. P. A. coming months behind time. This number is the poorest we have yet seen from over the border—containing really nothing of merit—except advertisements galore

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The April *Texas* has also appeared. It is a very creditable number, containing, among other things, a short story by a Mr. Rockwood.

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The *Texas-Mississippi Stamp* for April contains only 4 pages and cover so its contents are limited, being mostly notes.

Personals.

The writer had the pleasure on April 20th. of meeting Mr. Kurt Neitzke, of Los Angeles, editor and publisher of the *Boys World*, and Mr. Howard Brown, of the same paper, and was very pleasantly entertained by Mr. Brown, and Mr. Neitzke's mother and sisters. He did not see much of Mr. Neitzke, as Kurt spends most of his spare time with his girl. He met Mr. Brown for the first time, and found him a very pleasant and agreeable person.

Pickups.

And still the work of discovery goes on—a new Confederate Local has been unearthed and will be offered at Wolsieffer's sale of April 9th. The label is said to have been used by the post master of Antaugaville, Ala. That it is considered the most important item of the sale is evident from a full page reproduction, and the cataloguer further gives a half page space in listing it. It greatly resembles the work on the Knoxville and Nashville locals and undoubtedly hailed from the same office.

In the 56th edition the 10 groschen blk 1866 of Germany was catalogued at \$18., and in the 57th the price advances to \$25

AN ELECTRICAL WONDER.

Incidents of a Trolley Ride Through the Large Sewers of Paris.

The main sewers of Paris are periodically cleared by means of scrapers carried on boats or cars. These conveyances are also used for conveying visitors through the large sewers under the Rue de Rivoli and the Boulevards Sevastopol and Des Malesherbes. These exhibitions take place four times a year, in spring and autumn, and about 8,400 visitors are admitted yearly. Until 1894 these cars and boats were drawn by men, but the labor and expense were found to be so excessive that now the traction is done entirely by electric motors, taking current from accumulator batteries on the boats or cars. These main sewers are in section very similar to an ordinary tunnel; but in the floor is formed the rectangular channel for the sewage, while round the roof are fixed the water and compressed air mains, the telegraph and telephone wires, etc. The sewer under the Boulevard des Malesherbes is the largest. It is 18 feet $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide, 10 feet high from floor to roof, and the sewage channel in the floor is 3 feet $5\frac{1}{4}$ inches deep and 8 feet 10 inches wide. Boats are used in this channel.

The other sewers are smaller, the channels in them being only 3 feet 11 inches wide and from 3 feet 11 inches to 5 feet 7 inches deep. In these, cars are run, the flanged wheels of the cars running on the edges of the channel, which are protected by angle bars, and from the rails. The approximate weight of a train of five cars with 100 passengers on board is about 7 tons 12 hundredweight, and this travels at the rate of $3\frac{3}{4}$ miles per hour. The accumulator battery consists of 28 elements and weighs 14 hundredweight, and its capacity is 100 ampere hours, with a mean discharge of 25 amperes at 50 or 60 volts. The motor, which is series wound, develops 2 horsepower and runs at 1,600 revolutions per minute, this speed being reduced to 80 by means of a pinion and wheel and chain gearing to the driving axle, the wheels being $15\frac{3}{4}$ inches in diameter on the tread.

The boats are towed by means of a chain sunk in the sewage channel, which is brought to the surface and passes round a pulley driven by means of a double reduction gear from the motor. The chain, by means of guide pulleys, makes three-quarters of a turn round the driving pulley, this pulley being a magnetic one, magnetized by means of two coils, one on each side of it, on the axle. Each passenger train consists of six boats, in the first of which are carried the accumulator battery and a towing apparatus, while in the last

boat, which is a smaller one, there is another towing apparatus.

The battery consists of 60 elements, giving an output of 60 amperes for $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours at from 98 to 125 volts. It is divided into two parts, which can be connected in series or parallel, as required. The motors run at 580 revolutions per minute, but this speed is reduced by means of the gearing, so that the boats travel at about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles per hour. The power required for this is from about 2 horsepower to $5\frac{1}{2}$ horsepower, according as the boats are travelling with or against the current. The total length of the sewers open in this way to the public is about two miles, and they are lighted partly by lamps on the footpaths or by oil lamps on the boats.—Genie Civil.

House of Commons Debate.

In some respects, but not in all, the English house of commons is like our house of representatives. There are certain formalities, however, which would seem strange to American legislators. In "The Commons at Work," in Temple Bar, the method of a big parliamentary discussion is described:

"A big debate often lasts a fortnight—that is to say, it is carried on during the Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays of two weeks, the Wednesdays being usually devoted to the consideration of bills introduced by unofficial members. The order in which the leading members of the government and of the opposition speak is previously arranged by the whips of the different parties, and the speaker, being informed privately of the understanding, calls on these members in the order appointed, no matter how many small men may at the same time strive to catch his eye. A member of the opposition always follows in debate a member of the government. The opening of a sitting and toward its close, or before and after the 'dinner hour'—that is, from 9 till 7 o'clock and from 10 till 12—are considered the best and most favorable times for speaking. It is during these periods of the sitting that the 'big guns' on each side are brought into action. Under the rules of the house all opposed business must cease at 12 o'clock, and the member who at that hour moves the adjournment of the debate has the right to open it the next evening. If a member of the government speaks last at night, the adjournment of the debate is moved by an opponent of the government, and, vice versa, if a member of the opposition concludes his speech at midnight, a supporter of the administration secures the advantage of resuming the debate on the following evening."

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"Why don't you move on?" was asked.

"Can't."

"Why not?"

"Wagon's locked. Back part swung back with the current and here we are. Can't move a locked wagon."

"What are you going to do about it?"

"I was thinking."

"How long have you been thinking?"

"Since early morning." It was now afternoon.

The rider fastened one end of a rope to the tongue of the wagon and the other end to the pommel of his saddle. The vehicle was straightened out and the horses sprang forward under the lash. Soon the farmer and his team were safely landed.

"Didn't it occur to you to unhitch your horses and go for help?" was asked.

"Well, if I'd 'a' done that I'd 'a' got wet," was the calm response.—Detroit Free Press.

Reflections of a Bachelor.

There never was a married woman who would admit that no other man ever asked her.

The reason why there is no trouble in heaven among the women angels is because they all belong to the choir.

Half of the female suffrage women you meet once had husbands, and the other half never will have.

A girl is never really in love with a man until she thinks of him when she says her prayers at night.

A woman can never be very bad after she has once learned that her little child measures its ideas of God by her.

When you see a girl on the street car with a music roll with closed ends, it generally contains an old newspaper or her

sun.

With most men marriage is the means and the woman is the end, but with most women the man is the means and the marriage is the end.—New York Press.

Getting Dull.

"The legal business in this city is about played out," declared the capper and steerer of a local attorney a few days ago. "It's got so that I can't lay up a cent. The other day I steered a fellow that was being sued by a tailor for the price of a pair of pants into the office of the lawyer I'm working for. He got the job of defending the suit and won it. When I went to him to get my share of the fee, he went into his private office and came out with a pair of pants.

"That's my fee," he said. "Here's your share." And he cut the buttons off and gave them to me."—San Francisco Post.

A Slander on Americans.

"And you have found Paris charming?" said a Paris doctor to two American ladies.

"Just great," replied the mother. "We've been here a fortnight, and we've seen everything and everybody." Then the daughter chimed in, "Yes, as ma said yesterday, if we stopped here much longer, we should become regular parasites."—Household Words.

Poor Uncle David.

Uncle David thinks that a dictionary is the most useless book ever printed. He says that you can't find out by it how to spell a word unless you know how to spell it in the first place. This remark was made after an hour's search among the "k's" for the word "kwiet."—Boston Transcript.

Helping Mamma.

Juvenile Voice (from the kitchen)—Mamma, things are always red when they're burning, ain't they?

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"George," she whispered, as she crept a little closer and placed her right auricular against his left hand second story vest pocket, "George, I want to ask you a question—a very important one: Why do you allude to papa as a pirate? Surely you must have some good reason for doing so."

"I have, indeed," responded George, with a dreamy, faraway look in his eyes; "pirates board people, you know, and I expect your father, if my plans work all right, to eventually board me. See?"

"Oh, how clever you are, George! Do you know, I was awfully afraid you were going to get off that ancient chestnut about his being such an old free-booter, and I'm so glad you didn't, because all the fellows I've had for five years past have said that, and I was longing for something new."

And with a contented little sigh she inserted her northeast ear deeper than ever in George's upper left hand vest pocket and settled down for the evening.—New York Sunday World.

A BRILLIANT WOMAN.

Mrs. Helen M. Gougar, Orator, Author and Reformer.

Mrs. Helen M. Gougar is an orator, an agitator, an author and a politician. She has even been talked about as a presidential candidate by the Prohibition party of the country, and she would make a good campaign, for she is one of the best speakers among the bright women of this country. She speaks without manuscript or notes, and does so easily and with dignity. Mrs. Gougar is the author of the law granting municipal suffrage to the women of Kansas, and the adoption of the measure was largely due to her efforts. Her home is in Lafayette, Ind. She is a graduate of law and a member of the bar of that state. She is 48 years old and a native of Michigan. She has written freely but mostly upon reform subjects.

Mrs. Emma Beckwith is manager of an establishment for the sale of optical goods in New York city. Mrs. Beckwith and her husband are equally interested in the enterprise. He travels for the house, while his clear headed, industrious wife makes things hum in the home office. It is a most successful and satisfactory partnership.

Effect of the African Climate.

It must be fully recognized that the Matabele murders of unarmed whites, merely because they are whites, put them almost out of the pale of mercy, and that the absence among them of any leader who can answer for their conduct makes general arrangements for peace exceedingly difficult.

At the same time we regret, if only on grounds of policy, to see the temper of the white settlers hardening, to notice a certain readiness to execute as well as to slay in fighting, and to read exulting expressions as to the number killed. We do not want dead bodies in Rhodesia, but quiet subjects who will work for wages and ultimately become taxpayers. Lenity is good policy in Africa as well as Asia, but it is very seldom that it is displayed on the former continent.

Something in the climate of the surroundings seem to make all Europeans—Germans, Dutchmen, Portuguese and even Englishmen—abnormally hard.—London Spectator.

Ought to Be Excused.

"Every human being should do his share toward uplifting the masses of his fellow men."

"Well, I've done my share—I ran an elevator seven years."—Chicago Record.

The Wife and the Home.

That the wife should run the home has been affirmed by no less an authority than the supreme court of the state of New York. One justice of the appellate division wrote the following opinion in a recent suit for separation, and two of his four associates concurred in it: "While in a legal sense the husband is the head of the family and has the right to rule the household and compel his wife as well as his children to obey him and submit to his dictation the details of the management of the house and servants, still the practical view of the marital relations usually is that within her peculiar sphere, the home, the wife should have her own way and be allowed to manage and control the details of housekeeping and servants. An intelligent woman should certainly not be subjected in the presence of servants and guests to humiliation and ill treatment by her husband by the offensive assertion that he is master and she must in all things obey him."

No Place In a Prayer.

The Rev. E. A. Meury, pastor of the Second Reformed church, Jersey City, has a son, Eddie, 2½ years old. Eddie is a bright boy and plays with boys older than himself. While his father and mother proudly listened Eddie said his prayers the other evening, thus concluding:

"And bless mamma and papa and make me a good boy—nit."

"What's that!" exclaimed the clergyman.

"Why, Eddie!" almost shrieked the horrified Mrs. Meury.

"Nit," repeated Eddie, with precision. "Nit. The big boys always say it at the end of everything they say."

With some firmness Eddie's father explained that "nit" is not to be used in supplication, and Eddie fell asleep after repeating his childish prayer:

"And make me a good boy. Amen."
—New York World.

Town Without Chimneys.

From the top of the cathedral spire in Mexico you can see the entire city, and the most striking feature of the view is the absence of chimneys. There is not a chimney in all Mexico, not a grate, nor a stove, nor a furnace. All the cooking is done with charcoal in Dutch ovens, and while the gas is sometimes offensive one soon becomes used to it.—Boston Globe.

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The Old Story.

Farmer, in a hotel. Bedtime.
Blows the light out. Bright man hel
"Found next morn asphyxiated?"
Nup. It was a candle. See?
Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

Comforting.

Skinflint—Oh, I cannot bear to die and leave all my money behind me!

Gayboy—Don't worry, uncle. It'll come to the same end as if you took it along. I promise to burn it for you.—New York Journal.

Drawbacks.

There is no rose without a thorn.
There's fuzz on all the peaches.
There never is a banquet given
Without a lot of speeches.
—Indianapolis Journal.

He—So he failed to win your love?
She—Not exactly; his failure was the precise reason he did not win it.—Truth.

Her Place.

"I see that scientists have figured out there are 700,000,000 people in the world who are only partially dressed."

"Well, well! Then the society girl is not one of the 400, but one of the 700,000,000, isn't she?"—Cincinnati Enquirer.

An I O U.

'Tis said the loving letters
Of the alphabet are "U"
And "I," and when they are alone
The saying may be true.

The trouble is the letter "O"
Quite oft divides the two,
Transposing them and breaking off
The match they had in view.

—New York Journal.

He'd Plant It.

Billy—And, supposing Dr. Nansen was to find the north pole, wot would he do wiv it?

Tommy—Why, stick it upon the Thames embankment like they 'ave Cleoparty's Needle.—Punch.

Dreamed He Had Threes.

"But I pass," continued the parson, dismissing one head of his discourse.

"Raise 'er the limit!" yelled a man in a front seat, just awakening from happy dreams of last night's poker game.—New York Sun.

An Aztec Manuscript.

M. Oppert presented to the French academy a chromo-lithographic reproduction of manuscript No. 3,373, from the library of the Vatican. It is an Aztec ritual. It is complete, in perfect condition, and still in the original binding. The facsimile, published at the expense of the Duc de Loubat, reproduces the original to the slightest detail, even the binding, for instance, being represented with perfect exactness. It is accompanied by three pamphlets, the first presenting an historical study in Italian by R. P. Ehrle, prefect of the Vatican library. This states that the first mention of the manuscript is found in the catalogue edited in 1596, but that it had been in the Vatican before that date, having been received there, without doubt, under the librarianship of Cardinal Amulio, and very probably in the year 1566. The two other pamphlets, in French and in Spanish, are the work of M. F. del Paso y Troncoso, director of the Museum of Mexico. M. del Paso describes with great care the manuscript of the Vatican and proves that in the reproduction made by Aglio toward 1830 for the great work of Lord Kingsborough the order of its pages was completely reversed. At the close of the Spanish pamphlet the author has arranged a careful comparison of the plates of the English publication with the leaves of the original manuscript.—Paris Debates.

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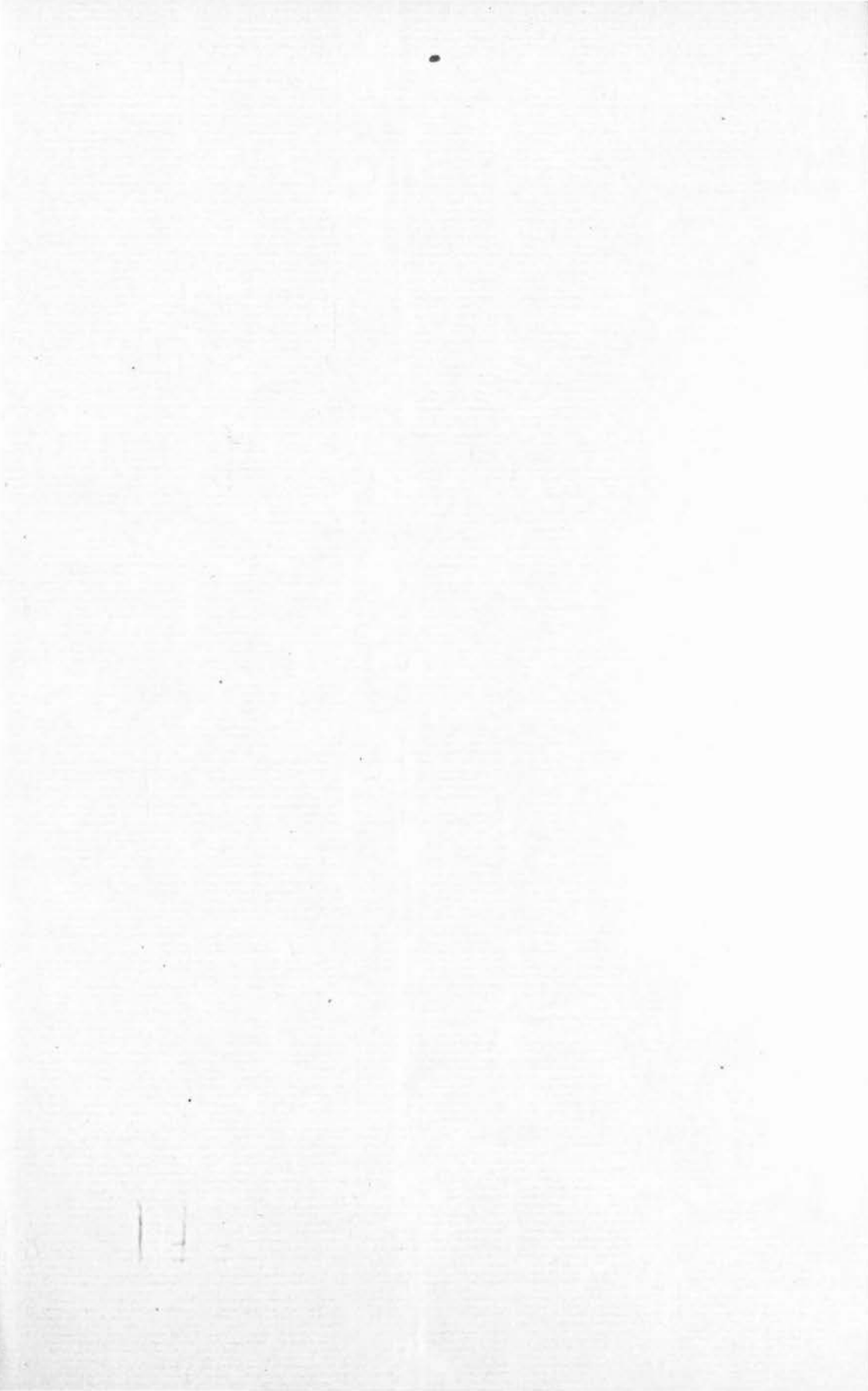
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Harry's Stamps

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IT WAS just a year ago that Harry Seawell finished his school work for the year. He was then seventeen years old, bright and industrious, but the kind of boy his schoolmates call "queer." But the only noticeable difference between Harry and the other boys, was his studious habits and quiet ways.

He had a great passion for collecting curiosities of all kinds. In his room at the top of his grandfather's house he had a great accumulation of oddities and curios.

Harry had lived with his grandparents ever since the death of his father and mother in an ocean disaster, ten years before.

Just now we may see him coming down the street to the little post office, after his grandfather's mail. As he turned the letters over in his hand he came to one addressed to himself. It was only a circular, but something in it interested him greatly, and he walked slowly down the pleasant street reading it carefully.

It was from an eastern stamp dealer, and its brief description and its illustrations caught his fancy. He had often heard of stamp collecting but this was the first time he had read anything concerning it. Ere he reached his grandfather's office, Philatelia had made another convert, and from that day Harry was an ardent philatelist.

He secured an album and began his collection, which grew rapidly and before long presented a very handsome appear-

ance.

Harry was indeed an earnest collector; he studied books on the subject and was so much interested in his collection that his grandmother often said he was "steeped in stamps." Little did his fond grandparents think that the power that was yet to come between them and poverty, lay between the leaves of Harry's album.

In searching for specimens for his collection Harry had rummaged through all the old letters in the garret at home and in the old boxes at his grandfather's office and as a result he could show many handsome pairs and strips of stamps that would have ornamented many a famous collection.

Many years before his grandfather had had an extensive correspondence with parties in Australia and all the wrappers and envelopes were in the office. Thus it happened that his collection of Australia was especially fine.

Just at this period of Harry's collecting his grandfather fell ill and remained hovering between life and death for a long time. During his illness a crisis was reached in the affairs of the business world and those who would save their fortunes must be on the alert. So it happened that when John Seawell at last regained his health he found his affairs in such a condition that unless he could raise a large sum of money within a month, his home and his business would be swept away and himself, his aged wife and Harry would be thrown penniless upon the world.

Meanwhile Harry was entirely unaware of the true state of affairs and in his spare moments studied and arranged his beloved stamps.

One evening he was just going to his

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room when he heard his grandfather say, "I've scraped together all but a thousand dollars, but that is just what I must have and unless I get that, what I have got will be of no use. Unless something unexpected happens we shall all be homeless before a month has passed."

Silently Harry went to bed and passed a restless, sleepless night while through his brain surged the thought "Oh, how can I help to raise the money which is to save our home?"

Next morning he appeared as bright as possible after such a night as he had passed, and no one supposed he knew anything about the trouble.

After breakfast he went again to his room and turned to his stamps for comfort. For a long time he silently examined stamp after stamp with a glass, and looked them up in a catalogue. Thus he turned on until the stamps under inspection were from New South Wales, and in the center of the page was a magnificent block of four 2d. stamps. Harry looked them up in his catalogue to find their date of issue and value.

He looked down the long rows of figures till he came to the words: 1856, 2d. blue, 18c. He was just closing the book when something farther down the page caught his eye. Then he read something that transfixed him with surprise. It was this; 2d. blue, error in watermark, \$250.

Harry's heart almost stopped beating, for it flashed through his mind that if one stamp was worth \$250., four were worth \$1000!

Then he remembered that only the error were worth that much. Perhaps his were only worth eighteen cents each.

With fingers that trembled, he raised the stamps and held them to the light. Hurrah! See that watermark! There it is, plain and perfect—a figure "1" in the place that should have been occupied by the "2!"

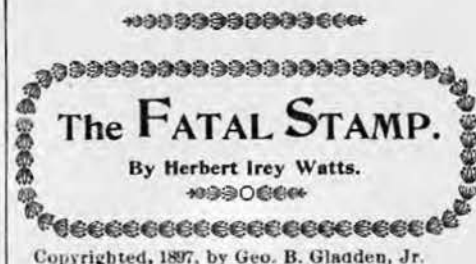
Like a flash he thought, "I'll send them to the — Stamp Co., and offer them for sale. Then if they buy them, I will give grandfather the money.

He wrote a letter and sent it off by registered mail; inside the envelope rested the precious stamps. A week passed and then one morning came the letter from the stamp company.

With great eagerness he opened it to learn the result. Then he drew out—a check for \$1200.

Home he hurried, filled with joy and happiness. The reader can imagine the surprise with which his grandfather received the money.

So the debt was paid off, and the extra \$200 went to buy additions to "HARRY'S STAMPS."



CHAPTER II.

A visit to the land of the Rajahs . . . Printing of the "Fatal Stamp" . . . Death of the Rajah, and announcement of the succession of Maschesna, the Indian Juggler.

FROM THE snug precincts of the Burliss parlor in sleepy old Allon to farther India is a long, long journey, but to properly continue our story we must make that journey.

Landing at the world famous port of Madras, we will pass its ancient wharves, its worm-eaten, time-worn warehouses of European design, and its quaint houses of native construction and take a train for a long trip through jungles, barren plains and tangled forests to distant Chinglepatt. Arriving here, we must make our way through an unsettled district and across the Bhind river to the curious city of Kulburga.

From here we must take a northerly direction and follow the sinuous course of the Godavari river till we reach Chindwari. The journey to this picturesque village having taken many weary days,

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we will rest here before pushing our way farther on into the wilderness.

Six days journey northeast of Chindwari lie the ruins of what was once a beautiful palace. Twenty years ago the walls which now are crumbling to pieces or lie scattered on the ground, reared their stately heads high above the surrounding hills. Rajah Cheboagee was then master of all the country round, for that was before the territory grasping Britishers had entered these domains and broken the power of the two hundred Rajahs who ruled over their little kingdoms and considered themselves among the crowned heads of the world.

These details are needful because the history of the *Fatal Stamp* is identical with the history of the Rajah's downfall.

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Bright was the morning on which the *Fatal Stamp* began its journey, leaving behind it trouble and ruin. On that day, so long ago, rapid footsteps echoed through the palace halls, and in the Council Chamber all was subdued excitement.

All this was about a large box, nailed and bolted and bound with iron strips, which had just arrived from distant England. It contained the plates for what was to be the first issue of postage stamps for the Rajah's new postal service.

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CIRCUMSTANCES over which we had no control prevented us from issuing a July number and also accounts for the small size of this number. Our September October and November numbers will all be rather small, but in December or January we shall issue a big special holiday number, which will make up for any reductions made during the summer months.

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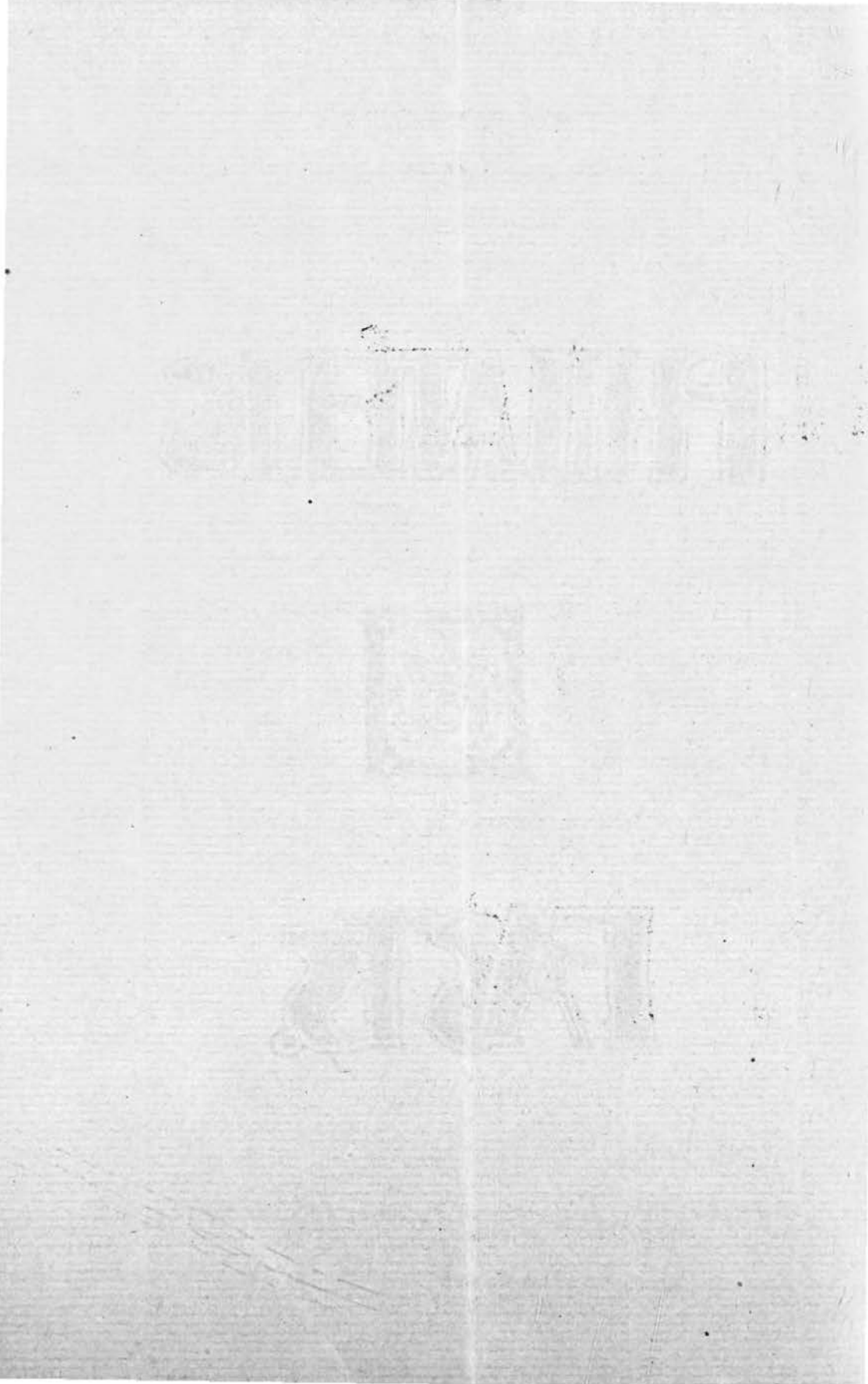
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CHAPTER II.

Continued from August number.

The box was carried into the Council Chamber, and in the presence of the Rajah and his officers was opened and the plates examined.

Then the official who was to do the printing advanced and inked one of the plates with a curious ink of native manufacture, and amid breathless excitement laid on a sheet of soft native paper and with the aid of a hand press produced the first sheet of native stamps.

The sheet was dried by heat and gum applied and the sheet again dried.

The Rajah had decreed that the first stamp should be used in discharging a duty he owed his brother. Two years before, in a fit of jealous passion, he had driven his brother Mascheena out of his district because he had ventured to cast some slight reflection on his way of ruling the natives. Now he had decided to recall him and this duty was now to be accomplished.

Mascheena, on leaving his brother's petty kingdom had gone to America, and was traveling with a circus as an Indian Juggler.

With trembling fingers the Rajah cut one stamp from the sheet, and with his royal tongue moistened the gum and af-

fixed the stamp to the envelope which was to carry it to far off America on its important errand.

The letter, quickly sealed, was handed to a messenger, who saluted, turned, and was off down the hall, out the wide door, and through the palace gate.

All eyes watched him until he vanished over a hill, and the message was started to Madras.

Just as the messenger disappeared, the Rajah was seen to stagger, and in a moment fell to the pavement. When his servants raised him they found that he was dead.

Consternation reigned. To and fro ran the servants in confusion. The royal doctor soon arrived and said the Rajah's death was due to poisoning.

It was important to find out who had given him the poison, and the gates were locked that no one could leave.

An hour passed and it became known that the beloved Rajah had died from poisoning caused by the gum on the *Fatal Stamp*. This gum was made of various roots and had been mixed in a vessel used for holding ingredients of a poisonous kind, and these, mingling, had produced the death dealing gum and caused the Rajah's death.

As the custom was, foot couriers were sent out to announce the new Rajah—Mascheena. The important news was also started for Madras to be sent to the Indian Juggler.

Meanwhile the rest of the stamps were destroyed and the plates sealed and locked up.

Thus the *Fatal Stamp* made its first step on its terrible career, and brought down its first victim.

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CHAPTER III.

The Circus scene.... Appearance of Mascheena the Indian Juggler ... Announcement of the letter from India.

THE GREAT tents of Lorton's circus were filled with a vast, expectant crowd. Feat after feat of skill and daring had been performed and applauded and now a great burst of melody from the band announced the appearance of Mascheena, the Indian Juggler.

Not a person in all that crowd but had read of his marvelous skill, and now all eyes turned expectantly toward the entrance.

A roar of applause fills the air as a tall, slim figure, clad in the bright colored garment of beauty loving India, glides smoothly into the arena.

Evidently the famous juggler was in a good humor, for his dark visage was wreathed in smiles, and a sparkle gleams from his brilliant eyes.

Mascheena was followed into the arena by a pompous flashingly dressed man who raised his hand to silence and then made the following startling announcement:—

"Ladies and Gentlemen; It is with real regret that Lorton Brothers have requested me to announce that this is to be the last appearance of Mascheena, the Royal Juggler of India. The famous Juggler is now in receipt of a letter from his home in Farther India, announcing that, by the death of his brother, Chebog e, he is now Rajah of the province Chulbuga, and therefore must at once return to India. By dint of much persuasion, Lorton Brothers have secured him for this one last appearance, in which he will perform feats never before publicly attempted, even by himself. At the close of this performance, he starts at once on his return to his home in India.

I now introduce His Royal Highness, Rajah Mascheena, King of Chulbuga."

This speech was followed by roars of applause, which were duly acknowledged by their Royal recipient.

Then followed a wonderful exhibition of his matchless skill. Glittering knives were handled as though their edges were not as keen as razors; balls rose and fell with wonderful certainty into the deft, brown hands, under whose magic power they moved like things of life.

But in spite of all his dextrous performance, Mascheena was nervous, and the thought of the letter from over the sea and what it brought him kept constantly recurring to his mind and rendered his movements less certain than usual.

He had the letter in his belt and suddenly he felt it slipping out.

Like lightning he made an involuntary

movement to save it, then exerted all his skill to keep from dropping the knives he was juggling.

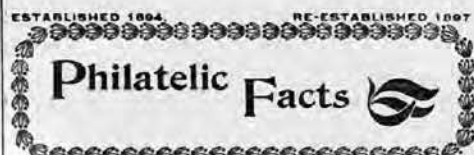
It was too late,— during the instant his eyes had been averted, the knives had become hopelessly disarranged, and a moment later two of them came in collision.

One of them struck against Mascheena's up raised arm and fell ringing to the ground, just as another struck with its keen edge on the supple wrist.

In an instant Mascheena was on his knees trying vainly to stop the spurting blood from a severed artery.

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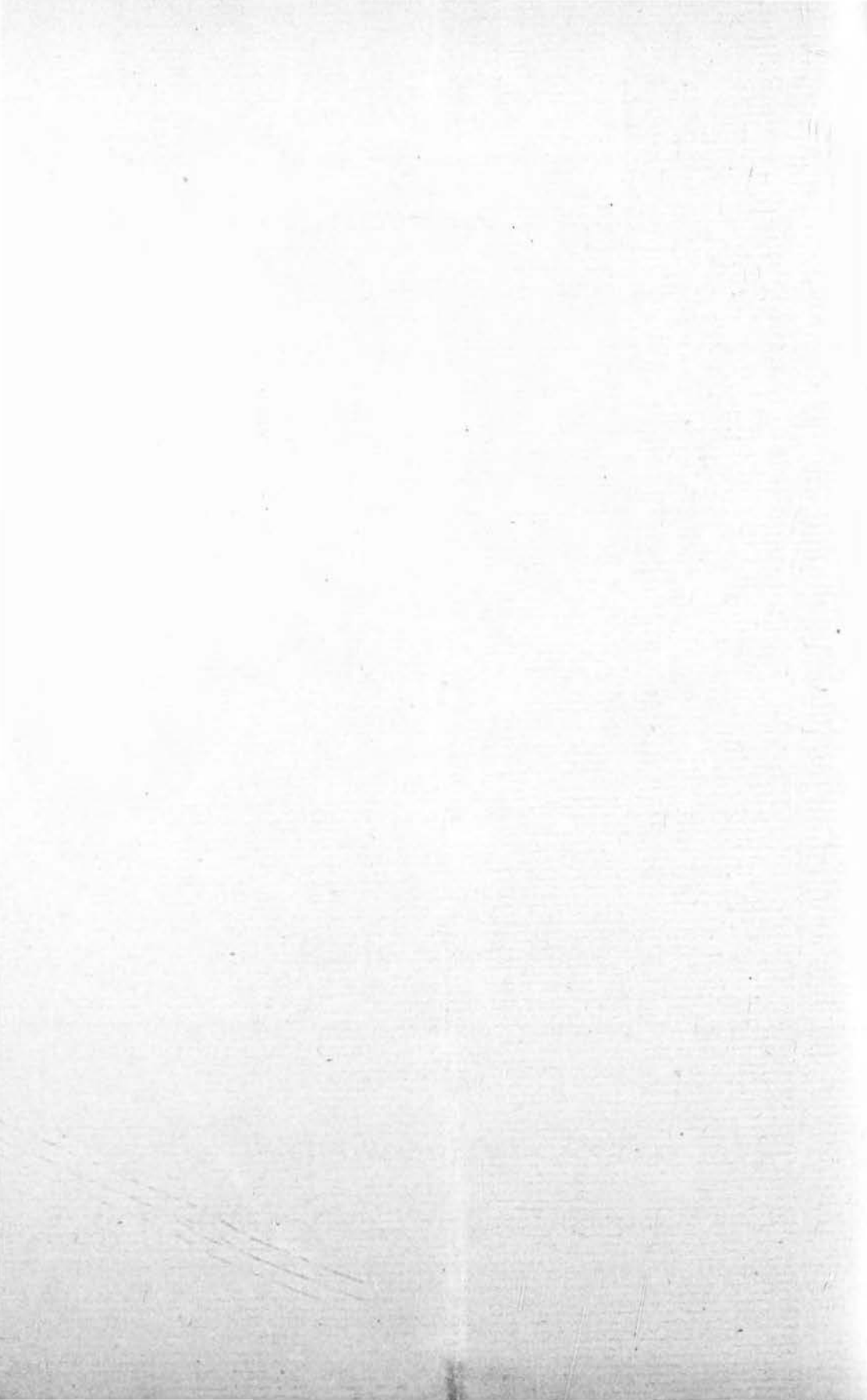


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CHAPTER IV.

Robert Pardones saves Mascheena's life ... The Rajah's gratitude ... Presentation of the Fatal Stamp.

WHILE men stood up and shouted directions and advice and women shrieked and fainted, the circus people seemed hopelessly confused and ran to and fro while Mascheena's life blood dyed the sawdust ring.

A moment later a slight, well dressed figure is seen at the Indian's side. It is Robert Pardones, whom we last met in Allon. He alone of all that great concourse of people is calm.

See! His quick fingers are binding a snowy handkerchief just above the awful gash made by the knife.

Now he slips his cane inside this impromptu bandage and twists with all his might.

The ligature is at once successful and the blood ceases to spurt forth, and only drips into those ghastly pools on the ground.

As soon as order could be restored, the weakened and almost fainting Juggler is borne to his dressing room, accompanied by Robert, to whose hand he clings with all his strength.

In the privacy of the dressing room, a doctor takes charge of the injured man, and after a close scrutiny of the wound and the makeshift ligature he turned to Robert and made that young man very happy by saying, "Sir, your prompt act is much to be recommended. This man owes the preservation of his life to you. He would have bled to death in a few minutes."

"I am indeed glad to have been of use," replied our modest hero.

After addressing a few words to the manager, Robert was leaving the tent when the doctor asked him to stay, saying that as soon as the patient recovered enough to speak he would probably ask for his rescuer and would be disappointed if he could not himself thank him.

So Robert sat down to await events.

Half an hour later, Mascheena, his swarthy skin turned to a sickly yellow by loss of blood, was sitting up trying, in broken English, to express his thanks to Robert.

At first he insisted on showing his gratitude by presenting Robert with a sum of money, which, of course, was refused.

Then he laid open a curious box of native workmanship and told Ralph to select any article it contained as a token of his gratitude and respect.

Robert looked at the box's varied contents. He saw rings of curious designs, idols carved from ebony and ivory, bracelets, earrings, pins and all sorts of adornments, all of Indian make.

He was about to select a trifle, to satisfy the Juggler, when he saw something that pleased him more than all the rest. It was a fragment of an envelope bearing a rare Indian stamp. He took it up and said that he would keep that.

Surprised that he should select such a thing from all the articles of value offered him, Mascheena said that he had many stamps, and if he wanted them he could have them all.

Robert replied that he should value the stamps more than anything else.

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"The Fatal Stamp," continued.

Then Mascheena went through all his varied possessions, and removing the envelopes entire from his letters he handed them all to Robert.

Taking up the letter which had been the cause of all his misfortune, and which someone had picked up in the ring and brought to the tent, he removed the envelope and handed *the Fatal Stamp* to Robert, who shuddered as he saw that it was stained with blood.

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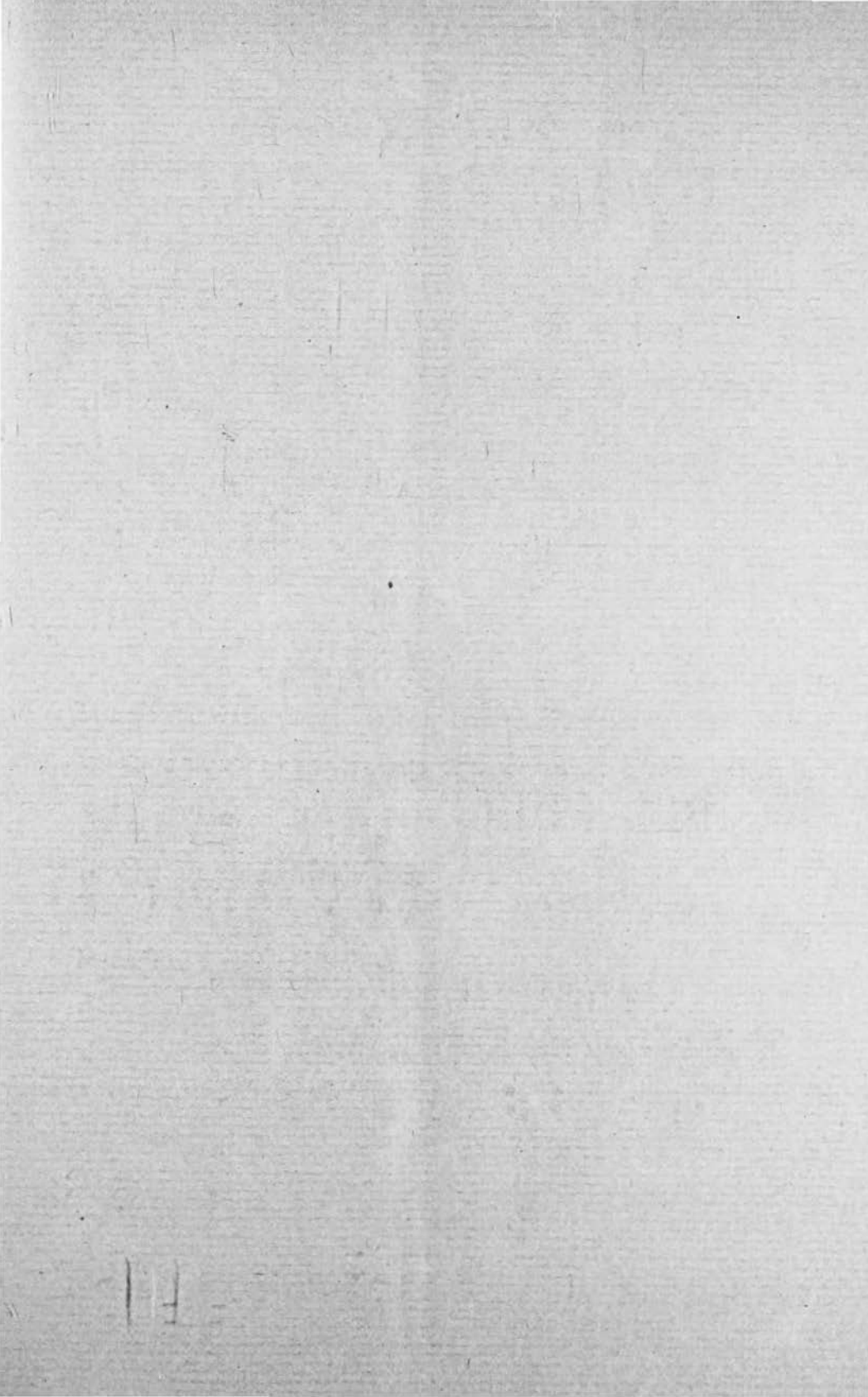
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CHAPTER V.

Mascheena leaves for India... News of his death in the wreck of the "Queen of India" ... Robert goes to Allon.

The evening after the occurrences related in the last chapter, Mascheena was on his way to New York to take a steamer to England, from where he would leave for Madras.

Two days later he sailed on the good ship *Queen of India*. That was the last heard of him in life. The next news was that of his tragic death. The daily press had columns of news about the wreck of the *Queen of India*, and one short paragraph was devoted to Mascheena—

"Among the noted persons on board who went down with the steamer was His Majesty Rajah Mascheena, King of Chulunga, who was returning to his native land to occupy the place vacated by his brother's death."

That was all the public knew about his death, but one person, Robert Pardones, knew more. He remembered how Mascheena's brother had died from the poison contained in the gum of the *Fatal Stamp*, and he saw how that very stamp had carried a message to the wandering juggler, bringing the news that he was now a king. Then he thought how it had led to his accident in the circus tent and how it had rushed him off for a long voyage across the seas, and how it had carried him headlong to his untimely death. Then he thought of that blood-stained envelope, and felt tempted to cast it into the fire, and thus destroy the *Fatal Stamp*.

Little knew Robert Pardones how bitterly he would regret in the days to come

that he failed to carry out that thought. In one moment the hungry flames would have destroyed the tiny, yet potent bit of paper, destiny would have been failed, and many bitter tears would have been avoided— but it was not to be.

* * *

The next day after reading Mascheena's death. Robert was on his way to Allon to which place he was now a frequent visitor. He claimed to his friends that his interest in Allon was of the philatelic sort, but, between ourselves the real attraction was the fair collector when he had quite accidentally discovered on the rainy day described in a previous chapter.

That afternoon he called on Miss Barliss, with whom he was now quite well acquainted, and when their conversation, as usual, turned to stamps, he showed her those he had obtained from Mascheena.

"While I do not collect outside of my specialty," he said, "I intend to keep these stamps in remembrance of poor Mascheena, though if any duplicates will fill any vacancies in your collection, I wish you to have them."

"Thank you, I should be delighted to have them."

"Then bring your album and we will see what spaces we can fill."

The album was brought, and for half an hour two heads, blonde and brunette, were very close together, and as Robert watched her pink tongue moisten each stamp hinge and fasten them deftly in place he almost felt jealous of the attention the bits of paper were receiving.

"Now," said Robert, when the stamps had all been examined, "I have one more specimen to show you. It is the first one printed for the Rajah's intended postal service and it is supposed to have caused his death by poison contained in the gum. I call it the *Fatal Stamp*," he concluded,

handing it to Nettie.

'Why Robert, it is stained with blood, and so is the envelope!'

"Yes, it was that envelope that slipped from Mascheena's belt and caused his unfortunate accident."

"Yes, I have been told how your prompt action saved his life."

"Oh, any one could have done that. But poor Mascheena has lost his life at last. He with a hundred others went down in the wreck of the *Queen of India*. So it seems that the *Fatal Stamp* has killed him too.

"Ah, it is indeed a *fatal* stamp. I wish you would dispose of it, for I feel that it is sure to have a harmful influence over your life.

"No fear of that, Nettie, since you have consented to say 'yes.' I will keep the stamp as a souvenir of Mascheena, the brown man with a white heart, and in the happy days to come you will laugh at the childish fears you now entertain.

Thus did Robert Pardones seek to dispel the fears of Nettie Burdies. But he could not change the course of events nor stay the tide of destiny.

ONE ON HIM.

Bury the croaker out in the woods in a beautiful hole in the ground, where the bumble bee bums and the wood pecker pecks, and the straddle bug straddles around. He is no good to the city to trust, to unpractical, stingy and dead, but he wants the whole earth and part of the crust and the stars that shine over his head. Then hustle him off to the place of the dead, and bury him under the ground; he's no use to us here, get him out of the way, and make room for the man that is sound.—Exchange.

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REVIEW

By Nellye Joyce

The first paper on my table this month was the HOME WORKER. It contains the second chapter of 'A Romance of Philately,' an interesting story, the different chapters of which are to be written by various authors. Mr. Hall, of North Cambridge, Mass., is the writer of the second chapter, while Mr. Watts, our editor, wrote the first. It is indeed a unique idea, originated, I am told, by the talented Miss Swift.

In point of time the E. S. P. was a close second to the Home Worker I shall not review it this month, as it is able to speak for itself, having a very extensive circulation.

The VIRGINIA PHILATELIST was a real surprise—so neat and handsome, you know. While not equal, in point of contents to either of the above mentioned papers, it surpasses them in mechanical perfection and arrangement. Its cover was designed and engraved by the editor, A Dietz.

Number 60 of F F & F contains only an article on Japanese stamps. It is an interesting subject, and the article contains much good matter, but it is poorly arranged.

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CHAPTER VI.

More misfortune. Robert loses the "Fatal Stamp", ... Employment of Hiram Short, the detective.

ON HIS return from Allon, Robert first proceeded to Stelvedio, where he changed cars and took a train for his home in L—.

At Stelvedio he took a seat in the smoking car, and lighting his favorite pipe, which was his constant companion, he proceeded to "day-dream" of "the girl he left behind him."

He had just finished his first pipe when a friend entered the car and greeted him very cordially.

"By the way, Robert," he said, "my wife is back in the next car. Won't you allow me to introduce you?"

"Certainly, I shall be much pleased," and he followed his friend into the next car, leaving his grip, cane, and other property scattered about the seat.

Time passed so rapidly in his friends' society that the train was in sight of L— before he thought of looking after his property in the smoking car.

Hastily excusing himself he entered the car only to find a surprise

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awaiting him.

His cane, newspaper, and overcoat were just as he had left them, but his grip was not to be seen.

A speedy investigation by Robert and the conductor revealed the fact that it was not in the car, and he was forced to go without it, after giving his address to the conductor so that the missing article might be returned if found.

Robert's first proceeding after reaching home was to call at the office of Hiram Short, the best detective in L.—.

When his client's errand was made known to him, Mr. Short put his usual questions and noted down the answers.

Did the grip contain anything of value?"

"Yes, sir."

"Please state their nature and value."

"Well, I can't state the exact value of much of the contents. It was mostly filled with rare postage stamps, and articles of that nature."

"Ah, I see. These stamps are of value only to stamp collectors and therefore can only be sold to some one in that line of trade. Please describe some of the most valuable stamps, and have the kindness to use language suited to the comprehension of a non-collector."

Robert then described some of

the stamps, including the one bearing the name of the "*Fatal Stamp*."

"Now please tell me what kind of people sat near you in the car."

"I only noticed one person."

"Describe him."

"Oh, there is no danger of his being the thief. He is a most respectable collector, of whom I have often heard. He noticed my badge and we fell into conversation. Here is his card;

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Short looked at the card and said, this *may* be his card, and it *may* not. I shall investigate. Please describe him."

"He was a tall fellow, with brown hair and eyes and a very heavy mustache. He wore a soft hat and L suit of dark gray."

"Did you notice anything else? Any personal peculiarity, I mean."

"Yes, I thought one of his front teeth (he had beautiful teeth) was slightly moveable. I noticed it when he smiled."

"I see," remarked Short. "He has at least one false tooth. That will prove a clue, perhaps. Now I will look over my notes, and if you will call in, in the morning, I will let you know what progress I have made. Meanwhile, do not fear. Your stamps will be returned before you are a week older. Good morning."

"Good morning, and good luck, Mr. Short."

TO BE CONTINUED.

Editorial.

OUR previous issues have not been what we would wish, but we are improving, and shall continue

to do so.



WE ARE indeed very glad to note the great improvement being made by some of our large societies.



THE unwarranted attack made on Mr. Georges Carion by various societies and persons is justly re-sented by all who have any sense of right. Such foolish talk inflicts irreparable injury to the good character Mr. Carion has been a lifetime building.



I. E. PATTERSON gives John Brassington a well deserved expose in the October Texan. "Brassy" says he lost \$300 on his paper. He surely did not lose any of it paying for Mss., for he still owes the editor \$1.00 for solicited articles. Any one wishing to make a paying (?) investment can have the account for a two cent stamp. Cheap, isn't it?

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While your hoarded wealth expands,
Till the cold, dark shadow of the grave
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You will have your balance struch some night,
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Whethert you're over or under the sod,
The result will be the same;
You cannot escape the hand of God,
You must bear your sin and shame.
No matter what's carved on a marble slab,
When the items are all produced,
You'll find that St. Peter was keeping 'tab,'
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CHAPTER VII.

Robert learns the results of Hiram Short's investigation. . . . A Clue Off for Lupton.

THE next day when Robert climbed the stairs to Hiram Short's office, he found that gentleman ready to receive him.

When they were seated behind locked doors in a private room, Short produced some papers and began to explain what he had accomplished.

"First," he said, "read that," handing Robert a telegram.

Lindney, M —.

Hiram Short,

Detective:—

Certainly I am at home. Have not lately traveled on road you name. Why?

LEWIS J. MILLER

"Now see," said Short, as Robert returned the telegram, "that is in answer to a message from me asking him if he had traveled lately on this road, and if he is now home Sidney is at least fifteen hundred miles from here, and had the man who gave you the card been the real Miller, he could not possibly have reached home in time to have sent the message at the hour shown on it.

That was the first step.

It proves plainly that the man on the train passed under another's name. False names are bad enough, but when a man uses the good

name of another to shield his own crookedness, it is infinitely worse."

"Then you are without a clue," broke in Robert.

"Not at all, my friend, not at all. I have a very good clue, and one that will enable me to keep the promise I made you yesterday."

"Please explain. Do not keep me in suspense any longer."

"Very well, I will do so. But first I must ask you not to allow any one to get an idea of the facts I shall tell you."

First, I went last evening to see the conductor of the train on which you came from Stelvedio to L—. As soon as I explained my errand, he answered my questions promptly, and gave me all the information possible.

Conductor Scription is a very discreet as well as an intelligent man. The important facts I got from him are two in number.

Fact number one—The man in gray left the train at a little station called Lupton.

Fact number two—There is but one hotel in the place.

My deductions from these facts are that the person, who we will, for the present continue to call the man in gray, must intend to stop in Lupton a short time, at least.

Second, he must, of necessity, stop at a hotel, and his choice would be limited to one.

Therefore my first proceeding on leaving the conductor was to wire

the hotel keeper at Lupton to mail me a copy of his register for the day. Here is his answer, which I received this morning in the nine o'clock mail. It is written, as you see, on a postal card, doubtless from motives of economy. As the writing is not of the plainest I have had a typewritten copy made.

It contains four names only, given, I suppose, in the order in which they registered;

SOLOMON LAIRD, Newton, I—.
LEWIS LANGLEY, Westley, M—
H. H. POTTER, Berwyn, I—.
HENRY SMITHSON, " "

Then, but four men have registered, and one of them must be our man.

Not the first, assuredly.

I know Mr Solomon Laird by reputation. He is a cattle drover, and wouldn't know the rarest stamp in existence from a common two cent one,— but neither would I, for that matter.

Next we come to Langley. I say he is not our man either. His name is an odd one— far too peculiar for a rogue's use.

Then we have but two names left both of which are from the same place. One of them must be the man we want. I say the last one. Henry Smithson. That's it. Just such a common one as would suit his purpose. That he registered from the same place as the preceding man is another proof. That is

a common trick among people who do not want their real place of abode known.

Anyway, it rests between him and H. H. Potter."

"Very well, and very plain. What will your next proceeding be?"

"I shall proceed to Lupton this evening in disguise, and wish you wait for me there. Do not appear to recognize me, as I desire that we shall pass as strangers."

CHAPTER VIII.

Robert arrives in Lutpon... The elderly stranger— who is he? The question answered.

ARRIVED at the little town of Lupton, Robert registered at the hotel, and sat down to await the coming of the evening train and with it Hiram Short. During the long hour of waiting he assured himself by a personal examination, that the names on the register had been properly transmitted.

At six o'clock the train arrived, and Robert strolled down to the station to see who should get off.

To his dissatisfaction he saw no one at all resembling Hiram Short. The only persons who got off the train during its brief stop at Lupton were a woman and a little girl, evidently inhabitants of the town, and a pompous elderly gentleman, dressed in sedate black.

No, Short had failed to come, and Robert went back to the hotel.

When he entered the office he saw the elderly gentleman leaning

on the desk and discussing the weather with the landlord.

Five minutes passed in that way, and then the stranger said:

"I will register and would then like to be shown a room, and after that will have supper."

"Certainly, sir. Supper is now ready."

"Very well. Allow me to examine the rooms that are not occupied and I will make a selection. On account of my age I am obliged to be rather particular."

The landlord disappeared with the stranger in tow. He first led the way to room number 2. It met the stranger's disapproval.

"Not enough light, sir," he said.

"Very well, sir, I can give you a room with more windows. Step this way, please."

Room 6, which they now entered, was a large spacious room, with three windows.

"This is our best room, sir."

"Very well. Where does that door lead to?"

"To the next room, but it locks on both sides, so it is entirely safe."

"Who occupies the next room?"

"A young gentleman whom you may have noticed in the office while we were talking."

"Oh, very well. I'll take the room. I will now endeavor to efface the marks of my journey, before coming down to supper."

After the landlord had gone, the gentleman tiptoed to the door, and

after locking the door proceeded to make a thorough investigation of the room.

First he turned over a few papers on the table and selected one of them which he placed under a book on the mantle. Next he turned his attention to the grate and made the discovery of a few scraps of paper. These he pieced together and placed in his pocket book.

This done he gave the room a parting glance and went down to supper.

Robert Pardones was just leaving the dining room as the elderly gentleman entered.

He was naturally much astonished when the stranger whispered in passing, "Try the door between your room and mine when the clock strikes eleven tonight."

That was all, and the stranger pushed past Robert and took a seat at the table.

What could it mean?

Robert resolved to do as the stranger had directed, and after a short walk about the town, went to his room to await the hour of eleven.

The moment the hall clock began to strike he went to the door, turned the key, and the door opened readily, and without noise.

He stepped into the room and found himself in the presence of—Hiram Short.

"You here, Mr. Short? Where is the elderly gentleman?"

"There," said Short, pointing to

the bed.

Robert looked and saw a wig, a pair of gold rimmed spectacles, and the sedate suit of black.

"You were in disguise, and I did not know you. Allow me to congratulate you on your aptitude for impersonation. You have completely deceived me."

"Thank you! Now, perhaps you would like to know what I have accomplished. Draw up to the table, and when you speak, speak low; we must not be overheard."

CHAPTER IX.

The midnight interview....Discovery of Barton's address.

"WELL," began Hiram Short "we are in the very room in which Lewis J. Miller, alias Henry Smithson, alias John Barton spent his time while in this place."

"How did you learn that?"

"Easily. I looked on the register."

"What else have you learned?"

"Did the fellow smoke while on the train?"

"He did."

"What?"

"Cigarettes."

"Did he smoke the ready made 'coffin-nails,' or did he roll them?"

"He rolled them himself."

"Come here."

Short lead the way to the grate, and pointed to several cigarette stubs on it.

He picked one up. It was filled with the fine topacco used in hand made cigarettes, and moreover it unrolled readily, which machine made ones never do.

"Does that convince you?"

"It does."

"Now look at this."

"Short handed Robert a copy of the current 'Philatelist.'"

"This proves nothing."

"You are mistaken. It does."

"What?"

"It gives us the address of the thief and places the game in our own hands."

Robert looked over the paper; no name was written on it.

"Please explain."

"Look at this, then."

Short produced a scrap of paper.

Robert took it and made out; "John Bar——."

"Now see this," said Short, handing over another scrap.

"Now," said Short, "put these together and we have 'John Barton, ——ville, O.'"

"What place is it? There must be five hundred towns in Ohio that end in 'ville'"

"Then see this," producing another scrap.

It bore in red letters the words "Marked Cop——."

"I still fail to see the point."

"I think that Sohn Barton is the man we want."

"Undoubtedly."

"'Marked Copy' of course infers

that some part of the paper should be marked, but as you see, such is not the case. I shall adopt the method of looking through the paper to see if I can determine what part it was desired to direct John Barton's attention to. As I have not yet had time to do this suppose we do it together."

Robert consented and they proceeded to examine the pages of the paper.

They were duly rewarded by finding this brief paragraph;

"We wish especially to warn all collectors against one John Barton, of A—ville, Ohio, who operates under various aliases. He is shrewd and entirely unscrupulous. We have a good description of him and will send it to anyone desiring to identify him."

Both read the paragraph carefully and then expressed their delight by heartily shaking hands. They then arranged to wire the editor of the "Philatelist" for the description.

Short, again in disguise, would return to L— on the first train, and Robert was to wait at Lupton for the telegram.

They again shook hands and retired, as it was after one o'clock.

CHAPTER X.

Nettie Burliss as a detective... She takes an unexpected trip... The result.

HERE WE must spare a few moments from the proceedings

of Robert Pardones and Hiram Short, and once more visit Allon.

On leaving Allon the last time, Robert had promised Nettie that he would return the next day.

Four days had passed, and the only thing she had heard from him was the following note;

L—, Sept. 12.

Dearest Nettie;

"May not be able to visit you when I intended. Very important business will prevent, but I hope to be with you soon. The stamps I received from Mascheena are at the bottom of the business."

Ever yours,

Robert.

Nettie pondered long over this brief note, and she felt a foreboding of danger.

Here was her acceptee lover pursuing the stamp which had fully earned its title of "Fatal" by causing the death of two persons. Why should he seek to recover the ill-starred thing? Had she known his whereabouts she would have asked that the search be stopped, but she had no idea where he was.

However, on the fifth day she was cheered by the receipt of a long letter from her absent lover.

Robert wrote a full history of what has already been presented to the reader, and concluded with a full description of the thief.

Events proved that Nettie Burliss was to have her share in the

tragedy of the "Fatal Stamp." Not more than two hours after receiving Robert's letter, she was at the depot in the expectation of meeting a lady friend who had been away from Allon on a visit.

But she saw some one else, and when the train steamed eastward it had for one of its passengers Nettie Burliss.

Through the open window of one of the cars she had seen a tall man with a beautiful mustache, and clear brown eyes. In an instant the description of the stamp thief flashed through her mind, and she felt that this was the man.

As Nettie took her seat behind him, she heard him ask the conductor what time they would reach Van Wert, so when the conductor asked for her ticket, she paid her fare to that place.

Nothing unusual happened until they reached Van Wert.

As the train stopped at the station, the suspected thief gathered up his belongings and hastened out.

As Nettie rose to leave the train she noticed a small, neatly folded piece of paper in the seat he had occupied. In passing she secured it to be examined later.

Entering the depot, she saw the man she was following step to the ticket office.

She placed herself in hearing distance.

"What time does the first train

leave for Columbus?"

"11:35."

"What time does it reach there?"

"2:30 A. M."

"Thank you. I will take a ticket for that place. At what time can I get a train out of Columbus for A——ville?"

"3:12 A. M.," was the reply, and Nettie heard no more.

She waited until the supposed Barton had departed for Columbus and then took a train for Allon.

On the way she unfolded the slip of paper she had found, and saw it contained but a few lines of letters.

Nfnp tsbno pm af qbqf qppm tjy
epsfk Kvespm. Hqbsf. Ejesg sjkf
epqsg qpx.

It was evidently a cipher of some sort, but what it was she could not guess. She decided to mail it to Robert, on the chance that it was something concerning the stamps.


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EDITORIAL.

OUR "SOUVENIR NUMBER."

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OUR READERS WILL remember the many articles the editor has written anent the Cincinnati Handstamp. It is strange what opposition some people show these stamps

Yet all collectors are not so. Mr. M. K. Gantz, a leading attorney of Troy, Ohio, who has a very fine collection of U. S. Stamps, has just purchased one of these stamps.

Any one not familiar with this stamp can secure a blue-print for examination by sending postage to the editor. We predict that before the end of the century, these stamps will be listed in all standard catalogues.

OUR NEW WRITERS, G. G. Bentley and Laretta Lewis Lang, both contribute their share toward the success of this number.

In Bentley, our readers will find a bright and rising star, and in Miss Lang, a brilliant writer, in her chosen field. Her story, "A Forest Legend," will be of absorbing interest from end to end—abounding in mystery: love: hatred, and adventure. No one should fail to read it. "His Romance," Mr. Bentley's best story, is a beautiful tale of love: hope: sorrow—intermingled in an interesting manner. This story illustrates the romance often existing in the lives of seemingly commonplace people.

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THE "SIGNAL," (daily & weekly) is doing a great deal of good for "the city by the sea," and no one who goes to, or is interested in, the city of Santa Monica, should fail to subscribe.

We have a few copies of "Philatelia," left, and to dispose of them, will close out at 10c a copy— but our supply is very limited

OUR next number will be our annual "Holiday Number," and will be out the 25th of January— price, only 10c a copy Printed in colors.

Credit should have been given to the "Kentucky Colonel" for the poem on the first page.

SPECIAL NOTICE The first edition of "Philatelia," the much-discussed philatelic novel, is nearly gone It can now be had for only 10c, but the next edition will cost 25 cents

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We have made arrangements for a number of practical articles on Photography, which will interest all camera owners These articles will appear from time to time

We have also arranged for several stories by a balloonist John De Varr, a retired balloonist, will tell in these sketches, each one complete in itself, the story of his wonderful

adventures while following his perilous profession.

"Hunting in Ceylon," will be the title of a story to be presented in the near future. Written by a noted sportsman.

A new serial, which will commence some time in the Spring, is entitled "The Haunted Studio," and will be of thrilling interest.

During the year 1898, will appear a sequel to "Philatelia," entitled "The Album's Secret."

You cannot afford to miss all this— send in your subscription, and get it as it appears.

We wonder what William C. Stone, Amy L. Swift, S B Hopkins and others, *ad lib and ad nauseum* say to THIS issue? ? ? Does William C. anything of interest in it?

William seesaw (*we mean "C. saw"*) "nothing of interest" in our first few numbers, so, for his sake, we have endeavored to improve.

Note:— *The Editor did NOT write this*

(Current Review.)

Note:— *No paper will be reviewed that does not send one copy to the Editor, and one copy to the Manager. Papers complying with this rule will be fully and impartially reviewed, if marked X*

THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST for November came out soon after the November issue of "Philatelic Facts." It is, as usual replete with good things. It should have its contents protected by copy

right, or the "Philatelic Bulletin," of Salem, Mass. will steal it all. It is too bad Philatelic Journalism is infested by publishers who re-hash other peoples writings and pass it as their own.

BITS & CHIPS is an interesting paper published in the interest of Amature Journalism. It is in every way deserving of a greet and continued success.

Many papers send Exchange copies only to Riverside—please see notice at top of reviews.

Will the Stamp Reporter, Perferator, Mekeel's Weekly, and others please exchange?

STAMP TALK

By The Editor.

The "Philatelic Bulletin," of Salem, Mass. is clipped almost "verbatim" from the Virginia Philatelist—therefore, subscribe to the latter, and get both papers in one.

In order to keep U. S. specialists at work, Scotts list a lot of new minor varieties, which serve to keep the boys studying, which is one of the benefits of Philately.

Mr. W S Preston, a Hoosier collector, had the good fortune, in

November, to find three fine three cent green Playing Card stamps on some old photographs.

Canadian dealers vary a great deal in their prices for Canadian Revenues. They should agree, so that collectors would know what prices are standard.

We were surprised to receive the November Philatelic Advocate containing twelve pages and cover. It is full of good things and has many interesting adxertisements. Star-naman Bros. are to be congratulated on their success, which is due them to say is the fruit of a vast amount of patience and the everlasting 'stick-to itiveness characteristic of the true Philatelist.

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THE SWEETEST THINGS.

What are the sweetest things of earth?
Lips that can praise a rival's worth;
A fragrant rose that hides no thorn;
Riches of gold untouched by scorn;

A happy little child asleep;
Eyes that can smile though they may weep
A brother's cheer; a father's praise;
The minstrelsy of summer days;

A heart where anger never burns;
A gift that looks for no returns;
Wrong's overthrow; pain's swift release;
Dark footsteps guided into peace;

The light of love in lover's eyes;
Age that is young as well as wise;
A mother's kiss; a baby's mirth—
These are the sweetest things of earth.



Gums & Gumming.

BY W. S. P.

THE ABOVE IS NOT A very appropriate title for any article, yet it fits this one the best of any which I tried.

As the Chinaman says, "Belly Mucher" can be said on the above subject, and yet not very much that is not of a technical nature, too much so, indeed, for most amateurs to understand.

The Gums used on stamps and for all adhesives of a like nature (with a few exceptions) are of two kinds— Gum Acacia, commonly called Gum Arabic, and Gum Dextrin.

Gum Acacia is a product of Arabia and adjoining countries, and from this fact it gets its common name of Gum Arabic. It is the

product of a tree or shrub called the Acacia tree, and ooses from the bark in a manner similiar to the gum you can often see on r cherry tree.

It is a hard, somewhat crystalline substance, varying in color from water white, or almost perfect clearness, to a red or deep brown, the best quality being the colorless gum. It is almost, if not quite, tasteless in its purer state, and if any taste is detected it is usually sweetish, but in the inferior qualities, sometimes slightly bitter.

It is soluble in water, but not in alcohol, or alcoholic preparations, hence the writer would suggest a test for Gum Acacia on a stamp by applying alcohol (almost absolute, 95% at least.) If the gum is not at all softened, it is safe to say the gum is Gum Acacia in its purer state.

It is applied by being disolved in hot water, filtered, and spread on the sheets before they are perforated, by a brush or roller dipped in a pan of solution, and then the sheets are spread to dry in a current of warm air.

A small quantity of Glycerine is sometimes added to give the gum flexibility, and to prevent its curling or cracking and peeling off.

Dextrine, according to Webster's International, is "a translucent gumo, amorphous substance, nearly tasteless and oderless, used as a substitute for gum, for sizing, etc.,

and is obtained from starch by the action of heat, acids, or diastase."

In a few words it is potato starch. The best is nearly colorless, being a pinkish gray and running to a light brown, in the inferior qualities. A comparison between the potato Dextrine and the Grain Dextrine, so called, shows the Potato Gum to be very light in color, and almost clear when dissolved, while the others are various shades of brown.

The inferior qualities are made in the Starch factories, and are obtained from corn, wheat, etc., and are usually called Grain Dextrine.

A peculiarity of Dextrine is its affinity for water when combined with other substances. Unscrupulous butchers take advantage of this fact in the manufacture of sausage. They add Dextrine and water to the sausage, and the Dextrine makes the sausage hold a much larger percent of water, thus making it weigh heavier and likewise enriching the butcher to the extent of the increased proportion of water.

Dextrine, like Gum Acacia, is dissolved in hot water. It should be allowed to stand several days to thoroughly dissolve, and may be materially hastened by frequent shakings.

It is applied to the paper in the same manner as Gum Acacia, and Glycerine or Sugar is sometimes added to produce flexibility.



Dextrine is substituted for Gum

Acacia on account of its cheapness. It costs from 4 to 10 cents a pound, while Gum Arabic costs from 20 to 60 cents.

I would advise stamp collectors who desire to make their own hinges to use the Gum Arabic, with the addition of a few drops of Glycerine and a little sugar, if a sweet taste is desired, in preference to Dextrine even if the cost be a little more, for Dextrine sometimes discolors stamps.

And, by the way, I may add, collectors can make as good hinges as any on the market, at from 2 to 5c per M., the main point being to get very thin, tough, onion skin paper, and good gum.




A REPLY.

 BY H. I. WATTS

I HAVE been pretty free in the past in expressing my opinion of the 'Cincinnati Hand Stamp' and have written so much about it that the following was no surprise to me;—

"Mr. H. I. Watts still advocates the claims of the Cincinnati Hand Stamp. Query. What will Mr. Watts pay for copies of this variety?"

The above appeared in the International Stamp, of Oct. 21st 1897.

I presume from it that Mr. Martin has some to dispose of— in which event I should dearly love to

hear from him. But I suppose that Eben, in common with other great and shining lights, freezes on to this class of stamps as hard as any one. So many say they are not stamps, and when you offer to buy, they say, "Oh, no, I'll just keep them. Some day Scott MAY take a notion to catalogue them, and THEN they'll be valuable."

Just so, friends; catalogs WILL list them some day, and then—you'll have to shell out if you get them.

Standing near to the close of the year 1897, let me make a prophecy.

"ERE 10 YEARS ARE TOLD BY THE SWIFT MOVING WHEEL OF TIME, THESE NOW DESPISED 'POSTMARKS' WILL BE ELEVATED TO THE DIGNITY OF 'STAMPS,' AND WILL FIND A PLACE, HONORED & RESPECTED, AMONG OUR NATION'S POSTAL ISSUES."

Laugh at me, all who will, the day is coming when the laugh will be turned, and you will hustle, and hustle hard, for these rarities.

WHO CARES?

WHO CARES that your cross is heavy;
Who cares that you weep and sigh;
Who cares that you find life darkened—
That you'd gladly lie down and die?

Who cares that your tears are falling
Like the chill November rain;
Who cares that your heart is aching
With a dull and ceaseless pain?

Who cares that your feet are weary,
Walking in poverty's way;
Who cares that you see no sunshine
In the fair, bright summer's day?

Who cares that your dreams are shatter'd
Who cares that you know no rest;
Who cares that you're daily nursing
Despair at your very breast?

No one, for the world is selfish.
It wants not your grief and pain.
You may cry your woes from the housetop
But you'll cry them all in vain.

But fill your pockets with gold dust,
With a beaming smile advance,
And then you can play your fiddle,
And the whole wide world will dance.
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land,
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mand,
Still we see the seal and cod-fish, and the full rigged fishing
smack
On the pages of our album, and they bring old memories
back.



His Romance

By G. G. Bentley.

CHAPTER ONE.

A CHANCE DISCOVERY.

CLOSE beside a clear mountain stream, stood a little cabin, five miles from the nearest town. It had stood there among the trees for many years, occupied only by an old, gray haired man.

No one knew who he was or where he had come from— all that was known about him was that once a month he appeared in the town to purchase provisions, and get his papers, which came by mail, and were addressed to "Thomas Burnelle."

But few persons ever saw him on these visits, and those who did had other things to occupy their minds, so one day when his usual time for visiting the town came and he did not appear, as was his custom for many years, no one noticed his absence. If any did miss him, the fact was soon forgotten.

A week passed.

One morning a party of hunters accidentally discovered a cabin among the trees on the mountain.

There was no sign of life appearant, so they pushed open the door and entered,

On a cot in one corner lay a man. One of the men

approached the cot, and recognized Thomas Burnelle. 'He spoke to the old man, but received no answer. Then, for the first time he noticed that the old man was not breathing. Having a slight knowledge of medicine, he stooped over and felt for his heart. It was not beating.

They tried every method known to them to revive him, but to no purpose, for Thomas Burnelle was dead.

On the floor beside the cot lay a picture of a beautiful young girl, dressed in the style of fifty years ago.

The old man was given a decent burial, and then a search was made of the cabin, and all the old man's private papers, including the picture, were carried to the village and turned over to the care of the only intimate friend that he had had, a lawyer by the name of Franklin.

The lawyer was very busy at that time, and the papers were laid away and forgotten.

A year afterward, he was one evening engaged in arranging the contents of his private desk, when he discovered a package of papers in an obscure corner.

He could not remember of ever having seen them before, so he opened them to learn the nature of their contents.

They proved to be the papers left by Thomas Burnelle.

There were many documents of more or less value, in the package, but what most attracted the attention, of the lawyer were three things.

They were a will, a large roll of writing paper and a newspaper clipping.

He read the clipping first. It was without a date, and said;

A MYSTERIOUS DEATH.

Late last night the body of an unknown man of about 30 or 35, was found in Shady Grove, a mile from the city. He had been dead for several hours when found. The body was that of a young man, 5 ft. 6 in. high, weight, about 160, dark brown hair, brown eyes, light complexion, and a scar across the left cheek. A bullet hole through his heart, and a handsome silver pistol, with an empty chamber, told the manner of his death, though whether suicide or murder, will probably never be known.

Franklin failed to see any connection between this and his old friend, so he turned to the will.

It had been made many years before, and was short and concise, and left all the old man's property to his daughter, Myrtle Bradford, or her heirs.

As the lawyer read the name, the will dropped from his trembling fingers to the desk before him, and he sat gazing at it.

And no wonder!

Years before, he had married Myrtle Bradford!

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One night an old lady, a friend of Franklin's, was sitting alone in her house, when there came a knock at the door. When she reached the door, only a little child of two years was there.

She took the child into the house, and found a note pinned to its dress asking to give it a home, and stating that the child's name was Myrtle Bradford, and that her parents were so cruel to her that she had been taken away to save her life.

Out of sympathy, she kept the little girl, and cared for her. When Myrtle was eighteen, Franklin

married her.

They lived happily for three years, and then she died, leaving a little girl a year old.

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At last Franklin recovered from his astonishment and taking up the roll of writing, untied the cord, and spread the papers out before him.

He read them all, and then re-read them, and when he finished, he sat for a long time gazing vacantly before him, thinking of what he had read.

Then, with a sigh, he arose, and extinguished the light in his office, just as the first streaks of dawn began to brighten the eastern sky, and walked homeward— happy in anticipation of the future, yet filled with pity for one whose life might have been different.

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Part Two.

'The Old Man's Story.'

CHAPTER ONE.

THE WRECK.

"A—., July 9, 18—.

To whom it may concern;—

REALIZING THAT SOON I shall be claimed by the relentless hand of Death— for I am now past ninety— I have written out the following true account of my life.

I was born in London, on the tenth of January, —. My mother died when I was but six years, and my father married again.

My stepmother was very good and kind to me till the death of my father, five years later. She married again, within a year of his death, and it was

then that I learned her true character.

At my father's death, my troubles began. I will not dwell on this period of my existence, for the memory of those dark days is far too painful.

When I was eighteen, I was turned out of the house that had always been my home. I secured a good position, which I held till I was twenty-one.

Then I resigned, claimed the large fortune which my father had left for me, transferred it to a bank in New York, and sailed for America.

The reason for this step was that I was engaged and the girl's parents were to move to America, on account of her mother's delicate health.

We took passage on the same ship, and all went well, until the third day out.

Then the ship sprung a leak. During the night she began to fill rapidly, and to make matters worse, a storm arose. At ten o'clock the captain ordered all hands to the boats.

All but one boat had pulled safely away, when the ship, without the slightest warning, suddenly sank.

I was on the deck, about to step into the boat, and, of course, was drawn down with the ship.

Down, down, I went! It seemed as if I would never stop!

After what seemed an age to me, I began to rise, but so slowly, Oh, so slowly. I felt as if I could no longer hold my breath.

My position was terrible. All my past life— my childhood— my mother's death— my father's marriage— his death— my step-parent's cruelty— my sweetheart— the start for America— the sinking of the ship— all were vividly depicted to my mind.

Then, just as I had despaired of ever reaching the

surface, I emerged, nearly smothered.

The sinking of the ship had capsized the remaining boat. My sweetheart had been in this boat, and when I saw the boat bottom up, I was filled with a terrible dread.

I started to swim to it, when I thought I heard, above the roar of the storm, a cry.

I shouted.

In a moment I heard an answer.

Thank God! it was Gertrude's voice.

I instantly swam in the direction from which the sound came. Guided by her voice, I at last reached my darling's side. She was nearly exhausted.

For a while I swam, while she clung to my shoulders. It was hard work, for the sea ran high.

I soon became weary, and before long I felt that I should soon sink from exhaustion, did I not soon find some means of support.

Suddenly I saw the ship's boat, floating bottom up. Then, while my sweetheart swam, I succeeded in righting the boat.

I helped her in, and at last managed to clamber in and sink down beside her. I sat down in a comfortable position, and made a pillow of my lap for her head. Then I kissed her, and at last, tired with her exertions, she fell asleep.

Imagine our position, if you can— alone in an open boat in mid-ocean, miles from anywhere, and during a storm; without water, without provisions, without oars— truly, not an envious position!

All night long I sat there, holding my darling's head, but I little knew what the morning had in store for me, or I should have prayed for Death to overtake me before the morning broke.

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Oh God, why, in your mercy, did you not claim

me on that awful night? What untold suffering, would have been avoided! What have I done that I was doomed to suffer as I have suffered? Is there a God? If there is, (and I was taught there is) why did he take away my first sweetheart? She was the first girl I ever loved; I loved her with all my heart, and she loved—

My eyes grow dim with tears, and I can hardly see to write.

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At length morning came, but it brought no hope. Eagerly I scanned the horizon, for signs of a sail, or of the other boats. As far as the eye could reach, extended an unbroken expanse of water. Then, worn out with the exertions of the night, I fell asleep.

How long I slept, I do not know, but when I woke, Gerty was still asleep. After a time I decided to waken her, for it was terribly cold, and she was in danger of freezing.

I spoke to her, but she did not answer. I spoke again, and the silence was unbroken. Next, gently shook her. Then, alarmed, I knelt down beside her.

Oh God! Shall I ever forget that sight? Shall—

One look at those glassy eyes— that sweet smile of loving trustfulness— told the whole story— SHE WAS DEAD! My darling—

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When I recovered, I learned that the ship which had picked me up would not touch port for a year, but that as soon as possible, be put on board a ship bound for some port. A month passed uneventfully.

Then one morning we sighted a sail, which proved to be the "Magnolia," from New York to London.

I preferred to return to London, rather than take chances of sighting a ship for America, so I boarded

the "Magnolia," and in due time reached London.

The other boats were never heard from.

I remained in London six weeks, and then again boarded the "Magnolia," bound for America.

We were much delayed by winds and storms, and when we entered New York harbour, were three weeks overdue.

For five years I remained in New York, and at the end of the first year, married a beautiful girl.

We had one child, a daughter, whom we named Myrtle, after her mother.

Before going further with my story, I may as well state that my real name is John Bradford, but I have for many years been known as Thomas Burnelle—ever since I mur—

But that belongs to another part of my story.



CHAPTER TWO.

SATAN ENTERS MY PARADISE.

WHEN Myrtle was two years old she was abducted. God in Heaven, shall I ever forget that day!? I had been away on business, and returned at dark. My wife met me at the door.

"John," she said, "have you seen Myrtle?"

"No. Is she not here?"

"I have not seen her since morning!"

I at once started to search the neighbourhood.

For hours I searched, and at last, thoroughly disheartened, I notified the police of her disappearance, and returned home.

"You have not yet found her?" was wife's anxious inquiry. Her face was pale, and she had been crying

during my absence.

“No. I could find no trace of her.”

Days passed, then weeks, and these lengthened into months, but still we hear nothing of Myrtle.

I offered large rewards for her recovery, and spent thousands of dollars paying detectives, but to no purpose.

A man named Robert Jones was living with us at that time, and about a year after, I was suddenly on business to Europe.

I returned late one evening, and went at once to my study. On my desk lay a note, addressed in my wife's familiar writing. Eagerly I grasped it, and read these words.

‘Mr. Bradford;— I have discovered that you have deceived me— that your business in Europe was with a woman and— a child. Mr. Jones has proved that this is true. I am going away, never to return, and I beg you to forget that there was ever such a person in existence as Myrtle Bradford.

When I finished reading, I crushed the note in my hand.

“God knows I am innocent of that charge! And here, in what was once a happy home, I swear that I will never stop until I find Robert Jones and kill him!”

AND I KEPT THAT OATH!

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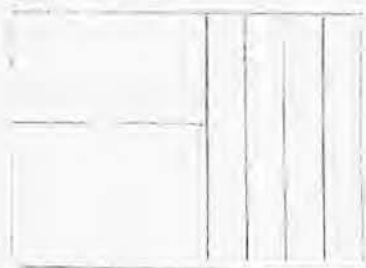
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A Pocket Case.

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RUSHING WITHIN
the through the
darkness, sped No. 3,
on one Christmas
night, over a long
tunnel.

The train was
fast, and the tele-
graph operator at
W — —, where they
usually passed No.

3, had with him the following message:
"Train No. 3, 10:00, and that the
train is in W — —, where No. 3
usually passes. No. 3 is
fast. Inside the tunnel, all
lights are out. The train
is in W — —, where they
usually pass No. 3."

The fifteen miles of track between W
and H — — was the worst part of all the
great — — system. The real distance
between the two towns was seven miles,
but, owing to the nature of the country,
the railroad was compelled to wind in
and out among the hills and valleys.

Midway between the two towns was a
long tunnel, which followed a zig-zag
course through the mountains. This
tunnel was considered the most dangerous
part of the whole route.

Many weeks had occurred there, and
scores of people had lost their lives, and
the tunnel had at last been named by
railroad men the "Death Hole."

Many an unfortunate tramp had come

upon the tunnel, and being ignorant of
its length, ventured in, and been killed
by a passing train. Oh, if they escaped
death in that way, they were sure to be
suffocated by smoke.

And with this message sped into W — —
on that eventful Christmas Eve, bearing
the load of unconscious human freight.

When train No. 3 reached H — — that
night, the operator included the engineer's
message.

"Please No. 3, W — — —"
"Don't like the sound of that," the
engineer remarked. "We've got to look it
up. No. 3 would pass No. 3."

"You have just received W — — —"
replied the operator.

Just as the message of No. 3 returned
ed around a curve, the telegram that he
sent at H — — began to arrive. The op-
erator turned to receive the message.

came the message.

The operator's face grew very pale,
spring to his feet.

"Let me see it," he said, and
heard, and read again.

"No. 3, 10:00, and that the
train is in W — —, where No. 3
usually passes. No. 3 is
fast. Inside the tunnel, all
lights are out. The train
is in W — —, where they
usually pass No. 3."

And that as No. 3 entered, and
the engine, No. 3, started the other

Christmas morning dawned cold and
stormy. In a walk to the president's
at his western home, sat a beautiful
young girl. In her hand she held a
letter.

"Greeting letter."

"I shall be with you again on
Christmas morning. I shall come on
train No. 3, which arrives at half past ten.
I will come to the hotel with a package,
and we can be married before dinner."

"And now, my two darling little girls,
good by all Christmas. For I shall not

get another chance to write. Good by, Ralph."

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As train No. 1 neared the center of the tunnel the engineer thought he saw a light ahead. Then he saw the other train rush around the curve, and before he had time to move, there was a terrible crash, and all was darkness.

The engineer of No. 2 had miraculously escaped, and in distress started to H. for help, while some one else was dispatched in the opposite direction on the same mission.

When help arrived, they found the wreck on fire. They at once began to do what they could to help those who were still in danger from the flames.

When they reached the smoker of No. 1, they found a young man who was crushed beneath several seats. There was a terrible cut across his forehead.

The fire had already reached the car, and was fast nearing him.

"Quick, give me a pencil and paper," he cried. "You can do nothing to save me. I am dying."

Paper and pencil were given him, and he quickly wrote and addressed a message.

"Take this money and send this telegram—for—me," he said.

The heat had driven away all but one man, and he now took the paper and money. As soon as he reached a place of safety, he paused and glanced back, a look of intense pity on his face.

Then, from the midst of the dancing flames, rang out a cry of mortal agony.

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At ten o'clock a telegram was handed to Edna.

"Darling Edna;

The train has been wrecked, and I am dying. The wreck has taken fire, and I am pinned down here, and

cannot move. Good by, darling, God bless you. I wish I could see you again before I die, but I cannot. The fire is almost here, now, and soon it will be burning me. Well, I am ready for it; a few moments of horrible torture, and then? Good by, darling, for the best time. Ralph."

Ralph.

* * *

December 31st. Night.

Edna sat in her room, alone, holding a photograph. She sat there for a long time, gazing at it in silence. At last she rose, and going to a little table, she drank the contents of a glass standing there. Then she sat down again, and once more looked at the picture.

Long she sat there, silently. Then she raised the picture to her lips, and kissed it, and then, just as the bells announced the coming of the glad New Year—*she fell asleep.*

And there they found her, New Year's morning—*TRIAL.*

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(1)



THEY HAD been friends from childhood—he and she. They had grown up together—had quarreled, and made up, as children do.

As they grew older, who shall say if they were merely friends—or more? I cannot answer for her—but he—he grew to love her.

But he did not know it for a long time—not till he had confessed his love for

I had no trouble."

"We wish to understand it very thoroughly, so please show us the key before we see the translation."

"Here it is sir," laying down a slip of paper, on which was written;

A C E G I K M O Q S U W Y
B D F H J L N P R T V X Z

"Now," said Peterson, "the person desiring to write anything in this cipher, takes the first letter he wishes to write and represents it by the letter above or below it in the cipher key. For instance, should the word be 'the,' the first letter would be 'e,' next 'h,' then 'e,' thus, 'egh' (that does not look like 'the,' but still is easily translated by the cipher. Do you understand?"

"Plainly. Go on and show us the translation."

"Then, sir, this is it."

'MEMO:— Stamp (supposed to rare) on envelope; room 6, Hotel Lupton. Grate, fifth floor, fourth row.'

"You can verify it yourself, by referring to the cipher and key," remarked Peterson.

"We will trust to you for its correctness. As for me, I shall go at once to Lupton and look under the grate in room 6," said Robert.

"Do so," said Short, "and meanwhile I shall go on a still hunt for Barton. Go to Lupton as soon as possible, for when the rascal finds he has lost the cipher, he will hurry back to secure the stamp that has

been the root of all this trouble."

"I will start on the next train. I wish I had never seen the stamp, but now I shall never give up till I recover it."

"Good by, then, Robert. Be sure that you do not fall a victim to the deadly power of the 'Fatal Stamp.'"

"Good by, Mr. Short. I shall take good care. Look out for yourself, old boy," and Robert was gone.

CHAPTER XII

Robert Peterson returned to his usual abode. Short goes to Lupton. Description of the 'Fatal Stamp,' and Short's pursuit.

HEREAS Short had gone home to seek a night's rest before starting on the task of tracing Barton. His profound slumbers were suddenly broken by a vigorous ring at the door.

Mentally bemoaning his bad luck, he descended the stairs, and opened the door. A boy stood with a paper in his hand.

"Is this Mr. Short?"

"Yes. What is it?"

"A telegram, sir."

Hiram took the message, tore it open, and read:

"Train wrecked at Carron. Am badly hurt. Barton on train but escaped injury. Has gone on to Lupton. Fellow without delay. R. Pardones."

"Heavens! Robert is hurt, perhaps May die, and all on account of that damned stamp. Now I must go rushing around at mid-

night on the hunt for it. Wait, I'll send a message to relieve his mind.

Two minutes later the telegraph instruments at Carson were strident on this message:

"Don't worry. I will go to Lupton on the next train. Trust me to get Boston and recover the stamp."

Short then took a train to N—— where he could change for B——, from where he could go directly to Lupton. That round-about course was necessary to get past the wreck at Carson.

A deep dread of the task that lay before him filled Hiram Short's honest heart as the train rushed swiftly through the darkness and the dashing rain. A terrible storm was raging, and lightning flashed across the sky, while the heavy roar of thunder was constant. But no dread of evil nor fear of danger could turn Hiram Short back when once he started to advance.

It was still dark and the rain was still falling when he reached Lupton. He went at once to the room assigned to him.

A glance at the register showed him the entry, "Henry Smithson, room six."

Once in the room he tried the door connecting the two rooms. It yielded softly, and looking in, Short saw a sight that chilled his blood.

Stretched on the floor, his head resting on the cold tiling of the hearth, lay the still form of —

John Barton.

Short stepped softly to his side, and by a careful investigation, ascertained himself that he was dead—killed by the deadly lightning.

In his hand he clutched the "Fatal Stamp," which thus claimed another victim for its deadly record.

The detective carefully removed a burn the cold, stiff fingers, and with a slender thread it into his pocket. Then he saw that the fifth tile in the fourth row had been removed, leaving a vacant space. The dead man had evidently just removed the stamp from its hiding place, when he was killed by the electric flash.

Short replaced the tile, and with drew to his own room. At ten he left for Carson, to see Robert, leaving the terrible secret of room number six to be discovered by the hotel people.

Nettie Barliss stood sobbing by the bedside of her dying lover.

"Oh, Robert, don't you know me?"

The weary eyes opened and the true soul looked out from their glazing depths.

"It is Nettie," he said. "Kiss me, love—I am dying."

"Do not say that, dear Robert. You shall live, and then in the days to come we shall be so happy."

"It can never be, Nettie. Our

Robert, and how often he had handled it, and she involuntarily pressed it to her lips, murmuring, "Oh, poor Robert."

Scarcely had she laid it down, when her face paled, and she staggered to a chair.

"Help me, I cannot see!" she cried.

Before either of the men could reach her, she had fallen, fainting to the floor.

So Diaz rang a bell, and the lady's maid, a poor, wretched creature, appeared.

"Help! help! What can be the matter with my lady, what I can do for a doctor?"

The doctor came, and said, "she is dying from some deadly poison. She must be removed to another room."

Short was left alone. He was only one who knew in what manner Nettie Burdick had been poisoned. He knew that the poison in the gum had penetrated the whole stamp and had been transmitted to Nettie's lips by her thoughtless kiss.

As he remembered this, his heart was filled with remorse. If he had only destroyed the stamp as he had promised his dying friend, Nettie Burdick would still be living. He felt that he was her murderer—murderer were hanged for their crimes. The law could not reach HIM, yet the penalty for murder was death! Could he live, knowing that he was responsible for the death of an innocent girl?

Never! He would die by his own act, the sixth and last victim of the "FATAL STAMP."

He drew his match out from his pocket, and struck a match.

Seating himself, he took the stamp in one hand, and with the other lighted the match.

When the little stick was well alight, he moistened the last remaining bit of gum with his tongue, and held the stamp in the flame.

As the stamp blacked up, his grasp relaxed, and the stamp and burning paper fell to the floor. A spiral of blue smoke rose from the stamp, and as the spark died slowly away and the smoke ceased to rise, Milton Burdick breathed his last.

So closed the last scene in the tragic history of the "FATAL STAMP."

In the studio of Mr. J. Diaz is a frame of ebony—inside the frame is a photograph of the "FATAL STAMP," as taken on the original cover, showing the address in good Indian characters, with an additional direction in English.

The photographer will tell you that it is the only one in existence; that the plate was broken in printing; that this print is slowly fading, and will one day disappear, and that all attempts to re-photograph it result in failure.

Around the photo appear the portraits of the Stamp's victims. If you ask Diaz about them he will tell you the story as I have told it.

And then when you think of the ruin wrought by this tiny stamp, and of the six graves, one beneath the sea, that mark its path, you will say that it was either CHANCE, or DESTINY. Which?

THE END.

The Stage

"The Man from Mexico."

MR. WILLIE COLLIER presented "The Man from Mexico" at the Loring Opera House on the 11th. The play is by far the best that has occupied the Loring boards for a long time, and observed a larger attendance than that which greeted it. The average amount of the house was credited by the lower part was very scantily performed.

Geo. C. Briggs as "Benjamin Barbury" did some very creditable work, while Miss J. G. (Louise Allen) as "Mrs. Franklin" was the most attractive person in the cast.

The initial performance in Riverside at the "The Man from Mexico" was a credit to the original job the usual disturbance in the gallery would have been those again, it may be all the more of them who do to witness it.

The conduct of the gallery during the last few plays that have appeared in Riverside has been a disgrace to the house and the city, and if allowed to continue, it will soon be impossible to induce companies with any self-respect to appear here. The disturbance is a regular feature of every performance, and the prospect of an added attraction (and a "NIT"?) not on the program, is gaining many new patrons for the Loring—NIT!

If Manager Miller was able to be at every performance, as in the good old days of yore, we dare say that the disturbances would soon be—like Corinne—a thing of the past. Mr. Miller is not the man to allow the patrons of the Loring to be insulted for long.

"The Riverside Daily Press" says "**** pretty boisterous merriment****" in referring to the disturbance. The only

boisterous merriment there will ever be inside of every respectable person in the house. "The Riverside Daily Press" should endeavor to land a little nearer the truth, or possibly they might be the "NIT" will be another wrong impression.

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"A Night in New York"

JARRY MILLER MONTGOMERY, the "The Man from Mexico" was a credit to the original job the usual disturbance in the gallery would have been those again, it may be all the more of them who do to witness it.

Nellie still has the best good looks of any person, and looks almost the same as she did fifteen years ago. The writer had the pleasure of seeing Mrs. Williams—she was Nellie—in the "The Loring Opera House, New York City, when she got to star, and was the first to play the "The Troubadour" in "The Loring Opera House."

The dancing by Miss Kate Crouch was excellent. The only fault we have to find with it is that we forget to take our opera glasses, and could not see Rosie's le— beg pardon, her le— very plainly. (Come closer, next time, Rosie, or send us two tickets for-box.) The song by Williams and Harry was good, but—fools in the gallery had to hiss their last appearance, after repeatedly encoring them.

The song by Wm. Hafford was well rendered. It is also several years older than William, himself. Willie has a very good voice, a "taking" physical architecture, but he should dispense something new.

Billy Barry as "Tandem" was good, but his 'specialty' in the second act was not above reproach.

Miss Raymond is pretty; she has a good 'shape,' and likes to show it.

Mildred Connors as "Natalie" was good—in her way.

Viola Raynor as "Victoria Brown" took her part excellently.

John Webster as "Willoughby Still" played with ease and grace—

The guitar imitation by Mr. Hayes was as true as, as—well, as the genuine article.

We hope to see Nellie and her com-

pany again next season—in a new play.

—o—

RIVERSIDE WILL, we hope, soon have a chance of welcoming back W. J. Elford's Big Company, supporting Jessie Norton, the popular Soubrette.

—o—

THE "NEW YORK CLIPPER ANNUAL," for 1898 is an exceedingly handy, compact and valuable book.

—o—

THE "DRAMATIC MAGAZINE," "DRAMATIC MIRROR," and "MUSIC & DRAMA" all issued fine Christmas numbers.

HIS ROMANCE.

by G. G. BENTLEY.

CONTINUED.

ON the twentieth of December I returned to the old place, to pass a lonely Christmas in the house where I had spent so many, many happy hours, but which was now forever wrecked to me.

The twenty-fifth dawned dark and stormy. It snowed all day, and at ten o'clock the force of the storm had not abated. At twelve, just as the tones of the clock announced the coming of the Christmas for which so many waited expectantly, but which to me meant nothing, there came a knock at the door.

My housekeeper had long since gone to bed, so I answered the knock myself. I opened the door, letting in the storm.

There on the steps stood a woman!

As she saw me she fell on her knees, asking for forgiveness, and entreating me to give her shelter from the storm.

I waited till she had finished, and then—God forgive me—I cursed her,

and ordered her to leave.

She begged for mercy, and I, enraged at her, seized her and threw her from the steps into the street, and shut the door.

Oh, God! How often have I repented that act!

She was found next morning on the door step, frozen, at the door of what had once been to her a home.

What must have been her thoughts as she lay there, slowly dying from the cold? Did she think of the husband who so cruelly drove her from shelter? Did she think of the man for whom she left a loving husband and a happy home? Did she remember—

But God alone knows her thoughts that night, and HE tells nothing.

Poor, misguided woman! She judged me without giving me a chance to defend myself, and God knows she suffered.

She loved me once, and I loved her, but a tempter came between, and wrecked our lives.

May other women profit by her fate.

TO BE CONTINUED.

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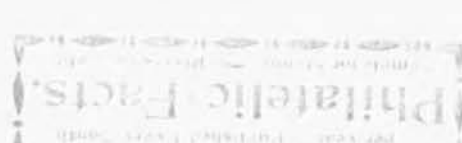
An Apology. Owing to the illness our editor, Mr. H I Watts, we are very late this month, as we delayed publication in expectation of receiving the copy for this number from Mr. Watts. It did not come, however, so we were compelled to fill up this number with some mss. which we had on hand. We hope that he will be able to resume his duties as editor soon— Philately and the press cannot afford to spare for long, so valuable and ardent a devotee as is Mr. Watts, whose picture appears elsewhere in this issue.

While in Redlands recently we were given a copy of the "DAILY FACTS," for which the publisher has our thanks.

The Standard Stamp Company are offering \$250 worth of premiums to agents. Write for particulars, or see ad in our next number.

We are in receipt of the first number of a new amateur paper, which sails under the jaw breaking name of "THE AMATEUR PRINTER JOURNALIST." It is a nicely printed, well written and ably edited 4 page, 12 column sheet. We predict success for the A. P.-J. despite its long name.





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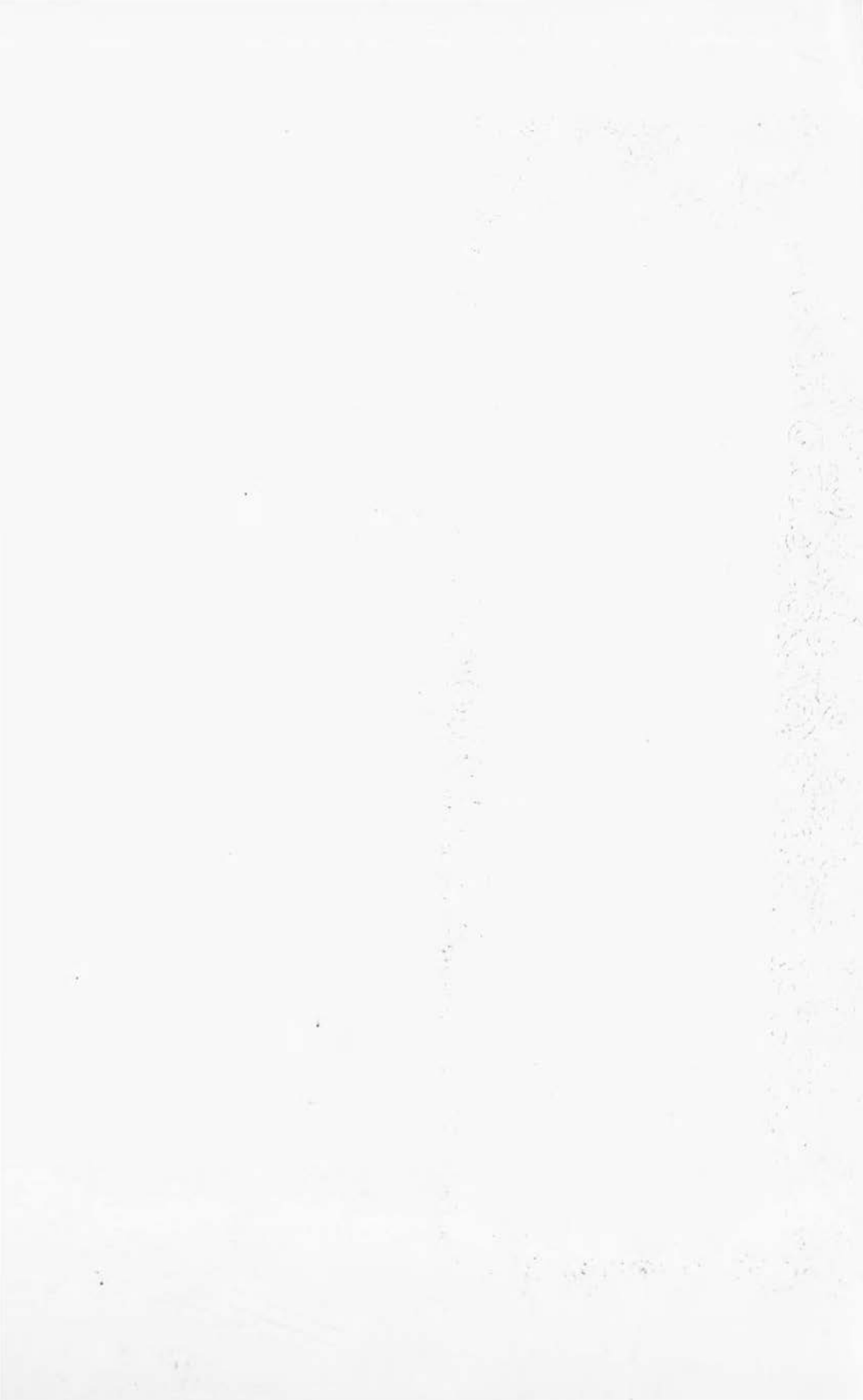
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Who Cares?

WHO CARES that your cross is heavy;
Who cares that you weep and sigh;
Who cares that you find life darkened—
That you'd gladly lie down and die?

Who cares that your tears are falling
Like the chill November rain;
Who cares that your heart is aching
With a dull and ceaseless pain?

Who cares that your feet are weary,
Walking in poverty's way;
Who cares that you see no sunshine
In the fair, bright summer's day?

Who cares that your dreams are shatter'd
Who cares that you know no rest;
Who cares that you're daily nursing
Despair at your very breast?

No one, for the world is selfish.
It wants not *your* grief and pain.
You may cry your woes from the housetop
But you'll cry them all in vain.

But fill your pockets with gold dust,
With a beaming smile advance,
And *then* you can play your fiddle,
And the whole wide world will dance.
—*Selected.*

His Romance

BY G. G. BENTLEY.

CHAPTER THREE.

THE MURDER.

... **N**EXT DAY I left the house, and I have never entered it since. I hope the next occupant will lead a happier life than mine has been.

I at once resumed my search for Jones, more determined than ever to end his life at the first opportunity which presented itself.

Several times I located him, but each time he seemed to discover that I was on his track, for before I could arrive where he was, he would leave the town. At last one day I found myself in the depot of a little town, waiting for a train. One of the detectives in my employ was with me. While I was waiting for my train, another one arrived. I gazed aimlessly out of the window at the passengers as they alighted.

Suddenly my attention was attracted to the actions of the detective. As a young man stepped from the train, the detective gave a start, and immediately hastened forward to meet him. I looked again, and recognized—ROBERT JONES!

Just then the train started, and Jones got on. I expected to see the detective arrest him, but he walked toward the waiting room. I rushed out and started for the train. The detective tried to stop me, but I knocked him down, with a well directed blow between the eyes, and, springing forward, managed to grasp the hand rail of the last car.

I was lifted off my feet, and fell heavily on the platform, but I was on the train. I lay there for a few moments, and then slowly got upon my feet. I turned to enter the car, and as I did so, the door opened and there stood Robert Jones. With a cry he sprang toward me, and, in order to avoid him, I stepped back. That step nearly cost me my life.

I was standing near the edge, and when I stepped back I lost my balance, and fell. I landed beside the track, and rolling over, struck my head on a sharp stone, and lost consciousness.

When I recovered, I found myself on a train, and several persons standing near me. I learned that it was a local, and that the engineer had seen me lying beside the track in a pool of blood and had stopped, and I had been taken on. I paid my fare to the next town, and when we arrived there, took a train back in search of the detective.

A month later I was walking down the only street in a little town,

when I saw in front of me, and walking in the same direction, Robert Jones. I followed him.

He walked briskly, and soon reached a quiet place, about a mile from town. He sat down, and drawing a book from his pocket, began to read. I cocked my revolver— I always carried one, in the hope of meet-Jones— and waited.

For perhaps an hour he sat there, and then, closing the book, he replaced it in his pocket, and turning, walked straight toward the place where I was standing.

As long as I live I shall never forget the look on his face, as he saw me standing there, with a revolver pointed straight at his heart.

For a moment he stood motionless, a look of intense fear on his face, and then, falling on his knees, began to beg for mercy as only a guilty wretch can do.

I listened till I was tired of his whining, AND THEN I SHOT HIM DOWN IN COLD BLOOD!

Then I walked back to town, and took the next train.

After the mudrer— for it was nothing less— of Rob-



...THEN I SHOT HIM..

During my life at A—, a lawyer by the name of Franklin has been my only friend, and to him I shall entrust the execution of my will and the publication of this story.

Many little incidents have been omitted from my story, in order to shorten it, as well as some things which I would not unveil to the eager gaze of the public. On my next visit to town, I shall place in Franklin's hands all my private papers, except a few which I desire to have with me to the end, for I feel that death will soon claim me to atone for my past sins.

ert Jones, I at once fled to A—, which is many miles from the scene of my crime.

Here I have lived ever since, in solitude, speaking to no living person, save on my visits to the town.

God knows I have repented of my sins— but what good can repentance do to a MURDERER?

Magazine Notes

"The Owl" for February is very good.

"Book News" for February is up to its usual standard.

"The Nickell Magazine" offers a fine February number.

"The Editor" issued a very good February number. It one of the magazines that are able to, and do, speak for themselves.

One of the best papers that come to our office is the "Weekly Signal," edited and published by Eugene Day, at Santa Monica, Calif. A 'Day-ly' paper is also issued, called the 'Daily Signal.' Mr. Day is ably assisted by his esteemed wife.

The February "Mothers' Journal" contains an article entitled 'Let the Curfew Ring To-Night,' which is a disgusting, nauseous wail. We quote:

"..... A half century ago 'Sweet Sixteen' meant sweet sixteen. To-day, in too many instances, it means freedom to do as the young miss desires. It is no longer the fashion for a girl who has reached the venerable age of fifteen or sixteen years to ask permission to go to an evening entertainment, but she announces her intention of doing so, and woe betide the peace of the household if mother objects....."

The above has no connection with the article (?) in which it appeared. We say, thank God that there are some who have the common sense to break over the parental traces, and assert their natural rights as free born Amer-

icans! The day when young men and women of from 16 to 21 were treated as children of from 8 to 11 is, fortunately passed, and unless the damnable ideas of the "over-zealous" puritans again become in vogue, that day will never return.

The "Mothers' Journal" is a very good and doubtless helpful (we cannot appreciate it from a mother's point of view) magazine, but it should reject all such pitiful supplications as the above named thing. Really, the author has our profound sympathy.

"The ball room is one of the devil's recruiting stations."— Volunteer Gazette
No truer words than those were ever spoken. The ball room is one of the curses of society.

Think of the broken hearts, the jealousy, the suicides, the murders, the shattered idols, the wrecked lives — all these, and more — and then say, if you can, that the ball room is not a curse to humanity.

Many a young and promising life has been forever wrecked by association with that damned place, the ball room.

In its present form the "International Philatelist" is one of the best stamp papers published. Current number is fine.

Junior Collector is very good.

The "Boys' World" is an interesting 4 page 8x11 paper, published weekly at Wichita, Kansas.

The February **Home Worker** is good.

The **Herald Exchange** is a good thing—

The **New York Monthly** is a neat magazine.

The **Philatelic Advocate** is steadily improving.

The **Virginia Philatelist** for February is better than ever.

Stamps is a valuable English 'monthly Philatelic Journal.'

The **Cuyler Sun** is an interesting 4 page 16 column weekly.

The **Evergreen State Philatelist** continues to improve with age.

The **Era** for Jan. 29, 1898, was an annual "Mid-Season" number.

The **Allegheny Philatelist** issued a very creditable February number.

The **Post Office** has passed into the hands of J. C. Morgenthau & Co.

The **TYPE FOUNDER** is a valuable and interesting typographical quarterly. Barnhart Bros. & Spindler, Chicago, Ill.

The **Printers' Review** is an excellent 16 page 9x12 paper, devoted to the advancement of the art of printing. It contains much valuable information. Golding & Co., Boston.

The February "Perforator" is fine. A. L. Swift, that self-appointed so-called CRITIC (?) has assumed control of the review department. Amy is becoming very numerous and insulting. She is a good writer, and, no doubt, personally,

(unfortunately we have never had the pleasure of meeting her) is very charming, but as a reviewer she makes use of too much "mud-slinging."

Other papers received:— Jackson News-boy; Ontario Philatelist; Boys' Own Philatelist; Texan Philatelist; Mail Ooder Advertiser.



Dramatic Items.

SECOND CONCERT.

THE RIVERSIDE CONCERT BAND gave a very pleasant concert and dance on Friday Evening, Feb. 18, which was largely attended by old and young who enjoyed the music and dancing as never before.

The band is under the management of Mr. Frank E. Darrow and is doing better than ever. The following is the program:

- Prelude: America.
- Overture to Opera "Bohemian Girl."
- Waltz, Auf Wiedersehn. E. H. Baily.
- Trombone Solo, 'In the Cellar Deep.'
- A. W. Cochran. [Fisher
- 'Watermelon Club.' Laurriednan.
- 'A Musician Astray in the Forest. A.
- [Herrmann
- Popular March. (a) Boston Commander
- (b) En Masse. Hall.
- Characteristic. 'On a Winter's Morning.
- Rollinson
- 'Metropolitan Bouquet Harmonic.' (popu-
- lar melodies.) Beyer.
- Finale. 'Whiz.' Catlin.
- (J. F.)

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

COLUMBIA (local talent) Mar.22-23

 The Mysterious Mr. Bugle. Mar.29

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Town Topics.

 TERMS—Cash in advance. Contracts for more than three months payable quarterly in advance.

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 E. J. Ratcliffe, the actor, has received a six month's sentence for wife beating.

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 The San Francisco 'Music and Drama' has added a new dress of type and is much improved in every way.

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 BLACK PATTI'S TROUBADORS is one of the best organizations on the road at present. The company appeared here March 16.

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 All future bookings at the Loring are to be strictly high-class companies—no more popular price attractions. This is a mistake—many people cannot afford to pay the regular prices.

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The Elleford Company opens March

21 for a week, at San Bernardino. The Company played at the Burbank, Los Angeles, for six weeks. Mr. Elleford was unable to secure a date at Riverside and the patrons of the Loring will miss a good thing.

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There are few women who can take a curtain call as Modjeska can, and when I saw her last week as Mary Stuart she received no less than six during the evening. There is something very winning about Modjeska, and that smile of hers makes her positively pretty. One gentleman in the audience was so charmed by it that he never went out between the acts to get one for himself.

—Dramatic News.

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 Really good, clean plays are very scarce in these days, because it is very hard to make a play both clean and interesting, but those who saw "SHORE ACRES" at the Loring March 21, will long remember that beautiful play as one of the best and cleanest ever seen here. Mr. Herne has surrounded himself with a company he may well feel proud of. Julia A. Herne, his oldest daughter, is the leading lady of "Shore Acres." She is but 17—probably the youngest leading lady on the road.

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THE REVENUE STAMPS OF CANADA. ❀❀

BY FRED J. GARRATY.

Seeing that the Dominion Government is about to change the color of some of our Revenue stamps I take this opportunity to write a brief sketch of these stamps as they appear to-day.

Without a doubt they are the handsomest set of fiscal stamps in the world. To this fact probably has a great deal to do with the large and ever-growing number of Philatelists who have taken up this branch of collecting. In the early '80's hardly any one thought it worth while to collect them, but now things have changed, and about five out of every six Canadian collectors make a specialty of these very beautiful stamps.

These stamps may be divided into two classes, viz., those that have an expressed value on their face, and those that have no value designated. In the former class the three issues of bill stamps, those issued by the Dominion Government for the Supreme Court, the weights and measures, the Gas and Electric Light Inspection stamps, also the Law stamps issued by the various provinces. With the second class we place the tobacco stamps, ribbon, square, diamond, cigarette, petroleum, spirit, bonded permits and lock seal stamps.

Owing to the frequent changes of the tariff and customs duties, it would be impossible to put the actual value in money on the engraving of each of the tobacco or custom excise stamps. However, with such stamps as the bonded revenue permits, and lock seal labels we have what might be called a third class, as they do not necessarily denote a tax or revenue paid or to be paid.

"Yet they form a part of our great revenue system of the present day." "Of all the Law stamps proper, the Supreme Court is issued by the Dominion Government, and the others by the various Local or Provincial Governments." These are of varied colors and beautifully engraved. The symbolical figure of "Justice" is depicted on most of the latter. To my taste, I admire the Supreme Court and Quebec Law stamps the most. Before the Quebec Government gave some "cancelled to order" specimens of the \$10, \$20 and \$30 Law stamps to collectors, they were considered the rarest of Canadian fiscals. Being placed on documents of great importance, combined with very infrequent use, they rank as real rarities.

But the Quebec Government having become tired of the applications for these stamps promptly shut down on giving any of them away, so there is a possibility of these

high values again taking rank where they properly belong. Perhaps the \$3 third issue bill stamp surcharged "N. S." is the rarest fiscal in Canada; this stamp is worth at least \$25. The "N. S." surcharge of the third issue bill stamp has been counterfeited in almost the exact type, collectors should therefore be careful in buying any of these stamps. The red lock seal labels are very scarce, while the blue ones are common enough.

Of the first issue bill stamps, the \$2 and \$3 are plentiful enough, unused, owing to remainders, but the \$1 unused is very hard to get. There is also an error in this issue, the seven cent stamp being spelt "SEVEN." This stamp is very scarce there being only one in about one thousand having this error. In the second issue the 2 red and purple is much harder to obtain than the \$3 red and orange. There is also an error in this issue, the 30 cents being printed in scarlet instead of blue. This stamp however is not very rare. The third issue is a cheap set and can be obtained either used or unused. I have never seen a specimen of the \$3 value, blue with black center that I would guarantee. The green with black center I have seen changed chemically to blue.

We have what might be called an oddity in the \$2 orange and black of this issue. The head of

Queen Victoria is inverted or up side down with the rest of the stamp. Some of the stamps of this set will be found on thick and thin wove paper, the thick wove being the commonest. Most of the 'Cents' are on so called ribbed paper—in reality a wove paper slightly ribbed.

The Quebec Assurance stamps are the most difficult set to obtain, and the collector with the full set from one cent to \$5 has a value of at least \$40. The Quebec Government will redeem these stamps at any time, at face value either used or unused. The weights and measure stamps are of four issues, viz., numbered in red across center, numbered in red across top, numbered in blue across the center, and the "no value on it." This latter was issued in 1870 and consists of one stamp only of a reddish brown shade. The Supreme Court stamps can be had either used or unused; they are not very rare.

Manitoba presents probably the rarest of the Law stamps in her provisional issues of 1877 and 1881-82. There are over one hundred of these stamps, some almost unique with their multi-surcharges; some are unobtainable except for large sums. British Columbia and New Brunswick have each seven varieties of Law stamps, while Nova Scotia has but one value and

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Editorial Extracts.

REPORT has it that on Washington's Birthday a gay and hilarious party composed of G. G. Bentley, Violet Bentley and Miss Yosie Bentley "did" the city of San Bernardino and were autographed at the New St. Charles Hotel. It is also rumored that Mr. Bentley and Violet recently eloped, but that is not the case.

BECAUSE Miss Gertrude W. Lewis, 17 years of age, recently eloped and married Sam Frazier, she has been expelled from the St. Louis, Mo. highschool, from which she would have soon graduated.

Mrs. Frazier has just as much right to attend the highschool as any one else. In this age of light and liberty (?) such an occurrence as her expulsion is a disgrace to the progressive city of St. Louis. Is it to be supposed from this that it is a crime for a young lady to marry????????

THERE WILL BE no March number of this magazine, and in April Mr. H. I. Watts, of Winchester, Indiana, will assume the entire control having purchased the magazine. It is Mr. Watts' intention to continue it under the same name, and make of it an exclusively Philatelic paper.

In retiring, we wish to say that it was impossible to finish Mr. Bentley's story, "His Romance," in this number, but the interesting story will be published complete in the "PACIFIC MAGAZINE," which we shall soon publish.

A GOOD JOKE is related at the expense of a modest Dakota newspaper man. It is to the effect that the pusher of the pencil went out to report a party the other evening where the home had recently been blessed with a new baby. Accompanied by his best girl he met the hostess at the door and after the usual salutations asked after the baby's health.

The lady who was quite deaf and suffering the grip, thought he was asking about her cold and told him that though she usually had one every winter, this was the worst she ever had; it kept her awake nights a good deal at first and confined her to her bed. Then noticing that the scribe was getting nervous she said she could tell by his looks that he was going to have one just like hers and asked him to go in and sit down. The paper was out as usual the next week but the local editor has quit inquiring about babies. —Exchange.

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three varieties

A complete collection of these stamps would number close on fifteen hundred varieties. I do not know of anybody who has a complete collection of these stamps but I think Mr. H. E. Deats, a prominent American collector has in his possession the best collection of Canadian Revenues.

—California Stamp.

with fickle fate. For centuries the wanton winds his unknown grave have kissed; perhaps he sleeps the better for the fun that he has missed. —Unknown Exchange.

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THE FUN THAT ADAM MISSED.

THAT Adam was a lonely man I'm ready to believe, although his many days were blessed with natures fairest Eve; by maiden aunts and cousins fair the man was never kissed, and thus I often think about the fun that he had missed. It seems to me his life was like an oft repeated dream: he never treated girls and paid \$3 for ice cream; he never, when a little boy, by grown up girls was kissed, and when he died he never knew the fun that he had missed. He never went security and had the note to pay; he never saw his bank cashier steal gracefully away; in all his life he never by a mother-in-law was kissed; but why go on and numerate the fun that Adam missed? Perhaps, if he were lying now—but then why speculate? he'd been too late and not inclined to play

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In the March 'Herald Exchange' Miss Amy L. Swift mentions a few philatelic puzzles which she wishes solved. With one of them only small we deal here.

She mentions a $\frac{1}{2}$ penny orange and mauve stamp of the 1892 type which she received on a sheet, marked "first issue." As there is but one issue mentioned in any of the catalogues, this constitutes the puzzle. If Miss Swift will examine the stamp with a watermark detector I think she will find it water marked TAS, wide apart instead of close together. Thus;—

T A S T A S
(1st issue) (2nd issue)

This is the principal difference in the two issues, the reason being that a number of the '92 type were printed on the paper remaining from the previous issue.

I am indebted for this information to a collector of this city, who has long known both varieties.

Sayings and Doings

—The Omaha stamps are called by one writer "de-gary-types," and another calls them "Omaha Imposition Stamps."

—While we cannot endorse the Omaha stamps, we believe they will do much to help on Philately. Still, that does not excuse them, or help their rating, which will never stand "A" at Lods."

—Several parties are taking an interest in the neglected local hand stamps, which will help to place them where they belong—in the catalogue, of which, to quote Capt'n Cuttle, "make a note on."

Such handstamps were issued by New York, Cincinnati, Pittsburg, Louisville, Cleveland, and other large cities.

—Facts Publishing Company will soon launch the "Pacific Magazine" It will have a large philatelic department.

—Ben M. Carpenter and Mr. McNutt announce that they will issue the "Tennessee Philatelist" soon. Good for old Tennessee.

A Pocket Glass

EVERY collector should carry with him a good magnifying glass of some sort, and thus be prepared to inspect all stamps that may offer. One of the best glasses made for such a purpose is what is called a linen prover or tester. This glass folds into a very small space and has a powerful lens. Some use a watchmaker's glass, and, while not so strong as the first mentioned, it is quite good.

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To Get a Photograph of a Watermark

Use sensitized photographic paper, preferably albumen. Cut a piece a little larger than the stamp. Put stamp in center of paper, place in printing frame, or clasp between a piece of glass and a board. Print in the sunlight from thirty minutes to an hour. When removed you will find, first, a black border, sec-

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Prices of Revenues

It certainly seems that the prices of U. S. Revenues are as full of wind as a pneumatic tire, and that some at least of these interesting

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