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" " 50 mons green	14
" " 100 mons blue & rose	14
Cyprus 182-84 1/2 pi green	10
" 1893 1/2 pi green & red	10
" 1891 2 pi blue & chocolate	11
" 1881-84 [wrapper] 10 pa carmine	14
Ecuador 1892 [official] 50c blue	21
Guatemala 1890, 1c on 5c purple	14
Macao [newspaper] 1883-84 2 1/2r brown	12
Peru 1894, sur. in black [No. 120] 2c mauve	16
Peru [unpaid] 1883, 5c vermilion [No. 231]	19
*Salvador 1891, [No. 53] 1c on 2c green	11
*Salvador 1891, 5c on 3c violet	13
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A WEEKLY FOR STAMP COLLECTORS.

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A Trip to Mars.

By M. C. E.

(Winner of second prize in story contest.)

What a sensation was created when in the year 1924 it was announced that the great air ship "Marsuvius", all trace of which was lost for three years, suddenly reappeared, and told the world of the trip to Mars and other planets. Our readers will remember that on the last trip the Marsuvius made, among the passengers were two well known philatelists, A. H. Weber and Lewis Robie in search of minor varieties and medicine stamps. Weber had exhausted the stocks of the world for missing periods, attenuated figures of value, inverted surcharges, etc., and Robie was looking for more trouble. It is not known definitely which of these two eminent philatelists first conceived the idea of making the trip to Mars, but it is well known that Weber, who some years previous had studied chemistry, had evolved, through a long course of experiments, a process whereby a limitless amount of compressed air could be stored for any length of time.

On the last trip of the air ship Marsuvius between New York and San Francisco, it so happened that the only two passengers were our friends Weber and Robie. The Captain and owner of the vessel, James Mauritius Surchage had a splendid collection of stamps and they spent many pleasant hours together comparing notes and swapping stamps and

stories anent our hobby.

Weber one day unfolded his plan and the Captain became so interested, that upon a test of this great invention concluded to make the trip.

In the year mentioned we were only thirty million miles from the planet Mars and it was calculated that the trip could be made within three months, seemingly a short time for this distance, but with the wonderful apparatus at command and the non-resisting qualities of the ether which pervades all space outside of our atmosphere, this could easily be accomplished.

I will not go into details relating to the technicalities of apparatus etc., as a full account can be had in the report to the Academy of Sciences, but confine myself to such occurrences that appeal mostly to the followers of our hobby.

Every man aboard was provided with apparatus for proper use of the condensed air, and then the ship was pointed in a direct line at the planet Mars. With a rush they left the envelope of atmosphere that surrounds our globe and in a few hours the earth receded from their gaze.

The wonderful objects seen enroute form another chapter on which we will dilate at some future time. Among objects seen floating in the ether were small asteroids beautifully engraved, some perforated, others watermarked, some without water marks. Weber was interested mostly with those that were printed on both sides.

It had long been a theory of our friend Weber that the inhabitants of Mars were

stamp collectors, and that some of the rarest of our stamps, such as post office Mauritius, Hawaii Missionaries, etc., would be found there. As the Martians being of a much older civilization were father advanced in science, and had discovered the means whereby any object could be disintegrated, and as it were re-incarnated. On the way over he would often speak on this subject, telling how he had dabbled in the occult science, and was certain his deductions were correct.

After a voyage of wonderful interest they at last arrived within three hundred thousand miles of the planet Mars, and with the aid of the powerful telescope aboard could see that the inhabitants were making preparations for their reception. Large electric words flashed out before them, and their astonishment was great when they read the words as follows: "Welcome Weber, the great minor variety collector" and "Robie and his whiskers forever". They draw nearer and nearer and in thirteen hours, by Weber's watch and chain, they enter the Martian atmosphere, and find themselves surrounded by air ships of every imaginable pattern. They alight upon terra firma, are received with loud acclaim by three thousand members of the stamp collectors of that particular locality, and conducted to the rooms of the society which was called "The Carmine Headed Philatelic Society of the Scarlet Sphere". Robie was made doubly welcome as his hirsute adornments qualified him for membership. Weber was made an honorary member. After an elegant spread, our travelers were shown the philatelic treasures of the planet, which surrounds the walls of an immense hall. First they were shown the first emission of stamps dating back twelve thousand years, of which only

fourty-six copies were known to exist, then down the ages to the present time.

The late emissions were works of the highest art, they were printed in panes of five thousand, four panes to the sheet and every stamp had a different surcharge. What a delight for our friend Weber. It was with difficulty that Robie could tear him away from that frame as he was trying to memorize every detail of the sheet, looking for some undiscovered error.

After viewing all of the emissions of Mars, the President of the society escorted our travelers to another large room and there upon the walls, was the verification of Weber's theory regarding the stamps of our mother earth, every stamp issued upon our globe was represented there in blocks of eight, and in most cases in sheets. Unused Hawaii missionaries in full sheets. Post Office Mauritius in sheets, in fact everything.

Here is where Weber got in his work, and here is where he spent months, studying, comparing, measuring, etc., trying to see if it were not possible that he had a variety that was not there represented. He was giving up in despair, when in looking at a lot of Seebecks he saw that he had a Salvador nineteen hundred surcharge, with a broken figure one which was not in theirs.

(To be continued.)

If your knowledge of stamps is so great that there is no danger of your being imposed upon, it may pay you to deal with small and transient dealers, because often you may be able to profit by their ignorance. But if your philatelic knowledge is not that great, always buy of the old established reliable dealers, where you're sure no imposition will be made upon your ignorance.

Good Countries for the Specialist.

BY AMY LOUISE SWIFT.

The regular beaten path for the general collector who has decided to specialize in one or two countries to the exclusion or more wholesale collecting, is through the emission of the United States or Great Britain. The former have been so thoroughly studied and all discoveries of printing, paper, shades etc., etc., so carefully listed and described that nothing is left for a beginner in that line to find out. He has only to keep watch for what others have long since discovered, and it is rarely indeed that he finds anything not already listed unless it be in a new issue. Half the fun of specializing is thus denied him, and considerably more than half of the satisfaction.

In Great Britain matters are pretty much the same. There the chief aim of the specialist is to gather the full number of plate numbers as shown on the older issues, or to reconstruct entire sheets by taking the different corner letters into account. This is a little less wearing than hunting for shades and rather more satisfactory every way, but it has its drawbacks, for so many have taken to reconstructing the plated sheets that it is now none too easy to obtain what is required for the purpose. A great many of the old issues seem exceedingly scarce, even the once common one penny sharing the general disappearance to a really surprising degree.

One specialist in this country says he believes his collection contains more of the one penny black than does the stock of any dealer in the country.

This being the case in all the well traveled paths, why does not the intending specialist select some less overdone

country as the subject for his microscope and puckered brows? There are a good many fairly teeming with chances for the student, among them being the countries of Holland and Switzerland. Let us give a brief glance over the possibilities of the former first.

Of the five cent, first issue, you will notice that Scott lists three shades, only one of which is in the heavy type. As a matter of history, however, there were really two official shades. The dark blue were the first printing, but did not show the cancellation well, so the next printing was ordered to be in light blue. Thus these stamps are distinct varieties of issue. There is considerable variation in the color of the paper for all the values of this issue, but it is supposed that the gum was the agent responsible for the changes, so that they are of small interest.

The third issue (1867) is famous chiefly for its profusion of perforation measurements, there being enough variety there alone to keep a student hunting for some time, but there is also another difference of which Scott takes not the least account, viz., two types of numerals were used for every value throughout the set, five cent to fifty cent, thus making two sets, instead of only one as listed. The differences are not easy to describe, but as a general guide it may be mentioned that the numerals known among Holland specialists as type I are less heavily shaded than are those of type II thus making the latter appear more slender in the white part, and broader in the dark. The relative scarcity of each I cannot state, but should judge that they are about evenly balanced as a rule. All values of type II are said to exist in imperforate as well as the perforate condition, but none such have ever passed before me. You see that this issue,

just taken by itself, is a fine "fishing ground" for the variety hunter, especially when I add that there are variously tinted papers in addition to all the other things.

In the one cent emerald green of 1894 there has been found a variety with a break under the upper right hand figure of value, an error, if such it is, which is said to occur only once in the sheet of two hundred, the two and one-half cent of the same issue also suffered a bit of damage, having been reported with the lines of the frame broken on both sides under the small circles containing the numerals, and doubly printed at the top of the stamp.

Finally, in the list of uncatalogued varieties, may be mentioned the five cent 1894, head of Queen Wilhelmina, which has been found printed in yellow orange instead of the proper blue. It is supposed that one sheet was so printed as a proof sheet and on account of its similarity to the three cent, that it was perforated and sent out with sheets of that value. Only forty copies were sold, and half of these were reclaimed by the post office; the remainder were either retained by some fortunate collector or collectors, or were used as three cent stamps. Only two canceled specimens have been located so far, one bearing the obliteration "Borne 29 th, June 1895" the other that of "Amsterdam, 3 rd, August, 1895." It would quite pay for becoming a Holland special if one could chance upon this rarity.

Passing unnoticed the other minor varieties awaiting the eagle eye of the specialist we will now touch very briefly on the possibilities of Switzerland. The older issues are too scarce for much study but beginning with that of 1854 there is room for lots of fun. You can, if you can, make eight sets of that issue by

noting the different colors of silk threads viz., green, black, yellow, red white, blue, and purple, and without any thread at all. Later on, in the next issue, may be found shades, and some errors where the numerals were twice printed, these being found in the five cent, twenty-five cent, and fifty cent. In the 1882 issue, come the silk threads again, granite and plain papers, and perforations galore in many combinations, sufficient, I should think, to wear out several perforation gauges before the collection is as complete as it can possibly be.

The stamps of Holland and Switzerland are cheap enough, generally speaking, to be easily obtained, which is a great advantage to those who must require them in quantity, yet the ground for search is so broad that he who enters upon it will not soon need to be sighing for more worlds to conquer. Try these countries when looking for a field in which to specialize.

Our Weekly Chronicle.

We shall aim to publish the latest news regarding new issues and such other matter as properly pertains to a department of this kind. We shall be grateful to our readers for any courtesies that may be extended and shall give due credit unless otherwise requested. Stamps sent for inspection will be carefully returned. Address all communications to the WEEKLY POST, Smethport, Penna.

British Honduras—The 10c mauve and green comes with the surcharge "REVENUE". An error is also reported in which the word is changed to BEVENUE:

Adhesive, Regular Issue,
10c mauve and green surcharged "REVENUE,"
10c error, "BEVENUE."

China—The inscription on the 1c card has been changed from "Imperial Chinese Post" to "Chinese Imperial Post." The 10c dark green has been changed to lilac.

Post Card, Regular Issue,
1c carmine on buff, altered inscription;
Adhesive, Regular Issue,
10c lilac.

Corea—"Mekeel's Weekly" states that a new

postal card has appeared "built on the 'upright rectangular' plan, in vogue in the 'yellow' countries with the stamp in the upper left hand corner." The design is the same as recently chronicled for the 1 and 2 cheun adhesives.

Postal Card, Regular Issue.
1 cheun, blue on white.

Dominican Republic—We have seen the entire set of the commemorative issue in an imperforate condition. The only apparent excuse that can be offered for its appearance is that the receipts from the sale of the perforated issue were not sufficient to meet the needs of the committee in charge.

Adhesives, Commemorative,
1c gray green, imperforate
2c red, "
5c blue, "
10c orange, "
20c purple brown, "
50c green, "
1p black, "
2p brown, "

Greece—"The Metropolitan Philatelist" announces two adhesives, forerunners evidently of the new set, of the same type as the new card recently listed.

Adhesives, Regular,
5 lepta, green
10 lepta, carmine

Guam—At last the stamps of this colony are making their appearance after a long period of 13 months' waiting. "The Metropolitan Philatelist" states that some dealers have had their money returned either wholly or in part. No varieties have been noted as yet.

Guatemala—We have seen some of the values of the new set and their colors are very brilliant. The collector has the opportunity here of making bright and beautiful at least one page of his album:

Adhesives, Regular,
2 centavos, carmine
10 centavos, brown
20 centavos, purple
25 centavos, yellow

Hong Kong—All the papers are industriously correcting their chronicles as regards the four new postal cards that this colony was said to have been supplied with. They turn out to be envelopes.

Envelopes, Regular Issue,
2c, green
4c, carmine
5c, lilac
10c, blue

Netherlands—Dutch Indies—"The Monthly Journal" states very positively, on the authority of "Le Timbre Post", that no 1 g and 1½ g have ever been surcharged for use by this colony. It does confirm the surcharging of the

.12½, .15, .30 and .25 stamps with 10c. These latter stamps have been for sale by our dealers for months and we were not aware that their authenticity had been questioned.

Orange River Colony—In addition to the surcharge of the entire set of Orange Free State, ranging from ½d to 5 shillings, with the letters "V. R. I." we now find that certain values having been exhausted, the stamps of Cape of Good Hope are being brought into use. The 2½d value is the first to be treated to a surcharge of "Orange River Colony" in three lines. An English journal reports a variety consisting of the absence of the period and it is natural to expect that we may be favored with other errors ere the end is reached. The 4d Cape of Good Hope will be the value to be surcharged next and so on as the stock of the Orange Free State stamp is exhausted:

Adhesive, Provisional Issue,
3½d Cape surcharged "Orange River Colony"

Roumania—"Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal" announces that the publishers have received specimens of the new 1b and 5b stamps. They are printed on "thin paper without a watermark and with pale pink gum which may have some mysterious qualities. We trust it is not poisonous, we have not experimented with it personally. The perforation is 11½. We hear that the 15 bani exists on the same paper."

Adhesives, Regular,
1b brown, no wmk, pink gum
5b emerald, " "
15b black, " "

Venezuela—A new surcharge is appearing upon the 1899 issue of this republic. It consists of the word "Resellada" across the top of the stamp and "Castro" diagonally across the center. Independent of this surcharge is to be found the date "1900." This provisional follows very closely the "R. T. M." and coffee branch surcharge of last spring and no reasons are assigned for its issue. Castro is the name of the President of the Republic and thus far four values are reported surcharged.

Adhesives, Provisional Issues,
5c green, black surcharge
10c " "
25c " "
50c yellow, " "

Monotony causes madness. It is on this account that more stamp collectors will be found as a rule among those men who do the same thing continually, who add up columns of figures all the day long, or whose minds are occupied with similar thoughts day after day than among acrobats, trolley motor men, railway engineers, who are much exposed to danger, and therefore do not need to turn to some fad that would take their minds away from the daily routine

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Editorial.

The first number of the POST as a weekly will cause no little criticism, and justly so. The paper ordered for the WEEKLY has been delayed somewhere en route, and in consequence were compelled to resort to common newsprint in order to appear on time. We trust our readers will pardon our first attempt in this line, as it is not a fair criterion of what is to follow.



Competent writers have been engaged to furnish notes from Chicago, Boston, New York and San Francisco. Some time ago we abolished notes from THE POST (then published as a monthly) as we believe their place belongs properly to a weekly publication.

Bilateral Contemporaries.

Henry A. Chapman, Review Editor.

THE PHILATELIC POST has changed from a monthly to REDFIELD'S WEEKLY PHILATELIC POST, and announces among its features the review department. Notwithstanding the standing request to have exchanges directed as above for review, many publishers fail to comply. After the reviewer has noticed journals in this department which came to him on account of society membership or for others reasons than through his connection with THE PHILATELIC POST. Do not complain if your journal is ignored until you find out whether you send to the correct address.

Four distinct issues of *The International Philatelic Review* came to us in as many weeks. August being the latest. This item is puzzling:

The natives of the Congo Free State are reported to be taking very kindly to the new pictorial issue, using the various values for thatching their abodes, building war canoes, for shields, bucklers and similar purposes. This not only terrifies their opponents but adds much to the picturesqueness of the landscape.

We have a knowledge of fifteen new issue from French Congo, and think this is the set referred to, but the Free States would hardly make such a use of it. The following from the June number is well worth preserving:

It has been decided that a person who writes a letter to a publisher and induces him to insert an advertisement on a promise to pay for same upon presentation of bill when he has no intention of paying said bill is guilty of obtaining money under false pretenses.

The first number of Vol. IV of *The Virginia Philatelist* was delayed, owing to an accident in printing the cover. A sketch and new likeness of Mr. Dietz, who has done more to make the I. P.

what it is than anyone else, appears, and he contributes an article, entitled "A Formidable Rival," in which he sets forth the prominence of the German colonials, while calling attention to the decline in the current British colonials. In "The Old Curiosity Shop" Mr. Paal-zow tells of some oddities, and Mr. Loh-meyer gives the new arrivals in postal cards with discoveries.

The September 1 issue of *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News* contained an extract from another journal regarding the Sedang stamps, telling of Marie David de Mayrena, who was "King of the Sedangs." The boom in these bogus stamps, ten or more years since was short-lived.

Stamps, August 25, has a leader on "The Status of Mafeking Stamps." It urges its friends not to get excited nor to pay fancy prices for them until they are proved something more than locals.

The editor of *The Philatelic West*, August, thinks that the readers of a journal are the best judges of its merits. A statement which is quite true, but what does the *West* mean by "readers?" A reviewer receives a copy of a journal with a marked request to "review." Must he affectionately slobber over it to be a good judge of its merits? Will any reader, be he *bona fide* subscriber, advertiser, reviewer, *et al.*, commend the *West's* denseness in sending out month after month an unpagged journal?

No. 3 (September) of *The Picture Post-card* keeps up its reputation of illustrating with handsome cuts and by its generally good typography. Christopher C. seems to be very much in evidence, several adhesives of which he is the subject, being pictured.

We are expecting daily Vol. II, No. I, of *The Jubilee Philatelist* in magazine form. This journal has been a pleasing one in newspaper form, and the change must be in the line of improvement.

In *The Exchange* for September Mr. Brightman tells in "How It Really Happened" some imaginary things and says he has seen a philatelic paper without a grammatical or typographical error. If he is sincere he must have overlooked considerable that an ordinary printer would discover. No doubt some journals are pretty correct but one without a single typographical error is probably

lacking in our philatelic literature.

In the September number of the *Montreal Philatelist* we are told that it is "the only American paper that is quoted to any great extent by the European authorities, and its articles reprinted; congratulatory letters are showered in upon us by every mail."

A new journal comes from across the border. *The Canada Stamp Sheet*, published in Canada by W. G. L. Paxman, has 12 pages. Considerable reprinted matter appears. The editorial page is a very modest one, no high-flown announcement being visible. You are simply requested to send 25 cents and in return receive twelve numbers. A commendable first issue.

The September *American Journal of Philately* announces the completion of "The Catalogue for Advanced Collectors," after eleven years of work. Owing to the expense, those who subscribed to the catalogue proper will have to pay extra for an "addendum."

The September *Stampman* comes in a chaste shade of pink. E. F. Carter of Keokuk is made to tell a very tall Osgoodish yarn about 1869 stamps. The precocious associate editor of six months compares himself to Sherlock Holmes, and talks of his "sapient" and "flippant" father. He informs us that he is not allowed to smoke or take "geezers", but fails to say anything about what he has in his bottle. Perhaps he doesn't use a bottle.

Swap, with May and June doubled up, has some "New Minor Varieties" by Edgar Brightman, who gives those who swear by the catalogue to understand that many minor varieties are not mentioned by it. This article and some Pennsylvania items are about all that are given to the reader. This journal doesn't care for a review column, and declines the many offers of those who wish to conduct the same.

The Weekly Philatelic Era has secured a good Boston correspondent in W. D. Eldredge. Its September 22 issue had some interesting items from his pen.

We have received *Meeke's* for Sept. 27, *Ewen's* for Sept. 15, *Bay State Philatelist*, with September and October doubled up, *L'Annuaire Timbrologique* (September.)

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" " " 2c	20 1 25	1 shilling violet [cat. 30c each]	55 4 05
" " " 2c on 5c	35 3 15	2 shillings brown	1 65 15 00
Brazil 1894-97, 1,000 reis	35 3 25	Holland 1891-94, 1 gulden lilac	85 7 50
" 1894-97, 2,000 reis	1 15	" 1891-94, 2 1/2 green	30 2 50
" 1899, 1,000 on 1,000 reis	1 70	" 1896, 50c green and brown	25 2 25
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" " 5c	10 50	Newfoundland 1887, 3c brown	20 1 50
" Map stamps, all shades, ass'd	10 60	" 1887, 1c green	12 15
" 1897, Jubilee 1/2c unus'd or usd	1 50	" 1897, 3c cabot	20 1 50
" 1897, " 6c " " " 3 25		" 1897, 1c carmine	30 2 50
" 1897, " 8c used	1 20	" 1898, 1c queen	12 90
" 1897, " 10c " " " 1 10		" 1898, 2c prince	17 1 25
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 do do 4p green and brown
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 Guatemala 1887-95, 1c light blue
 do do 5c purple
 Honduras 1892, 1c slate
 Hong Kong 1882-84, 2c rose
 do do 5c blue
 do do 10c green
 do 1890, 10c brown, red
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 India 1874-79, 6a yellow brown
 do 1883, 8a red violet
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 do do 2p gray
 do 1889-91, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ p lilac and blue
 do 1890 (official), $\frac{1}{2}$ p green
 do do 1p carmine
 Japan 1876-77, 10s blue
 do 1883-92, 3s lilac rose
 do do 50s brown
 do 1883-93, 8s blue lilac
 do 1899, 5r gray
 * New Kiang 1894, $\frac{1}{2}$ c black, ROSE
 * do do $\frac{1}{2}$ c orange, YELLOW
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	*1805, 8, 15c env PLAT	22
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WEDDING,	1900, THREE VAR	
	*Japan, Corea, China	10
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" 1893 2 pi blue & chocolate.....	07
" 1891-94 [wrapper] 10 pa carmine.....	04
Ecuador 1892 [official] 50c blue.....	20
Guatemala 1890, 1c on 5c purple.....	04
* Macao [newspaper] 1893-94, 2 1/2r brown.....	02
* Peru 1894, sur. in black [No. 120] 2c mauve.....	06
* Peru [unpaid] 1883, 5c vermilion [No. 221].....	18
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A Trip to Mars.

By M. C. E.

(Winner of second prize in story contest.)

(Concluded.)

Pointing out this to the President, he visibly swelled until his chest measurement was fifty-four inches. The President then put his disintegrator-reconstructor at work and next day showed the stamp to Weber, and now Weber has it nit.

One of the most interesting and remarkable collections of original covers was seen in the Museum of Natural History. Arranged along one side of the wall were 1642 mummies, upon the right shoulder of each was a large hand engraved parchment about the size of a porous plaster; duly cancelled with the seal of the Ruler of the Province, who had sent same. These were the very first known postage stamps, twelve thousand years old.

It seems that at that date, slavery existed upon the Planet Mars, and the life of a slave was of very little moment. King Marzipan, who then ruled the Equatorial Belt of the Planet, conceived the idea of sending human messengers to his fellow rulers of other zones; upon receipt of which these poor fellows were cancelled with an ax, and laid away; some were horizontal, others vertically laid.

This custom was in vogue but a short time when a rebellion occurred and slavery was abolished. There were ex-

actly 1644 of these live stamps, but a pair of Siamese twins who were sent out just as the Revolution was precipitated, absconded with this very unique cover, and were never seen again. They have been looking for them ever since, and still have hopes.

Time and space does not permit us to give a detailed account of the many wonders seen upon our neighboring Planet, but a visit to the monster observatory will no doubt interest our readers. Situated upon the highest mountain peak, near the Equator was the observatory, with all the latest improvements and inventions pertaining to astronomy, etc. A telescope, with a two hundred foot tube and lens, the diameter of which measured three hundred inches; was the first object which met the eye. Naturally the first request was a desire to observe our old Earth. The tube was turned in that part of the firmament where was seen our Planet looking like a star of the first magnitude. After adjusting the apparatus, Weber put his eye to the instrument and almost fell over with astonishment, for there he saw almost in front of him, the city of San Francisco, and could see people walking along the streets life-like in appearance. After gazing intently at a group of excited people about eight in number, at the corner of Market and Kearny, what was his delight when he recognized them as some members of the Pacific Philatelic Society, who were just about to meet for the Annual Banquet. There was Wm. Sellschopp, showing what ap-

peared to be a block of imperforated stamps, and the others were all gesticulating as though in protest about something, possibly the price of same. The scene quickly passed from view owing to the motion of the Earth.

It was then suggested that they repair to the Camera Obscura Room, and here another wonder was performed for the benefit of our travelers.

Upon an immense screen were depicted scenes from the earth in rapid succession. Whenever an object of interest was seen the instrument was so adjusted that the particular scene would remain for any desired length of time. The microphone was attached and sounds were reproduced exactly as they occurred. Our travelers were then asked to request any particular place and person they desired to see and hear, and naturally the first request came from Weber to turn again to San Francisco. The operator then adjusted the gigantic Telescopic X Ray apparatus and in quick succession the following were thrown upon the screen.

First came Frank Koenig. He was seen with a telescope looking out of the window for Sydney Views, and very clearly could be heard his "Wales". Presto, the scene was changed. Ah, yes! This is Wm. J. Gardner, spread before him is a collection of Japanese stamps and they hear him complaining that it is impossible to find perfectly centred copies any more. Again a quick change is made. Who is this? asked somebody. "Oh, that's the King of Portugal". "Why no!" says Weber, "that's Henry J. Crocker" and look! isn't that a magnificent lot of unused U.S. he has before him? A sudden snap! and New York is presented before their gaze. Another change, and there is John Luff assorting and re-arranging

a lot of reprints, in which he seems deeply interested.

Now who is this with a dye pot and who seems to be mixing different dyes therein. "Why that's brother Osgood," says Robie, "he is trying to find a new color for the cover of his 'Stampman', let him alone, he's all right."

For several hours they shifted the scenes from one part of the globe to another, observing familiar figures, all of whom were busily engaged with those little square pieces of colored paper so interesting to all of us, and so day after day the time was spent traveling from one place to another viewing different objects of interest, collecting specimens of the Fauva and Flora of Mars, until over two years had passed and preparations were made for the return to Earth.

Packages and parcels were carefully sealed, labeled and packed in the hold of the Marsvins. Good wishes were exchanged, and the assembled populace gave our party a tremendous cheer as the ship moved off. In a short while Mars receded from view.

The return was very much like the first voyage, saving an occasional stop at some Asteroid, and one stop of a week on the Moon, a detailed description of which will be given when Weber and Robie are on their lecture tour.

On June 21st, midnight, the Marsvins entered the atmosphere of our dear old Earth, and in a few hours settled at her old anchorage on Goat Island.

Thus ended the most marvelous voyage of the 20th century.

(The End.)

The daily press is evidently beginning to realize that stamp collecting is not a thing which is easily laughed down, as hardly a week passes that we do not run across three or four short items about stamps or stamp collecting.

New York City Findings.

The business the past month has been everything a dealer could expect. The mail order trade has increased wonderfully, and dealers here are predicting a busy winter. The local trade has picked up somewhat, but not as much as it was expected, but things will improve ere the first of November. The constant flow of new issues keeps a dealer busy filling orders for this ever increasing class of collectors. Dealers complain that it is a task to keep the older issues in stock, as there is a large demand for these stamps—with a limited supply.

Geo. R. Tuttle will hold a two-night's auction sale, October 10 and 11. Many fine stamps are listed and auction should have a copy of his catalogue.

The American dealers and collectors who were awarded medals, etc., at the Paris Exposition are as follows:

Mr. Luff—Gold medal for collection of the United States.

Scott Stamp & Coin Co.—One gold and silver medals for publications and stamp albums.

Mr. Wm. Moser—Gold medal for very rare stamps. Bronze medal for fifty rare stamps.

Mr. Lombard—Gold medal for France, cancelled and uncanceled. Silver medal for France uncanceled. Bronze medal for fifty rare stamps.

Mr. Laurie—Medal for collection of Belgium, Alexander, Holland. Highest award, silver medal, for reconstructed sheets of Hayti.

Messrs. Deats, Holland and Toppan—medal for their publication on United States Revenue stamps,

The *New York Philatelist* will hereafter act as official journal of the Sons of Philatelia.

Boston Notes.

THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC POST is certainly the "newest thing on top o' the earth" and in filling the position of Boston correspondent I shall endeavor to treat everyone with fairness and keep the outside world posted as to our doings.

The topic which is exciting the most attention at present is the award of first prize in its class, at the Paris Exposition to the B. P. S. work on revenues entered by its authors, Messrs. Toppan, Deats & Holland.

This news seems almost incredible when we consider that that most beautiful creation, the work on Switzerland, was also a competitor for honors, besides scores of other very worthy books. The authors, as well as the society itself, are to be congratulated most highly. The B. P. S., at least in the present instance, has manifested the real use and value of a live society.

The fact that new members of the society, through the generosity of the owners of the book, may receive a copy of this most useful and instructive work for \$2.00 will unquestionably stimulate the growth of the society, which is most earnestly desired.

While speaking of the exhibition it is certainly a most gratifying fact, that of the American exhibitors who took prizes all but one were members of the B. P. S. The list as I have it being Messrs. Lombard, Moser, Luff and Holland, also Toppan, Deats & Holland for their revenue work. Mr. Moser is the exception. Of such a record the society certainly has a right to feel proud.

Mr. Lombard captured three prizes, two of which were for France, notwithstanding the *Metropolitan Philatelist*

spoke editorially of his "temerity" in exhibiting the stamps of this country.

The first auction sale of the season was held the 25th of September by B. L. Drew & Co. and certainly the buyer was well pleased if not the seller, as prices ranged exceedingly low.

Although it seems to be the general opinion that Boston has enough auctions I learn that a very nice grade of stamps is to be offered by Mr. C. H. Stone the latter part of October. It is also the intention of the B. P. S. to hold an auction at its October meeting, the proceeds going toward a grand celebration of the 100th meeting which occurs in November. The material is being donated by the members and all members, whether residential or not, are earnestly desired to contribute.

I noticed in one or two of the dealers offices copies of the 2½d Cape of Good Hope surcharged in three lines Orange River Colony.

I dropped into the office of the New England Stamp Co. a few days ago to buy some stamps and while there had a little talk with the manager, Mr. Batchelder, about the business outlook. He said that the past summer had been the best one he had ever known. He looks on this as a forecast of a strong season this winter. He attributes the summer trade partly to the immense popularity of American colonies, Cuba, Hawaii, Porto Rico and Philippines, the war in Africa causing such a demand in Orange Free State and South African Republic, and the large number of new issues which have kept collectors on the jump. He claims Boston as the best summer market in the United States, owing to the fact that so many Bostonians spend their vacations near enough to the city to keep in touch with what is going on.

From talks with some of the other dealers I guess they feel about the same way.
STUDENT.

San Francisco Notes.

By M. C. E.

At the last meeting of the Pacific Philatelic Society held last Tuesday evening the members were treated to a veritable Philatelic banquet! Mr. Henry J. Crocker exhibited his magnificent collection of Great Britain and British North America, it was bewildering in its completeness and perfection of specimens.

Mr. Crocker's collection ranks among first ten of the world, and one can form an idea of the value, when I state that this one volume alone, was estimated by those who were present, to be worth at least \$18,000. Space permits of only a hasty review of what I saw, in Great Britain. Two splendid copies of the V. R. one penny black; Ivory heads 6 copies; 1856 1d. rose red, perforated; 16 white paper unused; 1862 9d. hair lines, 1 penny plate numbers complete, unused mostly in pairs.

A ten pence 1865, on cover (this would be difficult to duplicate)—6 pence 1874 plate No. 13.—1878 1 pound, wmk'd maltese cross unused, 1883 1 pound unused.—I. R. Official and Gov't Parcels, complete unused.

One of the most beautiful sights, were several pages containing 182 pieces, consisting of complete trial and color proofs, of the last issue of Great Britain. The harmony of shades and combinations, of the whole, was kaleidoscopic in effect.

In Canada, 4 copies of the 12 pence black—4 copies 6 pence perforated wove paper. New Brunswick 4 to 6 copies each of the 1851 issue, used and unused. A copy of the Connell.

New Foundland 2 copies of the shilling

used and unused, and other values galore. Nova Scotia 4 copies of the shilling, 6 pence, a dozen specimens used and unused. British Columbia complete. A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Crocker by the Society, for his kindness.

Among the new things received here I noticed 1 penny Transvaal on covers, used by the Boers in Dundee, Natal. New Zealand envelopes $\frac{1}{2}$, 1 and 2 pence type of 1898, adhesives; colors, lilac, grey, pink and rose brown, respectively. $\frac{1}{2}$ d green octagonal, 1 d red, 2d purple, medallion shape. New Zealand postal card 1 penny brown on buff, type of adhesive 1878 issue.

Mr. Sellschopp leaves for Europe in a few days to attend to his branch business in Rostock, Germany, and upon his return promises many interesting things, both old and new.

Our Weekly Chronicle.

We shall aim to publish the latest news regarding new issues and such other matter as properly pertains to a department of this kind. We shall be grateful to our readers for any courtesies that may be extended and shall give due credit unless otherwise requested. Stamps sent for inspection will be carefully returned. Address all communications to the WEEKLY POST, Smethport, Penna.

CHINA—*Br. India Military Offices*—The entire set of India stamps up to the rupee value have been surcharged "C. E. F." for "Chinese Expeditionary Force" due to currency conditions that would enable the "almond-eyed celestial" to profit by the sale of the unsurcharged stamps. We list the entire set.

Adhesives, Provisional Issue:

- $\frac{1}{2}$ anna green
- 1 anna maroon
- 2 annas ultramarine
- 2 annas, 6 pies green
- 3 annas orange
- 4 annas olive
- 8 annas red-violet
- 12 annas brown on red
- 1 rupee carmine and green

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC—The New York

correspondent of the *Era* states that an entirely new issue of stamps has been shipped this republic. The design is reported to consist of a map of the country "as claimed by the country but disputed by Hayti."

FRANCE—*Caralle*—The 2 francs France has been surcharged 8 piastres for use here:

Adhesive, Provisional Issue,

- 8 piastres on 2 francs,
- brown on blue

NATAL—*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* and other chronicles are noting a rarity of the $\frac{1}{2}$ d on 1 d 1895 consisting of a fanciful "H" in "HALF" in which the first vertical stroke extends below the line and is slightly curved. *Mekeel's Weekly* states that the rarity is no new thing having been recorded in 1898.

NEW SOUTH WALES—The 10d red brown surcharged "NINE PENCE" has been found without any surcharge. An examination of a block shows the impression of the surcharge and the absence of the ink may be explained by the feeding of two sheets into the press at one time. The *Monthly Journal* thus explains this variety.

STRAITS SETTLEMENT—*Perak*—A new provisional is reported by *Mekeel's News* consisting of the 2 cent violet and brown surcharged 1c. When is the much-talked-of federation going to put an end to this thing?

Adhesive, Provisional Issue,

- 2 cent violet and brown surcharged 1 cent

UNITED STATES—We can find few better authorities on envelopes than Mr. D. T. Eaton and we feel impelled to take almost bodily from the *Era* his comprehensive list of entires of the 1900 series.

- "1c green, Die A, size 5, white and amber
- 2c carmine, Die B, size 3, white
- 2c carmine, Die B, size 4, amber
- 2c carmine, Die B, size 5, white, amber, buff and blue
- 2c carmine, Die B, size 13, white, amber,

buff and blue
 2c carmine, Die B, size 14, white and amber
 2c carmine, Die C, size 5, white
 2c carmine, Die C, size 13, white, amber and buff

I think there is no doubt but all of these will appear on the 4 different colored papers the same as in last year's schedule as fast as old stock is used up."

The Die B on the 4c 1899 has been noted but the holders of this envelope, few in number, seem determined to keep their knowledge to themselves. Mr. Eaton gives the following as his description:

"My understanding is if you will take the head of Lincoln from die C and place it in die A you will have die B. You will also find that the head of die C is much larger than that of die A, consequently is too large for the circle, which necessitated taking out the inner saw tooth circle of the die A, and reducing the height of the shield from 6mm. to 5mm. which makes die C. I have never seen a copy of die B but have a correspondent in New York who has three die Bs on white, size 9, but for good and sufficient reasons will not let them go out of his possession."

VAAL RIVER COLONY—The MSS. for the September POST contained this chronicle which we now insert though rather belated. The Transvaal stamps have been surcharged "V. R. I." on all values from ½d to 10 shillings, a companion set to the Orange River Colony set surcharged on Orange Free State. The set is as follows:

¼ d green,	surch "V. R. I."
1 d carmine and green	" "
2 d brown and green	" "
2½ d blue and green	" "
3 d purple and green	" "
4 d sage green and green	" "
6 d lilac and green	" "
1 sh ochre and green	" "
2 sh 6 d heliotrope and green	" "
5 sh slate and green	" "
10 sh brown and green	" "

WESTERN AUSTRALIA—The *Monthly Journal* informs us that the 3s fiscal stamps watermarked Crown and W. A. has been used postally.

Adhesive, Fiscal Postal,

3 sh, lilac, wmk "Crown W.A."

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Philatelic . . . Contemporaries.

Henry A. Chapman, Review Editor.

Publishers desiring notice in this department are requested to send one copy of their journals to H. A. Chapman, R. P., Rocky Hill, Conn.

The Philatelic Inter-Ocean for September came late in the month. It speculates on the S. of P., which took place in August at Milwaukee. We don't wonder that its editor says "Help Us! Can't You?" However, its "Philatelic Press Directory" is of use in a general way.

The New York Philatelist (Sept. 18) is mainly given up to the late Empire State Philatelic Society's convention. In an article headed "The Fake" a writer using the "Nom" of "Ventus" wastes the first quarter of a page in giving a "fake" impression.

The Ohio Philatelist commences Vol. 3, with enlarged pages of uniform philatelic size.

The "Inquiry Department" of *Mckel's* gives a good deal of useful information and the P. P. reviewer considers it a prominent feature of that necessary weekly.

The editor of *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News* for Sept. 18, announces that he is compiling an exhaustive work on "Railway Letter Post Stamps," all the different types to be illustrated.

The Philatelic Bulletin for September 25th, has a continuation of "The Stamps of Saxony," by that sterling writer, "Lacus Viridis," a list of a few "bad ones," and an article on a subject which is not new, but still has some wholesome truths.

"Philately vs. Stamp-Collecting," by Henry H. Lane. He well says that a philatelist needs, besides stamps, "a dictionary, a good modern history, a standard atlas, and an encyclopedia," and then he elucidates. His closing paragraph reads:-

Hence, let us conclude, the conscientious philatelist, the true student of stamps, has, in his collection, the syllabus of broad and liberal education. Let him diligently appropriate the knowledge at hand or suggested by his stamps and it will not be long before the general public, having seen the fruits of his hobby will acknowledge its benefits and will supply a permanent and steady increase to the ranks of Philatelia's worshippers. The world is not slow to take up what it sees to be for its own good, so that if it can once be convinced that philately is a fruitful field of study, philatelists will no longer be regarded as fools and cranks, but they will hold an honored and respected position in the eyes of the public

"I. B. T." in the *Weekly Philatelic Era* gets in his work on the stamps of "Poonch." He mentions that they were printed on everything available in the shape of paper (something like Confederate newspapers in civil war time.) Mr. Stone in his review advises Mr. Ewen to call his paper the *Orange River Transvaal Stamp News*, as the English paper doesn't talk about much else. The information is given that Mr. Dodge has disposed of the *Collector* to the *New York Philatelist*, which will be the organ of the S. of P., and Mr. D. will be associated editor. Mr. McKearin has one of his occasional letters in the *Era*. Would that he wrote regularly.

The Post reviewer would be glad to write from personal observation concerning *Stanton's Philatelic Index*, but has not yet seen it. An envelope came to us properly directed, minus contents.

Mr. Stone says it is "an index to other papers and by its means collectors can put their hands on articles dealing with the stamps of any particular county in

some thirty odd periodicals in the English language." It must prove of value. W. J. Stanton of Detroit is the publisher.

Youth's Realm may be sneered at as not being a "philatelic paper," but its September issue had more stamp news on two large papers than many so-called philatelic journals which ridicule it.

Philatelic Journalism is active in Canada. Recently a new journal, *The Stamp Sheet*, started in Quebec, and another will soon appear from Montreal.

Precancelled Notes.

E. R. ALDRICH.

A precancelled stamp of a type entirely different from the sheet cancelled variety hails from Rhemis, N. Y. They are attached to the envelope which encloses circulars sent out by a wine manufactory at that point and are cancelled by the firm itself by a rubber stamp with the name of the office and state. About half the cancellation comes on the envelope and the other half on the stamp.

I have seen the Milwaukee 1c precancelled and the St. Paul 3c with the inscription reading either up or down. Undoubtedly varieties like this can be found in all the vertically surcharged specimens.

The only sub station precancelled stamp which I have met with is the 1c green cancelled at the St. Elmo station, Chatanooga. The design on this stamp is much the most elaborate appearing on any of the precancelled series, the name of the city being within a double oval while within the centre one in three lines in black caps is St. Elmo Sta.

A one cent cancelled at Fairbault, Minn., is among the specimens but seldom met with and so far as I can learn but very few of them were used. The only one I have seen was found by F. J. Bescher of Kansas City, Mo.

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Editorial.

Mr. I. A. Mekeel of St. Louis, publisher of *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*, made us a pleasant visit last week. Mr. Mekeel predicts a most successful season.

Scattered through the United States there are at least a dozen State Societies, each of which has its own own offices, official organ, etc. Let us suppose that all of these societies were to unite and form a National Society. As "union is strength" why not apply it here? Were the plan carried out it would not necessarily cause the dismemberment of the several State Societies, as each Society would govern itself, subject, of course, to the constitution of the National Society. Not an original scheme, surely.

We notice in a recent number of the

American Journal of Philately that Mr. Nankeville says: "I wonder how many collectors have given a moment's thought to the enormous burden of stock that even an ordinary collector has to carry, compared with almost any other trader. A dealer who has only £5,000 or even £10,000 of stock can make but a very poor show of even medium stamps nowadays. The interest per day on £10,000 of capital is an appreciable item, and will want charging to some one or something, unless the dealer is qualifying for the Bankruptcy Court." This is very true. The interest on £10,000 at 5 per cent. would amount to \$2,500 a year. Persons thinking of embarking in the stamp business should read the above carefully before they make up their minds.

While, perhaps, there may be a few collectors who would fill the requirements of a "model collector", such as some writers make out they should be, still we think that the average collector takes great interest in looking at his stamps as an investment, and perhaps it is best so, as he then takes more care to buy the better class of stamps and avoid speculative issues, thus making these stamps less profitable to the makers than they would otherwise be. The "model collector" would have been all very well about ten years back, but now things are changed and the collector must be sharp or he will find that he is throwing away his money on stamps which were made to sell to collectors. The sooner all collectors refuse to buy sets of stamps which are known to have been issued to sell to collectors the better it will be for philately, as, as soon as the various governments realize that collectors refuse to buy speculative stamps, they will stop issuing them and content themselves with only what they really need.

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" " 2c	20	1 25	1 shilling violet [cat. 20c each	55	4 05
" " 2c on 5c	35	3 15	2 shillings brown	1 65	15 00
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" 1894-97, 2,000 reis	1 15		" 1891-94, 22½ green	30	2 50
" 1899, 1,000 on 1,000 reis	1 70		" 1896, 50c green and brown	25	2 25
" 1899, 2,000 on 1,000 brown	4 00		" 1896, 1 gulden brown and olive	85	8 00
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" 1897, " 20c	2 35		" 1898, 5c Duke of York	35	3 00
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" 1898, " 5c	10	65	" 1897, 2c	15	1 25
" 1898, " 6c	60	5 00	Denmark, 100 ores	15	1 25
" 1898, " 8c	20	1 65	Russia, 1 rouble, brown and orange	1 30	12 50
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" 1899, " 5c	06	50	United States, Omaha 50c	1 65	15 00
" 1899, " 6c	50	4 00	" " \$1.00	6 00	
" 1899, " 8c	20	1 65	" " \$2.00	13 50	
" 1899, " 10c	40	3 25	" 1896, 15c blue	15	1 20
" 1893, 50c blue	1 30	11 50	" 1895, \$2.00 blue	11	00
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 " " 50 r brown yellow
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 " 1890-93, 20 r yellow green
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 do do 1c do
 do do 25c rose
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 do 1885-90, 1 pia on 25c rose
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 do 1885-89 (Levant), 40 pa violet,
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 do 1890, 10c brown, red
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 do 1883-93, 8s blue lilac
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The Surcharged Stamps of Yenomysae.

By W. J. STAUNTON.

(Winner of first prize in story contest.)

The Torted Society of Philatelic Condition Cranks and Shade Fiends, of which the writer is a humble member, is well known among the specialists of our hobby, and the papers of the members, published in our annual, are eagerly looked forward to not only by collectors, but cataloguers as well.

The able work of our honored president, Lilac Rose Fullgum, on the varieties of the Norwegian Missionary stamps of Madagascar is an authority on the subject, and the Societies recent memorial to the Post Master General asking that the gum on all U. S. postage stamps below the denomination of \$1, \$2, and \$5 be flavored with Old Crow, is well known to collectors.

The writer has prepared, for our annual, an exhaustive work on the Surcharged Stamps of the Free State of Yenomysae, treating the varieties from a purely descriptive standpoint, and in order to study the animal in its native lair, as it were, I took passage from New Orleans in May, 1893 on a fruiter for Yenomysae.

As there is much of interest to the followers of our hobby that could not be treated in a technical work, I have decided to cover a portion of the matter in this article.

I landed at the capital on the morning of June 3rd, and took quarters at the

only hotel on the island, and a more wretched apology for a hotel I have never seen. After dinner, at which everything served was cold except the ice water, I armed myself with credentials showing membership in our society and another from the mayor of my city, vouching for the fact that I was an honored and harmless citizen of Torted and started for the Department of Posts, situated on a bluff overlooking the harbor. On presenting my card to the officer in charge, I found that Post Master General Rotcadab would receive me at once, and I was conducted through a long corridor to his private office.

As General Rotcadab rose to meet me, I stated the object of my mission in Mexican-Spanish. After I finished my laborious and painful effort, the general, after a hearty laugh, said in English "I guess we will get along better if you confine yourself to English, as your Spanish is of rather doubtful parentage". On my showing surprise that he could speak English so well, he said he was born in one of the New England states, and that he was very happy to meet an American and learn the news of his native land from one who was fresh from the states. After a long talk on politics, on which he was very well informed, I broached the object of my mission.

"Well," said the General, "I suppose you want the whole story, so I will start at the beginning". "I was, as I told you, born in one of the New England states, in a section where the two great crimes are poverty and a lack of illus-

trious ancestors. My family was long on ancestors, but short on wealth. In 1887, at the age of 19 I determined to leave home, with the idea of improving my financial condition. I drifted to Boston, and succeeded in being taken on as sailor on a tramp steamer. For three years I followed the sea, and in 1890 found myself in New Orleans. From there I shipped in a fruiter bound for South and Central American ports.

The boat was a leaky old tub, and a violent storm compelled us to put in to the Island of Yenomysae for temporary repairs."

"You will remember," continued the General, "that during those years there were many revolutions in Central and South American states, and the country was in a constant state of unrest. The island was in possession of a political party who had been defeated in one of their petty wars, but who had been given the island, and their independence recognized as the Free State of Yenomysae, on condition that they remain neutral in the wars between the factions of the state recognizing their independence.

"At the time of our arrival the government had been established about two years, but trouble between the government and the inhabitants of the new state was threatened. The treasury was bankrupt, and the taxes could not be increased for fear of bringing on a revolution. The affairs of the various departments of the government were in a deplorable condition. The Chinese washee-washee, Wun Lung, who had been made a member of the governors cabinet with the title of Inspector of Fogs, was threatening to hold the government wash until a six months bill was liquidated. The army, which recruited to its full strength, consisted of 23 officers and 14 privates, had been reduced by desertions

to 19 officers and 6 privates".

"The Governor was in despair, and could see an early and painful finish unless something was done to restore his prestage as a just and wise ruler." "During my youth," continued the General, "I had been an enthusiastic collector, and it occurred to me that some of the stamps of this out of the way place would be an interesting addition to my collection. On going to the postoffice I found that the only stamps to be had were the 1 centavo, and 5 centavo, and the 5 centavo surcharged 2 centavos. On my return to the ship an idea occurred to me whereby I could turn an honest penny by speculation, and the more I thought of it, the more firmly convinced I was that there was a good thing in it. I passed the night in perfecting my plans, and the following day I called on the Governor.

"I told the governor that the State was tottering, and would soon fall to pieces unless something was done to replenish the treasury, and check the growing discontent among the people, and that I had a plan that would restore him as the George Washington of the Free State of Yenomysae. He asked for my plan, and I replied that my idea was to replenish the treasury by increasing the sale of stamps, and when things were on a sound financial basis, to reduce the taxes. He replied that the sales of stamps amounted to less than \$50 per year, and that there was no way to compel the people to write more letters. I told him that the stamps could be placed with outside parties, who would pay face value for the stamps, but that I must, before my plans were disclosed, have an agreement from him whereby I was to share in the profits.

(To be continued.)

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Chicago Notes.

By S. E. MOISANT.

Mr. H. C. Crowell the well known stamp dealer and lawyer of Cleveland, Ohio, was in town last week and spent Sunday at the rooms of the Chicago Philatelic Society where he met all the boys(?).

Mr. Warren E. Burton, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, is still in town.

The C. P. S. Auction sales are becoming quite popular, not only in the city of Chicago but in different parts of the country also. Probably the reason is that the sales consist of popular priced stamps. The society gets a bonus on every lot sold and in the course of a year amounts to quite a neat little sum. Mr. Masoth the auction manager circulates over three thousand catalogues for each sale.

P. M. Wolsieffer sends out on an average of 3500 catalogues for his auction sales and sometimes for an important sale the number runs up to 6000. Mr. Wolsieffer says that he gets many bids from the leading auction buyers of New York City.

Mr. Alex Holland made a flying trip to New York City this week and registered so that he would not lose his vote. No flies on A. H.

Quite an interesting political debate took place the other day between two of our leading stamp men here. Mr. Warmeyers, a dealer and Mr. Telsky, a collector argued the question whether McKinley or Bryan should be elected. The debaters grew so hot and the air got so blue that the two seconds, Mr. Dave Tausig and your correspondent had to hunt their corners until the enthusiasm blew over. I intended to give it by

rounds, but they went so fast and I wrote so fast that I could not read what I had written so I will have to put it off until I get time to study it out. While neither of the debaters were disfigured beyond a few bruises they are hoarse today and dare not speak above a whisper.

Chicago Branch No. 1, A. P. A. met in the Marquette Bldg. Oct. 11. In the absence of Pres. Holland Mr. C. E. Severn called the meeting to order at 8:45 p. m. There were twelve members present. A communication was read from B. G. Jeffries. The report of the treasurer was read and showed a balance of \$3.05. Adjournment at 9:15 Oct. 11.

New York City Findings.

One, Louis Thomas of Linden, New Jersey, with two local street addresses has been operating for the past two months in this neighborhood—in a fraudulent manner. Mr. Jacob Migel of New Brunswick N. J. has a grievance against this party. Mr. G. B. Calman of this city would like Mr. Thomas to settle for a consignment of stamps which he has. Mr. C. L. Sheldon of Oswego is another complainant who wishes an early settlement for a valuable lot of stamps sent to him a month ago. I received a want list from this "gentleman" about six weeks ago, which included such stamps as the 90¢—1869, \$20.00 Probate of will, \$200.00 and \$500.00 Second issue U. S. Revenues; also all the dollar values of the state department and a number of rare Hawaiian Islands stamps. The total catalogue value of the entire want list amounted to almost \$800.00. His terms were, stamps in approval—cash 30 days. It is needless to say I didn't "bite". In all probability he has taken in quite a number of others not mentioned here but time will tell the story in full.

A scarce stamp—although one would consider to be otherwise—provided he hasn't attempted to get any—is the one dollar current issue U. S. Revenue in red. Wholesalers cannot furnish this stamp in any quantity, and very few retail dealers have in stock more than a dozen copies—not mutilated. Can any one enlighten me regarding the apparent scarcity of this stamp.

MACK.

Notes from the City of Brotherly Love.

Mr. Reber of Allentown, the popular candidate for Vice-President of the Penna. Phil. Society spent all last week with us and enjoyed himself thoroughly.

The 6th regular meeting of the Quaker City Phil. Society was held Friday evening Oct. 12th at Mt. Airy. The attendance was very slim. After a long debate it was decided to procure quarters in a more central location. Messrs Bond, Rawson and Evans were appointed to look after same, the debate scheduled for the meeting was postponed owing to absence of two of the speakers. Two visitors were present.

The proposed Keystone Philatelist has been changed to a monthly. It will be issued from this city, instead of from Allentown as was first intended. It will act as O. O. for the Penna. Philatelic Society and will be entirely devoted to it. Mr. Claude Reno is editor.

Mr. A. E. Tuttle of Bogert & Durbin will hold an Auction Sale of some choice lots next Friday evening Oct. 19th at 722 Chestnut St.

I wonder why Robie hasn't received his private proprietaries of the I. Ellwood Lee Co? The government is laying low these days and is waylaying the fox.

While not strictly philatelic I hope you

will pardon the following:—S. H. & H. Chapman announce by order of executors the sale by auction of the fine collection of coins and paper money belonging to the late Dr. Edward Morris of Philadelphia.

The offices of the Quaker City Phil. Pub. Co. have been moved to 7739 N. 25th St., Philadelphia.

Went on a "Stamp Hunting" tour the other day and out of two dozen collectors I visited eight greeted me with "How do you think the Post is going to make out as a weekly"? It shows the Post is near to their hearts and it has a right to be.

A fakir who had a large number of campaign buttons etc. to sell, had among the lot three of the stamp buttons originated by Wolsieffer last spring.

Mr. Cecil Rawson is to be Assoc. Editor of the new paper which will be issued January by S. E. Moisant.

Another stamp shop is needed here badly and a person with a good stock and a good location could make money fast.

D. C. EVANS.

Philatelic . . . Contemporaries.

Henry A. Chapman, Review Editor.

Publishers desiring notice in this department are requested to send one copy of their journals to H. A. Chapman, R. P., Rocky Hill, Conn.

Stamps (Sept. 25) has a leader on "Stamp Exchange Clubs". A perusal of the article shows that societies in ENGLAND have their hitches as well as on this side. The writer thinks too much is put upon the "Secretary," and that

committees should be appointed to assist him especially in the matter of keeping track of the status of members. That much advertised crook. Alfonso MIL-LARD, is alluded to, and a description of him reprinted.

The first number of *Le Timbre Poste* was brought out by J. B. Moens in February, 1863, and after nearly thirty-eight years, its founder retires, as he says through *force majeure*. "We bitterly regret," he remarks, "being compelled to sever our connection with our readers and those dear stamps that have enabled us to pass so many happy hours away and make us forget that we were dealers."

In *Mekel's* (Oct. 11) Mr. Andrews has a valuable article on "Cuba V $\frac{1}{4}$," in which he explains the surcharge very satisfactorily. "O. G." in his London letter regarding imperial penny postage,—

That since there has been a 2 cents rate between Canada and the mother country the anomaly has been created that a letter posted from London to Canada and there re-posted to New York direct. It is true there would be a little delay in the time of transit, but in the posting of large batches of letters of a similar nature a saving of 1 cent on each letter might be sufficient inducement to large business firms to make use of the cheaper route, even when employing an agent in Canada to readdress the correspondence.

He thinks that ere long the 2 cent rate will be in force between Great Britain and this country, and ultimately in force all through the Postal Union. Let us hope so.

Father Scott, in his *Metropolitan Philatelist* says:—

If you desire to make an interesting collection which will appreciate in value instead of decline, buy only distinct stamps and drop all varieties of watermark and perforations which in the hands of small collectors are a snare and delusion. Of course these remarks do not apply to amateurs who can invest thousands instead of single dollars.

The September *Perforator* was a con-

vention issue which absorbed nearly all the rooms, editorials and reviews, Portraits of Mayor Rose of Milwaukee, Chairman Schad and local views make it an attractive number.

In an article headed "Too Much Borneo," the *Stamp Collectors Fortnightly* says:

The philatelic traffic of Labuan and North Borneo is a new South Sea Bubble, and the sooner it is pricked the better for philatelists, and possibly also the better for the administrators of the territories concerned.

It then pays its respects to the British North Borneo Company:

Philatelists are a patient folk, but we have a vivid recollection of how the Nyassa Company's little philatelic deal was scotched by the "Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly", and it is possible that something of the same sort may befall the unrowned kings of Borneo, whose sceptres are quills and whose thrones are the comfortable arm chairs of a palatial city office.

The October *Philatelic Advocate* has the likeness of T. S. Fitcher, vice president of the D. P. A., and also a very active member. "Usona" pays his respects to "snide" publishers who deluge people with sample copies and get huffy because a subscription doesn't follow. Chas. F. has interesting "Information." The editor gets back at the *Montreal Philatelist* editor, intimating that the latter desires to run the philatelic World, and that he dances on the woodshed, with lunatic accompaniments. The secretary of the Philatelic Literature Society is shown up as a "bad one," and it looks as though the society would have to hunt again for an organ.

Snop (August) has some readable *Philatelic Gleanings*."

Ewen's Weekly Stamp News for Sept. 29, completes its first year of existence. Illustrations of two Bloemfontein covers are given.

The *Weekly Philatelic Era* for Oct. 6

is quite fat in both its reading and advertising departments. A. W. Dunning gives names of 21 bad foreigners, who received his stamps, with values amounting to over \$250. He has probably soured on foreign exchange, in some quarters at least. Mr. McKearin talks of the pleasures of collecting minor varieties.

Also received? *Philatelic West*, *Smyth's Philatelic Circular*, *Philatelic Chronicle* and *Youth's Realm*. The first two for September and the others for October.

Our Weekly Chronicle.

We shall aim to publish the latest news regarding new issues and such other matter as properly pertains to a department of this kind. We shall be grateful to our readers for any courtesies that may be extended and shall give due credit unless otherwise requested. Stamps sent for inspection will be carefully returned. Address all communications to the WEEKLY POST, Smethport, Penna.

BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA—We have received the 4d in the current type in an olive shade.

Adhesive, Provisional Issue,
4d olive

CHINA—*British India Military Offices*. In our last number we listed the new set surcharge "C. E. F." for use by the "Chinese Expeditionary Force." According to the *Philatelic Journal of India* the following additional matter has been similarly treated:

Adhesive, Provisional Issue,
3 pils, carmine

Envelope, Provisional Issue,
½ anna, green on white

Post Cards, Provisional Issue,
½ anna, brown on buff
¼ × ¼ anna, " " "
1 anna, blue on buff

ERITREA—The *Monthly Journal* states that a new set of stamps is being planned for this colony. Allegorical pictures and views are to be given.

FEDERATED MALAY STATES—Two new provisionals have appeared of the type

already announced consisting of the above words in three lines on the 10 and 20c Nigri Seribilan.

Adhesives, Provisional Issue,

10c violet and orange (Perak)
20c green and yellow (N. Seribilan)

FERNANDO P O—Two new provisionals have been shown us by Mr. A. Calman of New York. The "figure in oval" surcharge is used in the 5c on 20c and the "Habilitado, etc."—on the 50c on 20c.

Adhesives, Provisional Issue,

5 centavos on 20 centavos, no room
50 " " 20 "

INDIA—Travancore—The post rate having been reduced to 5 cash the *Monthly Journal* states that the remainder of the 8 cash cards have been surcharged "5 CASH" in violet. Truly an economical administration of the P. O. department.

Post Card, Provisional Issue,
5c in violet on 8c orange

NIGER COAST—The 5d has appeared in the watermarked Crown and C. A. type, thus completing the watermarked set.

Adhesive, Regular Issue,
5d, mauve.

NORTHERN NIGERIA—We have seen a new set of stamps of the De la Rue type issued for this colony. It comprises all values from the ½d to 10 shillings and the stamps are all small size.

Adhesives, Regular Issue,

½d lilac and green
1d 1 lbc and carmine
2d lilac and yellow
2½d lilac and ultramarine
5d lilac and brown
6d lilac and blue
1sh green and black
2sh 6d green and blue
10sh green and brown

ORANGE RIVER COLONY—It is reported that an entire new set is in preparation for this colony. It is to be issued in the De la Rue design.

PORTUGAL—Mozambique Company—Two new provisionals of the values of 25 and 50 reis have been created due the lack of supply of the regular issue.

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" " " " 10c green	05
New South Wales 1880, 1, 2, 4, 6, 8p, 1sh	15
Greenland, 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6p, 1sh	15
Sweden 1875, 1, 3, 4, (skilling)	06
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 " 1891, 1 m violet
- Belgium 1891, 10c brown
 " " 20c blue
 " 1896-91, 35c violet brown
 " (unpd) 1895, 20c slate
- Bermuda 1884-93, 1p carmine rose
 " " 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ p blue
- *Bogota 1889, $\frac{1}{2}$ c black
- Bosnia, 1879-94, 10m blue
- Brazil 1878-79, 100 r green
 " 1880 (newspaper), 20 r green
 " " 50 r brown yellow
 " 1890 (unpd), 10 r orange
 " 1890-93, 20 r yellow green
 " " 100 r red lilac
 " " 200 r purple
 " (newspaper) 1891-94, 10 r blue
 " 1894-97, 10 r rose and blue
 " " 50 r dark blue and light blue
 " " 200 r orange and black
- British Guiana 1882, 1c slate
 " " 2c orange
 " " 1889-91, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ p lilac and blue
- *Bulgaria 1865, 1s on 2s slate green
- Canada 1875-89, 2c orange
 " " (registration) 5c yellow green
 " 1882-90, $\frac{1}{2}$ c black
 " 1892-93, 3c slate
- Ceylon 1895, 15c olive green
 " 1895, 5c lilac (sur)
- Chile 1854-62, 5c red
 " 1880, 5c blue
 " 1883-85, 20c gray
- China 1898, $\frac{1}{2}$ c chocolate
 " " 1c ochre
- *Colombian Rep. 1883, 1c gray green GREEN
 do 1886, 10c orange
- Costa Rica 1882, 5c red purple
 " do 1883, 5c blue violet
 " do 1889, 2c dark green
- Cuba 1882, 5c blue
 " do 1888, $\frac{1}{2}$ m black
 " do 1890, $\frac{1}{2}$ m red brown
 " do 1890, 5c olive green
 " do 1891, 5c emerald green
 " do 1892, 1m violet
 " do 1894, 1m rose
 " do 1895, 1m blue green
 " do 1896, 5c slate blue
- *Ecuador 1891, 2c lake *
- Egypt 1879-82, 1 pia rose
- Finland 1869-90, 10 p carmine
- France 1853-60, 20c blue, bluish
 do 1862, 5c green, greenish
 do 1863-70, 10c bistre, YELLOWISH
 do do 40c orange, YELLOWISH
 do 1871-74, 80c carmine, PINKISH
 do 1876, 20c red brown, STRAW
 do do 25c ultramarine, BLUEISH
 * do 1881-86, 1c lilac blue
 do do 1c do
 do do 25c rose
 do 1881-92, 10c black
 do 1885-90, 1 pia on 25c rose
 do 1894, 30c carmine
- Germany 1868, 2 gr ultramarine
 do do 3 kr rose
 do 1872, $\frac{1}{2}$ gr yellow green
- Gibraltar 1889, 5c green
 do do 10c rose
- Gold Coast 1884-91, $\frac{1}{2}$ p green
 do do 1p rose
- Great Britain 1841, 1p red brown
 do 1880, $\frac{1}{2}$ p green
 do 1882-85, 1p lilac
 do 1885-89 (Levant), 40 pa violet,
- BLUE
- Great Britain 1887-92, 1 sh green
 do do 4p green and brown
 do do 5p lilac and blue
- Greece 1889-92, 1 l black brown
- Guatemala 1887-95, 1c light blue
 do do 5c purple
- Honduras 1892, 1c slate
- Hong Kong 1882-84, 2c rose
 do do 5c blue
 do do 10c green
 do 1890, 10c brown, red
- Hungary 1871-74 (newspaper), 1k vermilion, red
- India 1874-79, 6a yellow brown
 do 1883, 8a red violet
 do do (envelope) $\frac{1}{2}$ a green
 do 1885-88, 4a olive
 do 1892-93, 2a 6p green
- Italy 1884-87, (postal packet), 50c claret
 do 1890-91, 20c on 30c brown
 do 1894 (unpd), 2c buff and carmine
- Jamaica 1885-90, 1p carmine rose
 do do 2p gray
 do 1890-91, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ p lilac and blue
 do 1890 (official), $\frac{1}{2}$ p green
 do do do 1p carmine
- Japan 1876-77, 10s blue.
 do 1889-92, 3s lilac rose
 do do 50s brown
 do 1889-93, 8s blue lilac
 do 1890, 5r gray
- *New Kiang 1894, $\frac{1}{2}$ c black, ROSE
 " do do $\frac{1}{2}$ c orange, YELLOW
- Leeward Islands 1890, 1p carmine mauve
- Lombardy Venice 1863, 1rs rose
- *Macao (newspaper) 1863-94 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ r brown
- Martinique 1892, 5c green, greenish
 do do 15c blue

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" " 4c brown lilac	03
" " 6c gray	12
*1892, 1c vermilion	02
" " 2c blue	03
" " 4c green and black	06
*1893, 5 on 6c	07
*1894, 5c carmine and black, IMPERF	08
" " 5c carmine and black, ROULETTED	08
*1896, 1c violet	02
" " 2c bistre and black	03
" " 5c rose and black	07
" " 10c yellow and blue	14
*1897, 3c red and green	05
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Brasil 1894-97, 1,000 reis		85	8 25	Holland 1891-94, 1 gulden lilac		85	7 50
"	1894-97, 2,000 reis	1	15	"	1891-94, 2 1/2 gulden green	30	2 50
"	1899, 1,000 on 1,000 reis	1	70	"	1896, 50c green and brown	25	2 25
"	1899, 2,000 on 1,000 brown	4	00	"	1896, 1 gulden brown and olive	85	8 00
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* " " 50 mons green.....	04
* " " 100 mons blue & rose.....	04
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" 1893 1/2 pi green & red.....	03
" 1896 2 pi blue & chocolate.....	07
" 1881-94 [wrapper] 10 pa carmine.....	04
Ecuador 1892 [official] 50c blue.....	30
Guatemala 1899, 1c on 5c purple.....	04
*Macao [newspaper] 1893-94, 2 1/4 r brown.....	02
*Peru 1894, sur. in black [No. 120] 2c mauve.....	05
*Peru [unpaid] 1883, 5c vermilion [No. 223].....	18
*Salvador 1891, [No. 58] 1c on 2c green.....	03
*Salvador 1891, 5c on 3c violet.....	15
*Salvador 1892, [No. 70] 1c on 5c gray.....	20
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Guatemala 1900, 1, 2, 5, 6c, new colors.....	12
Guatemala 1900, 10c, 20c, new colors.....	22
Congo "Finest of the Wheat" 1900, 5, 10, 25, 50c, new colors.....	28
Liberia 1900, 1, 2, 5c, bi colored.....	11
Liberia 1900, 1, 2, 5c, surch "O.S.".....	12
Siam 1900, a beautiful set, 1, 2, 3, 4 atts, 4 var.....	11
Hungary 1900, low priced set, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6f, 2f news.....	30
Dominican Republic 1900, 4 var. 1, 2, 5, 10c.....	30
Russian China, pretty provisionals, 1900, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10k.....	25
Uganda 1900, full set, 1 to 8 annas, fine.....	80
Brazil 1900, Jubilee, 100, 200, 500, 700r.....	50
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The Surcharged Stamps of Venomysae.

By W. J. STANTON.

(Winner of first prize in story contest.)

(Concluded.)

The Governor was a foxy old fellow and thought to dazzle me by offering me the position of local post master with a salary of \$5 in gold per month, for the details of my plan. I refused this munificent offer, and the agreement we finally made was that the first \$1,000 was to be turned into the state treasury, and the balance from the sales were to be equally divided between the governor and myself, and that I was to receive the title of Post Master General with full charge of all stamps. The contract was to continue for five years, and I was given full authority in all postal matters.

"I immediately took charge of affairs and found a stock of 8,000 1 centavo, 3,000 5 centavo, and 1,300 5 centavo surcharged 2 centavo. The first step in my plans was to have the government printer set type for the first surcharges under the new regime. There was only enough type of any one font to surcharge 50 stamps at one impression, and to facilitate matters, and avoid unintentional errors, each of the sheets of 100 stamps was divided into two sheets of 50 stamps each. The proofs were corrected, and the following day we printed the first lot of surcharges. The first printing was in blue on the 1 centavo, and gave us the following results:—

10 sheets with correct surcharge.
10 sheets with inverted surcharge.
10 sheets with double surcharge, one inverted.

We then inked the rollars with red and repeated the printing on 30 more sheets, thus giving us 60 sheets or 3,000 stamps equally divided among 6 varieties. As soon as the work was completed I wrote letters to four of the leading stamp papers in the United States, three in England, two in Germany and three in France, asking for sample copies. On each of the envelopes I placed a surcharged stamp, and made a memorandum of the variety used on each letter for future use. I then took the plates and had 1,000,000 stamps of the 1, 2, and 5 centavo values printed.

You can imagine the impatience with which I waited for replies. Part of my time I devoted to figuring out the varieties of surcharges I could make with two colors of ink, 2 stamps of different denominations, and three values of surcharges. Then I would multiply this by the number of inverted, double, and single surcharges it was possible to make and that result would be in turn multiplied by the number of varieties caused by omitting the period after the surcharge. Then I would change the base of the combination and figure on the same varieties.

"I got as far as the sixth combination, when I received two of the papers requested from the United States. Each paper was accompanied by a letter asking me to send my remittance in sur-

charged stamps, and one of the editors enclosed five dollars in gold asking me to send him that amount in surcharged stamps. This was the first remittance received and I wear it as a watch charm. The order for stamps was filled at once, and I also sent a remittance in stamps for a years subscription to each paper.

The stamps sent were different from those used on the cover of my letter asking for sample copies, and a third variety was used to pay postage.

"The next mail, received in about a month, brought me copies of the German, French and English papers, and letters enclosing remittances of \$19 for surcharged stamps. These orders were filled at once, and the same plan was followed of using surcharged stamps different than the stamps used in my first letters to the papers. The same mail brought copies of the American papers illustrating the new provisionals of the Free State of Yenomysae, and each illustration was of course different.

"The next mail was received in three weeks and contained more than one hundred letters and papers, and remittances of \$219 from dealers and collectors for surcharged stamps. Several letters were received from different sections of the United States saying that the writers did not collect stamps, but that they would like to have me send from 25 to 100 of the surcharged stamps, used, for their little boys who were making a collection of stamps, and enclosed for exchange a few used 1, 2, 5, and 10 cent current U. S. stamps. Nearly all the papers received chronicled the new surcharges, and several wanted me to act as their correspondent, and promised to place my name on their subscription lists if I would keep them posted on any new issues of our state. I accepted the offer of a few of the best papers, and the

surcharged stamps of the Free State of Yenomysae did not suffer for want of proper attention. I gave statistics, descriptions of minor varieties and a graphic account of the rapid rise in the values of the surcharged issues, caused by the great demand at the office of issue, and cited as an instance the fact that an English dealer had paid 17 pounds for three surcharged stamps of the first issue.

"One of the letters I received was from a speculator who wanted 100 stamps surcharged to order, of a variety different from any of those heretofore surcharged, and offered to pay double face value for them. The offer was refused.

"Well", continued the General, "the surcharged stamps of the Free State of Yenomysae were all the rage, and the dealer who could not advertise them for sale, felt like 0 to 7 in the ninth inning. Orders poured in by every mail, and at the end of the first year of our contract I placed \$1,000 in the state treasury, less the amount advanced to pay off a portion of the state debt, and the Governor and I divided \$1,700 between us. The second year gave us a profit of \$1,400 each, and the present year, judging from the first six months, will more than double this sum.

"The army has been recruited to its full strength, and the ghost walks at regular intervals. The debt owing to Wun Lung, the Inspector of Fogs, has been paid in full, the country is prosperous and the people happy and contented, and the taxes have been materially reduced. At the last election the Governor was elected for life, and after the result was announced, we gave a grand fete to the people at their expense.

"I am now making arrangements for an issue from entirely new plates, as the surcharged varieties number 284, and nearly all the dealers have full stocks

The new issue will contain enough varieties of paper, perforation, watermark, and shades to satisfy the most exacting specialist, and I think the new issues will have a run that will equal that of the surcharged stamps.

Such is a portion of the history of the surcharged stamps of the Free State of Venezuela. I promised the General that I would not publish my article until his contract with the Government had expired, and that promise had been faithfully kept.

(The End.)

Philatelic . . .
Contemporaries.
 Henry A. Chapman, Review Editor.

Publishers desiring notice in this department are requested to send one copy of their journals to H. A. Chapman, R. P., Rocky Hill, Conn.

In *Melroe's* for Oct. 18, Mr. Gregory in "New York Notes" has this item:

We are informed that a new issue of stamps has been prepared and forwarded to the Dominican Republic. The values are 1/2c to \$1.00. We are also informed that a quantity, nearly \$1,000.00 in face value, has been retained here by the Consul of that country to fill orders in this city. They will be supplied to the dealers of this city the same day that they are placed on sale in San Domingo. Indignation has been freely expressed because the late issue of New Zealand was sold in London and no doubt will find expression in reference to above issue. Frankly, however, we cannot see why the issue should be condemned when a portion of them are retained simply to facilitate placing them on the market promptly and thus to satisfy the impatience of collectors.

How much premium does the lucky dealer charge the "impatient collector" in such cases.

Revue Philatelique for September has a supplement giving the names of those to whom prizes were awarded at the International Philatelic Exposition in Paris. Among the names of the American exhibitors are those of William Moser and J. N. Luff, who were awarded gold medals, and it may be remarked incidentally that Mr. Moser exhibited fine specimens of Millbury, Baltimore, St. Louis and New York stamps, besides other rarities.

The September *Filatelic Facts and Fallacies* is the first number we have seen in many moons. Over two pages are devoted to "W. Sellschopp & Co.," in which we are told that Wilhelm first hung out his stamp shingle in 1891, and from small beginnings a large business has been built up. The firm claims to have handled more used 50c Columbians and Omahas than the ten largest firms of the world put together. This firm thinks the "Mafeking Besieged Stamps" are "a local issue of very small philatelic importance," and the booming of them by English papers tiresome.

In the "Washington Notes" of the *Metropolitan Philatelist* for Oct. 13, considerable space is given to the Pan-American Exposition stamps. We are told that as yet but one thing is settled, i. e., the denominations will be from one to ten cents. The department will not allow Buffalo to be particularly advertised, but it is said "Commemorative Issue, 1901" will be allowed. It has not been settled yet whether the stamps will be bi-colored or not. Anyone who knows anything about printing can easily see that it takes three times as long to do decently a bi-colored job as one in a single color, and with its constant rush of business the Bureau of Engraving and Printing may well hesitate. To rush the printing of a bi-colored set would certainly be pro-

ductive of innumerable varieties, in the matter of shades, "off center" freaks, etc. Better to have good stamps in one color than poorly "registered" abominations in two or more colors.

The *Allegheny Philatelist* for October surprised us by coming encased in a cover. Of its sixteen pages less than four are reading matter, with no editorial page.

The Picture Postcard, No. 4, is as attractive as ever. "The Picture Postcard in Egypt," by Mrs. Montague Foulter, is well illustrated and of course the pyramids and the sphinx are in evidence. Even if postcards are not "philatelic", the journal devoted to them is worth perusing.

The American Journal of Philately for October might be called an African number, as over half is devoted to the "Stamps of the British East Africa and Zanzibar Protectorates," by J. N. Luff, and "Stamps of the Transvaal," by E. J. Nankivell, these alone covering 22 pages. This journal received a gold medal at Paris, while the catalogues and albums of the concern publishing it received the highest award, a silver medal.

Also received *La Circulaire Philatelique* (Oct.), *Ewen's* for Oct. 6, *Era* for Oct. 13, *Mekel's* for Oct. 18, *L'Annonce Timbrologique*.

Notes From the City of Brotherly Love.

Nearly all the weeklies have dropped Philadelphia notes on account of scarcity of interesting philatelic happenings but Prof. Redfield has given us another trial and we hope we can please the readers of the "PHILATELIC POST".

The *Philatelic Gazette* is now no more, two numbers were issued which contain-

ed reading matter much above the average newcomer.

We have received the full price list of Pennsylvania Stamp Co.

A few of our younger philatelists met the other evening to form a co-operative stamp company to be styled the Quaker City Stamp Syndicate. No action has been taken since and things look decidedly blue for it.

The sales which the Bogert and Durlin Co. will hold this fall and winter contain many fine stamps and it is needless to say that there will be some warm bidding around 10th and Market Sts. when these sales are on.

Three of our largest dealers do not believe in philatelic advertising at all. They say that non-philatelic medicine pay best, but the writer holds, and always did, that the customers gained are not out and out philatelists and while they may pay better at first, in the long run they fail to come up to expectations and do our hobby more harm than good.

The fifth meeting of the Quaker City Philatelic Society was held last night in the offices of the Quaker City Philatelic Pub. Co. Twelve members were present. President Rawson was in the chair. Two new members were present. A debate will be held next meeting with Smith vs. Evans. A number of new applications were received and things now look bright for the "City of Brotherly Love" philately. After the meeting we helped Cecil and John home and with the combined efforts of the ambulance and the city police force we succeeded in getting them home safely.

The American Bank Note Co. who printed the Columbian issue and many previous issues, have a very interesting set of frames of proofs in their offices in the Drexel building. The writer had

the pleasure of seeing the manufacture of the "tiny bits" and I assure you it is very interesting, especially the double color work. He also saw two books of proofs, one proof to each page, of every U. S. stamp printed by the Continental or American Bank Note Companies and his fingers itched when he came to the 1869 issue and some of the other good things, including the Periodical Stamps.

A fellow philatelist showed me a pair of window transparencies which were beautiful, to say the least. They depicted Congo and North Borneo stamps and were so arranged as to make you forget your aversion to them in admiration of their fine execution and perfect blending.

D. C. EVANS.

Chicago Notes.

By S. E. MOISANT.

News seems to be unusually scarce this week, but I have managed to pick up a few notes which no doubt will be of a little interest.

Mr. W. Sellschopp, the well-known San Francisco stamp dealer, stopped over in Chicago Oct. 16 on his way to Europe.

Mr. Albert C. Stewart of the Toledo Stamp Co., Toledo, O., will be in the city Saturday, Oct. 20 in order to be present at the sixth auction sale of the Chicago Philatelic Society. I understand that a number of visitors will be present at this sale that have never before attended any of the C. P. S. sales.

The Imperial Stamp Co. is now extending its business to cities and towns outside of Chicago.

The Chicago Philatelic Society will hereafter hold an auction sale every four weeks. The next sale will be held Nov.

10. The catalogue of the Nov. 10 sale is already in the press.

The auction manager of the Chicago Philatelic Society will hold a special sale for dealers early in December which will be composed entirely of wholesale lots.

Rev. Father Sixt of Kankakee called on the dealers Wednesday, Oct. 17.

I will be pleased to execute bids at any of the auction sales held in Chicago free of charge for any subscriber of this paper. Send me your bid as early as possible and state your limit and I will buy as cheap as possible. I will not require a deposit but everyone bidding will be expected to take the lots if they bid the highest.

The *Stamp Exchange*, published at Kankakee, will be changed from a quarterly to a monthly, commencing with the January number. The business will probably be changed to Chicago, but the publication office will remain as formerly in St. Louis, Mo.

S. P. Bradford of Rockford, Ill., former secretary of A. P. A., was in town Oct. 18.

N. W. Chandler of Collinsville, Ill., made the rounds of the dealers Oct. 18.

E. C. Alther of Elgin, Ill., and Ludwig Wolf of this city have returned from Europe.

Our Weekly Chronicle.

We shall aim to publish the latest news regarding new issues and such other matter as properly pertains to a department of this kind. We shall be grateful to our readers for any courtesies that may be extended and shall give due credit unless otherwise requested. Stamps sent for inspection will be carefully returned. Address all communications to the WEEKLY POST, Smethport, Penna.

CEYLON—We have been shown the new 15c blue issued to conform to the Postal Union regulations.

Adhesive, Regular Issue,

15c blue

COREA—We have been shown several values of the new set of which we chronicled the postal card in our issue of Oct.

3. The values are as follows:

Adhesive, Regular Issue,

- 2 re grey
- 1 chemn, green
- 2 " blue
- 3 " red
- 4 " carmine
- 5 " rose-pink
- 6 " blue

NEW ZEALAND—The current $\frac{1}{2}$ d green comes in two shades, one decidedly darker than the other and constituting the latest print. The various papers and perforations and prints of this colony for the past two years have been sufficient to keep collectors guessing as to what to expect next. A specialist in New Zealand will have sufficient to occupy all of his spare time.

PARAGUAY—Several telegraph stamps have been seen with postal cancellation, hitherto unchronicled. According to the *American Journal of Philately* two values, the 30 and 50c, have been surcharged respectively 5 and 10c, that they might be used for postage stamps. There is no other surcharge to indicate their new function. The current 40c has also been seen with a postal cancellation.

Adhesive, Postal Fiscal,

40c black, red and green

Adhesive, Prov., Postal Fiscal,

5c on 30c black, green and grey
10c on 50c black, violet and grey

QUEENSLAND—Several exchanges have chronicled two large labels just issued, designed for "protectorate war stamps." We are not acquainted with the values but they are described as being "large and unweildly, of no marked originality and of indifferent execution."

SEYCHELLES—The few envelopes with which this country has favored us now becomes enlarged by the addition of a provisional 6c envelope, the 8c with the

overprint "SIX CENTS" in black.

Envelope, Provisional Issue,

8c carmine surch "SIX CENTS"

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS—*Perak*—The *Monthly Journal* states that it has been shown the current 2c and 5c stamps surcharged "One Cent" and the 4c of the same type surcharged "ONE CENT" in each case in two lines, with a bar across the top of the stamp.

Adhesives, Provisional Issue,

1c on 2c, lilac and brown
1c on 4c, " " carmine
1c on 5c, " " ochre

SURINAM—The 1c on $2\frac{1}{2}$ c which has been chronicled by several papers turns out, according to *Le Timbre Postal*, to be an old fraud which came into the market a few years ago, but was promptly denounced. It is said that these curiosities were made for the benefit of a postal official, who got a few of them postmarked, but that none were ever issued or really used. Recent developments have doubtless encouraged the holder of these things to trot them out again.

UNITED STATES—The Scott Stamp & Coin Co., report having seen a new carrier stamp that is undoubtedly a genuine variety. It consists of a type-set frame enclosed in which are the words "Hopedale Penny Post."

Carrier Stamp,

Hopedale Penny Post, black on pink

URUGUAY—The 1c stamp of 1899 has appeared with the "OFFICIAL" surcharge.

Adhesive, Official Issue,

1c green, surch "OFFICIAL"

According to the *A. J. of P.* the 75th anniversary of the independence of the country was marked Aug. 25th by the appearance of two postal cards of the same value, one representing the statue of Liberty and the other La Piedra Alta, one of the high mountains of Uruguay. Black on white.

Post Cards, Commemorative Issue,

2c black, two varieties

WURTEMBERG—According to a German paper an official stamp has appeared type O. 1, value of 25 pf.

Adhesive, Official Issue,

25 pfennigs

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 " " 100 r red lilac
 " " 200 r purple
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 do do 25c ultramarine, BLUEISH
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 do 1885-90, 1 pia on 25c rose
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 do do 3 kr rose
 do 1872, 1 1/2 gr yellow green
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 do do 1p rose
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 do 1880, 1/2p green
 do 1882-85, 1p lilac
 do 1885-89 (Levant), 40 pa violet,
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- Great Britain 1887-92, 1 sh green
 do do 4p green and brown
 do do 5p lilac and blue
- Greece 1889-92, 1 l black brown
- Guatemala 1887-95, 1c light blue
 do do 5c purple
- Honduras 1892, 1c slate
- Hong Kong 1882-84, 2c rose
 do do 5c blue
 do do 10c green
 do 1890, 10c brown, red
- Hungary 1871-74 (newspaper), 1k vermilion, red
- India 1874-79, 6a yellow brown
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 do do (envelope) 1/2a green
 do 1885-88, 3a olive
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 do do 1p carmine
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 do do 50s brown
 do 1883-93, 8s blue lilac
 do 1890, 5r gray
- *New Kiang 1894, 1/2c black, ROSE
 " do 1/2c orange, YELLOW
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" " 50 mons green	04
" " 100 mons blue & rose	04
Cyprus 1882-84 1/2 pi green	03
" 1891 1/2 pi green & red	03
" 1891 2 pi blue & chocolate	01
" 1881-94 [wrapper] 10 pa carmine	04
Ecuador 1892 [official] 50c blue	20
Guatemala 1890, 1c on 5c purple	04
*Maeco [newsman] 1883-94 2 1/2 r brown	02
*Peru 1894, sur. in black [No. 120] 2c mauve	05
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Her Silly Fad.

By MRS. F. A. SHUFF, New Berlin, Ill.

First letter from Mrs. Cordelia Wakefield to her mother.

MY DEAR MAMMA:

As you predicted, Frank and I have had our first serious difficulty on account of my craze for fads. Here we have been married scarcely a year and I have already been obliged to frighten him, once or twice, by declaring that I would go home to you, if he persisted in being so disagreeable. He was actually hard-hearted enough to tell me to go, and when you had succeeded in teaching me that I was too old for children's playthings, he would be glad to see me back. Isn't that exasperating.

It happened this way. Bearing your advice in mind, I determined to lay aside all my fads and fancies and interest myself entirely in housekeeping. I knew, also, that until Frank got an increase in salary, I could not go on with the collection of clocks and rugs I was making when papa died. So for six months I battled against it bravely but at the end of that time, I was actually starving. I felt as though I must hunt up a specimen of *something* or die. Unfortunately, just as I had reached this absurd state of mind, I met Claudia Montagu. You remember the beautiful collection of stamps, envelopes and cards, we made during the summer at the World's Fair. You know papa called us a pair of philatelic cranks, and we were obliged to

consult the dictionary.

Well, she is now spending the winter with her sister and we renewed our friendship at once. She has been adding to her collection all these years, and it is now simply immense. I found I was decidedly rusty. I knew nothing concerning new issues, not even our own water-marks and roulettes.

Mamma dear, do you wonder that the old fever was immediately aroused, and that the relapse was even worse than the first stages of the disease? I ordered a new catalogue; subscribed for the leading stamp papers, and set to work hunting bargains. For Frank's sake, I wanted to be nice and economical and I just hugged myself in the thought that I could indulge in my favorite fad, and spend only a dollar or two, occasionally, from my allowance.

Frank happened in one evening, just as I had received a revenue stamp and a set of Onumhas which had cost me five dollars. He was rendered speechless by the sight of my extravagance. But when he gained control of his tongue, he gave me as miserable a half hour as I ever spent. He said I was weak-minded, — nothing else could be responsible for my crankiness. He asked me what encouragement he could have to work, or to earn money, if I persisted in throwing it away for trifles.

Nobody ever talked so to me, mamma, and I do not think that I deserved it. I just stood up tall and strong and told him that I had as good a right to buy a stamp as he did to buy a cigar, and

more than that, I intended to keep right on buying, in spite of his selfishness.

The next morning I ordered a set of Canada Jubilees, and some lovely proprietaries, and so the matter rests, I shall pawn my jewelry, my seal coat, my silver, — a piece at a time, — if he offers to withhold my allowance or prevent me from enjoying my one little pleasure. I care so little for society, and, as you know, do not dress extravagantly, and I feel that I am being very shabbily treated.

Please send my international, and all other albums, at once. If I am wrong, don't preach a sermon, and if I am right, encourage me, just a little.

As ever, your loving,

CORDELIA.

Second letter from Mrs. Cordelia Wakefield to her mother.

MY DEAR MAMMA:

I have neglected to write because things were going so badly, and because I surmised from your letter that it would be useless to expect sympathy from you. It is hard to believe that you will sympathize with Frank when you must see that he is wrong. After he had told me repeatedly just what he thought of my childishness, he evidently decided to let me take my own course, for he has not referred to the subject for weeks and treats me with a studied politeness that nearly breaks my heart. Frank and I have always been comrades in every sense of the word, but now we are only friends and distant ones at that. "So near and yet so far."

I am going right on with my collecting; not recklessly, of course, but a bargain here and an exchange there, until my albums are beginning to grow radiant with brilliant colors. It is the most fascinating and I ever followed, and

mammy dear, the chief beauty is that it is absolutely endless, illimitable. I always did love the impossible.

Sometimes I imagine that Frank looks a trifle wistful towards my stamp letters and once or twice I have seen him actually reading my stamp papers, but I am too proud to ever mention the subject again. Moreover, I take good care that all my collections shall remain under lock and key, when he is about; he shall not have the satisfaction of criticising them.

But the worst I have to tell you, my dear mammy, is yet to come. Frank is growing tired of his home and of me. He goes out evenings, a great deal, so that I see very little of him, except at meal times. And that is not all! He is cutting down expenses on every side; he has sold our pony and phaeton, advised me to hire a cheaper cook and asked me, last night, if it would be inconvenient to let the two spare bed rooms to roomers.

I cannot understand it, but I know he is spending the money in some way. Perhaps he is gambling or speculating, or perhaps, oh, I cannot say it—oh, I cannot say it—perhaps some evil friend has induced him to drink and thus, as they say, "drown his troubles." But, alas! it is I who have the troubles. It is a mystery to me, but he makes no explanations, nor can I ask for any.

Is it my fault? Am I to blame? Mammy, you know my conscience is not hardened, and that I try to do right, but I cannot believe I am wrong in this.

I do not neglect my work and I try, in every way, to make Frank's home a pleasant, restful place. But I have failed, mammy; his actions show it, and if there isn't a change before long I am coming home. I know that you will welcome me, even if you think I have not done my duty.

I will write or dispatch when I conclude to come.

As ever, your discouraged

CORDELIA.

P. S.—Many thanks for the twenty-five-dollar check. I purchased three magnificent stamps.

Third letter from Mrs. Cordelia Wakefield to her mother.

MY DEAR MAMMA:

It is no wonder that you are out of patience. I did not realize that so many weeks had passed since I had written. As you must have inferred from my last letter, I was beginning to make preparations to leave my new home forever. Just at that time, something happened. Frank's mail is usually sent to the office, but one evening there was a letter left for him, at the house, which excited my curiosity.

On the envelope was the name of a very exclusive stamp dealer, whom I had never felt able to patronize. I was wild to know the contents. In fact, I felt that I *must* know. Although I had never before been guilty of such a misdeed,—I opened the letter. I found a revenue stamp, catalogued at fifty dollars. Frank had paid thirty, as I learned by the enclosed letter.

My curiosity was now strained to the highest point. I sealed the envelope and put it aside for him. Perhaps, I thought, he had bought it for a peace offering to me. I impatiently awaited his return hoping that all my troubles were about to end. But I was disappointed. He quietly took the letter from me, with the most quizzical look imaginable, and just as quietly transferred it to his pocket.

This made me more miserable than ever but it gave me some new ideas. One day I stopped in the office a moment to tell Frank that Claudia and I were go-

ing to an opening, and he would better lunch down town. As Frank had stepped out for a few minutes, I sat down at his desk. Unconsciously, I looked down at his books. Before me, lay an International Stamp Album, opened at the Philippine Islands, and by the blessed saints, nearly every space was filled. There were whole pages of them.

I gazed in open-mouthed admiration until I bethought myself to look for the owner's name. The book closed with a snap and there, in gorgeous gilt letters, was his name on the cover,— Frank Lee Wakefield.

In my bewildered condition, I attempted to open the book as I found it, and slip out unnoticed; but the leaves fell apart at U. S. postage, and I became glued to the chair. It was my special fad! And, oh, such a collection! I knew nothing of time or surroundings. When, at last, I raised my eyes, Frank was standing by the desk, looking at me and smiling.

"How do you like it, Cordie?" It was the same old nickname, spoken in the same old tone.

Mamma, I could not speak, but I laughed so hysterically that the clerks in the office all looked up suddenly, and then I remembered where I was. I could not tell how it had come about, but I knew that Frank and I were true comrades once more.

Claudia and I did not go to the opening, but Frank and I lunched at a downtown restaurant. He told me how hard he had worked and how it had not been simply a desire to please and surprise me, but because he had contracted the malady himself, in its very worst form. You can easily see how hard it was for him to acknowledge this, after all he had said to me. I felt sure that Frank's nature and mine were harmonious, but

you see, the philatelic chord in his make up had never been given an opportunity to vibrate.

Mammy dear, he is a born philatelist and the way he orders Hawaiian provisionals and South African surcharges, does my very soul good. My enthusiasm seems tame compared with Frank's tremendous energy. He looks at the work from a business man's standpoint, and declares that a collection, such as we have begun, will astonish the world and bring us a fortune some day.

I wish you could have heard Frank's gasps of delight, when he discovered my old revenues, in blocks of four, which Uncle Joseph gave me. He executed a cake walk that would have been a credit to the swellest cake walker in Coontown.

Come and see us. We are, as you might say, a reunited family. It will be impossible for me to visit you at present, for I am determined to practice economy on every side.

As ever, your happy,
CORDELIA.

Chicago Notes.

By S. E. MOISANT.

The 332nd regular meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society was called to order at 8:30 P. M. October 18 by Pres. Wolsieffer. The only important business before the house was that of selecting a new meeting place. The proprietors of the hall informed the president that the old place was to be repaired and would take some time before it would be ready to use as a meeting place again. A committee was appointed to look up a new place.

The sixth auction sale of the Chicago Philatelic Society was held at the Palmer House on the evening of October

20. About fifty bidders were present. I noticed many new faces and there were a number present who never attended an auction sale. Prices realized were pretty good. The next auction sale will be held Nov. 10.

The Illinois Stamp Co. of Prophetstown, Ill., inform me that they will start a new paper to be called the *Illinois Monthly* devoted to the interests of stamp collectors. There is also a rumor that a person in Quincy, Ill., will start a new philatelic journal to be called the *Philatelic Globe*. To the two new comers we extend our best wishes for a long and prosperous career.

The *Prairie State Philatelist*, published by Geo. F. Dold, Chicago, has been changed to a bi-monthly and will remain so for a year and will then be changed back to a monthly. This is on account of the publisher having so much other work to do. Mr. Dold is a printer and now prints several of the leading philatelic journals.

Mr. I. A. Mekeel of St. Louis, Mo., is expected in town next week. I understand that Mr. Scott F. Redfield is in town.

In one of the recent instalments of Philadelphia Notes in the Post Mr. Evans says that I am to start a new philatelic journal the first of the year. This is a mistake as I only intend to change the old one from a quarterly to a monthly.

P. M. Wolsieffer is quite an out-of-the-ordinary collector. He now has a collection of counterfeits and oddities and intends to start a collection of damaged stamps.

Mr. Geo. C. Harvey of Constantine, Mich., made the rounds of the dealers last week.

Mr. J. B. Holmes of Bloomington

Ill., spent the week in Chicago and of course refreshed old acquaintances and also the new ones made at the conventions in Milwaukee.

Notes From the City of Brotherly Love.

This clipping appeared in the editorial columns of the *Ledger* of recent date and voices the sentiments of thousands:

"Haven't we had about enough 'Exposition Stamps?'" When first introduced to advertise the Columbian Exposition, they were a novelty and were conceded to be a very clever device; but they were unwieldy, they tended to complicate business, and when the novelty wore off the people soon tired of them. The issue of stamps for the Trans-Mississippi Exposition fell flat, nobody cared for them, they were of no value whatever for advertising or any other purpose. Now, it seems, we are to be afflicted with an issue of stamps for the Pan-American Exhibition at Buffalo. They are to be larger than the ordinary stamp, which means that they will be more clumsy to handle and will take up more room on the envelope. That they will pay either the government or the enterprise in whose behalf they are to be prepared is scarcely to be expected, their chief use will be to enrich the collections of philatelists."

Is the last the truth?

The 8th regular meeting of the Quaker City Philatelic Society was held last Friday evening at 1011 Chestnut street, room 231. Eight members were present. The attendance was affected by Tuttle's auction sale. After all business was transacted a rousing auction was held in which 40 lots were disposed of. Mr. J. A. Whiteside was appointed auction manager in place of H. J. Davish, re-

signed. Communications were read from a score of local collectors who desired to join and will appear at next meeting. Mr. Cowan, late of Pittsburg, was admitted to membership. He showed some nice things and sold quite a little to some of the others present.

The names of the two Oak Lane (a suburb of Philadelphia) collectors exposed as frauds by the *N. Y. Philatelist* prove to be youths who regard their dishonest transactions with perfect equanimity.

Geo. Anders of Morristown sends out a typewritten circular letter to the effect that he has received the private proprietaries of J. Elwood Lee & Co., at last. Instead of being issued in one color they are in five, viz.: blue, red, green, orange and brown. The price is pretty stiff and we are afraid they won't find a very ready sale. He says he is exclusive agent and all must go through him. Where does Lewis R. come in.

The first issue of the *Quaker City Philatelist* has appeared at last. Typographically it is all right, but lacks volume.

New York City Findings.

The *New York Philatelist* for October contains some of the new prices from the advance sheets of Scott's 60th catalogue. Here are a few changes:

The provisional issues are exactly as in 59th, with the exception of the Lockport, which is listed and not priced. The 1817 issue is unchanged in price, used or unused. The 1851-56 issue is unchanged, except in three items—32a, 3c rose, unused, is \$2.50 in 59th and \$1.50 in 60th, while the 12c black advanced to \$1.75 and 35b, diagonal half of 10c used as 5c is dropped.

There are several changes in the 1855-60 issue, all of which we give. The 1c, in both shades, is now \$15, new; \$5 used. The 5c brick red, No. 45, is \$100 new and \$10 used; No. 46, \$40 new; No. 47, \$25 new; No. 49a, priced new, \$7.50; 10c, No. 50, 30c used and 50a, 40c used. The 60c blue \$20

new, \$30 used.

The first issue of 1861 is unchanged, except that the 24c is now priced for the first time at \$40. In the second issue there are a few changes, some unimportant which we omit. No. 65c 8c rose imperforate, has been added; \$7.50 unused, also 67c has been added (5c buff, imperforate horizontally), but not priced. The 5c brown yellow is now \$7 used. The 24c red lilac has doubled in price, unused. The 90c blue is \$3.50 used; pale blue not changed, and a marine blue is listed but not priced.

In the 1862-66 issue there are only two changes of importance—the 5c black brown, \$15, the 15c black, \$10, both unused.

In the 1867 issue the 3c grilled all over is now \$12, used. The same grill, 13x15, is now priced for the first time at \$25. The 2c black, 12x14, unused, dropped 50 per cent to \$15. In the 11x13 grill the 1c blue and dull blue have just doubled in price, unused; the former is \$8 and the latter \$10, unused. The 2c unused advanced \$1. The 10c green is now \$7.50, new, and 75c used, and the 12c has advanced \$2 unused.

Grilled 9x13 the 5c brown is now \$15 new; \$4 used, and the 10c is now 60c used, both shades. The 1875 reissue is not changed in price.

In the 1869 issue 113d is added; vert. half of 2c used as 1c, but not priced. In fact, all prices of the 1869 issue are unchanged, as well as the 1875 reissue. The only changes in the 1870 grilled stamps are 3c green, 5c and 12c, \$50, both used, 30c unused \$25 new, \$12.50 used, and the 24c purple is priced for the first time, \$75 used. Same not grilled 3c is now \$2, new, and 12c \$3 new. 1873 issue is changed but little; 3c green, unused, in its three shades, is now \$1; 2c ribbed paper 15c, and 7c same, \$10 used. No change in the reissues (called "Special Printing"). The only changes is 1875 and 1879 issues of note, No. 187 is now 15c used and No. 191 \$1 used. In the 1882 issue minor varieties of the 1c and 3c stamps are added, "Die cut, with eight small holes in circle" and priced at \$10 each. Special printing, 5c gray brown, No. 20 9c is added, but not priced, and also under 1883 are given two more special printings, 2c pale red brown and 4c deep blue green, but not priced.

The 90c unused 1888 is now \$3. There are no changes of any importance in either the 1890 or Columbian issues. The 15c Columbian unused advanced 5c and the 30c advanced 5c, both used and unused. The \$1 (on which we expected another drop) remains the same price. The \$3 is now \$3.75, new; \$3.50 used. The \$4 is \$4.50 used, and the \$5 is \$5.50 used.

The \$1 black, unwatermarked, dropped 25c used, and the the \$2 advanced 50c used; and the current set is practically same as in 50th. The Omaha stamps have changed but little, principally a few cents advance in the unused stamps and 5c decline in 50c, used.

American print of newspaper stamps: The 6c is now priced at 75c, used and unused; the 3c at 30c, used and unused, 60c listed imperforate, but not priced. A "special printing" of the 5c (intense black) is also given, but not priced. The 1c black is now 20c, used and unused; 12c carmine \$1.25; 24c, \$1.50; 9c, \$2.50; 48c, \$4; 60c, \$4; 72c, \$6; no other changes. The 1894 Bureau print from the same plates is unchanged, except 24c, which is now \$4. No changes whatever in the last set of newspaper stamps.

Unpaid letter stamps: No. 1201 and 1202, 5x new, 25c used. No. 1203, 40c new, 8c used. No. 1204, \$1 new, 50c used. No. 1205, 35c used; No. 1208, 8c new or used. No. 1209, 15c new; No. 1210, 15c new, 6c used. No. 1212a is listed (12c imperf), not priced. No. 1214, \$1.25 used. A special printing, ("deep brown") of the entire set U. S. Revenues. Documentary, match and medicine stamps have changed very little. The \$10 black has dropped to \$1.25, but the other denominations have remained the same. The new catalogue is promised for the middle of December.

The set of new stamps for the Pan-American Exposition will be printed in two colors as at first promised. The center will be in black and the border for each value in a different color ink—making a very handsome appearance. They will be issued May 1, 1901.

MACK.

About U. S. Stamps.

By LEON V. CASS.

The coming fad among the select "four hundred" is the collecting of pre-cancelled stamps. Nearly if not all of them came overprinted inverted. It would be a good idea to hang on to these stamps as in all probability some of them will prove to be quite scarce.

I have seen the 10c brown 1882 issue in four distinct shades, black, brown, reddish brown, yellow brown and a very

light brown. The black brown seems to be the scarcest, as out of over a hundred of these stamps I found only one of this shade. The real black brown shade is not to be mistaken any more than the genuine 3c pink of the 1861 issue.

The current revenue cancelled with the name of the firm they are used by and date are collected as separate varieties by many collectors.

I have seen part of a sheet of the current 5c proprietary stamps in a distinct shade which can best be described as slate blue. Have any of my readers seen this shade?

The postal money orders are collected by many collectors who specialize in U. S. stamps. The old issues are quite scarce as very few, comparatively speaking, were saved.

A great many collectors do not collect U. S. envelope stamps because of the great number of perplexing varieties. One who has time to study them, however can easily study out the varieties and they are very interesting to those who have a liking for minor varieties.

The future collector of shades will have any number of varieties to select from.

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Contemporaries.

Henry A. Chapman, Review Editor.

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The *Montreal Philatelist* has an editorial headed "References," which is

pertinent, and speaks of the nuisance of being flooded with application blanks, coming from strangers with "references" attached. The editor says these blanks are consigned to the waste paper basket, as not worthy of consideration. The concluding paragraph reads:

Many of our societies are too eager to increase their membership, and adopt questionable methods to attain this object. Better far a small society, whose members can have confidence one in another, and who are willing to contribute enough to defray the necessary working expenses, than one with a wide spread list of membership, attracted to it because it is cheap, or perhaps because it gives the dishonest a chance to prey upon the honest.

Better also to have fewer societies, high enough dues to pay expenses and have all candidates' names guaranteed by a full board of trustees.

The *Philatelic Inter-Ocean* for October is quite newsy, outside of its press directory, which is always of value.

The "Optimist" in "Washington Notes" of *The Metropolitan Philatelist* for Oct 20 says:

The Pan-American or Buffalo issue of postage stamps will be printed in two colors. Not only that, but the designs have definitely been decided upon.

We are told that the shape will be the same as the Omaha set, but smaller—30 mm x 22 mm, all one size. The 1c will have a lake steamship on it; 2c a railway train; 4c an automobile; 5c Niagara Falls; 8c the canal locks at Sault Ste. Marie; 10c an ocean steamship. The word "Buffalo" is not to be seen on the stamps, but the picture of Niagara Falls on the value for foreign postage will perhaps be satisfactory to Buffalonians.

The *New York Philatelist* for October has a leader "The Damaged Specimen," by "Veritas." Mr. Dodge is in evidence in his new position as associate editor,

and we are told that his "office cat" is a member of the staff. More "bad ones" are given free advertising.

The *Virginia Philatelist* for October has a likeness and sketch of W. R. Lecky. Mr. Dietz's illustrated article on German stamps, "A Formidable Rival" is continued. The editor evidently does not think much of the Adams family and the Cartier Stamp Company of Toronto.

The *Exchange* has an article on "Anent Current Private Proprietary Stamp", also one on revenues, both by prolific writers. The review and editorials furnish the balance of reading matter.

To the Post reviewer the articles from the pen of Mr. Andreini are a source of instruction and his "Habilitados of Puerto Rico" in *Mekeel's* for Oct. 25 is no exception. Mr. Severn often has something amusing to tell, and in this issue relates how a journal puts coins under the head of philately, which doesn't speak very well for the editor's knowledge. Mr. Bartels is once more Washington correspondent for the *Weekly Stamp News*.

The *Quaker City Philatelist* (No. 1.) has arrived. As it is claimed to be "more of a prospectus than anything else" charity should be exercised toward it. We should think, however that Editor Evans would be disgusted with his Ohio printer who makes plural words singular possessives, and calls him "editor and publishers." And "Canadean" is hardly correct, either. Mr. Evans is capable of giving us a great improvement on his prospectus, and we hope he will. There are four small pages with a cover of paper such as butchers use—odd if not gaudy.

Also received *Nebraska Stamp News*, September-October; *L'Annuaire Timbrologique*, October; *Weekly Philatelic Era*, Oct. 20.

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No. 6.

The Newspaper Stamps of France.

By GEORGE CARION.

If we open the Standard (Scott's) Catalogue at "France", we will find the following under the heading:

NEWSPAPER STAMPS.

	Unused.	Used.
No. 252, 2c rose.....	\$50.00	\$50.00
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PERFORATED.

No. 254, 2c rose.....	1.25	0.75
No. 255, 2c blue.....	.50	.30

I do not intend in this article to criticize this catalogue, which from several points of view is certainly one of the best published, as in my opinion a catalogue should not be a guide of what to collect, as the collector is the only one privileged to say what he will or will not collect. A catalogue should be what the name implies, "a chronicle of what is in existence," and the one mentioned is certainly one of the most complete issued.

But I will respectfully submit to the collecting public the following observations regarding these so-called newspaper stamps; and, before going farther, will say that, in my opinion they have no value, and are out of place in a collection of postage stamps, as they were never used to prepay postage on newspapers. In fact, they were not issued for that purpose.

They were intended merely to show that the fiscal tax or revenue levied on the publication had been paid. This was in accordance with the old French laws (before the freedom of the press had

been obtained), as at that time all newspapers or journals were taxed. These stamps were issued under rule of Napoleon III.

They replaced the old hand stamp that was formerly impressed on the paper to show that these fiscal duties had been paid (a similar stamp is still in use for stamped papers, such as legal documents, etc.)

I would like to ask why the 2c rose imperforate No. 252 of these stamps (of which it is not known that indisputable genuine used specimen exists in this imperforate condition) is listed at \$50.00 while they do not catalogue the cheaper stamps of the same series, such as:—

IMPERFORATED.

	Unused.	Used.
2c lilac.....	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.00

PERFORATED.

2c lilac.....	.50	.05
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There are also many errors or "so called" errors of these stamps that are very high priced, such as:—

IMPERFORATED.

	Unused.	Used.
5c rose.....	\$25.00
5c blue.....	20.00
5c lilac.....	10.00

PERFORATED.

5c rose.....	25.00
5c blue.....	20.00
5c lilac.....	7.50	\$ 5.00

The above prices are approximations from the leading European catalogues. It is very probable that the so-called errors are only essays like the 2c rose imperforate.

As I have said, these stamps are of no value in a collection of postage stamps, as they have no claim to be such, being merely revenues (very similar to U. S.

Document Revenues) the cancellation of which is merely the printed matter of the journal to which they are attached. But as these stamps are catalogued, and there is a space reserved for them in nearly all albums, many collectors will probably wish to secure them. I would warn them that there are now being circulated "reprints" or very fine counterfeits of these stamps that are very dangerous, as they are sold by many of the leading firms in France.

They were very probably manufactured by the same gang of counterfeiters who issued the fine imitations of the Unpaid Letter Stamps of France, which collectors should also watch for. I give a list of the stamps counterfeited:—

UNPAID LETTER STAMPS.

Scott's No. Issue 1859-70. Square stamps.

No. 201, 10c	black,	lithographed
No. 202, 10c	"	typographed
No. 203, 15c	"	"
No. 206, 25c	"	"
No. 208, 40c	blue,	"
No. 209, 60c	yellow	"
No. 210, 60c	blue,	"

The counterfeits of the newspaper stamps are very perfectly executed; the principal difference I have been able to find is in the paper, which, in the counterfeit, has a satin finish, somewhat similar to bond or light parchment paper.

As the imitations of these stamps are offered on part or on entire newspapers, especially set and printed with a date of about thirty years ago, it is very hard for the collector who does not know of this to tell the difference.

I would advise collectors of postal franks to drop these stamps from their lists, for three reasons:

They are not postage stamps in any sense of the word.

The genuine copies are very seldom found.

The counterfeits are so well made that even the best informed are deceived, and there is more probability of having a

counterfeit palmed off on you than there is of securing a genuine specimen.

There are also some of the lower values of the postage stamps of France that are offered as newspaper stamps. These stamps are canceled by printed matter, and were used to denote the payment of the fiscal tax on posters, handbills, etc. They have absolutely no value, whatever.

In fact, the French government has never issued a stamp especially designed for use on newspapers to prepay postage. Consequently there can be no newspaper stamps of France.

A Cycle of Cathay.

By CHARLES E. JENNEY.

"Yut, ghe, sarm, saye". I was listening to the sing-song counting of the card and dice gamblers and the dreamy drone of a Chinese fiddle, in the little shop of a Chinese merchant. I had gone into the store which was one of the many in the Chinatown quarter of one of our California cities, to purchase some fire crackers, for it was the eve before the glorious Fourth, that 4th when the trouble with the Mongolian Empire was alarming the entire world and the 19th century was likely to set in a haze of blood red in the western sky.

The peculiar odors of punk, opium smoke and various other Celestial (?) scents filled the air with an Oriental languer. I sat down a moment on a rickety bamboo stool to wait while the pig-tailed proprietor wrapped up the package of pig-tailed crackers in a hieroglyphically-ornamented yellow paper. A wrinkled old fellow at the card table, watched with envy-glittering eyes by his opponents, was raking in the heap of square-holed brass cash which had been the stake of that hand, when my attention

was attracted to a sallow-faced young Chinaman who entered the store with a package in his hand and seated himself beside me. I paid him no notice after the first glance and was not aware he had been watching me until he drew his stool up to me confidentially and laying his package on my knee said, "You likee buy?" "What is it?" I asked. "You see", was the reply as he motioned me to open it. I untied the bundle and there appeared before my admiring eyes a magnificent great volume bound in gold, with a huge black dragon embossed on the front cover and the words "Postage Stamps of China, 1900 to 2000." I opened it with little wonder but a good deal of interest.

There were a few statistics on the first page, as follows: "Republic, President, G. W. Jones. Area, 4,500,000 square miles. Standard coin, dollar equal to 100 cents." Then came the stamps, mounted in beautiful designs and with gold-leaf hinges. We have all had philatelic nightmares at one time or another but the first hundred pages was the worst mix-up I had ever encountered, even after an over-dose of Welsh rarebit at an annual blow-out of the Philatelic Sons of Guns. The first stamps in the album were the Japanese wedding stamps with surcharges for use in Corea, Peking and the Central Provinces. Then followed in rapid succession Russian, German, English and American stamps, surcharged for the successive provinces or cities as they were captured by the allied armies. Contemporary with these were provisional stamps for Canton, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Amoy, New Kiang, Chin Kiang, Foo Chow and Peking, and all the treaty ports, of crude design, showing that in the haste and confusion of war time, supplies of regular issues of stamps running out, they had no oppor-

tunity to issue elaborate designs to lure the speculative collector's interest (and principal), but had printed off hurriedly the best they could manufacture at the moment. And two large stamps of horrible design—a missionary roasting on a spit—told of the other side of this great uprising of the Boxers.

Then came stamps for Russian China, English China, French China, German China, American China and Japanese China—sounds queer, that last, doesn't it? These issues belonged to what was called the Division Period and were dated years later, and a few scattering Oriental-looking stamps among them called "Rebel Issues" showed that the dying Empire was still making a fight to the very last.

Next followed surcharge on surcharge, and surcharge thrice surcharged. English China for use in Russian China and American China for use in German China, telling of a vast dissension among the powers, with provisional issues from besieged cities and provinces. Then, years later in date, were stamps reading "Anglo-American Protectorate of the Ancient Chinese Empire," showing the Anglo-Saxon race had risen to supremacy in a new Continent.

For a long period then the stamps showed a government of stability, with little to tell of the struggles of a slow-vanishing aboriginal race, except the portraits of generals martyred in the conquest and statesmen made famous by the successful management of state. There were commemorative issues occasionally celebrating famous victories, the federation of the foreign ports, the surrender of Thibet, and other historic events.

And last came the issues celebrating the peaceful change of the Protectorate into a free Anglo-Saxon Republic. It was a noteworthy set that honored this

great event,—the peaceful climax of a movement equal in interest to the settling and conquest of America by the same race, and under somewhat similar conditions, except that here the population had not been decimated by internecine war and other causes.

All the stamps were of an excellence of manufacture which I had never before beheld. They were reproduced from color photography and were all unused. The reason for this was explained by one or two used specimens which showed the method of cancellation,— a large circle burned through the stamp by electricity and practically destroying the beauty and collectibility of the used stamp.

The one cent value, which reminded one of the Canadian map stamp, represented an Anglo-Saxon world. The two cent value represented wireless telegraphy by two emblematic figures standing at opposite poles of the earth and conversing with facility. The three cent presented Liberty holding out a book labeled "The Confusion of Confucius." The four cent showed an automobile of shape and design new to me. The five cent had a flying machine on it. This latter was the highest value, as the rates of postage had apparently been greatly reduced. By a note written beneath the one cent stamp I noted that this was an international stamp good for use in all Anglo-Saxon countries, which really occupied all the globe and held a place similar to the Universal Postal Union of 1900; also that this was the common letter rate of postage and had been secured by the efforts of the United States of China.

You can imagine with what interest I turned the pages of this history of the Orient, reading the story of the great upheaval that was necessary to remove

an obstruction in civilization's progress. How I lingered over the beauty and originality of the designs and execution. The collection was practically complete and in an unused condition. There were mechanical devices for protecting the stamps, for protecting the cleanliness of the page, for keeping the stamps from curling when their original gum was subjected to heat, and for turning the pages automatically, all new to me and noted mentally, but the stamps themselves elicited all my attention.

The Chinaman who owned the stamps must have noticed the covetous look in my eyes for he broke in on my absorption with his insinuating query, "You likee buy?" I looked from the album to him and found it hard to realize that I was gazing on a twentieth century Chinaman, as the collection certainly proved, and a *fin de siècle* one at that. By a few questions I learned that he was a descendant of that once mighty Empire, an antiquarian who had taken a life interest in all its old customs and lived in its atmosphere, and an ardent philatelist as an aid to his researches of the past. And his reason for selling such a treasure, the work of a life time? His hesitation, as well as his sallow, unhealthy complexion told me that he was a victim of the old curse of his race—opium. The ethics of the question of whether I should benefit or help ruin him by buying his collection was puzzling me, but the collection was too great a temptation.

"How much?" I asked, "one million dollars."

Now whether one of the lounging smokers in the store had thrown a match carelessly down on my bundle of fire crackers, or whether it was a spontaneous combustion, I cannot say, but a sudden explosion of the whole bunch occurred

which communicated with the large stock of explosives in the store and when I came to my senses I was one hundred yards from the scene, the album with all its marvellous treasures was nihil, and the cannons and guns and dynamite crackers were booming for the advent of the Fourth.

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Most philatelic stories are dreams. Perhaps you have had a suspicion that this is one. Some of my friends to whom I ventured to mention the wonderful collection and its unfortunate destruction, suggested that I had been "hitting the pipe", and that it was all a "pipe dream", which is unkind as I have no desire to rival DeQuincey. Nay, rather regard it as the spirit of prophecy descended upon an unworthy subject, in these latter days, for great changes are at hand and we shall read in the stamps of the coming century history as strange as any ever written in the past.

An Old-Timer.

She (as her lover is about to start on a journey round the world): "My dear Adolf, will you be true to me when you are far away? Promise me that you will write to me from every town you visit."

He: "Oh, Ada, is it love that prompts you to say this? Ada, swear to me, do you really love me, or are you merely collecting foreign postage stamps?"—*Newspaper Joke.*

Chicago Notes.

By S. E. MOISANT.

Everybody is taken up with the election and your correspondent finds it very hard to pick up news.

Mr. Scott F. Redfield of Smethport, Penna., is in town this week, and although P. M. Wolsieffer is the only one who has seen him so far, every one is anxiously waiting to see "The man that made Smethport famous" (to stamp collectors).

Mr. Richard Green, 204 Dearborn Ave. informs me that he will publish a new philatelic journal to be called the *Illinois Philatelist*. Mr. Green is a hustler and ought to succeed.

Mr. Dave Tausig, one of the proprietors of the Imperial Stamp Co. has been elected President of the First Voter's Club of the Eleventh Ward of Chicago. Dave is one of the big bugs now.

A collector here has gotten together a collection of over twelve thousand varieties in a little less than eight months. This is a pretty good showing for Chicago.

Although it has not been quite decided it is probable that the Chicago Philatelic Society will select for its new quarters, the large and spacious rooms at 204 Randolph St. for its meeting place.

The seventh auction sale of the Chicago Philatelic Society has been put off until Saturday evening, November 17, 1900. I will be pleased to execute bids free of charge for any subscriber of this paper.

The Chicago Philatelic Society now has nearly three hundred members, nearly one hundred of which are active.

Mr. Yegge, a prominent C.P.S. member of Dewitt, Ia., is in town.

The 332nd regular meeting of the C.P.S. was called to order at 8:45 by Pres. Wolsieffer. The report of the Secretary was made and the minutes were read and accepted. The committee appointed to look up a new hall reported progress. A vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Stebbins for exhibiting his fine collection of British Colonies. Adjourned at 10:15.

Notes From the City of Brotherly Love.

The 9th regular meeting of the Quaker City Philatelic Society was held last Friday evening at 1011 Chestnut St. Room 231. Eight members and two visitors were present. New quarters will have to be procured as the present ones have been rented to another tenant. The auction man, held a fine auction of 40 lots and the bidding was sharp and spirited. After the meeting Mr. H. V. Davish showed some nice things in unused Dep'ts. All Philadelphia collectors are invited to be present and if they will drop a line to J. W. Bond 2019 Master St. they will learn all particular concerning it.

An attempt was made to organize a stamp club in the Central High School but it fell through due to the lack of time of most of the student-phils.

The 10th regular meeting of the Quaker City Philatelic Society was held Friday Eve. Nov. 2 at 1011 Chestnut St. Six members and two visitors were present. The Constitutional committee made a report and was discharged. Numerous communications were read from absent members. An excellent auction was held, over 100 lots were disposed by our auction manager. After the meeting the members did a lot of exchanging and everyone went home with the idea that he had gotten the best of his brother in his numerous transactions. The next meeting will be held at 221 N. 12th St. where we have obtained permanent quarters.

The conference of the Executive Board of the Pennsylvania Philatelic Society scheduled for Allentown Nov. 4th has been called off on account of sickness in the family of the President.

Bogert and Durbin will hold their 153d sale Nov. 19th. Over 700 lots are up

for sale.

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 Henry A. Chapman, Review Editor.

Publishers desiring notice in this department are requested to send one copy of their journals to H. A. Chapman, R. P., Rocky Hill, Conn.

REMARKS—The reviewer has a word or two to say. Publishers often complain of not being noticed, when the fault lies with them. The reviewer belongs to several societies and also publishes a journal himself. If the other journal does its duty, it should send a copy for each society membership, two copies somewhere for the two *Adhesives* sent in exchange, and one more for reviewing in *THE POST*. Right is right!

The Stamp Exchange for October hints at a change from a quarterly to a monthly. We trust it will improve in typography. There are many errors which can be excused, but there are some in the number before us which disgust one. A printer ought to get the name of the paper right at least.

In *Mekeel's* for Nov. 1 Mr. Bartels of Washington informs us that he has seen the working proofs of the Pan-American Exposition stamps, and says "it will doubtless be the most beautiful set ever gotten up by any country, placing even the Omahas and Columbians in the background." All denominations will have a black center surrounded by a colored border, which will be of different design on each stamp, the color of border to agree with U.P.U. requirements. We note that the five stamps of the J. Ellwood Lee concern are advertised by one dealer for \$1 per set, or \$60 per 100 sets.

For a set whose face value is 9½ cents this looks like an attempt to bleed the public in a manner almost unparalleled in the history of philately; 10¢ is asked for each of the ½c. and 5/8c. values, and the others can only be obtained in sets. Another firm has eight values for 75c. face less than 12c.

Mr. Lohmeyer's "Hints on Card Collecting," or Price List No. 12 contains some interesting suggestions, and tells of the advantages of collecting postal cards. There are some illustrations and a long list of postal cards at cheap prices.

In the *Era* for Oct. 27 we find much that is amusing. In Mr. Stone's review which is short, he shows his appreciation of the ridiculous, by quoting from the No. 1 of a new journal, which says: "We intend to publish a magazine, not a stale newspaper, and no news of any sort will ever appear between its covers". Anything which does not publish news could hardly be called a newspaper of any kind. The idea of a magazine is a varied one. Mr. Eldredge, in his Boston letter tells of a party, who wishes the better grade of unused British colonials at fifty per cent off and everything about them must be first class, and pertinently remarks:—

There are bargain hunters among buyers of stamps as among buyers of dry-goods or clothing, and some who are so unreasonable as to expect to buy a good unused stamp at less than face value.

To quote a hackneyed expression, "Some people want the earth, with a big garden tied on with a string".

No. 2 (November) of *Stanton's Philatelic Index* came on the very first day of the month, with a promising show of ads. In addition to its proposed contents. It has this to say about counterfeits:—

We believe that the greatest danger to philately is in the manufacture and sale of counterfeit stamps, and we are confident that the action of the govern-

ment in taking steps to exclude from the United States mails counterfeit stamps and circulars offering them for sale will meet with the approval and hearty support of all collectors.

With vigorous action on the part of collectors against all persons selling and circulating counterfeits, the menace of these parasites to our collections can be done away with. We believe it is the duty of every collector to report all cases in which counterfeit stamps have been sold, or offered for sale. If this action is taken, it is unlikely that counterfeiters will use the mails to offer their wares, and sales will be confined to personal solicitation.

Following this is a letter from Mr. Stanton to the postoffice department regarding the "dago" who has gone into wholesale counterfeiting, including U. S. stamps among others, and a reply which says "action will be taken in the matter". By the way, how will Mr. Stanton manage to index *Energy* and *The Philotel West*?

Energy for October shows signs of good business. It is amusing to read this in its comments on *The Philatelic Chronicle*:

But through it all there peeps the amateur. It does not take a connoisseur to see that the paper is managed by one who has not had a careful training in the work.

The September *International Philatelic Review* arrived Nov. 3, being the closing number of Vol. II, thus ending its first year of existence. We are in hopes that this unique and handsomely printed journal will come out regularly and promptly in the future. This number excels all previous issues in both quantity and quality.

Also received *Swap* for September, *Ewen's Weekly* for Oct. 20, *Juniors' Collector* for October, *Collectors' Companion* for November, *Rover* for October, *Philatelic Spectator* for October.

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Editorial.

We have been favored with a copy of H. W. Kroeger's new price list. It is a neat little 16-page pamphlet replete with bargains.

Messrs. J. C. Morgenthau & Co. of New York have concluded to give us a liberal share of their advertising. As this firm is one of the best known in the country, we feel justly proud that they have not found the Post wanting as an advertising medium.

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*Curaçao 1889, 25c green, type II
Great Britain 1883, 3d violet and red
Martinique 1892, 50c carmine rose
Natal 1876, 1 sh green
*Newfoundland 1867-78, 6c rose
Panama (double sur) 1892-94, 5c on 20c lilac
Peru 1883, 5c vermilion
*Queenland 1895, 2p blue
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" " 1882, 1p ochre yellow

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*Bolivia 1883, 20c red
*Brazil 1889, 300r black
Canada 1875-80, 5c yellow green
*Colombian Rep. 1870, 5c orange
" " 1892, 50c violet, VIOLET
" " 1889-95, 10c deep brown, buff
*Costa Rica 1883, 10c orange
Curaçao 1880, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c yellow
" type I, 1892-98, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c green (unpd)
*Dominican Rep. 1879, 1/2r violet, bluish
*Ecuador 1892-93, 5c on 1s blue
Hayti 1882, 20c red brown, YELLOWISH
Mexico 1898, 12c green
" 1868, 25c blue, PINK
" 1872, 12c blue
Nicaragua, 1869-71, 5c black
Peru 1883, 10c orange, black surcharge
Queensland 1879-80, 2p blue
*Santander 1886, 10c red purple
Susin 1857-59, 1r blue
Straits Settlements 1884-91, 30c claret
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- Bolivia 1879, 10c vermilion
Brazil 1844-46, 10r black
" 1850, 10r black
" 1866, 500r orange
" 1889, 300r yellow
British Guiana 1876, 4c ultramarine
" 1889, 2c mauve and black
British Honduras 1888, 10c on 4p violet
Cape of Good Hope 1865, 1p red
Chile 1880, 10c green
Colombian Republic 1863, 1p rose red
" " 1883, 10c yellow orange

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- Colombian Republic 1886, 10c orange PULVERIS
Costa Rica 1884-89, 1c red
Cuba 1883, 5c blue, red surcharge
Curaçao (type I) 1892-98 10c green
Denmark 1873-96, 4c brown and dull blue
Dominican Rep. 1879, 1c carmine, BUFF
Great Britain 1872-74, 6p brown
Hayti 1891, 7c red
*Labuan 1892, 6c green
*Luxemburg 1865-71, 2c black
Mexico 1908, 25c orange brown
" 1868, 12c green
" 1882, 25c red brown
" 1886, 12c lilac
" 1881, 5c ultramarine
" 1886, 20c scarlet
*Salvador 1891, 1c on 2c green
*Seychelles Isls. 1890, 13c blue gray and black
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A WEEKLY FOR STAMP COLLECTORS.

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Smethport, Pa., November 22, 1900.

No. 7.

Relieving An Over Crowded Album.

BY AMY LOUISE SWIFT.

When a printed album has gathered unto itself so many stamps that certain countries over run the space allotted to them while others are still very far from having the prepared spaces properly filled, then begins a time of trouble for the owner. Of course the acquisition of a blank album with interchangeable leaves, and the transference of the collection to its pages would end the difficulty at once, but there are many collectors who are hardly able to incur the necessary expense of such a book, and still others who wish to wait before getting one until the older emissions of particular countries are better represented, in order that the arrangement of the blank pages may be made more easily. Then there is yet a third class who think their present album is "too good to throw away," and who are therefore waiting for it to get a bit shabbier before buying the new blank one which they fully intend to get some day. While they wait the book in use grows to be more and more of an eye-sore to the owner, who at last keeps it carefully out of sight of brother collectors because it "really is not fit to be seen," or shows it with apologetic explanations of how its crowded, untidy condition is to be remedied by and by.

"By and by" is all very well to look forward to, we just have to live a good deal in the future in order to get along

comfortably in the present, but there is really no need for us to think that a printed album must be untidy merely because it must be made to contain numerous specimens for which no space was prepared. Some have found this out for themselves; others who have not may find some hints to help them in the following remarks, enough perhaps to show how the congested appearance of their book can be relieved for the time being, and the collection given a tidy look until circumstances warrant its removal to the blank album which is always the goal of an advanced collector.

"My present album," writes a friend who is puzzling over the question of where to put new arrivals, "in an 1895 Mekeel's; many pages are empty, many are full to the margins, and some countries wander off to the first blank page that can be found. It is very untidy, but what can one do when one just has not the price of a new blank album?"

So is my album in 1895 Mekeel's, but it is not in the crowded condition of my friend's, although there are very nearly a thousand more varieties gathered on its pages. It is bound with stubs in the back, as are nearly all of the more expensive albums, and this has been of great assistance in keeping it presentable. By their aid new blank pages can be inserted where needed without giving any effect of their serving the purpose of make-shifts. As for the pages; they can often be purchased with border to match that of the pages in the album (being otherwise entirely blank) from

the firm selling the album itself. Mekeel supplies them for the albums he publishes, or has done so, at a price of 25c per dozen leaves, which are mailed flat guarded by card board, thus insuring their arrival in good condition. If such leaves cannot be obtained, a very fair substitute can be made by selecting from the stock of a stationer such paper as is of similar size and quality, and drawing on it by pen and ink as good an imitation as possible of the printed border on the other pages. Then draw in the same way spaces of the proper size to contain the homeless stamps, being very careful that all the work shall be neat and as nearly as skill will permit, like the printed work. My album contains many such added pages and except when specially told of them no one would notice that they were not regularly bound in with the others.

If there are any collectors who cannot manage successfully the plan outlined above, they may be slightly interested in a different plan adopted by one collector who objects to seeing so many empty pages scattered through the album. That it is feasible I can say from personal experience, having occasionally utilized it myself, but it is not so generally satisfactory in its appearance as are the addition of new blank pages. This plan is to cut out empty pages of some country whose stamps are not cared for or collected, and reinserting them in another place, one where more space is badly needed. A careful erasing of the name of the country it was originally intended to serve, using a very sharp pen knife, will permit the new name being pen-printed in its place. Then the pictures on the page, if any, should be covered at once with the new stamps, dates erased and changed to correspond, and there is a new page right at hand. If the

stamps do not fit over the cuts well enough to hide them, erase just the portions that are necessary and if need arises one can even change the spaces so as to conform to their fresh duties. Of course all the work of changing must be done very carefully, but if the pages are selected beforehand with an eye to their new position matters can be so managed that the changes need not be as many as one would at first suppose. I have one page formerly intended for cut square Salvador envelope issues which now contains the new pictorial set of Tasmania, and so neatly was the transplanting done, and the needful changes made that a friendly collector examining the book never noticed the work until I pointed it out. Every collector who uses a printed album has certain pages he never expects to put in use for their original purpose, and this idea of cutting them out for re-insertion where they are needed, and will do fairly respectable service should prove of considerable assistance in the attempt to keep the printed album looking tidy until everything is ready for the arrival of a blank one.

Still another mode of relief from untidy margins is open to those who do not collect the cut square envelopes and wrappers for which most printed albums allow space. These spaces can be utilized for new issues, and as they are generally of about the right size for large adhesives ordinary sized ones can be hinged in without looking so very badly. Once in a while they may remind one of a single peanut in a quart measure—more space than treasure—but in many cases they look very well, much better than the same specimens would appear if hinged around here, there and everywhere on the margins. The following of this plan necessitates very little

The Model Stamp Collector.

The above named article is a very hard thing to describe for there are several kinds of them, according to the point of view. However, I will give you my ideas and hope they are quite like yours.

To my mind, the ideal collector of stamps will collect such stamps which prepay postage only. To him, labels denoting that document, beer, medicine, tobacco, etc., taxes have been paid will have no interest; he will find no charm in telephone and telegraph franks, or labels used to seal postoffice packages.

First, and most important of all our Model will not be a dealer in any sense of the word but collect for the pleasure in it only. Of course he will accumulate duplicates: all collectors do; and he will dispose of them by exchanging with other collectors or the use of the exchange departments in his local and national societies, the proper and best outlet for his surplus stamps.

He will, of course be a member of a couple of good societies, one local and the other national. He will attend all meetings and conventions possible; the good times and pleasant friends he will have and make will amply repay him. He will patronize the departments as much as he can and he will not keep exchange lots several weeks.

He will not be unduly anxious for office, but if so preferred by his fellow members he will in all ways promote the interests of his society, not for private gain or personal vanity but all for the good of his association. He will do all this anyway, but with the larger field of an officer, he will work harder of course.

He will be a subscriber to the best magazine (Philatelic), all of them that

he can afford; in fact, when an interesting idea occurs to him he will present it as pleasingly as he can to his fellow philatelists. Naturally, he will encourage his younger collecting friends by advice, and a few duplicate places where they will be appreciated, and will always be ready to give the benefit of his experience and knowledge (for a model collector will have much of the latter) to those less favored.

His standard of ethics will be very high. It seems to require an effort to refrain from "doing" another collector and rejoicing about it afterwards as "good business." The true collectors will not cheat—that is the only word for it—young or ignorant collectors merely because they do not know the value of the property.

In the care of his collection our Model will be extremely careful; it will be clean and neatly mounted, preferably in blank albums.

Lastly he will be charitable to his fellow-collector, have patience with their mistakes and refrain from the backbiting so common in stamp publications and circles.

I will leave him here. I should like to meet a half a dozen such people with all of the above qualities combined, but as every person has his own way of believing and acting I fear that I shall be unsuccessful; however I trust that every one means well in his own way.

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scratching out, and for that reason is in quite general use.

If the cuts are so plentiful and deeply printed that there is great risk of going through the paper in attempting to eliminate them by pen-knife aid, then resort may be had by pasting a bit of thin, but opaque, paper over the troublesome portion, and then proceeding as if it was the real page. This shows more than the other changes are apt to do, but there are cases where it must be resorted to.

However carefully the pages of an album are stretched for the accommodation of fresh issues, still the time must come when a new book is a real necessity. These plans given are but make-shifts whereby the present album may be kept in presentable appearance until the purse and inclination of the owner, or the number of the specimens make possible the purchase of the desired blank album and the tasteful arrangement of its pages. The longer one waits before getting it, the larger the collection will be, and the easier its arrangement, so that it is not surprising many are in no hurry to make the change, but while the waiting is in process the poor printed album should be kept in as nice and uncrowded order as though the owner had no idea of ever deserting it. With thought and care this can be managed pretty well, but like everything else that is worth doing at all, it should be done well, and the collector who hinges new specimens around the margins, or where ever he can see an empty corner, is the collector whose book, — no matter how richly bound it may be—will always look uncared for and untidy. Relieve its crowded condition by always supplying a special place for all new arrivals, and even a printed album can be kept looking up to date long after a carelessly handled one of actually the same age would appear hopelessly ancient.

Chicago Notes.

By S. E. MOISANT.

Mr. W. F. Bishop, the LaGrange Stamp dealer was in town the first of the week and made the rounds of some of the older dealers.

The new J. Elwood Lee stamps have arrived at last and are now in the show cases of the different dealers. The complete set of five varieties with a face value of 9 1-4c are selling for one dollar. This price is for perfectly centered copies. A great many of the stamps seem to be off-center, therefore the well centered copies will be very scarce.

Mr. B. L. Drew, the well known Boston dealer is in town with the stamps to be sold at his next two auction sales. Many fine gems are contained in these collections, and many collectors have availed themselves of this opportunity to look them over.

The catalogue for the seventh auction sale of the Chicago Philatelic Society is out. The sale is composed of over six hundred lots, many of which are very desirable stamps. This auction will be held at the balcony club room of the Palmer House, Cor. State & Monroe Sts., at 7:45 P. M.

An invalid in Chicago has collected without means of any kind over ten thousand varieties in a little less than three years. This together with the twelve thousand collection I mentioned last make a very good showing for the Windy City.

Mr. J. G. Stebbins leaves for New Orleans, La. on Nov. 15 to spend the winter.

SEND good reference and I will send you my Approval Books and Sheets.

Geo. A. Knight,

90 Meridan St.,
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Notes From the City of Brotherly Love.

The past week has been the dullest one I have ever experienced, philatelically speaking and really nothing has occurred worth noting.

The following clipping shows the characteristic American trust in human nature.

"That native trust in human honesty that one sees here is distinctly American," said an Englishman, pointing to a letter box. "I would like to see a continental business man lay packages and large envelopes on the top of the post boxes. They would be taken before the glue of the stamps was dry. There is another reason why we can't do that at home. Our dear old London fogs would wipe out the address in short order, and unless the collections were frequent the paper would be reduced to a pulp."

The 11th regular meeting of the Quaker City Philatelic Society was held Friday Eve. Nov. 9th at 1011 Chestnut St. Six members were present. The Constitution was ratified and adopted. A very successful auction of 40 lots was held by the Auction Manager; the Exch. Supt., Auction Manager and Librarian each made reports, which were accepted. A large list of frauds was read by Mr. Whiteside.

Mr. J. M. Bartels will be here on the 23rd. with the contents of his next auction sale.

We wonder why Drew has omitted Philadelphia from his list of stopping places when he visits places like Buffalo and Richmond.

Wallace B. Grubb a well known local collector is traveling for a local Bible House through the west, so if he drops in on you, do not be surprised. His journalistic venture has been given up. We wonder why?

It sort of jarred us when we received the current *Adhesive* and saw Major

Wurtele's picture adorn the cover, considering the friction which has occurred between the two Majors of late, it is truly remarkable.

The Secretary of the Penna. Philatelic Society received a letter the other day from a youngster up the state who offered to send him a basket of apples, charges collect, for a membership to the above society. His munificent offer was not accepted.

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—Contemporaries.

Henry A. Chapman, Review Editor.

Publishers desiring notice in this department are requested to send one copy of their journals to H. A. Chapman, R. P., Rocky Hill, Conn.

An editorial in *Mekeels' Weekly Stamp News* for Nov. 8 remarks:—

Generally speaking, the collector who buys novelties upon their advent cannot pay too much for the stamps, if he buys with a fair degree of care, and occasionally he secures for a little premium a stamp whose value becomes rapidly enhanced.

This is often true, and it is often true, too, that a person thinks he is buying shrewdly and finds out later that he has been gulled. The following "goaks" are also noticed:—

When the surcharge met Greece, then came the tug of war — and the surcharge came out on top.

The "broken V" variety of surcharge is rightly named; it takes a good part of a five-dollar bill to get it.

The D.P.A. report in the *Philatelic Advocate* for November shows a paid-up membership of 386. The *Advocate* announces a January number of 100 pages.

Stamps for Oct. 25 is inclined to sar-

casual in speaking of *Stanton's Philatelic Index*, but Mr. S. will probably survive. In speaking of the Italian stamp counterfeiter, it says:—

Brigands are hardly extinct yet; they have merely changed their methods.

"The Optimist," who furnishes "Washington Notes" for *The Metropolitan Philatelist*, prophesies that Uncle Sam will not create a new issue of stamps by buying the Danish Antilles, because the natives do not want a change, and the \$7,000,000 asked by Denmark is too steep.

Mr. McKearin is an ardent advocate of shades, and in his "Noted by the Way" in the *Era* for November 3 he devotes three columns to minor varieties, which includes shades. He differs with *The Metropolitan Philatelist* of Oct. 6, which thinks "it simply ridiculous to go below the surface of stamps, unless he confines himself strictly to one country, and even this must be a small one. * * * The collection of minor varieties is a waste of time and money." Mr. McKearin goes on to say:—

To my mind the collector who does not go below the surface misses much of the pleasure of collecting. * * * The average general collector can easily take some country as a specialty and I find a great many collectors do this. * * *

By minor varieties it must be borne in mind is included all varieties of watermark and perforation and if these then, logically, grilles and varieties of paper.

* * * As for this collecting of minor varieties being a waste of money, must we always measure the returns for money invested by a per centum of dollars and cents? * * * To assume, as generally true, that when a collector desires to resell he can get no more for distinct varieties of watermark and perforation than for the common variety of same design and color and must stand a complete loss of the additional purchase price of the rare variety is, it seems to me, a pretty far-fetched conclusion. *

* * I received a letter from a young

collector in a Western state from which I quote as follows:—"I am a young general collector with little money to spend on stamps, and would get little pleasure out of them if I did not look for minor varieties. * * * I have written this simply to let you know there is at least one general collector of small means who takes pleasure in hunting the slight variations in stamps because of the interest he has in them." It is hardly necessary that the amateur be able to invest thousands instead of single dollars in his collection in order to derive pleasure and profit from minor varieties.

Also received: *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News* for Oct. 27, *Youths' Realm* for Nov., *Philatelic Bulletin* for Oct. 28.

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WHEREAS, Said Stamp Act is undoubtedly class legislation, bearing very heavily upon one class of citizens;

NOW THEREFORE, Your petitioners respectfully ask and urge its repeal; and in order to show the iniquity of the law cite the following facts:

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2nd. There are large mercantile houses without number who do a business of from ten million (10,000,000) to fifty million (50,000,000) dollars per annum and pay no stamp tax and no tax on sales, or amount of business conducted.

This Petition is a cry for relief from this unbearable burden, which has been so long carried by men who are good citizens, but who feel that they have already paid more than their share of war expenses.

Our forefathers fought and bled for a like cause, unjust taxation, and their provocation was as nothing compared with ours. This law is prohibitory, and a confiscation of a man's inalienable right to the practice of his chosen vocation. It seems to us that Government should seek to protect and foster all legitimate business, and your Petitioners therefore beg your Honorable Body to look carefully into this matter. We would like to have the privilege of presenting the subject to a Committee of Congress, feeling convinced that a thorough investigation will lead to the relief that we ask.

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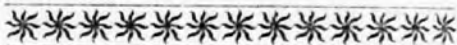
Editorial.

If my readers will pardon the omission of the customary editorial "we" I will hereafter use the first person in my weighty editorials. I think the practice nonsensical, the more so when there is no "company", and but one person is chasing the pen. I hope my critics will hold fire a few weeks as regards this question, on account of my recent trip to Chicago. A few more days (and nights) in the Windy City would about complete the destruction. If everything goes as I have planned this will be the last number of the paper appearing in two-column form. Have had no end of trouble and annoyance on account of the delay in getting my new machinery in running order. As soon as it is set up you may expect to see quite a change for the better in the general appearance of the paper.



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 " " 1885, 3c yellow brown
 *Nicaragua 1892, 5c light brown surcharge
 *Panama 1892-94, 10c yellow
 *Paraguay 1884, 5c blue
 *Perak (surcharge) 1892, 5c blue
 Santander 1886, 5c red
 South Australia 1878-85, 4p reddish purple
 Spain 1872, 50c deep blue green
 Sungei Ujong 1894, 3c on 5c rose
 Straits Settlements 1880, 1c on 2c rose
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 " " " 10c green
 Barbados 1882-85, 4p slate
 Belgium 1893, 2 fr. lilac rose
 *Brazil 1889, 300r green
 British Guiana 1890, 1c on 4d green
 *Colombian Rep. 1896, 10c orange
 *Curacao 1889, 2½¢ green, type II
 Great Britain 1883, 3d violet and red
 Martinique 1892, 50c carmine rose
 Natal 1876, 1 sh green
 *Newfoundland 1897-73, 6c rose
 Panama (double sur) 1892-94, 5c on 20c lilac
 Peru 1883, 5c vermilion
 *Queensland 1895, 2p blue
 Roumania 1890, 50b orange
 Siam 1895, 10a on 24a lilac and blue
 Western Australia 1871, 3p brown
 " " 1882, 1p ochre yellow

10-CENT SPECIALS

- Antiqua 1890, 20c blue
 Bahamas 1882, 1p vermilion
 *Bolivia 1883, 20c red
 *Brazil 1889, 200r black
 *Canada 1875-89, 5c yellow green
 *Colombian Rep. 1879, 5c orange
 " " 1892, 50c violet, VIOLET
 " " 1889-95, 10c deep brown, buff
 *Costa Rica 1883, 10c orange
 Curacao 1889, 12½¢ yellow
 " " type I, 1892-98, 12½¢ green (unpd)
 *Dominican Rep. 1879, ½r violet, bluish
 *Ecuador 1892-93, 5c on 1s blue
 Hayti 1882, 20c red brown, YELLOWISH
 Mexico 1898, 12c green
 " " 1898, 25c blue, PINK
 " " 1872, 12c blue
 Nicaragua, 1869-71, 5c black
 Peru 1883, 10c orange, black surcharge
 Queensland 1879-80, 2p blue
 *Santander 1886, 10c red purple
 Spain 1857-59, 1r blue
 Straits Settlements 1884-91, 30c claret
 Surinam 1885-89, 12½¢ blue
 United States Navy 1873, 3c ultramarine
 " " War 1879, 12c rose red

12-CENT SPECIALS

- Bolivia 1890, 10c vermilion
 Brazil 1844-46, 10r black
 " " 1850, 10r black
 " " 1896, 500r orange
 " " 1889, 300r yellow
 British Guiana 1876, 4c ultramarine
 " " 1889, 2c mauve and black
 British Honduras 1888, 10c on 4p violet
 Cape of Good Hope 1865, 1p red
 Chile 1889, 10c green
 Colombian Republic 1883, 1p rose red
 " " 1883, 10c yellow orange.

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- Colombian Republic 1896, 10c orange PULVERIS
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 Dominican Rep. 1879, 1c carmine, buff
 Great Britain 1872-74, 6p brown
 Hayti 1891, 7c red
 *Labuan 1892, 6c green
 *Luxemburg 1895-71, 2c black
 Mexico 1898, 25c orange brown
 " " 1903, 12c green
 " " 1882, 25c red brown
 * " " 1889, 12c lilac
 * " " 1886, 5c ultramarine
 " " 1890, 30c scarlet
 *Salvador 1891, 1c on 2c green
 *Seychelles Isles 1890, 12c blue gray and black
 South Australia 1880-90, 2 sh, 6p lilac
 " " 1891-96, ½p brown, black sur
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No. 8.

Chicago Notes.

By S. E. MOISANT.

Another dull week has rapidly past by and again we find it hard to pick up news.

F. G. Snow, Kankakee, Ill., and L. D. Snow, Sheldon, Ill., were Chicago visitors this week. F. G. Snow is about to take up the management of the Sheldon Novelty Works at Sheldon, Illinois which is to be one of the largest industries of its kind in the United States.

The *Chicago Junior*, published by Rosser W. Cobbe, 494 Bowen Ave., Chicago, has been sold to S. E. Moisant, of Kankakee who will consolidate it with the *Stamp Exchange* and issue the two as one commencing with the issue of January first.

Last week I made a mistake when I stated that Richard Green was to publish a stamp paper, I should have said Reginald Green who lives at the same address.

Mr. Fred Michael who runs a store at 40 Milwaukee Ave., Chicago and carries a stock of stamps as a side line had one of his valuable sale books stolen from his store on Monday, Nov. 12. The way it seems to have happened was as follows: A man came into the store of Mr. Michaels and asked to see some stamps, Mr. M. took out a sales book and handed it to the gentleman to look over. Soon another customer came and while Mr. Michaels' attention was taken up by

the newcomer, the man with the sales evidently skipped out as that was the last seen of it. Mr. Michaels immediately notified all the city dealers of the theft, but it is not likely that the person who has them will try to sell them to a local dealer. It would be a good thing if out-of-town collectors would be careful of what they buy from strangers in the future.

The Imperial Stamp Co., who have a large office at 163 Dearborn St., and who have been doing a large business by putting stamps in packets and mounting them on cards and placing them in the stores for sale, are now making preparations to extend their business to other out-of-town places.

The 33d regular meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society was called to order at 8:30 o'clock, Nov. 15th, by Pres. Wolsieffer. The most important business before the society was the nomination of officers. It was decided to hold the nominations open for two meetings. The following were selected at this meeting:

President, A. F. Merrill; Vice President, C. H. Wolsley, Chas. Gelder; Secretary, A. W. Arndt; Treasurer, Chas. Schlickert; Governing Board, E. C. Dodd, J. W. Bain, P. G. Flanders, W. H. Bauer, P. H. Russell.

After the meeting an informal auction sale was held.

I understand that a new society of young collectors is soon to be organized on the North Side.

Notes From the City of Brotherly Love.

By D. C. EVANS.

Bogert and Durbin's 153rd auction sale went off all right and some very nice prices were realized. The attendance was affected by the football game out at Franklin Field and very few of the young bloods were present.

Exchanging of lower-priced stamps goes merrily on, but the better are held back pending the appearance of the new "catalogue", lest there be some radical changes in prices.

A funny incident appeared to one of our local dealers recently: He was walking out Market street with a large package of stamps, which he had just received from a correspondent, under his arm, when he was approached by a policeman who in no silken tones demanded that he desist from playing "hare and hounds." There was a hole in the package and he had unconsciously left a trail of "wee bits" on his journey from the postoffice, which the policeman took to be a track dropped on purpose. It is needless to say that the victim was abashed to think that he was suspected of indulging in boys' play.

J. W. Boud has joined the Penn Stamp Co. and will look after the approval sheet department.

The 12th regular meeting of the Quaker City Philatelic Society was held Nov. 16th at 1014 Chestnut St. Seven members and one visitor were present. A report was made by the House Committee, J. O. Whiteside, chairman. The Secretary-Treasurer was empowered to get twenty copies of the constitution printed for the use of the members. Mr. Cummings, a prominent collector of German-

town was present and greatly interested the society with his philatelic tales of woe. The Quaker City Phil. Pub. Co. rented the office jointly with the Q. C. P. S. and took formal possession at the meeting. After the meeting we had a "blow-out" presided over by Mr. Whiteside.

Another weekly philatelic journal will shortly run Philadelphia notes; their author, alas, remains incog.

As we send this off we receive a prospectus of the *Philatelic Record*, A. R. Magill editor and publisher. It should be a howling success with such a progenitor, and we await its coming with hushed expectations.

W. H. Phillips, the able correspondent of the *New York Philatelist*, is a constant attendant at all of our local auctions and picks up many nice things.

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Contemporaries.

Henry A. Chapman, Review Editor.

Publishers desiring notice in this department are requested to send one copy of their journals to H. A. Chapman, K. P., Rocky Hill, Conn.

A new journal to us, the *American Philatelic Magazine*, dated October 1900, arrives with Volume V. Number I, on a dark green cover, which is, however, attractive. It seems that this journal was published regularly from 1893 to 1897, and then stopped. The number before us is handsomely printed, containing twelve pages of useful information. In an editorial, "Will the Worm Ever Turn?" this paragraph is noteworthy, referring to the speculation in our present United States private proprie-

series:—

A correct understanding of the situation has gradually come to those collectors who desire to purchase the stamps in question. Correspondence with certain firms issuing the stamps, elicited the information that the stamps are supplied to collectors through agents only. In other words, these firms had taken into consideration a probable demand from stamp collectors, had ordered on speculation more stamps than their business required, and had appointed an agent with the exclusive right to sell the surplusage to stamp collectors, which he does at exorbitant premiums over face value. The prices asked are sufficient evidence that profit and profit only is the aim of these firms and their agents. There is no thought on their part of accommodating the collector, and no reason exists why they should accommodate him.

The publisher is Frank Brown, of Omaha, Neb. Success to him!

In *Mekel's* for November 15, Mr. Andreini has an article on the "Habilitados of Puerto Rico." He gives a list of about a dozen counterfeits he has seen, and with regard to the surcharges says that the work is superior in the fakes to the originals, but "in one main feature the good and the bad differ, namely, that while the good were all surcharged in rows of ten or five, the bad ones are invariably found surcharged singly." As a consequence there will probably be no end of "minor varieties."

The "Optimist," in his "Washington Notes" to *The Metropolitan* for November 10, says, regarding the new documentaries:—

The quality of the ink employed is such that the business of the "cleaner" and "washer" of revenue stamps will be a thing of the past. The use of chemicals will cause the ink to run, indicating on the face of it that an attempt has been made to clean the stamp.

He also remarks:—

That "artist in crime" who manipulates acids with a view to transforming cancelled into uncancelled revenue stamps, is going to have a stony highway in future. The United States secret service department is keen after violators of this sort.

The dealer who offers "unused" documentaries at ten per cent. or more less than face value is liable to be summarily dealt with.

The November *Philatelic Chronicle* shows increased patronage as of the 28 pages between its covers, nearly two-thirds are advertisements. Of the reading matter, three pages are devoted to that tiresome subject, "Mafeking Stamps,"—tiresome, whether they are stamps or fakes. Perhaps the most useful article is by Mr. Moore, headed "Frequent Blunders," and he gives over two pages of the names of stamp. Anglicized. Any sincere student of philately, however, should know all this. Typographically, too, this first number of Vol. III is the best yet.

The *Weekly Philatelic Era* for November 10 is a twelve-page issue. It has much that is good of original matter, besides considerable that is reprinted. It is a noticeable fact that such journals as this and *Mekel's* can reprint good articles and escape criticism, but let a monthly beginner do it and he is almost sure to get "ripped up," to use a slang term. Nevertheless, let the "good work go on," and the more really good articles reprinted the better, as long as the proper credit is given.

Under "Current Colonial Stamps," *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News* for November 3, says:—

It is a well known fact that *supply creates demand*. Curtail the supply and the demand disappears. We do not of course refer to the great rarities and *pieces de resistance* sought after by specialists. The general collector mostly buys what is put before him. Hence supply almost always creates demand.

Still, there will always be cases where a dealer will overload himself, and not get a demand for his supply. Then he

is forced to unload at a loss and thus benefit the patient individual whose motto is: "All things come to he who waits," or words similar.

The *Allegheny Philatelist* has a new cover, designed by Dietz, and quite natty looking. Its leading article gives boy dealers a short—but we think the writer is a boy dealer himself.

Also received *American Journal of Philately* for November; *Philatelic Inter-Ocean* for November.

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SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT.

Fellow Members: It gives me great pleasure to greet you again and thank you, as I have so many times before, for the favor and honor you have conferred upon me. While the duties of this office take up much of my time, I will do my duty to the best of my ability. We now have everything possible to make the J. P. S. a leading society and I earnestly hope that every member will put his shoulder to the wheel and help push the J. P. S. My first report was sent in some time ago but was mislaid by the printers, therefore it is late in appearing, but I assure you that hereafter it will appear regularly.

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95. Don McCloskey, Wilkes Barre, Pa., age 28, mail order business. Reference L. H. Bell, S. E. Moisant.

96. H. B. DeSelm, Kankakee, Ill., age 10, clerk. Reference, S. E. Moisant, W. E. Beckhelm.

97. Arthur Plant, 278 Chicago Ave., Kankakee, Ill., age 17, clerk. Reference, S. E. Moisant, W. E. Beckhelm.

98. C. W. Kissinger, Reading, Pa., age 25, merchant. Reference, S. E. Moisant, W. E. Beckhelm.

99. Geo. S. Bull, 608 E. 20th St., Indianapolis, Ind., age 21, electrician. Chas. E. Babcock, S. E. Moisant.

REINSTATED.

H. G. Mengel, Kankakee, Ill.

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Respectfully submitted.

S. E. MOISANT, Sec.-Treas.

TRUSTEES' REPORT.

Fellow Members: Owing to the resignation of one officer and one or two other offices which remained unfilled after our annual election we have made the necessary appointments as will be seen by the above list of officers. Thanking you for our election, we are

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 *Panama 1892-94, 10c yellow
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 Mexico 1878, 12c green
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 " " 1872, 12c blue
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 " " 1859, 2c mauve and black
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Vol. 2.

Smethport, Pa., December 6, 1900.

No. 9.

A Review of 1900.

CHARLES E. JENNEY.

It is interesting at the end of the year to look back and see what has been accomplished in philately during the past twelve months, more particularly, I have reference to the new issues. In looking through the catalogue we do not always realize just which stamps are contemporaneous, they are so scattered about, and so we cannot fully comprehend the trend of the stamp issues of the world.

This, the last year of the 19th century, opened with a new issue from Germany. That staid old empire is not one to frequently change its issues of stamps, so this was a noteworthy event. Unfortunately, however, the design was poor and the stamps poorly executed.

The neighboring country of Australia also put out a new issue early in January on account of a change in its monetary denominations. Hungary for the same reason had a new issue. Bavaria found the need of several new values. Thus quite an innovation was brought about in these stable European countries. Down in South America, Brazil issued a commemorative set for two month's circulation only and for internal service. The Seebeck contract with Nicaragua expired in 1899 and the American Bank Note Co. got out a new issue for this country this year. Tasmania sent out a beautiful pictorial set that was one of the handsomest of the

year. At home, we changed the style of separation of our revenue stamps and also the color of the dollar values. All this for the month of January.

In February, Japan issued a set for its offices in China, an outcome of the late Japanese war. The Cape of Good Hope changed its old familiar design to one showing a view of Table Mountain. France began a series of surcharges for its different cities in Egypt.

In April Chili made quite a departure from her old design, though still retaining the time-honored portrait of Columbus. Crete sent forth a very artistic new set.

Then came a change in the official spelling of Porto Rico. England changed the color of her half-penny jubilee stamp, in use since 1887, and this was followed by a bi-colored shilling stamp.

The United States invented the novelty of stamps in oiled books. Then came a pictorial one-penny stamp for Jamaica. On June 15, Hawaiian stamps were succeeded by United States stamps, thus withdrawing one of the most interesting stamp countries from independent stamp issuance.

Japan, a promiscuously figuring country in these days, issued a three sen stamp in honor of the wedding of her crown prince. Then Spain got out a new issue. Argentine also furnishes us with a new artistic design during the year. United States stamps unsurcharged went into use in Porto Rico and the Philippines and the surcharged stamps of these islands became permis-

sible in the U. S. mails, this reversal of circumstances being much helped by the stamp dealers buying up large quantities of the surcharged stamps to use on their mail in this country, just as a novelty.

And now at the end of the year comes into prominence the interesting and much sought after relics of the Boer war in South Africa, the V. R. I. surcharges and the hotly contested "Mafeking Beseiged" stamps.

During all this period we have been watching at home for the new private proprietaries coming out from time to time.

It will thus be seen that the year has been one not without interest to the collector. In whatever section of the globe he may live, there has been something to immediately concern him. New issuing countries have come into existence and an old one drops out. Provisionals of historic interest leave us mementoes of wars and invasion. Commemorative stamps remind us of the world's progress. And the changing panorama of the designs all give us a presentation of the world's history as it is being made from day to day around us.

Chicago Notes.

By S. E. MOISANT.

The Seventh Auction Sale of the Chicago Philatelic Society was held on Saturday evening, November 17, at the Palmer House. As the auctioneer could not be present Messrs. Wolsieffer, Masoth and Michaels alternately acted in that capacity. There were about fifty bidders present, but for some reason or another prices were generally pretty low.

The date of the next sale has not yet

been decided. This sale will probably consist of wholesale lots and single stamps.

C. P. S. members express much regret at the refusal of Mr. Wolsieffer to again accept the nomination of President of the local society, which office he has held so efficiently for the past year.

The Imperial Stamp Co. are now buying up space in the local stamp papers which they will fill up with booming their packets, which are considered by the younger element to be the finest put up in the city.

Dave Tausig wishes me to inform the public through the columns of *REDFIELD'S WEEKLY PHILATELIC POST* that the rumor in Chicago that he was recently married is untrue and that whoever started it did it for the fun there was in it.

The Kindergarten Club, of which John J. Oesch is President and Secretary, has disbanded for the winter. This is on account of the extremely cold weather that is expected by the ruling heads of the society, and for this reason the little tots cannot get out to the meetings. Further reports of the actions of this society will appear from time to time under this column.

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When Publisher Mekeel promises something nice in the way of a special edition, he does as he agrees, and has brought out many handsome issues. *The Weekly Stamp News* for November 22, however, outdoes everything preceding it. It is devoted principally to China and her stamps. The cover is unique and a fine specimen of the work of a New York artist in four colors, and described as follows:—

The Chinese stamp, symbolic of the empire which is underneath, is being upheld by a Boxer, who, as a member of the anti-foreign clan, seeks to preserve the inviolacy of China by the sword. The yellow empire is a central figure on the cover, as it is in the eyes of the world.

The eight representatives below typify the five great powers of Europe—Great Britain, Germany, France, Russia and Australia; also, Japan, Italy and the United States, whose interests in China are interwoven in the country's future. Each of these nations has troops in the Celestial Empire to influence the partition or to maintain the unity of China, as circumstances may direct.

Fair Philatelia sits ready to record the political and geographical changes and, consequently, philatelic changes, that would mark a cataclysm in the eastern world.

The theme of China for exploitation was selected by our publisher, not because of the sterling character of the country's philatelic examples, although it is not to be denied that certain elements of fascination enter into the issues. The dedication of the number to the Flowery Kingdom is a logical con-

clusion in view of the great political interest to the world with which China is now invested.

While Uncle Sam comes first in the international gallery, his philatelic esentecheon is badly marred because of the inexorable laws against stamp illustration; as for the other specimens, they make national identification easy.

There are many articles on Chinese stamps, four or five by Williard O. Wylie, one of which has a likeness accompanying it of J. N. Luff, who Mr. W. well designates as "a central figure in American philately." The advertisements and reading matter cover 32 pages besides the cover, and the ad. section is "a revelation of the commercial resources of philately." Mr. C. A. Howes is also a large contributor to this special, and others who are regularly engaged have spread themselves to the full limit. It is impossible to adequately describe this beautiful journal, and anyone who hasn't seen it has missed much.

The October *Perforator* came to hand Nov. 19, its lateness being credited in part to the "election" of McKinley, but it seems odd that an event coming on Nov. 6 should be a factor in postponing something due October 15. Mr. Brightman acted as reviewer pro tem. While his review was fully equal to the regular editors, he has rendered himself open to a retorting criticism. He charges Mr. Leon V. Cass with having in his article in *The Ohio Philatelist* on "A Harvest of Stamps," appropriated it almost word for word from Robie's "Stamp Hunting," but when Mr. B. calls Mr. C. down for spelling "cancelled" with two "l's," he shows that he hasn't a thorough understanding of the fact that it is the most preferable way of two correct methods, and it is noticeable that his own review repeatedly uses the double

method, not only in different forms of the word "cancel," but also in "installment," a similar word. Mr. Cass might find such errors in this review as "plagiarism," "verbatim," "loose" for "lose," and turning back to his own article could be taught that it is not proper to say "that learned me." Picking up typographical errors is dangerous.

In October the *Bay State Philatelist* absurdly took journals to task for printing "second-hand cuts," but in all our philatelic experience we have never seen a smuttier looking cut job than it produces in its November issue, which it calls the "modest features" of Mr. James M. Chandler. Mr. Chandler lives in California, so he can hardly bring his gun to bear on the offending printer. The "Editorial" space is given up to a diatribe by A. W. Muirhead, D. L. A., No. 1, who is never satisfied to let the Starnamans alone.

The November *Canada Stamp Sheet* calls it editorial column "The Leather Chair," which leads one to think its editor sits on cow-hide, but he's doing very well, thank you.

Le Circulaire Philatelique for November has an article headed "Le Caporal Segnatasse," in which is given a picture of a most distressing looking object, a good deal uglier to contemplate than an octopus. Well can it be called a "horrible demon." The journal, however, is always printed neatly.

In *The Philatelic West* for November the business manager says "there is only one source of profit to publishers, namely, the advertisements. If we get cost for the paper from our subscribers we are satisfied." It is very probable that the majority of publishers would rejoice if their subscriptions paid for the paper used, but such cases are in a de-

cidid minority. When publishers take a decided stand and do away with combining subscriptions and advertising, the better for all hands, even if two-thirds have to take the publishing bee out of their bonnets.

Mr. Stone, in the *Weekly Philatelic Era* for Nov. 17, impresses regret because Mr. Magill has named his projected journal the *Philatelic Record*. The full name is the *Canadian Philatelic Record*. While the English journal is called *The Philatelic Record and Stamp News*. We should have preferred that Mr. Magill had chosen another name, but there is no cause for complaint, unless you go for several others in like manner. We have two *Weekly Stamp News*, and the several *Philatelists* in this country and others are very tiresome. In Mr. Stone's own town is a *Union*, as well as *Republican*, which are quite chestnutty in the way of newspaper titles.

The Picture Postcard for November has "A Chat with the Foundress of a Ladies' Postcard Club," and gives a likeness of the quite handsome young lady with a stunning hat on. Pictures are also given of "Oom Paul" and Mrs. "Oom Paul." The cuts in this journal are produced in a manner to please the eye sight.

We have been favored with a copy of a paper entitled *The Commercial Monthly*, of which W. C. Burtis of Saratoga, N. Y., is business manager. It has a "Stamp and Coin Page." It has an article on "Stamps as Wall Paper," telling of an old-fashioned house in London, where a room twelve feet square is entirely papered with postage stamps, which are forgeries. The article is very interesting and tells how many stamps were required. They were pasted on canvas.

and four persons were kept busy in the making for three months. A flat-topped desk in the room was inlaid with stamps, and a screen five by six feet was covered with them.

The Nov. 10 issue of *Even's Weekly Stamp News* varies its tiresome heading by using "Philately in South Africa" instead of "Mafeking Besieged Stamps."

The Monarch Monthly doubled up for October-November, has very little that is stampic.

The Junior's Collector for November is the poorest issue we ever saw of that journal.

After a long interval Vol. II, No. 1, of the *Jubilee Philatelist* arrived in magazine form, with cover. The cover would be improved by using a better quality of paper, but any cover seems better than none. The reading matter is of the usual order.

The "V. R. I." Varieties.

A Garnered Sheaf of Scattered Information.

BY AMY LOUISE SWIFT.

Enough has been written about the different varieties of the famous "V. R. I." surcharges to thoroughly educate all readers who are interested in them, but this information is so scattered over time and space that it is no small matter for a would-be seeker of light to find just the gleam he wants. This point was recently impressed upon my mind by the receipt of an inquiry from a stranger pathetically asking if I could, and would, give a list of what was known to exist in the line of minor varieties as well as in the major line. Compliance with this request necessitated quite a search of papers, and after the agony was all over it occurred

to me that very probably there were others who would appreciate a similar reference list all in one article, hence this attempt to furnish one. It very likely is not wholly perfect, few things are in this unstable world, but it may be of some help to readers, and in any case it cannot but give us an idea of the frailty of human nature when the making of postal issues is in progress.

Taking the set in unadulterated condition (meaning without errors) I can find record of only ten values, thus:

$\frac{1}{2}$ d orange, number surch'd,	1,384,800.
1d purple, " "	3,144,000
2d " " "	1,231,200
$2\frac{1}{2}$ d blue, " "	19,200
3d " " "	1,024,800
4d " " "	74,400
6d " " "	672,000
6d carmine, " "	7,200
1sh brown, " "	439,200
5sh green, " "	232,800

The figures quoted above are from an official list, and are supposed to be correct. Two other values are listed as having been seen surcharged, viz., the 1d brown and 1sh orange, but both have been denounced as being the work of unauthorized parties who are presumed to have had a stock of them on hand and to have taken this method of avoiding loss on them. One account says it was done "with permission" without adding who gave it, but all are unanimous in stating that neither value was ever regularly issued to the public, meaning in surcharged condition of course.

So much for the major varieties, now for the minor.

$\frac{1}{2}$ d, omission of " $\frac{1}{2}$ "; omission of the period after "V"; same after "I"; thick "V" and thin "V", making five varieties.

1d, no period after "V"; same omission after "I"; omission of "I"; "I"

omitted; "d" omitted; "V.R.I." omitted; thick "V" and thin "V", making eight varieties. It has been whispered that there is still one more with the "R. I." in crowded quarters, but having seen a denial of its existence, I do not include it.

2d, no period after "V"; thick "V" and thin "V". Three varieties.

2½d, no period after "V".

3d, no period after "V"; thick "V" and thin "V" (supposedly).

4d, no period after "V".

6d carmine, no period after "V"; "6" omitted.

6d blue, no period after "V"; omission of "6"; omission of "V.R.I." This stamp also comes without any surcharge at all, and probably with both styles of "V", the thick and thin.

1sh, no period after "V"; no "I"; no letter "s"; both types of "V".

5sh, same varieties as last save for the omission of the "s," which is not found in this value.

In addition to the above both the 1d and 2d have been found with periods above the normal line, unsevered pairs of each value being obtainable whereof one stamp has the raised periods and the other the normally placed. These pairs generally show both types of the "V" as well. Thick and thin periods have also been timidly mentioned by some, but are not considered to be anything more than heavy or light impressions of the type, while a broken figure "1" in the 1d meets with scarce any more favor.

All of the above mentioned set were to be used for postal purposes, though judging from the unused stock in the hands of dealers it seems as if very few of them could have been used thus. Something was wanted for use on telegrams, and as the V. R. I. issue did not

seem quite the thing to serve in that way as it was, it was decorated with an additional surcharge of "T. F." or "A. T.," that is, five of the set were, and so we have the 1d and 6d blue adorned with the initials "T. F." while "A. T." appears on the 3d, 1sh and 5sh, and on three values of the fiscal set, viz., 10sh, £1 and £4. How many varieties of the fiscal set there are I do not know, but report says that they have all been surcharged "V. R. I." and the value. If there are as many minor varieties among them as among the over-printed postage I think the best way to cultivate an easy mind would be to let them alone.

There has recently been a surcharge of "Orange River Colony," the new name of the Orange Free State since the British lion pounced upon it, on the 2½d Cape of Good Hope, but as that hardly comes within the scope of our researches at present we will turn to the postal cards.

Of these necessary adjuncts of cheap correspondence, I find that the following have been listed as having been seen with the surcharge "V. R. I." and value:

½d on ½d rose; 1d on 1d orange; both in type like that used for the adhesives, and with the periods placed on the same line as are the letters.

1½d on 2d mauve in similar type, but with the periods above the line, and in sans-serif type the following four:

½d on ½d rose,

1d on 1d orange,

½d reply card, green on buff,

1d same, brown on buff.

Fortunately the Free Staters managed to get along without stamped envelopes, so there are no varieties to be chronicled in that line, but it will not be a bit surprising if the new claimants of the land turn their attention before long to supplying the lack in both directions. Meanwhile we can rejoice that the list of er-

rors and such is no larger than it is, and resolve to turn the most chilly of cold shoulders towards any attempt to add to the burden already awaiting us.

I have tried to be thorough in compiling this list of what to look for in the "V.R.I." surcharges, but may have overlooked some of the varieties, in which case I beg indulgence from the critics. Where the various items of information are scattered broad-cast through many journals of many dates it is no easy thing to gather the different notes together in properly sifted condition without the commission of a single error, or the overlooking of a minor variety. I think, however, that the list will prove on examination to be fairly complete. When there are more printings (there have been three reported so far) or further discoveries somebody may be kind enough to give us a sequel, and to fill up any niches I may inadvertently have left unoccupied.

Noted and Quoted.

By LEON V. CASS.

Those collectors who like pretty and unique stamps should give the stamps of Western Australia and New South Wales their attention.

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The stamps of the United States which were boomed beyond their true value a few years ago have fallen back to their real value again and an increase in the price of some varieties will soon follow the increased demand which the lowering of catalogue prices has caused.

Although I do not set myself up as a prophet I am certain that the 10c 1861, 20c 1879 and 90c 1890 will soon rise in value as the supply is not sufficient to supply the demand without causing a rise in price.

A well-informed collector was recently heard to say that the triangular stamps of the Cape of Good Hope had for years been the most popular stamps among the school boy and girl collectors.

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1899, 1c yellow green	.02	.01 $\frac{1}{2}$
1899, 2c red	.03	.01
1899, 5c blue green	.02	.01 $\frac{1}{2}$
1894, 2c carmine	.10	.03
1894, 5c blue	.30	.10
1894, 5c ultramarine	.30	.10
1894, 10c green	.03	.01
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 Ecuador 1880-90, 2c lake
 " " 4c brown
 " " 10c yellow
 *Egypt 1889-90, 1 via blue
 Great Britain 1862, 1 sh green
 " " 1875, 2½p claret
 " " 1886, 1 sh pale green
 Guatemala C. A. 1896, 25c orange
 *Hayti Republique 1893-95, 3c slate
 *Labuan 1892, 2c carmine
 Mexico 1874-83, 100c carmine
 " " 1885, 3c yellow brown
 *Nicaragua 1892, 5c light brown surcharge
 *Panama 1892-94, 10c yellow
 *Paraguay 1884, 5c blue
 *Perak (surcharge) 1892, 5c blue
 Santander 1891, 5c red
 South Australia 1876-85, 4p reddish purple
 Spain 1872, 50c deep blue green
 Sungei Ujong 1894, 3c on 3c rose
 Straits Settlements 1880, 1c on 2c rose
 Tolima 1873, 10c blue
 Tuscany 1851, greenish blue

9-CENT SPECIALS

- *Argentine Rep. 1858-61, 15c blue
 " " " 10c green
 Barbados 1882-85, 4p slate
 Belgium 1883, 2 fr. lilac rose
 *Brazil 1889, 300r green
 British Guiana 1890, 1c on 4d green
 *Colombian Rep. 1886, 10c orange
 *Curacao 1889, 2½c green, type II
 Great Britain 1883, 3d violet and red
 Martinique 1892, 50c carmine rose
 Natal 1876, 1 sh green
 *Newfoundland 1867-73, 6c rose
 Panama (double sur) 1892-94, 5c on 20c lilac
 Peru 1883, 5c vermilion
 *Queensland 1885, 2p blue
 Roumania 1890, 50b orange
 Siam 1895, 10a on 24a lilac and blue
 Western Australia 1871, 3p brown
 " " 1882, 1p ochre yellow

10-CENT SPECIALS

- Antiqua 1890, 20c blue
 Bahamas 1882, 1p vermilion
 *Bolivia 1888, 20c red
 *Brazil 1889, 300r black
 *Canada 1875-89, 5c yellow green
 *Colombian Rep. 1870, 5c orange
 " " 1892, 50c violet, VIOLET
 " " 1889-95, 10c deep brown, buff
 *Costa Rica 1883, 10c orange
 Curacao 1889, 12½c yellow
 " type I, 1892-98, 12½c green (unpd)
 *Dominican Rep. 1879, 1½r violet, bluish
 *Ecuador 1892-93, 5c on 1s blue
 Hayti 1882, 20c red brown, YELLOWISH
 Mexico 1898, 12c green
 " 1868, 25c blue, PINK
 " 1872, 12c blue
 Nicaragua, 1869-71, 5c black
 Peru 1883, 10c orange, black surcharge
 Queensland 1879-80, 2p blue
 *Santander 1886, 10c red purple
 Spain 1857-59, 1r blue
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 " " War 1879, 12c rose red

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- Bolivia 1899, 10c vermilion
 Brazil 1844-46, 10r black
 " 1850, 10r black
 " 1893, 500r orange
 " 1889, 300r yellow
 British Guiana 1876, 4c ultramarine
 " " 1889, 2c mauve and black
 British Honduras 1883, 10c on 4p violet
 Cape of Good Hope 1865, 1p red
 Chile 1880, 10c green
 Colombian Republic 1868, 1p rose red
 " " 1883, 10c yellow orange.

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- Colombian Republic 1886, 10c orange PULVERIS
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 Curacao (type J) 1892-98, 10c green
 Denmark 1873-96, 6 o red lilac
 Dominican Rep. 1879, 1c carmine, BUFF
 Great Britain 1872-74, 6p brown
 Hayti 1891, 7c red
 *Labuan 1892, 6c green
 *Luxemburg 1865-71, 2c black
 Mexico 1898, 25c orange brown
 " 1868, 12c green
 " 1882, 25c red brown
 * " 1896, 12c lilac
 * " 1886, 5c ultramarine
 " 1886, 20c scarlet
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 South Australia 1880-90, 2 sh, 6p lilac
 " 1891-96, ½p brown, black sur
 *Sweden 1880-91, 6 o red lilac
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A WEEKLY FOR STAMP COLLECTORS.

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Our Hobby.

J. SYDNEY DALTON.

Is there any doubt about the fact that Philately is the most patronized hobby to-day? I don't think so, though of course a collection of some other article such as coins—for example—might dispute the subject, but when it is analyzed I think we will find that our hobby leads. The next in standing is, probably, coins. These at one time were far ahead of stamps and stamps were thought to be a schoolboy's pastime. It had a hard struggle for life, but in the end its few supporters at that time conquered; and what is Philately to-day? It has a firm foundation and a good start and it does not look as if it was going to fall yet, at any rate not while we live; in the next generation it may, but, thank goodness, we will not experience it. Like everything else at times it looks black, but the consequence is it has a big boom a little later.

We can't imagine how many supporters we have that we never heard of. Some that collect quietly—yea, many—and we, in consequence, never hear of, owing, perhaps, to the fact that they have not got the time to give to collecting. But they would be the first to step to the front to support us if any thing should befall our hobby. We know of about 25,000 active collectors anyway in America, and how many are there besides? Ah! that question is too much. But even excluding the

unheard of portion; are 25,000 collectors going to dwindle away to nothing in a short time? No. Philately is safe for a good many years yet. Our hobby is sixty years old, which is as long as it could possibly have existed, considering that the first stamp was only issued sixty years since. We are told that a German started collecting the same year in which the first stamp was issued.

We have many difficulties to overcome, yet we manage to pull through somehow. The fraudulent collector is one of the greatest drawbacks yet he dies—Philatelically—in time through the aid of the Philatelic press, etc.

This is a very strong and good point, the press, which, like the newspaper, aids all Philatelists. It makes new members; it aids our stamp knowledge through its reading matter and also makes acquainted the dealer and collector.

Take Philatelic societies, again they start new collectors also and causes a closer friendship to spring up between the members and aids them in increasing their collection. These societies aid all collectors, or, I should say, the two kinds of collectors. The two kinds are the general collector and the specialist. Of course there is a wider range for the general collector, for he collects all countries' stamps, but the specialist has the best chance of completing his collection. The chief specialties of to-day are the British Colonies, United States, Revenues, British North America and our other Philatelic branch, viz., enve-

lopes and post cards. There are, of course, many other specialities, such as a certain country, but the above named are the most heard of.

Collecting stamps is more than a pleasurable hobby it is an instructive one in many ways so well known that it would be a waste of time to give them here for any collector can see them if he gives it a moments thought.

In many things which aid the collector we must not forget to mention auction sales. These are a means of obtaining stamps, etc., at a figure, sometimes lower than wholesale, and a collector adds many stamps to his collection at a very low figure which he would probably have had to spent a good sum on if purchased at the current rates.

Well, we may feel confident that our hobby will not fall through yet, and I am sure we will enjoy its full pleasure, etc., without having any fear for the future.

Chicago Notes.

By S. E. MOISANT.

With the consent of Mr. Redfield I have decided to include under the heading of Chicago Notes, anything of interest happening in the State of Illinois. This is on account of the scarcity of news some weeks and I hope this will make up for it.

The Monarch Monthly, published by the Monarch Stamp & Publishing Co., 1132 Otto St., Chicago, has just purchased the Nebraska Stamp News, published by Don. H. Winmer, Minden, Nebraska.

The date for Massoth's next auction sale has been made the 15th. This sale will probably be mixed and collectors and dealers will both be able to find some-

thing they want. There will be about six hundred lots.

The International Stamp Album, 1901 edition, has been received by dealers in this city and they seem to be having a great sale. The album looks better than ever before, there seems to be more allotted to each country than there was when envelopes were included. There is to be a supplement issued for envelopes.

Owing to the extra amount of work incurred by the closeness of the holidays, P. M. Wolsieffer, has been obliged to put off his next auction sale until the middle of January.

Rev. Father Sixt, of Kankakee, Ill., was a Chicago visitor Nov. 28 and made the dealers his customary call.

P. M. Wolsieffer sold over one thousand of Scott's Catalogues last year. Very few dealers can say as much as this.

Notes From the City of Brotherly Love.

By D. C. EVANS.

The Philadelphia Times had a very interesting editorial recently, which condemned the poor execution of our present issue of adhesives. It was evidently written by one who knew something of philately, because comparisons were made with the 5 and 10d stamps of 1847 and later stamps which were really a credit to the engraver.

There were many visitors to Bogart and Durbin's on the 22nd and 23rd to view the magnificent lot of stamps which Mr. Bartels has for his next auction sale.

There was no meeting of the O. C. P. S. on the 23rd, owing to non-attendance

of members and indisposition of the president. Realizing that stringent measures must be taken to save the society, the secretary has evolved a scheme by which he soys he will be able to save the members on hand. It is to be hoped that something can be done as we were just beginning to enjoy the fruits of a local society.

I had the pleasure recently of looking over some good things of J. U. Whiteside's. He is the theproud possessor of a used set on original covers of Leeward's Is. 1897 surc. "Sexegenary 1897" and five unused sets of the same. He also showed me 9 Inland Rev. Great Britain 1863 used for postage on original covers.

The publication of the *Keystone Philatelist* has been deferred until April. Some objections were filed against its being the official organ for the P. P. S.

The 13th regular meeting of the Quaker City Phil. Society was held Nov. 30th, at 2823 N. 12th St. Vice President Evans presided. The minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. Mr. Ellwood Johnson applied for membership. There was no auction held this meeting. Mr. James Whiteside showed some of the recent South African Provisionals, including Baden Powells, V. R. I. and Mafeking's Be-seged.

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Canadian Notes.

BY CANUCK.

Mr. A. R. Magill of Montreal disposed of a 12d Canada a short time ago.

The Jubilee Philatelist for November has appeared in book form. Its appearance is very good and contains 16 pages and cover. A singularity appears on the front cover where the likeness of Sir Wilfred Laurier, the Premier of Canada, appears. It would have looked more business like if the editor had published the likeness of some noted stamp collector, instead of a great politician.

Our popular Postmaster General has had under consideration for some time the proposal to introduce a system of insurance on registered letters. Hon. Wm. Mulock has received suggestions on this subject from all over Canada and these will be carefully considered. I understand that in Great Britain a charge of 2d over and above the registered fee is made for sums up to £5 and a graduated scale up to 1 Shilling and 2d for £120. This system, though new, is very reasonable and such an innovation would result in a profit. I read from the Postoffice Report, 1900, that 3,675,000 registered letters were carried and only 136 failed to arrive. The Postmaster General is calculating a scale of rates and we hope in the near future that this system shall be put into operation.

Canada is to be represented by another magazine.—*The Philatelic Record*. This paper will be published by A. R. Magill, Montreal, who is one of Canada's enterprising collectors. *The Record* will consume the *Philatelic Spectator* of Berlin and No. 1 will appear at the advent of the new century, and will consist of 8 pages and cover. The magazine will

be printed by the well known firm of Starnaman Bros., Berlin, Ont., so a neat appearance is assured. The subscription is to be 10c per year.

Philatelic . .

Contemporaries.

Henry A. Chapman, Review Editor.

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Part V of "The Stamps of Saxony," by Locus Viridis, is the leader in the *Philatelic Bulletin* for Nov. 25, which ends the article. "Mildred's Legacy," is the first of two parts of a story, no author given, but in a well known writer's style, who probably is not responsible for that word "loose." The editor announces the removal of the publishing office from Salem to Boston.

The Exchange for November appeared changed to a four-column newspaper, four pages, which Mr. Cooley thinks will be productive of more reading matter, better for advertisers, and more conducive to promptness. Let us hear from Brother Stone.

The December *Philatelic Advocate*, as promised, was somewhat small, but will have a "hammer" to open the 20th Century. A look at the D. P. A. report shows that this society is "humming," with fourteen applications for membership. In an editorial, the statement is given that two frauds named by Mr. Brodstone as D. P. A. members never belonged to the society.

Energy for November pertinently says "the wrong done an honest person by publishing him as a fraud is a very serious one and mere corrections and apolo-

gies do not by a great deal counterbalance the wrong done."

We are told that collectors prefer journals devoted principally to advertisements, regardless of reading matter. That may apply to some collectors. On the other hand, there are people who like a little or a good deal of reading matter. The October issue of *Le Philatliste Francaise* has 32 pages of it, plainly printed, all ads. being on the cover. "Echos de Partout" are as spicy as ever. Jules Bouves has an interesting article on Belgian cancellations.

There is no mistaking the fact that the "unique" of unique philatelic journals is *The International Philatelic Review*, and its October number has more of a right to be called "review" than sometimes. Its article on "Provisional Proprietaries" should be read to be appreciated, and quoting will not do it justice.

We hadn't really read the Chinese special of *Mekeel's* before the following number of November 29 appeared, probably wishing to observe the day untrammelled. In his "Chronicle," after noting what the *Australian Philatelist* states about the special illuminated penny postcards to commemorate the proclamation of the Australian Commonwealth. Mr. Hopkins remarks:—

They hope that this plan will accomplish its purpose much better than commemorative stamps, which would not be recognized outside of the colony. Philatelists as a rule are not partial to the commemorative business, no matter what form it takes, but the fact remains that these special issues are the best possible recruiting agents for our science.

According to the London correspondent of the *Metropolitan Philatelist* the North Borneo stamps issued in 1899 were valued at £20,800, of which only £800 worth went on letters, the balance

being taken by collectors. What a handsome collection of good stuff could be got together with the \$100,000 paid to the uncrowned kings!

We have heard of an issue of stamps for the Cayman islands. The stamps are not in evidence hereabouts yet. *Revue Philatelique Belge* says the Jamaican dependency consists of Great Cayman, Little Cayman and Cayman-Brack, three islands with a population of 2,400.

Even's Weekly Stamp News for Nov. 17 says, under "Universal Penny Postage:"

The Doom of Postage Stamps. New Zealand Leads the Way. Imperial penny postage has scarce become *un fait accompli*, before Universal Penny Postage threatens to replace it. Collectors will receive with mixed feelings the announcement just made by the Government of New Zealand, since, with the reduction in postal rates, the necessity for higher value postage stamps must cease. We shall in fact return *in status quo*, and the post offices of 1940, like those of a hundred years before, will know only 1d and 2d stamps.

The above is suggested by the fact that New Zealand is to go further than Imperial penny postages and after Jan. 1 her inhabitants can forward letters *all over* Christendom for a penny. She does this regardless of similar treatment in return, and appears to be tickled over its nerry experiment, even if it does cost a loss of £80,000 the first year. A new stamp is being designed "symbolical of the blessings of cheap postage which New Zealand is endeavoring to diffuse throughout the world." This all applies to $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce weight, which will later be conceded to a full ounce without doubt.

The Bogert and Durbin Co. have come into the fold. Look up their adv.

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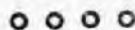
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1 CENT SNAPS

- Argentine Repub. 1892-96, $\frac{1}{2}$ c blue
 " 1896-98, 3c orange
 Bavaria 1876, 50 pf. deep brown
 Bosnia 1879-94, 10n blue
 Brazil 1890 (unpd.) 10r orange
 " 1890-93, 20r yellow green
 " " 200r purple
 " 1891-94 (newspaper) 10r blue
 " 1894-97, 10r rose and blue
 " " 200r orange and black
 *Bulgaria 1895, 1s on 2s slate green
 Canada (reg.) 5c yellow green
 " 1892-93, 3c slate
 China 1898, 1c ochre
 Cuba 1890, 5c olive green
 " 1896, 5c slate blue
 Finland 1889-90, 10p carmine
 Great Britain 1885-89 (levant) 40 pa blue
 " 1887-92, 1sh green
 " " 4p green and brown
 " " 5p lilac and blue
 Guatemala 1887-95, 1c light blue
 " " 5c purple
 Hong Kong, 1882-84, 2c rose
 " " 5c blue
 " 1890, 10c brown red
 India 1883 (envelope) $\frac{1}{2}$ a green
 " 1892-93, 2a 6p green
 Italy 1890-91, 20c on 30c brown
 Jamaica 1885-90, 2p gray
 " 1890 (official) $\frac{1}{2}$ p green
 Japan 1883-92, 8s lilac rose
 " 1883-93, 8s blue lilac
 " 1900, 5s gray
 *Macao (newspaper) 1893-94, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ r brown
 Mexico 1805, 1c green
 " " 3c yellow brown
 " " 5c ultramarine
 *Monaco 1891 (wrapper) 1c bistre
 " 1896-97, 2c violet
 New So. Wales 1882-88, 2p blue
 Peru 1886, 1c violet
 *Ponta Delagaba 1896, 5r orange
 Porto Rico 1894, 3c olive
 " 1898, 1m orange brown
 Portugal 1862, 25r rose
 " 1871, " "
 " 1880, " gray
 Portuguese India 1886, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ r black
 Roumania 1885-89, 10b red, PALE BUFF
 " 1891, 50b orange
 Serbia 1881, 10p carmine
 S. African Rep. 1895, 1p red
 Spain 1860-61, 4c orange, GREEN
 " 1865, 4c blue
 " (punched) 1374, 1p yellow green
 " 1882, 30c violet
 " 1889, 1p dark violet
 " " 2c blue green
 " " 30c slate
 " " 50c claret
 Straits Settlements 1884, 2c carmine
 *Surinam 1890, 1c lilac
 Sweden, 1896-91, kr. bistre and blue
 *Switzerland 1881, 20c orange
 *Venezuela 1888, 25c orange
 " 1893, 25c magenta
 Wurttemberg 1892 env. 3 pr. rose and black blue
 U. S. 1869, 3c blue
 " 1870-71, 2c red brown
 " 1882, 5c yellow brown
 " 1888, 4c carmine
 " 1893, 4c ultramarine
 " 1894, 3c purple
 " 1895, 6c dark red brown
 " " 8c puce
 " Postage Due 1894, 1c deep claret
 " Interior, 3c vermilion
 " War, 3c rose
 " Revenue, 20c inland exc
 " " 25c insurance
 " " \$1 inland exc
 " 1898, \$1 yellow green

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Lock Box 78.

W. R. Stark, Mgr

The Philatelic Post.

A WEEKLY FOR STAMP COLLECTORS.

Vol. 2.

Smethport, Pa., December 20, 1900.

No. 11.

Chicago Notes.

By S. E. MOISANT.

Mr. Alex Holland has returned from a trip to New York and other Eastern points.

A person, whose name I do not know, but resides at 115 Blue Island Ave., is to publish a small stamp paper 3x4 inches in size.

P. M. Wolsieffer will no longer act as agent for the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. in handling their catalogues. He will have them on sale, however. Mr. W. was a valuable agent for the Scott Co., as he sold over one thousand catalogues last year.

Catalogues for the eighth and ninth sales of the Chicago Philatelic Society are out. The eighth sale will consist entirely of fine stamps and will be held December 15 at the Palmer House. The ninth sale will be held at 1603 Marquette Bldg., Chicago, on December 21st. This sale consists only of wholesale lots.

The Scott Stamp & Coin Co. inform me that their 60th Catalogue will reach Chicago about December 20.

I have received a letter from a certain person whose reputation has been questioned for some time. This letter would be a good thing to look out for. It reads as follows: "Dear Friend—I desire to provide a separate ward for children in New South Wales, which accommodates the sick and wounded. At present children are admitted in only 3 rooms in the

men's ward. A philanthropic friend has agreed that if one million used stamps are sent to him by such a time as the government gives, it will be sufficient to build such a ward. I have sent this to you, keeping the chain of letters going and kindly ask you to make three (3) copies, as I have only placed the next large number at the top, as I have of your letters, numbering all three letters the same. Sign your name and send each one to three of your friends. Then return the letter to Miss Blank, Hereville, Molyine Mills, New South Wales, Australia. Enclose also (10) ten used stamps or more, also the address of the 3 friends. I beg all to do the same. Anyone not wishing to perform the charitable act is asked to send this letter back to Miss ———, that she may know that the chain is broken. Although this may seem a small service to you, yet the breaking of the chain may involve a serious loss to the undertaking. The person who receives 180 will please return it without further copies, as that will close the chain. Very truly yours, ———."

Canadian Notes.

By CANUCK.

Can Canada support a weekly magazine? This is a question which is as yet unsolved, but at one time Ontario was represented by two stamp weeklies under the same name. One of these was printed in Toronto while the other was edited by Mr. Weaver in Berlin.

London, Dec. 6, 1900. The Imperial Government on Saturday extended the imperial postage rate to the newly acquired British territory in South Africa, formerly South African Republic and Orange Free State. With this arrangement Canada can now with the rest of the British Empire mail a letter to British South Africa for 2 cents.

Our Postmaster General has decided upon the establishment throughout the large cities of Canada a system of boxes for the collection of newspapers, etc. This is much needed, as the present system compels a person to go to the post-office when papers and parcels too large to enter the letter boxes are mailed.

Stamp papers have been telling us for over a year that Canada is going to issue a 4c and 7c stamp for double postage and registration respectively. This is not so, as the writer of these notes wrote the Department at Ottawa and the following reply was received:

POSTOFFICE DEP'T CANADA.

OFFICE OF THE SUP'T OF THE POSTAGE
STAMP BRANCH.

SIR:—

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of a recent date enquiring whether there is any foundation for the rumors that Canada is going to issue 4 and 7c postage stamps, and whether the high denominations of Jubilee stamps will be surcharged.

In reply the Department has no knowledge of these rumors to which you refer, nor has it any present intention of surcharging any Jubilee stamps. In connection with the latter I may add that all the stamps of the Jubilee issue are exhausted with the exception of a quantity of the higher dollar values (\$2—\$5.) I am sir,

Your obedient servant,

C. P. STANTON, Supt.

Notes From the City of Brotherly Love.

By D. C. EVANS.

Mr. Ross D. Breniser, late of Johnstown, Pa., has removed to our city. Mr. Breniser is a collector-dealer of no small repute.

There were a disappointed lot of philatelists last Saturday who visited our local dealers after the new catalogue when they were informed that it would not be out until the 15th.

I have been informed from various sources that Major Wurtele and Mr. H. A. Chapman are the best of friends, so will hasten to correct my error of a few weeks ago in respect to the cut of the former in the latter's journal.

Mr. C. S. Zeller, a local collector, is confined to his bed with typhoid fever.

May I ask a question? How many of the philatelic writers and editors have a collection? I am afraid those having one are in the minority, being brought into constant contact with stamps through their journalism. We are apt to forget the augmentation of our own collection and it soon falls into an oblivion, never to be resurrected again. Better give up journalism, if it must be pursued to the detriment of the "wee bits." Think it over, boys, and start in afresh and collect again as in the halcyon days when a catalogue and hinges were unknown to us.

The 16th regular meeting of the Quaker City Philatelic Society was held Friday, Dec. 7th at 2825 N. 12th St. The Vice President again presided. Mr. Ellwood Johnson was elected to membership. Mr. Ross D. Breniser applied for membership. No auction was held on account of the absence of the auctioneer.

New York City Findings.

The 60th catalogue is expected daily. The latest report states that it will appear on the 15th. Collectors of match and medicine stamps are rejoicing over the big advance in these stamps. Many fine collections are owned by people residing in this city and the vicinity and must admit they certainly do make an attractive appearance, when arranged neatly and systematically in a blank album.

Thursday last was the meeting of the Manhattan Philatelic Society at the Collector's Club. About twenty-five members and four visitors were present, the largest attendance in many months. The topic of interest was the exhibition of foreign revenues by Mr. Stein.

The Fraud Reporter now running in the *New York Philatelist* is certainly a laudable undertaking. Frauds of various kinds have been on several occasions exposed, but no attempt has been made to remove these people of nefarious habits from our ranks. The Fraud Department spoken of in the foregoing comes as near to this idea as it is possible to do so, i. e., publishing frauds, their name and address, system or manner of deceiving, and the complainant's name and address with further remarks. A dealer would on the receipt of a letter—to send stamps on approval—at once look up the Fraud Department, and dispelled any misgivings he may have regarding the communicant, of course, all the frauds operating at present, have not as yet been reported, but all dealers should support a department which aims to their interest, and submit list of frauds they have had the misfortune to come in contact with.

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Henry A. Chapman, Review Editor.

Publishers desiring notice in this department are requested to send one copy of their journals to H. A. Chapman, R. P., Rocky Hill, Conn.

The week ending December 8 was noticeable for the arrival of less exchanges than for any week previously during 1900.

A noteworthy publication is the "Second Annual Report of the Committee on Philatelic Literature," of the American Philatelic Association for the year ending August 31, 1900. The committee consisted of Messrs. Stone, Deats and Thiele, probably as competent a trio as could be found, and two of these gentleman continue for the coming year, the name of Mr. Deats being replaced by Mr. G. S. Dickinson, also a collector of philatelic literature, and also thoroughly competent. In the pamphlet of eighteen pages all the journals of this and other countries are listed alphabetically, with names of publishers, where published, and the yearly price. At the end is given the "Periodical Periodicals of Switzerland," compiled by William Chenerard of Geneva. The pamphlet is neatly printed, although in an unattractive cover, by D. H. Bacon of Derby, Conn., and will prove valuable to philatelic literature collectors.

The Washington correspondent of the *Era* for Dec. 1 tells us that the steamer to be pictured on the ten cent Buffalo series has been selected, that it will be strictly American in design and build, but its name is to be kept secret. If the public can tell from what large photo

graph it is copied, "all well and good, but the government will give no advance publicly."

L'Annuaire Timbrologique for November is very much up-to-date, both in general news of stamp importance and its chronicle of new issues, well illustrated.

In *Mekeel's* for Dec. 6 "O. G." in his "London Letter," speaks of the announcement of Stanley Gibbons concerning his determination to cease dealing in postal cards, envelopes and other postal stationery, as well as to omit them in the chronicle. This is due to the great increase in the number of adhesives. "O. G." goes on to say:

And yet the "entire" collector will view this decision with some regret.

And yet here is a field of philately the occupation of which can afford as much pleasure and interest as any other, which would amply reward him. The man who spends his money on a dinner or at a theatre merely gratifies a passing emotion and the money spent is gone forever, yet the collector of post cards or envelopes can for a small outlay give himself a pleasure in his own home that is a continual source of amusement.

The Virginia Philatelist, for the first time in its history, reached us outside of the month of publication. Its November issue has a likeness and sketch of John T. Anderson, Jr., of Richmond. Brother Dietz begins and ends his sketch of Mr. A. with verses from Burn's poem, "John Anderson, my jo, John." Every Paget has a readable article on "Uniformity of Inscriptions."

In *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News* for November 24 the following is given, which may interest some people:—

We wish to warn collectors against accepting letters franked with Mafeking Siege Stamps and addressed to Colonel Baden-Powell and other well known men as being on that account neces-

sarily genuine. Many letters sent during the siege from one part of Mafeking to another were addressed simply in pencil. We have a number before us so addressed simply "Trooper Mallahue, Central Fort, Mafeking." Certain speculators in South Africa have purchased similar letters, erased the pencil inscription and written instead in ink the name and address of Colonel Baden-Powell, Lady Sarah Wilson and some other distinguished resident during the siege.

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	Cat. price.	Our price
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1894, 1c green	.05	.02
1894, 2c mauve	.08	.02
1894, 2c violet	.08	.02
1894, 2c vermilion	.05	.02
1894, 5c blue	.12	.04
1898, 50c brown	.25	.10
1895, 1c ultramarine	.02	.01
1895, 2c Prussian blue	.02	.01
1895, 5c indigo blue	.02	.01
1899, 1c yellow green	.02	.01
1870, 2c red	.03	.01
1890, 5c blue green	.02	.01
1894, 2c carmine	.10	.02
1894, 5c blue	.30	.10
1894, 5c ultramarine	.30	.10
1894, 10c green	.03	.01
1894, 50c green	1.50	.30
1895-6, 1c red	.05	.02
1895-6, 2c blue	.04	.01
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Editorial.

For some weeks past the readers of the Post have been promised an enlargement of the paper. And they will get it, too, though it will probably be deferred for some time, whereas it was intended next week. To be brief, a new location has been obtained and as soon as the present tenant vacates, the Post outfit will be moved to new quarters in a building all its own. In the meantime I shall endeavor to make the Post the foremost of live, energetic stamp papers.

Mr. Paul D. Hamlin of Chicago made me a pleasant call last week and informs me philatelic affairs in the windy city are in a flourishing condition.

SECOND

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 " 16. 100 Cape of G. H., 1d, old type, anchor wmkd, used
 " 17. Block of 8 10c '98 doc. rev., fine
 " 18. 100 1c doc. rev., fine
 " 19. 10 Jamaica, 1d, wrapper, entire, used

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563, 5c blue, surch. specimen	\$0 50		1893, 6c green	25	
563, 13c rose, surch. specimen	50		1893, 10c black	30	
564, 1c dull mauve		\$0 35	1893, 10c vermilion	30	
564, 1c violet		25	1893, 10c brown	30	
564, 1c bright mauve	12		1893, 12c black	30	
564, 2c vermilion, brown gum	1 00		1893, 12c mauve, red surcharge	4 00	
564, 2c vermilion	35	25	1893, 12c mauve, black surcharge	12 00	
564, 5c blue on bluish	1 25	45	1893, 15c brown	50	
564, 6c green	25	25	1893, 18c red	40	
564, 18c dull rose (no gum)	40	30	1893, 25c purple	1 00	1 00
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The Rise of the Pictorial Stamp.

CHARLES E. JENNEY.

The Pictorial stamp, the stamp whose main feature of design is typical scenery or the advertisement of the fauna or flora of the country which it represents, is one of the noticeable characteristics of our albums to-day. We are accustomed to speak of them somewhat contemptuously as a class, in spite of their beauty of engraving and manufacture, for the reason that in so many regrettable cases they have become synonymous with speculative stamps. But if we leave aside the question of their collectibility as necessary issues, we still have to acknowledge their attractiveness, so evident even to the non-collecting eye, perhaps more evident to the non-collector than to the philatelist on account of the above mentioned stigmatism resting on so many of them. But whoever collects postage stamps in a thoughtful way will have to recognize the pictorial stamp and the story of its progress is a part and an important one, in the history of the postage stamps of the world.

We are apt to forget when we speak with a sneer of "Seebecks," "picture galleries" and "art studios" of the ancient lineage of the pictorial stamp and the interesting history of its rise to prominence. Our first postage stamp, the famous Mulready envelope, belongs to this class in spite of its allegoric char-

acter. But not taking account of this, let us remember that the far-famed "Sydney Views" of New South Wales are perhaps the first instance of the pictorial adhesive stamp. If a country gets out a new issue nowadays with a view of some great city upon it, there is always someone to cry "speculative." Can the worst alarmist in our ranks speak thus of the "Sydney Views?" That was in 1850. Long before the idea of speculating in postage stamps or of catering to stamp collectors by the nations ever was thought of there are many instances of the pictorial stamp with which we are all familiar but separate from the later ones by some indefinite notion that they belong to another class. Perhaps they do, for the *raison d'être* of a stamp will always have an effect upon collectors, as it should certainly have. New Brunswick in 1860 issued a set of these beautiful stamps which has always been a thing of beauty to collectors. In 1862, the first issue of Nicaragua partakes of this character and the only unfortunate thing about them is the great numbers of remainders or reprints left. Newfoundland's issue of 1866 was and is one of the greatest delights of the collector from its originality and beauty, yet when this country repeated the idea in 1897 in the Cabot issue there was a dulling of enthusiasm on the part of the collectors, and not without cause. Our own issue of 1869, the dearest to the heart of every home specialist, is a pictorial issue in part and our later attempts at popularity in the

Columbian issue, the Omaha issue and the proposed Buffalo issue will never attain to its height, though as the years go by and the new issues become old ones, we notice an increase in liking for even the vanished speculative stamps. The speculation has become detached from them by the time they are almost forgotten and men remember the interest and the storm of adverse criticism against them in their prime and they acquire a certain precedence as reminders of old times and a part of history.

The great increase of these issues, however, in very recent years, cannot but be looked upon with some doubt, even while we are interested in the causes of their birth. The necessity for a new issue and an opportune historic event is all well enough, and will be granted legitimate, and such has been the reason for the issue of many a handsome stamp. But the thing has been carried further than this, and impecunious countries, noticing the demand of collectors for handsome and historic stamps, have gone to unjustified lengths in supplying the demand.

The 400th anniversary of the voyages of Columbus was the means of great revival in the output of these stamps. We have our own Columbian issue; Argentine's two stamps of 1892; Porto Rico, one stamp in 1893; Portugal and all her numerous progeny with their sets of 1893; Venezuela 1893; and Trinidad even as late as 1898.

Hawaii in 1894 sent out a typical issue which has not given evidence of the slightest speculative qualities, the idea being copied from its envelope stamps of an earlier date.

In the Spanish speaking countries the idea has been used with good effect for permanent issues, as witness Mexico, is-

sue of 1895, Salvador 1896 and Uruguay 1897. New South Wales used her 100th anniversary as a pretext for such an issue, and it is lately spreading into the other English colonies—New Zealand in 1898 going in deep and also Tasmania in 1900. Greece celebrated her olympian games by an issue which has never quite satisfied collectors as to its usefulness.

Outside and beyond these are a great number of very beautiful stamps, but of an almost entirely speculative character. One cannot leave them out of one's album and one likes them for their beauty, even while one hates them for their deceitfulness. There are the African and East Indian beauties—Congo, Labuan, Liberia and North Borneo, more gaudy examples than which have never been issued, yet of which it is not unfair to say that only a small fraction of the number printed is ever needed for postal duty. There are the Chinese locals; the 1897 issue of Montenegro; the Da Gama issue of Portugal and Colonies; the unique envelopes of Seychelles and the quaint and pretty stamps of Tonga. Besides these there has lately a fad struck many of the English colonies of a single pictorial stamp put out on almost any pretext, like the British Guiana of 1898; Grenada 1898, and the Malta stamps of 1899. All of these are ephemerals. They have not and never will have the great interest for collectors that the stamps which have been for years typical of their country have. There is something of the pictorial stamp in the permanent design of the British Guiana ship stamps, of all the Egyptian stamps and of the Western Australia issues, and they are the favorites of collectors. It is well for collectors to make these distinctions between speculative and honest stamps. There can hardly be any rules set down but each collector

reading the evidence and using common sense must judge for himself and then instinct will be apt to guide aright. It is wrong to invest money in these speculative stamps and to encourage their issue in any way, but we cannot leave them out of consideration and like them all in spite of their faults, and in following out the panorama we acquaint ourselves with the whole interesting history of the postage stamps of the world.

Philatelic . .

Contemporaries.

Henry A. Chapman, Review Editor.

Publishers desiring notice in this department are requested to send one copy of their journals to H. A. Chapman, R. P., Rocky Hill, Conn.

The principle article in the November *Perseur* is Mr. Thiele's "Similarity of Designs in Postage Stamps." Mr. Cass replies to Mr. Brightman, saying he did not intentionally plagiarize, and that he was unjustly accused. Mr. Reno, in his review, thinks certain editors do not conduct their departments properly. As he is to start a journal of his own soon we shall expect to see a model affair, but we are sorry that he uses a decidedly vulgar expression in advertising it.

It is worthy of note that *Morley's Philatelic Journal* speaks well of Mr. Stanton's *Philatelic Index*, instead of trying to throw cold water on it like another journal in England, and says "it should be in the hands of all thorough students and writers for the philatelic press." Mr. Firth has an article on Seychelles stamps, with illustrations on pages 1 and 2, and he points out explicitly the differentiations, and is able to more than hold his own against the critics, who discredited his discovery of the second type last summer.

Stamps for November 26 has for a leader "An 'Entire' Mistake," suggested by the recent announcement of Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., of their intention to eliminate entire from their business in every way. Our

English contemporary thinks there is no necessity of people being governed by the leading English firm in the matter, and that any idea that entire are bad stock, or to be let alone, is fallacious. It says:

On the Continent the subject is immensely popular and "entire" collectors are quite as enthusiastic, if not so numerous, as the collectors of adhesives. And here in England the study has silently and steadily caught hold, and there is an ever-widening circle of enthusiasts represented by both an exchange club and a magazine. It would appear, therefore, a very inopportune moment for any misgivings as to the value of entire either as a study or an investment, and though, of course we can not complain of a firm of dealers deciding to discontinue adding to stock, we can not but be sorry that our well-informed contemporary will no longer place new issues of entire in its excellent lists.

In his review, "Retlaw" speaks of a new Canadian journal thus:

Another new recruit is the "Canada Stamp Sheet," which, but for the clumsy vulgarity of its title, would be an acquisition to colonial philately.

Why its title should be designated as vulgar, or why it should affect its philatelic status, will be a conundrum to many. "Sheet" is a rather queer name to give a journal, but it doesn't strike us any more absurd than the mistake some editors make of calling a bound, covered magazine a "paper." Mr. "Retlaw" suggests that if Mr. Stanton, "will call around some day, when he has nothing else to do, we can" tell him something. Poor, ignorant Mr. Stanton!

In Mr. Stone's review in the *Weekly Philatelic Era* for Dec. 8 he approves of the idea of the editor of the WEEKLY PHILATELIC POST in speaking in the first person instead of the usual "we."

Mr. Gregory's "New York Notes" in *Mekel's* for Dec. 13 were penned on the first day of the month. He remarks:

To-day begins the last month of the 19th century. The beginning of the 20th century will mark an epoch in stamp collecting. For 60 years the adhesive stamp has been in use, and for more than fifty years has been of interest to collectors of curiosities. To acquire a complete collection of stamps issued during the 19th century will be impossible. But many general collectors will confine their efforts to this field, while others will devote special attention to securing all stamps issued after January 1, 1901. This, too, will be no easy task. To the true philatelist, however, old stamps will always appeal strongest.

In the issue of *Mekel's* for Dec. 20, Mr. Wylie remarks:

If a dealer can buy at a low figure he should mark his goods at a fair profit and catalogue should cut no figure. Messrs. X. and Y. are both reputable dealers, but it is exceedingly

difficult for one to outline a policy that could be successful in its uniformity. I look upon advertising as a means to an end—getting business—and a dealer desiring patronage is not to be blamed for giving goods away even in his effort to get in touch with trade. To circulate a catalogue, to send out approval selections, to know specialists, to get the names of active collectors—these facts are worth liberal concessions. Don't think your fellow dealer is knifing you in advertising low prices—he is not in the business for fun. As to Mr. Z., I rise to remark that selling price should be based on cost, with a reasonable profit, unless one controls the supply or knows it to be limited. It is suicidal for a dealer to float something at a large profit that he has successfully located when he knows that later the market will be flooded.

Edgar P. Brightman has the leading sketch in *The Philatelic Chronicle* for December. His subject is "Hawaii," which he designates as a hasty review of her stamps, and not an exhaustive treatise. In the midst of his article is a "sandwich" in the shape of a picture of the United States Government Building of the Pan-American Exposition. Mr. Peltz talks of "Counterfeits and Their Detection." The publisher evidently has the well-known trials of his brethren who receive requests of a good deal for a little. Some folks are not satisfied with gifts of thirty word notices, but ask for forty-five.

Other journals received: *The National Philatelic News*, Vol. I, No. 1; *La Circulaire Philatelique*, December; Lemaire's *Prix Courant*, *Youth's Realm*, December; *Even's Weekly Stamp News*, December 1.

Chicago Notes.

By S. E. MOISANT.

The German Catholic Church of Kankakee, Ill., of which Rev. Father Sixt is pastor, burned to the ground early Saturday morning, December 4th. The church is a total loss but fully covered by insurance. I am glad to say that Mr. Sixt's collection was not in the building at the time.

Mr. Chas. J. Phillips of the firm of Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., 391 Strand, London, England, will visit Chicago from December 19 to 21. His stock is rich in rare stamps and I have no doubt but what Mr. Phillips will go away with less stamps and more money than when he came.

The following have been added to the list of nominations for the Chicago Philatelic Society, published in my notes a few weeks ago: Treasurer—P. M. Wolsieffer, J. J. Oesch.

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The elections will take place the first Thursday in January. All active members can vote.

While at the Chicago office of *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* a few days ago, Mr. C. E. Severn showed me a large bunch of testimonials which had been received from satisfied readers of the great Chinese number of the *Weekly*. One gentleman showed his appreciation by sending a telegram to Mr. Mekeel at St. Louis.

In a certain monthly which I received a short time ago I saw a note saying that the youngest philatelic editor in the world was but seventeen years old. To this I wish to add that before the coming of the new century Chicago will have a philatelic paper with an editor who is but sixteen years of age.

It may be interesting to know that there are over twenty stamp papers that publish notes from Illinois or its metropolis regularly. I have taken considerable time to look it up and find there is no other place in the world that is so well known to out-of-town people.

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1894, 1c dull mauve		\$0 35	1893, 10c vermilion	30	
1894, 1c violet		25	1893, 10c brown	27	
1894, 1c bright mauve	12		1893, 12c black	25	
1894, 2c vermilion, brown gum	1 00		1893, 12c mauve, red surcharge	4 00	
1894, 2c vermilion	35	25	1893, 12c mauve, black surcharge	12 00	
1894, 5c blue on bluish	1 25	45	1895, 15c brown	50	
1894, 6c green	40	40	1893, 18c red	25	
1894, 18c dull rose (no gum)	50	50	1892, 25c purple	1 00	1 00
1895, 2c brown	15	05	1893, 50c red	1 15	
1895, 12c black	1 25	1 25	1893, \$1.00 rose red	4 00	
1892, 1c blue	07	10	Complete set of Prov. Govt., consisting of 21 varieties, only	25 00	
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1892, 5c ultramarine	20	04	1894, 2c brown	03	02
1892, 10c black	1 00	85	1894, 5c red	10	03
1892, 15c brown	1 80	1 65	1894, 10c green	18	10
1892, 1c green	03	03	1894, 12c blue	27	27
1892, 2c rose	18	02	1894, 25c blue	40	35
1892, 10c brown	00	10	1893, 1c green	02	02
1892, 10c vermilion	85	75	1896, 2c rose	04	02
1892, 12c mauve	1 05	1 75	1896, 5c blue	10	03
1892, 25c violet	2 50	2 00	1896, Official, complete set	3 00	3 00
1896, 2c rosy vermilion	30	30			
1896, 2c vermilion, imperforated	60				
1896, 2c vermilion, imperforated reprint	15				
1896, 2c violet	07	02			
1896, 5c black blue	1 00	1 50			
1896, 1c bright mauve	13	20			
1896, 1c blue	13	20			
1896, 1c green	03	03			
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1883, 4c vermilion	65	75
1883, 5c blue	18	18
1883, 10c black	40	40
1893, 1c green	18	
1893, 2c rose	12	
1893, 5c blue	18	18
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1864, 1c dull mauve		\$0 35	1893, 10c vermilion	30	
1864, 1c violet		25	1893, 10c brown	27	
1864, 1c bright mauve	12		1893, 12c black	35	
1864, 2c vermilion, brown gum	1 00		1893, 12c mauve, red surcharge	4 00	
1874, 2c vermilion	35	25	1893, 12c mauve, black surcharge	12 00	
1864, 5c blue on bluish	1 25	45	1893, 15c brown	50	
1864, 6c green	40	40	1893, 18c red	35	
1864, 18c dull rose (no gum)	50	50	1893, 25c purple	1 00	1 00
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1882, 15c brown	1 80	1 65	1894, 10c green	18	
1883, 1c green	03	03	1894, 12c blue	27	
1883, 2c rose	18	02	1894, 25c blue	40	
1883, 10c brown	60	10	1899, 1c green	02	
1883, 10c vermilion	85	85	1899, 2c rose	04	
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1890, 2c vermilion, imperforated	60		1883, 1c green	07	07
1890, 2c vermilion, imperforated reprint	15		1883, 2c rose	10	10
1889, 2c violet	07	02	1883, 4c vermilion	05	05
1889, 5c black blue	1 00	1 50	1883, 5c blue	18	18
1893, 1c bright mauve	13	20	1883, 10c black	40	40
1893, 1c blue	13	20	1893, 1c green	18	
1893, 1c green	03	03	1893, 2c rose	12	
1893, 2c brown	20	35	1893, 5c blue	18	18
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1893, 2c rose	08	10	1885, 10c black, Special Despatch	1 50	
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A WEEKLY FOR STAMP COLLECTORS.

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Smethport, Pa., January 3, 1901.

No. 13.

About the Stamps of Curacao.

BY AMY LOUISE SWIFT.

In the Caribbean sea, to the north of Venezuela, and socially bumping rocks, figuratively speaking, with various islands of all sizes and shapes, lies the island of Curacao, one of the colonies of little Holland. Its stamps are among those which are seldom very well represented in the album of the average collector, and in view of the low prices at which the majority are listed this would seem decidedly strange were it not for the fact that the population of the colony is too small to necessitate the using of very many postage stamps; in fact there are many cities under the shelter of Uncle Sam whose population is larger than that of the entire colony of Curacao. This then will explain the seeming indifference of the general collector to the many minor points of interest that await the pleasure of specialists in this country. Not that there are many such points still awaiting discovery, I must not be taken as saying that, for there have been so many students of the issues emanating from Holland that probably all possible discoveries have already been made and chronicled by some one, but the gathering of them together is a work that may be prosecuted so as to include far more than the varieties listed by our standard catalogue, even with the addition as distinct varieties of the three types of unpaid letter stamps, only one of which is, as a rule, graced

by the dignity of a number all to itself.

A curious fact in relation to all of the earlier issues is that in the usually much sort "mint state" condition they have no gum whatever. This is said to have been on account of the climate. Nevertheless gummed unused specimens are sometimes seen, but the addition is supposed to have been the work of private individuals or postmasters, either for personal or public convenience. Such stamps nearly always have more or less of the sticky stuff on the face also, the result of the fluid having run through the perforations. Gummed stamps of the first issues are not therefore in any degree fraudulent, but if the collector wants them strictly mint state, as sent to the colony from its home government, he must remember that they should be un gummed.

Although Scott lists nothing between 1873 and 1889, yet there were really four distinct issues, recognized as such by those who have made these stamps a particular study. The first, credited to 1873, consist of only the six values up to 50c inclusive, perforated 14 with small holes; the next issue, credited to 1879, consists of the same values with the addition of a 2g. 50c, and perforated the same 14, but in this case the holes are much larger, making the width of the paper between them appreciatively more than in the former issue. The third issue is given under date of 1884; this includes only the first five values with the omission of the 3c, and being perforated 13½ instead of 14 is easily recognizable.

Then in 1886 comes the fourth issue, perforated $12\frac{1}{2}$ and including some of the values Scott has listed under date of 1889, in fact, all of them except the highest value, 1g. 50c, for which the 1889 date is correct. The other values of this issue with perforation $12\frac{1}{2}$ are $2\frac{1}{2}$ c, 5c and a 25c orange of which I can find no mention in Scott. These are all of the first type, that showing the King's head.

Of the next set, that with numerals in the centre, I can add nothing to the list given in our standard catalogue save that the specialist could find some values with both a white and a yellowish gum should he elect to have them in "mint state," and some without any gum at all. It is rather curious that of the five values in this set only one should have sloping numerals, or rather, it is curious that the set should not have been of one design, either with numerals all sloping or all upright.

The next issue is a provisional surcharge of "25 cent" on the 30c grey of the King's head type, and as this is said to have done with a hand-stamp there should be plenty of variations in position, etc., for those who think such things worthy of special attention.


In 1892 Holland's girl Queen succeeded her father in adorning the stamps of Curacao, and unless the later issue of Holland has been surcharged for the colony very recently these stamps are still in use without much change, if any, from the date of their first appearance. The only value in which a change has been as yet chronicled is the $12\frac{1}{2}$ c, which has been favored with a second printing.

In 1895 there were two more surcharges on the much enduring King's head type, both $2\frac{1}{2}$ c, but lettered differently, one on the 10c green and the other on the 30c

grey. The former are said to have been cornered by speculators within two days of their appearance, a report that perhaps accounts for the scarcity of a stamp which, at a face value of 1c, ought to be far more valuable than it is. I mean 1c in our currency of course; we all know that the Holland cent is not the same cent used by Uncle Sam. It is decidedly annoying to think that this stamp should be catalogued even in a used state at forty times its face value, but when speculators take interest in an issue this result is about the one we should expect to see, more is the pity.

Coming down to the unpaid letter series it is worthy of note that whereas Holland itself and both of the other colonies—Dutch Indies and Surinam—have four types of the design in nearly all the values Curacao has but the first three. These are all catalogued pretty high, the scarcest value being the $12\frac{1}{2}$ c and scarcest varieties the 30c and 40c of type 2. This is not the estimate of Scott judging from his prices, but is the estimate of a specialist who knows how the varieties were set in printing for Curacao, and who therefore thinks these values are in all probability really the scarcest. In the next design, that with the word "Cents," the scarcest is the $2\frac{1}{2}$ c of type 2, there having been only one on each sheet of 100.

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Chicago Notes.

By S. E. MOISANT.

Mr. Alexander Holland left on Wednesday, Dec. 19, on a business trip to the East.

Mr. I. A. Mekeel, the St. Louis publisher, was in Chicago several days last week.

The eighth auction sale of the Chicago Philatelic Society was held Saturday evening, December 15, and was a great success. There were about fifty bidders present and the prices realized were largest this season. Many lots brought over catalogue.

In my notes of the issue of December 20th I stated that P. M. Wolsieffer had thrown up the agency of the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. of New York. This was a mistake. Mr. Wolsieffer still acts as their agent, but as he refused to sign a contract he will get the sixtieth edition catalogues from another source.

The last meeting of the Chicago Branch, No. 1. A. P. A., was held Dec. 13 in the office of Mr. Alexander Holland. Before the meeting Mr. Holland exhibited several different parts of his famous collection. Some of the more witty members of the branch showed off their humor to perfection, in fact, it was almost impossible for anyone to keep from cracking a small joke, even "Charley" Severn cracked a few. S. T. S. Doncyson is credited with several, and F. N. Massoth showed that he was not entirely without Irish spirit.

Rev. Father Sixt, Kankakee, Illinois, was a Chicago visitor on Wednesday, December, 19.

Several persons have written me in regard to the letter which I received from the person of questionable reputation wishing stamps for an orphan asylum in Australia, and was published in the issue of December 20 of the WEEKLY POST. I now find that several other persons also received a similar letter, and one said he even went so far as to make up a neat little lot of stamps consisting of two hundred to and 2c Omaha and other commoner stamps but altogether there were nearly a thousand, and cost him 20c for postage.

The Chicago Philatelic Society uses the Australian ballot system in voting for its officers.

Mr. John J. Oesch has resigned his position as Chicago correspondent of the *Weekly Philatelic Era*. Mr. Oesch was an able correspondent and the *Era* loses one of her best news gatherers. However, Chicago has

a number of other able men and I doubt not but what editor Jewett will be able to pick the best.

The Prairie State Philatelist, published by Geo. F. Dold of this city, expects to be changed from a bi-monthly to a weekly. Mr. Dold has a fine printing plant equipped with all the latest economics in the printing business, and therefore ought to be able to keep up a first-class weekly.

Mr. Charles J. Phillips of London, England, is in the city.

The election of the C. P. S. resulted as follows: President, A. F. Merrell; Vice President, C. B. Geldert; Secretary, C. W. Arndt; Treasurer, J. J. Oesch; Governing Board, P. M. Wolsieffer, F. J. Lefever, P. J. Flanders.

Notes From the City of Brotherly Love.

By D. C. EVANS.

Everybody is indignant here over the non-appearance of the 60th catalogue. This lateness will result in the loss of sale of over 500 copies in this city alone, as this is the number annually sold by our department stores prior to the holidays, after which no more are sold.

One of our local firms have been running "ads" in the evening papers for the past two weeks.

'Tis not often any more that you come upon a collector who collects without the aid of a catalogue, swaps stamp for stamp and still has a fair collection, yet I had the good fortune to do so. It was rare pleasure indeed to see one who collected for the pleasure he got from his stamps, not because they were worth something. He proposed exchanging at once and felt hurt because I did not wish to give stamp for stamp. He had in all about 3,500 varieties and yet never saw an approval sheet. He said he had been collecting 20 years, and his album looked it. Would that more collected for that reason.

Mr. C. H. Palmer, a prominent collector of Stroudsburg, Pa., was in town last week with his usual stock of yarns about great finds. He travels for a trunk firm, so has lots of opportunities of finding "old hair trunks."

The 18th regular meeting of the Quaker City Philatelic Society was held Friday evening, Dec. 21, at 3431 N. 19th St. Pres. Cecil Rawson presided. Mr. Frank Ambler was

elected to membership. The nominations for officers for the year 1901 are as follows:—President, Premier; Vice President, Evans, Whiteside; Secretary-Treasurer, Rawson, Smith, Zellner; Auction Man, Rawson, Ambler, Davish, Whiteside; Exchange Superintendent, Boud, Smith, Rawson; Official Organ, REDFIELD'S WEEKLY PHILATELIC POST. *The Quaker City Philatelist* was nominated but declined the renomination for another year. Rawson, Boud and Ambler were appointed as a House Committee. The amendment proposed last meeting was adopted by a vote of 10 to 1. The meeting then adjourned to look over the superb stocks of Messrs. Rawson and Ambler.

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Henry A. Chapman, Review Editor.

Publishers desiring notice in this department are requested to send one copy of their journals to H. A. Chapman, R. P., Rocky Hill, Conn.

A FEW REMARKS.

To all my friends, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! During the past year, in my position as review editor of this journal, I have endeavored to act in a fair manner, and, with a very few exceptions, have been given credit for so doing. The exceptions come from prejudiced parties, who are ever looking for flaws, and because I am not willing to toady to them. My relations with Mr. Redfield have been of the pleasantest kind. He has never found one word of fault, and has paid me liberally and promptly. As long as he is satisfied, I shall be pleased to do for him the best I can.

Of the 24 pages of the December *American Journal of Philately*, half is taken up by Edward J. Nankivell. Nine pages are devoted to the "Orange River Colony—Classified Reference List of 'V. R. I.' issues. In "Our English Letter," he says the summer has been lively, philatelically, whereas usually the album has been closed. He advises people, as he has done before, to go in for Australians, owing to the coming federation, and says the study of recent New Zealand will

repay the collector. He also says Greece will bear watching, and its stamps should be picked up, as higher prices are promised. Mr. Luff in "The Oldest Precancelled Stamps," (and it is noticeable that he prefers "cancelled" with two l's) tells of these stamps being in vogue more than forty years ago, with issues put forth before "periodicals" was in use.

The December *Canada Stamp Sheet* has "Nutchell Hints for Collectors," by "Smith." In his "Illinois Notes," Mr. Moisant tells us that three new stamp papers are announced from the prairie state in January.

No better looking journal can be found typographically than the *American Philatelic Magazine*, but it makes one eye ache to read the advs. on that dark green cover. "Keokuk Carter Speculates" is in his Munchauserry vein.

Le Philatliste Française for November is very pretty and has a long continued article by Paul Hermand on French provisionals.

In the *Bay State Philatelist* for December, A. M. Muirhead has what is called "Canaeian Department," in which he slashes around in a style decidedly his own. He intimates that President Wurtele of the D. P. A. has to do as the Starnaman's say, or he would be "fired." If the Starnamans have such power, it wouldn't be a bad idea for them to fire some other officials, notably those who are using the paper and postage of the society to boom a new journal for the D. P. A. organship. So long as the *Bay State Philatelist* sends out copies to all the members of the D. P. A. with such articles as Mr. Muirhead is of late contributing to it, just so much less likelihood is there of the organship of the D. P. A. or any other decent society being secured by that journal, and the publisher ought to be ashamed of himself for allowing such rot in it. When further, any one says that a society, including officers of such well-known integrity as W. Kelsey Hall and H. Smith "looks to me like a select caterer of sharks, for the various purposes of sharkery," it makes us think that the insane retreat is shy one of its inmates, and that the truant officer has fallen asleep at his post.

Among the neat little contributions to philatelic literature is Mr. Loomis's "The Varieties of U. S. Envelopes," published by the International Philatelic Review Company. It well says that the collection of U. S. envelopes is discouraging, and seems well nigh to

impossible task, but with careful work it is not so difficult after all. This letter work does much to add "cut squares" to his collection, and the illustrations are of interest, causing a sort of fascination.

In *Mekeel's* for Dec. 27, Mr. Bartels speaks of the lettering on the seltzer bottle of the Emerson Drug Company stamp. Though scarcely visible to the naked eye, a powerful magnifying glass shows work that is finely executed. Mr. B. remarks:

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Small Things.

By EDGAR S. BRIGHTMAN.

We stamp collectors pride ourselves on the attention we pay to the little things, in short, on our powers of observation. But after all, "I ha'e my doots" whether we have much just cause for pride. For instance, I wonder how many readers of the *Era* and *Metropolitan* have noticed the remarkable similarity between the contributions of "A Senator's Son," and "The Optimist." The same style and tone pervades both, and quite often identical expressions are used by both, such very uncommon ones as "up in the pictures". After noticing these things one cannot but come to the conclusion that "A Senator's Son" and "The Optimist" are the same person. Now, as a bit of news this may not be very important, but as an example of the blindness of philatelists to what they see, it is interesting.

It is too often the case that the more we see of a thing the less we know about it. The majority of collectors could give a better description of the postoffice Mauritius than of the 10 pf German. I am quite sure that not one in ten who owns a catalogue has ever read the valuable hints to collectors in the introduction. There is too great a tendency to superficiality. By studying the most common stamps we may learn many valuable lessons, and it is the purpose of this article to give the readers of THE POST a few examples of this.

Without going beyond the catalogue, we can find much of great interest. Let us consider for a short time a few things in respect to the stamps of Queensland. Several of the issues of this colony have a moiree (pronounced mwah-ray) on the back, but it is a deplorable fact that many, a great many, fairly advanced collectors do not know a moiree from a king of the Cannibal Islands. It (a moiree, not a king of the C. I.) is a sort of net work, some 6 mm broad, printed across the back of the stamp. Some may ask why this was necessary, thinking that it is merely another snare set to entrap the feet of unwary philatelists. The reason of it, however, is obvious, namely to prevent counterfeits. It is a very difficult matter to make a successful imitation of the very intricate network of a moiree, whereas watermarks and other similar precautions are comparatively easy to forge.

Queensland is famous for the large number of experiments it has made to outwit the wily forger, especially during the last five years. There are two varieties of watermark (large and small crown) besides the moiree already mentioned. Then, both watermark and moiree are omitted, and the crown and 2 embossed on the face of the stamp, and finally the so-called serrated perforation fascinates our eager gaze by four distinct minor varieties.

Another thing, in itself small, is interesting to notice as a commentary on current history. Everyone has noticed that the stamps of the three most des-

otic governments in Europe, Turkey, Russia and Germany, do not bear the portraits of their rulers, while the issues of most of the other monarchies do. Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany evidently thinks that no mere postage stamp could do "our" august features justice, but the Sultan and the Czar are not pictured on the stamps for quite a different reason.

The Sultan, as head of the Mohammedan religion, considers himself the regularly authorized vicar of Allah in this world, and the Czar, the chief of the Greek church, also claims to be God's sole representative on earth; and being such, they consider that if their sacred countenances, even on a stamp, were to be defiled by a cancellation* it would be a direct insult to God, therefore the stamps of these nations have only symbolical designs.

If one bears in mind the religious position of these autocrats, much of the world's recent history is explained. We wonder why even the Sultan permits such miscellaneous slaughter of Christians, but from his standpoint he has a right to do so, because they preach a doctrine which endangers his position as Caliph. The Czar is even more insistent for his "rights," but he is also more politic. Russia, the sacred nation, has been selected by God, he believes, to become mistress of the world, and he does not intend to do anything to thwart God's will. That is why Russia is building the Trans-Siberian railway, and gradually seizing Chinese territory; that is why she is attacking Persia, and encroaching on Afghanistan; that is why she is always hostile to the Ottoman Empire.

While this discussion may not have been strictly philatelic, yet it has grown out of noticing one little peculiarity of a few stamps. After all, the little things

are the only ones of importance, and if we observe and study our stamps intelligently, we must become well educated in many directions. The true philatelist does not confine his studies to any one particular detail concerning his stamps but to all, and doing that he cannot fail to be benefitted in a thousand ways.

*Most authorities on spelling, while preferring "canceled," allow only "cancellation." It seems inconsistent, but it is the custom.

Chicago Notes.

By S. E. MOISANT.

The newly-elected officers of the Chicago Philatelic Society went down to Flanders' photographing establishment the other day in order to have a cut made and same will appear in the issue of January 12 of the *Weekly Philatelic Era*, which is the official organ of the society. This number of the *Era* will be a special edition devoted to the Chicago Philatelic Society and will be, with but one exception, the largest number of that paper that has yet been issued. P. M. Wadsworth has kindly loaned the society his list of Chicago customers and the secretary has undertaken the work of addressing one thousand wrappers from these names and will send them to the publisher of the *Era* at Portland, Me.

January 12 will also be a big day for the Chicago Philatelic Society for the reason that on this day will come the annual banquet of the society, which is to be called the Twentieth Century Philatelic Banquet. The banquet is expected to be quite a formal affair and will be held at the "Munro." Every C. P. S. member, both passive and active, will receive an invitation to be present and will be given twelve days to send in his acceptance. Invitations were sent out December 29th.

Retiring officers of the C. P. S. est-

tainly deserve much credit for the way they have conducted the affairs of the society for the past year. They have not past a mееeing during the entire year without having at least four applications to post on the bulletin board. Since they came into office 151 persons have been taken into membership. P. M. Wolsieffer probably secured more applications than any other person.

The ninth auction sale of the Chicago Philatelic Society was held Friday evening, December 21, at the office of F. N. Massoth & Co. The sale was composed entirely of wholesale lots and the prices realized on same were very high, some lots brought over catalogue. Messrs. P. M. Wolsieffer and J. J. Oesch alternately acted as auctioneer.

The American Philatelist and Year Book of the American Philatelic Association for 1900 has been received and is no doubt, a great improvement over the book issued last year. Much valuable information is included in the volume which is easily worth the price of a year's dues in the society.

The sixtieth edition of Scott's Standard Catalogue has arrived at last, and is as late as usual. In most respects the catalogue of 1901 is a great improvement over the 59th. It contains about one-fourth pages more.

After the first of the year Chicago will have pre-cancelled stamps, on sale at the postoffice; same to be used on all letters, etc., leaving Chicago. This will make another variety for collectors of this branch of philately.

Mr. Chas. J. Phillips left Chicago December 24 for Richmond where he will show his stock to the collectors there. Mr. Phillips had stock with him that a local dealer says would run up to about \$250,000.

Local department stores are selling the 1901 edition of the International stamp album for 98c. How they can do it and make any money is impossible to tell.

Mr. I. Howie of Milwaukee, Wis., one of the agents of the Imperial Stamp Co. of this city, made the rounds of the local dealers last week.

In closing I wish the readers of THE POST a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Canadian Notes.

BY CANUCK.

The first meeting for this season of "The Twin-City Philatelic Association" of Eerlin and Waterloo, Ont., was held on the 6th inst. This society though small is prospering and is a great benefit to philately in those places. New officers will be elected at the next meeting. The Rev. R. von Pirch will be asked to remain in the field as president.

Another new paper—*The Philatelic Fan*—will appear in January from Berlin. This will make three journals appearing from Berlin, Ont.

Canada has never had, strictly speaking, a high-class paper devoted entirely to the welfare of philatelists. *The Philatelic Advocate* of Berlin, Ont., and *The Montreal Philatelist* of Montreal, Que., are our best, but these magazines are not up to the standard. Canada could very easily support a weekly if philatelists would join hands or if the D. P. A. would take up the matter of publishing a paper. There is a possibility now existing that a joint stock company being formed to purchase one of Canada's existing papers and make it one of the largest and best periodicals for stamp collectors in America. Leading philatelists are now being approached as to

the taking of stock in this proposed company. Let all true Canadians help this enterprise along, and may we hope in the near future that this Dominion of ours will have a high grade magazine printed in the interests of the stamp collector and not in the interests of the publisher as an advertising medium.

The Philatelic Advocate and Energy of Berlin continue to appear with their accustomed regularity and the publishers of the *Advocate* have promised us a 100-page Twentieth Century Number.

Philatelic . . .
Contemporaries.
 Henry A. Chapman, Review Editor.

Publishers desiring notice in this department are requested to send one copy of their journals to H. A. Chapman, R. P., Rocky Hill, Conn.

The all-absorbing topic now is the 1901 Catalogue, which has been pretty well circulated by this time. A higher range of prices is found in the stamps of the South African Republic, which now appear under the head of Vaal River Colony. Australians appear to be a trifle higher, owing to the coming federation. The stamps of China also soar a little higher. War is an important factor often in changing the prices of stamps.

The Philatelic West which fell to the lot of the *Post* reviewer was about the poorest specimen of a philatelic publication he ever came across as regards the put-together part of what a friend calls "Brody's unpagged terror." It is hoped that the edition in general was in better shape. This particular specimen came with some pages cut and trimmed and some not, and "registering" was an unknown quantity. The reviewer of American journals shows that he doesn't read what he pretends to review, or he would not have made such an inexcusable and stupid blunder as he did regarding Major Wurtele of Quebec, who doesn't publish a philatelic journal. He has his say about the "critter" which appears on the smaller issues of French-Congo. The

animal really resembles a cheetah, of the leopard species, which is found in some parts of Africa, and has a way of sneaking around like the design given, which can hardly make one think of a "panther at bay." The review of foreign periodicals is one of the best features of the journal.

In the *Montreal Philatelist* for December W. K. Hall, the president of the League of American Philatelists, has a letter to the editor, in which he dissects pretty thoroughly the "Canadian Department" article which appeared in the December *Bay State Philatelist*, "written by an irresponsible youth, Muirhead by name." He well says the tirade will carry no weight, and then goes on to show what a mass of bad spelling and punctuation it was, to say nothing of the poor grammar and mere mental drivel. Mr. Muirhead is hardly to blame for all the blunders of the compositor, which were so glaring, but he can ruminate on the fine (?) appearance of the journals which he and a chosen few are so anxious to put forward as the mouth-piece of a society which will hardly be hamboozled into doing anything of the sort. Referring to the journal in question, the editor says "the *Bay State Philatelist* will certainly not gain in population nor circulation in Canada by permitting such attacks upon our most honored sons."

The first number of Mr. Magill's journal, *The Philatelic Record*, makes a very respectable appearance, but suffers from many typographical blunders, which will no doubt be less apparent in future. The editor announces his intention of furnishing a reprinted article monthly from journals of several years back, but we hope he will not lose sight of the fact that "de world do move."

The date of publication of *The Philatelic Bulletin*, being the 25th of the month, its last issue can in truth be called a "Christmas Number." Its cover, in two colors, is carefully printed, and a good specimen of press-work. The leading article, "A Christmas Reverie," is by M. C. Spears, a writer who has not been much in evidence lately, but whose contributions used to be well thought of in the days of *The Home Worker*. Miss *wif*, in her department, says of the "bargain hunter:"

He is a real blessing, for he helps to keep prices down to reasonable standards by inducing competition between dealers. If there were no bargain hunters dealers

would put their own prices on everything, and they would not be low prices either. He who asks for current unused, etc., at 50 per cent. off, is not a bargain hunter, but a specimen of ignorance.

The American Philatelist and Year Book of the American Philatelic Association comes from the printing of D. H. Bacon & Co. of Derby, Conn., and is the last annual number issued in all respects. A fine portrait of the lamented and talented Charles Philip Krauth is presented, and he fairly seems to be talking to us as he did on that hot summer day in August, 1898, when he displayed his philatelic appliances. A thorough report is given of the meet at Milwaukee. A look over the list of the members of the American Philatelic Association shows that New York city has 58 members, Chicago 30, Boston and Pittsburg 15 each, San Francisco 13, Philadelphia 9, and Cleveland 8. Total membership about 580.

The Weekly Philatelic Era has lately got into a bad habit of coming nearly a week behind time. The Dec. 22 issue contains a list of nearly 100 members of the A. P. A. dropped for "absent-mindedness." Some are noticeable of parties who have in the past been very quick to go for the shortcomings of others. It was ever thus.

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Something to Avoid.

BY EDGAR S. BRIGHTMAN.

Stamp collecting is a very fascinating pursuit. That statement is undoubtedly a truism, but it serves as an introduction to further thoughts, which are perhaps not so evident. A philatelist—a true philatelist—becomes enthusiastic in his love for the hobby. If any thoughtless outsider sneers at the whole business, your real collector will make as spirited a defence of it as though his “intended” had been slurred. Nor would he rest there. He would carry the war into the enemy’s country by seeking, after he had silenced opposition, to show his friends the delights of collecting, and to entice them into the stampic fold.

It is this characteristic enthusiasm which forms the theme of the present article. Philatelists are apt, how very, very apt, to carry everything which they undertake, to extremes. Now, in many instances, this trait is highly commendable, as, for instance, when exerted, as I mentioned above, in missionary work. Nevertheless we (the public) cannot deny that our temperament is too unsteadily over-enthusiastic in many matters. (How does “unsteadily over-enthusiastic” strike you, kind reader? It represents a vast expenditure of gray matter.)

For instances of this we have only to refresh our memories a tiny bit. Remember the Columbian issue. Everyone went wild over that set. Specula-

tion was rife on all sides. The most successful “corner” was effected in the \$1.00 value. It was not unusual to see it being sold at \$4.00 to \$5.00 for fine copies. And now it is catalogued at \$2.50. A contributor to the *Jubilee Philatelist* recently laid the blame of this great slump in price to the fact that the stamps were new issues. That, I conceive, has nothing to do with the matter. The public simply was carried off its feet by the tide of speculation.

Still less effort of memory will be required to call back recollection of the Newspaper and Periodical remainders (!). Sold by the Government at \$5.00 per set, some dealers actually obtained \$10.00 for them, even while they could still be purchased at postoffices all over the country. And now? Well, the other day they were offered at \$4.50 with few takers. And yet, if Uncle Sam should decide to treat postage due stamps in the same way, I am quite sure that the very ones who had their fingers burned by the Periodicals would be the first to grab them, and suffer a like penalty once more.

Not every great wave of enthusiasm involves so great pecuniary loss, but some are very strange and unscientific. There is the mania for precanceled stamps. Now, it may be very novel and interesting to collect such things, but it certainly is not philatelic. Before the fad became popular I had preserved all of the few precanceled specimens that had come my way, but I didn’t dare to mount them in my album lest some ad-

vanced student of our hobby in looking at my treasures, should transfix me with a piercing gaze of contemptuous scorn.

Then what a lightning change! A half column article appeared in the *Metropolitan*, describing these stamps, and christening them "precanceled." In a week after that thousands of collectors were scurrying into waste basket and duplicate store house, anxious but hopeful. And when their eager search was rewarded by finding a specimen or two, how their hearts gave a joyful bound within them, as they captured the precious bit and imprisoned it within the walls of their album! ("Metafor," as Samantha Allen would say.) And all this because Father Scott said "thou shalt," and they shalt.

The literature (save the mark) called forth by this would fill a respectable volume, respectable I mean, in size. And what does it amount to! Just that much good paper spoiled! Wicked to say that, isn't it? But remember, as I hinted above, these precanceled stamps are all good enough to save for the curiosity of it, but it is not fair to yourself to devote time and brains to studying up the vagaries of patent medicine firms, that's all they are in many cases, which might be employed to infinitely better profit in learning more practical philatelic lore.

It would be a great advance in the history of our science if every person who reads this article should carry its teaching into practice. Don't allow yourself to be carried away by every turn of fashion. Canadian Jubilees, two cent envelope in purple, Mafeking Besseiged, Guam, the sum of all these rises and sets, but the old reliables (including both old and new issues) go on forever pursuing the even tenor of their way. The man who struggles to buy the

stamps that are popular, at any price, the man who obeys the dictates of fashion, will have a hard time of it. The secret of success in philately consists not in collecting what your neighbor thinks he wants, but what you know you want. Not only does this afford greater enjoyment, but it is, I venture to say, a superior financial investment.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Fellow members:—I am very sorry I have not a better report to send this month, but society joiners seem to be dead so we will have to let it go, but next month I hope to have a larger report. On this page will be found an application blank, let every person fill it out and send it in. To every person, either joining themselves, or getting some one else to join, I will give a year's subscription to *The Stamp Exchange*, published monthly.

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Chicago Notes.

By S. E. MOISANT.

Mr. R. Green of this city informs me that he has decided not to publish the *Illinois Philatelist*.

The *Illinois Monthly*, Prophetstern, Ill., has come to hand with eight pages and cover. It is only partly devoted to stamps.

The regular meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society was held January 3d at 104 Randolph St. About twenty-five members being present. The first matter of business was the installation of the new officers. After which the society presented Messrs. Chas. Schliekert, the former treasurer, and J. J. Oesch, the former secretary, with a solid gold pin bearing the emblem of the society for their earnest work toward the society the past year.

Mr. C. W. Arndt will hereafter act as the Chicago correspondent of the *Weekly Philatelic Era*.

The invitations of the annual banquet to be held by the C. P. S. at the Monroe on Jan 12 are out, and needless to say a large number have sent in their acceptance, and assures a large attendance.

This E. J. Boyer, living on Sixty First St., Chicago, is to start a stamp paper soon.

Notes From the City of Brotherly Love.

By D. C. EVANS.

There has been a change in the personnel of the Penn Stamp Co., Mr. J. W. Boud going out, Mr. F. H. Ambler taking his place. The firm used space in the *Post* until recently and did a thriving business.

People were so busy this week enjoying themselves and taking back presents to be changed that save a brisk sale of the Catalogue nothing of any great philatelic importance occurred.

The 19th regular meeting of the Quaker City Philatelic Society was held Friday evening, Jan. 4th, at 221 N. 12th St., with President Rawson in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The attendance was the largest of any meeting and interest waxed hot. Mr. Roland Johnson applied for membership. Among the visitors present were Mr. Beamish and Mr. W. H. Green. After some exciting balloting the following officers were elected: Pres., Ross D. Breniser; Vice Pres., James Whiteside, Secretary and Treasurer, D. C. Evans; Auc. Man., Cecil Rawson; Exch. Supt., J. W. Boud; Trustees, Breniser, Rawson and Smith; official organ, *The Philadelphia Philatelist*. Various motions were made and carried, but owing to the din your correspondent was unable to record them. A Recruiting Committee of D. C. Evans, Smith and Ambler were appointed. The Sect'y-Treas. was instructed to hire the meeting hall indefinitely. The retiring officers made their respective reports, which were adopted. A debate was appointed for next meeting. The question proposed was "Should Surcharges be Collected?" Affirmative, James Whiteside; negative, Ross D. Breniser. The members enjoyed themselves exceedingly in their new quarters. The meeting adjourned to meet Friday evening, Jan. 18th.

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Le Carte Postale Illustrée for December has some odd specimens of picture cards. The publication is printed on paper to resemble something bearing the marks of old age.

The Jubilee Philatelist for December was a decided improvement over the November issue, having a neater cover, and also heading over its first reading page. Mr. Brightman talks of "New vs. Old Issues," Mr. Peltz on the stamps of the Philippine Islands, Mr. Aldrich has some "Random Notes" and "A Few Pickups," Mr. Moisan's "Illinois Items," and Mr. Dick his "London Notes," which were brief. Mr. W. F. Graham is review editor. A very creditable issue indeed.

The December *Virginia Philatelist* arrived Jan. 5, and surprised us with the likeness and sketch of a lady—Miss Buelah Kerr Anthony of Richmond. The editor refers to the Chinese issue of *Mekeel's*, but is off in giving its cover but three colors.

In the December *Philatelic West* Mr. Brodstone furnishes this item:

Leading fraud editor of the eastern paper writes that D. P. A. of Canada is composed mainly of expelled members of other societies and parties whose reputation is such they cannot get admission elsewhere. He advises readers to steer clear of D. P. A. One of the leading dealers of Omaha a year ago wrote that there were more frauds in D. P. A. than all other societies and our experience has been so and there seems to be no way to get at them.

We fail to find any such remark of the "leading fraud editor of the eastern paper" in print, but if he made any such statement it was false and unjust to a respectable society. It is a well-known fact that Mr. B. classed some of his debtors as D. P. A. members who never belonged to the society, which proves his carelessness.

The December *Perforator* gives a picture of the P. S. of A. convention groups at Milwaukee. Our friend Kissinger appears in his usual reverent attitude, hands folded; Sisters

Kissinger and Aldrich are there, the latter as squish-looking as ever. The expressions on the faces of all are anything but funeral; Milwaukee beer is productive of hilarity. The most interesting article is by E. R. Steinbeuck, on "The Collector—The Philatelist—The Innocent," which should be read to be appreciated.

Even's Weekly Stamp News for December 22 was styled "Christmas Number," and had a heading appropriate to the season. Five large pages are taken up with a diary by Mr. Bertram W. H. Poole, who left Southampton in July, 1900, for South Africa, in quest of "V. R. I.'s." Three cuts accompany the article. One is of Mr. Poole's permit to travel from Cape Town to Kimberly, another of his permit to return to Cape Town, while the third represents Mr. Poole and four Sikhs near the Remount, Camp Kimberly. Mr. Poole arrived home the middle of December, after being away a little over five months and having traveled 14,000 miles. His adventures were romantic.

Mekeel's for January 3 is a "special birthday issue," celebrated its tenth birthday, and gives illustrations varying from the infant to the ten-year-old-boy who has a *Mekeel's Weekly* under his arm, "ready for business."

Stanton's Philatelic Index for December came late. There is nothing special to note, it being of the usual character.

Charles J. Endle & Co. of Boscombe, Bournemouth, England, have issued "The Philatelic Almanac" for 1901. It is furnished in both paper and cloth. It has a special article, "The Mission of Philately," accompanied by cuts of leading philatelists. "Stamps for Collectors of Limited Means," tells what to buy. Information is given of the principal British societies, and a calendar and diary for every day in the year, with a "Cash Account," "Post Office Information," and "The Stamps of 1900" are given, and the whole of this pamphlet of 40 pages and cover is replete with instructive matter.

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1893, 1c rose, surch. specimen	50		1893, 10c black	27	
1894, 1c dull mauve		\$0 35	1893, 10c vermilion	30	
1894, 1c violet		25	1893, 10c brown	27	
1894, 1c bright mauve	12		1893, 12c black	35	
1894, 2c vermilion, brown gum	1 00		1893, 12c mauve, red surcharge	4 00	
1894, 2c vermilion	35	25	1893, 12c native, black surcharge	12 00	
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1894, 6c green	40	40	1893, 18c red	35	
1894, 18c dull rose (no gum)	50	50	1893, 25c purple	1 00	1 00
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1893, 1c green	03	03	1893, 5c blue	18	18
1893, 2c brown	20	35	1893, 10c black	40	40
1893, 2c rosy vermilion	2 50		1893, 1c green	18	
1893, 2c rose	08	10	1893, 2c rose	12	
1893, 2c violet	04	03	1893, 5c blue	18	18
1893, 5c black blue	20	30	1893, 10c black	35	
1893, 5c ultramarine	10	07	1893, 10c black, Special Despatch	1 50	
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Smethport, Pa., January 24, 1901.

No. 16

Scattered Thoughts.

BY AMY LOUISE SWIFT.

Perhaps it is a bit late to say anything about that great Chinese number issued by *Mekeel's Weekly*, but the comment of one reader on the cover design is really good enough to bear repetition even at this late date. You will remember that each nation was represented on the cover by a characteristically garbed gentleman holding a stamp of his own country, the only exception being Uncle Sam, whose philatelic escutcheon, to quote the journal itself, was "badly marred because of the inexorable laws against stamp illustrating." The "escutcheon" consisted of a long, narrow slip with some meaningless red squirrels upon its face, and after one glance at it the critic remarked: "Why, that's all right. He's showing off his new invention of impossible-to-clean dollar documentaries; that one he has is evidently a specimen that some dishonest person has tried to wash."

There is rather a discrepancy to be noticed in the advertisements of one of the new private proprietary sets. In the above mentioned paper it is stated that "600 sets are all there ever will be" of that issue, but in another journal of more recent date the "600" is changed to "6000." It is possible, perhaps probable, that the omission or addition of the extra cipher is a typographical error, but it would be of interest to know certainly, and also to know which group of figures is the correct one.

The V. R. I. surcharges on various issues of South African countries seem to be multiplying with a speed that is actually marvelous. Not only have changes yet uncounted been rung on Orange Free State issues, but other countries have also been called upon to hand over such of their surplus stock as can be used for like surcharging. The Cape of Good Hope has meekly submitted to being victimized in this fashion, and now the Transvaal has been called upon. This would not be so bad if all the overprinting was attended to by government officials, but if current reports and multiplying varieties are to be trusted, a sizable portion of the work is being done locally. The 1d Commemorative has appeared from Lydenburg roughly surcharged by the army postmasters of that place, and apropos of this a British journal remarks that "if every postmaster in the country is going to surcharge his own little stock at his own sweet will, the Transvaal collector will have his hands full—if he gets all the varieties." It begins to look as if even the Britishers themselves were about ready to say that the surcharge business out in South Africa was being very badly overdone. A peculiarity of the matter is that Transvaal stamps without any V. R. I. embellishment have been known to perform full postal duty as faithfully as did their decorated brethren, and on the same envelopes with them.

This same journal sounds a warning in relation to the surcharges on Orange Free State issues, saying that reliable

information has been received to the effect that "unused sheets of 'V. R. I.' stamps are being obliterated to order with the Army cancellation stamp by a postoffice clerk." Collectors should therefore think twice, if not several times twice, before giving high prices for cancelled V. R. I. on O. F. S. There can be no doubt but that used specimens will always be more valuable than unused, but that does not excuse the dishonesty of having specimens cancelled in such a way for the purpose of enhancing their value.

Personal observation leads me to suggest a slight change in the question propounded by Mr. Evans in the *Post* for Dec. 20. Instead of asking "how many of the philatelic writers and editors have a collection," why not inquire "how many philatelic writers and editors have a collection large enough, and fine enough, to warrant the air of wisdom with which they scatter their opinions, and advise their philatelic elders how to do things." I was recently told that one collector, whose name is quite well known as a would-be leader of us less well informed people, has only two hundred varieties of U. S., although he has "long been a specialist in that country and collects nothing else." Why, my own collection of our country numbers more than three times that, and I make no specialism there, either. Another writer who is still more given to bestowing advice and wisdom upon the rank and file of philatelists, has a general collection. When asked to guess at its size by an acquaintance who was posted on the subject, I said "about five thousand varieties," hurriedly adding another couple of thousand to the guess as I recalled the assurance of knowledge with which his articles seemed to be penned. (Knowledge not

always to be fully depended upon as correct, by the way.) When my laughing questioner said "he told me he had about sixteen hundred." I could do nothing but gasp and stare. The only comfort in cases like these is that the young wiseacre will decrease in wisdom as his collection grows, and his years advance, until he is as ready to be taught as to teach, more so in fact, and to admit that there are a good many points on which he does not (philatelically) know anything at all. It is a fact worth noting that those who have been collectors for two or three decades are far more careful in expressing opinions, and far slower about airing their knowledge on philatelic points than are those who have collected only a year or so. I wonder if any of the young folks have the least idea of the amusement felt by these long-time philatelists over some of the articles they read, or how they are apt to smile when they see a fifteen-year-old boy applying for admittance to stamp societies, and giving his business as "stamp dealer," or "philatelic writer."

Chicago Notes.

By S. E. MOISANT.

John A. Montgomery, superintendent of mails in Chicago, died on January 2.

The Postmaster General has asked for an appropriation of \$1,000,000 with to finish the new postoffice building in this city.

Col. H. C. Clark, mayor of Kankakee, Ill., and at one time a prominent stamp collector, is now lying at death's door with dropsy. By the time these notes appear, he will probably have breathed his last.

This is the first month, for over a year, that the hustling auction manager of the Chicago Philatelic Society has not held an auction sale. However, he held two sales last month, which will make up for this one.

Postmaster General Smith has also asked for an appropriation of \$200,000 to carry on

the pneumatic tube delivery in Chicago.

The sixtieth edition of Scott's new catalogue seemed to be very scarce in Chicago for a few days this week. One dealer, whose stock was very low, was charging 73c for them. To-day I heard that a new supply has been received from the publishers and the scarcity has now passed.

Nearly forty invitations to the annual banquet of the Chicago Philatelic Society have been accepted, and everything points to this being the best attended in the history of the society.

Reginald Green, one of the younger local dealers, residing at 204 Dearborn avenue, had a small stock book stolen from his office the other day. Suspecting a young fellow of the theft and doing a little detective work himself, Mr. Greene found the real thief and went to his father, where he got the satisfaction of taking \$18 for a complete settlement.

The Imperial Stamp Co., 263 Dearborn St., recently received a letter from a French Philatelist, requesting their lowest price for a complete set of United States Stamps, including all issues of postage, revenues, departments, envelopes, etc. Needless to say they gave the gentleman no definite reply.

A large New York dealer who has recently classified his customers by states informs me that he finds more orders come from Illinois than any other state in the Union except New York.

Of the four stamp papers that were heralded to appear from Chicago on January 1st, only one has so far shown up.

Mr. William Lawrence, Moquoketa, Iowa, was in Kaneville, Ill., this week and purchased a large number of the Kaneville stamps, which were gotten by a chain of letters which flooded the country a few years ago.

New York City Findings.

By MACK.

The whole U. S. was startled by the fraudulent of S. E. Palmer, Campbell, N. Y., and many are the complaints received. It seems that almost every dealer of any known repute was the recipient of a request from this party. I am pleased to state that the supposed S. E. Palmer has been apprehended and is now in the clutches of the law and under \$500 bail.

From personal experience I know this to be a fact. A wholesale company which I have in mind, has received during the past six months four requests for stamps on approval at retail. In each and every instance the party turned out to be a fraud. Moral: Wholesale dealers (who deal wholesale exclusively) do not send out approval sheets to retail buyers, and it is only a bit of ignorance or oversight on part of the person applying. A stamp fraud only wants the stamps, regardless from where they come. A serious buyer always wishes to know from whom he buys, and he does or will not apply to a wholesale dealer for stamps at retail.

Messrs. Wm. Lillschopp & Co. of San Francisco, Cal., had their order of 60th edition catalogues forwarded from New York by mail prepaid with U. S. stamps surcharged Porto Rica.

Philatelic . . .

Contemporaries.

Henry A. Chapman, Review Editor.

Publishers desiring notice in this department are requested to send one copy of their journals to H. A. Chapman, R. P., Rocky Hill, Conn.

Grant's Philatelic Monthly for January has some readable notes by the editor and Foster A. Lilly. The latter has this item, and we hope he won't call us unfair for reprinting it.

For the sake of us unhappy stamp collectors, we are very glad to hear that the embryo republic of Acre, down among the Andes, has been demolished by the Bolivian army, so we may be spared a new issue of stamps. If some speculator is even now sailing up the Amazon river with a lot of surcharged Brazilian or Bolivian stamps for Acre, let us hope they will wash away and never land.

The *Weekly Philatelic Era* has in the past had some pertinent and fetching sayings by "J. B. T.," but his contribution headed "The New Catalogue," in

the issue for January 5 is pretty poor stuff. A good deal more entertaining is the advertisement by our red-headed friend with the Solferino whiskers, Lewis Robie, who announces a trip around the world, and that he will push another book at us when he gets back. "A Senator's Son" in his Washington letter talks about the probabilities and possibilities of the prospective Danish Antilles Annexation.

Stamps for December 20 has as a leader "Yandalism in Victoria". To get the real sense of the article the whole should be read. After a half-way excuse for some queer doings regarding the British colonies and New Zealand, it says:

We are, however, now face to face with a piece of jobbery which is without precedent in the annals of postal history and which is certain to have a most mischievous effect upon those whom it is archly declared to be for the benefit of. An official circular issued by the Postal Authorities of Victoria states that they are willing and anxious to sell complete unused sets of postage and fiscal stamps, post cards, letter cards, envelopes and wrappers from ½d to 20s for £1 per set, or including the high values up to £100 for £5 per set. These stamps will be either marked "specimen," or postmarked lightly as the purchaser may desire, and all orders are to be sent to the Department of the Controller of Stamps, who, we are left to suppose, is the official responsible for this disgraceful transaction. The notice is brief and matter-of-fact, it not being deemed necessary to add any superfluous string of reasons, but at the same time we think that some explanation was both necessary and desirable. Putting aside for the moment all philatelic prejudices, we cannot but regard the step as quite irregular, if not illegal, and we are anxious to know whether this is not contrary to the spirit of the regulations of the International Postal Conference at Berne, which we have

an impression expressly forbade such sales of "specimen" stamps. What would be said of a Bank which should circulate its Cash Notes marked "Specimen" at a low price in order to bleed numismatists, or say, of a Minister who should have Medals of the Order of the Victoria Cross labeled "specimen" and placed on the market in order to attract the money of the curio collector? Add from a purely philatelic standpoint the concession, far from being a boon, would be an evil which, extended to other countries, would reduce stamp collecting to something rather more futile than the making of mud pies. We are much inclined to the view that the arrangement was the thoughtless work of some not-over competent official, and if so, of course it is quite possible that representations, which we feel sure our Australian confreres must have made, will have resulted in the withdrawal of the rash and ill-advised "concession." And failing this hope, we have no great fear that thinking collectors will support a transaction which is not only disgusting and audacious but also quite opposed to the spirit of collecting, since postmarked-to-order stamps can never be better than illegitimate members of a collection.

Energy for December has some readable philatelic items. It reprints that poem "The Philatelic Liar," which first appeared seven years or so ago. Anent this poem a young philatelic publisher informed THE POST reviewer that this particular spit was recently offered to him as original, but he was not so green as to be fooled.

The Metropolitan Philatelist for Jan. 5 gives the French government a "dig in the slats" thusly:

How have the mighty fallen! heretofore to say that an article was of French manufacture was a sufficient warrant of grace and beauty. The stamps of the 1849 Republic were of classic beauty, and while the figure of Commerce series of the

third republic were not beautiful, they were at least neat and suitable for the purposes for which they were intended. Our confidence in French taste was rudely shocked on receipt of the late Congo issue, they were nominally intended for a barbaric region, where few people would ever see them; but we truly believe that the real intention of the French Government was to disgust collectors with unnecessary issues, and thus gain the undying gratitude of all real philatelists. Alas! we are cruelly undeceived by the issues of these abominations for the mother country, and most reluctantly believe that either France is losing its experience in art or has become too stingy to pay for decent work.

Of late *Mekeel's* has been furnishing some comical illustrations illustrating "Philatelic Terms." In the January 10 issue a bony specimen of humanity has his hand on the door knob of a pawnbroker's shop, while under his right arm he carries his stamp album, which he is about to part with for a few dollars, or cents. This is designated as "Transferring His Collection." A collection would hardly bring much from a Shylock who prefers gold watches and diamonds, probably much less than from those hard-hearted Nassau street dealers who are daily approached by the seekers after temporary wealth.

The Philatelic Chronicle for January is a fat number and has nearly thirty pages of attractive ads., in which Mergenthaler borders are an important factor. "Numisma" and the editor both make the mistake of thinking that Father Scott publishes the 60th Standard Catalogue, which seems odd. The former thinks it nice to print scientific articles, but doesn't practice what he preaches.

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S. E. PALMER.

Cambell, Steuben Co., N. Y., Dec. 31, 1900.

SCOTT F. REDFIELD, Smethport, Pa.

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" " " 3c dull	16	" " 1880, 12½c lilac		12
blue	16	" " 1881, 5c blue, red sur		12
Bahamas 1862-67, 1p vermilion pen can	05	Curacao 1889, 12½c yellow		08
" " 1875, 1p vermilion	23	" " type II 1889, 2½c green		08
" " 1882, 1p vermilion	09	" " II 1892-98, 5c green		08
Barbados 1882-85, 4p slate	06	" " I " 12½c green (unpd.)		08
Belgium 1863, 2 fr. lilac rose	09	" " I " 10c green		10
Bermuda 1895, 6p red lilac	06	" " II " 12½c gray (unpd.)		13
" " 1884, 2p blue	13	" " II " 25c gray (unpd.)		13
Bolivia 1869, 10c vermilion	10	Denmark 1873-96, 4c brown and dull blue		06
" " 1871, 5c green	05	*Dominican Rep. 1879, 1½r violet, buff		07
" " 1883, 20c red	10	" " " 1c carmine, buff		10
" " 1890, 5c blue	05	Ecuador 1887-88, 1c green		12
Brazil 1844-46, 10r black	10	" " 1892-93, 5c on 1s blue		12
" " 1850, 10r black	09	" " 1899-99, 2c lake		04
" " 1896, 500r orange	10	" " " 4c brown		06
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Philatelic Societies: Real and Ideal.

By EDGAR S. BRIGHTMAN.

It is quite the thing now to boom philatelic societies, to proclaim unto all men that the very existence of stamp collecting depends on the support given to them; and to denounce whoever does not happen to belong to half a dozen, as a vagabond and wanderer on the face of the philatelic earth. I think that many of the ideas to which utterance is thus given are false and mistaken, and I now take upon myself the task of defending those who do not worship the existing societies.

Let us first consider the object of a society of stamp collectors. They tell us it is to promote the growth of philately. That sounds very imposing, but let me answer this question; how much has any national or state society done toward upbuilding philately, that could not have been done a hundred times better by a local club? The good these large societies have accomplished has been, not because of their great size, but in spite of it. There is almost no binding force to any society now organized, save the personal ambition of a few of its officers.

Several years ago, when the P. S. of A. and S. of P. were in the hay day of their prosperity, with long lists of applications every month, their growth was apparent, but not real, many joined these societies who had never seen a thousand stamps at a time, and, what is more,

didn't care a sixpence for them. But some blatant office-seeker requested them to join so as to swell his vote to a size proportionate to his cranium. These members were, however, merely temporary, for when the next year came around, and they were requested to pay their dues, they softly and silently refused, and the society suffered accordingly.

As I was saying when the train of my thought was switched off, whatever benefit national societies have done to philately, would have been much better effected by purely local organizations. My ideal philatelic association would be composed of practically independent societies in the various towns and cities, wholly exempt from politics (or as near to that delightful state as may be). Every member would be so interested in the work that the matter of new members would take care of itself.

But the chief end and aim of this society would not be to get a padded list of dead names, but to collect stamps, and thereby stimulate trade. For that purpose, competition and exhibitions might be often introduced, prizes being given to those who excelled in certain lines of collecting. I say "often introduced" because in the present associations we sometimes have such exhibitions, but they are too often spasmodic and unsystematic. Then at the annual convention of my ideal society, the prize winners in the various local clubs might exhibit their stamps, and awards given to the most perfect of the most perfect.

(Reviewers will kindly note that I perfectly understand that "most perfect" violates the rule of rhetoric, but then—!) A society on those lines would be worth joining and supporting.

But, we are told, the present societies are, after all, philatelic. Behold, for example, the exchange departments. In theory, the exchange department is, true enough, a remarkably excellent idea, but in practice—aye, there's the rub. The average exchange book is made up of atrociously dirty, ill-centered specimens of an exceedingly poor quality of stamps. Collectors seem to have the notion that they can put on circuit the meanest rubbish in their waste baskets, and receive in exchange perfect specimens of great rarities.

Then again, despite insurance funds and every precaution, there will be frauds, even as in the great A. P. A., who will substitute poor specimens for whatever good ones there happen to be. All this could be obviated by following the plan I have in mind. The members of the local societies could among themselves, each one retaining possession or oversight of his own stamps; and there might be an exchange superintendent for each branch, who is known to be perfectly reliable. Some selections could be sent on circuit from branch to branch, but each lot must be put in charge of the local superintendent, who should be responsible for them until he delivers them to some other superintendent. He could exhibit the lots received, at the regular meeting, and under his supervision, members could select what they might desire. Again, to prevent substitution those owning the exchange books could write under each stamp "perfect," "good," "fair" or some other, to express the condition of the specimen. Then if there was a lack of correspondence be-

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Perhaps my plan is Utopian, but certainly the societies we have now are in urgent need of reformation. There are twenty-five or thirty of them that accomplish nothing in the world except payment of dues and election of officers. It is pitiable to see the struggle many of them make for an existence. The child-like faith they have that they are indispensable to the world is heart-rending. Such waste of energy is truly sad to behold. Some organizations of collectors is good, but too much organization is worse than none, couldn't something be done to effect a consolidation of all the national societies? Of course, it would be a great "comedown" for a few—they would have to play second fiddle where now they are the whole orchestra—but stamp collecting will be benefitted more by a change of music. It is ridiculous to see men chasing for office, office, office! Everyone would think better of them if they could forget themselves for a short time, at least.

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Philately For the Poor Man.

By OLIVER CRINKLE.

There are few features of latter-day philately that have been more discouraging to the average collector than the constant widening of the chasm separating the stamps one wants from the stamps one is able to buy. Time was when stamp collecting was a comparatively inexpensive pastime, when collectors were few in number and stamps of all kinds seemingly as plentiful as the sands upon the seashore, when a little money went a long way; and a pretty complete collection of the world's postal issues might be fairly considered an attainable thing. But that was so many years ago that few indeed are the philatelists of to-day who can even remember it. Every year that has intervened since those simple days of philately's infancy has not only increased the number of the world's collectors and thereby the demand for all desirable issues, but has also added its quota to the number of collectable stamps, until to-day none but a Fortunatus could hope to build up a general collection of real completeness. The number of stamps has raised greater and greater; their prices have raised higher and higher; numberless new, and oft times very rare, varieties have been created through the discovery and recognition by modern philatelists of the minute differences in engraving, paper, perforation, et al., which, practically unknown to our philatelic forefathers,

serve to so largely widen the field of the specialist of to-day. Wealthy collectors and stamp speculators have raised the prices of so many, many stamps to such startling altitudes all things in fact, have so combined to make the stamp album seemingly an expensive companion that we need hardly wonder at the dropping out of collectors of slender purse which has of late years become so alarmingly frequent. The question as to whether Philately is not becoming too exclusively a rich man's pursuit has received a great deal of grave consideration at the hands of some of the most thoughtful men of our ranks for some years back. They have discovered a danger, and a very vital one, in the drifting away of Philately from its olden simplicity into the domain of costly pleasures. The great strength of Philately, say they, has always laid in its being a popular pursuit, a democratic pursuit, a pursuit of the common people, rather than an aristocratic hobby for men of wealth, carefully fenced in from the *hoi polloi*. Of such pursuits as the latter there is no lack; the collecting of rare old books, prints, ceramics, *et hoc genus unum* is calculated to impoverish any but the most opulent.

Is Philately, ask our latter day prophets, fitting itself by slow, but nevertheless certain stages, for a place in the same class? Is the time coming when the philatelist must perforce be either extremely well to do in this world's goods or else a feeble nonentity so far as doing anything philatelically worth

mentioning is concerned. This is, of a truth, a momentous matter. Most of you who read these lines have often felt a kind of despair at the utter hopelessness of even filling up so many of the blank spaces that gaze so tantalizingly at us from within our albums. It is most certainly discouraging to realize that the one specimen needful to complete this or that set and give it that satisfying unity which the incomplete set must always lack, costs far more than we can afford to pay. It does not altogether help the ardor of the young philatelist to read so much about ten and twenty thousand dollar collections and to observe the bloated figures that are flaunted before us monthly in the reports of auction sales. A few years ago specialism was hailed as the only means of relief for the ordinary collector; and specialism of some sort, or in some degree, has become, to almost all of us, save a few who are superlatively rich in money and a few others who are superlatively rich in hope and blind enthusiasm, an absolute necessity. But the specialism of to-day, when it is pursued to its extremest limits, is a far more expensive matter than the general collecting of a decade ago. When we ordinary collectors witness or read about the superb collections of special countries that are quite the common thing among the *jeunesse doree* of Philately nowadays and stop to estimate the amount of time, labor and money which they represent, we can only retire shamefully further within the shells of our own insignificance, philatelically speaking. What pigmies are we, beside these gigantic architects; like the Comeo we are a feeble folk, and it is little wonder that our labors shine so dimly by comparison as to breed within our breasts the spirit of discouragement. How can I hope to

compete with such fellows as these, wails the ordinary collector. I have neither the time or the money to follow them in their wanderings why longer attempt it.

But here the question arrives (and in this lies the whole kernel of the matter) why should the ordinary collector expect or attempt to compete with those whose magnificent achievements so dishearten him. It is the great mistake of the day in philatelic matters that most of us attempt too much; that we place before us in our collecting too distant and impenetrable a goal; that we sacrifice too religiously to the fetish of science and system; that we are too slavishly subservient to the fashions set by those who lead the philatelic profession. Every ordinary collector who goes in nowadays to make a special collection of any particular country or group of countries, feels it necessary to involve himself in a maze of minuteness, a la the microscopic reference lists which take cognizance of hair-breadth varieties. He feels it necessary to proceed on exactly the same plan and system as that pursued by the greatest philatelic "amateurs," those to whom stamp collecting and the study of stamps, though pursued purely for pleasure, is the main business and interest of their lives, and who can bring to their philatelic studies all the aids that abundant wealth added to abundant leisure can supply. Most of this class of amateurs are to be found on the other side of the Atlantic. There is in this country certainly no want of wealth, but the leisure seems to be lacking. Hence it is to England in particular and Europe in general that we must look for the truest types of the wealthy amateur, and the point I am trying to make is that it is a great mistake, in almost all cases, for the hustling busy

American, who can spare to Philately only two or three hours a day to attempt to guide his collecting on the same lines as those used by Europeans, who have so much more leisure for Philately and whose philatelic methods require leisure to properly emulate.

It is far from my wish to deny the scientific study of Philately or to deny the pleasures undoubtedly derived from it. The work done by many of the great specialists abroad and by a few in this country is admirable and cannot be too highly praised. But special collecting in its real depth, as nowadays practiced, is too expensive a thing to be undertaken without an extremely well filled purse. The copy book of our youth adjured us to aim high; but most of us have learned in later years that there is such a thing as aiming too high and overshooting one's mark. Far wiser is it to sometimes fix one's mind on a modest goal. The ordinary collector needs to cultivate a spirit of independent thinking. He needs to learn that Philately is too vast a field for any one man or any body of men to lay down set rules for the guidance of all philatelic devotees. A difference in circumstances impertively prescribes a difference in methods of collecting. It is a mistake for the collector of slender means to fancy that the cream of Philately's pleasures is to be found only by diving into its depths. There are just as many joys reserved for those who only skim along its surface. Philately is a many sided thing, and it is getting to be so gigantic a thing that a great many of us cannot possibly do any more than this very surface skimming. But need we therefore sulk in our tents and refuse to be comforted? The bibliophile does not repine because he cannot lay hands on all the rare old editions in existence, but cheerfully

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Chicago Notes.

By S. E. MOISANT.

Probably the largest meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society held this season came off on January 17th, there being nearly thirty members present. The first of the regular exhibitions of collections to be shown this winter took place, it being the night for the exhibition of the stamps of Hawaii, and a number of very fine collections were shown and appreciated by all.

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mentioning is concerned. This is, of a truth, a momentous matter. Most of you who read these lines have often felt a kind of despair at the utter hopelessness of even filling up so many of the blank spaces that gaze so tantalizingly at us from within our albums. It is most certainly discouraging to realize that the one specimen needful to complete this or that set and give it that satisfying unity which the incomplete set must always lack, costs far more than we can afford to pay. It does not altogether help the ardor of the young philatelist to read so much about ten and twenty thousand dollar collections and to observe the bloated figures that are flaunted before us monthly in the reports of auction sales. A few years ago specialism was hailed as the only means of relief for the ordinary collector; and specialism of some sort, or in some degree, has become, to almost all of us, save a few who are superlatively rich in money and a few others who are superlatively rich in hope and blind enthusiasm, an absolute necessity. But the specialism of to-day, when it is pursued to its extreme limits, is a far more expensive matter than the general collecting of a decade ago. When we ordinary collectors witness or read about the superb collections of special countries that are quite the common thing among the *jeunesse doree* of Philately nowadays and stop to estimate the amount of time, labor and money which they represent, we can only retire shamefully further within the shells of our own insignificance, philatelically speaking. What pigmies are we, beside these gigantic architects; like the *Comeo* we are a feeble folk, and it is little wonder that our labors shine so dimly by comparison as to breed within our breasts the spirit of discouragement. How can I hope to

compete with such fellows as these, wails the ordinary collector. I have neither the time or the money to follow them in their wanderings why longer attempt it.

But here the question arrives (and in this lies the whole kernel of the matter) why should the ordinary collector expect or attempt to compete with those whose magnificent achievements so dishearten him. It is the great mistake of the day in philatelic matters that most of us attempt too much; that we place before us in our collecting too distant and impenetrable a goal; that we sacrifice too religiously to the fetish of science and system; that we are too slavishly subservient to the fashions set by those who lead the philatelic profession. Every ordinary collector who goes in nowadays to make a special collection of any particular country or group of countries, feels it necessary to involve himself in a maze of minuteness, a la the microscopic reference lists which take cognizance of hair-breadth varieties. He feels it necessary to proceed on exactly the same plan and system as that pursued by the greatest philatelic "amateurs," those to whom stamp collecting and the study of stamps, though pursued purely for pleasure, is the main business and interest of their lives, and who can bring to their philatelic studies all the aids that abundant wealth added to abundant leisure can supply. Most of this class of amateurs are to be found on the other side of the Atlantic. There is in this country certainly no want of wealth, but the leisure seems to be lacking. Hence it is to England in particular and Europe in general that we must look for the truest types of the wealthy amateur, and the point I am trying to make is that it is a great mistake, in almost all cases, for the hustling busy

American, who can spare to Philately only two or three hours a day to attempt to guide his collecting on the same lines as those used by Europeans, who have so much more leisure for Philately and whose philatelic methods require leisure to properly emulate.

It is far from my wish to deny the scientific study of Philately or to deny the pleasures undoubtedly derived from it. The work done by many of the great specialists abroad and by a few in this country is admirable and cannot be too highly praised. But special collecting in its real depth, as nowadays practiced, is too expensive a thing to be undertaken without an extremely well filled purse. The copy book of our youth adjured us to aim high; but most of us have learned in later years that there is such a thing as aiming too high and overshooting one's mark. Far wiser is it to sometimes fix one's mind on a modest goal. The ordinary collector needs to cultivate a spirit of independent thinking. He needs to learn that Philately is too vast a field for any one man or any body of men to lay down set rules for the guidance of all philatelic devotees. A difference in circumstances impertively prescribes a difference in methods of collecting. It is a mistake for the collector of slender means to fancy that the cream of Philately's pleasures is to be found only by diving into its depths. There are just as many joys reserved for those who only skim along its surface. Philately is a many sided thing, and it is getting to be so gigantic a thing that a great many of us cannot possibly do any more than this very surface skimming. But need we therefore sulk in our tents and refuse to be comforted? The bibliophile does not repine because he cannot lay hands on all the rare old editions in existence, but cheerfully

amasses what he can. The art lover does not lose his ardor because he cannot adorn his walls with the Raphaels and Murrills and Correzios that he would like to see there, but buys the best examples of art that his purse affords. Let the philatelist glean from this a lesson. There may be thousands of stamps that are beyond our reach; there are thousands of others to be secured at little cost; let those form our field. When we get out of our financial depth in some one country or specialty, there are other fields galore to enchain our attention and interest afresh. There will always be a great multitude of stamps that can be procured cheaply. If old issues mount too high we can labor zealously in the new issues field. The true philatelist will always find some means of profitably employing his philatelic time, even though shekels be scarce and precious.

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S. Doncyson who will now act in that capacity.

Mr. Oesch and C. E. Severn will hereafter devote their spare time to a new club called the Knights of the Silver Seal. In this society Mr. Severn will probably use the hammer while John J. will push the pencil.

Mr. Emil N. Kieffer, Allegheny, Pa., informs me that he has sold his publication, *The Allegheny Philatelist and Herald Exchange* to the WEEKLY PHILATELIC POST and that his subscription list will be filled by the latter. This of course will make many more readers for the POST and that many more for the Chicago correspondent to please. In greeting those subscribers of the "Allegheny" who did not formerly receive the POST I wish to say that I shall strive my utmost to give all the latest and freshest news from the windy city as soon as possible, and I earnestly hope that these will be of benefit to you and satisfactory to all concerned.

Mr. H. C. Barr, one of the dealers of Davenport, Iowa, was in Chicago on January 23rd. Mr. Barr has many good things with him and needless to say everything that was for sale was left in Chicago. Mr. Barr was very favorably impressed with philatelic matters in the White City.

Mr. John J. Oesch, who lives in Elmherst, one of the suburbs of Chicago, expects to move into Chicago early in the spring. Mr. O. comes into Chicago every day and finds that it will be much more convenient to make his residence here.

Mr. S. T. S. Doncyson will remove to the city of Elmherst, which Mr. Oesch is just leaving, and will take an active part in politics.

Rev. Father Sixt, Kankakee, Ill., was in the city this week and made the

dealers his customary call.

The special number of the *Weekly Philatelic Era* devoted to the Chicago Philatelic Society has been received in Chicago and by this time is probably pretty well circulated throughout the country. The number, which contained twenty-four pages of matter, mostly all furnished by the society and its members, has proved a success in every way. The C. P. S. is satisfied, and the advertisers, which were mostly all Chicago dealers and collectors, are well pleased and publisher Jewett certainly ought to be well pleased, in fact, he has a right to feel proud of getting out such a successful edition.

Pacific Coast Notes.

W. M. L.

When Mr. Phillips of the Stanley Gibbons Co. was in San Francisco, I had the good fortune to see him go over the stock of one of the dealers. The interesting feature of this lies in the fact that he did it very quickly, and yet he made a thorough job of it, for he took a quantity of choice stamps. Also a person generally wants to know what he buys, for such sort is sure of a rise sooner or later. I noticed he took Hawaiian stamps with but few exceptions, and of the Hawaiians only the older class and the varieties in the 1893 surcharge, like those without periods, etc. I understood he sold in the neighborhood of \$25,000 worth while on this coast, which includes his stop-over at Los Angeles, and that he considered it a profitable trip. Why shouldn't he?

In looking over a number of the Argentine Republic 1890, $\frac{1}{4}$ on 12 centaves, blue, I found one with a bar above the $\frac{1}{4}$ c, one red surcharged, which I

can't account for, unless it was a piece of the spacing that slipped out and got inked and had something to do with the surcharge in that way.

I will mention some of the nice stamps and oddities shown me recently by different collectors and one of the dealers. The Moldavia 108 paras, blue, used; the 1 penny black English 1840, V. R.; a block of 15 90c purple 1887 used, U. S.; complete sheets of nearly all of the Provisional Gov't.; Hawaii, including the 12c black surcharge; a vertical strip of 3 of the \$200 revenue in use now and some of the new revenues for Puerto Rico and the Philippines.

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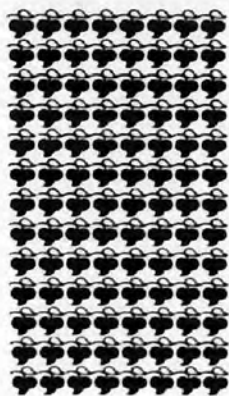
Editorial.

Next week, it is confidently expected, THE POST will appear in the new form, at least every possible effort will be made to accomplish that end. This week I have to again beg the indulgence of my readers for the mistake in date which appears on the cover, due to a rush of work and a hasty glance at the calendar.

John W. Bond has deferred the first issue of *The Philadelphia Philatelist* to March 1st. It is safe to say that when it does appear it will be a credit to philately.

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About Things in General.

AMY LOUISE SWIFT.

SOME time ago, I think it was in the *Post* for January 10th, in speaking of small things Mr. Brightman mentioned the moiree found on the back of certain Queensland stamps with the explanation that the device was adopted as a guard against counterfeits. I do not say that the claim is an incorrect one, but at the time the variety appeared I think we were told that the paper was not the paper ordinarily used for postage stamps, being that intended for duty stamps, and that it was taken for the postage issues on account of a scarcity in the supply of regular stock. I have tried to verify this vague memory, but can not find the item I had in mind. *The Eastern Philatelist* for July 1895 has a short note on the half-penny with moiree, however, its Queensland correspondent calling the design "burelage" instead of "moiree" as it is now entitled, and speaking of the paper as "beer duty paper." Will Mr. Stanton look this matter up for us, index the references thereto, and then kindly send along the index? I'm sure we will all appreciate a bit of light on the subject.

There is another matter over which I have been ruminating somewhat since the publication of my recent article questioning how many writers had collections large enough to warrant the assurance with which they elect to advise the rest of the philatelic world. Con-

siderably to my surprise and amusement I find that a number of readers I did not have in mind at all have donned that cap under the wrathful impression that it was intended for them individually, while the two it was really meant for have given no sign of recognizing or resenting its presentation. That makes me wonder if the cap is not more generally deserved than we would be apt to think. I am more than half tempted to put it on my own head sometimes, and do not doubt but what the majority of us have known a similar feeling of incompetency after a chat with a more advanced collector.

Whether we should insist on having our high value documentary revenues in uncut condition, or be satisfied with those cancelled by parallel incisions, is getting to be quite a puzzle to some collectors. Dealers of course advocate the uncut, but show their personal interest in the affair by asking a good deal more for them, and varying greatly in their prices beside. Take the \$1 red for instance. Ever since it was first announced as having been printed in that color we have been told that it would surely be very scarce uncut, and any such copy should be secured as soon as offered, yet there seem to be plenty of them in the market, and more coming in all the time. Prices on them vary ridiculously too. In one journal I recently received they were advertised in both cut and uncut condition by two dealers, one asking four cents for "fine cut" and ten cents for uncut. While

the other held his out at ten cents and his uncut at twenty-five cents. Note the difference. A third dealer offered cut specimens at fifteen cents and a fourth offered the stamp at six cents without stating the method of cancellation. A little thought will make this extra admiration for uncut seem rather odd, for there is no such discrimination shown in the case of the old issues, although many of them are found thus cancelled, the main difference being the cuts are three cornered instead of straight across, and of uniform distance from each other their whole length. I have seen specimens with the cuts so near together that a patch on the back was needed to lessen the danger of the stamp falling to pieces, yet there was no reduction in price because of the cancellation. One collector, a U. S. specialist, with whom I discussed this matter some three years ago told me that he really preferred his revenues with the die cut cancellation because the design showed so much better and the entire stamp looked so much neater and cleaner than one "scrawled over with pen and ink." I have not seen him of late, but if this preference holds good with the old issues, why should not the present issues be viewed from a like standpoint? Perhaps the real explanation lies in the fact that it is human nature to want forbidden things, and as it is the law that the high values must be cancelled by cuts we therefore elect to have them 'tother way, and as a demand always begets a supply we are supplied. Unquestionably, however, the cut are the most common. I am told that even when the stamps are merely pencancelled by the user they are liable to get cut or "pin-holed" before being returned for collection purposes. This information comes from one who uses a good many of the high values, having them returned afterwards for exchange purposes, and shows that although there are those desirous of evading the cutting law (no pun intended) there are others on the watch to prevent the evasion.

Chicago Notes.

By S. E. MOISANT.

P. M. Wolsieffer announces that the Landis and Jenkins' collection will come off on Saturday evening, February 16th, at the Great Northern Hotel. Dan Long will act as auctioneer. This will undoubtedly be the greatest sale held in Chicago for some time and it would pay all Chicago collectors to be present. Many out of town come a long distance to attend Mr. Wolsieffer's popular auction sales, and surely it would make it worth the while of the Chicago people. It is a self-evident fact that only a very small portion of stamp collectors in the large cities that belong to the local society or attend the auction sales, etc., of the dealers in their respective cities, and Chicago is no exception to this rule. There are probably several hundred readers of this paper residing in Chicago who have never attended an auction sale in their home city. Why not start now and begin the year right, this being the first sale of this year, and attend them regularly. If you are not personally acquainted with the people who generally attend, come to the sale anyway and we promise you that you will not be sorry that you came and that you will attend them regularly in the future. Come to this sale, get acquainted with the collectors in your home city and see what they are doing. Don't try to collect stamps alone when you can see and learn so much by associating with your fellow collectors.

F. N. Massoth, auction manager of the Chicago Philatelic Society, will hold an auction sale the latter part of February, but as yet the date has not been announced.

It seems that all persons intending to start a stamp paper look to Chicago for their printer. Geo. F. Dold, the leading philatelic printer in Chicago, and possibly the entire West, almost daily receives notice of some new paper to be published and then they want his rates for printing. The latest addition to the list of papers printed by Mr. Dold is a philatelic paper to be published by Herbert F. Butler, Newton Centre, Mass.

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In *Meekel's* for January 31, Mr. Gregory says:

I wish to so emphasize the evil of speculation as to save our friends from serious loss. Many instances might be noted where entire issues have been bought up, cornered, but with little profit to the speculator.

Probably the \$1 Columbian, $\frac{1}{2}$ c Canada Jubilee, and the 4 midesima and 4 centavo values of Spanish colonies are in this category.

The editorial department of *The Montreal Philatelist* for January is devoted to the subject, "Should Philatelists Collect Fiscals?" We suppose a "philatelist" can collect anything, although strictly speaking, collecting fiscals may not be philatelic. The animus of the article is to claim that postage stamps which are used for mailing purposes are the "philatelic" article, while everything else is "not in it." There may be plenty of people who collect only simonpure postage stamps, but if the title "philatelist" is confined to them, then "philatelists" are in a decided majority.

The Washington correspondent of *The Metropolitan Philatelist*, in its Jan. 26 issue says:

The Postoffice Department takes no official interest in the precancelled stamp matter. Private individuals may precancel stamps ad libitum without fear of molestation at the hands of the Government. The reason is that no possible fraud can be practiced upon the Government, in fact the more stamps that are cancelled upon a printing press or by means of a rubber stamp the more money Uncle Sam will take in for which he renders no equivalent; that is where the said pre-cancelled stamps are not affixed in the presence of a sworn official of the Department.

The above is a pretty good argument against pre-cancelled stamps having any philatelic value, as private individuals can "precancel stamps ad libitum."

Father Scott, being more of a numismatist than philatelist, in a business sense, says concerning the change of rulers in Great Britain:

It is therefore certain that the numismatists will soon be in possession of coins bearing the portrait of Edward VII. while philatelists may have to wait a considerable period before adding a

series of stamps to the album containing the same likeness.

The Weekly Philatelic Era for Jan. 19 was a week late, and it is many moons since it was on time. It has a new heading which strikes one at a glance.

The Philatelic Bulletin for Jan. 25 has Part I of "The Philatelic Opportunities of To-day," by an anonymous writer. E. H. Wilkinson's "Periods" refers to period's in a collector's career. C. R. Tarver talks of "New Issues." Miss Swift's review is spicy and justly caustic.

The January *Perforator* publishes again the P. S. of A. group at Milwaukee, with a key to the likeness. Mr. Kissinger is a dabster at this kind of work. Don H. Wimmer compares the weekly newspaper and monthly magazine, and concludes that each has its place, which is an old idea. Mr. K. advertises his journal for sale, owing to other business.

In the *Weekly Philatelic Era* for Jan. 26, Mr. Stone, after quoting from a foreign journal concerning entires, thinks there is no use in worrying over the fact of their being excluded by Stanley Gibbons, and concludes by saying "there are also other journals in Great Britain besides the *Monthly Journal*." The department headed "Philatelic Spasms" is well named, and the convulsions vary from the sublime to the ridiculous.

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What Will "Australian Federation" Mean to Philatelists.

BY AMY LOUISE SWIFT.

WITH the dawn of the new century the Federation of the Australian colonies changes from a proposition to an accomplished fact, and among the many changes which will be made necessary by the new order of things will be a change of postal issues of all kinds. Just what these changes may be, however, is not yet publicly announced even if they are officially decided, which is very unlikely, so we are at full liberty to wonder and question to our hearts' content. That there will finally be one set of stamps for all the colonies to use in common is fairly certain, but it is not expected that the various postoffices will be gathered under the Federal wing until, probably, January 1st, 1902, so the new set can not be looked for until then, and in the meantime there is no assurance what the various colonies may consider it right to do with the postal issues now on hand. There are rumors, of course, some comforting, some disquieting, to philatelic minds, but as yet no thorough reliable news.

One authority tells us that no change whatever may be looked for from any one of the colonies until the amalgamation of the offices has been accomplished, and that even surcharges will not appear. This dictum has the credit of

being founded on common sense, so it is to be hoped it is correct. After amalgamation, however, there is no knowing what may appear, for each colony will have stocks of various issues left on hand, and British thrift may not take kindly to the idea of cremating the entire lot in order to start afresh, so here come in our question, "What will Australian Federation mean to Philatelists?" Will it mean surcharges on the left over stock of each value of each colony, and if so will the surcharge be the same throughout, except for "errors," etc.? Already suitable phraseology for such over-printing is being discussed, the most generally accepted term thus far seeming to be "Australian Commonwealth," or "Federated Australia." Both of these names have the disadvantage, or advantage, of being rather too lengthy for the space they must necessarily occupy, but in view of what has been done by the "Federated Malay States" it is not safe to count upon that point as securing us against the infliction.

After all, is surcharge of any kind absolutely necessary? Some say not, adding also that there is no need whatever for such a proceeding simply because there is neither necessity nor intent of keeping the postal accounts of the colonies separate, and neither necessity nor intent to demonetise any issues or values. "The stamps of the various colonies can be used just as well after Federation as before it," says one authority; "the only difference will be

that up to a certain date the money paid for the stamps goes into a Colonial Treasury and the stamps can only be used in the one Colony, while after that date the money will go into the Federation Treasury, and the stamps can be used in any part of the Federation. When the stamps of the Federation are ready all old stocks should be destroyed."

"Should be." Yes. But we philatelists have long ago learned from sad experience that governments cannot be depended upon to do what they "should" do with their extra postage stamps, and to the general mind it will be quite in the expected order of things for surcharges to appear before the old issues give place to the permanent new one. To be strictly fair to everyone the issue for Federated Australia ought to be ready for use just as soon as the post-office service is combined for all the colonies, but there seems no hope whatever of such a thing. As currently believed, there will first be a temporary issue of the familiar De la Rue type, such as is used for the Seychelles, which will be followed later on by a design appropriate for the purpose, but what this design will be is still unsettled, and now that the death of the Queen has made even the De la Rue type inappropriate it may be that we shall be spared the intermediate issue suggested. However loyal the Colonists may feel toward their new King, it would hardly seem right to place his head upon the first issue for "Federated Australia" since Federation was accomplished under Victoria and not under Edward; neither is it likely that Victoria will be represented on the issue, since the expressed desire is, or has been, for something emblematic. A design offered by one Colonial journal, unphilatelic, which I recently received showed a figure of Britannia

in the foreground holding in one hand the reins of six swans yoked together and swimming before her, each swan representing a colony. In her other hand she held the Union Jack, its folds sweeping down about her and the swans; in the distance, on the mainland, crouched the British lion, calmly gazing across the waters with what I promptly dubbed a "monarch-of-all-I-survey-expression." There were minor details in addition, of course, but this was the central design, and though it had its faults it was in a measure to be commended, for it was really both simple and striking.

Although Federation is only just accomplished it has already been the occasion of some changes in at least one of the colonies, Tasmania. I am told that from December 1st the postal and fiscal receipts are to be kept separate, and on this account the platypus and St. George and Dragon issues, which have been authorized for postal use since 1882, are from that date to be accepted as fiscals only. This is one result of Federation, but not an important one. What the other results will be we have yet to learn, but alas, it is probable that very few will be as unimportant. Australian Federation, combined with the passing away of Victoria and the accession of Edward VII, is likely to mean a great deal to philatelists, so very much that it is more comfortable to leave the matter unstudied than to attempt a look into the future.

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In the Matter of Auctions.

By OLIVER CRINKLE.

It cannot but seem strange sometimes to anyone who has a vivid remembrance of the days when the stamp auction was a great and dominating force in American Philately, to reflect of how much of its one time glory it has of late years been shorn, and how small a part it at present plays compared with what it did some five, six, or seven years ago. Not that stamp auctions do not still flourish to some degree in many of our principal cities. That the auction system is by no means moribund, the marked success of not a few sales of the present season most abundantly testifies. And yet how little the stamp auctions of the present seem to be related to their brethren of the past. How small a ripple they create now-a-days on the philatelic seas. How little significance the latter day press of our pursuit attaches to the prices realized. Where are the columns after columns of auction reports and tabulations and comparative reviews that once filled our journals. Where are the writers that once studied the market with such fervor and weighed and explained the quotations of the day with such painstaking care? Auction prices no longer rule the market. Auction sales are no longer a power in matters philatelic. No matter what anyone may say to the contrary, the auction system is at present to a certain degree discredited and the question as to whether it will ever regain any substantial portion of its old time prestige, is one that must be considered from many sides.

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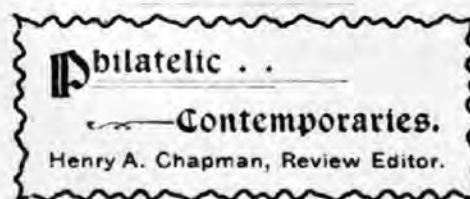
THE question of V. R. I. surcharges on various South African issues is still receiving study from our foreign contemporaries, many of whom frankly admit a difficulty of resigning what has appeared with what should have been really needed. Two varieties of ½d Orange Free State postal cards received a 1d surcharge, yet there was at that very time a 1d card already in use (1d on 3d blue) so that the necessity of making two more varieties seems decidedly open to question.

IT will probably be news to many collectors that the 50c rose of France in the Peace and Commerce design exists with the N of INV under the B of "Republique." As catalogued by Scott it is listed only under the head of Type 2; that is, with the N of INV beneath the U of "Republique," and is not given at all in the list of values found in Type I. It will be the point of wisdom to add a note of its existence under the catalogue list of the first type, and thus assure ourselves of keeping in mind the necessity of watching for the variety.

I AM of the opinion that the average philatelic editor does not consider it at all essential to the welfare of his journal to make a feature of the editorial department. Perhaps it is not absolutely necessary, yet at the same time I think he should write something besides the usual "pat myself on the back" matter and endeavor to give his readers more substantial, more interest-

ing editorials. I intend to take a mighty big brace and while my effusions may be neither entertaining nor instructive at least they will not consist entirely of "how good THE POST is" and similar wanderings.

THE matter of the Mafeking siege stamps is another affair where the numbers issued have far over-balanced any need that can be discovered, as the English journal, *Stamps*, has plainly shown in its current number. After giving a number of official details and figures, official, mind you, it sums up as follows: "According to the official figures of letters sent out of Mafeking, averaging 90 per week for nearly eight weeks, and allowing six stamps to each letter, the total legitimately used would be about 4200 stamps, leaving 38000 stamps unaccounted for, as 'stamps can not on any account be sold,' we were officially informed, and yet there were none left when the relief took place! "Put in another form, the 42850 stamps amounted at face value to £298, 13s. 4d., of which £86. 10s. worth were the ordinary Cape stamps without the Bechnanlands. Allowing a liberal average of 2s. per letter (ten ordinary rates) the used stamps would be about £70, yet a fictitious value of £735 was created by surcharging all stamps as above, and we are told by some people this surcharging by the military was not unnecessary or speculative. In addition 9108 stamps at 3d (B-P head) and 9476 (bicycle) at 1d were issued for local use in Mafeking." This certainly gives vast food for meditation, the outcome of which is not likely to be complimentary to either the stamps or their promoters.



The January *Virginia Philatelist* has a likeness and sketch of Jacob L. Z. van der Laan, of Sumatra. Mr. Jenney has an article on the "Variations in Size and Shape of Stamps." Cuts are given of the new set of French adhesives and we read that "it is a credit to France. The designs are decidedly artistic and the workmanship is very fine." This opinion doesn't tally with the greater majority of views expressed and the stamps themselves do not make so attractive an appearance as the cuts in the V. P., which are brought out the nicest of any we have seen.

Stamps for January 25 has a good article, headed "Gossip About Entires," by "Ben." The chronicler of new issues is facetious over the series recently issued by France.

The *Quaker City Philatelist* for February is a specimen of the printing produced at Nooseneck Hill. We are informed that a good printer has been engaged, and that in the near future we shall see a decided improvement.

The *Philatelic Record* for February reprints Miss Murray's "A Plea for the Boys," which we read with interest in the *American Collector* of 1896. This issue is a decided improvement on the January number, but it makes one grit his teeth to see paragraphs end at the top of a page.

In the *Metropolitan Philatelist* for Feb. 9 is a letter from Mr. Luff in which he admits the existence of the blue 4c Columbian. Mr. Campbell, the English contributor, devotes his letter to matter pertaining to Queen Victoria. He thinks that it would hardly be right to take her head off Great Britain's stamps entirely, and thinks it would be a good idea to retain it on the shilling value.

In commenting on an editorial of the *Montreal Philatelist* concerning the status of fiscals, the review of *Mekel's* for February 14 remarks: One may magnify the tendency to collect any special line, but one cannot maintain the false sense of proportion long in the eyes of the collecting public, who generally speaking, will gather what and how they wish regardless of the closely drawn lines of consistency. To decry a side or branch line of collecting is investing it with an undue importance. Public discernment separates the chaff from the wheat quite thoroughly and the ephemeral or periodical styles of collecting pass away forever or to recur again.

Revue Philatelique Francaise for December had large cuts of the three designs of the new French set on its cover and the enlarged size doesn't seem to add to their beauty. An article on the Greenland post has three illustrations suggestive of that region in the far north. The mode of transporting mail is by sleds drawn by dogs, and a man paddling a kayak, who cries "Partut!"

The *Philatelic Chronicle* for February contains also *Stanton's Philatelic Index*, which is now a part of the *Charlotte Journal*. Hebert Armstrong tells what are "Good Things to Buy," and Edgar S. Brightman expounds "Scientific Robbery." The *Chronicle* has also absorbed the *Gopher State Philatelist*.

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The fixing of stamp values is one of the most elusive and difficult tasks that the mind of man can conceive, since there is so little positive data for even the expert to work upon. In no other line known to commerce are the facts as to both supply and demand so hard to pin to earth, and even the best estimates of value are often of a very intangible and inconclusive nature. But the catalogue makers of the world, whatever their sins may be and however much we may lay at their door the blame for many of the conditions that have worked wholesale devastation in Philately's prosperity during the past few trying years, certainly have it in their power to measure the various things that contribute to fix values with greater knowledge than is vouchsafed to anyone else. It is to them therefore, and to no other source that we must turn for reliance. Catalogue prices have been far enough away from real values most of the time in the last decade but at the least they form a tangible basis to proceed from, they are solid fixed quantities.

The wonder is that auction prices could ever have had the influence they did. It was this very influence that proved its own undoing. If from the very beginning collectors had foreseen how many subtle influences might combine to render auction prices a delusion and a snare, they (the prices) would never have been raised up on the pinnacle which they did occupy. The auction had and has yet a great and legitimate office in Philately and its scope of usefulness might be made much larger than it now is. We have effectually eradicated and stamped out the old ideas as to the infallibility of auction prices. Whatever prices are to-day realized in this way are accepted for just what they are worth. They are not invested with any greater importance than their standing really warrants and with the lessons of the past in mind, there is scant danger that the collecting world will ever again fall into the error of overestimating their importance. This being so, the stamp auction in the hands of honest and reputable conductors can become the instrument of much good to Philately, and there are many things that make its prosperity most desirable.

In the first place, sales of this kind lend additional dignity to our pursuit in the eyes of the outside world. The very fact of their existence on the same lines as those followed in the general business field, evidences to outsiders as nothing else could the commercial stability of

stamp collecting. And little as we may wish to emphasize this side of Philately, much as we would prefer to gain for our hobby the respectful interest of those about us by conveying into their minds a sense of the intellectual benefits, we must realize after all, that it is far easier for Philately to inspire their respect through its success in appropriating to itself so much of our money than through its success in enchaining so much of our minds. Prejudice is a is a thing hard to combat, and the real essence of Philately is a thing most hard to understand and rightly value, unless you are one of the elect. We need not marvel that it is so hard for outsiders to "see anything" in Philately. But the surest way to convince them how large a thing Philately really is, is to show them the material signs of its standing, the number of men who make a business of supplying collectors wants, the amount of capital invested in the stamp business, and the enormous sums spent annually on their hobby by the collectors of the world. It may be argued that it does not much matter how the outside world regards stamp collecting; that we cannot expect much sympathy from it in any case, and that it is not worth our while to take any great pains to rouse it from its general attitude of apathetic indifference to Philately and philatelists. But this is a most narrow view of the matter. We all want to see Philately grow and flourish like the green bay tree, and the more real consideration Philately gains from outsiders the more tolerant toward it their attitude becomes, and the more it becomes an established institution in the public eye, the greater will be its progress. That Philately can live and grow and flourish without basking to any great degree in the sunshine of public approval, experience of the early days of our hobby amply prove. But will it not grow faster and thrive better if the world at large has a better appreciation of Philately's real tenets, aims and achievements.

So, then, the stamp auction does a great work in impressing the public. In the days when it was in the height of its glory, the daily papers all over the land devoted no little attention to auction prices. Here was a great feature of stamp collecting that would interest the general public. To know that these seemingly worthless bits of paper sold for money, and large sums of money, at that, was an interesting item of news to almost anyone. And so it happened that the thin end of the wedge was inserted into public ignorance. Stamp collecting received more real publicity from the great auctions of the old days than from probably any other factor that could be named. And even though big auction prices are no

longer the news novelty they once were a big revival in the auction business at the present day would undoubtedly bring our pursuit into fresh prominence in the public prints.

Again, the multiplication of auction sales of the proper calibre (for it is of good big sales of rarities and fine stamps in fine condition, things out of the common, things that are not to be seen every day in the dealer's shop that I am speaking) could not but liven up things a great deal in the philatelic world itself, and warm the blood of many of us into fresh philatelic energy. Philately, as a sedentary pursuit stands in some danger of becoming but a dull companion sometimes, without continual infusions of life and activity. It needs to have "things going on" in its dominions all the while that our enthusiasm may be kept keyed up to the proper altitude. Such things as frequent auction sales keep collectors on the qui vive, they furnish something new to talk about and speculate over, they keep one's interest from flagging, they bring collectors together oftener than is usual and in dozens of other ways promote and strengthen philatelic enthusiasm. This is unquestioned. The best philatelic work and study is, of course, done in the privacy of the home, but any such general bringing together of philatelists as is compassed by the auction is of incalculable value in stimulating our interest and ardor.

This is a thing on which dozens of pages might be written but without touching it further, I think my meaning has been made clear. I cannot hope in an article like this to more than touch very lightly a few of the principal points connected with so broad a matter. There are other things galore about the stamp auction that deserve deep consideration. Take, for instance, the question of its educational value in affording an opportunity for the inspection of rarities that are seldom otherwise seen by the ordinary collector, or the question of its influence in educating collectors to an appreciation of fine specimens, already briefly alluded to or other matters more subtle still. The limits of one essay are ill adapted for such deep delving so we must perforce pass them over. So also the more practical question still, is it possible to revivify the auction system into anything like its old splendors under the changed conditions of to-day, must go over until a more convenient season. It is a large and complicated question and perhaps time alone can fully answer it. But as to me it seems that there are few things that might be a greater help to Philately than such a revival, I venture to have some little hope that this article may help to pave the way toward it. If it incites abler pens to take up some of the questions raised herein, it will well have served its purpose.

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By CHARLES E. JENNEY.

It was scarcely necessary to label that immense San Marino stamp on its face as a "bustr."

A writer for the philatelic press recently says that "United States locals are forging to the front." He is right about the forging, but it is rather to the rear.

In these days it is cheaper to buy the proprietary medicines, package and all, than to buy the private proprietary stamps from the speculative holders.

The dealer who advertises the Columbia Insured Letter Stamps as "good space fillers" was not so far out of the way as advertisers usually are.

My friend, Miss Swift, makes fun of the idea of advertising an Angora puss in exchange for postage stamps. That is nothing strange. I have noticed a Canadian cat, frequently advertised for sale in stamp papers and also Rev. Cats., although what right a cat has to the title of Reverend I cannot imagine.

It was an irreverent English philatelist who affirmed that the watermarks on the old 4d stamp—a small, a medium and a large garter—denoted the three periods of the Victorian age.

There has lately been considerable discussion as to the correct pronunciation of Mafeking. As Mafekings are a topic of much interest just now it may be well to know that Baden-Powell and other conversant officials are said to pronounce it "My-fakings."

Some philatelic abbreviations translated for the benefit of beginners and advanced collectors: O. G., Ordered from Guam; P. P., Prettily Pared; V. R. I., Very Rank Investment; O. S., Officials' Snap; I. R., Incorrect 'Riting' (should be I Am).

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Century Stamp Club.

The report of the 69th regular meeting of the Century Stamp Club of St. Louis, Mo., held on the 4th day of January, A. D. 1901.

The first regular meeting in the 20th century held by the Century Stamp Club of St. Louis was called to order by President Chase at Glasows Hall on Friday evening, Jan. 4, 1901, at 9 o'clock p. m. This was the 69th regular session since the organization of the club, a session that will long be remembered by those whose philatelic ardor had prompted their presence. The "Reminders" missed a great treat indeed, for not only were new "issues" brought before the club for its consideration, but many obsolete ones were also reviewed and heavily cancelled.

After customary New Year's greetings had been exchanged and a few chestnuts cracked, President Chase, with his well known and flowery oratory, often taking the form of a beautiful pyrotechnic word picture, took occasion to express to the members his appreciation of their untiring efforts during the year just passed to promote the welfare of the club, and to paint a picture of its record during the nineteenth century. His touching narrative of the club's ups and downs brought tears to many eyes, tears that gave way to a rose tinted smile, when he with sublime enthusiasm pointed to the hopeful and encouraging prospects with which the new century greeted its most favored namesake. The beautiful winter night surcharged with a lurid moon, emblazoned on a deep blue starry sky (reminding one of the New South Wales No. 104 in Scott's 60th) was decidedly stampic, and this, together with the untiring efforts of our energetic, omnipresent, humorous and economical secretary, Mr. Walter Bain, late of Florida, I say these two the moon and our mayor—I mean our secretary—caused many members to bury the evils of the day in blissful oblivion, and hasten to throw themselves in the ever outstretched arms of Mother Philatelia. Hence the following members were found to be present at roll call, to wit: President Chase, Treasurer Hollingshead, who is also chaplain of the club; C. E. Hussman, our bright philatelic vade mecum; B. G. Smith, U. S. specialist in perfect condition; and H. A. H. d'Ailly, the obsolete president of the ancient and honorable firm of d'Ailly & Wissmann. To this throng was later added Mr. A. L. Wissmann, the scribe and humorist.

A sweet atmosphere of orange blossoms prevailed in the brilliantly illuminated hall, caused no doubt by the presence of the spirit of our absent secretary, Mr. Walter Bain, late of Florida. Our official photographer and friend,

Mr. Benedict (the only paired Benedict I know of) was painfully missed, it being reported that he had journeyed to New York to spend the holidays with relatives, and incidentally with some accommodating stamp dealers.

The secretary not having presented himself to claim his straying spirit, when the meeting was called to order, not minutes of the previous meeting were read, and H. d'Ailly, your humble and most unworthy servant, was appointed secretary pro. tem., an honor which he accepted with great reluctance, well knowing that the path of a secretary aboundeth not with roses, except, of course, the path lately traveled by our own Walter, who has been wading knee deep in a sea of orange blossoms in that most charming garden spot of the world—Florida.

The application for membership of Mr. Wendemuth was now presented by Mr. Smith, seconded by our chaplain and acted upon favorably. Just at this moment our ex-Secretary, Mr. Wissmann entered the hall with his face as usual illuminated with that resistless smile we all know so well.

The club that up to this had been engaged in some lively trading, and discussion of current philatelic publications as *Mekeel's Weekly* and *REDFIELD'S WEEKLY POST*, both of which were pronounced in perfect condition, while Scott's 60th was found guilty of being considerably off center and consequently hardly worth full catalogue price, now settled down to earnest business. Several routine matters disposed of the new business was taken up, and Mr. Wissmann threw a bomb in the very midst of the assemblage moving that the number of the club's meetings each month be reduced from two to one. A terrible uproar followed. The treasurer was called upon for a statement of the club's financial resources. The information received was indeed encouraging: the club had just \$1.13 in its strong box, which, after the secretary's salary had been deducted, left only \$1.13 cents to pay hall rent at \$1.00 per night for the four or five meetings still remaining to round out the fiscal year.

It was plain that a deficit and perhaps bankruptcy with all its horrors was staring the club in the face, and that only brutal strength and main awkwardness could save us, clearly some heroic measures were necessary to avoid an untimely death of the club right at the very birth of the new century, a lively discussion now ensued. Most members seemed inclined to take Mr. Wissman's views, while Mr. Smith declared that if such a course would prevail it would put an air tight damper on his philatelic ardor, that he would resign and go into perpetual hiding, to be seen no more in haunts where a phil meets phil in friend-

ly combat for the best specimen. Smith is an enthusiast for pairs in good condition and is willing to accommodate anybody at 50% plus full catalogue value. He insisted on a pair of club meetings monthly. He even favored increasing the annual dues to a pair of dollars. The discussion was getting to the boiling point when an exhibition of true loyalty was displayed by Mr. C. E. Hussman who offered the use of his office to the club free of charge, heat, light, elevator service, etc., included. Upon motion made that the proposition be accepted without losing a second's time (so that Mr. Hussman could not reconsider it before passage) was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Great satisfaction was the result and this very generous offer proved a happy "deodorizer," for that rose tinted smile again returned to every countenance.

Mr. Hussman now made a motion that H. d'Ailly be instructed to furnish a sign, at his own expense, stating the club's name, accompanied by an invitation to all to whom these presents might come to visit the club on meeting nights. Seconded by H'd'illy (without thanks) and adopted. Mr. d'Ailly thanked the club for its undeserved confidence in his unprofitable ability as a sign painter. Resolved, that his thanks be accepted without comment.

A vote of thanks was given Mr. Wissmann for an interesting lecture on bacteriology and for his untiring efforts to keep the name of the club continually before the philatelic public in divers ways, often risking gallons of ink, and burning the midnight oil quite frequently to let the philatelic world know that there was only one philatelic club in this great world's fair city, and that the biggest dealers in town are not even members thereof: as a special gift of Mr. H. d'Ailly a counterfeit copy of an $\frac{1}{10}$ cent proprietary stamp was tendered to Mr. Wissmann, but the colossal gift was modestly declined by him.

No more business being presented, the chaplain in a few well chosen words invoked the blessing of Goddess Philatelia, and the president's time worn and splintered gavel fell with a cheerful ring. An auction was held, but why particularize further. It realized a handsome amount.

And so ended one of the most interesting, important and fruitful meetings which the Century Stamp Club has held for many a long day, and when two of the members hid themselves away to their homes by means of the street cars they were so engrossed in talking stamps that they asked the conductor of the car for an unsevered pair of transfers grilled all over. Respectfully submitted,

H. d'AILLY,

Sec. pro tem.

The Beginner.

By EDGAR S. BRIGHTMAN.

THE beginner as a factor in the development, is not sufficiently considered; his needs—and they are not few—are disregarded, and his wants are scoffed at by the majority of those more advanced in our hobby. It is, indeed, true that many magazines are printed especially for him, and him alone; but the beginner who is really a beginner does not ever see a stamp paper of any description: he has scarcely heard that such a thing as a dealer is in existence, and he cannot distinguish between a surcharge and a millimeter. It is this class of bona-fide beginners that I desire to discuss—our relations with, and duties to him.

There are dealers—happily few, yet sufficient to be a disgrace to philately—who count it a very brilliant and intellectual accomplishment to be able to sell stamps to beginners at twice or three times catalogue, and buy from them at perhaps one twentieth of the list price. I remember that when I was first essaying to collect the "wee bits" there was a dealer, a youth of fourteen summers, of this description in the town where I lived. He happened to be looking through my collection, when his eagle eye beheld a stamp, which was, as I found later, catalogued at the time at about two dollars. Well, this dealer inadvertently forgot himself and offered a dollar in exchange for the stamp. My awe at the contemplation of this magnificent amount was unbounded. My heart's action was twice the normal. Tears of joy welled in my eyes, and with trembling hand I tried to commence choosing my dollar's worth from his sheets.

By this time, however, the young gentleman had perceived his fatal error, and hastened to remark in a commiserating tone: "Oh, I was only fooling you about that dollar. Just the same I'll let you have forty cents' worth of stamps for it." Although somewhat disappointed, still I considered forty cents an enormous sum, but while I continued to hesitate, he said: "Look here, young fellow! you're trying to cheat me. This stamp is printed on pink paper, and I can't give you more than a nickel for it." Of course, it was the pink paper which made it valuable, but I, blissfully ignorant of the fact, marched off the proud possessor of a five-cent Seebeck, almost thankful that I had not been compelled to pay my dealer friend (?) for the privilege of carrying my stamp away.

Such scenes are daily repeated, and will be until the Millenium arrives. It is vain to try to prevent dishonest people from being dishonest. The only

effective remedy lies in educating the philatelically ignorant till they know too much to be gulled. How to do this is a question that demands serious and immediate consideration. It very evidently can not be brought about through our magazines, for even the simplest and elementary of them presuppose at least a speaking acquaintance with philatelic nomenclature. (Please don't be offended at these long words, gentle reader. They express my meaning best of all, so I use them). But there is a solution to this problem which will solve it; one, indeed necessitating much personal inconvenience and expense, but the only one sufficient to the needs of the beginner.

The plan is this: let each philatelist feel that a direct responsibility rests upon him for the welfare of the beginners whom he knows. He can make life-long friends by spending a few evenings explaining dark points, identifying and mounting his stamps, and finally presenting a few to the beginner. This attitude would be a delightful change from that usually occupied, which is one of censuring and blaming the poor novice because he does not have an instructive knowledge of every part of philately. No one collector knows it all, and everything that is learned is the result of sad experience and hard labor.

It is no uncongential task to point out the rocks and shoals to a beginner, and to add to his knowledge of stamps. It is rather one of the most enjoyable to be imagined, and so take up the good work yourselves and invite others to it, without regard to criticisms. Whenever an article appears designed to aid beginners there is a general chorus of derisive howls from the cultured audience of reviewers who opine that such literature is too trivial for the advanced student of philately. A position like that is unmitigatedly and unjustifiably selfish. Beginners are the hope of philately's future. Therefore, all ye who read this, remember that if philately declines in the coming years it will be because, knowing your duty, you have failed to perform it. Never allow so shameful an accusation to be supported by your deeds, and if you have failed in the past, improve your future opportunities.



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Chicago Notes.

By S. E. MOISANT.

P. M. Wolsieffer makes a strong appeal to collectors to join a good stamp society in his article, "A Just Stamp Tax," which appears on the back of his last auction catalogue. The article seems to be so favorably received that I will herewith copy it:

"There are many collectors of the right kind who, by affiliation with a stamp society could benefit themselves through benefitting the society. Some folk join a society to help the society; others to help themselves. But it is best to join a society for a combination of self help and society help. The stamp society is a concrete, tangible evidence of philatelic power; it is a multiplication by the number of its members of the worth or fitness of the average member. The sum of the pygmies, individuals, becomes a giant for the purpose of pushing philately along and hoisting it higher; and commanding attention by the display of strength alone. The stamp collector pays no tax on his collection; it is a luxury that is on the free list. Let him deflect a sum equivalent to a low rate of taxation on his stamps to the maintainance of stamp societies, but it is scarcely fair to call the dues in the society a tax; for rather, they are an investment. The returns are always sure to the individual perhaps, but when they do come they may be of much richness. Any investment that has a tendency to promote an interest or add to philately's strength, increases the value of ones collection of stamps—the logic of this assertion may be proved easily enough. As a business proposition, the stamp society is the thing for you; it adds to the value of your collection and it adds to your power as a philatelist. There are many collectors who believe in stamp societies as thoroughly as they believe in stamps themselves and the societies; the missing link is their application for membership. Sense and sentiment call upon you to join a good philatelic society—one composed of collectors, such as yourselves; it will pay you to do so, even though the benefit comes indirectly." At the conclusion of this article Mr. Wolsieffer advises all collectors to join the Chicago Philatelic Society and the American Philatelic Association and through it has secured many new recruits for the two societies, which are largest of their kind in America. After reading such a strong and earnest appeal to do something that will not only help yourself but benefit philately as well, how can you collect stamps and not be a member of these two societies? Think about it, and apply your application to either or both.

One of the well known local dealers is now advertising in a local paper for a room on the ground floor suitable for a stamp business. It looks like stamp business in Chicago must be pretty good when one of the dealers who already has a room on the ground floor and facing one of the leading business streets can afford to pay eighty-five dollars a month for rent alone.

The regular meeting of Chicago Branch, No. 1, of the American Philatelic Association was held Feb. 14, at 1603 Marquette Building. About a dozen members were present. The reading of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Owing to the absence of President Holland, Mr. W. F. E. Gurley was made temporary chairman. Secretary Flanders then read a letter of resignation from President Alex. Holland, who has removed to New York. The resignation was accepted with regret, and after much deliberation John J. Oesch was elected President of the Branch.

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The Philatelic Press.

By PHIL A. TELST.

The Philatelic Press has been not alone the greatest help but also the staunchest friend of philately and all true collectors concede this fact. But in this as in all other things there are some people who not alone delight to belittle the great amount of good which the press has done for both collector and dealer, but they never leave an opportunity slip by to heap abuse and sometimes slander upon the heads of one or more publishers of philatelic papers. The writer was once present when a certain publisher offered a collector a half-page in his paper, or even more should be deem it worth while, to present to the public through the medium of a philatelic department in the aforesaid paper such information and instructive reading matter pertaining to stamps and kindred matters, as in his judgment would tend to not alone bring stamp collecting before the people regularly, but show up the benefits to be derived therefrom to the best advantage. Yet the collector refused to avail himself of this most liberal offer, although he could have had good pay for his service from the publisher. But not content with that, he spoke ill of the paper whenever the subject came up. The writer has noticed the same tendency often among other collectors, and hence he deems it his duty to point out the error of their ways to such collectors and others who may feel inclined to look at both philatelic papers and also family papers having a philatelic department as beneath their notice. In the first place a person who does anything like that is on a par with that domestic biped, the goose, for it is well known that the goose hisses at everything but applauds nothing. Now if you gentle reader cannot see much to praise in the current literature on topics stampic does it do any good to at all times speak disparagingly of the efforts of the publisher? Would silence not be preferable? I think it would and I am quite sure that the greater number of progressive collectors of the present would think likewise. Whatever you are or whatever you may aspire to be, do by all means try to be more than a goose.

Some people have an idea that publishing a paper is a "snap," but there is not a single month in the year that passes by but what that idea is proven to be erroneous, and we have but to look back and see how many would-be editor's who thought they knew exactly how a paper should be conducted have really stood the test when applied to themselves. They soar up like a rocket while all the world looks on and just when the best things are promised, alas, we next see the editor, paper and all collapse and then sink into oblivion, and that is the last of them. Look over the list of philatelic publications and you will find the largest number have discontinued before the first volume was completed.

Since these are facts we can draw conclusions therefrom, and find that those papers which have appeared for say six months in succession must strike a responsive chord in the hearts of philatelists whether they be collectors or dealers. Their very existence depends upon giving good value for the price to either the subscriber or advertiser or both. And if they have outlived the first six months that ought to be a sufficient recommendation to place them in favor with all philatelists far and near. They can thereafter demand that proper recognition be accorded them, and the public at large is always ready to reward true merit in a befitting manner. In other words the public at large is always interested in a well gotten up paper and if the quality of the paper is kept up to a high standard its success is assured. But the editor cannot sit in an easy chair and dream along in placid contentment; oh, no. The reading public demands that its wants be anticipated and its wishes provided for, and to accomplish this the editor must bestir himself to accede to the demands of the public, and if he does his work well and conscientiously he will find all the world ready to lend him a helping hand to push the good work forward. He begins to feel that his power for good is increasing and if he can run his paper in such manner that fault finding regarding its management, contents and regular appearance can be reduced to a minimum then he has indeed won a victory. Henceforth the paper finds a place in the ranks of those whose aim and object is the el-

evation of mankind, the broader dissemination of knowledge, the encouragement of those who wish to rise in the world, and last but not least, the training of the rising generation by precept and example to meet the duties and the responsibilities of life.

The philatelic paper more than any other is specially fitted to accomplish these grand results and hence it should be the desire of every lover of mankind to contribute as much assistance as possible to so worthy a cause. Remember dear reader that the philatelic press through the various publications speaks direct to the youth of our land and therefore always in close touch with them. Remember also that by encouraging philately you are helping the philatelic press in its noble work, and remember also that the press can talk to millions of people while you are talking to only one, hence its power for good is unlimited.

Besides the philatelic papers are free from sensationalism and that in itself is something which should receive the attention of all those who have only the good of the rising generation at heart, for a very great deal depends upon influences which appeal to the young, for these influences will bear fruit in later years; this being the case every true philatelist should uphold those papers which spread before its readers things which are wholesome and elevating.

In conclusion I desire to impress upon my readers that it is not always the bulk which makes a philatelic paper, although many people erroneously look to bulk and imagine that they do not receive enough for their money unless the paper comprises a certain number of pages. Let us take a common sense view and judge the contents, for four pages containing sensible well written articles that will be of benefit to the majority of readers are to be preferred to four times four pages filled with nonsense, or dry uninteresting matter, or a lot of bombast, self praise or caustic and uncomplimentary references to contemporaries.

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Editorial.

ONCE again the United States government has had angry hands on people attempting to dispose of washed revenue stamps, and as a consequence three New York men, Johnny Reagan, a prize fighter, John Delehanty and James McVey are in custody charged with offering for sale some \$1800 worth of revenue stamps which had been cleaned. Although of New York the men were arrested in Chicago seeming to prove that the alertness of New York officers in recent cases of a similar nature had begotten such a wholesome respect for their sharpness that it was decided wiser to offer the wares in another city. Chicago is to be congratulated upon having proved herself fully equal to the occasion.

THE Sterling Stamp Company of Boston, Mass., recently received a specimen of the current half-penny Great Britain in a very peculiar shade of green, in fact, almost a blue. It was one of a strip of five which came on a package, and as the other half-penny stamps were of the normal shade the variation of tint was very striking. In all probability the stamp is nothing more important than a changling, for it is a comparatively easy matter to change green to blue, but why one stamp should thus change color and the remaining four of the strip retain their usual shade is rather of a puzzle. Whether the cause was accident or design, it is odd that the conditions which affected one should not have affected all alike.

RECENT advices from Tasmania say that the 2½d on 9d blue is no longer to be had at the general postoffice

at Hobart, the stock having been sold out. The 2d envelopes are unobtainable also. Evidently speculators have been busy since the department sent out a few months ago its list of what old issues were still on hand awaiting purchasers, and the result is that the better values are fast being taken up. The 2d letter card in the old type of stamp is not to be had either, and has not been obtainable for some months. The life of this letter card was very short, and since there seem to have been no remainders put on sale, it is likely to be good property to those to take interest in entires, whether as collectors or dealers.

THE question of a Commemorative stamp to celebrate the union of the six Australian colonies appears to be engrossing the attention of philatelists out that way. The idea seems to be that one special stamp of low value and inappropriate design be issued, rather than a full set of many values, and to this end it is proposed that the philatelic societies of the several colonies should join in formulating and recommending to the postal authorities, such suggestions as seem suited to the occasion. A special Commemorative set of temporary validity, as at first mooted, is hardly likely to appear, mainly on account of the Universal Postal Union rule debarring such stamps from international mails, but it will not be unlooked for if the current issues of some, if not all, of the colonies should appear with a Commemorative surcharge of "A. C." meaning "Australian Commonwealth," of course. Each of the colonies is also meditating the advisability of issuing a special half-penny stamp bearing the bust of the Duke of Cornwall and York to commemorate the visit he is expecting to make the new Commonwealth this coming summer. If a special stamp for this purpose is really necessary, it is well the value should be the lowest one used, but that each colony should have a separate stamp of the kind seems rather superfluous, seeing that the issues of all the colonies are to be available for use anywhere in the union.

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Some Philatelic

"Side-Lines."

—
CLAUDE T. RENO.
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Since it is true that for and in the collection of stamps there are no set rules of proceeding laid down which collectors are bound to follow and respect, it very naturally and quite conclusively follows that one may collect in a manner and just such matter as he chooses and as he likes best. For this reason there has come about us a diversity of opinion as to what are really collectable stamps and what, in fact, is to be comprehended under the generic term philately. To-day, when all realize the foolhardiness of an attempt to collect all the stamps issued, it is quite in order for one to specialize. And besides, that it is quite proper for one to go beyond the original well-defined bounds of the science, and interest one's self in some matters which, while they are not exactly philatelic in the best sense of that term, are nevertheless closely connected with it and have a direct bearing on it. Indeed, it is to be questioned whether philately would not be destined to die an ignominious death from a lack of interest, if one's attention was limited to a consideration of the "wee-bits" only. While they are without reasonable doubt fascinating in themselves, it is other and outside influences which make them so near and dear to our hearts.

In this connection, and before proceeding to describe some of these so-called side lines, it might be well to remark that here as elsewhere the old motto, "What is one man's food is another man's poison," is applicable. Thus what to some of us seems a pleasing and an interesting study is by others as child's play, and eccentricity of the most advanced type. But it is a fact that few collectors have as yet registered any reasonable or weighty objections to the collection of proofs, essays, different shades, and the like all of which will be treated below. These side lines are recognized as legitimate appurtenances to the science, not to be disregarded and discouraged, but on the other hand to be fostered and emboldened. It should, however, be noticed that to indulge in these lines, especially in the two first named, requires not only a knowledge of philately not ordinarily possessed, but also an abundance of ready cash, if the collector's appetite would be amply and fully satisfied.

If the pursuit of any side-line is to be heartily encouraged, and as it were subsidized by the united plaudits of the entire collecting fraternity, then without doubt that honor will fall on the collection of proofs. Perhaps it would

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A country whose stamps are very fascinating to me, and are also a good investment, is Siam. It is difficult to account for the almost universal slighting of her stamps, except perhaps on the theory that the time and cash of collectors is so much occupied in pursuing the precanceled bear to its lurking place, or bearding the V. R. I. lion in its den. These may be all right in their way, but a lady doesn't care to have her dress all trimming, and neither ought a philatelist to have a collection composed almost wholly of the frills that engross the public attention, for even V. R. I's come to be frills when all the minor varieties are collected.

Siam, however, cannot be called objectionable in any respect, save by those few who have a chronic aversion to surcharges, and even such would find some stamps from this country not open to that criticism. It is interesting to note in connection that the prices of the surcharges held their own admirably, in the sixtieth edition, compared with the ordinary stamps; and also to see that, by an exception to the general rule, the unused of the recent issues increased more in relative value than the used. There were very few of any sort that diminished, and on the contrary, a large number that increased in price in the new catalogue and some of those that did fall were fully worth the old prices to which I shall duly refer below.

The first set of Siam, issued in 1883, bears, as do all succeeding ones, the benignant features of the ruling king, Phra Somdetch Ondalengkorn. This 1883 issue consists of five values, three of the same design, and two different. There is no word of English on any of these, and the denomination of the stamps is indicated in Siamese on the oval-shaped label directly above the portrait in the case of the first three values, and it is below in the one songpy, and above in a wide label in the one salang. The one att and one pynung stamp increased in the 60th especially the pynung. Last year I bought a copy of this stamp unused, and after much grumbling, I finally consented to pay full catalogue price for it. Now that it has doubled in price I am more satisfied.

The 1885 set which next appeared is by all odds the most valuable of the country, and it is, mind you, composed entirely of those much despised surcharges. The catalogue price of this set unused, aggregating \$26 has remained the same for three years past, but I venture to predict that we shall see them rising slowly but surely in the coming editions, and if that collectors' catalogue about which we are having such an agi-

tation now, ever amounts to a row of pins, and stamps are priced honestly therein, we shall see some marvelous advances in price. Next comes the 1887 issue, a set of seven stamps of a new design. The low values of this set emphatically belong to the class known as "hard to get" stamps, and are great bargains at 33 1-3% off catalogue, provided of course that they are in good condition, for a poor specimen is dear at any price. The twenty-four and sixty-four atts of this set, unused, rose one-third, but decreased in used condition. At the new prices, one would be very foolish not to buy canceled copies of these two stamps for I am confident that the slump is only temporary.

In 1889 commenced the surcharging for which this kingdom is renowned. I have never heard of anyone's trying to claim that the manifold varieties in surcharge were made intentionally, with a speculative motive. On the other hand it is universally recognized that they were the natural and necessary results of hasty printing in a semi-civilized country. I shall not mention each of these varieties, as it would be an interminable task which demands an abler pen than mine, but I would remark that there are no stamp more interesting to study.

During the past two years, or thereabouts, two new sets have been issued; one having the king's head turned half-way and the other, wholly to the left. It is not exactly clear in my mind which of these sets was issued first, as I have seen conflicting statements on this point, and have no reliable means of information at hand. Perhaps the reason for this new set is that the king's head was turned by his recent visit to Europe and England. However that may be, three cheers for Siam and her stamps! Long may she wave!

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New York City Findings.

By PRIMROSE.

The New York *Philatelist* has changed hands. Mr. Herbst has transferred his interest to Mr. C. W. Brown of Syracuse, N. Y., and will hereafter be published from that city.

It is said that the *Perforator* has been sold to some other party or parties in this state. If such is the case, this state can boast of more philatelic papers within the same radius than any similar locality.

Mr. Ed. Shore was in town Washington's Birthday for pleasure and business.

I recently received a very fine cover from Chili containing a block of 24 1c Revenues used postally. As I have the whole envelope there is nothing fraudulent regarding it, or in other words it was not cancelled to order by an over-obliging postmaster. Of course the stamp has very little value, still, it is very seldom you can get such a cover. I also received at the same time a dozen copies of a new surcharge, (Chili) 5c in a long black numeral on 30c. carmine. This is the first surcharged stamp used by this country. Shall we have more?

Chicago Notes.

By S. E. MOISANT.

P. M. Wolsieffer's sixteenth auction sale was held on Saturday evening, February 18, at the Great Northern Hotel, and was without a doubt the most successful sale held this season. There were nearly one hundred present, and Mr. Wolsieffer represented one hundred and eighty out-of-town bidders. The prices were generally fair, but everything good brought high prices.

Mr. Wolsieffer has another auction sale in view which will comprise the Huber collection. The date has not yet been announced.

Mr. F. N. Massoth spent a couple of days in Milwaukee, Wisconsin last week.

Mr. Charles Testitus Taylor, formerly manager of the Pan-American Stamp Co., of this city, will start a new philatelic paper soon. Mr. Taylor publishes a paper called the *Resorteur* in St. Joe, Mich., every summer and the chances are that he will publish his philatelic paper there also. Charles Testitus at one time published the *Chicago City Philatelist*.

The regular meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society was held on February 21. Twenty members were present which was pretty good, considering the stormy weather. The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. There was considerable discussion on the society's collection, several offering to donate stamps, and others laid propositions before the society of how they could get stamps to increase the collection, but no definite steps were taken. There seems to be considerable trouble for collectors to find any of the philatelic literature which the society donated to the Chicago Public Library sometime ago, and the secretary was ordered to write to the librarian and find out where they could be found.

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SOME PHILATELIC "SIDE LINES."

Continued from page 191.

be well to define the term before proceeding further: A proof is the first impression of a stamp which has been selected and engraved, and is usually made on cardboard and India paper. It is only when we reflect and how often there is a need of a standard by which to judge, that the proof assumes its importance. Frequently, in fact, times innumerable, there is a dispute in regard to the color of a stamp. A stamp is found to have been issued in, let us say, carmine and red. The question now arises which is correct. Reference to the proof, the first impression, immediately clears up the question. Of course, a distinction like this would be hard to find, for between carmine and red there is so much difference that a mistake or a printing of that nature would hardly occur. But nevertheless it serves to illustrate that as a means of determining the correct color of stamps proofs are unexcelled.

Again in the matter of engraving proofs form an excellent standard for judgment. Printing wears the plates down and finally it becomes necessary to inquire which is correct. It is then that the proof is called into play. Then, furthermore, in some instances while the stamps themselves are not to be cured without some trouble the proofs can easily and readily be secured. Proofs are not so very expensive, and at times can be secured at comparatively low rates, and their collection is very earnestly recommended and advised.

Another branch of philately not very fully represented in our ranks, and yet highly interesting is the collection of essays, or to define, the collection of designs which have been submitted to the authorities for approval or rejection and which show the stamp as it would appear when printed. If proofs are to be commended, then surely the gathering of these interesting and valuable adjuncts to the science is not only to be advised and recommended, but urged and importuned with all force and persuasion. For, like proofs, they form a standard of judgment, but in a different sphere. In fact, they take up the works where proofs leave off, and fulfill that which proofs are compelled to leave unfulfilled.

How many differences of opinion exist in regard to a stamp of which there is another somewhat different in the engraving. Let us again take two stamps. One of them seems to be correct in all details, and yet here is the other which is not exactly and precisely like it, though differing only in some small detail. The question again arises which is correct. Now who has an essay? He can settle it. But besides this there

are many other advantages to be gathered and secured by collecting essays. One's knowledge of philately is widened; one's vision broadened; one's wisdom deepened, and many other things secured which are desirable and obtainable only here.

Still another branch which, while it is neither so instructive and valuable as the two above treated, is nevertheless the source both of pleasure and gratification. We refer to the collection of the different shades in which one stamp may exist. It seems well nigh impossible for a printer to print stamps in the same even shades, especially when in certain colors. There will always be a divergence in the color, and the collection of these forms a special delight. It is indeed a thing of beauty to see six or ten different shades of one stamp so arranged to show the gradual change between them. Philately is followed not only for the advantages that accrue from it, or the knowledge it unconsciously bestowed but also and perhaps principally for the pleasure which it affords. And the collection, arrangement, and classification of their different colors of the same stamp is justified.

All there are side lines and more must on account of space be left untreated. But all these illustrate very forcibly to us the mines of pleasure, of knowledge of advantages that lie hidden in our science. We need but a philatelic Moses to strike these rocks and the stream will gush forth for those who will profit by them.

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It has never been my purpose to indulge in personalities in this department, but as A. C. Daily, editor of *The Philatelic West* impugns my motives as to THE PHILATELIC POST. I may be excused for saying a word or two at this time. I have omitted part of what he says, as not concerning this journal. I quote:

Mr. Henry A. Chapman takes advantage of his position as reviewer of well meaning but misdirected publications to vent his spleen on larger and more fortunate publications who have *intentionally* or otherwise incurred his ill will. From among the magazines that came in for adverse criticisms at his hands the *West* probably heads the list. Never to our knowledge has a word of praise, a complimentary or even a fair comment on this paper been given in his valuable and insipid reviews, mere noted for their vituperative attacks than for their reflection of the tone contents of other publications.

The italics are mine. Had he said *my* knowledge, well and good, and possibly *our* knowledge goes no farther, but the fact remains that the *West's* philatelic articles have been complimented by me in the past, and in no case have they received adverse criticism. It is the condition in which the *West* has been received that I have criticised adversely, and in that particular it certainly does head the list. By good rights, I should never have noticed *The Philatelic West* in this department at all, for as reviewer of THE POST I have never received a copy. It is barely possible that Mr. Redfield is no more misdirected in the selection of his staff than the publisher of *The West*, and that said staff takes no more liberties than the doughty staff-editor of the trans-Mississippi journal. Probably anything friend R. says is less liable for misconstruction than what emanates from Mr. Brodstone's pen. If any "more fortunate" publication *intentionally* incurs the ill-will of its weaker brethren, it is in small business, and should not complain if a little spleen is vented as the result.

The *London Philatelist* says there are two distinct printings of some of the lower values of the new French issue. The first issue is getting scarce. It is said that the color of the 15c is to be changed; also that the entire issue is dissatisfactory to the French people, which goes to show that the home crowd don't agree with some "artistic"

American ideas.

In *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News* for Feb. 2, under "Philatelic Stationery," a namesake, Henry J. Chapman, regrets that he did not commence to study and collect cut squares at the same time (1867) he did adhesives. Mr. C. considers it a "fascinating branch of our hobby." He thinks that if people would get rid of the idea of keeping the whole of the blank paper, the prejudice against collecting envelope stamps would be less evident.

In the February *Propositor* Don Wimmer contributes two articles, "Few Remarks" and "The Stamp Paper of To-day," and Mr. Thiele's "Similarity of Designs in Postage Stamps" is continued. Ray Stevens talks of "Scarce Stamps."

The *Stamp Exchange* for January 30 is principally given up to its review, with a half page of editorials, a little *cat* talk, and a sketch and likeness of Mr. Bertrand.

The Canada Stamp Show for February is, as usual, clearly printed and replete with well chosen articles. It is noticeable for its almost perfect typography, errors of any kind being hard to find. One editorial is worthy of mention concerning itself and for the benefit of its advertisers:

Dependence may be placed on its reaching the postoffice on the 15th of each month, and this feature should commend itself to every business man.

Mick's for Feb. 21 has an article by Basil G. Hamilton on "Canada's Queen," in which he says:

Some suggestions have been put forward to make the picture of the Queen on the issues of Canadian stamps perpetual in as far as possible as a lasting memorial to a gracious woman and a model sovereign. The fact of the penny postage having first become universal throughout the world, in her reign, and its origin by an Englishman in her reign, is another strong plea why she should be given a perpetual postal memorial.

Although monarchies usually have the ruling sovereign's head on stamps, he cites the example of the United States, where only dead celebrities are honored. He says that stamp speculators in Canada are buying unused varieties right and left, and that although obsolete issues are preferable, yet the 20c sage green just out is greedily taken in blocks.

The Omaha Monthly Philatelist, Vol. I, No. 1, has appeared, published by the Omaha Stamp & Coin Co. It evidently isn't in love with the *American Philatelic Magazine*, and calls Mr. Brown a "cut throat." This number is well printed, and readable, though small.

Smyth's Philatelic Circular for December says of the stamps of Mafeking:

The siege of Mafeking, which

will live in British history as one of the most notable events in the South African War, has been responsible for a great deal of heated controversy in philatelic circles. Several varieties of Cape and Bechuanaland stamps were overprinted with the words "Mafeking Besieged," their face-values being at the same increased. These surcharged issues have of course been greatly sought after by collectors, and certain dealers and speculators who were unsuccessful in securing specimens at low prices, began to cry down the stamps as illegitimate, or, in other words, frauds, created solely for the purpose of making money out of philatelists. Searching enquiries, however, have since proved that the surcharges, although wholly unnecessary, were yet issued officially and with the full sanction of the Mafeking authorities. The stamps have paid postage to all parts of the world, and are therefore undeniably entitled to rank with any other legitimate postal issue. At least, that is our opinion—but we do not claim infallibility, and perhaps our judgment may be at fault. We know that many philatelists feel very strongly on the matter.

Le Philatophile Français for January is handsomely printed, with a showy cover. It has an interesting article on Queen Victoria, and several other contributions of value, besides three pages reprinted from Mr. Luff's "Postage Stamps of the United States."

La Chronique Philatophile has pictures of the late Queen of England and her successor. In its chronicle appears a cut of the new 15c stamp of Spain, with Alphonso XIII as its subject of design.

The American Gem for February inaugurates a stamp department with Claude T. Reno as its editor. He has this pertinent and undoubtedly correct idea of a seemingly senseless tad:

The subject of pre-cancelled stamps, that is stamps cancelled before usage for the convenience of the users, are receiving a great deal of undeserved attention from the current stamp papers. We advise our readers to treat them precisely as they would other cancelled one and two cent stamps.

The Penny Express is a dainty little four-page monthly, published in Denver, Colorado, by William Arnold Jacobs. Its January number has a story by Mr. J. and philately is not forgotten in its make-up.

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St. Louis Notes.

By A. L. WISSMANN.

There is one thing that collectors hereabouts complain of and that is that Mr. C. J. Phillips the manager of Stanley Gibbons Ltd., paid only a flying visit to this city, and most collectors were not even aware of his presence here. St. Louis has collectors who are conservative, but when they reflect that Mr. Phillips paid visits to other cities much smaller than ours and had announcements of his coming made through the press, they feel as though they were given the cold shoulder. I do not wish to criticize Mr. Phillips but only call attention to this matter, because collectors have expressed their ideas as enumerated above.

In line with the foregoing it may be well to mention that philatelist of every kind are always glad to see and become acquainted with a philatelic brother or sister either, whether they be merely collectors or dealers and St. Louis is no exception to this rule, in fact the best way for visitors would be to ask for the officers of local stamp clubs in any city where they may chance to stop, and it is safe to say the local philis will be on hand at the proper time and make the visitor feel at home, and when parting time comes he will leave genuine friends behind who will always look forward with pleasure to his next visit.

The topic which was discussed most among the fraternity was the immense aggregate of sales which Mr. Phillips is credited with having made and the opinion was expressed that his visit to this country will be productive of much good.

Mafeking Besieged stamps are still sought after even though the prices seem out of proportion to their real worth.

Mr. Jorge Aenna Gonzalez of Toluca, Mex., was a recent visitor, and among other things said philately was making great strides in his native land.

Some people seemed to think that ladies do not take kindly to philately, but such is not the case. While at a local stamp shop the writer saw a lady buying stamps "for her little boy," but the list which she held in her hand was written in a decidedly feminine hand, while the knowledge she unconsciously displayed, even though feigning ignorance, was to a collector amusing, to say the least. Well ladies we are always glad to see you in the philatelic procession, but please display your true colors, for you cannot hide your admiration for our hobby even if the old time-worn "little boy" excuse is given. It's a back number as an excuse. Let's have the truth.

The Century Stamp Club is now permanently located at Rooms 415 & 416 Fullerton Bldg., having removed from Glasows Hall in January, as that location was considered too far east. The regular meetings held twice a month are growing more and more popular, and in March the annual election of officers takes place, which promises to be quite lively from present indications. The club is now five years old and the regular sessions are always open to local collectors, while visitors are cordially invited and welcome.

At a recent philatelic auction sale held in St. Louis a pair of U. S. 5c brown 1862 issue on cover sold for over face value, while another lot consisting of 50c Omahas, 50 and 30c Columbians, and other good stamps on cover were purchased by a local dealer at a price which was equivalent to half catalogue rates. Other stamps also changed hands at good prices. If some of the inveterate bargain hunters would attend more auction sales they would soon learn that the better grade of stamps when offered at 50% discount are real bargains, and not to be sneezed at either.

Originality in Stamp Literature.

At the present day when there are so many stamp papers the public has got to swallow a certain amount of stuff that is rehashed. A little of this is bad enough but when the financially weaker stamp papers (and there are so many) all continue this thing it is abominable. What the readers of a paper want is something original — up-to-date — and when the magazine continues publishing this kind of stuff it doesn't take long for it to reach the front. Of course this won't make the journal as perfect as one might suppose, but it is the mainstay. Why not follow the style of Veritas and such entertaining writers? You don't need to study hair lines, minute lots, etc., for years and finish off by writing something dry and technical—not by any means. Rack your brains a little while and you'll soon see some "green pastures" which have never been cropped to the last blade by the all-greedy philatelic press.

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Philately in the Home.

By OLIVER CRINKLE.

There are few words in the English tongue that strike the ear of the right-minded man with a sweeter sound than the little monosyllable "home." A simple word it is, as is indeed befitting. No lordly, pompos ring is there in these four letters; no rolling majesty of sound comes from their union; but what a tender cadence of their own they carry in their journeyings. It is, forsooth, a word to conjure with; a word redolent with the charm of happy firesides and cheery voices; a word, in short, suggesting so many things and opening up so many a vista of thought that one must needs curb his pen with a sharp hand to prevent its lingering unduly over so pleasant a theme, when other matters are, for the nonce, to engage the attention.

As a teacher of pronounced philatelic leanings, whose roamings have of late years, brought me in frequent contact with lovers of the gentle art of Philately it has interested me greatly to attempt to trace the influence which its study has exerted on the tastes, temperaments, and indeed the very natures, of those who are under its spell. I do not recollect in my time as a philatelist, covering perhaps the last ten or twelve years, to have noticed in philatelic print much adequate attention to this interesting matter. That in the moulding of what we call our natures—that strange elusive inner self, which makes us dance to the music of its likes and dislikes with such a skillful pulling of the leading strings—every single force, every distinct, whether great or small, which at all engages our attention, has something to do, is a fact which perhaps few save those who agree with Mr. Pope as to the proper study of mankind, fully appreciate. Every word we hear, every act we engage in, every sight we see from the first hour of childhood, leaves its impress upon us. Almost always this impress is so faint and dim—so small an atom of consciousness—that we would laugh to scorn the notion of its presence. But there it is all the same and all the king's horses and all the king's men cannot take it away.

It is not needful to here enter into any

further discussion of so subtle a matter. No student of psychology will be inclined to cavil at these statements, and even those who have never considered so minutely the influence of seemingly trivial matters in the development of individual characteristics and temperament, will assuredly admit that such larger and more tangible forces as, for instance, a man's place of residence or class of occupation have much to do with the kind of man he is. There is no doubt but that a body of men residing in any particular locality have certain well defined and easily recognizable characteristics in common that are vitally different from the characteristics of a similar body of men in some other place. It would take too long to enter into causes of all this, but it is unquestionably true. There is something about a New Yorker that makes him different both outwardly and inwardly from a Chicagoan and something about a Bostonian wholly distinct from either. These comparisons might be pursued without limit, but enough has been said to illustrate my meaning. And even more potent than environment is occupation. The interests, either of business or study, which engross the major portion of our waking hours must be among the very strongest of the forces which mould our natures, and it is therefore self evident that Philately plays some part either great or small in this work, in the cases of all philatelic devotees.

Of course the more thorough the degree of one's thralldom to Philately's fascinations the greater its effect upon the inner man. The skin deep stampite incorporates in his nature only a very weak solution of Philately's distillations. It is the thoroughbred enthusiast, the man who goes into philately and its attendant studies with whole souled energetic ardor, and thoughtful concentration of mind who derives the greatest good from the hobby in more ways than one. This is, of course, more or less true in all walks of life. It is the thorough, earnest man who reaps the richest reward in every line of effort, but I think it is more emphatically so in Philately than in many other fields more familiar to the world at large.

I will not here consider the effect of the properly directed practice of Philately in training the mind to better and

more accurate powers of observation analysis and classification, greater abilities of concentration on any given matter, a larger capacity to grasp the essentials of any subject or task and in many other ways that need no elaboration at my hands. These are matters that have often been enlarged upon, but let us proceed a step further still, on somewhat less trodden ground.

There is no doubt in my mind that the greatest good we derive from Philately is in its fostering certain traits of character that make our lives happier and better. Philately is the ally of home life, the friend of good living and right conduct, and the companion of domestic contentment. Easy chair and dressing gown and slippers, with a cosy study full of friendly books and pictures, light, warmth and rest, tobacco's gentle solace, mayhap the loving faces of wives and children, the cat purring on the hearth-rug, and the wind blowing and shrieking outside to make it cosier within. These are Philately's familiars. It is not the dealer's shop or the club room or any other of the rendezvous where stamp men most do congregate that really fixes the true atmosphere of Philately. To the real Philatelist the quiet evening at home, with perhaps a chosen friend or two of kindred tastes to help in the study and with whom to exchange philatelic experiences and knowledge, is what most thoroughly warms the cockles of the heart.

Philately is a pursuit of and for the fireside. It is not in the gorish light of day that those who have built up step by step the present fabric of philatelic knowledge—all honor to their names—have studied and delved and dug and discovered, but in the quiet corner far from the stress and strife of the busy world. Philately makes better sons, better husbands and better fathers. Any study or any pursuit which fosters a fondness for home does the same thing. The bookworm who loves to browse at large in lucious fields of literary treasure; the archaeologist; the student of language; to take an entirely different province, the lover of flowers and gardening; and those interested in many other similar matters are sure to be home lovers. But the especial value of Philately in this respect is that it is, as a rule,

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Editorial.

A SORT of error has been discovered in the surcharge of "18 cents" on the 45c of Seychelles. Anyone finding such a variety, however, must not jump to the conclusion of having acquired a valuable rarity; it is merely an incomplete impression of the correct surcharge, the "1" probably having failed to receive sufficient ink to result in a plain printing of the numeral. To the collector of minor varieties and errors this so-called (by courtesy) variety will have its due proportion of interest, but it can have no claim to a separate number in the catalogue, or to an enhanced value.

IT is more than probable that the bill containing the objectionable clause providing for additional rates of postage on weekly publications, as referred to elsewhere, will not be allowed to pass the senate until that obnoxious ruling is amended. This is as it should be for there is assuredly no occasion why weeklies should be burdened with the extra tax proposed. The main wonder in the matter is that the bill managed to pass through the House in its present form without attracting notice to that particular section, but now that attention has been called to the unfairness of the change it proposes, publishers have good reason to expect an amendment.

THE United States Postal Department has just begun proceedings in prosecution of a somewhat unique infringement of its rules and regulations. It appears that the Twin City Rapid Transit Company, which carries the mail between St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minn., has taken advantage of the extra facilities for quick transit afforded to conveyances bearing the "U.

S. Mail" sign by painting the powerful letters upon cars not used for mail purposes, thus securing for them an immediate right of way which would not otherwise be theirs. This proceeding is an illegal one, and for every car thus untruthfully marked the postal statutes provided that a penalty may be exacted of from \$100 to \$500. As the company is accused of having using the sign upon quite a large number of cars unentitled to it, their scheme to ensure "rapid transit" is likely to prove decidedly costly.

IN spite of all that has been written on the "Mafeking Besieged" surcharges it is apparent that many of the details are only just coming to light. By recent official accounts of their issue it very plainly appears that the Post-office had nothing whatever to do with the surcharging, and received not a penny more than the original face value for a single stamp, in spite of the raised value made by the over-printing. This being the case, the legitimacy of the stamps as anything more than relics of a siege becomes pretty well determined; as relics, they are collectible, as postage stamps they have no actual claim. As one writer puts it, they were of semi-private, semi-military and wholly fancy nature, made "to give a few people something to do, and to give others a chance of making money." Of course there will be some who will still essay to show that the over-printing was really necessary, but it will be fairly safe to assume that the writer either speaks from only a partial and hearsay knowledge of the circumstances, or that he is financially interested in the stamps themselves.

ABOUT the middle of February collectors and dealers alike mourned over the destruction of nearly \$60,000 worth of obsolete Hawaiian postage stamps of various issues, said destruction being accomplished by order of Uncle Sam's postal department in spite of the complaints of philatelists who would gladly have purchased them at considerable more than face value. Not content with this bonfire, costly though it was, our department is planning to cremate about 54,000 postal cards, formerly belonging to Hawaii also, and before these lines see the light of print the dire deed will have been performed. Concerning this patten of destroying unused remainders no longer available for postal service there is considerable to be said on both sides. It certainly seems like a wanton bit of cruelty for any one to burn up things that others would be glad to have and for practically no other reason than unwillingness to let others have what he himself does not want and cannot use, but this absence of remainders will tend

to make the stamps still existing in collections and stocks more valuable than they would otherwise have been, and thus the destruction is not wholly to be deplored even from a collectors standpoint. It is also far more of a business-like proceeding than for our government to turn stamp dealer, as it did in the case of the periodical issue, and Guam surcharges for instance.

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It is curious that no more interest has been taken in the revenue stamps of our own country. The specialist certainly could not wish for a broader field for work, nor for one which could bring him greater pleasure and profit. Although our revenue stamps may seem common and not worth collecting yet it is a fact that some of our most valuable stamps are classed among the revenues. The \$200 and \$500 of the second issue, and the \$5 proprietary compare favorably with the most valuable stamps of the United States. There are many others of smaller value, which, in themselves, would make a very valuable collection. It may be very monotonous to some to gaze at rows of what appear to be the same stamps, yet I take infinitely more pleasure in looking at a complete set of the same face value than I would in reviewing twice as many gaudy foreign stamps. There is a certain interest which takes possession of one, only after quite a number of the "wee bits" have been amassed. To my mind the quiet colors of the revenues are much more pleasing to the eye than those of almost any other set of stamps. The deep blue of the 50 cent stamps, the beautiful green of the 10 dollar, the various shades of brown occurring in the 1, 4, 5, 15, 20, 25, 40 cent and 5 dollar stamps, are beautiful in comparison with the gorgeous combination of colors which are found in many foreign stamps.

Then, too, the powers of observation are much more exercised in dealing with revenue stamps than they are in connection with others. One must use great care in observing differences in perforation, shade, paper, etc. There are altogether about 400 revenue stamps catalogued, including these differences, and it is almost impossible for one collector to possess all these in his collection. The 1 cent proprietary, first issue, for instance, is found with three varieties of perforation, and two of paper, and while one of these has a very small value, the others are very good stamps and well worth keeping. There is also an almost endless variety of uncatalogued shades, which will give the specialist an unlimited field for research. I have found some of the two cent first issue stamps, catalogued as orange, in almost every shade of brown, some being quite the color of the one cent stamps of the same issue. Others were of a very pale lemon tint, while still others approached the color of vermillion in the fieriness of their orange. The violet of the four cent proprietary, first issue, is often changed to a dull brown

or ashen gray, while the five cent stamps range from a deep crimson to a light ochre tint.

There is another interest in the observation of these curious stamps. Notice which of them are most common and therefore most used. We observe that of the smaller valued stamps, the playing cards are most uncommon, in fact all those having special duties are less common than the one marked "U. S. Internal Revenue," which gradually was made to take the place of many of the others. If you look over any old photographs which have revenue stamps pasted on them, the majority of the stamps will be the two cent "U. S. I. R." or perhaps the blue two cent proprietary, first issue, perforated, of course. A young friend of mine was lucky enough to find a three cent playing cards, pasted on the back of an old photograph, perhaps put there by mistake. At any rate, it is one of the best stamps in his little collection. Beginning with the six cent stamp, the proprietary stamps are the most rare, chiefly because such high values were not used much in that way. After that none of the stamps are very valuable until we come to the \$1.30, \$1.50 and \$1.90. These are especially valuable in an unperforated condition. Right here I would like to warn my readers never to buy an unperforated revenue stamp unless it has a wide margin as proof that it is genuine. Of course the highest valued stamps are worth a good deal on account of their face value. It will be found all through the first issue that unperforated stamps are more valuable than perforated ones.

The second and third issues are especially interesting to me on account of their peculiar coloring. In my opinion the photograph-like picture of George Washington gives a much better effect than a colored engraving. I have already spoken of the most valuable stamps of the second issue. The inverted medallions are especially interesting and quite valuable. The third issue contains no stamps of very great value except the inverted medallions. The variety of colors in this issue makes it interesting as being different from the others. I, however, prefer those which have the same color throughout, like the second issue. In the later catalogues the two cent stamp printed on green paper, is given as a separate issue, but it was formerly classed with the with the third issue, to which it really belonged. About the most uncommon of the old revenue stamps to-day is the two cent blue, bearing the picture of the head of liberty. This stamp is found both perforated and rouletted, and in two varieties of paper. The perforated stamp is much more common than the rouletted one. The stamp was

used on all kinds of checks and documents which needed so small a tax. The special playing card stamps of the sixth issue are too well known to my readers to need description here. They are still used on packs of playing cards.

The proprietary stamps, issued from 1871-75, form in my opinion one of the most beautiful sets of all the revenues. They have the same photo-like effect as the second and third issues, but in their case the border is a deep green. The stamps vary in size, the five dollar being one of the largest of the revenues. This last stamp is very valuable.

The 1878 issue of proprietary stamps is not by any means as pretty as the preceding one. Here we find a new picture of Washington, this time in profile. The colors are different but not enough so as to give a pretty effect. The combination of black, violet and blue, which occurs in the higher values, is by no means so pleasing to the eye as a row of one color. The engraving also is not so good as in former issues.

I will not speak here of the late war revenues. They are still in their infancy, but they form a very necessary addition to a collection of old revenues.

It is a well known fact that United States stamps are becoming much more interesting to young collectors than almost any foreign varieties. In my opinion, the revenues are the most interesting of the United States stamps. They are the stamps of our own country. They bear the likeness of our first president. They are closely connected with the Civil War, the greatest struggle our country has ever known. They are pleasing to the eye, both in color and design. They are very valuable as a class, and, finally, there are so many of them that their collecting will give the philatelist the work of a lifetime.

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PHILATELY IN THE HOME.

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taken up comparatively early in life, during that formative period when a very little change in a young man's tastes are likely to sway the whole current of his after life. And also that it differs from almost all other intellectual pursuits in offering the very simplest and most enticing beginnings.

It is very, very seldom that anyone, whether young or old, takes up stamp collecting with any more lofty motive than that of finding a pleasant pastime for idle hours. When we stand in Philately's outer courts, how few of us have any just idea of what lies beyond. Nor is it from any fixed purpose of our own that, as time goes on and our philatelic horizon expands, what was commenced as a more or less idle hobby has become an engrossing passion. It is simply the operation of a natural law and it by no means infrequently happens that those who as beginners sneer most bitterly against the seeming trivialty of detail that accompanies the scientific study of philately become in the end the most thorough exponents of philatelic minuteness.

There cannot be the slightest question that Philately exerts the very greatest influence over the lives of thousands upon thousands of young men; to say nothing of older ones who, jaded and worn from other less peaceful pursuits, turn to it as a soothing byway of life. There can be no more wholesome occupation for any man than its study. It is distinctly an elevating, refining force. The spirit of these times of ours is so restless and taxing the current of modern life is so strenuous and moves with such nerve racking fierceness, that he whose leisure moments are given up to such a restful calming presence cannot but be the gainer.

It is indisputable that we live too fast, that young men are old men now-a-days far earlier than their fathers were; and it is largely because even when business hours are over there is no rest for the tired overworked mind and body. The evening brings a round of gayety sometimes innocent, sometimes not, to the full as exacting and as wearing as the duties of the day. We keep up the pace with fever heat from day to day, and month to month, and year to year; never easing up the strain, rushing restlessly, relentlessly forward in the mad race. What wonder that overworked powers rebel; that there is every year an increasing number of men who break down without a moments warning.

The lover of Philately has a safeguard against this. He is impregably fortified. His is the calmer lot of the philosopher, who can withdraw into his shell at will and leave the world behind.

He is no worse a business man, he need lose none of his commercial keenness or professional acumen; and he gains a way of taking life easier that helps him incalculably in extracting from existence the largest measure of happiness which it can afford. This I take it, is our great aim in living, to live as happily as we may; and there are few who read these lines who have not learned by experience that the truest joys are those bred of home ties and home pursuits. Even those who in their manhood have the least to do with the things of home, look back to their childhood sometimes with wistful eyes and wish with all their being that their minds might once more be at rest as completely as when the spirit of home girded them round about with its mystic sweetness, and sent them to bed each night, tired yet happy, to that healthy, dreamless sleep that comes so seldom in after years. What we all need most is contentment and a pursuit which brings us closer to that goal, so hard for anyone to reach in its entirety, is a pursuit to cleave and cherish. And Philately does promote contentment. It breeds in its followers a state of mind that cannot but be considered an ally of happiness.

It cannot be successfully argued that those whom Philately binds closest to home are those of naturally studious and domestic tastes, who would in any event have developed them. I grant that nature implants in one man a fondness for the fireside, where to another she gives a native liking to the crowded market place. But many things conspire to almost drive out these original learnings, and so change and alter the very spirit of a man; that what once he loved most dearly is practically eradicated from his nature. I have known men innumerable of naturally quiet and studious tastes, who once drawn into the maelstrom of active business life, have got farther and farther away from their original instincts, until the very capacity to enjoy pleasures of the calm, intellectual sort is practically extinct. The mind of the young man is pliant. He who might under other circumstances become the wildest of roysterers often gains from Philately inclinations that make of his whole life a different mold. I believe there are few among us who realize the full measure of the alteration which Philately makes in us. Gently, gradually, its spirit steals over us. It is no sudden change, no electrifying re-education. Stealthily it does its work and wraps us in its magic mantle. And I veily believe that the deeper we delve in mysteries, the sweeter and calmer is the life we live from day to day.

This is too large a subject to be treated in the brief limits of such an essay as this. Only a few of the more salient points have been or could be here con-

sidered. To every thoughtful man, the analysis of his own feelings, moods and habits of mind; and the endeavor to trace the sources from which they came and the influences that have molded them is even fascinating. It is with the hope that at some future time, someone better qualified to treat the subject may be able to go into it more deeply, that I leave the subject now; hoping that what I have written may have opened up a fruitful field for thought to at least a few of those who have had the patience to follow my somewhat discursive rambles.

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AT THE time of writing this there is in the hands of the Senate committee a bill containing a provision of great interest to the publisher of weekly periodicals, although notice of it does not appear to have been generally taken. It provides that publishers of weekly journals shall not have the privilege of circulating their journals at pound rates of postage in the city of their issue should that city be a free delivery office, but that full regular postage according to weight must be paid on each journal. Monthly magazines are already subject to this ruling and have long objected to it, holding that it is unfair to demand regular postage on a magazine to be delivered on perhaps the same street as the postoffice when it can be sent clear across the continent for only a cent a pound, and now to have the same restriction placed on regularly established weeklies of good repute seems an addition to what

is an acknowledged injustice. Of course the provision is an attempt to lessen the supply of second class mail matter now carried at a loss to the postoffice department, but surely other means can be found to bring about the accomplishment of the purpose without putting such an undeserved burden upon our unoffending weeklies.

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All the local collecting fraternity were all shocked to hear of the sad death of our fellow collector, Mr. Samuel E. Medford, who died after a few days struggle of pneumonia. He had just recently joined the local society and we all enjoyed his company, and his loss will be keenly felt. He leaves a wife and two children.

A local philatelic literature society has been formed and its promoters accord it a long life, but if present indications may be taken, we should think the term "a long sleep" more appropriate.

Mr. Ross D. Breniser, president of the local philatelic society, until recently connected with F. N. Avers and Sons Advertising Agents, has branched out for himself and now has a cosy little suite of offices in the Odd Fellows' Building, where he is ever willing to entertain a phil or talk advertising.

The 23rd regular meeting of the Quaker City Philatelic Society was held Friday eve., March 1st at 221 N. 12th St. with Pres. Breniser in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. Mr. F. J. Stein was admitted to active membership. Messrs. Green, Shourds and Hand applied for active membership. The Constitutional committee through Mr. Cowan made a report and offered a draft for a new Constitution, which was read by the Sec'y-Treas. and adopted article by article, the Sec'y was also instructed to have it drawn up in an elaborate style. A committee of D. A. C. Evans, H. S. Davish and Chas. Smith were appointed to draw up resolutions commiserating the death of Mr. Samuel E. Medford. Mr. Green objected to his name being put before the society as an applicant as he averred he applied weeks ago. Mr. Breniser relinquished the chair in of D. Allan C. Evans and soon convinced Mr. Green of his mistake and so an incident which brooded trouble passed off peacefully and the meeting adjourned to meet March 15th. The auction held right after the meeting containing some very fine lots, but brought poor prices owing to the lateness of the hour.

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The *Montreal Philatelist* for February has a lengthy editorial, "The Mother of Philately," which is as interesting as any of the many articles we have seen regarding the late Queen of England.

Mr. Eldredge tells in *The Weekly Philatelic Era* for Feb. 16 of the ignorance of some collectors in thinking that New Zealand is to be a part of the Australian federation, but such is not the fact. He says New Zealand has a little federation scheme of its own, by which Fiji, Cook Islands and Tonga may be consolidated with that island.

"V. R. L." is the heading to the leader in *Morley's Philatelic Journal* for February. It is accompanied by several illustrations of stamps, giving the queen's likeness, several in mourning. An essay of the Prince Consort, also Newfoundland stamps, bearing the likeness of King Edward and Queen Alexandra, are given.

The February *Philatelic Advocate* is not very large, but came in a neat lavender cover, with a few interesting articles.

A recent issue of *The Australian Philatelist* contains an article by A. F. Basset Hull, "Looking Backward," which talks of the federation. He says "there have been blots on our history," but forgeries have been few. He advises those who wish to specialize to "collect Australians."

Jules Bouvez speaks of the rare first newspaper stamps of the Austrian empire in *The American Journal of Philately* for February—a valuable article.

Mr. Cooley, publisher of *The Exchange*, has bought out the dainty little Rochester monthly, which is now issued from Peekskill as *The International Philatelic Review and Exchange*. The February number has the same cover as the L. P. R., but otherwise bears little resemblance to it, although we are promised better things later.

C. A. Daly's "Specialism," in the February *Swap*, shows that he is a lover of revenues, and he advises collectors to keep them, no matter from what country they come.

The *American Philatelic Magazine* is one of the neatest looking monthlies, and we wish it would be more prompt. The January issue contains much that is spicy, and the publisher is to be congratulated on producing a journal so

near perfection typographically.

L'Echo de la Timbrologie lampoons the "artistic" French stamps. It has a large picture of the 15 centime value, with the female bawling lustily. At her side the postman asks what the matter is, and she says, "They have stolen my man!" A look at the former issue explains her meaning.

Among the recent changes of base, not before noticed, are the following: *The Perforator* has been disposed of to Rice & Sheldon, of Oswego, N. Y., while Clark W. Brown will publish *The New York Philatelist* at Syracuse. *O Philatelista Brasileiro* has suspended publication.

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A Century of Postal Development.

BY CLAUDE T. RENO.

Another century has passed by and a new one is with us. Behind us are achievements which human hands can hardly record; before us possibilities which no one can conceive. The nineteenth century has witnessed and has produced the rising of men to heights until then unknown, and has bestowed unto us legacies richer than that of all the Croesuses, and more valuable than all the gold of Midas. Inventions have lightened human labor and made the sweat of the brow more fruitful. Science has made us more secure in the possession and retainment of our health, and has accomplished undreamed wonders, all for the benefit of mankind. The arts have advanced until to-day we wonder whether there ever was a period called "The Dark Ages," for the pen of the poet, the brush of the painter and the cold steel of the sculptor have, too, attained a wonderful degree of perfection.

Invention and science are responsible for many of the blessings we now enjoy. These elements combined have bestowed on us the telegraph, the telephone, the phonograph and the other thousand and one objects which are round about us. But none of these patterned and conceived that great link between the citizens of Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, that great chain which connects the white of England to the black of Nubia; that mighty agent which makes China a next door neighbor to Italy—that was the product of human ingenuity! And during no century has it advanced so rapidly, and in no century has it prospered so fully as in the Nineteenth Century of our Lord. Aided by inventions of all kinds, it is to-day one of the grandest institutions that man is allowed to enjoy.

A system whereby the people of one place could communicate with those of another seems to have been realized by men of all ages. At least the great Cyrus who ruled in Persia five hundred years before the advent of the Saviour established a postal service, though mainly for his own uses. This consisted of a road extending from Susa to Sardis, a distance of over seventeen hundred

miles, over which were scattered couriers and relays who carried the news dispatches, orders and the like from one place to the others. In after years, the Romans very wisely emulated this scheme. Augustus instituted a system of mail service which not only supplied the needs of the government, but which also administered to the comfort of the people. But these crude systems died with the death of the governments operating them, and in no sense were very beneficial to the mass of the people.

Though France is accredited with having established an earlier system it is to grand old England that the honor of having spread the germs which have resulted in our present system. Henry III, Edward I, Edward VI all aided to establish and place a system on a solid foundation. It was under the reign of "Good Queen Bess" that the first Postmaster General was appointed, and since then the system has been a part of the government. And thus it happens that when the eighteenth century opened that England enjoyed not only an inland system, but also postal intercourse with other nations. It is, however, with the nineteenth century that we are concerned.

When the nineteenth century opened the postal system had indeed spread and almost every civilized government maintained some system for the transmission of the mails. But it is hard for us, who, having lived all these years under a system such as ours, to realize in what condition the system then in existence was. It is only with a fertile imagination that we can conceive the old-time system with its coaches, its relays of horses, its stopping places and its exorbitant rates. But the century had hardly dawned when new and better ideas were put to words and these are the things which have developed our postal system and made it what it is.

First and foremost among the things that have made this system what it is, are the railroads and steamships which to-day encircle the world and which ply from shore to shore. Without the railroad no system such as we enjoy to-day could exist; for a system of postal communication must be swift if it would accomplish anything. The railroad is a genuine product of this century, having been introduced in England in the neigh-

borhood of 1825, and in America in 1830 or thereabouts. Railroads had no sooner proved their value to mankind as transporting agencies than the old style stage was compelled to take a back seat, and to-day is known to most of us only through occasional country journals and illustrations.

No less a factor, however, in this great development has been the gradual lowering of the price for communication. In 1800 the price for transmitting a letter ranged from 6 cents to 25 cents, varying with the miles it was to travel. Indeed it may be interesting to quote the old time rates.

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" 60 " " " 100 "	10c
" 100 " " " 150 "	12½c
" 150 " " " 200 "	15c
" 200 " " " 250 "	17c
" 250 " " " 350 "	20c
" 350 " " " 450 "	22c

Over 450 miles 25c.

How changed! To-day 2 cents pays for a letter from one street to another, and it will even now carry a letter from this country to the far distant Alaska. This, however, was not accomplished by one stroke of legislation, but it has come with the onward march of years—slowly yet surely.

Still another factor, which if it did not develop, at least aided the popularizing it and make it convenient was the introduction of stamps for the prepayment of postage. Philatelists need not be informed how it started in England and rapidly spread to all corners of the world until to-day the whole world has become addicted to ~~using~~ the coated backs of adhesive stamps. Postal cards coming in 1870, envelopes a little earlier (that is, plain unstamped) letter sheets, government stamped envelopes—these and a host of other things have made the system what it is.

Unfortunately in an article of this length it is impossible for us to fully enumerate the many objects which come to our mind at this time, and which have so materially aided in developing this system of ours. But a few facts gleaned from the Postmaster General's report for the year ending June 30th, 1899, give many facts which show not only on how solid a foundation the sys-

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Editorial.

I am indebted to Mr. J. L. Trendt of Grand Rapids, Mich., for a copy of his new 12 page price list. His offers in cheap sets should prove especially attractive.

THE collector who desires to have a fine showing of the postal issues of any country, especially in the public eye, should turn his attention to Spain, as recent developments in that country tend to indicate that there may soon be a general upheaval of things out there which may possibly end in a change of both government and rulers. The recent marriage of Princess Mercedes with Duke Carlos did not suit the populace at all, and they were not a particle backward about showing the fact. If smothered murmurings should break out into open rebellion, as the rulers have good cause to fear, when the boy king would be apt to lose his throne, and great in consequence, would be the results to stamp collectors.

POSTAL card collectors of this country lament the methods of an unknown German publisher, who, with unappreciated kindness, has included the names of those who collect Government issues only in a directory devoted to the admirers of pictorial cards. The consequence is that many collectors have been fairly buried under avalanches of pictorial cards for which they care nothing at all, and have felt obliged for the sake of keeping a good name in the philatelic world to expend a good many dollars in buying similar cards with which to make the requested return exchange. A year or two ago one lady received over five hundred of the

cards within a few months, and as the postage on each one sent in return was five cents, according to the then rules of Uncle Sam, the entire cost of the undesired exchanges amounted to no small sum. Publishers who compile these directories should take special pains to be certain that the names secured are those of people actually interested in the line, if only as a safe-guard to their subscribers, for it is not every recipient who will trouble to return exchanges for pictorial cards unrequested, and undesired.

THE destruction of the plates and dies of the entire 1887 issue of Samoa, together with those of the 2½p King's head and the 5p flag types may yet result in making those rather despised stamps of some value, although doubtless several years will pass before they attain a really desirable niche in the temple of fame. The destruction occurred on December 8th, 1900, in the presence of numerous officials and dignitaries, so there should never be any question but what the operation was a thorough one. A neatly arranged page of Samoan stamps is about as pretty a sight as any the album can show, and were it not for the speculative taint which has attached to the issues, they would stand far higher in the affections of philatelists than they do at present.

AN inconsiderate type-setter rather hurt the meaning of the final editorial in No. 22 by making it read that the special stamp proposed by the Australians in commemoration of Federation should be of "inappropriate design. The word should have been "appropriate," of course, as most readers probably understood. Later reports from the Colonies indicate that we may be spared any special issues from the new Commonwealth for some time to come, as Sir John Forrest, the Federal Postmaster General, is said to have publicly announced that five years must elapse before a uniform series of postage stamps can be issued, and that meanwhile each of the six colonies should paddle its own postal canoe without surcharges of any kind. If this opinion is not over ruled, philatelists will be spared what threatened to be a very serious infliction and the officials of the colonies the vast trouble that interchangeable stamps, together with the vagaries of collectors, would certainly make for them. Since giving this opinion Sir John Forrest has resigned the office of Postmaster General, and Mr. G. S. Drake of Queensland has been appointed in his place. It is possible that the new incumbent may not view matters in the same light, but that time alone can show.

UNDER the title of "Things in General" in the Post for Febru-

ary 14th, reference was made to the Queensland stamps issued with moiree on the back, and the good offices of Mr. Stanton were enlisted to find and index some facts concerning the reasons for their appearance. That gentleman promptly rose to the occasion, writing as follows: "The December number of *Philatelic Facts and Fallacies* contains "Notes on the Stamps of Queensland," a paper by Walter M. Lester, read before the Berkely Philatelic Club, in which mention is made of the variety referred to. The writer states that after the beer duty stamps were used up the varieties with the moiree on the back appeared, the ½d on thin wove paper, and the 1d on paper about the same thickness as the beer duty paper." Mr. Gile, editor of the *Bay State Philatelist*, also called attention to the fact that an article on Queensland "provisionals" appeared in the May, 1900, number of his journal, the author being George Whitman. This latter article gives similar information in a more extended form, but does not give the reason for the use of the moiree, merely saying that the government gave no explanation. It was the reason for the moiree concerning which the inquiry was raised, but if the government did not give any reason, all suppositions concerning the matter can be nothing more than guesswork.

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About Philatelic Exhibitions.

By OLIVER CRINKLE.

It is a standing reproach to American philately that so few public exhibitions of stamps are recorded in its history. The splendid exhibitions, too numerous to particularize, promoted by our brethren over the sea with such grand results in the line of spreading philatelic interest and increasing philatelic zeal, stand out in vivid contrast to the lethargy of us Americans. I do not forget that there are some notable cases in our generally barren record. The collectors of Gotham held a small yet creditable stamp show at the Eden Musee in that city some ten or a dozen years ago. There was a fair stamp exhibit at the Omaha exposition, another at the San Francisco Mid-Winter Fair, and a really fine one, considering all the difficulties to be encountered, at the Chicago World's Fair of '93. But of really great exhibitions, of the calibre of those that have been held in London and Paris, and other European cities during the last decade, there is a most striking dearth.

For this dearth, a variety of very cogent reasons can, of course, be discovered. It is not to be supposed that the hustling, enterprising stamp men of America have overlooked the philatelic advantages belonging to such exhibitions and have not seriously considered the feasibility of boasting philately among us by some such means. It is hardly necessary to here remark that American philately and European philately are very different things, just as the American and the Frenchman are very different beings in temperament, though both of the Caucasian race. In considering the feasibility of transplanting to America the philatelic exhibition in all the grandeur with which it has been invested abroad, it is necessary to take into account many existing differences in both philatelic and general conditions that, in the eyes of most of those who have studied the matter, seem an effectual bar to the success of any such undertaking.

It is only of recent years that American philately has advanced to a plane making it at all possible for us to promote shows on anything approaching the European scale. There are a great many valuable collections in this country and a great many very able and enthusiastic philatelists, but our country is so large that they are widely scattered and it is a most difficult matter to bring about a concentration of all this widely diffused philatelic energy on any one object. American philately is somewhat unwieldy. We of the mystic brotherhood live too far apart from each other to be able to mass our forces without the very greatest difficulty. American philately would be more effective for many pur-

poses if it were a more compact body, instead of being, as it is, a tissue very loosely bound together, of many different companies, having very little interest in common, and pulling and hauling a great deal of the time in many different directions. We have no great representative philatelic body to centralize and draw to itself like a magnet the scattered drops of philatelic intelligence and energy that, feeble and ineffective individually, make the strongest kind of a unit when fused together. The A. P. A. should be such a body, but it has been so roughly handled by those who sought to use it for their own private ends, it has been the sport of so many minds of dissension and disagreement that it has never really taken the place it should occupy of the great power for good in American philately. New York, Chicago, Boston, and other of our cities, have most excellent local societies, but as arbiters of philatelic thought and leaders of philatelic progress, they bear no comparison with the great premier societies of London and Paris. There is in this country no one body like the London Philatelic Society to whom by common consent is delegated the leadership in philatelic matters. This great society occupies a position in England that is not easily understood by Americans unfamiliar with its history. It comprises within its membership practically all of Great Britain's big collectors, and the resources which it can summon to the promotion of any movement it undertakes are prodigiously large. It can bring to its aid the co-operation of almost all of England's provincial societies, because the leading spirits of well-nigh all of these organizations are also members of the London body and ready and anxious to support it in any movement for the general good of philately. The United States is probably too large a country for any body located in any of our large cities to ever gain a position analogous to that occupied by the London society. The New York, Chicago and Boston societies may each assume the position of leaders in their respective territories, but there seems to be an idea that they are too far removed from each other to affiliate effectively in promoting a national exhibition. As to the A. P. A., it is objected that this society is too widely scattered a body to undertake the work. To this it may be replied that the A. P. A., scattered as its membership is, nevertheless carried to a comparatively successful issue the only exhibition of really national importance ever held in this country.

But when the proper time comes, it is not to the A. P. A. alone or to the Chicago society or the Boston society or any other single body that we must look to bear the whole brunt of the undertaking. The philatelic conditions in America im-

peratively point to the conclusion that a really grand exhibition, one worthy of comparison with those of London and Paris, can only become a reality through the mutual efforts of all our influential philatelic bodies, as well as of the many influential philatelists of importance who are not actively connected with any society. If such a union of purpose and effort could be effected, there could be no doubt as to the result. We have the collections. If one tithe of the gems owned by American collectors were placed on exhibition, the array would be worth going a thousand miles to see. The difficulty of course lies, first, in inducing our greatest philatelists to loan their gems for exhibition purposes; and second, in securing money enough from collectors to guarantee all the expenses of promoting the exhibit. These are, I grant, difficulties of no little magnitude. The very amplest security and insurance against loss would have to be provided before collectors would be willing to loan their treasures on any terms; and then the most earnest efforts would undoubtedly be required to actively interest our greatest collectors. They are not used to exhibiting their stamps, as are so many of the leading European collectors, and a great amount of prejudice would have to be overcome.

But I believe it could be overcome, if only the proper parties were to take hold of the undertaking; if men of national reputation in philately, who enjoy the confidence of collectors at large, were actively and responsibly the prime movers. It is worth while to recall that at the Paris show last year there were nearly a dozen American exhibitors. If there be that many Americans who were willing to send their treasures so far from home for the sake of competing for the badges of honor awarded the successful exhibitors, how many others there must be who could be persuaded to enter the lists in an American exhibition, rightly promoted and conducted. I cannot but believe that many of our biggest collectors would be unselfish and philanthropic enough to lend substantial aid if they could see in prospect an exhibition of the right calibre. Once let the right sort of push and enthusiasm be put into such a project, fathered by the right men, and I believe the collectors of America would respond in the right spirit.

There can be no two opinions as to the utility of such exhibitions. It is undoubtedly true that it would be very difficult to attract to such an affair any great number of non-collectors. There are in all our large cities too many amusements of more attractive metal to the casual sightseer for us to hope for any great attendance of outsiders. But this, I take it, is not the main object of such affairs, although probably some non-collectors brought thither by philate-

lic friends would be so interested by what they saw as to commence collecting. The greatest good to be looked for from such an exhibition, would be in the benefit it would be to those who viewed it with a trained and sympathetic eye; those who are already collectors more or less advanced. The opportunity of inspecting and studying the thousands and thousands of rare varieties that are wanting in most of our albums would be a rare delight. We would be enabled to examine varieties we had never seen before. We would be able to study the collections of our greatest philatelists; to take note of their methods of collecting; to learn from them in many different ways about many different things. We would go away with new aspirations, broader ideas and a hundred times more enthusiasm over stamp collecting and its delights.

The educational value of such exhibitions to collectors themselves can scarcely be overestimated, especially in the case of the thousands of country collectors who have few opportunities of mixing with their fellow philatelists and seldom see any collection other than their own. That it would incite thousands such as these to collect on a broader plane there is no question; provided, of course, the exhibition be really grand enough to lure them from afar to witness it. Pages might be taken up in citing other reasons why a grand national philatelic exhibition would be highly advantageous. But we need go no further into the matter here. Few will be inclined to question the advantages of such an exhibition; many will no doubt question its feasibility. To those who feel these latter doubts, I would say that the editor of this paper will no doubt be glad to print any letters of real importance dealing with this subject; and that a thorough discussion of the matter in the public prints certainly can do no harm. I believe the time is ripe for American collectors to wake up in regard to this matter and that they only need a little stirring to bring about this awakening. In nothing else is American Philately so far behind that of Europe, and I have full confidence that it is only a question of time, when we shall be fully abreast of our brethren over the seas in this particular also.

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E. H. Wilkinson, in *The Philatelic Bulletin* for February, is a believer in the saying, *cum grano salis*, and takes little stock in anything savoring of a stamp trust. He tells of a party who seems anxious to develop a scheme to that effect, who, like most inventors of chimeras, has no backing of his own, and expects "the other fellow" to shell out. The *Bulletin* is to be congratulated on having Mr. Wilkinson on its staff of writers.

"Popular Stamps," by C. H. Tarver, is the leader in that little bi-monthly, *The Prairie State Philatelist*. The editor starts off with "Late Again!" which seems to be a weakness with bi-monthlies as well as monthlies, and one of our weeklies never comes on time.

Ewen's Weekly Stamp News has among other items the statement that Nawauuggar has issued a set of three stamps, of which the face value is 1d., and says this Indian state surely holds the record for low values. Yet Cuba has had sets of six newspaper stamps, which aggregated 14½ milsimas despeso, or about 1-14 of 1d. Still they are catalogued at 16 cents unused, and 51 cents used.

Mr. Gregory, in *Mekel's* for March 7, says that Mr. H. L. Calman offers for sale his holdings in the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., of which he is the principal stockholder. Mr. Severn, in his Chicago Notes, says a firm in that city has 410,000 pre-cancelled one cent stamps, so Chicago now takes its place in the procession with this class of stamps.

Mr. Bertram W. H. Poole, who went to South Africa as special correspondent for *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News*, has been lecturing on his adventures.

A large 16-page paper comes from Kansas City, Missouri, published monthly, and "devoted to family literature." A little space is given up to stamps. The name of the paper is *Twentieth Century Fireside*. Notice is given that it fills out all subscriptions to the *International Philatelist* and *Grant's Philatelic Monthly*, so we conclude these two journals are no more. The pages devoted to stamps are well printed, from Mergenthaler type, and contain much of interest. The balance of the journal is principally "plate matter," and we all know what that is.

"Malta and Her Stamps" is the leader

in the February *Philatelic Record*, with several illustrations. Mr. Aldrich has a few "Philatelic Literature Notes." The editor thinks the most fitting time for a new set of stamps for Canada will be on the occasion of King Edward's coronation.

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Some of the new New Zealand stamps have been received here, among which is the 1 1/2d value in brown.

Chinese postal affairs seem to be all mixed up for I have seen letters and parcels from China bearing the following combinations, since 1899: Japanese stamps used with Chinese, the postage in full in each kind; the same with the Japanese stamps cancelled, in addition, with the letter, with the letters I. P. O. in Gothic type; Hong Kong and Chinese stamps used together, full postage in both kinds, Hong Kong stamps used alone, U. S. and Chinese stamps used together on letters sent through the Consuls, &c., at Shanghai, half postage in each kind and Japanese stamps surcharged for use in China. So far I have not seen any covers that did *bona fide* postal service, bearing locals and hardly believe there are any that came on letters to this country without postage stamps of other kinds.

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By S. E. MOISANT.

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The local Philatelic society at Elgin, Illinois seems to be in a very flourishing condition and each meeting adds several new members to the society.

It took fifteen thousand application blanks to accommodate the needs of the Chicago Philatelic Society last year, and it is safe to say that all were put to good advantage.

F. N. Massoth was in Lake Geneva, Wis. a couple days this week and while there purchased a good part of the remaining stock of Messrs. Burton & Burton. The firm of Burton & Burton has been run by Mr. Warren E. Burton who will, I understand go into the grain business after the balance of their stock is closed out.

Mr. Z. G. Stebbins, a well-known local collector, returned from New Orleans, La., on March 3rd, where he has been spending the winter.

Mr. Alex. Holland, who has been in New York for some time, is again in town.

Mr. A. L. Schuyler, Des Moines, Ia., spent the day in town on March 2.

Dave Tausig is thinking of organizing a stamp club to be called the Imperial Stamp Club and will hold meetings in his office every afternoon.

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About Exchanging.

By EDGAR S. BRIGHTMAN.

The chief end of man is, of course, the increase of his stamp collection; and his chief woe is that the accomplishment of this end entails such great expense. Accordingly we find every collector evolving plans of adding to the contents of his album, without materially diminishing the contents of his purse. There have been, at one time and another, a thousand and one such ideas presented to the stampic world; but in each and all of them, "there is always somewhere a weakest spot."

The first plan, and in certain phases the best, carried into practice is that of exchanging one's duplicates for other specimens not in his collection. I repeat, in certain phases, and under certain conditions, it is the best, but not always. When you look your fellow exchanger in the eye, when you examine carefully every stamp you get, when you exchange catalogue value for catalogue value, then it is that you may be satisfied, but not till then. These conditions are, indeed, many times fulfilled, but this article is not to speak of such exceptions to the general rule. I think it no exaggeration to say that three-fourths of the exchanging carried on at present is done by mail; and woe be unto that collector who does not keep his eyes open!

At first thought one may say that it seems as though long distance exchange is as fair as any, for each party has sufficient time to examine the stamps before he takes them; but think for a moment on the wiles of the unscrupulous. Let us suppose that Mr. A, an honest and innocent philatelist, sends a selection of stamps in good condition, priced by Scott's 60th, to Mr. B, who is willing to go to any and all extremes in order to "get ahead" of the other. When Mr. B receives that lot he knows very well that should he barefacedly steal it, his reputation would be forever blasted; so this is where he gets in his scientific work. First, he takes the best of A's lot and puts them in his collection. Then he looks over the odds and ends of his duplicates, and finds a goodly number of rare stamps, but their perforations have partly strayed, they are battered and torn, there are poorly centered speci-

mens—in short, all that disgusts the true philatelist.

Now, Mr. B is an inventive man, a man of resources, and he declines to be hindered in his onward course. Accordingly, since he is an expert in such matters, he carefully mends the torn, cleans the dirty, supplies missing perforations, and in general plies the nefarious arts of the stamp mender—and the better the mender the more nefarious the art, for its so very easy for even an honest collector, in selling his stamps, not to remember that he had added a perforation here, or strengthened a weak spot there. And when our friend B had his stamps ready to price, he got a catalogue—but it is not Scott's 60th. Far otherwise! He procures some list long out of date, with values inflated like a hot air balloon, and proceeds to mark his stamps by that.

Soon Mr. A. receives Mr. B's lot. He is surprised to see the class of stamps submitted, and is pleased to note that many blank spaces can be filled with them. Besides being, as I have remarked, an innocent, A. is also a busy man, and so he doesn't take the time to look up these stamps in the catalogue: it would be too much bother, you know. Alas, how many opportunities are lost, how much bitter experience gained, by not taking time! And so Mr. A. takes a liberal lot of Mr. B's stamps, and as both gentlemen are eminently well satisfied, the exchanging continues until Mr. A. wakes up. I may have been tedious in my statement of this illustration, but it is so typical a case that I thought it would bear a little amplification; and if any Mr. A. who reads this article is led to be more careful and circumspect in his dealings, I shall not have written in vain.

Nor are these underhanded tricks the only things of which we must beware. There are many so-called "exchanges" and "exchange societies" which are run by private individuals, it may be on a perfectly honest basis. Nevertheless, we all know very well that no one undertakes to manage such a business purely for his health. There is money in abundance made by these exchanges, and you are very well aware that you are not the one who gets the profit. Besides their disadvantages are numerous—the length of time before you re-

ceive returns, the expense, the poor condition your stamps are often in when you receive them back, and many other things.

Some time since I wrote an article incidentally criticising present exchange departments in the various philatelic societies. I have been informed by several that I do not know what an exchange department is, or at least my knowledge of the workings of one is very limited; and that the majority of stamps on circuit in the leading societies are in good condition. I most sincerely hope this is so, and if it is, exchange departments, conducted strictly on an exchange basis, ought to be more generally patronized by the members than they are. It may be proper for me to state here that in my article in the Post I meant not so much to show that the existing societies are worse than they ought to be, as that they ought to be much better.

The last feature that I shall discuss is foreign exchange. This is still worse than the domestic article, because the one to whom you send the consignment can plead with a better chance of being credited "Lost in the mails." Then, too, some of those foreigners are a little suspicious. In a recently issued number of "Swap" there appeared a letter from a New Zealand collector who criticised rather violently American collectors for sending in exchange U. S. revenues, which he considers worth nothing. Does the gentleman forget that in this country our revenues are esteemed as highly as any class of stamps, and that they always bring high prices? We are apt to forget that other countries do not similarly honor them; but surely we are not to be blamed for that. And now, the sum of the whole matter is, keep your eyes open, your head cool, and your feet warm; advance with prudent courage, add always to your collection, and do not cheat or be cheated if you can help it.

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Editorial.

COLLECTORS have watched with much interest the proceedings of the government in regard to the changes in the use of the current revenues. The repeal of the tax on proprietary medicines chewing gum, cosmetics and perfumery will probably result in the gradual disappearance of the proprietary issue, both ordinary and private. Certain insurance taxes have also been repealed, and as the 40c and 80c documentary were used to pay those, these values, never any too plentiful, are likely to become scarcer than ever. There need be no rush to secure them, for enough have been used to preclude the fear of any sudden rise in price, although possibly some dealers of grasping propensity may seek to raise the asking price on account of the new ruling.

REPORT says that the Switzerland Jubilee issue has been demonetized, the government having refused to either redeem them, or to accept them for postage. It was announced at the time of their issue that they would not be for sale beyond December 31, 1900, but no one dreamed that they would not be indefinitely good for postal use and those who have been caught with a large stock on hand are making vigorous moan, as indeed, they have a moral right to do. Since this issue was officially intended to be of temporary use (for we can hardly suppose the decision to have been a sudden one) it seems strange that it should have been allowed to pay postage on international mails, as the rules of this postal union distinctly state that commemorative issues of temporary validity are not to be available for that purpose. Switzerland may have made a shrewd business move in handling her

Jubilee issue, but the public will scarcely commend it as an honorable one.

SOME weeks ago the *Era* mentioned a stamp which seemed to be a local for use in Alaska, the design consisting of a sled drawn by dogs with snowy mountains in the distance, and inscribed "McGreeley's Despatch," "Dyeaskaguay." The value was given as 25c. In the issue of March 7 is quoted a letter from a philatelist now in Dyea which runs thus: "I have come to the conclusion that the stamp in question was never used here, but is merely an enterprise gotten up by some energetic individual for the purpose of imposing on philatelists. Everyone here to whom I have shown the stamp claims to have seen it for the first time, and such a firm as McGreeley's Express is absolutely unknown." The moral is plain. See that you do not assist the "enterprise."

THE lightening changes of ownership in which many philatelic journals are given to indulging arouse many adverse criticisms from their readers. After having subscribed to, or recommended, a journal with full faith in its stability, and the stick-to-it-iveness of its publisher is an unpleasant shock to find that the latter has turned over the entire thing to someone else on account of "lack of time." The new owner may continue it under the same name, but it is more likely to "consolidate" it with others, and in neither case the subscriber loses, for he does not get what he expected to get, and paid for receiving. The proceeding is about on a par with that of the dealer who is out what his customer orders, and substitutes something "just as good" without consulting the desires of the purchaser. We are all agreed that a dealer of this description is not strictly honest, but the publisher who does practically the same thing has so far escaped public criticism. He has not escaped private criticism, however. One collector who has suffered much from such changes has now ceased to take any monthlies at all, and does not hesitate to advise others to follow the same rule. Thus it is seen that in coming and going as they do, such journals really hurt Philately, and make things harder for those which firmly intend to keep on existing.

IN the March *Adhesive* its editor tells of a letter mailed to him from Illinois which managed in some way to travel to London and back, losing its stamp in transit, before reaching its Connecticut destination. In spite of its long journey and heavy weight, the only tax on delivery was the two cents ordinarily demanded on unpaid domestic letters. This recalls to a contributor the remembrance of a somewhat similar oc-

currence. A German collector had one of our current 2c Die A on blue, envelopes and wishing to have it used instead of unused sent it to an American correspondent with a request to use it in forwarding the reply. The request was promptly complied with, but the letters did not arrive on time, and after several exchanges of wondering comments from both continents, it was given up for lost. Some months later, however, it arrived at its destination in Germany, fairly covered with postmarks and official labels. A study of these revealed that it had reached Berlin on time, but had then become mixed with the mail intended for the minister to Russia, and been sent to that country. When it arrived at St. Petersburg, the minister was in Moscow, so the mail was forwarded to that city only to find on arriving that the minister had left. Back it went to St. Petersburg, and there in course of time the mistake was finally discovered, and the missent letter returned to Germany. Going with official matter as it did, there was still considerable red tape to be unwound before it at last found its way into the hands of its real owner. Needless to say, the holder considers it far more valuable in its much travelled condition than it would have been had it come direct, and no longer mourns over the delay.

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**A Brief Discussion of
Some New Ideas.**

We are told by men whose word can be accepted at far that Philately has so advanced and so progressed that we cannot any longer consider it a mere science of stamps and their adjunctive distinctions and similarities. Indeed, the day when watermarks, perforations and embossings formed the sole text for our philatelic publications has gone by, and to-day philately comprehends in its extended bounds, not only the above, but also history, geography, zoology, and many other branches of knowledge, which even to the most unthinking devotee of the science are perfectly obvious.

It was with this thought in mind that the writer one day found himself in a deep reverie, and quartered among reflections of a diverse nature. The thought finally resolved itself into this: Since the hobby includes so many branches of knowledge in its make-up, is it not plausible to believe that its range of topics might be widened to such a degree as to comprehend other and higher branches of knowledge? Or, in other words, if zoology can be studied to a limited degree by stamps, or the study of zoology aided by stamps, is it not reasonable to suppose that stamps would also aid, and perhaps furnish, the means of research in other lines and other branches? By this, however, we would have no reader believe that philately is a veritable pantheon of all visible knowledge and that the innocent "wee bit" might contain the formula for a new "nebula hypothesis" or that the sinless stamp would be able to inform us whether Jonah really spent several days in a whale's belly. But earnest consideration and due reflection has convinced the writer that there are new fields of knowledge still to be ploughed up, and undiscovered realms still to be explored by the devotees of our common cause. And if it is possible for him to convince others of what appears to him to be a fact, and aid in starting a spirit of research for this knowledge, he will consider himself well repaid for the pains he has taken in setting his humble views before the philatelic public.

A noted educator once said in the course of an address on the occasion of a flag raising that "most knowledge is objective"—meaning by that expression that much knowledge can be secured by seeing an objective. The venerable orator went on to say that the most valuable lessons in history, and the most examples for virtue could be instilled into the minds of children by placing before them an object which should remind them of these things. And if this be true in one instance, it can be applied to another, and a step further makes it

applicable to our own beloved science. So that stamps might very well serve to remind us of some incident, or of something which in the course of time would serve to teach us some lesson of real value.

While the usage of stamps as object lessons is a factor in the research we propose, it is only secondary. Primarily, we propose to secure our little lessons from the stamps themselves. We believe that the various portraits, the pictures, the designs, the inscriptions form the base of interesting topics for investigation. We are well aware of the fact that these characteristics have already been utilized for these aims, and are cognizant of the fact that we thus advance no new idea. But, as we said before, we propose only to widen the field of research, using the same objects for study.

Perhaps it would be well to illustrate by an example. It is necessary to state philology is that branch of knowledge, or perhaps better, that part of literature which deals with language present and past, and which seeks to solve the grave problems regarding the origin and development of our language. By it and with its aid we are becoming more and more familiar with the development of the human family and through it we clearly see the indefinable something which has bound certain peoples together making them a human race. But, you enquire now, how is it possible to reconcile all this to the study of stamps? We do not claim that stamps will teach or can teach all of this, but we do claim that some research can be made by noting and studying the various forms of expression found on our stamps. No one who has paid any special attention to his stamp will have failed to have noted the similarity of expressions found on them. Of course, this is caused for the most part because various nations use the same language, but it is also possible to find instances of nations using different languages and yet having expressions on their stamps which are similar to a large degree. Examples of this are very common, and at some future time the writer will endeavor to weave them into an amplified study or discussion.

This is but one instance, and in the vernacular "there are others." They need only to be sought for and they are sure to be found. No diamond is found on the surface—it requires digging, labor, to discern them and expose them to the public. But our plea is for the utilization of these latent forces, these fascinating studies which are hidden in the stamps themselves. Let us make philately not only a science of stamps, but a science of stamps and all concerned by them and in them.

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In the *Metropolitan Philatelist* for March 9 the Washington correspondent has this item:

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The *Philatelic Inter-Ocean* for February, in referring to a very small apology for a paper, thinks its principal aim is to secure exchanges, a practice which may work in some cases, but not very long in this particular one.

In *Mekel's* for March 14 we find this:

To illustrate the sapience of the average newspaper chronicler and his airy acquaintance with philately, we append a sample paragraph of his advice:

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At the annual blow-out of the Boston Philatelic Society, Mr. C. H. Rothfuchs read an article, "How I Became a Dealer," which is appearing in the *Weekly Philatelic Era* in installments. Mr. R. is a good entertainer at all times.

The February *Stampman* has an article by the editor, "About Catalogs," and concerning the 60th edition of Scott's Standard Catalog, remarks:

As to the catalog itself, we do not see that it is more or less worthy of criticism than usual. Many claim that the publishers price certain stamps too low in order to buy in a supply, and others too high in order to unload a large stock at a big price. We find it difficult to believe that such a dishonorable course is pursued by a house of the prominence of this one. In a price list recognized by a whole continent as a standard of value it would be nothing short of a fraud and a moral crime to price stamps wrongfully for private gain. Until better evidence is afforded we decline to believe that the Scott Stamp & Coin Company is controlled by dishonorable men.

Another *Buckeye Philatelist* has come to hand. Vol. 1, No. 1 is well printed and far above the average initial number. Let us hope this particular *Buckeye* will stay.

Stamps for February 25 has some interesting fiscal notes by A. Preston

Pearce, who calls attention to the fact that no finer stamp portrait exists than the magnificent blue Canadian law stamps. The review has some errors, notably when it speaks of the "Wild Woody West" and "Lascus Vividis." "Wooly" and "Viridis" are more correct.

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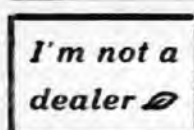
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The Stamps of Chile.

By JOHN PELTZ.

The stamps of Chili have always held a charm for me, and from my standpoint, which is not a universal one, it appears strange to me why there have not been more philatelists to collect the stamps of this little (although it isn't so very "little") republic. The issues are all low-priced, no rarity having as yet appeared; the smallness of the issues, and the very apparent lack of speculative issues which other South American republics indulge in ought to make these stamps very much more popular than they are to-day. Some values are very scarce, and it would not surprise me if during the next few years they jumped up considerably in value. A boom in these stamps is bound to come ere long, and the wise collector is the one who completes his collection of these interesting and instructive stamps now. Some of the issues have been very cleverly counterfeited, but these usually are so poorly executed that they are easily recognized by one who has had a little experience.

I have nearly completed my collection of this interesting country, and so perhaps may feel competent to write (at some length) on these stamps, without being criticised too harshly by exacting reviewers.

Chile did not see the need of issuing stamps until 1853. There being no competent engravers in Chile at that time the order for an issue was sent to an English (London) firm, who engraved the plates and printed the stamps for the first year.

The design consisted of the head or bust portrait of Columbus in a double-lined circle in centre, facing to the left, COLON directly above the head, CHILE as directly below it; below the frame or circle enclosing portrait was printed the figure of value and CENTAVOS. Above the portrait appeared CORREOS; PORTE FRANCO. In the spandrels were chain-like ornaments. All this on a colored (solid) background.

The stamps were imperforated, engraved on blue wove paper, watermarked as per below:

1853 issue, Perkins, Bacon's and Co.'s, London, print. Blue paper.

5c brown red, watermarked vertical 5, and slanting 5.

10c blue, watermarked 10.

The 10c on blue paper does exist, so the Scott Stamp and Coin Co. assert, but I have never seen a copy. Many copies are found on blue paper, but these are generally believed to have been the result of chemical changes, or the direct color of the stamp running over the entire sheet. This last is very probable, because the stamps were printed on ex-

tremely thin paper.

These stamps were shortly issued on white paper:

5c red brown, watermarked vertical and slanting 5.

10c blue, watermarked small 10.

The 5c is asserted by many authorities to exist on white paper, but of this I have no authentic information. As Scott fails, intentionally or otherwise, to list it we doubt its existence.

The 10c blue was cut in half diagonally and used as 5c in some places where the supply of these stamps had been exhausted.

In 1854 Chile decided to print its own stamps, and these were from the same plates as in the first issue.

1854 Santiago, (Chile) print, white paper.

5c brown red, watermarked slanting 5.

10c blue, watermarked small 10.

The paper on these local prints is much thicker and the impression is blurred.

The pen-cancellations indicate fiscal use. The 10c was again cut in half diagonally and used as 5c stamps. It is well to exercise caution in buying these, for they are cleverly and easily counterfeited, and then palmed off on the unsuspecting collector. The catalogue lists the 10c of this issue watermarked 20, but it seems strange that such an error could occur, because the 20 centavos was not issued until 1862. These errors are very rare.

The local printing was so poor that Chile decided to have the work again done in London.

1854, Perkins, Bacon & Co. print.

5c red brown, watermarked slanting 5.

10c blue, watermarked large 10.

The stock of 5c being exhausted, the government once more printed its own stamps.

1857[Santiago print.

5c red, watermarked slanting 5.

The catalogue lists these stamps on watermarked and ribbed paper.

In the meantime the people demanded several new values, and the government acceding to their requests ordered new plates. These were engraved and the printing done in London because the plates for the new values could not be made in the home country.

1862, Perkins Bacon & Co. print.

1c yellow.

20c green.

These two denominations have but one watermark for each.

The 20c green of this issue is quite a scarce stamp, and I would advise every collector to buy a good specimen at the earliest opportunity.

The 10 and 20 centavos are known as perforated. It was probably done unofficially.

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ture, but it is usually thinner in late issues. The 20 centavos was split and used as 10 centavos. The pen-cancelled specimens were used as fiscals. The 5c black and 20c blue are now said to be only accidental changes or proofs.

In the same year when the 1c and 20c were issued Chili issued another supply of 5c stamps.

1862, Santiago print.

5c red, watermarked large 5.

The *Philatelic West* mentions several counterfeits of these issues, the description of which is copied herewith:

"The first of these forgeries is one of the 5c red. First of all it has no watermarks and the paper is too smooth in texture as compared with the rough handmade paper of the originals. Now, as to the design, there is an easy distinction to be found in the upper left corner. In the spandrel above the word *CORREOS* there are three rows of chainlike ornaments; the first row beginning the E. has only two links, the second row, beginning with the first O, has four links, the uppermost showing only partially; the third row has two links. This for the genuine; the counterfeit has three rows also; the first has two links; the second has four links, but the lowest one is incomplete; the third row shows THREE links, the middle one complete and a partial one above and below it. The lettering is fair, but the five is too low, measuring not quite 2mm in height instead of 2½mm as on the genuine. In fact all the letters of *CENTAVOS* on the counterfeit are a trifle too low, though almost too little to measure it. The shading on the cheek of Columbus on the genuine consists of dots, on the counterfeits of dots and partly of lines. The head is the weak point of this forgery, which is otherwise quite accurate; the expression of the face is quite different, though the difference can hardly be expressed in words. Comparison with the other values of the set will show it, for the originals were all from the same original die, the value being asserted on the various transfers. The hat of Columbus on the genuine has a spot on its top which is parallel with the base of the L just above it; on the forgery the spot is almost a point, not wide enough to be parallel to the L. All this is true of counterfeits of the 10 and 20 centavos also, which seem to have been produced from the same stone, the figures 10 and 20 alone being changed. The 10 and 20 are too low in about the same proportion as the 5c above mentioned; the figure 2 on the 20 has an almost flat base instead of being distinctly curved as on the genuine. A forgery the 1 centavo yellow of this set also resembles the above; the figure 1 measures 2mm in height, whereas on the genuine it is nearly 2½mm in height. The foot of the C in Chile is nearly horizontal

(when placed upright) on the counterfeit; on the genuine it curves strongly upward. All these counterfeits bear a "postmark" almost incidental with the one really used in Chili at that time—six parallel lines, growing shorter as they are farther away from the center, surrounded by four concentric circles. Its chief distinction lies in its thin, precise, factory-made appearance, that on genuine specimens being naturally much unevenly impressed."

Some years later the design was changed. The bust of Columbus was engraved (by the National Bank Note Co. of New York) on a background of Guilloche work (or engine burning) in a circle; CHILE immediately above, and COLON below the head; value and CENTAVO on a curved tablet below the circle; CORREOS PORTE FRANCO above it; extra large figures of value being placed outside the design in both upper corners; lower corners containing each a star. The stamps are engraved on white wove unwatermarked paper, perforated 12. The imprint, in Spanish, is 2mm from the stamps.

1867 issue.

2c black.

10c blue.

20c green.

The other two values were not issued until 1868 issue.

1c orange.

5c red.

The pen-cancelled copies were used as revenue stamps. The 10c was again split diagonally and used as 5c stamps.

The *Philatelic West* describes the following counterfeits:

"Of the next (1867) issue I have two lithographic forgeries before me (the originals being taille donce productions of the National Bank Note Co.) They are not as good as those above described; perhaps our American-made stamps are harder to imitate than those of European make. At all events the GUILLOCHE work (or engine burning) so much employed by American engravers in almost insuperable obstacle to the forger, no human hand being able to approach the regularity of its lace-like designs. These two counterfeits—one of the 1c orange and one of the 5c red—are good examples of this, for their guilloche work looks as coarse compared with that of the originals as poultry netting compared with mosquito-bar. The lettering is also very deficient. On the genuine stamps of all

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By S. E. MOISANT

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Mr. H. G. Smith, Winona, Minn., was in town on March 7.

The collection of U. S. revenues of Mr. Jno. E. Burton, Milwaukee, Wis., which is to be sold by the New England Stamp Co., of Boston, Mass., will be exhibited in Chicago on March 25-5. This is said to be the finest collection of U. S. revenues ever put up at public auction and it would be to the advantage of every collector who resides in or near Chicago to come and look over this fine collection. While in Chicago the collection will be exhibited at the Great Northern Hotel.

Announcements have been received of the marriage of Dr. B. A. Cottlow of Chicago to Miss Fannie Aileen Zekind, on March 6th. Dr. Cottlow is a prominent Chicago collector and at one time contributed notes from this city to THE PHILATELIC POST when it was a monthly. We extend our best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Cottlow.

Word was received on March 9 announcing the death of Captain Richard B. Paddock of Chicago who was recently killed in China. Capt. Paddock was a very prominent collector.

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The Stamps of Chile.

By JOHN PELTZ.

(Continued from last week).

values of this set—all from the same original die—the C of CENTAVOS is radically directly under the first O of COLON; on the counterfeit it is radically between the O and L. As the end of the word corresponds to the genuine; the whole word CENTAVOS is thus unduly crowded together and the space between the figure of value and the C of CENTAVOS is too large; on the 1 centavo almost 2mm instead of 1mm, on the 5 centavos 2mm instead of $\frac{3}{4}$ mm. There is about 1mm space between the front part of Columbus' hat and the H of CHILE on the forgery, but only $\frac{1}{4}$ mm on the genuine. * * * On all the genuine stamps of this set the lower part of Columbus' beard is quite level horizontally; on these two counterfeits the beard is too short and points slightly upward, giving the whole face an odd upward look. The genuine stamps of this set are perforated 12, the usual gauge of the American Bank Note Companies; these two counterfeits are perforated 13—poorly, at that. Their cancellation is a purely imaginary one, unlike any ever used in Chile; between two sets of 4 parallel bars at top and bottom, growing shorter the farther out they are so as to form a circle, there are ten short curved lines, at right angles to the others, five facing to left and five to right."

The third issue was made ten years later; the design was composed of the bust of Columbus in upper half of stamp with COLON below it; below this large numeral and CENTAVO or CENTAVOS across the numerals, this on a laced-work background; below the numeral CHILE, at left side CORREOS and right PORTE FRANCO; the rest of the design being filled with ornamentation.

Engraved on white wove, unwatermarked paper, rouletted.

1877 issue (appeared in December).

5c dull lake.

1878 issue (appeared in January).

1c gray.

2c orange.

10c blue.

20c green.

The National Bank Note Co. merged into the American Bank Note Company

in 1879. This issue bears the American imprint in English. As far as I have ascertained there are no National imprints. It is said that the 10c has been split diagonally and used as 5c.

Some time later the design was altered a bit; the word expressing value (CENTAVO) was taken off the numeral, and placed directly below it horizontally; this for the 1c and 2c; in other values, from 5 to 50 centavos the word was curved. The stamps did not appear all at one time, but as follows:

1878-92 issues.

50c lilac, Jan., 1878.

2c carmine, Feb., 1881.

5c lake, Feb., 1881.

1c green, Oct., 1881.

5c blue, 1883.

10c orange, 1885.

20c gray, 1886.

50c purple, 1888.

15c slate green, 1892.

25c red brown, 1892.

The 1 peso which appeared in 1892 is much larger than the other issues; the COLON being placed above the head, and below it a large "1." at each side of the figure "Peso" on a streamer; in other details the design is nearly identical with the other values.

1892 issue.

1p dark brown and black.

In 1894 the 1c and 2c were re-engraved; these can be distinguished by the absence of the ornaments at the end of of the numerals. The numerals are also shorter, wider and much thinner.

1894 issue.

1c blue green.

2c carmine lake.

In 1899 was issued, in re-engraved type 30c rose carmine.

This has since reported to have been surcharged "5" with a large black numeral.

1900 issue.

5c on 30c rose carmine.

In 1900 a new issue of a very pleasing design appeared. The bust of Columbus in a square; CHILE above on a tablet; below portrait CENTAVOS; in each corner numeral; CORREOS at left and PORTE FRANCO at right.

Engraved on white wove paper, unwatermarked and rouletted,

1900 issue.

1c yellow green.

2c brown rose.

5c dark blue.

10c violet.

The 2c has since been reported to have since been issued part rouletted only.

The color of the 10c has recently been changed; the 10c in violet will be good to save.

10c yellow.

This completes the list of postage stamps issued to date by Chile; in a future article we may give a list of revenues used for postage, telegraph stamps used postally and the unpaid letter stamps, the latter having already gone out of use, because the government was defrauded by many thousands of dollars. Reform in the postal department is badly needed in Chile, and we have no doubt that as North American ideas spread into South America, it will come soon. Then Chile will be classed as a progressive republic.

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Editorial.

FRANCE has kindly granted to her soldiers and sailors the privilege of sending two single rate letters free of cost each month, and until especial stamps can be prepared for use on such mail, the regular 15c stamps are to be treated to a surcharge of "F. M.," meaning "Franchise Militaire," and employed to fill the needed gap. This surcharge is a sort of companion issue to the "C. E. F." (China Expeditionary Force) issued last year by India. France, however, has but the one value, as yet, while India had half a dozen.

COLLECTORS will need to be beware of very dangerous counterfeits of rare early Swiss issues, particularly the Geneva and Vaud varieties. They were offered, and in some cases sold, to expert London dealers by a man who claimed to be a Swiss traveler and a collector. When the stamps were discovered to be forgeries the former owner was arrested. A full account of the matter, together with a report of the trial as far as it had proceeded at the time of going to press, is given in *Stanley Gibbon's Monthly Journal* for February. An editorial note on the subject adds: "As the case is still proceeding, we are unable at present to do more than warn collectors that such things are in existence, and that there has either been an extraordinary 'find' or a most ingenious manufacture of old Swiss rarities."

MONDAY, March 18, was the anniversary of the repeal of the Stamp Act, the duty levied by the British Parliament upon all paper, parchment and vellum used in the American Colonies, and against the pay-

ment of which the Colonies so promptly rebelled. Since this was one of the chief causes of the revolution, and all the consequent changes in our government, it seems a bit odd that the anniversary, the 125th, should have been allowed to pass without notice from the philatelic fraternity. Many a country would have joyfully grasped such an opportunity for the issuance of a commemorative of some kind, even if it was only a pictorial postal card prepared by private parties instead of the government. Some son of the thirteen original States who is interested in that line has missed quite a chance, for which many collectors will feel duly thankful.

THE announcement that Canada had already begun arrangements for the preparation of a new issue of stamps whereupon the head of Edward VII should replace that of Victoria seems to have been a little premature, as Mr. Muloch is now credited with declaring that no such order has been yet given. That the change cannot be very far in the future is, however, fairly certain, for it is no more than right that the rule of an empire should be depicted upon its stamps, and even as other countries have changed the portraits on their stamps when one ruler gave place to another, so too must the long familiar head of Victoria gradually disappear before the emblems which show the rise of the new ruler. It is a British law that the coins of the realm should bear the head of the reigning sovereign, and while there is no similar law touching stamps (owing to the fact that there has been no change of rulers in Great Britain since they came into use) there is no reason why they should not be subject to the same law of change. The example set by the mother country will gradually be followed by the colonies, until ere long the balance of all British colonial issues will bear the head of the new king.

UNCLE Sam has formulated a new rule to assist in gaining safe delivery for newspapers mailed to go abroad. He has announced and advised that the address should be written upon the papers themselves as well as upon the wrappers enclosing them, since experience has shown that the latter are very apt to get torn off in transit, thus leaving the papers without anything to show their ownership or destination. The advise is certainly wise. In some countries the rule has been long in effect, and is so generally followed that many of the inhabitants are unaware that their postal department issues such a thing as a stamped wrapper for printed matter. The papers are folded with the wide margin on the outside, firmly tied in shape, and then addressed upon the

margin. This answers every purpose of convenience and safety, and relieves the government from the expense of printing the wrappers. In the Australian colonies this method is so thoroughly in vogue that among the recommendations suggested to the postal department of the Federated government is one advising that such officially prepared wrappers be no longer issued, their limited use hardly warranting the trouble.

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*Nicaragua 1892, 5c light brown, sur.	12	05
*Paraguay 1884, 5c blue	12	05
Straights Settlements 1880, 1c on 2c rose	12	05
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Argentine Rep. 1858-61, 10c green	18	06
Barbados 1882-85, 4p slate	18	08
British Guiana 1890, 1c on 4d green	18	08
Siam 1895, 10a on 24a lilac and blue	18	08
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New York Notes.

The first number of the *New York Philatelist*, published under the management of C. W. Brown & Co., is out. Numerous cuts of Syracuse buildings, etc. are placed before the readers of this paper for the first time. Syracuse is the 1901 convention seat of the Empire State Philatelic Society—hence these illustrations. The next issue of the *N. Y. P.* will be devoted to the Sons of Philately.

The 64th meeting of the Board of Governors of the Collectors' Club was held on Monday evening, March 11th.

Present: Messrs. Andreini, Bruner, Calman, Low, Luff, Scott and Perrin.

Meeting was called to order at 8:30 p. m. by President Bruner.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

A number of communications were read by the Secretary.

A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Walter Morley for a bound copy of his journal.

The Treasurer's report showing a cash balance in bank of \$384.65 exclusive of \$1,000 bond was received.

The report of the House Committee was read and accepted.

Moved, seconded and carried that the Board reconsider its action of last meeting in dropping the name of Mr. Brown from the membership.

Moved by Mr. Luff, seconded and carried that the President appoint a committee of three to draft a circular to be sent to the members regarding the possibility of a new club house, and to ascertain their views as to raising the dues. Committee appointed, Messrs. Luff, Calman and Scott.

The names of two applicants for membership having been posted the required length of time, their names were balloted upon and Messrs. Meyers and Tows were declared to have been unanimously elected subscribing members of the Club.

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ALBERT PERRIN, Secretary.

It is reported on good authority that King Edward has in view a big London World's Fair. His Majesty's idea is said to be to enclose the Thames from Westminster Bridge to Albert Bridge, including the whole of Battersea Park. Perhaps King Edward is looking for an opening to issue a batch of new stamps—bearing his photograph.

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The Pan-American.

BY WILLIAM I. BUCHANAN, director General.

IF THE people of the republics and countries of Central and South America fully realized to how great an extent misinformation with regard to their several countries exists in the United States and Canada, the Pan-American Exposition would be taxed beyond its limit to provide space for the exhibits that would come from those countries to enlighten the people of the United States and Canada concerning their neighbors to the southward. If, on the other hand, the people of the United States and Canada knew to any appreciable degree of the wide opportunities for the profitable investment of money and energy which offer themselves in Central and South America, they would not require such exhibits to awaken their interest, nor would such opportunities long remain unknown or unpossessed.

The Object of the Exposition.

The ideal had in view by those who planned the Pan-American Exposition and toward the accomplishment of which nothing is being left undone that energy and effort can bring about or suggest is that in all that appertains to the industrial and intellectual



DIRECTOR GENERAL BUCHANAN.

development of the countries of the Western Hemisphere the Pan-American Exposition shall occupy the position of a great International "Information Clearing House." While interesting millions as a beautiful spectacle, it will afford an opportunity to the peoples of the three Americas to become better acquainted with each other, and it will prove a very prominent factor, too, in developing a proper and just appreciation in each country of the industrial wants and trade possibilities of their neighboring countries of the Western Hemisphere.

While their view of the duty and task imposed upon them in this regard has been broad the generosity and public spirit of the promoters and man-

agement of the Exposition in providing for the setting of the Exposition a magnificent, fairylike spectacle in landscape and building effects and in arranging for the sumptuous, intellectual entertainment of visitors within the grounds have been broader. It is safe, I believe, to now risk the assertion that as a result of all this the verdict of those who visit Buffalo next year will be that in certain phases, and in not a few, the Pan-American Exposition will be justly entitled to rank in history as the most beautiful and successful of American Expositions.

No one who has approached the subject of Industrial Pan-America seriously believes that the artificial trade conditions now existing between Canada, the different Central and South American republics and the United States—as they affect and restrict commerce and communication between the different countries—can long continue, nor can it be controverted that great changes for the better in these regards have taken place during the past few years. Indeed, a greater advance has been made during the past ten years in the countries of the Western Hemisphere in all that counts for the better than during the 50 years preceding. This statement, made broadly, can be verified in detail. It applies to everything that has tended toward stability of government, toward the betterment and improvement of the people of the different countries, toward the building up therein of permanent national wealth and in the direction of utilizing to a greater degree than heretofore the products and resources of these countries.

Governments and Export Products of South America.

It is true that exceptions to this statement can be easily pointed out; but, broadly speaking, it will bear investigation and will be found to be correct. For example, with few exceptions the seemingly unending boundary disputes—all of which, by the way, came down from the old Spanish regime as an inheritance and which have been for 70 years the source of untold expense and of constant irritation and oft threatened war between practically all of the republics of Central and South America—have been amicably concluded. The closing days of the century find that chief source of trouble in Latin America happily reduced to a comparatively small point. It is but just to these republics to say in this connection that due credit should be given them for the fact that in reaching this result they have consistently recognized the theory of arbitration to be the proper and true method by which such international disputes may be solved. Today no boundary difficulty of any kind affects the peace of the east coast of South America, and but two such questions are still to be adjusted upon the west coast. Stable government, well administered, has been reached in very many of the republics south of us. In some—notably in those toward the extreme south of the continent—the most striking and rapid advances imaginable have been

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made during the past ten years in their material development and in the prosperity of their people.

This has been especially true of the Argentine Republic and of Chile. Fifty years ago the latter supplied flour to the entire west coast of South, Central and even to that of North America. The development of California and Oregon, however, changed this, and today the latter not only supplies their own wants, but as well a large section of Central and part of Western South America with breadstuffs. Chile on her part has become the world's nitrate producer and notably so in copper, while her vineyards have increased with each year.

In the Argentine Republic the changes that have occurred are even more striking, because they relate to things with which we of the United States and Canada are more familiar. It is, for example, relatively speaking, but a few years since the United States was shipping flour to the Argentine Republic and to Uruguay. Today, as a result of the immigration that has poured into those republics, but principally into the first country, and as a result of the application of North American farm machinery to the great alluvial basin of the River Plate, the Argentine Republic alone exports to Europe 35,000,000 bushels of wheat and half that amount of maize each year. Not content with having thus become the competitor of the United States and Canada in the Old World in the exportation of breadstuffs, the same republic has also become their competitor—and a strong and growing one, too—in the exportation of meat products. Few have any idea of the growth of this industry in the River Plate republics. Thirty years ago Great Britain imported less than 300,000 pieces of frozen mutton. Indeed that was the beginning of that industry. Today there are killed, frozen and exported to Europe each day from the province of Buenos Ayres alone, in the Argentine Republic, 13,000 carcasses of as good mutton as the world can produce, while innumerable square miles of alfalfa fields dot the republic and furnish rice, cheap fattening material for 30,000,000 or more of cattle possessed by the country.

The advantages the people of the United States and Canada might obtain by grasping the true meaning of the above facts would appear to me many and their value very great.

If they would, for instance, but realize the significance of the one fact that a well bred, fat steer can be and is being produced in the Argentine Republic and exported to England at a total expense at least \$15 less than it is possible to do the same thing in either the United States or Canada—while a great advantage lies with the producer of River Plate mutton—they would realize the strong appearance of probability to the often quoted statement made by some that the not distant future would bring River Plate mutton to our tables in the United States.

Great Cattle Zones in the South.

Many public men in South America believe this will occur, reasoning as they do that the conditions in the United States are such and their development in manufactures is so pronounced that it can be looked upon as altogether probable that within the next ten years meat will be profitably exported to the United States from the great cattle zones of South America. They also believe that the turn of the tide that has carried the United States into the position of a lender of money rather than a borrower will then carry the well known aggressiveness and zeal of American financiers and industrial operators into South America, where a highly profitable field would be found for the employment of capital in the development of many of the smaller industries now in existence there and in the consolidation and operation on a large scale of the meat producing plants there and in the handling of breadstuffs and all their related industries.

Millions of acres of tillable land, in an excellent climate, with every facility except immediate transportation, await those who will seriously look for it in South and Central America, and it was the earnest wish and purpose of those who formulated and planned the Pan-American Exposition that in all the above fields they might, through the Exposition, do something tangible toward bringing to all a better knowledge than now exists concerning the countries of the Western Hemisphere and that there might result from the Exposition something of value in the direction of a wider dissemination of that practical knowledge of our surroundings and of our future industrial outlook so much desired by all of us and so essential to a proper realization on our own part of the problems of trade and of commerce that are in store for us and for our children to solve, that through it the people of the Western Hemisphere might more clearly appreciate than they now do the enormous resources of the Western Hemisphere and the possibilities it contains for the building up of an enormous industrial empire, containing, as it does, the most fertile agricultural lands of the world toward both extremities of the hemisphere, with minerals and forests adjacent in either section, with great navigable waterways in both North and South America and with a central zone capable of producing to an unlimited degree all the tropical and subtropical products known to or used by man.

The Pan-American Exposition was not, therefore, either entirely or largely born of a selfish desire on the part of the people of the State of New York, and of Buffalo primarily, to draw attention to anything they possess or to acquire wholly local prestige and benefit from the undertaking. The location of the Exposition was fixed at Buffalo by reason of the fact that the courage of the people of that city and their public spirit and faith in their ability to finance and produce an International Exposition which should be confined to the Western Hemisphere

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As this is being written—six months previous to the opening of the Exposition—it is distinctly gratifying to the people of Buffalo and of the State of New York to be able to realize, as they do, that their efforts in the work of building up and arranging the groundwork of the Exposition have been warmly seconded on every hand, and that the discouragements they have met with and the difficulties they have had to overcome have but more closely accentuated and made apparent the merit of their undertaking and brought to them the unsought praise and hearty applause of their fellow citizens of the United States, while the prominent and praiseworthy activity being shown in Mexico, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Honduras, Ecuador, Peru, Chili, Bolivia, the Argentine Republic and in Cuba, in all that relates to the participation of those countries in the Exposi-

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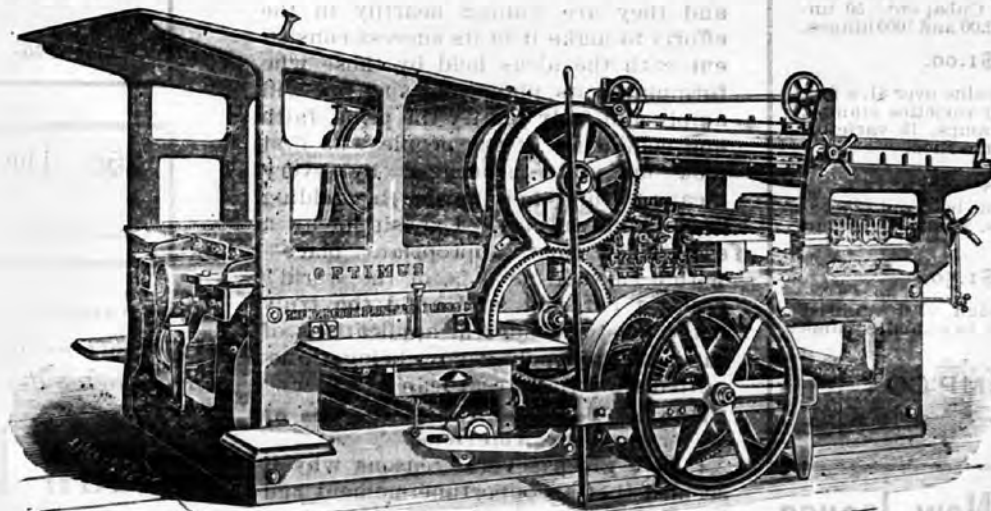
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A Talk on Some New Issues.

By EDGAR S. BRIGHTMAN.

This is a strenuous age. Everyone works—and is worked—to the limit of his enduring capacity. This is also an age of change, and of dissatisfaction with old ideas, and a constant reaching after something new under the sun, whether or not the new is any improvement upon the old. The postoffice departments of the world appear to be blessed with a superabundance of this restlessness which under some circumstances may be pardonable enough, but which, in its effects on collectors is, to speak mildly, oppressive. Most philatelists welcome a new issue once in a few years, but when we have a new variety each month, with a dire intersprinkling of watermarks and perforations of a hundred kinds, it becomes just the least bit tiresome.

If any reader thinks that the condition of affairs as portrayed above is exaggerated, let him consider, with an impartial mind, the stamps of New Zealand since 1898 with the London prints and local prints, and other varieties beyond the ken of mortal man. And now this industrious colony has presented us with two more stamps, a 1d and a 1½d. The latter is ridiculous in design, and of khaki color, we are told by the English papers. This stamp (issued December 9, 1900) is intended, I believe, to commemorate in some way the ready obedience of New Zealand's sons to the Empire's call. Let us hope that it may succeed as a patriotic memorial, for it is a most lamentable failure from any other standpoint.

The 1d, this colony's latest and most beautiful effort, is artistically excellent. The impression has been given by some accounts that Sir Edward Poynter, F. R. A., was the engraver of this stamp; but better authorities contradict this, asserting that Sir Edward was ill, and that this stamp was the work of some unknown artist. Three cheers for the unknown! Although this was meant to celebrate the inauguration of universal penny postage, it really does no such thing. New Zealand was too previous in making her arrangements without

consulting any other country, and now it is announced that she cannot realize her dream because the rest of the world is not ready to reciprocate. Issuing a stamp to commemorate something which has not yet occurred, and which probably will not occur for a long time, is rather farcical, but nevertheless the stamp is issued, and we must endure it.

Chroniclers of new issues have been criticised for listing the new surcharged revenues of Tasmania, just as though they were postage stamps. It appears now that the critics were in the wrong, and the chroniclers (though unwittingly) in the right. The following extract from *Le Philatelistre Francais* shows the painful truth.

Some revenues have just been surcharged REVENUE. The law restricting these stamps to fiscal use appeared the first day of December, but, unhappily, the stamps had been issued the evening before, and there was, naturally, a rush to use them as postage stamps before it was too late. They have then been really used for postage, and we are compelled to catalogue them." What a commentary that, on the philatelic insight of the postoffice officials.

The 10, 20 and 30 centimes of the new issue for France come in two distinct types, which were caused thus. In type 1 the stamps were printed with two impressions, first the figure of value alone, and then the remainder of the design. The second type was made by printing the whole of the design with one impression. *La Circulaire Philatelique* gives the principal points of difference between the two types of the 10 centimes. It says that generally the figures of value and the rest of the design are of different shades in type 1. However, the most noticeable difference is this: in type 1 the figures are larger, and the base of the 1 is straight, while in the second type it is curved. It is said that type 1 will be quite scarce. To work, ye minor variety enthusiasts! Further, the 15c orange will, according to this same journal, appear soon in a new shade, the old one having caused no end of complaint. So much for new issues this time.

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Editorial.

The New Editor's Salutory.

Several years have gone by since I was last connected with the philatelic press or took any active part in philatelic matters. Yet I have some hope that I am not wholly forgotten by my friends and readers of former days. In taking up the philatelic pen once more, I am conscious that I face a new audience, that to very many who read these lines, my name will have an unfamiliar sound. But I trust to find, too, among the Post's circle of readers, not a few who will welcome me for the sake of Auld Lang Syne. In assuming the editorship of this journal I have no promises to make, no elaborate programme to outline. I have in mind many things I hope to accomplish in its columns; many features I hope to develop that will make its weekly visits to you even a more pleasant and profitable event than they are at present. And now, with kindly greetings to all my readers, young and old, beginners or advanced, American or foreign, let me enter on my task.

LOUIS G. QUACKENBUSH.

A NOTABLE departure in the auction line is the recent holding by a well-known Boston firm of auctioneers of a sale in Syracuse, to be followed by another in Buffalo, neither of which cities has before heard the music of the stamp auctioneer's hammer. The co-operation of a local dealer is of course used and he very likely pays a good share of the expense; but it would seem that he could well afford to do so. Few things do more to promote and stimulate interest in stamp collecting than well-conducted auctions, and they should be especially

valuable in provincial cities such as the two in question, where, the very novelty of the thing doubtless attracts the attendance of many old-time collectors, who have been lately quiescent. We trust that the experiment may prove sufficiently successful to justify its repetition in many other cities whose philatelic denizens hunger for a bite at the auction cake.

OUR brethren over the line in the Dominion appear to be doing somewhat better than we. The Dominion Philatelic Association seems to be progressing very nicely and the indications are that it will soon pass the A. P. A. in point of numbers. A union of this body with the A. P. A. might make a very strong organization. But then again it might not. And considering the difference in the dues and general nature of the two societies it is hardly likely to be attempted. The P. S. of A. and S. of P. those two old rivals that divide what might be termed the cut rate national society field, the A. P. A. gazing down upon them from the serene two dollar heights above, make little noise any more. Time has dulled the bitterness of their one time rivalry: and they jog lazily along at a very different gait from that they used to use when the dog eat dog principle made each strive tooth and nail to beat out the other in membership. Plainly it is so neither of them that we can look when we cast our eyes about for the great society of the future.

PHILATELY seems to have thriven better during the winter now over than for many seasons past. At its beginning it was entered upon with fear and trembling by many of those whose investments in philatelic securities are largest, but in the realization it has been filled with most favorable omens for the future. Philately and its affairs have this winter exhibited a life and vitality of a far more robust nature than has been in evidence since the rosy days of '94 and '95. The volume of business done by the leading dealers has been almost uniformly of a gratifying character. Some have lagged behind in the race, as must be the case in every field of mercantile endeavor, but taking all in all, the demand of good stamps for bona fide collecting purposes has been of the healthiest kind. With the eradication of the old speculative element and the settling of values into something more approaching a stable basis. Philately is winning back many of her old time followers. The future has seldom presented a brighter hue; and as stamp collecting nowadays has become an all the year round diversion, instead of being a good deal neglected by its devotees in the summer months, as used to be the rule, we may reasonably look

for the good old ship Philatelia, so forge still further ahead before autumn rolls around again.

OUR national societies are not, alas setting fire to the rivers these days. The A. P. A., which with all the mistakes it has made, deserves so well at the hands of American philatelists, is doing little more than holding its own. And its own in this case, unfortunately, means so little. Its membership, which should be among the thousands, remains zigzagging week by week around the five hundred mark. All efforts to boom its membership and enlarge its usefulness appear to die an abortive death, true 'tis, 'tis pity; pity 'tis, 'tis true. Can it be that the hope of ever building up in America a great representative philatelic body of really commanding power and influence, is an iridescent dream, incapable of being ever realized. It has been found so in England. All the English societies of real importance are local in their character, though of course admitting corresponding members, as do most of our societies. Is the A. P. A. destined to fall into the same semi-moribund condition at present to be noted in the International Philatelic Union, England's most ambitious attempt at a national society?

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BY A BOOK WORM.

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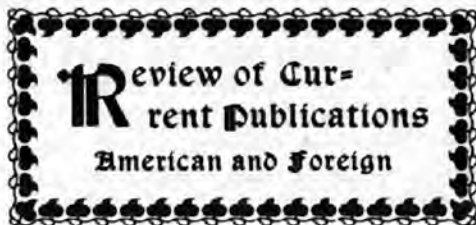
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Most of the so-called Review Departments of the present day are farcial in their brevity. Three or four lines of general mention of each paper received appears to constitute a review, according to the cannons of most American stamp journals. We propose to give our readers a real review that shall deal fully and adequately with the contents of all the leading philatelic publications of the day in America and England; that shall analyze for our readers' benefit the salient points in every important philatelic article appearing in public print; that shall epitomize in convenient form for the busy philatelist, who has neither the time or inclination to wade through bushels of chaff to find the grain of wheat, the most notable contributions to current philatelic literature.

First of all let us take up that good old standby, the *American Journal of Philately*, the dean of American stamp journals, which has for so many years pursued the even tenor of its way and is to-day just the same in its policy, in the nature of its contents, in its very type and cover as it was a dozen years ago. It is like meeting an old friend among a host of strangers to fish out from the pile of yearlings and two and three-year-olds. The latest copy of this veteran publication; and to it, in deference alike to its age and to its merit, we gladly assign the honor (if we may so name it) of leading the procession that is to pass the reviewing stand. Its March number is not, we are sorry to say, as good as usual. It is thinner than its wont, and we miss the presence of those two learned philatelists from over the sea, Mr. E. J. Nankivell and M. Jules Bouvez, both of whom who have contributed to its pages almost every month for years on one theme or another. It first two pages this month are devoted to editorials dealing with the surcharged stamps of Guam, and that well worn topic Mafeking Besieged. After detailing the quantity of surcharged stamps already furnished the island of Guam, viz 30,000, 1c; 105,000 2c; 8,000, 3c; 8,000, 4c; 20,000, 5c; 8,000, 6c; 8,000, 8c; 10,000, 10c; 5,000, 15c; 4,000, 50c; 3,000, \$1.00 and 7,000, 10c Special Delivery, the editor proceeds to state his belief that this will probably be the last of the Guam surcharging; the regular U. S. adhesives being likely to replace them in the future; and points out that if this assumption is

correct, the surcharged issues are likely to replace them in the future, and points out that if this assumption is correct, the surcharged issues are likely to become rarities, a theory which it would seem ought to be qualified by leaving out the 1, 2 and 5c, which, judging from the above figures, ought to be plentiful enough to go around, if the speculators will let them alone. Regarding the Mafeking stamps, Mr. Calman does not mince words. He plainly states that he does not consider them legitimate postage stamps and announces that the Scott Co. will not buy, sell or deal in them in any way, reinforcing the justice of his decision by citing the conclusions arrived at by Major Evens in the *Monthly Journal*, which, in effect coincidence with Mr. Calman's views. Next follows four pages of matter about these same troublesome siege issues, reprinted from the *Monthly Journal*, in the course of which is given the full test of Major Evens' final judgment on their legitimacy. This judgment, coming from so high an authority and one in a position to probe the facts of the case so well, has been widely reprinted and all of our readers must have seen it. Hence we will pass it over without comment here. Mafeking Besieged is a topic of which most of us are heartily tired, and we will serve due notice here, that it will have to be something very important about them that will gain any notice in this department hereafter. The most interesting thing in March *A. J. of P.* is a short article by Jno. N. Luff on "Stamps of the National Bank Note Co. on Double Paper." As all U. S. specialists know, certain stamps of the Continental Bank Note Co.'s print, including some values of the general issue and some of the Departments, exist on what is called double paper, a special paper designed to prevent the washing of stamps, and composed of two papers, one thin and hard, the other thin and soft. The theory was to print the stamp on the thin paper side, which was so delicate that any attempt to remove the cancellation would destroy its fiber. This paper was patented in 1869 and it has often been commented on as strange that no use appeared to have been made of it until after the Continental Co. came on the scene in 1873, no fully authenticated copy being known of the National Co.'s stamp in this paper. But Mr. Luff has recently seen a copy of the 6c National print on double paper, about which there can be no doubt, and gives in his article some interesting facts about it which we cannot go into here. We shall wait with great interest to see if the publication of this discovery does not lead to the finding of other National values on double paper. The *A. J. of P.*'s remaining pages are given up to auction

reports and the very full and complete chronicle of new issues.

Here is a visitor from abroad that we always scan with eager interest, *The Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*, of London. *The Fortnightly* has been through a good vicissitudes since it was first started some six or seven years ago by that dashing fire-eater, Mr. Harry Hickes. It has lately been purchased by a syndicate of English philatelists who propose to make great improvements in it and largely augment its scope and usefulness. That they are men of wisdom is shown by their retaining Mr. Percy C. Bishop, who has been the *Fortnightly's* editor practically since its inception, in his old position. The philatelic world boasts of no abler editor or brighter writer than Mr. Bishop, and under his direction the *Fortnightly* has always been by far the most readable of any of the English journals. Its pages are always full of life and vivacity, and dullness strives in vain to gain an entrance. The March 16th issue opens, as usual, with the editor's chatty talk about the latest in philatelic news, under the heading "Philately at Home and Abroad," closely followed by another's installment of "The Collector's Guide to Values," a compilation the *Fortnightly* has been running for some time. It is compiled by a committee of independent philatelists, and its object is, of course, to determine exact market values more accurately than do the catalogues. The question as to how far catalogue values may be trusted is attracting even more attention abroad than it is with us and this guide is one of the attempts made to solve the problem of a collector's catalogue. There are a good many interesting things to be found in analyzing the values given in this guide and comparing them with catalogue quotations. We hope in some future number of the *POST* to note a few of the most interesting comparisons for our readers benefit. The installment before us deals with India, and is noticeably complete. Next follows an interesting sketch on "The Origin of the Postage Stamps of Corrientes," by Jose Marco Del Pont, a well known South American philatelist.

The editorial page deals principally with the charges made in many European quarters against Senf's catalogue, in which, it is claimed, many varieties are priced at far less than they actually sell for at auction, in order that the publishers may bear the market and replenish their stock of these at the bear prices. A letter from Senf Bros. is published in which they themselves admit that some "of their stamps are inadequately valued," to quote their own words, but seek to justify themselves by the plea that these are stamps that are little in demand and consequently it doesn't make any differ-

ence. English collectors will, we fear, hardly gain any added confidence in Senf's figures from this naive confession. Rather brief "Notes on New Issues" come next; and then an instalment of "Reminiscences of a Philatelist" by Walter Nathan, another serial feature of unusual interest. Copious auction notes complete the number.

The Philatelic Chronicle of Charlotte, Mich., that amalgamation of many in one, is by far the handsomest typographically, as it is one of the most enterprising and interesting of our American monthlies. Its March number is not as large as the big boom numbers for January and February, but it is very good withal. "Some Foreign Experiences", by Herbert Armstrong, gives some interesting points as to how one fares in sending to foreign postmasters for current issues. Mr. W. J. Stanton furnishes "A Check List of V.R.I. Surcharges on Orange Free State Stamps," that is by far the most complete we have yet seen. "Stanton's Philatelic Index" occupies four pages and grows in value to the earnest philatelic student every month.

There is one very bright young monthly that has heretofore, we are sorry to say, received scant justice in the *POST's* review column. We refer to *The Adhesive*, whose editor, Mr. Chapman, has for some time written the *POST's* reviews. Its April number which arrives with commendable promptness is very good indeed; the feature of course being the continuation of Rev. R. R. Thiele's "Stray Notes on Sheets of Stamps." We fail to recall any series of articles in the past two or three years that embody in them so much of thoroughly novel interest to studious collectors. Mr. Thiele is performing a decided service to philately in the gathering together and placing under one head such a host of widely scattered information, as to the size and arrangement of the sheets of so many different countries. A great amount of research must have been necessary to ascertain all the facts and he has a most pleasant literary style that adds greatly to the attractiveness of his matter. British North American stamps this month engage his attention; and we advise everyone at all interested in them to send for a copy of *The Adhesive*. A portrait and sketch of Dr. Samuel Jory, a philatelist from as far away as Valparaiso, adorns one of the pages. Miss Amy Louise Swift's "Across Our Albums" is, as usual, pleasant reading, though rather too light and sketchy in some ways. And there is a goodly variety of short articles, editorials and notes of right pleasant flavor. Altogether there are few of our exchanges that we enjoy more than *The Adhesive*.

The transplanted *New York Philatelist*

appears to have borne the journey from Gotham to Syracuse very well indeed. The March issue, the first under the new regime, has a little of the unsettled look about it, but this is, under the circumstances, only natural. The number contains no lengthy articles, but is well filled with editorials, short notes and items. The Associate Editor's chat, the Fraud Reporter's supplement, etc., to say nothing of several pages of matter descriptive of the charms of the city of Syracuse, embellished by cuts of some of the city's handsomest buildings. One commendable feature is the absence of the usual article by Veritas. This scribe, while possessing a good command of the English language in some of its more ornamental phases, has appeared of late to have used up all his old-time vein of originality, and his essays have become tiresome in the extreme. He used to furnish much entertaining matter to the bright little *Evergreen State Philatelist*, but his "Philatelic Abuses" have been a sad waste of valuable space.

BARGAINS!

	Cat.	My
	price	price
	\$	\$
Brazil 1880, 300r yellow	12	05
*Costa Rica 1890, (Guanacast) 20c sea green	12	05
Ecuador 1889-90, 4c brown	12	05
Ecuador 1889-90, 10c yellow	12	05
*Nicaragua 1892, 5c light brown, sur.	12	05
*Paraguay 1884, 5c blue	12	05
Straits Settlements 1880, 1c on 2c rose	12	05
*Argentine Rep. 1858-61, 15c blue	18	06
Argentine Rep. 1858-61, 10c green	18	06
Barbados 1882-85, 4p slate	18	08
British Guiana 1860, 1c on 4d green	18	08
Siam 1895, 10a on 24a lilac and blue	18	08
Antiqua 1890, 20c blue	20	08
*Colombian Rep. 1870, 5c orange	20	08
Curacao 1880, 12½c yellow	20	07
Curacao type I 1892-98 12½c green, unpd	20	07
Dominican Rep. 1879, ½c violet bluish	20	06
*Ecuador 1892-93, 5c on 14 blue	20	08
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Chicago Notes.

By S. E. MOISANT.

Mr. Charles E. Birr, 141 Fullerton Ave., Chicago, is organizing a new philatelic society called the Open Window Philatelic Society. The initiation fee is 10c, the dues are 30c per year. Excluding the local ones, there are now about thirty philatelic societies in the United States

F. N. Massoth visited relatives in Laporte, Indiana a couple days this week.

P. M. Wolsieffer's next auction sale will be held at the Great Northern Hotel, Saturday evening, April 13. This sale comprises the Huber collection and is said to contain many fine stamps.

Alex Holland of New York is in town. Late yesterday afternoon Mr. Holland received a telegram from the New England Stamp Co., Boston, stating that his collection of United States stamps had taken the silver medal at the exhibition of the Boston Philatelic Society. The medal was given by the New England Stamp Co.

Mr. L. E. Joseph, a former Chicago dealer, now residing in Philadelphia, Pa. arrived in the city March 19 for a months' stay.

Fred Coyne has been appointed to succeed Charles U. Gordon as Postmaster of Chicago. The office of Postmaster of Chicago is a very responsible position as the postmaster has nearly a million dollars worth of property in his possession at all times. The former postmaster furnished \$450,000 bonds but the new one will have to furnish \$500,000 worth. This is due to the increased responsibility.

Mr. Warren E. Burton of Lake Geneva, Wis., has been in the city a couple of days with some of his remaining stock.

Mr. Ernest M. Carpenter, treasurer of the New England Stamp Co. of Boston, Mass., arrived in Chicago March 24 with the famous Burton collection, which he exhibited for three days at the Great Northern Hotel. While in Chicago Mr. Carpenter secured many bids for the coming auction sale. He also secured quite a number of new members for the Boston Philatelic Society.

P. M. Wolsieffer will move on May 1 to either an office or store. So far he has not found a desirable location, but as soon as he does he will notify his customers through all the leading papers.

The catalogue of the Huber collection, to be sold by P. M. Wolsieffer on April 13 at the Great Northern Hotel is out, and shows a large number of good things in sale.

The Bargain Sheet is a new philatelic paper in Chicago. It is entirely an advertising sheet consisting of two pages. It is published bi-monthly by Chas. W. Sehman, 115 Blue Island Ave., Chicago.

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SOMETHING FOR * * * NOTHING

By Phil A. Telist

When we take up the current literature of to-day we notice that many dealers in advertising their goods pretend to give something for nothing; their advertisements are worded in such a manner as to convey to the reader the idea that they are able to give him a great deal more for his money than he can obtain elsewhere, and that they are so far ahead of competition that it can never overtake them, that they can give away presents to each customer and keep on doing so indefinitely, and that by giving away presents and disregarding profits entirely they are enlarging their business by leaps and bounds. Now if their advertisements really told the truth, common sense would tell us that they could not long continue to do business unless they could get their supplies without cost. But while business men in the ordinary course of trade may sometimes pick up goods at a very low price it stands to reason that such opportunities are rather the exception than the rule and if goods are sold for less than they are really worth somebody must be the loser thereby, while as for getting goods absolutely for nothing not one merchant in a thousand is fortunate enough to do that. Now it is generally supposed that the man who sacrificed the goods to the merchant is the loser, and this is sometimes the case. But did you ever stop to think that the shrewd merchant can by the aid of printer's ink be the direct loser while he, the merchant, is sure to look after his own interests in such a manner that the profit will be sure to find the inner lining of his pocket. In the stamp business this happens every day, yet some people even after having been fooled time and again by the same old trick will still continue to buy almost anything that is advertised as a "bargain." A gentleman whom I know saw an ad in a philatelic paper stating that a certain stamp quoted at \$20.00 in the catalogue in used condition could be purchased for two dollars. "Oh! what a snap," said he, "just the stamp I have

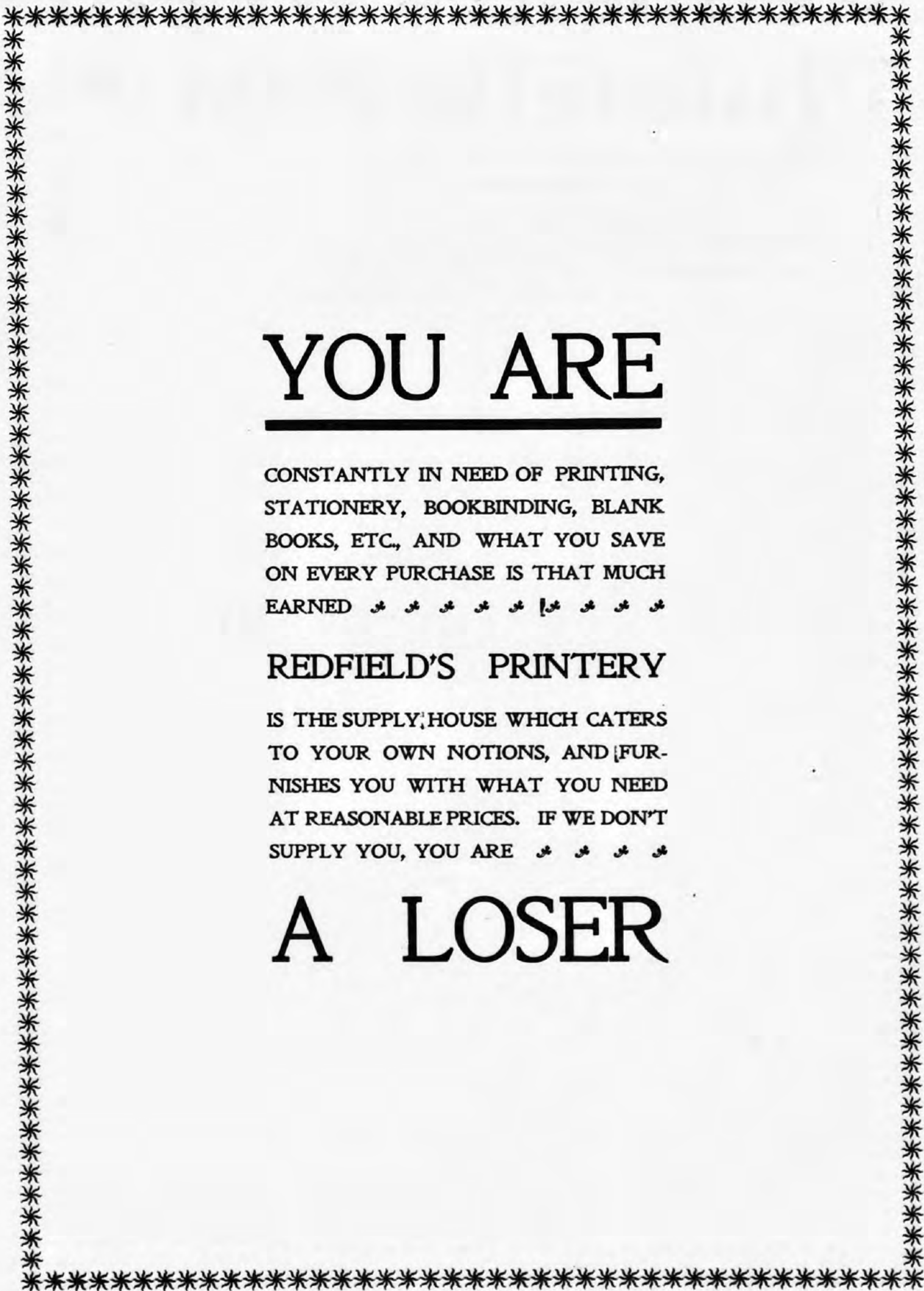
been trying to get for the past five years and nobody had it, of course I will order it," and so he did. The stamp came and it was a fair specimen and seemed to be all right, but it had a little paper still on the back, and so the purchaser put it in water to soak off the paper adhering to it, when lo and behold the stamp parted with itself, and instead of a valuable stamp he had two pieces—the stamp had been mended. But protest though he did, it availed him nothing, because the merchant took the stand that the stamp returned to him, in two pieces, was not in the same condition as when he had sold it, hence he would not stand any part of the loss. Another case in point was where a collection was advertised as containing certain stamps, and the collection was offered very low, an old collector seeing it advertised sent his good money on and purchased it. It contained the stamps all right, and they were genuine, too, but they bore fake cancellations. But neither the dealer nor the purchaser were aware of this at the time, the dealer having acquired the collection from a small boy for a trifling sum, and offered the collection very low in order to draw attention to his ad. The purchaser placed the stamps in his collection and was delighted at the time. But some five years later a friend of his who was well posted on all stamp matters happened to be looking over his collection and noticing the stamps asked how the purchaser had acquired them. Being told the story he smiled one of those sad smiles that cuts very deep into the heart of a stamp collector, but said nothing. The collector suspected something was wrong and asked if the stamps were not all right. "Oh, yes," said the friend, "the stamps are all right, but somebody outside the postoffice put the cancellation on, hence you have been imposed upon." That stamp collector never sees the word "bargains" now, but what it reminds him of that great big bargain which he obtained when he purchased such a nice big lot of stamps so cheap.

We could enumerate other instances different in their nature, but with the same general result, namely that the bargain hunter is more apt to get something that he does not want rather than something that he does.

Now let us look at the matter from a

common sense standpoint. In the first place the price of every article offered for sale must be based on cost plus a profit. The price is usually regulated by the laws of supply and demand. Now if the article is worth a dollar in the open market it stands to reason that every dealer would strive to get this amount for it if at all possible. If all the dealers demand the same price, well and good, then there is stability in trade and satisfaction to both the buyer and seller, and thus it ought to be. But some dealer who imagines that anything can be sold, provided the price is below the normal figure, picks from his stock such stamps as he knows are second grade, advertises them below the market price and sells them without mentioning whether they are first grade or seconds. Of course, the customer receiving them is disappointed. He may not say anything, but if he does not he is sure to avoid that dealer in the future, and this continued misrepresentation is what has hurt Philately very much. Confidence plays an important part in all business transactions, especially in matters philatelic, where in nearly every transaction the dealer finds that the buyer knows less than he does, and consequently trusts the dealer to do what is right. If the buyer finds that he is being gouged right and left it will not take him long to get disgusted and quit, and what is the result. The more collectors drop the hobby the more Philately loses its attractiveness to those remaining in the ranks, because it is easier to discourage people than to encourage them. Now let us take a look at the other side of the question and see how the collector looks at it. If he for his good money receives good value he is enthusiastic and he tells his friends where he has bought the goods and all about them, and they in turn will patronize the same dealer, and his business will increase; but if the collector is gouged the reverse is true. Every collector desires that his collection should be as fine as his means will permit, but it cuts very deep into his heart when he is told that the stamps in his collection are a "poor lot," "trash," etc., and let him but try and sell it and he will be convinced that instead of profiting by buying stamps below the market value he has in reality

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Chicago Notes.

By S. E. MOISANT.

The Chicago postoffice is greatly rushed at present, and third class matter seems to be several days behind.

The catalogue of the eleventh auction sale of the Chicago Philatelic Society is out. The sale will be held Wednesday evening, April 17, at the Palmer House. Nearly six hundred lots are listed.

Mr. Free Warner, Prophetstown, Ill., informs me that a new society has been organized, called The Collector's Philatelic Association, and that he has been elected its first secretary. Particulars may be had by addressing Mr. Warner at Prophetstown.

Staats Zeitung, a leading German paper of Chicago, in its Sunday issue of March 31, gives the auction sale of P. M. Wolsieffer quite a write-up. This shows that stamp collecting is beginning to be recognized by the newspapers.

The following clipping is taken from the March number of the *National Stamp News*, published at 618 Buchanan St., Indianapolis, Indiana: "A certain enterprising society recently had a discussion as to which dealers were the slowest in answering their correspondence and filling their orders, and it was found that Chicago dealers were the most negligent." I have shown this notice to nearly all the Chicago dealers of any importance and they assure me that they answer their correspondence and fill their orders promptly and on the day of receipt. There is a kind of correspondence that all dealers get a little of and pay no attention to. For instance, a certain person wrote to three Chicago dealers requesting them to furnish Chicago Notes for a new paper which he intended to publish, and did not enclose a stamp for reply in any of the requests, and in this case the dealers inform me that they did not reply to these letters, as they are not in that business. It is possible that the person who wrote these three letters was a member of the society in question, and his statement about the slow replying dealers in Chicago probably had considerable bearing on the decision. To show that there is a difference of opinion on this subject I asked a certain dealer if he ever had any complaints from customers who said that their letters were not promptly replied to, and he then took down a large letter file and showed me dozens of letters praising him for filling his promptly. It seems to me, as it will to many others, that this notice in the N. P. N., is an injustice to Chicago dealers, and that the said society is laboring under the wrong impression. I have hard feelings against the *National Philatelic News*, and I hope they will look on the right side of this tem.

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Happenings.

AMY LOUISE SWIFT.

And now it is Russia whose postal issues we must hasten to complete. Her grasping propensities in China, together with the attacks at home upon the life of the Czar, have made that country one of the prominent countries of the day, and since philatelic interest is very apt to follow in the steps of political publicity, the specialist who has given particular attention to completing the issues of Russia will feel he has cause for considerable self congratulation on the fact. The stamps of this country are not (with a few exceptions) very difficult to obtain, and being prolific in minor varieties they offer a broad field for the careful student. It has been stated that Czar Nicholas is a stamp collector. If such is the case, there is a peculiarly comic side to the recently published story that the Fifth Annual Congress of Philatelic Societies, which proposed to meet in Finland, was prohibited by order of the Governor General, the Czar's representative, under the evident impression that philatelist was merely "another name for anarchist.

Newspapers received by a recent mail from Australia report that the Inter-State Postal Conference was opened at the general post office at Melbourne the morning of February 13th, closing on Saturday, the 16th. The governments of the various States were notified at the close of the conference of the full details of the finally accepted plans, but at writing these were withheld from the public. It was announced, however, that there was no reason why the postal department should not be handed over to the commonwealth on March 1st last, and that in all probability stamps circulated after that date would bear the letters "A. C." (Australia Commonwealth) in order that Commonwealth sales might be known from State sales. Whether the stamps thus surcharged were to be interchangeable, and good for use in any State, was not told, but the general tenor of the notes seemed to indicate that they would not be, as the conference was inclined to think such interchanging, if permitted, would result unfairly to the people, one State selling the stamps and reaping the credit thereof, while if they were used elsewhere other States would have to do the work resulting. These facts were taken from Colonial daily newspapers of February 13, 14, 15, 16, and are more recent than any news offered by our philatelic journals up to the time of closing these notes. It was also stated that later on Federal stamps would be issued, but that some time would have to elapse before they could be ready, and before the stamps now in circulation could be called in.

It is said that a slight change has been made in the 1900 issue of Germany, consisting of a little reduction in the size of the letters of "Reichpost." The values so far seen in the new style are the 25, 30, 40, 50 and 80 pf. Although the variation is very trifling, it must be duly recorded and watched for. In all probability, the two types, varieties, or whatever they should be called, will run through the entire set.

It will very likely be news to the majority that the *Stampic America*, advertised by the C. H. Beck Stamp and Publishing Co., a year or more ago, really appeared; that is, one number of it did, and only one, its date being May, 1900. It was not sent out very freely, and so received no review or notice, which did not matter much, as it really did not deserve any. In form it was a coverless eight page sheet, printed well on fairly good paper, the various articles being entitled as follows: "Changes in Philately," "My Collection," (poem) a short "Review" and "Collecting Chat," "Stamp Collecting" and "Collecting Terms Defined." These, with a short note or two, occupy five pages, the remaining three containing advertisements. Needless to say, this journal was in no way connected with the anonymous one whose name it had filched, nor was its publisher in any way connected with the famous "I. B. Unknown." Through an amanuensis Mr. "Unknown" expostulated with Mr. Beck over the theft of the name, and the latter returned a postal card reply of "Name changed to *Stampic World*." This card is still in the possession of "I. B. Unknown," but in spite of the promise the name was not changed. These facts will doubtless have some interest for literature collectors, since many are unaware that any number of Beck's journal ever appeared.

The daily press states that for the first time in its history, the Treasury department is having trouble to keep the reserve number of 1c and 2c postage stamps up to the figures demanded by law, and is in consequence obliged to increase the hours of the employes in the stamp division in the attempt to increase the reserve. This reserve stock is required to amount to 100,000,000 for the 1c value, and 200,000,000 for the 2c. Evidently we are a great nation of letter writers, and evidently also we thoroughly appreciate the facilities Uncle Sam offers us for indulging the propensity.

Not content with doing some surcharging for the sake of letting her soldiers send a couple of letters home each month without the need of paying postage. France now proposes to have a stamp of an entirely new value, a one half centime for use on printed matter. At least, such seems the probabilities,

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Something for Nothing.

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spoiled his collection, and thereby destroyed his chances of selling it. But the true philatelist, he who collects mainly for the pleasure it affords him, will always prefer a perfect stamp to an imperfect one, no matter at what price offered, and this should be the rule with all collectors.

Let us therefore be honest with each other, do what is right, be fair in our dealings, and by so doing we will elevate our own character, as well as add dignity to our hobby. And let us always try to get the best the market affords and not lower the tone of our collections by mixing the good, the common and the worthless, but rather be content with collections smaller in volume, but better in grade, and last but not least, let us never deceive ourselves by imagining that we can get something for nothing, for in the end we will find we have paid for it far more than it is really worth.

New York Notes.

BY PRIMROSE.

Specialism is the life of the trade, quoted a dealer, and he followed up his argument with some positive statements. He asserted that dealers arranged their stocks according to specialism of the present day favor. This is one point gained. Furthermore it is now a pleasure to fill want lists, as most collectors specialize in certain stamps and countries. Dealers with no trouble can just lay their hands on the proper stock book, and pick out the stamp wanted. Formerly before specializing was ever thought of dealers had to hustle to fill a want list of any magnitude. First stamp on the list might call for a Hayti, the next one for a Tonga, and so on and in future. Now a want list reads: first Canada and British North America, next British West Indies, and so on listing different groups of countries in various parts of the world.

I note that Mr. A. Herbst, formerly publisher the *New York Philatelist*, has accepted a position with THE POST as manager of its advertising department.

I have seen during the past week a pair of the \$1000.00 current issue revenue stamps, uncut and in fine condition. I also saw on one document lying in the safe of a local corporation a block of eight \$30.00 revenues, but cut.

An offer of \$800 has been refused by the Guarantee Stamp Co. for their block of twenty-five 30c 1869 (cat \$1250.00) originals without grill.

I have received a circular from Mr. I. A. Mekeel, advertising the Pan-American number of *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*. The first page bears a fac-simile of the design that the cover will have.

The postoffice Department has issued an order giving Cuba, Guam, Philippines and Samoa the domestic rate of postage.

The issuance of the Pan-American stamps is expected to boom business according to the hope held out by local dealers. One of the postoffice clerks tells me that he has inquiries almost every day from parties who want a set of these stamps.

In looking through some old philatelic papers I noticed columns upon columns devoted to the Columbian issue speculation. Shall we have a repetition of these scenes or shall the philatelic fraternity just look on and say nothing—like they have been doing with the Omaha issue.

Mr. John F. Seybold, who has one of the finest collections on covers, was a recent visitor, but unfortunately the writer was not at home when he called.

Mr. A. M. Trugillo of this city, who was convicted of washing United States Documentary Revenue stamps, is awaiting sentence. The penalty is two years and a heavy fine—either or both.

A dealer says it took the officials of Uganda four years to fill an order for stamps.

Mr. Morgan Buffington of Pennsylvania called on the writer a few weeks ago. He also disposed of his collection and stock to the Guarantee Stamp Co.

Much speculation is going on with the 2 franc France of the issue just obsolete. A Frenchman who was in town recently called on all the city dealers and endeavored to purchase this stamp, and was also willing to take them in any quantity. He also wanted the five franc 1877 issue. Another French stamp that is bringing a good price is the first issue 20 centimes black, catalogue at six cents.

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Editorial.

WE are constantly adding improvements to our printing plant, and every alteration means better service for THE POST. We believe in keeping abreast with the times, and our latest modern machine will enable us to produce in the near future a paper that will be excelled by few. If money and brains can make a success of THE POST we intend to employ the use of these two factors. Whatever may be our deficiency in the latter we are willing to procure with the former. We are going to employ only the best people on THE POST, and our recent acquisitions will show that we are after the best. You have only to watch THE POST to see it advance.

THERE has been considerable discussion of late as to the wisdom of publishing full descriptions of the minute differences between counterfeits and originals. Their publication, of course, enables collectors to detect many forgeries more easily; but on the other hand likewise furnishes the forger with full data as to the weak points in their wares, which they are usually by no means slow to avail themselves of in issuing the next editions. It seems to us that this drawback outweighs the advantages and that such descriptions had better be kept out of print. The best class of dealers may be depended upon, for with all possible knowledge on the subject of forgeries and it is to them that we must look to stand between us and the forger. If collectors will buy of reputable and responsible dealers and of these only they will be perfectly safe in letting these dealers be their counterfeit detectors.

WE recall reading recently of a Parisian stamp dealer who whenever he finds that a counterfeit has crept unawares into his stock immediately consigns it to the fire. It is a great pity that his mode of procedure is not more generally followed. The preserving of counterfeits for purposes of comparison is a good thing within proper limits. The larger dealers may very probably form collections of bogus stamps and study them thoroughly for their own protection; and it is perhaps also well enough for some of the great philatelic experts among collectors to do the same. But the best thing for the ordinary collector to do, in fact his plain duty is to destroy any forgeries he may be so unfortunate as to acquire, thus putting the possibility of their ever duping anyone else completely at an end.

Many events may happen, dear reader, whereby this very counterfeit will get once more in circulation, without any connivance on your part. You may present it with the best intentions in the world to some philatelic acquaintance who says he desires it "to compare;" but who will be less scrupulous than you and palm it off on some unwary one as genuine. You may die and the counterfeit then pass along with your other philatelic possessions, into the hands of some one who will quite innocently sell it, and thereby injure some one else. There are a hundred things which make it unsafe to give a moment's grace to any known counterfeit. If you have any, my friend, pray use them for fuel as speedily as possible.

BUT as the millennium in stamp dealing has yet to come; and many dealers, however anxious they may be to give the reprint the cold shoulder, are unable to always identify them, especially if they import from Europe, where multitudes of vendors make a large profit on the sending of such things abroad; the most practical means of protecting collectors from the reprint must lie in diffusing through the philatelic press all the information possible that will aid collectors in detecting them. Every collector, large or small, ought to possess some standard work on reprints for constant reference. The English edition of Herr Kalckhoff's boon on reprints, although published some years ago and therefore not fully up-to-date, is a very valuable work; and there are several other similar handbooks in both English and German.

But, as everyone who has had any experience in such matters knows full well, the younger and medium class of collectors will not, as a rule, spend money in buying works of this kind. Whatever aid is to be given them must be conveyed through the medium of our

journals. And our journals, unfortunately, devote little space to matters of this nature. Helpful articles on the detection of reprints, counterfeits and the like are in American stamp journals conspicuous for their decided absence; the journals of to-day being in this respect much inferior to those of a dozen years ago. We hope to devote in the near future a certain amount of space in THE POST's columns to matter that will aid the young collector in distinguishing reprints and counterfeits. It is possible that we shall arrange to publish serially a comprehensive work on reprints on the lines of Herr Kalckhoff's book, but brought more fully up-to-date.

IN our review column this week mention is made of an article on "The Status of Reprints" in one of the current journals. And it is with some surprise that we recognize, in following the train of thought called up by the essay, how little attention is paid nowadays to the reprint question. It was settled many years ago that they deserve little or no place in reputable collections. Some few exceptions are made by even the best philatelists, such as in the case of the U. S. government reprints that were available for use as postage. But taken all in all, the collectors who will purchase and place in their albums any considerable number of stamps that they know to be reprints are few and far between. When the expert in looking over your album points out as a reprint some stamp of whose standing you have never before had the faintest suspicion, the odium immediately attaching itself to that stamp is hardly less than if it were a counterfeit.

The reprint was never at a lower ebb in philatelic estimation than it is to-day; but it is very doubtful if there ever was a time when more reprints were circulated and sold to the unsuspecting collector. The advanced collector who deals only with the largest dealers, who make every possible effort to exclude reprints from their sheets and stock books, may be inclined to question this. But an inspection of the sheets and packets sent out by many of the smaller dealers will amply bear out the assertion. There are plenty of reprints of high priced stamps about and doubtless many of these find their way into high class collections through various channels. But far worse is the foisting of reprints of the cheaper stamps upon beginners and young collectors who are not sufficiently versed in philatelic ways to detect the imposition. There is a general apathy on the part of many dealers to the results of this practice that is really alarming. They argue that reprints not being counterfeits and only a step removed from genuine originals, as long as the collector is satisfied to purchase

them no exceptions can be taken to their selling them. But the unfortunate part of it is that the young collector does not, as a rule, know what he is buying. When he reaches the stage of greater knowledge and realizes how many reprints his album harbors, his zeal for Philately stands in no little danger of being incontinently snuffed out. The dealer who has the true interests of Philately at heart will not sell reprints to even the veriest tyro. It would be a grand thing if every reprint in America could be destroyed. And what a huge bonfire they would make were they all collected together.

Revue of Cur-
rent Publications
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The Philatelic Bulletin of Boston is one of the most neatly printed of our journals. Its cover is more than usually tasty and all in all, it is most decidedly a thing of beauty. But the literary pabulum it serves is hardly, in our judgment, as interesting and varied as that furnished by many of its contemporaries. It is rather of a staid, conservative, prosy sort of a publication. It seems to lack brightness and push. Its matter is all good enough in its way, but it wants newness and is of a somewhat hackneyed order. The first essay in the *Bulletin* for March 25th is the third installment of an article on "The Philatelic Opportunities of the Day" by one Oliver Crinkle, with whose work *THE POST*'s readers are not altogether unacquainted. Any comment of ours on the merits or demerits of this particular essay would, we fear, be biased by considerable prejudice in Mr. Crinkle's favor. But it may be said without impropriety that the article deals at some length with the query as to whether the opportunities for unearthing buried treasure in the philatelic line exist at this late day, after so many years of zealous searching would seem to have exhausted the field; and goes very deeply into the author's reasons for stating that such opportunities do exist and are in some ways quite as promising as they were 20 years ago. It is a common and fallacious theory that the day of "finds" is practically over. Those who maintain this theory will find this article in the *Bulletin* especially interesting, unfortunately, instead of publishing the article entire in one issue, as was, of course, the author's intent, the *Bulletin*'s editor has seen fit to cut it up into four small pieces and is publishing it in installments of about a page a month, a proceeding probably as disgusting to readers as to the author. This stringing

out of an ordinary length article into infinitesimal bits for several months is the result of a very short-sighted policy. "The Library," an article by E. H. Wilkinson, is extremely well written, but contains nothing especially new. It deals principally with the practical uselessness to members of the society libraries and exhorts both members and the librarians to greater activity. Next follows the best thing in the number, an article reprinted from the *Australian Philatelist*, and entitled "Looking Backward." It is from the pen of one of Australia's greatest philatelists, A. F. Bassett Hull, known all over the world as one of the most acute thinkers, and illuminating writers on philatelic subjects to be found in any clime. His present essay is in effect a recapitulation of the various popular vicissitudes through which the collecting of Australian stamps has passed. He goes most interestingly into the story of their rise from a comparatively neglected specialty into the very highest tide of popular favor; of the reaction after the boom; and of their standing as a specialty at present, concluding with strong advice to collect Australians as in every way one of the most fruitful of specialties. There can be no doubt as to the highly interesting character of Australians; they are prime favorites with all generalists; and form the chosen field of not a few of the world's greatest specialists. To any of our readers who may be casting sheep's eyes toward the specialistic field, we advise an early perusal of Mr. Hull's brief for Australians. A short article on "Postoffices" by C. R. T., which is not quite as dry as its title would indicate, and a Press Review, by Miss Amy L. Swift, fill the remaining reading pages.

Editor Corley of *The Exchange*, who recently purchased the *International Philatelic Review*, has changed the form of his paper from a four page newspaper to an exceedingly diminutive magazine of 10 pages, only about half of which contains reading matter, and now styles it *The International Philatelic Review and Exchange*, a rather weighty name for so small a journal. We do not like the paper in the new form as well as we did the old *Exchange*, which contained not a little excellent matter. The editor has now less than half as much space at his disposal and evidently feels his lack of breathing room in the present number. We trust to witness a speedy enlargement of his quarters. The leading article (indeed the only one) is "The Status of Reprints," by Claude T. Reno, a very old subject, but one which is still of very much interest. Mr. Reno condemns all reprints save those printed directly by the government themselves, and makes some very sensible remarks on the reprint question. He does not

however go far enough. The reprint is in its sense and principle utterly bad, by whomsoever fathered, whether it be a government or a private individual; their collection cannot be too vigorously discouraged, and it is a thousand pities that every dealer in America cannot be persuaded to burn up every reprint in his possession. A revenue department (!) so very brief and devoid of interest as to be a travesty on the name and about a dozen lines of editorial comprises the remaining reading matter.

That very excellent Canadian journal, the *Philatelic Advocate*, has not yet apparently recovered from the exertion made in producing the grand 90th century number, but we feel like turning a very lenient eye on any shortcomings it may now display, after that magnificent effort. The March number is a good one, though we should like to see more reading matter. "United States Minutes," by Uzona, are readable. There is an article, "The Outskirts of Philately," by Louis G. Quackenbush, of which it will not do for us to speak, and the usual editorials and society reports. We hope for more reading matter in April.

Frank Brown's resuscitated *American Philatelic Magazine* bids fair to easily regain its old time favor with the very best class of philatelists of its present standard of readability and value continue to be maintained. American Philately needs more papers like the *A. P. M.*; papers that bear the impress of thoroughly practical knowledge of all phases of philately. There is too much of the amateur tone about most American stamp journals. Too much matter of a very trivial nature finds a place in their pages; too little of the kind that is really of interest to mature philatelists. The new *A. P. M.* is not as large as it used to be, or as we hope to see it in the future, but it is a publication that does one's heart good to peruse. Well printed, sensibly edited, readable in every line; that epitomizes the *A. P. M.* There are no long articles in it; nothing that could be properly reviewed in a department such as this, but it is filled to the brim with short notes about stamps and judicious editorial comment. Hats off and long life to the *A. P. M.*

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St. Louis Notes.

BY A. L. WISSMANN.

Our old philatelic friend Mr. H. Edgar French is now so busy since the Jesse French Piano and Organ Co. have moved into their new store No. 1114 Olive St., that he can not find time to devote to his stamps. His collection was mounted in a seven volume album and whenever he came into his library at home his collection seemed to chide him for being neglected. At first Mr. French consoled himself with the thought that there would come a time some day when he could get at it, but when he found that weeks lengthened into months without his having time to spare he finally decided to sell his collection and all his duplicates, which he did a couple of weeks ago. Mr. French once before did the same thing, but philately has such a great charm for him that we believe he will try to form another collection before the end of the year. What leads us to infer this is the fact that he is very anxious to have the local stamp club consider him still an enthusiastic philatelist.

I am informed that the Fair Stamp Co. recently located at 17 South Compton Ave., have removed to Cleveland, Ohio.

Many of our friends will perhaps be pleased to hear of the marriage of Miss Louise Flachskamm to Mr. R. W. Reaves, formerly of New Douglas, Ill., but now permanently located at St. Louis. The young lady is the sister of Mr. H. Flachskamm, the genial manager of the Standard Stamp Co. She had entire charge of the business during her brother's absence from the city. We believe most of our readers are aware that Mr. Flachskamm had by too close application to business undermined his health and his physician insisted that nothing but a cessation from work and business cares would do him any good, and on the orders of his physician he has taken a trip to Bermuda and will stay until his health improves. Before Mr. Flachskamm left the young people had become engaged hoping to get married when he would return, but when informed in a letter of recent date that he could not return for some time, they decided to get married without further delay and the happy event occurred a couple of weeks ago, after the young lady had received her mother's consent by cable message, her mother accompanying Mr. Flachskamm while on his trip abroad.

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The Century Stamp Club held its regular March meeting, and as this was the beginning of the new fiscal year the officers for the ensuing year were chosen. The meeting was well attended and everybody was in fine spirits, and the election passed off very pleasantly. The following parties were elected: President, H. A. d'Ailly; Vice President, C. E. Hussman; Treasurer, Jason Hollingshead; Secretary, Chas. A. Wendemuth; Executive Board, James W. Sells, Thos. Nelson and the officers named above. Two new members were also admitted, Mr. R. Pflueger and Mr. J. Heina, and trading continued at a lively rate after the routine business was disposed of.

Now that the World's Fair for St. Louis is no longer in doubt, philatelists from all over the Union should strive to make the philatelic exhibition for 1903 a success. The local collectors will gladly receive any recommendations, suggestions, etc., and the Century Stamp Club is starting the ball rolling early so as to do the best thing possible for the Louisiana Purchase Exhibition. Let every collector, old and young, do his best at at this great show. St. Louis lies almost in the center of the United States. It is a very large city, composed of progressive, but conservative citizens, and is not much given to blowing about what it will do, but in a matter of this kind the magnitude is not to be overlooked, and the far reaching effect is something that must be anticipated. It is for these reasons that the St. Louis collectors are getting ready to weigh and consider any and everything that will advance the cause of philately. Will you help them in any way? If so let us hear from you.

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* **TALKS TO YOUNG** *
* **COLLECTORS.** *
* BY THE EDITOR. *

The "young collector" is a somewhat indefinite personage. Philatelic authorities seem to decidedly differ as to just what portion of the philatelic class are to be included in this ambiguous classification. We often see in print articles for the ostensible instruction which confine themselves to the most rudimentary advice, such as warning them to use hinges and not the paste brush in placing stamps in an album and other like matters, very unlikely to be of use to any collector who has gotten far enough into the mysteries of stampdom to take an interest in the contents of its journals. We take a broader view of the young collector. According to our notion not only the beginners in the primary class, but also a great many very bright young men in the intermediate grade (and some older ones too who are young in Philately) come properly under the head of young collectors. In these talks, which we hope to make a very useful feature of the Post, we shall try to have something to say every week that will help along the actual beginner, who is struggling valiantly to obtain some clue to "the mighty maze, and all without a plan," that Philately often seems to the newcomer; but we shall have a great deal more to say to young collectors of a little more experience, those that are already well grounded in the rudiments of stamp collecting, but feel the need of assistance in studies of a somewhat more difficult nature.

This class is really in much more need of helpful aid than the actual beginner. For the beginner's path is smoother nowadays than ever before. Many things have of late years been done to render it very easy to start a collection. The stamps that would naturally form the vanguard in beginning a collection are much cheaper than they used to be. Twelve or fifteen years ago any kind of an album at less than a dollar was practically unknown, and beginners' packets cost three or four

times what they do now. Any old collectors who may be inadvertently reading this page (and we shall not be too hard on any such interlopers) will well remember what a great thing it seemed when a packet of 1,000 varieties was first offered at the unheard of price of \$10.00. Yet nowadays many dealers sell 1,000 variety packets, with quite a respectable album thrown in, for four or five dollars; and the beginner can thus get over the first lap of the philatelic race much more easily and quickly than we old fellows did who started in when Philately and the world were both younger.

Beginners are sometimes told a very different tale from this. They are told that it was easier for the novice in the days when there were many less varieties to collect. But this is not a fact. The vastness of the field and the great number of collectible varieties to-day need not at all daunt the beginner. The collector who commenced a decade ago is not a whit more likely to ever get a complete collection of the stamps of the world than he who starts to-day. And more, there are to-day there are three times as many stamps to be bought at a penny a piece or less as there were in the early nineties. You can secure a much larger collection with any given small sum of money than you could have done in those so-called halcyon days. A very little pocket money will give you a better start than it would have done then.

The dealer will probably be the most potent factor in the upbuilding of your collection; but there are some things you will not need to go to the dealer for. The subject of how much beginners can do in getting desirable stamps from the old correspondence and business documents of friends and relatives is one we will reserve for some later time. But one thing we especially wish to call attention to here (and this is for older collectors, also) that you will find it well to go to the postoffice and purchase a full set of the current U. S. issue for your album. Of course you can get used copies of these stamps without their costing you anything; but they will never have one-tenth part of the beauty and freshness of unused copies. Moreover, if you buy the unused, you are getting them at a lower price than

you will have to pay in future years should you ever decide to replace your used copies with unused ones. Almost all old collectors will endorse the wisdom of this. Many of them have had a similar experience to that of the writer of these lines. The issue of 1879 was in use when he commenced collecting. There have been, according to Scott, about 60 varieties of the U. S. stamps issued since then, all of which he might have secured at face value at the postoffice had he been wise enough to do so. Instead of that, he secured and placed in his album the most lightly cancelled specimens he could find and was abundantly satisfied. But, behold, a change came over the spirit of his dream. In an unguarded moment a seductive approval sheet tempted him into buying two or three unused U. S. of a recent issue; and when these once found room in his album, nothing would do but that they must have more company. And the writer estimates that the unused stamps he has bought thus far have cost him about three times as much as he could have bought them for when Uncle Sam had them on sale.

Let not the beginner think, however, that we advise the purchase of current foreign issues in an unused state. To buy these used will do exactly as well. But U. S. stamps are a little different. They are the stamps of your own land and it is highly probable that some day they will be of more interest to you than anything else in your album; that you will devote more time and money to the U. S. pages than to anything else in the book. This is probably because it is the experience of much more than half of the collectors of this republic. You may now be much more interested in some of the picturesque issues of foreign lands than in more familiar stamps of nearer home; but if you are like the most of us, there will be a different tale to tell some day. And then you will be bemoaning the lost opportunities of the past, just as we are doing—that is, unless you have profited by our terrible example.

One of the tasks we have set ourselves in this department is the unravelling of

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Editorial.

COMING events cast their shadows before, and the Pan-American stamps already loom up on the philatelic horizon. Philatelic opinion seems to be much divided as to the reception which ought to be given this latest example of a special and commemorative issue. For the sake of consistency, many of those who have steadily frowned upon the myriads of commemorative issues originating abroad are not inclined to welcome this American born product. But, after all, it requires a great deal of self denial for any American collector to exclude from his pages as handsome a series as the Pan-American stamps give promise of being; and there will be a few collectors, indeed, who will not give them album room, though in some cases no doubt very grudgingly. The old contention which raged round both the Columbian and Omaha issues, as to whether such are not the means of awakening much new interest in stamp collecting and starting many new collections have of course been again revived. But it would seem as though this was, by this time, hardly open to question. Both the Columbian and Omaha issues developed many new collectors; and though, of course, not a few of them were of the effervescent, soon-tired class, there is a goodly scattering of splendid philatelists among us who date their philatelic birth to these "exposition labels." So here's plenty of room and a clear field for the stamps of the Pan-American.

THERE is a great deal in print nowadays about the foolishness of under any consideration buying damaged or mended stamps. The young collector is

being constantly adjuced to buy more but perfect specimens; and it would seem that it is quite generally regarded as a heinous philatelic sin to place in an album any stamp belonging to the damaged or mended class. But is there not another side to this matter. There are a great many stamps whose price, in perfect condition, is quite out of the reach of the ordinary collector. Now and then specimens of these reach the market that are not quite perfect; perhaps they may have a corner mended, or they may have been torn quite in two and then neatly joined together again, or any one of a dozen other mishaps may have befallen them to bring them under the stamp surgeon's hands. At any rate, there they are, nicely mended in a way that shows, to be sure, under close scrutiny, yet withall the design intact and none of the brightness lost; and to be had usually at a small fraction of the regular undamaged price. What folly it is to pass by such specimens as this and leave in preference a space forever unoccupied, because forsooth you are a "crank on condition." There is such a thing as over fastidiousness in Philately. A mended stamp that is bright and clean and retains all the freshness of its color is twenty times better than one that is whole, but dingy and faded. Don't be afraid of the mended stamp, when its uninjured brother is too loftily priced for your purse.

A pretty strong attempt is being made in some quarters to boom the collecting of souvenir postal cards in this country. The souvenir card, be it said for the benefit of those of our readers unfamiliar with the species, is a card of ordinary postal size, bearing a highly colored picture of some scene or event characteristic of the city or place whence they come. A person visiting, say Niagara Falls or Washington, can procure souvenir cards of these places to send home to friends through the mails the addition of a one cent stamp making them mailable. They form tasty and inexpensive souvenirs for the delectation of friends far away, and a large collection of them, covering many different localities, is of considerable interest. But they have no more to do with Philately than tobacco tags or buttons or theatre programs or any of the thousand and one other things that are collected by some persons. To devote space in stamp journals to exploiting the beauties of souvenir card collecting is a craze that, if it once got well started in this country, might hurt Philately a great deal. In Germany, where it is at present all the rage, a great many stamp collectors have given up their albums and embraced the new hobby. Let American philatelic editors

beware how they give space in their columns to helping along a possible rival to the pursuit whose interests they represent. Souvenir card collecting is, of course, at best an ephemeral thing, not likely to hold the fancy for any great length of time. But it might switch out of the philatelic current a great many promising young collectors who could not easily be brought back into the fold.

CONDITION is nowadays a great factor in stamp selling. In some ways too much attention is paid to it; in others, not enough. Rather too much stress is laid on the presence of all the perforations and the original gum and one or two other matters that are really of subordinate importance. The absence of a perforation or two does not materially impair the beauty of a stamp; nor does the presence or absence of original gum effect its appearance as it lies in an album. The real point of condition to insist upon is that the cancellation is not heavy enough to constitute a defacement, if the stamp be a used one; and that the original color and freshness of the stamp is not in the slightest degree impaired. Too much care can not be taken in this latter particular. There is nothing which does so much to lend beauty to a page of stamps as for the specimens to possess that fresh, clean, ineffably wholesome look that is so marked a feature of all the most carefully chosen collections. The higher one's standard in this way, the better. The collector may be obliged to reject specimen after specimen before finding one to his taste, but the admiration which his collection will excite in all beholders will prove ample compensation for the extra trouble. In many varieties of many countries it is a matter of extreme difficulty to find specimens fully up to one's requirements. There are, apparently, whole issues of stamps that have lost, as is plainly visible to the trained eye, some part of their original lustre. Stamps are more susceptible to age, handling, dust, and atmospheric conditions than is generally realized; and it is surprising how many stamps are harbored in the average album, well enough looking to deceive their owners into the belief that they are fine specimens, which in reality by no means retain their original looks. A volume might be written on this matter and on the failure of collectors to give it the attention it deserves. We dismiss it here with the hope of treating it at more length in a later number.

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of some of the enigmas presented to young collectors in Scott's catalogue. The catalogues of to-day are as explicit in their descriptions as it is possible to be in the space they can command; but nevertheless there are a great many pages in Scott, and the foreign catalogues as well, that are very confusing and puzzling to the collectors of the medium class, making the identification of any special variety oftentimes a Herculean labor. We can hardly hope to wholly dissipate the darkness, but we can give our mite of illumination at any rate. The mandates of that stern old tyrant, Space, will not allow us to do anything in this line this week, without making undue encroachments into territory sacred to other matter. We will likewise be obliged to forego the pleasure of borrowing from our excellent English contemporary, *Stamps*, some matter that seemed exactly fitted for this department; and that we have indeed alluded to in another portion of this number as to be found here. But one thing more we must say before closing, and that is that the Editor will be pleased to make himself just as much of a bureau of information as any of our young readers wish him to be. He will answer letters of inquiry on any point as well as he is able and pass in judgment upon the genuineness, etc., of any specimen sent him or give any information about them in any way that lies within his power. He makes no claim to infallibility or to being one of the great philatelic experts. He is simply

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Chicago Notes.

By S. E. MOISANT.

Nothing could prove more satisfactory to the Chicago readers of the *Post* than the appointment of Lewis G. Quackenbush to the position of editor. Mr. Quackenbush is an old-time Chicago collector and has many friends here who wish him every success in his new capacity.

P. M. Wolsieffer will move from 75 State St. to 38 E. Madison St. on May 1st.

C. E. Severn will also move on May 1st, but so far has not found a location.

The Monarch Monthly, of this city, has purchased the *Saratoga Amateur & Stamp News* and consolidated it with their paper.

The Philatelic Literature Collector, of Westbury, has also been sold to an Illinois paper. It having been bought by S. E. Moisant, Kankakee, Ill.

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Review of Current Publications American and Foreign

Stamps; Monthly; Published by F. L. Heygeld, Rushden, R. S. Q., England—That youngest, brightest and most interesting of Great Britain's journals, *Stamps*, furnishes in its issue for March 25th a splendid array of reading matter. In fact, there is in it so much that is worthy of review that the reviewer hardly knows how to cover its contents adequately without taking up an undue amount of space. The first page is devoted to a short article headed "Philately and Charity. The Orphan's Home Locle. Switzerland, it seems has for some years received not a little revenue from the sale of old postage stamps collected and sent in by charitable persons, the amount realized last year being 3,200 francs. This Orphan's Home, which forms a shelter for about 90 girls, was lately destroyed by fire and an especially strong appeal has been sent out to European philatelists to assist its rebuilding with stamp contributions. The editors of *Stamps* have investigated the matter and conclude it to be a most worthy object of charity. Hence, they heartily commend it to their readers. Charitably inclined Americans may be interested in knowing that the exact address of the institution is L'Asile des Billodes, Locle, Switzerland.

Under the heading "Hints for Beginners or the Rising Generation of Philatelists" appears month after month some of the most lucidly instructive matter to be found anywhere in the philatelic press. Part of this space is this month devoted to explaining some of the main differences of various issues of English stamps in paper and watermark; and is so good that we have used some of it, with slight recasting and alteration in our "Talks With Young Collectors." The most interesting thing in this Beginners' department is, however, a summary of the earliest types of "Queen's Heads" used in the various colonies in their chronological order. Victoria was, most appropriately, one of the first British colonies to place the Queen's portrait on its stamp, which it did in 1850; Mauritius only, which used the Queen's head on the celebrated postoffice Mauritius in 1847, outranking it in earlier issues. Nova Scotia followed suit in 1851, and Canada, (the only colony, by the way, to use a portrait of the Queen's husband, Prince Albert) utilized the Queen's portrait the same year. New South Wales fell in line in '51; Tasmania in '53; South Australia

in '53; St. Helena in '54; Ceylon in '57; and so on. It is really wonderful how many interesting things there are about Queen's heads when one goes into their history. And our English friends are certainly analyzing them pretty thoroughly just now. But we must not be tempted into further dalliance over this fascinating department for beginners, which is really even more interesting to the older collector than to the novice it especially addresses; and so we will pass on to the next feature, the continuation of Grant R. Francis' monograph on "The Stamps of the United States." The present installment deals with the issue of 1855 and both illustrates and explains the differences in design that constitute the various varieties catalogued in the 3, 5 and 10 cent stamps of that issue. The illustrations are especially clear and show the points of difference so plainly that they cannot be mistaken. Mr. Francis states that a great many of the rarer varieties of these stamps are to be found on English exchange sheets, priced as the common type. Would that we were on the circuit of some of these sheets. Mr. Francis' monograph is to be highly commended. It presents little or nothing that is new to the expert in U. S. stamps, but will doubtless open the eyes of many English collectors to not a little of which they have before had a scanty understanding. The "Gossip About Entires," by Ben, deals with the picture postcard, or the souvenir card, as we call it in this country, a monstrosity which we regret to see receiving any attention in philatelic papers, in whose columns it certainly has no legitimate place.

The editorials, under the head "Our Note Book," are good reading; and so is the Chronicle of New Issues, which is extremely up-to-date. The Fiscal department is conducted by A. Preston Pearce, one of the high priests of Fiscalism in England; and we doubt not that the increasing number of collectors who take an interest in these stamps find the two pages allotted to him all too small for the satisfying of their appetite. "The Month's Literature," a review of some of the most noted philatelic essays of the month, written by one, "Retlaw," is decidedly excellent; and we sincerely wish this able reviewer had more space at his command. A multitude of society reports complete the number.

The Philatelic West; Monthly; published by L. T. Brodstone, Superior, Neb.—*The Philatelic West* is one of the oldest, largest and most successful of our journals; it contains each month a great variety of interesting philatelic reading; yet we cannot help thinking it a thousand pities that it cannot dispense with the camera and curio departments, to whose uses so much valuable space is

sacrificed. 'Tis not so much that we love them less, but that we love Philately the more. Of course we can see and plainly recognize that by catering to these interests as well as to philatelists, Mr. Brodstone has been able to appeal to a much larger body of people than if Philately were his sole dependence; and that the advertising and subscription books doubtless bear ample proofs of the wisdom of this policy. But looking at the matter in a purely sentimental way we regret that the entire paper is not devoted to philatelic matter.

We have just received the *West* for March 25th. The series of articles on "Counterfeits and Their Detection," by Lacus Viridus, which has been running in the *West* for some time, deals this time with various Mexican forgeries and describes their identification points very well, indeed. That time worn philatelic veteran, E. R. Aldrich, pens some "Notes for U. S. Collectors" that are very good, though giving more news of the Postal service than of stamps. Two short articles, "The Philippines," by N. Staples, and "Stamp Collecting," by Miss Agnes Knowlton, are rather amateurish essays of little interest and might well have been omitted. A retrospect of the *West's* career follows, from the pen of E. H. Wilkinson, its founder and first editor, who has just returned to his first love and is with this number reinstated as the *West's* editor; a change we view with much pleasure, as we recall Mr. Wilkinson as a really able and forceful writer.

The feature of the number is Mr. E. R. Steinbrück's sketch, "The Stamp of Germany," which is appearing serially. Mr. Steinbrück's is one of the most successful attempts we have ever seen to show how much of the history of a nation can be read from its stamps. Mr. Steinbrück is himself of German birth, and the stamps of the Fatherland have, of course, to him an interest peculiarly their own. That interest forms the groundwork for most interesting matter relative to the early German issues. We would much like to quote some of it here, but space effectually forbids. "Observations on Some Original Covers," by R. R. Thiele, is something very much out of the ordinary run. In these "Observations," which are a regular feature of the *West*, Mr. Thiele is describing month by month the features of interest about some of the stamps on the original cover which he has (we assume) in his collection. And it is surprising how much he makes of this apparently barren subject; surprising how much of interest can be learned or suggested from the addresses and postmarks and cancellations that adorn these old covers. This month's installment is just as interesting as any of the

preceding ones; and, apart from Mr. Steinbrück's contribution, is by far the best thing in the paper. Some good editorials follow; and then a review of foreign stamp journals also by Mr. Thiele. Though handicapped by limited space, he shows himself well fitted for the task and the *West* would do well to allow him more space in which to elaborate this feature. Nothing in the remaining pages need engage our notice, they being given over to reports of societies and camera, coin and curio articles.

The Philatelic Journal of Great Britain; Monthly; Published by Kirkpatrick & Pemberton, London, England.—Our old friend, *The Philatelic Journal of Great Britain*, although it is perhaps not quite as good as it used to be in the days when Wm. Brown was its publisher and Percy Bishop its editor, it is still a most valuable publication, well worth reading every month. In the issue of March 25th, Mr. A. H. Stamford forms the subject of the portrait and sketch it is each month making some well known philatelist the target for. Turning over the page we find part second of Mr. Pemberton's "Notes on Greek Stamps." Mr. Pemberton principally discusses this month the question of what caused the difference in appearance between the first Athens prints of 1861 and the Paris prints, immediately preceding. The generally accepted theory is that the plates from which these stamps were printed was retouched before being sent from Paris to Athens, but this Mr. Pemberton questions, as have recently some other authorities. Mr. Pemberton does not clearly state just what, in his opinion, produced the decidedly different appearance of the first Athens prints, but seems to imply that the difference in the lines of shading on the face and neck is due to the wearing of the plate. To our mind this is by no means as plausible as the retouching theory. Still, the article is an interesting one to all lovers of Greek stamps.

Two pages are devoted to a complete report of the I. P. U.'s late exhibition. A full account of the Bulmer case, another of philatelic England's many contributions to the police docket, alluded to this week in our news columns comes next; and then an excellent article by that able writer, W. Downing Beckton, on the surcharged St. Helena stamps that will interest all specialists in British Colonials, but goes too deeply into some very minor points to bear recapitulation here. Oliver Firth continues his paper on "The Line—Engraved 2 Sen Adhesive Stamps of Japan (1871-75)," a very valuable work for those specializing in Japanese. New issue matter and the inevitable society reports keep the ball rolling till we reach what was such a great feature of the *P. J. of G. B.* in

the old days, the *Philatelic Review of Reviews Supplement*, now somewhat thinner than of yore and occupying but three pages, the only journals reviewed being its English contemporaries. The reviews given, however, are thoroughly adequate.

The Stamp Collector's Fortnightly; Fortnightly; Published by Plumridge & Co., London—Strangely enough, the only other magazine to reach our desk this week was the *S. C. F.* of Mar. 30th, and even at the risk of being considered Anglomaniacs, we must give the British press even more yet of our space. This number of the *S. C. F.* contains as usual a great variety of matter. First the column, "Philately at Home and Abroad," pithy and good. Then the continuation of "The Collector's Guide to Values," which is still dealing with India. Editorials and New Issues and Society Reports are in their accustomed place and so are Mr. Nathan's "Reminiscences." A whole host of bright and clever short articles and paragraphs fill out the *Fortnightly's* quota.

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The Dresden society now has no less than 1657 members, undoubtedly the largest list of any society in the world.

The *Philatelic Record*, England's oldest stamp journal, which was born somewhere in the early seventies, has once more changed hands, having been lately acquired by a syndicate of collectors, a la its sprightly contemporary, the *S. C. T. "Syndicates of Collectors"* seem to have a great hankering to tread the thorny paths of philatelic publishing in England just now. And Philately is to be highly congratulated on the fact. There is considerable ground for the belief that the *Record* at least, if not the *Fortnightly* also, would soon have been numbered among the things that have been, had not these providential syndicates come to the rescue in the nick of time. Philately can ill afford to lose either, especially the venerable and most respectable *Record*, which is, if we mistake not, the oldest stamp journal published in the English language. Mr. E. J. Nankwell will continue as its editor under the new regime.

James Bulmer, a 20 year old college student, is the latest approval sheet fraud to come to grief in London. He succeeded in obtaining \$2,500 worth of stamps by various ingenious methods before being finally apprehended. Singularly enough, only a few shillings worth of these were sold, his sole object appearing to have been the enrichment of his own collection; as the stamps were almost all found in his possession. They were returned to their proper owners and all losses made good by the young man's father; and the very strongest kind of an attempt made to procure a suspended sentence for him, in view of these facts and previous good character. Fortunately, however, the Judge took the proper view of the matter and sentenced the offender to three months imprisonment. They appear to have a summary way of dealing with frauds across the big pond that might well be imitated in this country.

Although England has long had many enthusiastic stamp collectors within its borders, any description of the philate-

lic societies of the Emerald Isle would up to very lately, have necessarily been of the same order as the celebrated chapter on its snakes. But now Erin can lift up her head in triumph. A philatelic club has lately been formed in Dublin; and great enthusiasm is being manifested. Here's hoping long life and prosperity.

It is rumored that the first postal issue of the new Australian Commonwealth will be a special half penny stamp to commemorate the visit of the Duke of Cornwall and York. Australian philatelists are reported as mightily wrought up over the proposed wholesale surcharging said to be in contemplation. Why not aim their arrows at this commemorative issue also? Commemorative issues deserve scanty grace at philatelic hands.

The auction sales of one of London's leading stamp auctioneers are now held at the Hotel Cecil, a hostelry famous as the resting place of the swellest of the swell. We wonder if the time will ever come when New York auctions will be held at the Waldorf-Astoria.

Gleanings.

BY A BOOK WORM.

The Switzerland Cantonals are by no means so rare as their high valuation might indicate, and the number of such stamps brought out by the Geneva Exposition was surprising. There were among them: Zurich, 4 rappen, 11 copies; 6 rappen, 241; double Geneva, cut in half, 51; Geneva, large eagle, 178; dark green, 99; green on white paper, 36; Basle, 83; Vaud, 4c, 43; 5c, 263; Narfehatel, 74; Mueterhur, 98, or a total 1324 of these varieties. The natural consequences of this surprising number of cantonals was a reduction in their values. It is hard to understand why the price of these varieties should have been as high, as they were scarcest of them all. The double Geneva of 1843, not less than 60,000 copies are known to have been issued, still \$400 was paid for a good used specimen of this stamp not lang ago.

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Frank P. Brown, the well-known Boston dealer, holds a sale at Elk's Hall on the evening of May 8th, consisting of rare U. S. and many desirable foreign stamps.

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Editorial.

FIRST of all this week the editor wants to say how pleasantly surprised and gratified he has been at the warmth with which he has been welcomed back into the journalistic fold. Had he before had any doubts as to the extent of the Post's circulation they would surely have been dissipated by the past month's experience. He has been fairly deluged with letters from all points of the compass. He has heard from many philatelists with whom he formerly had a personal acquaintance and many others whom he has never met, but who remembered his writings of former days. And from all of them come practically the same words of welcome and good wishes. He hopes to reply personally to all these letters as fast as the demands upon his time will allow. But in the meanwhile, lest any might think their greetings neglected, he extends to all those who have thus remembered him his hearty thanks.

WE are now fairly settled down in the editorial harness and ready to push forward with a vim the line of policy we laid out in taking editorial charge of the Post's columns. We hope to show our readers from now on a steady improvement in each succeeding number. Some difficulties were inevitable in getting out the first few numbers under the new arrangement, on account of the distance thus suddenly opened up between the editorial and publishing departments. But we believe that we have everything now in smooth working order, and we bespeak the indulgence of our readers for any shortcomings that have thus far been noticeable, with the promise that we will do our best to make them beauti-

fully less in the future. In one thing, however, we think we must sometimes trespass on the reader's good nature. It is impossible for the editor to read the proofs of the paper without unduly delaying the publication each week and that is not to be thought of. Likewise the publisher nowadays is such a busy man, so up to his armpits, as it were, in all sorts of work that he cannot possibly read proofs of all that appears in these columns. Hence the duty is necessarily delegated to subordinates who often pass by errors that would readily be detected by a reader more familiar with the subjects treated. One instance will suffice. In our issue of April 11th one sentence read that late sessions of the Chicago Philatelic Society had been almost *notoriously* enthusiastic. We wrote *riotously* enthusiastic and, apologizing for this seeming slur on a most excellent society, we beg to extend to them renewed assurances of our distinguished consideration.

OUR editorial in the April 11th issue anent the American Philatelic Association has called forth a number of protests. In particular have we received letters from Mr. Juo. J. Oesch, Chairman of the Membership Committee of that body, and from Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer, the well known Chicago philatelists, whose efforts in behalf of the Association have of late attracted such widely favorable attention. These gentlemen maintain strongly that the A. P. A., so far from being a quiescent body, was never more alive than at present. They send specimens of the booklet recently put out by the Membership Committee and other literature of a proselyting nature, and state their belief that as the result of sowing these broadcast, the A. P. A. must and will increase greatly in membership and strength in the near future. We sincerely hope and trust that such may be the case. Our attitude in the editorial noted was not by any means one of antagonism in this grand old body. It was simply one of regret that it has in recent years appeared to constantly lose ground both in membership and prestige. It was in sorrow, not in contempt that we noted the 500 members of today and compared this showing with that of the years when the membership was twice that number. We believe that no philatelist in America sees more clearly the need of a large representative national body than the writer of these lines. He has always been a friend and supporter of the organization. He was for many years a member and was at one time one of its officers. He has forwarded to Mr. Oesch his application for membership and he would be more than glad if every reader of these words

could be induced to follow his example.

But the question is (and this is the light in which we wished to present the matter in our other editorial) is it possible to bring collectors into such a society and hold them to their allegiance. Can any campaign of education be devised sufficiently effective to not only bring the lukewarm collector into the association, but also to make him an enthusiastic adherer and an energetic worker for that body. If every member of the A. P. A. were like Mr. Oesch and Mr. Wolsieffer that body, even with its present membership, would be the strongest and most powerful philatelic society in the world. But there is a vast deal of deadwood in the membership. What the A. P. A. needs, and this applies to all other philatelic societies, is not so much new members as greater enthusiasm on the part of the old ones. If they once awake up fully then there will be no trouble in getting the new members. There is an old and very frequent saying that the Lord helps those who help themselves. What the A. P. A. wants to do is to make membership in it so attractive, so fraught with distinct and tangible benefits, such an honor and distinction that there will be great competition to get into it. The first step to be taken is the publication of a philatelic magazine of its own; a magazine which shall be its official organ and a great deal more beside; a representative magazine of a far higher grade than the effervescent young monthlies that besprinkle the philatelic field so plentifully and that we shall not be ashamed to place beside the great philatelic organs of England and Europe generally. Business enterprise has given us the best philatelic weeklies in the world, but business enterprise is not likely to give us a great representative monthly, because it seeks profitable returns from its investments and the weekly field is far more attractive. Every member of the A. P. A. could richly afford to take \$10 worth of stock and there is \$5,000 worth at once; every dealer in the Association could richly afford to patronize its advertising columns, and it would, if rightly conducted (and we know there are the men in the A. P. P. who could make it a grand success) be at once on honor to American Philately and a recruiting agent for the A. P. A. far more valuable than the most active membership committee that ever drew breath. We would not be understood as belittling, in even so small a degree, the labors of Mr. Oesch and his associates. They are making a noble effort, and we wish them all possible success. We shall be glad in these columns to do anything we possibly can to assist them. But we trust that they and every other Association member who reads these lines will ponder carefully

what we have said in regard to those other matters that seem to us equally important.

It is with much pleasure that we note that the Scott Stamp and Coin Co. is to publish a supplement to the grand "Catalogue for Advanced Collectors," which was so long a feature of the *A. J. of P.* and has since its completion appeared in book form. This catalogue, one of the most comprehensive stamp treatises ever written in any language, was commenced in 1892 and appeared in the *A. J. of P.* by instalments every month for eight years, 1900 witnessing its completion. Myriads of new issues have of course appeared since the earlier portions of the work were compiled and the object of the supplement is to include all these and thus make the work an absolutely complete reference book of all the stamps of the nineteenth century. Before going on with the work, they desire 500 subscribers for the book, \$5 each as a guarantee against loss. No advanced collector should hesitate a moment in sending in his subscription and thereby doing his mite to help along the work. It would be a public calamity if not enough subscriptions were received to insure the issuance of the work. But we have little fear of that.

NOTHING shows more plainly the difference between the collecting methods of today and those of a decade ago than the manner in which the stamp business has been infected by the bacillus of progress. The manner in which up-to-date stamp concerns nowadays send out traveling representatives who exhibit auction lots, etc., to the collectors of various cities, and also often carry a goodly lot of the firm's stock books and do business with collectors in just the same way as an ordinary drummer, is calculated to make an old timer feel that Philately has not stood still. It is altogether likely that this practice of sending traveling men to call on collectors in the interest of this or that stamp house will increase in popularity in the near future. The times seem to demand it, and those firms that have tried it seem to be abundantly satisfied. And there is surely one thing very satisfactory in drumming with this sort of line; one will never have to pay excess baggage rates for his samples.

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New York Notes.

BY PRIMROSE.

Whenever a small, and in some instances, large countries, issue a provisional or surcharged stamp, speculation comes to the fore. The latest emission to gain much notoriety is the new Bermuda one farthing, surcharged on the one shilling stamp, the latter on a new color. In England the dealers quote this stamp at four pence (8 cents). In this country one western dealer advertises the stamp as a bargain—at forty cents. The stamp can be purchased in New York (at the time of writing) for two cents. So much for prices. It is said that 160,000 of these stamps were in the first order and that some was bought up by speculators within forty-eight hours. It stands to reason that there must have been a second printing or order for these stamps by the Crown Agents at Bermuda, as no speculator would be foolish enough to sell the stamps to dealers at a price, with sufficient profit for them, to re-sell at two cents, when they (the speculators) control the whole issue—and could dictate prices.

Specialism by dealers is a matter little thought of by collectors. The latter seem to be under the impression that they are in the field alone—but they would quickly change their views if they could see some of the dealers' stock books, and enquire of them what stamps that require most one dealer in this city, specializing in the stamps of Samoa, another prefers France and French Colonies, and still another wants Norway, Finland, Russia and Denmark and Colonies, and so on. One dealer in Boston advertises for Cuba and dealers on the Pacific coast want Chinese and Hawaiian Islands.

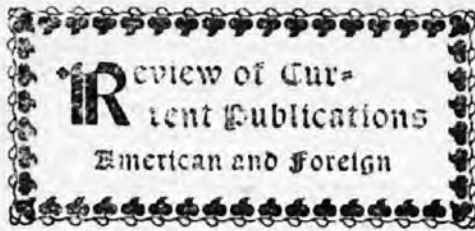
Mr. J. F. Dodge writes that his father is seriously ill, and that he will shortly take a trip to this city to visit him. The dollar greys of the current issue revenues are being offered in unlimited quantities—especially in cut condition. Dollar reds are also quite common cut, and far by scarce uncut. The three dollar red, either cut or uncut, is quite scarce, and in the latter condition it is seldom met with. The \$30.00 denomination is scarcer than the \$100.00 values, according to the number around.

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American Journal of Philately: monthly, published by the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., New York.

The *American Journal of Philately* for April is unusually full of valuable and interesting matter. Some of it is not original, it is true, being reprinted from foreign publications; but inasmuch as so many American philatelists do not receive the European journals, the reproduction of some of the best things to be found in them is a procedure rather to be praised than criticised. That indefatigable writer, Mons Jules Bonvez, opens the number with the continuation of his "History of the Postage Stamps and Entires of Belgium." Anyone acquainted with M. Bonvez's compilations knows that they are always exhaustively complete in every detail. As a careful and accurate investigator, M. Bonvez has few equals among philatelic historians. Whenever he starts to write upon the stamps of any country, all the known facts in relation to those stamps are certain of a thorough airing, and there is a rare commotion among old postal records until Bonvez finds just the data he is in search of. One does not need to be a specialist in Belgians to appreciate the value of his present work. Although going very deeply into detail, his classifications and descriptions are so clear that there is no difficulty in following them. The nature of the work may be judged from the fact that this month's four-page installment is almost wholly devoted to one stamp, the 5 cent so-called newspaper stamp of 1866, Scott's No. 107. M. Bonvez goes into the *raison-d'être* of the issue: reproduces the royal decrees, showing its exact use; and then goes minutely into the eight minor varieties produced by the eight separate printings, giving the data of each printing, the number each time printed, the difference of color and paper in each printing, and the present value of each variety (estimated, of course, according to the French market). Here is a host of information very different from the "107, 5c brown, a, 5c yellow brown" of the catalogue. Every one of M. Bonvez's varieties is a clear, clean cut, distinctly separable variety; and one can scarcely imagine any more pleasant philatelic recreation than to take a good large stock of this 5c of 1866 and search through it carefully for the different varieties. Such articles as these of M. Bonvez ought to be carefully preserved and kept where they can be readily referred to.

"The Provisional Stamps of German China" is translated from the *Illustrirte Briefmarken Zeitung* and is of considerable interest to the growing number of collectors that are specializing in German Colonials. Personally, we feel no interest whatever in "provisional surcharges" of this kind, where nine different kinds of type are used in surcharging one sheet of 100 stamps. But for those who do, the article in question will be a valuable help.

Seldom is a more interesting or novel question raised than that of Mr. Ehrenbach, in "The Status of Unpaid Letters, Too Late, and Official Stamps," which the *A. J. of P.* reprints from the *London Philatelist*. Mr. Ehrenbach asks just how far these stamps of hybrid use and nature are to be considered postage stamps, and whether or not they come properly within the pale of postage stamp collecting. We will not go into Mr. Ehrenbach's arguments here as we propose to review his essay and treat the questions therein raised in a special article in next week's *Post*. It is really a wonder, when one stops to think of it, that no one has before raised the questions which Mr. Ehrenbach propounds. And as no review can do full justice to the essay, we would advise every one of our readers to send for the April *A. J. of P.* and read it for themselves. It is the feature of the number.

Collectors of entires will be pleased to find six pages of the *A. J. of P.* devoted to United States Postal Cards, being a full description of all the U. S. cards from 1873, the first issue, up to the present day, taken from the latest report of the P. O. Dept. The usually excellent chronicle and notes about stamps complete the April number.

The Philatelic Advocate; Monthly. Published by Starnaman Bros., Berlin, Ont.—*The Philatelic Advocate* for April is somewhat diminutive in size but contains, as is almost always the case with this able Canadian publication, some very remarkable matter. The "United States Minutes," by Uscona, are, as usual, excellent. Henry A. Chapman has a pleasant essay entitled "The Passing of the Queen, and the editorials and society reports occupy their accustomed space. A larger number is promised next month.

The Philatelic Record; Monthly: Published by A. R. Magill, Montreal, Canada.—This *Philatelic Record* (which must not be confounded with the great *Philatelic Record* over the water) is a rather bright little paper, rather more sensibly edited than most young journals, really a publication of quite a little promise. It is, of course, small as befits the subscription price, 10c a year, but neatly printed and altogether very good looking. It is illustrated, too. The opening article in the April number is

on "The Royal Series of Newfoundland," and is embellished with cuts of the ½c, 1c, 2c, 3c and 5c of Newfoundland's present issue, about as interesting a set at present as one could easily call to mind, bearing as they do the portraits of Prince Edward of York, the new King's eldest grandchild, the late Queen Victoria, King Edward VII, Queen Alexandria and the Duke of Cornwall and York in the order named. The cuts are well done and add very much to the interest of the article, which is merely a slight descriptive sketch of the issue. This is followed by an article on "Philatelic Literature" by Miss Amy L. Swift, which presents nothing new, being simply a repetition of the perennial wail as to the lack of good philatelic literature in America. Editorial matter under the heading, "The Philatelic World as Seen by the Editor," completes the number.

Our Boston Letter.

J. H. LYONS.

On Tuesday evening last occurred the regular monthly meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society. There were a large number of new members admitted, and nearly a dozen new applications for membership. The auction sale of stamps contributed by the members, to be sold for the benefit of the library committee, realized over \$40.00. There was also an exhibition of several collections in competition for the medals, offered by the New England Stamp Co., for the best exhibit of U. S. Departments, Newspaper and Due Stamps. The first prize, a silver medal, was awarded to Geo. L. Toppan, and the bronze medal was awarded to L. L. Green. Mr. Toppan is well known in philatelic circles, being president of the American Philatelic Association.

On Wednesday evening last B. L. Drew & Co. held their 67th auction sale. There was an average attendance, and the prices realized were good, considering the class of stamps sold.

One of the stamps that is much sought after recently, is the one-half penny Cooks Island, with the surcharge inverted. I doubt if any dealer in the United States has one of these stamps in stock. Part of a sheet of these stamps was received in Boston almost two years ago, and they have been scattered among Boston collectors, with the exception of about half a dozen copies, which were sold to a Philadelphia stamp firm.

Next Tuesday evening Mr. Stone, of Cambridge, holds an auction sale of stamps at Elk's Hall, in Boston.

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Advertising Chat.

By the Advertising Manager.

Dealers all over the country report good business and are overruled with orders. Many of them are compelled to employ additional help. If you are not getting your share of this business it is because you do not advertise.

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A paper that is prompt works wonders with its readers. An "ad" in the Post, which is always prompt, will work wonders for the dealer. Those who place one "ad" in a paper—"just for a flyer," as they term it, and expect results from this single "ad" will soon learn that they are playing a losing game. You can't pick "winners" in this manner.

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The Post's "ads" are always well displayed. Every "ad" is "set up" to the best advantage. This is a point dealers never overlook. The first "ad" will bring replies. The future "ads" will bring results.

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these "ads." We believe that we have a list of buyers that will compare favorably with that of any of our contemporaries.

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A Talk on Some New Issues.

EDGAR S. BRIGHTMAN

This is a strenuous age. Everyone works—and is worked—to the limit of his enduring capacity. This is also an age of change, and of dissatisfaction with old ideas, and a constant reaching after something new under the sun, whether or not the new is any improvement upon the old. The postoffice departments of the world appear to be blessed with a superabundance of this restlessness, which under some circumstances may be pardonable enough, but which, in its effects on collectors, is, to speak mildly, oppressive. Most philatelists welcome a new issue once in a few years, but when we have a new variety each month, with a due intersprinkling of watermarks and perforations of a hundred kinds, it becomes just the least bit tiresome.

If any reader thinks that the condition of affairs as portrayed above is exaggerated, let him consider with an impartial mind, the issues of New Zealand since 1898, with the London prints and local prints, and other varieties beyond the ken of mortal man. And now this industrious colony has presented us with two more stamps, a 1d and a 1½d. The latter is ridiculous in design and of khaki color we are told by the English papers. This stamp (issued December 8, 1900) is intended, I believe, to commemorate in some way the ready obedience of New Zealand's sons to the Empire's call. Let us hope that it may succeed as a patriotic memorial, for it is a most lamentable failure from any other standpoint.

The 1d., this colony's latest—and most beautiful—effort is artistically excellent. The impression has been given by some accounts that Sir Edward Poynter, F. R. A., was the engraver of this stamp; but better authorities contradict this, asserting that Sir Edward was ill, and that this stamp was the work of some unknown artist. Three cheers for the unknown! Although this was meant to celebrate the inauguration of universal penny postage, it really does no such thing. New Zealand was too previous in making her arrangements without

consulting any other country, and now it is announced that she cannot realize her dream because the rest of the world is not ready to reciprocate. Issuing a stamp to commemorate something which has not yet occurred, and which probably will not occur for a long time is rather farcical, but nevertheless the stamp is issued and we must endure it.

Chronicles of new issues have been criticized for listing the new surcharged revenues of Tasmania, just as though they were postage stamps. It appears now that the critics were in the wrong, and the chroniclers (though unwittingly) in the right. The following extract from "Le Philatliste Francais" shows the painful truth.

"Some revenues have been surcharged REVENUE. The law restricting these stamps to fiscal use appeared the first day of December, but, unhappily, the stamps had been issued the evening before and there was, naturally, a rush to use them as postage stamps before it was too late. They have, then, been really used for postage, and we are compelled to catalogue them." What a commentary that, on the philatelic insight of the postoffice officials.

The 10, 20 and 30 centimes of the new issue for France come in two distinct types, which were caused thus. In type 1 the stamps were printed with two impressions; first the figure of value alone, and then the remainder of the design. The second type was made by printing the whole of the design with one impression. "La Circulaire Philatelique" gives the principal points of difference between the two types of the 10 centimes. It says that generally the figures of value and the rest of the design are of different shades in type 1. However, the most noticeable difference is this; in type 1 the figures are larger, and the base of the one is straight, while in the second type it is curved. It is said that type 1 will be quite scarce. So work, ye minor variety enthusiasts. Farther, the 13c orange will, according to this same journal appear soon in a new shade, the old one having caused no end of complaint. So much for new issues this time.

A POINTED POINT

is a good pointer, but a good point to remember is that the Post is read by people who read advertisements.

Write me for contract rates.

A. HERBST

Advertising Manager.

106 E. 111th St., New York City.

Chicago Notes.

By S. E. MOISANT.

I have practically nothing to report this month, except the two auction sales which took place.

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It is, perhaps you say, not a criminal matter if a few stamps are thus misplaced through ignorance. Granted that it does not much matter to the young collector for the time being, if some of his spaces do bear the wrong stamps. But the time is coming when it will be a source of incredible confusion. And even now they are very likely to befog him a great deal and to prove a source of much bewilderment whenever he thoroughly undertakes to thoroughly justify to himself his own arrangement. There is nothing to be gained by going to fast in Philately. The young collector will do far better to allow Time to unravel all these tangles for him, by following an entirely different plan. I would advise collectors never to place in any space in their albums any stamps that they are not perfectly sure belongs there. But, on the other hand, I would also advise them never to dispose of any stamp about whose identity there can be the least manner of doubt. Suppose you have a 10 lepton, orange, of the 1st issue of Greece, and have no way of finding out whether it is the Paris print worth four dollars, or the Athens print, worth three cents. Do not let any train of reasoning, however specious, lead you into the belief that yours must be the common variety, unless you absolutely know it is beyond a shadow of doubt. It is not infallible proof of its status that you bought it in an ordinary packet or off a cheap approval sheet. Rare varieties are mistaken for common

ones by the most lynx-eyed dealers every day in the year, and go out thereby to some lucky purchaser at a trifling portion of their worth. It is a safe enough rule in general that your variety is probably the common one but there are enough exceptions to make it an unreliable monitor in the long run.

The best plan for the young collector is to hang on every stamp that belongs to a family of two or more varieties, until he has become a sufficiently able philatelist to place it correctly. Every young collector ought to possess two albums. One, the main album, for his collection; another, an album in which to place all such stamps as these we are talking of stamps that may be different types and varieties from these he has, inasmuch as such types and varieties are known to exist. Take the U. S. grilles above referred to. Young collectors ought to cling to every grilled stamp they secure until they are absolutely sure they can measure grills correctly. Put them in this second album and keep them there, if you cannot sort them correctly now. I do not believe this is a bad precept to apply to U. S. stamps in general. Save every U. S. stamp you secure, postage or revenue, and the chances are that some day you will be very glad you have done so. There is not an old collector in the country who does not heartily wish he could recall the U. S. duplicates that he has sold and given away during his philatelic career, and search among them for some of the rare minor varieties whose existence was unknown when he let them slip through his hands so easily. I do not believe it to be best for the young collector to pay much attention to these minor varieties, until he has become a pretty thorough philatelist. By preserving all his duplicates in another album, he can lose nothing; and he postpones coping with a great many knotty problems until he is more able to master them. I am not much of a believer in collecting minor varieties adds a great deal of zest to one's collecting of such stamps as the older U. S. issues.

Another thing. If I were a young collector, I should not be in any haste to take any stamp of even very moderate rarity of the original letter if I chanced to obtain it in that condition. Young collectors often stumble on fairly good stamps in old correspondence, that they might very profitably leave on the original cover, instead of being in hot haste to tear from their moorings. The original cover is every year becoming more of a fad with wealthy collectors. Almost any stamp of medium rarity

will command more on the original letter than off. Nothing is to be lost, at least, by preserving it in this condition, provided it is a duplicate which you do not wish to place in your album.

It should be unnecessary nowadays when the splendid prices brought by pairs, strips and blocks of desirable stamps so often cause comment in the philatelic press, to caution young collectors never to separate a pair, strip or a block. Many fairly well posted older collectors can profit by this advice, too. Keep your pairs, strips and blocks intact. Never cut a stamped envelope or a postal card. The only way in which these two cumbersome cousins of the postage stamp are nowadays collected by the truly elect is in all their original unwieldiness. Do not cut your envelopes square, so as to get them in your album. Such mutilations are nowadays in little higher esteem than the old trimmed-to-shape envelopes, when collectors cut out the design and no more.

I may say here that I consider it unadvisable for the young collector to endeavor to do much with envelopes. The U. S. envelopes, to which he would naturally first turn his attention, are no fit subject for a novice to attack, or any one else save a thoroughly weather dried philatelist. Envelopes are a specialty in themselves, difficult enough to call forth the highest efforts of the most skilled specialist. The young collector can do little or nothing in them. The world's postage stamps are field enough for even the most ambitious young collectors. It is quite likely that the novice will quite frequently acquire cut envelopes of various foreign countries from packets. He may, of course, if he so wishes, place these in the spaces provided for them with perfect philatelic prosperity; but after all they are to everyone save the real specialists in them an indifferent side issue, and the best thing the novice can do with such is stray packet-stuffers to file them in the waste basket. They are the poorest of rubbish, from a monetary standpoint, continentals being Sydney Views by comparison. Entire foreign envelopes and post cards I should certainly save, as also all the old U. S. entires I could lay my hands on. But do not be in too much hurry. Be content to let some of these things wait. Put them aside till a little later. They will not lose one particle of their interest a value by the waiting.



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BRITISH GUIANA. A pair of the two cent circular stamps of the first issue, discovered in British Guiana a few years ago, differs in many particulars from the six other known varieties, and upsets the theory that the two cent were all printed from a single die. It was already known that more than one die had been used for the other values. The stamps must have been printed in horizontal lines one row at a time, the sheet of paper being pushed forward for each fresh row. The postmark shows these newly-found specimens to be oldest than we knew before.

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That stamp dealers expect to be busy all summer.

That the *Virginia Philatelist* is a month behind time.

That the *Perforator* has not appeared for April.

Our Boston Letter.

J. H. LYONS.

On the evening of the 23rd, Charles H. Stone held his second election at Elk's Hall. 465 lots were sold. There was a good attendance, and fair prices were realized. Among the number present was: J. F. Dodge of Pennsylvania. Mr. Dodge would have been a large buyer, but as this was his first attendance at a public auction sale, it was a little too rapid for him.

Mr. Dunkharst, the well known Washington, D. C., stamp dealer, is in town this week with a large wholesale stock of stamps. Mr. Dunkharst is a very pleasant man to meet, and is popular with the trade.

In one of the what might be called alleys of Boston, although it goes by the name of street, is a store run by an elderly lady, who deals in antiques, and does quite a stamp business. It is in an obscure place, and would seem to be the poorest locality imaginable to sell postage stamps. The lady states that most of the trade is to theatrical people. In the immediate vicinity, several of the largest theatres are located. I doubt if a great many of the local collectors ever noticed this store.

The stamp business here is reported by dealers to be better than it has been for several months. There is a larger demand for U. S., Hawaiian and Uruguay stamps than there has been. Hawaiian stamps seem to be ready sellers; even the very common ones; and the indications are that they will always be in demand.

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Editorial.

THERE have been few auction sales of recent years that are richer in interest to the student of Philately than the sale of the John E. Burton collection, recently taking place in Boston. It has been so long since a special collection of really commanding importance has been dispersed under the hammer that great interest was felt everywhere as to the prices that would be realized. The auction sales of the present season have been on the whole very satisfactory indeed, much more so, in fact, than anyone anticipated at the season's opening. But there has been a very decided inclination on the part of auctioneers to make up their sales mostly of the medium class of stamps. The real rarities, those on which a good stiff three figure reserve price would naturally be placed, have not been plentiful. Whether this has been due to lack of such material or to timidity on the part of the auctioneer, we cannot say. At any rate, the fact remains.

But the Burton sale was filled with gems "of purest ray serene" and the extremely healthy prices which they brought is as gratifying to philatelists in general who see in them a very reliable indication of the renewed strength which Philately has taken on of late, as they must be to the New England Stamp Co. and Mr. Burton himself. Incidentally, the results of the sale proclaim in no uncertain tone that there are few things in which American philatelists are more thoroughly interested or more desirous of filling in their blank spaces than U. S. Revenues. There can be no question that Fiscals of all kinds have been steadily growing in philatelic favor all over the world for some time past; and there certainly

never was a time when the revenue stamps of the United States in particular were as much appreciated, as thoroughly studied and as zealously collected as at present.

There are many good reasons for this which we need not here discuss in detail. But perhaps the greatest is that they present a field wherein one can wander without any fear of reprints, counterfeits or any manner of philatelic discovery. There have been some attempts at doctoring revenues, especially in the line of transforming perforates into imperforates; but after all there is no field in which the philatelist is so thoroughly safe from spending his money for that which is not bread, or his substance for that which is not meat. They seem, moreover, if the Burton sale by any criterion, to form exceedingly stable investment, and there are many reasons for thinking that many of them are more likely to advance in the future than the majority of the U. S. postage stamps, which, in our judgment, are very unlikely to again reach the high water mark of value of a few years since for a good long period.

THERE is some question as to whether or not Philately is on the eve of another "boom." We are inclined to believe that it is. Perhaps not so much a boom in prices (though there are a great many stamps that are good purchases for a rise at their present prices) as a boom in the way of added numbers and increase of interest. There have been a good many straws this late winter to show that Philately is taking a fresh grip over all the country. One of the surest of indicators is the philatelic press. Our stamp journals have perhaps been no larger, presented no more important articles, nor carried any more advertisements than they did a year ago, but there is an indefinite sort of life about them that has for a good while been lacking. There is a brighter, more cheerful tone apparent everywhere; editors and writers and correspondents all write more as they did in the golden days of a few years ago. There is more of the personal note sounded in the news letters from various cities, showing that philatelists are getting out of their holes and circulating about as of yore: in short, not to mention the thousand and one little things that make our journals the couriers of Philately's prosperity, let us say that they make it so plain that he who runs with any eyes at all may surely read the meaning. Philatelists are certainly wider awake than they have been for years past. The only question is, will it last? Are we really at the gateway of a new era in Philately's history, or is the present

activity a spasmodic thing? In the light of past experience, it will not perhaps do to be too sanguine. Yet we cannot but record our opinion that Philately in America has never stood in a more promising position than it does to-day.

JUDGING from all indications that excellent society for young collectors, the Philatelic Sons of America, stands in no small danger of being in the near future disrupted and torn by discord. A very strong movement is understood to be on foot to overthrow the power of C. W. Kissinger, the Secretary of the organization, who has ever since its formation been practically the ruling spirit in all its affairs. Regarding the merits of the controversy between the two factions we have nothing to say. But we do most sincerely regret to see another repetition of the old, old strife that has so seriously damaged almost all American philatelic societies, both great and small, at some period of their career.

Such a body as the P. S. of A. is in a position to do a great deal of good. Young collectors to whom the dues of the A. P. A. seem high, can have the pleasure and privilege of belonging to a national philatelic society at very nominal expense. They can participate in an exchange department, in which the class of stamps offered is suited to their needs and means. They can make acquaintance with other collectors of their own grade belonging to the society and often establish thereby some very pleasant and mutually useful correspondence. They should find, in short, the pleasure and interest of stamp collecting much heightened through belonging to such a body.

But what if the officers and principal members of that body seem to be principally concerned whether this or that faction is to fill its offices and control its affairs. Is it likely that they will have much time to improve the inner workings of the society and make the benefits it can offer to young collectors more tangibly valuable? Would it not be better if all factional lines were obliterated in a society of this kind and all superfluous energy turned to the practical improvements of the organization? Such a fight as is now impending in the P. S. of A. can have but one result; the impoverishment of the society in strength and influence. There should be no politics in a philatelic society. The A. P. A. has, most happily, apparently gotten away from the old state of things when its annual conventions and elections reminded one of a particularly lively bear garden. All is peace and brotherly love and harmony now at the A. P. A.'s gatherings. Why cannot the P. S. of A. follow the same lines.

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The New York Philatelist; Monthly; published by C. W. Brown & Co., Syracuse, N. Y.—The April number of the *New York Philatelist* shows plainly both in its appearance and its contents that the new management know what they are about. It is both enlarged and improved, to use a phrase that has grown old in the service of philatelic journalism, and clearly shows to the eye of one experienced in such matters, the earmarks of it being edited by some one who is a pretty thorough philatelist. We would not be surprised to learn that the eminent Syracuse philatelist, Mr. John F. Seybold, had something to do with this publication, if he is not actually its editor. The first page presents a portrait and biography of Mr. C. W. Abbott, who conducts that special feature of the *N. Y. P.*, the "Fraud Reporter;" the second page a portrait and sketch of Mr. J. C. Miller, who is now serving his third term as President of the Sons of Philatelia. Illustrations are a strong feature of the *N. Y. P.*, for on the next page is reproduced a most interesting original cover from Oldenburg, one of the gems of Mr. Seybold's collection. And then a page or so over, too, a dozen of the new issues are illustrated. Verily the *N. Y. P.* is enterprising.

But it is not all illustrations. Turning again to the reading matter we find a page of "Philatelic Proverbs," by A. Lloyd Jones, that we cannot but consider a sad waste of good space, they being inane and pointless in the extreme. Next, an excellent article on "Original Covers," by Philatelic Rambler, who is, we believe, Mr. Edgar Nelson, the celebrated juggler philatelist; then editorials, and "The Associate Editors Chat," by Mr. J. F. Dodge, a writer whose talks have about them little of real philatelic substance, yet are always interesting. A half dozen pages of short articles, paragraphs and notes then follows, some original, some reprinted, but all good and readable. The Fraud Reporter and society reports completes a splendid number.

The American Philatelic Magazine; monthly; published by Frank Brown, Omaha, Neb.—That splendid nutshell of journalistic goodness, *The American Philatelic Magazine*, is extremely late, the March number having but just answered roll call. The series of random notes under the heading "From a Deal-

er's Standpoint," by "Yours Truly" (Mr. Willard O. Wylie of Boston) are continued and form most interesting reading. It is very seldom that an experienced stamp dealer writes of "the inside" of the stamp business as candidly as Mr. Wylie is doing in these articles. His treatment of many matters is thoroughly novel and some of his assertions supply collectors with not a little food for thought. He promises for next month to expose some of the inaccuracies of the current catalogues by quoting the rates actually charged at present by wholesalers for some of the stamps most notably over or under valued, which should make his next month's notes the most interesting of any he has yet written. "The Cellar of No. 319 Main" is a rather well told bit of philatelic fiction by Edw. F. Carter, in which as usual a marvellous lot of stamps, worth an enormous sum of money, are destroyed just as the stamp hunter learns their whereabouts and is about to lay his hands upon them. Mr. Brown's editorials are, as usual, the epitome of common sense and philatelic acumen. The *A. P. M.*'s "Review of Reviews," unlike most similar departments, is not one of comment and criticism, but consists solely of extracts from some of the most notable articles of the month. As the extracts are chosen with care and judgment, the two pages devoted to this feature are among the most readable to be found in our contemporary.

The Stamp Collector's Fortnightly; fortnightly; published by Plumridge & Co., London.—*The Stamp Collector's Fortnightly* for April 13 contains its usual array of goodly philatelic entertainment. "Philately at Home and Abroad" discourses in its usual vein about divers things of philatelic interest, from pleasant comment on the Duke of Cornwall commemorative stamp to a fresh discussion of the status of that most apocryphal issue, the Tierra Del Fuego stamp. There follows an extremely lucid and interesting paper on "The V. R. I. surcharged of the late Orange Free State." It is from the pen of Col. W. D. C. Williams, President of the Sydney Philatelic Club, who served in South Africa during the late unpleasantness there and secured the information embodied in the paper under notice from the very fountain head of authority; the Postoffice in the city of Bloemfontein itself. We would very much like to epitomize the substance of his remarks, but fear that American philatelists are hardly enough interested in these V. R. I. surcharges to render it desirable. The Editorials and Notes on New Issues are in their usual places and so is Mr. Walter Nathan's "Reminis-

cences of a Philatelist," which this time deals very interestingly with some of experiences with forgers and the products of their art. Under the heading "Senf's Prices and Others," are printed some further lists of stamps that are claimed to be underpriced, not only in Senf, but in Stanley Gibbons also. An anonymous correspondent gives a list of Senf's prices on about 20 British Colonial stamps, which he declares are catalogued for below their actual worth; and Mr. Fred Hagen, the well known Australian philatelist, in order that Messrs. Stanley Gibbons may not feel lonesome, gives a similar list of Australian varieties on which he claims Gibbons' prices are quite inadequate. One case which he cites certainly seems to reveal great carelessness, the 9d O. S. unused New South Wales listed by Gibbons at 10 shillings. Of this stamp only 60 copies were ever issued; of these 40 were used for postage and the balance were purchased by Mr. Hagen, who still has 9 of them in stock. How, he very pertinently asks, can Messrs. Stanley Gibbons have sufficient genuine copies of this stamp in stock to offer it at any such price.

Another correspondent, J. B. Neyroud, includes both catalogues and others as well in the following sweeping statements: "I am glad to see that you are at present discussing the prices of stamps in the catalogues. As a specialist of nearly every country during the last 20 years I have long since come to the conclusion that the prices of many stamps in all the catalogues are quite unreliable. Many rare stamps have wilfully underpriced for years past. I need only mention English stamps (used) in fine condition. In Messrs. Gibbons last catalogue the 21 brown was priced 551, and the 11 green I. R. Official 201. I have only been able to obtain two really fine copies of the former and one of the latter during the last 4 years, after looking through many stock books, auction lots and specialists collections. The same remarks apply to nearly every other variety. Every specialist who has looked through the stock books of Messrs. Gibbons and other dealers year after year and looked in vain for fine copies of many stamps, cannot but wonder why the prices of many of the varieties are never increased but even lowered." Society reports complete the number.

The Philatelic Times; monthly; published by The Philatelic Times Pub. Co., L'Original, Ont.—*The Philatelic Times* is a new venture and we must not be too harsh in criticizing it, remembering the old proverbs about little acorns growing into great oaks, a thing by the way that does not always happen in philatelic journalism. Vol. 1, No. 1 is before us and really is not at all

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bad for a first attempt. It is quite a readable little eight pages that it presents us with, though it might very easily be better printed. Its contents include a short screed by Korona on "Ex-Philatelists;" "The Philatelic Scrapbook," an interesting batch of comment by Henry A. Chapman; half tone portrait and a biography of Major E. F. Wurtele, President of the Dominion Philatelic Association; "The Adams Express Co.," by G. Rill, (a very poor *nom de guerre*, to our way of thinking) and "U. S. Notes," by D. C. Evans.

The Columbus Philatelist; monthly; published by Geo. W. Linn, Columbus, Ohio. *The Columbus Philatelist* for April 15 has reached us. This diminutive 8 page journal has reached the dignity of No. 4. Though rather on the amateurish order, it is pleasant reading enough, as far as it goes. A portrait and biography of Leon V. Cass ornaments the first page. The rest of the paper is made up mostly of short notes under different headings, which it would be superfluous for us to itemize here.

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The Catalogue for Advanced Collectors is now ready for subscribers, and in all probability has been distributed. Many of the subscribers have suggested that a supplement bringing the Catalogue up-to-date would be desirable, and we, ourselves have realized that the early portion of the work which was begun in 1889, has now become obsolete and that the Catalogue, in order to accomplish its purpose as a complete reference book for collectors, should embrace, at least, all the issues of the nineteenth century.

We have not, up to the present, made any definite announcement of our intention in this respect, as we had not formulated the policy which we would pursue. Mr. Henry Collin, who performed the chief work in compiling the Catalogue proper, has, for our account, prepared the manuscript for all such portions as are not covered by the Catalogue, as now completed, and we are prepared to undertake the publication of a supplement which will complete the issues of the last century, if we can obtain sufficient support to warrant our undertaking the labor and incurring the expense. The supplement, if published, will consist of from four to six hundred pages, of the same size as the Catalogue proper, and it could be completed in about one year from the inception of the work. It would be illustrated in the same style as the Catalogue itself, except that we would not furnish any additional plates, such as have generously adorned the original.

We are prepared to undertake the publication at \$10 per subscriber, payable in advance, if we receive five hundred subscriptions. A smaller number of subscriptions would not repay us the actual outlay for composition, printing and paper, to say nothing of the expense incurred in connection with the compiling of the manuscript, the proof reading and other incidentals.

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ANENT REPRINTS!
AND COUNTERFEITS

We have received from Mr. J. Arthur Wainwright of Northampton, Mass., a well known philatelist who was, if we mistake not, an officer in the A. P. A., a very interesting letter in reply to our editorial of April 18th anent counterfeits and reprints. Mr. Wainwright does not agree with us as to the danger at the present time from these philatelic pests. His ideas have interested us very much, though they have not at all converted us from our original way of thinking, and believing that they will be of equal interest to our readers, we herewith print the larger portion of his letter. It may be said in comment, however, that Mr. Wainwright's list of reprints does not, in our belief, cover one-half, or one-fourth, or perhaps even one-tenth of the varieties of reprints in general circulation in America to-day. The editor would highly appreciate it if any of our readers will write him about any reprints they have recently seen on dealer's sheets or send him any other information of any kind about reprints that they deem of an interesting nature. The editor is thinking of compiling a series of articles on reprints for this journal and bespeaks all possible assistance from his readers. But we are keeping Mr. Wainwright waiting. So at once to his letter.

G. G. QUACKENBUSH, EDITOR REDFIELD'S WEEKLY PHILATELIC POST.

DEAR SIR:—I was much interested in your editorials relating to counterfeits and reprints and I should be pleased if I could get more light on both perplexing questions. However there is not so much danger as one would suppose from either of these foes of Philately. Taking counterfeits first, I personally do not want all counterfeits burnt up, for I am one of those who collect them, and if collectors will only send me their counterfeits instead of burning them, I will be the gainer. At present Japan furnishes the largest assortment of counterfeits, nearly all her issues being counterfeited and freely sold both in and out of Japan. Sometimes they come without any mark on them showing what they are, and again they bear minute Japanese characters, signifying "For comparison" and "counterfeit." They come cancelled and uncanceled, but usually they can be readily told from the genuine. They are lithographed. The only other counterfeits that are now at all common are the 1862 set of Argentine Republic, and Confederate stamps, both Postmasters and general issues. Other counterfeits are decidedly rare. If you do not believe this statement, try and get some. Your richest field will be old collections formed 25 and 30 years ago. These almost always have more or less, but are becoming almost as rare as the counterfeits themselves. U. S. local stamps and carrier's stamps are also freely counterfeited and Hamburg genu-

ine stamps with forged cancellation are not very rare. The most frequent cancellation on Hamburg stamps was the name and date within a circle and a star on each side, just within the circle. The best work on counterfeits is undoubtedly Earees' "Album Weeds," but a very helpful work to those who can read it is Sedf's catalogue, which is filled with valuable hints and explanations about reprints and counterfeits. The young collector need not fear the counterfeit. Its the old collector who stands in danger of getting a counterfeit and nowadays there is not much danger anyway. Regarding reprints, Austria (Tax stamps, envelopes, early Levant and Lombardy Venice) Heligoland, Hamburg, Italy, Samoa 1st issue, and Alsace-Lorraine, 2d issue, furnish the bunch of the current reprints. The so-called South African Republic reprints are simply counterfeits. Outside of this list very few actual reprints are in circulation.

Yours for Philatelia,
 J. ARTHUR WAINWRIGHT.

ADVERTISING CHAT
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 By the Advertising Manager

We have been asked on several occasions whether it is our opinion that it will pay a dealer to advertise during the summer months. Of course it will! There are still a few dealers who seem to think that stamp collecting goes to sleep altogether in the summer, but the very few who believe in this theory will sooner or later learn differently. Formerly many of the dealers made it a practice to discontinue their advertising in the summer. They said, "Oh, my customers go on a vacation and I can't do any business anyway. So what's the use of advertising?" The consequence was that the collectors who did not "go on their vacation" read the "ads" of the other dealers who did advertise in the summer and when the "winter advertiser" began his campaign for trade he found that his competitors who advertised in the summer had secured many of his customers and a lot of other trade which he might have had had he not dropped into oblivion. We will admit that it is a fact that there are a great many collectors who lay aside their collections during the hot weather and they of course make no purchases but then on the other hand there are still more who keep on collecting throughout the entire year. The "winter advertiser" has found this to be a fact and now he is a firm believer in keeping his ads before the collectors notice all the year around. There are hundreds, yes thousands, of collectors whose interest in their hobby continues from January to December without in-

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termission. They add to their collections at every opportunity, then there are new collectors added every day in the summer as well as the winter. They want to buy somewhere, don't they? If your ad is not to be found you haven't even a chance for this trade. Your competitors who keep on advertising throughout the summer will secure these people for customers and the trade that is gained in the summer will be good in the winter, too. The dealer who imagines that it will not pay him to advertise in the summer will lose much trade at the time he needs it most. Keep your ads before the public all the year around. It does not pay to run a chance of losing trade by keeping in the dark during the heated term. Stay in the game, play the limit and you will land a winner.

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1c blue "	9x13	75	40 25
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5c black "	9x13	10	06 04
5c brown "	9x13	4 00	2 50 1 75
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HAPPENINGS.

AMY LOUISE SWIFT.

The item in my last notes intimating that after March 1st Austaalian stamps might possibly appear with the surcharge "A. C." must receive a sequel, as time has shown that the intent, if such intent there was, has not been carried out. I have since received mail postmarked at various dates during the first three weeks of March, and find that not in a single case did the threatened surcharge appear. Now we can breathe freely for a short while,—until someone gives us another scare.

It has been freely told in several of our journals that the Emerson Drug Co. of Baltimore, Maryland, will send a set of their private proprietary stamps to anyone on receipt of five cents and return postage, yet I notice one or two advertisers who are trying to take a big advantage of any collector who may have failed to see the information. One of these gentry asks 25c. for a set, the other 35c., and both tell how scarce the stamps are, as the company will not sell them in quantities. It is true that they will not sell in quantities, so, for speculators perhaps, they really are "scarce" stamps, but there is no occasion for any collector to depend upon the speculator for a set when one can be obtained directly from the firm for such a small sum. That the stamps cannot be purchased in large numbers is really just so much gain to the average collector, as it prevents a few speculators from cornering the entire issue and then demanding whatever price they elect to settle upon. If all proprietary firms who have issued special stamps had followed the lead of the Emerson firm in the method chosen to supply collectors, it would have been vastly more to the credit of firms and stamps alike. Also far less exasperating to the collector and his pocket-book.

I thought it quite probable that THE POST's recent editorial note against such frequent "consolidating" of journals would arouse a groan of protest from some quarters, and was considerably amused to see that the first protest came Mr. J. F. Dodge in the *New York Philatelist*. It is a well known truism that "a hit bird flutters," and a little review of Mr. Dodge's career will show that he certainly received quite a hit although the remark was a general one, aimed home at those who keep starting, selling and again starting journals, at any special period. I note Mr. Dodge reasons that it is dishonest to turn over a subscription list, the one who takes it is a partner in the dishonesty in accepting it. Well, if a dealer is dishonest in substituting an unordered stamp for an or-

dered one not in his stock, is the customer dishonest too in taking it? I'm not versed in legal matters, but it seems to me that the stamp dealer and journal dealer who do not supply what they engage to supply are really in one way guilty of obtaining money under false pretences. Either has the full right to sell his property, and anyone has a full right to buy, but in such cases the customer or subscriber should have his money returned with explanations, or receive word that it will be returned on request in consequence of the change. THE POST's editor is doubtless fully able to handle this matter himself, but as I am interested in the point, and have often discussed it with collectors, I cannot resist the temptation to put in an oar also.

The Rural Free Delivery system now being introduced through the dominions of Uncle Sam is responsible for a new variety in the postmark line, as probably the postmark collector has already discovered. The first specimen I saw came from Acushnet, Mass., the arrangement being thus:

R. F. D.
ACUSHNET,
JAN. 18, 1901.
MASS.

The date line is in larger type than the others, and the whole, barring peculiarities of type which I have not attempted to imitate, looks about like the pattern given. I had suggested, without actually believing my guess to be correct, that the mystic initials on the first line had some connection with Rural Free Delivery, and on showing one of the envelopes thus postmarked, to Mr. Charles E. Jenney, my wild guess received unexpected corroboration. He tells me that the system has been in use in California for some time, and that the cancellation belonging to the route is precisely like that used by Acushnet. What worries me now is whether people will by and by elect to call the cancellation, which is evidently officially ordered by the postoffice department, a "commemorative issue." If so, what a rush there will be to find out when and where the first postmark of the kind was used, and what deep delight will be the portion of those who possess Kohinoors of early date.

An English journal warns its readers against a "curious fake" from Barbados. Such warnings cannot be too widely spread and I therefore take the privilege of reproducing the paragraph.

"It consists of the 1d of 1882, surcharged 'Revenue' in script type in black, and is intended to pass as a fiscal used postally, but inquiry in the colony elicited the information that no such stamp had ever existed, even as a fiscal. We see that Moens mentions also, as a fraud, this curiosity further disfigured

by being perforated diagonally and each half surcharged 'HALF PENNY' vertically."

Dear, dear! Isn't it surprising to think how much pains some folks will take in order to get rich at the expense of other folks? The same amount of brains employed in a legitimate business would yield better returns in both the pecuniary and moral senses.

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On the Stamps Of the Confederacy

CLAUDE T. RENO.

More than once wherin late years has some philatelic scribe given expression to the thought that, as in all other things, Dame Fashion holds and exercises a regal sway in the realms of stampdom. Indeed, more than once during the last several years has the truth of this statement been proved, and each time it leaves an impression upon us, which augurs not only well, but propitiously for the cause. Just at present Dame Fashion has decreed that revenues, and the stamps of such countries as Porto Rico, V. R. I., etc., should be and are the proper thing, and collectors have not been slow in adopting and following this edict. But a few years ago, or perhaps better a few months ago, the same mistress ordered that the "wee bits" of the Confederate States of America should be sought for, and we still hold in pleasant memory the rush made for these historical remainders and the assiduity with which they were collected and mounted.

However, while there was a decided rush at that time, it cannot be truly said that the effort to secure these stamps has fallen to any great extent. Indeed, within recent years, collectors have reviewed and amplified their old time interest in the stamps of the Confederacy, and the great desire of a few years ago was only the outburst of a hoarded enthusiasm which was bound sooner or later to manifest itself under conditions similar to, and with effects similar to the conditions and effects existing and occasioned by the "rush" we speak of. There was a time—not so very long ago—when these stamps were utterly neglected, and only considered after the field of collecting had been fairly well exhausted. And even when accorded consideration, it was the kind of consideration which a giver usually bestows to a beggar. Or, to lengthen the simile, these historic stamps, the last obtainable documentary representatives of a lost but a noble cause, went a begging for consideration and then came back empty handed.

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set in, and with the advent of *The Virginia Philatelist* (a magazine devoting quite some space and attention to these stamps) the long dormant interest was again revived to a generous measure. Not only was the collection of the general issues advocated, but, moreover, especial efforts were then made by the philatelic press in general, to encourage and foster the hunt for old postmaster stamps and other postal curiosities. As a result interest was revived, varieties in the general issues discovered, and more than one, valuable stamps of the aforementioned type were unearthed and described. Besides this, collectors came to regard the collection of these stamps, not as a side line or an outside issue, but as a legitimate, an integral part of a collection and as important as England or France. As a net result of the revival we are able to say to-day, that while the "rush has fallen off to a small degree, there is still a perceptible effort made by collectors to secure and own these interesting specimens.

And to this, we can only say "it should be so." These stamps represent, as none other can represent, the most crucial period and the most trying epoch in the history of our country. They represent not only the pent-up desire of the South to preserve its institution of slavery, but also that of the North to preserve and maintain the Union, minus the odious institution of slavery. And not only this, they represent the most colossal war of modern times, and no one can look upon them except there escapes from one's lips a prayer to the God of Battles—a prayer of thanks for the past—a prayer for the best in the future. The Union is safe; let the mementoes of this momentous period be preserved and cherished by a reunited and a loyal people!

And then aside from this sentimental part of the matter, let us look at the matter from a financial standpoint. Anyone who has made a study, or who have been but casually interested, will admit that the prices at which these stamps are sold and the prices they are known to bring forms an inducement of no small value. While the prices of the general issues are moderate and reasonable, those of the special issues are a great deal higher. But even when the latter are not readily obtainable and so the general issue appeals most strongly to the ordinary collector. Our advice is "Collect the stamps of the Confederacy."

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Redfield Printery,

SMETHPORT, PENNA.

 * ADVERTISING CHAT *
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 * By the Advertising Manager *

When preparing "ad" copy for a paper always be careful that everything is just right, and that the "copy" contains no mistakes. The publisher is not always to blame for such errors. It is often the advertiser's fault when a typographical error plays havoc with the dealers "ad."

A headline will not always make the "ad" a winner. You should have a good list of goods to back up the headline. The top line usually attracts, but in order to retain the reader's attention the balance of the "ad" should prove equally attractive.

Keep your name before the public and you will never be forgotten when anything is wanted.

Dealers who change the reading of their "ad" every week usually get all the "change" in sight.

A small "ad" is better than none at all. If you are a "new" dealer and cannot afford to use large space you can make a good beginning by using small space and keeping your name before the public continually. You will in time build up a reputation and secure customers, and when your business increases then is the time to increase your advertising.

If you can stand more business THE POST will bring it.

It is no difficult task for the average dealer to pick the best mediums among the philatelic papers. If you are a careful observer of the various papers you can easily pick the winners.

When advertising a fine line of stamps always state that the condition is fine. If they are not fine or defective you should not state otherwise. Always make everything plain in the "ad" and there will be no misunderstanding.

If you can't write a good "ad" don't write a poor one.

If your "ad" is in THE POST it means results. If it is not in THE POST it should be.

It is not necessary for a stamp dealer to "key" his "ads." most collectors usually mention where they saw the "ad" when placing their orders.

Chicago Notes.

By S. E. MOISANT.

P. M. Wolsieffer is moving to-day from his old location at 75 State street to his new one at 38 Madison street. He has been at 75 State street for a number of years and it may take some time for his older customers to get used to the new place.

Mr. C. E. Severn is also moving his old office at 1006 Journal Building to room No. 711 in the same building. When I called on him this afternoon I found Charlie enjoying a cigar and apparently taking life easy, while Mr. B. was at work cleaning up his furniture and also Charlie's.

The handsome new Pan-American stamps have arrived and were put on sale at the Chicago postoffice to-day. One of the clerks at the postoffice told me that there had already been a large number of people who had called for them, presumably for collections. He also informed me that they would not be given unless asked to do so, therefore there will not be many of these stamps used. I understand that a number of the smaller postoffices will not have these stamps at all. For the benefit of those who will not have an opportunity of getting these stamps at the postoffices in their towns I will be pleased to purchase them in any quantity, just as they come from the Chicago postoffice, free of charge. There are six values, 1c, 2c, 4c, 5c, 8c, 10c; total face value, 30c. Therefore if you want me to purchase you a set send 30c and a stamped envelope for return postage and the stamps go to you by return mail. Address these letters to S. E. Moisant, Kankakee, Ill.

F. N. Massoth left on April 27 to take his annual trip up the Tennessee River. He will be gone about two weeks.

New York Notes.

By PRIMROSE.

The Scott Stamp & Coin Co. will hold their 155th auction sale on May 23, at the Collectors Club, 351 Fourth ave. The sale comprises 695 lots and contains many rare United States revenue cardboard proofs, a fad that has recently taken a strong hold on many U. S. collectors,

Among other cardboard proofs I may mention: First issue, \$1.90 block of six; \$20.00 Probate of Will; third issue, 1c complete sheet including imprint and plate number; \$1.00 ditto. Proprietary Stamps—1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 6c, and 10c, same condition as preceding two lots; 50c black and green, thinned proof, mounted on a card; \$1.00 and \$5.00 ditto.

There is also quite a large number of India paper proofs, match and medicine

proofs, revenue essays, and foreign proofs and essays.

I note that New York dealers are well represented in the advertising columns of the various weekly Philatelic publications. In the Pan-America number of Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News thirty-three columns of space was taken by New York dealers. This certainly proves that city dealers must conduct a large volume of their business through the mails.

I presume it is unnecessary to describe the Pan-American Stamps which are now on sale. You have them and can form your own opinions; suffice is to say—they are "beauts."

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Editorial.

THE recent death in New York of Joseph Rechert takes from us another distinguished member of the old guard. The name of Joseph Rechert is probably very little known to many of the newer collectors who read these lines. Yet it is but eight or ten years ago that he was one of the most important and best known philatelists in the city of New York, in that day, far more than it is now, the great center of philatelic thought for the whole United States. He held high office in the National Philatelic Society, New York's great local society of those days; was, indeed, long its President, if our memory serves us aright. He was prominent in the early councils of the American Philatelic Association in the years of its infancy, serving honorably for some time as its International Secretary. He was co-author with Messrs. Tiffany and Bogert in preparing that splendid work, "The Stamped Envelopes and Wrappers of the U. S.," which is to this day in high esteem among envelope fanciers; and in many other ways was prominently in the philatelic eye. But he had of late years sunk from sight, along with most of his contemporaries, and it is only the news of his passing away that brings him again vividly into philatelic remembrance.

It is strange to look back into those years of which we have spoken and note how few of the then master minds in philatelic matters are prominent in Philately to-day, short as the time has been, reckoned by ordinary standards. It is not the grim hand of Death alone that has taken them from us. Many of those whose voices were once oft lifted by the council fire are living still, but

little seen in philatelic haunts. Let us, for example, recall some of the names that stood highest among New York philatelists in Mr. Rechert's day: Clotz, DeJonge, Corwin, Watson, Gregory, Adenaw, Albrecht, Rogers. These and many others no more heard among us were names to conjure with then. How do we hear them now? Where are their owners hidden? Many of them must be living. How comes it that Philately knows them no more? Is it that their collecting is done under a bushel, or are they divorced from Philately, indeed? Only the wonderful veteran, J. Walter Scott, and the guiding head of that great house which makes our catalogues and albums, Mr. Henry M. Colman, are left of "the old New York crowd" that used to make the welkin ring in A. P. A. conventions. The zeal of these two splendid philatelists is, we are glad to say, of the kind that goes on forever.

WHAT a change has come over the A. P. A. since Chicago has succeeded New York as the dominating force in the councils of that body. To see bright, fiery young Chicago bearing the dove of gentleness and peace, with staid old New York relegated to the dunce's bench, so to speak, for turbulent behavior, is a condition of affairs that makes us wonder sometimes at the strange things that take place in Philately's topsy-turvy world. The A. P. A. is as well mannered an organization now as one could well wish; meek and docile, yea, of almost lamblike spirit. But we cannot help thinking sometimes that it is not as interesting reading about A. P. A. conventions as it used to be when New York was divided against itself and aired its private feuds in gorgeous picturesque at these annual conclaves. Or, as it was yet a little later when it was New York against St. Louis, and bitter war was waged against the Mekeels and their friends by the belligerent New Yorkers. Grand was the fun of it in those days. Alas, now they have quite taken the spirit out of it. We prithee, ye too sober Chicagoites, can you not draw our New York friends into one of their old time squabbles and add to the attractions of the coming meet at Buffalo.

BUT to speak more seriously ourselves, we are rejoiced to see that there is every indication that the attendance at the philatelic conventions of this summer will break all records. The conventions at Chicago, World's Fair year, hold the belt thus far. But there is no reason why a far greater attendance should not be reasonably expected this year. Buffalo is most centrally located. Both Eastern and Western collectors can reach it as easily as any point that could well have been selected, and there is no reason why a great majority of the

philatelically inclined visitors to the widely advertised Pan-American Exposition should not so time their journey as to be present at the conventions. Few greater philatelic treats can be imagined than the privilege of attending these meets and mingling freely with leading collectors from all over the land. It can hardly fail to stimulate the zeal and broaden the ideas of almost any philatelist; and it is devoutly to be hoped that such a throng of stamp lovers will wend their way to Buffalo at the appointed time, as will make all previous conventions seem slimly attended in comparison. It is interesting to recall that Niagara Falls, Buffalo's next door neighbor, has twice been the convention seat, and that both occasions ranked among the most successful and enjoyable in philatelic annals.

ONE of the notable things in the present day practice of Philately is the popularity of pairs, strips and blocks. These things used to be little fancied and many a splendid pair that no sane collector would nowadays think of divorcing has been widely separated without the least idea that the two would ever be more prized in their united state. The way in which collectors now aim to secure as many pairs, strips and blocks as possible is one more evidence that this is the era of philatelic luxuriousness. We are all striving after the bizarre, the unique, the unusual. Philately is becoming more than ever a thing of infinite variety. And it is good that it is so, for variety is assuredly the spice of Philately. The getting something different from one's neighbor, the holding up before the envying eyes of one's fellow club members some prize of a little different nature from anything they may any of them possess; this is one of Philately's sweetest delights. The more of novelty there is in a collection, the more it departs from stereotyped philatelic lines, the more keenly interesting it is both to its owner and to all beholders. And this is one of the reasons why stamp collecting can never grow trite and commonplace. Because there is in it no hint of finality. Because collections can never all be alike. Because it is open to the humblest collector to give to his collection something of distinctive quality. And with every year and every succeeding issue the chances for doing this are appreciably increased.

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Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Weekly; published by I. A. Mekeel, St. Louis, Mo.—We trust that none of our readers have misconstrued our failure to thus far review in this department any of our esteemed contemporaries in the weekly field as evidence of any narrow-mindedness on our part toward these excellent publications. For our weekly competitors we have none but the friendliest feelings. There is room enough and to spare without any jostling. Our reason for heretofore not reviewing the weeklies have been a simple one. We have felt that their contents, consisting in main of short notes, news letters from various cities, editorial items, etc., with very few sustained articles, was hardly such as to enable us to review them in a manner that would do justice either to the papers themselves or to our readers. We are inclined now to believe that our stand on this matter has perhaps been a trifle ill advised. And we are free to say that this change of heart has been brought about by our recognizing how very few sustained articles, really worthy of review, are to be found in many of the monthlies themselves. And if the monthly be thus lacking, why should the weekly be debarred from the privilege of review. We have not quite settled yet in our own mind what shall be our future policy in this respect. But one thing is sure. That is that one of our weekly rivals is going this week to be fully noticed in these columns. That one is *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*, whose magnificent Pan-American Special Number lies before us.

The doyen of philatelic weeklies has issued a great many special numbers in its ten years existence, but no one of them that we can recollect was as splendid an all round production as the Pan-American special. It is immeasurably superior to its immediate predecessor, the Chinese special, which while a big number and rich in advertising, was, as far as real philatelic interest was concerned one of the very poorest of the *Weekly's* special numbers. The choice of subject in that case was unfortunate. Probably as much was made of it as possibly could have been done. But Chinese stamps never can and never will be made popular with the great body of collectors. The Chinese special contained a great mass of matter relative to Chinese stamps that we feel sure very

few collectors had the courage to wade through in its entirety. We feel equally sure that every line of the Pan-American special will be read and read with interest by every real thoroughbred collector who takes it up. It contains an array of matter from which the pen of the reviewer falls back aghast. So many and so unusually good are the articles contained therein that to analyze them even in the briefest form would be to monopolize the entire space devoted to this review. Hence we must be content with running them over rapidly for the benefit of such of our readers as may not have received the number.

The opening article, "The Stamps of Samoa," is by Crawford Capen, the old editor of the once famous *Postoffice*, and the most able writer on some phases of Philately that America has ever seen. He writes but seldom now and it is therefore an especial treat to find anything from his pen. The present essay which is, we rejoice to see, "to be continued," is carefully and studiously done, as well as written with extreme clearness and lucidity. It is followed by an article by another old time writer Donald A. King, in his day one of the greatest authorities in British North Americans, on "The Surcharged Stamps of the Philippine Islands" an exceedingly minute study of some of the surcharge varieties of Philippine stamps, which breathes thoroughness and accuracy of investigation in every line. A picture of Mr. John F. Seybold, the famous Syracuse collector, in his stamp den, followed by some description of a few of his gems embellishes another page. That untiring student of Philately, Mr. J. M. Andrini, writes on another page of issues of Puerto Principe. Mr. Donald A. King has yet a second article, "Varieties of the Stamps of Porto Rico," 1881-82 issues. And a few other things in this gigantic number are the Chicago, New York and Boston notes; "As in a Looking Glass," by Looker On; "Some Pony Express Feats," "Cancellations on Newspaper and Periodical Stamps;" "Reforms in Collecting" from *The Australian Philatelist*; "The Unpaid Letter Stamps of France" by Franz Reichenheim, reprinted from the *London Philatelist*; "Notes of a Four Months' Trip Through the U. S. and Canada," by Chas. J. Phillips, reprinted from the *Monthly Journal*, etc., etc. Altogether such a feast as we would not dare enjoy very often, if we would not become literary dyspeptics.

The Virginia Philatelist; monthly; published by the Virginia Philatelic Pub. Co., Richmond, Va.—*The Virginia Philatelist* is not what one might call a marvel of promptness, its March number having but recently appeared. But we understand that Editor Bradley can

show cause, in the way of sickness, so that we will endeavor to be lenient with its tardiness. The March number is rather small, but very good in quality. The first page bears "the counterfeit presentments" of two brothers in Philately, who reside at a considerable distance from the spires of Richmond. Mr. John J. Courtice, of London, England, and Mr. Reginald C. Frith, of Turks Islands, West Indies, and an interesting biography of each accompanies their portraits. A couple of pages of notes and editorials follow; and then an article by Every Page on "The Literature Collector," which is fairly good, though containing nothing very new. Mr. Wolsieffer's widely circulated sermon, "A Just Stamp Tax," finds a place on the next page, a case of reprinting we are very glad to note since it is impossible that Mr. Wolsieffer's pertinent and forceful remarks anent the just claims of philatelic societies on collectors at large can be too widely circulated. The remainder of the *V. P.* is made up of short reprinted articles, the only notable one being Mr. Luff's "Stamps of the National Bank Note Company on Double Paper, originally published in the *American Journal of Philately*."

The Philatelic Bulletin; monthly; published by the Naumkeag Stamp & Pub. Co., Boston, Mass.—*The Philatelic Bulletin* possesses the virtue of promptness in a marked degree. Its April 25th issue is as handsome as usual and there is some very good reading between its covers. Passing over Part 4 of Oliver Crinkle's "Philatelic Opportunities of To-Day," we come to a really instructive article by Mr. E. H. Wilkinson, entitled "The Twentieth Century Library." Mr. Wilkinson calls attention to the great point of weakness in almost all so-called philatelic journals you receive, you find yourself in possession of a great and bulky conglomeration of papers, practically valueless for purposes of reference, because amid so great a mass it is almost impossible to hunt up the matter bearing on any one particular subject. This is a truth which many philatelists will recognize from their own experience. Various means have been suggested for remedying this state of affairs, Mr. Wilkinson advocates the cutting out of all meritorious matter in the various journals and placing them in a series of scrap books, arranged according to subjects, discarding of course all other portions of the journals save the matter clipped. The idea is a good one, especially in relation to the great mass of ephemeral journals that really contain nothing worthy of preservation. Such magazines as *The American Journal of Philately*, *The London Philatelist*, etc., whose every line of every number contains matter of permanent value would of

course be best preserved in their entirety in bound volumes.

Mr. Don H. Wimmer gives some "Information for Beginners" of the old, stale, hackneyed class. We have as yet failed to see anything from the pen of this writer (and we have read a number of his articles in the hope of finding somewhere therein a ray of light) that justifies editors in printing his effusions. Some more "Philatelic Proverbs," presumably from the pen of A. Lloyd Jones, though they are not signed, fill the next page. Of these, it is sufficient to say that the puerility is an insult to human intelligence. How the editor of the *Bulletin* can have been prevailed upon to use them is beyond all comprehension. Miss Swift's review is, as usual, enjoyable reading.

The Monarch Monthly; monthly; published by the Monarch Stamp & Pub. Co., Chicago.—We have received the April number of *The Monarch Monthly and Philatelic News*, a somewhat amateurish looking young magazine devoting considerable of its limited space to stamps and stamp matters. "Philatelic Musings," by Leon V. Cass, is the only feature of the number really worth reading. And we fear very much that the reason we are pleased with this is because in a desert a very tiny spring indeed is a vast boon.

The International Philatelic Review and Exchange; monthly; published by C. E. Cooley, Peekskill, N. Y.—*The International Philatelic Review* for April boasts a new editor in the person of Mr. Claude T. Reno, known as one of the best of the younger philatelic contributors; and as a most fitting introduction to the *Review's* readers his portrait adorns the first page. The number shows some slight improvements over the March issue. Mr. Henry A. Chapman contributes a short sketch to "The Postal Club," a feature *The Review* has been running wherein several prominent collectors have told what one of the stamps in their collections they value most, not in a monetary way, but from the standpoint of sentiment and association. Mr. Chapman's most cherished possession in this line is a letter folded without an envelope, sealed with a water and bearing a 10c 1847, its peculiar interest lying in the fact that the letter is signed by the founder of the famous Astor family, Wm. B. Astor. "The Revenue Department," conducted by Mr. John Peltz, and a very good article by Mr. Reno on "Postal Card Collecting" are the only other things in the number.

Newfoundland, Cabot set, used on cover... \$3.25
Newfoundland, 6p sheet 20..... 7.50
Nova Scotia, 1p red brown..... 3.75
Canada, 5c envelope entire, used..... .90
1000 Canada, several kinds..... .35

WM. R. ADAMS, Toronto, Ont.

AUCTION PRICES AND COMMENT.

One of the things we have all along had in mind has been the giving of some attention in these columns to the prices realized at the more important auction sales. Latter-day philatelic journals have paid but little attention to this feature, probably because of the revulsion of feeling against the reliability of auction prices as actual criterions of value that set in some years ago when the auction system was somewhat more erratic than it is today. Just how far auction prices are to be accepted as standards of value is a much disputed question, but while there are many who decline to be governed in any way by auction quotations in their ordinary buying and selling, there are few who will deny that auction prices are at least interesting. We shall not aim to give in these columns any elaborate tabulations of auction prices. We shall simply endeavor now and then to pick out for our readers' benefit a few of the most interesting figures in such priced catalogues as may come our way. And we most earnestly request our friends, the various auctioneers, to place the editor of this journal on their lists of those to whom is extended the favor of a priced catalogue after each one of their sales.

If our readers manifest special interest in this feature, we may be induced to make more of it in the future. When we remember how small a proportion of American collectors have the chance of seeing priced auction catalogues, we are tempted to believe that considerable space might be profitably devoted each week to a pretty thorough review of current auction prices. We shall be pleased to hear from our readers as to whether they should favor such a project, for it is of course their wishes, as far at least as we can ascertain them, and not any individual preferences of our own, to which we aim to give most weight in the conduct of this paper. For the present we shall attempt no more than a little cursory excursion into the realm of the auctioneer, in whatever quarter an idle fancy shall take us. It rests with our readers whether or not something more ambitious is taken up in future numbers.

The catalogue before us this week is that of Mr. Wolsieffer's latest sale, which has been quite generally referred to whenever mentioned as the Huber Sale. Mr. J. H. Huber, one of Chicago's veterans in the philatelic line, having furnished the bulk of the material in the sale. A few of the prices realized at this sale were noted by our Chicago

correspondent in his weekly letter, but not in any detail.

There are many things about Mr. Wolsieffer's auction catalogues that call for marked commendation. It is difficult to conceive how any catalogue could be better classified for ready reference to any specialty desired. There is no jumbling together of used and unused stamps, of American and foreign, of postals and fiscals, in Mr. Wolsieffer's catalogues. Each of these classes is placed under a separate head, and more notable still, the same thing is done with those expensive stampic aristocrats, pairs, sheets and blocks. This penning up of each different species in its own unmistakably labeled compartment is an excellent piece of work indeed, well worthy of adoption by all philatelic auctioneers. Mr. Wolsieffer's catalogues are also models of clear description. It would be hard for the dullest blockhead (if it can be possibly supposed, without absolute treason, that Philately numbers in her legions any of this class) to err in identifying any of the stamps described. The old time auction catalogue was often a very Chinese puzzle of a thing, but our auctioneers are learning; and it is far easier work buying at auctions to-day (in this one sense at least) than it was even half a dozen years ago.

The first thing to strike us in turning the pages of this catalogue is the comparatively excellent prices brought by some standard works of philatelic literature included in the sale. We do not mean that they brought high prices. On the contrary, some of them went very cheaply indeed, considering their real worth. But when we compare the percentage of their catalogue price brought by some very desirable stamps indeed, with the percentage of the publishers' price brought by some equally desirable works of philatelic literature, the higher percentage is found to have been realized by the books. We mention this, not because it proves anything in particular, but as a peculiar and to our mind rather interesting fact. A complete unbound set of Collin and Colman's incomparable *Advanced Collectors' Catalogue*, publisher's price \$25, brought \$14.10; Earees' *Album Weeds*, latest edition, brought \$3.10; Toffan, Deats & Holland's work on revenues, brought \$2.55; Tiffany, Bogert & Recherts work on stamped envelopes went at \$1.80; Tiffany's *History of U. S. stamps* was knocked down at \$2.80; Vols. 1 & 2 of the *American Journal of Philately*, bound, sold at \$1.05 each; a set of 12 bound volumes of *Mekeel's Weekly*, complete from the 1st No. to the close of '98, went for \$9.30, certainly a bargain for some one; 4 vols. of the *P. J. of A.*, bound, sold for 80c each, etc., etc. Unpriced auction catalogues

did not appear to be especially wanted as a lot of 134 miscellaneous auction catalogues brought but 30c.

Some excellent U. S. proofs were offered. Of these, a complete set of the 1875 periodicals, 1c to \$60, brought \$3.20; the set of 4 State Dept., the \$2, \$5, \$10 and \$20, brought \$3.05; and an India paper set of 1861 Premier Gravures, 1c to 90c. \$11.15. Cut square U. S. envelopes, everything considered, brought fully as good prices as the stamps in the sale. Most of the envelope lots brought 30 to 40 per cent. of their catalog valuations. As envelopes, however, are not easily identified in print, we forbear making any quotations from this section, save to say that the gem of the lot, the 2c vermilion 1874—80 Die A, 30 & 33 Scott's No. 1715, brought \$24.50. In the pairs, blocks and sheets section, the most notable thing was a complete unused sheet of the Providence stamp, containing eleven 5c and one 10c, which sold for \$30.50. A pair of the U. S. 5c 1847 sold for \$1.80, 40c above list; a block of 25 of the 90c purple of '88 brought \$10.10, and a block of 10 of the 7c Treasury brought \$7.00. The Revenues went rather low, perhaps because they suffered in competition with the Burton sale. In unused U. S. there were a great many interesting prices realized. A 5c Providence brought \$3.45; \$2.65 was realized for two of the reprints of the 5c and 10c of 1847. Another notable reprint price, showing how many U. S. specialists class these as separate, was \$9.10 for a reprint of the 12c 1855. A 3c of the reissue of 1869 brought \$6.05. A fine o g 10c Agriculture brought \$3.10; a 24c brought \$2.40, and a 30c \$2.30, neither of the two latter being quite centered. A 1c, 2c and 6c Executive o g, each a little off center, brought \$2.00, \$2.20 and \$5.20 in the order named. A fine copy of the 10c o g went for \$5.00. A 2c Justice o g and fine brought \$1.15; a 10c in the same condition, \$1.50. An 18c and 15c Navy, both o g and good brought \$1.00 and \$1.20. A complete set of War, soft paper brought \$1.48. The 9c Periodical stamp of 1865 brought \$4.20 and good o g copies of the \$12 and \$36, \$48 and \$60 Periodicals same set \$9.00 and \$17.10, \$21.25 and \$36.50 respectively. A great many good things in used U. S. stamps were offered. To particularize to any extent would take up a great amount of space, but here are a few of the prices: A fine specimen of the 5c New York 1845, brought \$4.25. A splendid copy of the 10c St. Louis went at \$108.35; a 5c 1851, brought \$8.05; a 3c 1867, grilled all over, \$6.55. A 90c 1867, \$8.30. A 3c 1861, reissue \$9.60. A 15c 1869, good copy, \$1.50. A \$1 and \$2 Columbian both fine, coupled in one lot went for \$2.30; \$3 for \$1.60; a \$4 for \$2.05; a \$5 for \$2.30. A 15c Justice brought \$2.65. A 90c Justice, not quite

centered, for \$10.10; a \$5 state, splendid copy, lightly cancelled, went at \$16.50; a 24c Treasury for \$2.30; a 1c carrier for \$1.90; a 5c Memphis Local on original envelope brought \$2.40, a 5c Mobile, \$2.90; a 5c Nashville, \$11.05. A 5c Petersburg, Va., on original envelope \$9.80. The most interesting of the foreign lots were the British Colonies. The extra demand reported for this class of stamps hardly seems to be confirmed by the prices realized at this sale. We annex a few: First in unused. A 1£ Bahamas 84 cat. \$7.00, brought \$5.80, one of the best percentages of the sale. But on the other hand a copy of the 1sh Barbados 1871, cat. at \$25.00, brought but \$5.10; and a 4d of 1874, cat. \$4.00, but \$1.90. Again a British Bechuanaland and stamp cat. at \$7.50, was sold at \$10.00, one of the very few instances in the entire sale of catalogue prices being exceeded. A Grenada, 1sh 1860, cat. at \$7.50 brought \$3.25. A Newfoundland 8d 1857, cat. \$6.00, brought \$5.10. A 6d St. Lucia 1883, cat. \$15.00 brought \$7.25. A St. Vincent, 1sh 1861, cat. \$15, \$5.95. In used foreign, a 6d Bahama 1861, cat. \$10.00, brought \$3.40. A 4d Barbados 1852, cat. \$4.00, \$1.10. A 1d Bermuda 1875, cat. \$7.50 at \$1.80. Canada 6d, 1852, cat. \$5.00, \$2.00. St. Lucia 6d, 1883, not priced, \$8.45; Victoria 6d 1854, rouletted, cat. \$5.50, \$3.00.

Pan American Stamps,

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 1, 1901.

EDITOR POST:—Pan-American stamps were placed on sale this forenoon at the main postoffice, San Francisco, but not at branches and sub-stations. As few people outside of stamp collectors were aware of same, however, there was no unusual rush thus far at windows.

The stamps are pronounced by all as very fine indeed, though not equal to the 1869 U. S. issue, as quality of paper is too soft and porous, and not equal to the old American issues in this respect.

Respectfully,

E. F. GAMBS.

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JOHN W. BOUD.

It has been some time since anything has appeared in these columns, regarding what has been going on in Philately in this town, so long that perhaps the readers think that Philadelphia has suddenly sunk into oblivion. This is not the case. Everything is going on as usual; the local society is holding its regular meetings and the philatelists are still hunting the "wee bits." You may expect to hear from us regularly in the future, as long as the editor permits us to use the space.

Mr. Cecil Rawson, recently a resident of this city and auction manager of the Q. C. P. S., has suddenly left for parts unknown. It is said that the cause for his departure was one of purely personal character, although his relations with several philatelists would lead one to think otherwise. Mr. Rawson's actions are the cause of regret on the part of many of the local philatelists. Mr. Rawson's father is desirous of hearing from any one to whom he is indebted.

Mr. Lewis Robie intends to honor Philadelphia with his presence while on his way to Conohocken, Pa. He has been invited to be the guest of the Quaker City Philatelic Society on May 3rd. Messrs. Reno and Reber of Allentown, Pa., are also expected to be on hand that evening.

The twenty-third regular meeting of the Quaker City Philatelic Society was held on April 19th, at 221 North Twelfth Street.

The meeting was called to order with the President, Mr. Breniser, in the chair. The minutes of the preceding meeting were then read and approved. The roll call showed these members to be present: Messrs. Averell, Boud, Breniser, Cowan, Davish, Evans, Green, Hand, R. Johnson, Stein and White-side; also, one visitor, Mr. Kuhlman.

The president appointed Mr. Green to act with himself and the vice president as the Executive Committee. A recess of five minutes was then taken to enable this committee to meet and consider the applications of Messrs. H. G. Clay and W. Kuhlman. They were recommended for admission to active membership. They were unanimously elected to active membership.

The reports of the Sales Superintendent and Treasurer were then read and approved.

The committee appointed some time ago to draw up a resolution upon the death of the late S. E. Medford, then reported through its chairman, Mr. Evans, with a draft of a proposed reso-

lution. The report of the committee was accepted and the committee discharged. The Society then unanimously adopted the resolutions and the secretary was instructed to transmit a copy to the family of the deceased.

Mr. W. H. Green then entertained the Society with an account of the history of the Jenkins' Camden Dispatch stamp. He said that W. H. Jenkins, who first issued the stamps, was the town's first mail carrier and about 1857 had the above stamps made. When the first government postoffice was established in Camden (New Jersey), Mr. Jenkins was placed in charge of the same.

Several years ago Mr. Green, who, by the way, is a grandnephew of Mr. Jenkins, discovered quite a number of whole sheets of these stamps hid away among the possessions of his mother. With them were the plates, which he still owns. He said that he disposed of 83 sheets at \$50 a sheet, making the value of each stamp \$1 in unused condition. However, the purchaser immediately flooded the market with them, consequently to-day an unused copy can be had for 25c. Mr. Green also states that the stamps were printed in black only, and all other shades were reprints.

The president then, on behalf of the Society, thanked Mr. Green for his interesting and instructive address.

Mr. Rawson, having resigned as Auction Manager, was succeeded by Mr. Averell, whom the president appointed. No one was appointed to succeed Mr. Averell as Counterfeit Detector.

The auction sale was then held, but on account of the unsettled state of affairs in this department, was quite short.

No further business being brought before the society the meeting adjourned.

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