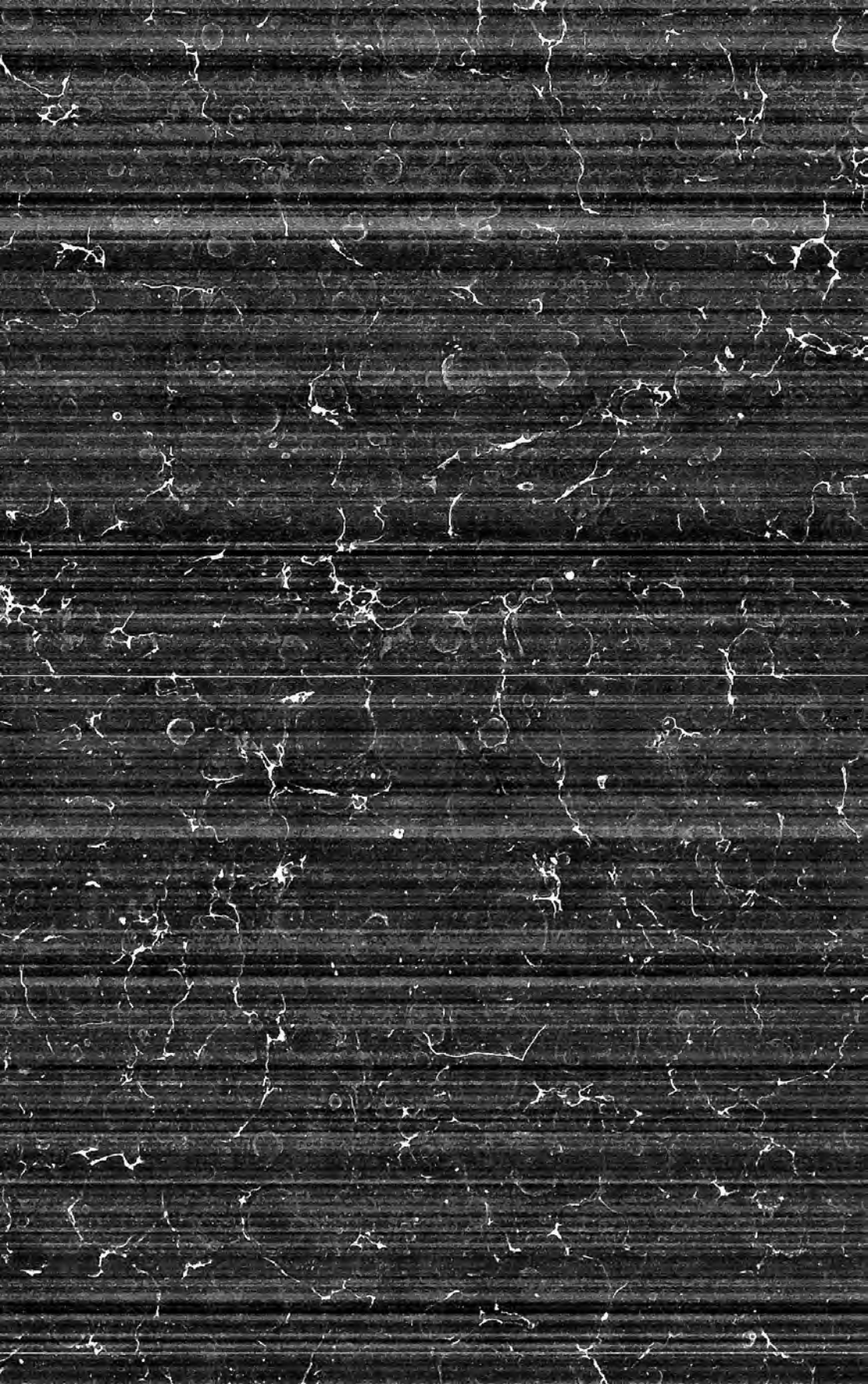


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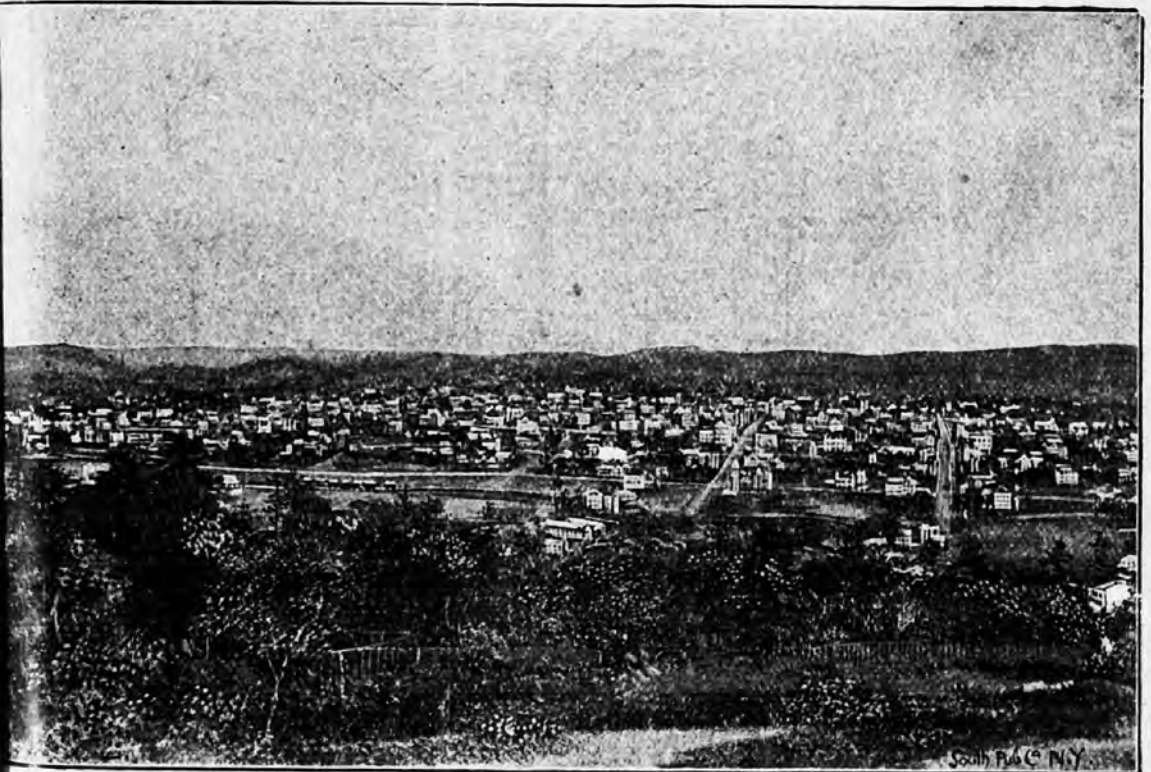
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master of England for foreign parts on Mathew de Quester, the elder, and Mathew de Quester, the younger. This appointment was considered by Lord Stanhope, the English chief post master, to interfere with his functions, and a dispute and law plea between the heads of the two establishments were settled in 1632, after Charles I had become king. In 1635, Witherings, who succeeded the De Questers, was authorized to run a post night and day between London and Edinburgh. Eight main postal lines throughout England were at the same time instituted, and the post was allowed to carry inland letters. Two years later a monopoly of letter carrying was established, which has been preserved in all subsequent regulations of the post office. The rates of postage were 2d (4 cents) for a single letter for a distance of less than 80 miles, 4d. (8 cents) up to 140 m., 6d. (12 cents) for any longer distance in England and 8d. (16 cents) to any place in Scotland. An attempt in 1649 by the common council of London to set up a rival post office for inland letters, was suppressed by the House of Commons.

Under Oliver Cromwell in 1656 an important statute was passed providing for one general post office and one post master general for England.

In 1685 a penny post was started by private parties as a speculation. It was complained of by the Duke of York on whom the post office revenues had been settled, as an encroachment on his rights. It was adjudged by a court to be a part of the crown and was annexed and made a two-penny post in 1801 and continued as a separate establishment from the general postoffice until 1854. (This subject is well discussed by Amy L. Swift in the November "Perforator.")

In 1837 the Postoffice was revolutionized according to a plan of Sir Rowland Hill. The new system came into oper-

ation on January 10, 1840. Franking was abolished and a penny was adopted as the uniform rate for every inland letter not above half an ounce. Facilities for prepayment were afforded by the introduction of postage stamps. Arrangements were made for the registration of letters and the money order department was placed on an available basis. The whole new plan brought enormous increase in correspondence, and has ever since been recognized as a public benefit of high order.

With the development of the railway system came the carriage of letters by train instead of mail coaches, and the adoption of traveling postoffices, forming part of the mail trains, where letters are arranged during transit and which sometimes receive and drop the letter bags, while going at full speed.

Thus did England found and organize the great postal system which has since been adopted, with very little alteration, by the whole civilized world.

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#### Miles of Postage Stamps.

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Up to 1884 the English Postoffice had issued 31,302,000,090 postage stamps. That would cover 3,772 square miles, and would reach to the moon and back if placed end to end. Just imagine how long the line would be should all the stamps issued by the combined governments of the world be placed in like position. It would be almost beyond conception and comprehension.

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Dealers! Do not miss the next issue of THE TRIBUNE. We want to send copies broadcast into every home that has a collector in the U. S., Canada and Great Britain. A special discount of ten (10) per cent will be given off our regular rates for No. II only.

**WM. M. VERBECK.**

Wm. M. Verbeck, the subject of this sketch, was born in Ballston Spa, N. Y., June 27, 1878.

Mr. Verbeck is the son of Mr. Jas. W. Verbeck, a prominent attorney of Saratoga county, from whom he has inherited a love for the legal profession.

He started stamp collecting at the early age of ten years, but gave it up after a year. Resumed collecting in March, 1898. Mr. Verbeck's present collection consists of over 2700 varieties, with U. S. Revs., Sweden, Switzerland and Belgian stamps as specialties.

He is a well educated young man, having attended the local high school and Union College.

Mr. Verbeck is studying law in his father's office, and is also the General Agent of the Traders' and Travelers' Protective League of New York.

Th proud possessor of a splendid tenor voice, he is a member of the church and choir of Christ's Episcopal church of his city. As a social favorite he is a great success, being especially popular among the fairer sex.

The subscribers and readers of THE STAMP TRIBUNE feel that they are very fortunate in having Mr. Verbeck on THE TRIBUNE staff. He has been engaged by the publisher to conduct the Review Department,

and write occasional articles on stampic subjects of interest.

THE STAMP TRIBUNE feels justly proud to have secured Mr. Verbeck's exclusive services. EDITOR.

**Illustrated Postal Card Craze.**

Sir Charles Oppenheimer, British Consul General at Frankfort-on-the-Main, in the course of his last report, refers to the great increase in the number of post cards passing through the German postoffice. This is attributable, he says, mainly to the fancy people have taken for sending post cards with views as souvenirs. The number of these cards posted from spots frequented by visitors is enormous—in a single season 148,000 from the Kyfhauser monument, 128,000 from the national monument at Niederwald, 36,000 from Heidelberg Castle, while the cards posted from the Berlin



WM. M. VERBECK.

Trade and Industrial Exposition were over One Million, and from Hamburg Florticultural Exhibition 572,000. This sudden hobby affects not only the postoffice, but also the paper and illustrating industries, as well as various branches of the stationer's trade. Elegant albums are made for collecting these souvenirs, and are favorite presentation articles. Quite recently the government of Saxony offered a prize for the best series of about twenty souvenir post cards with views of Sax-

ony, and the German manufacturers have helped on the craze by producing handsome cards in the greatest possible variety.

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### New York Letter.

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FROM MACK.

As no introduction is deemed to be necessary, I will proceed with whatever news seems prevalent.

The most important event of the past week was the issuance of a ten cent supplementary catalogue by the S. S. & C. Co. The primary object of this catalogue is to fix the market prices on stamps and envelopes that have been issued since the large 58th Edition catalogue was printed—more than a year ago. All mistakes and typographical errors have been corrected, and I am pleased to note that the adherents of officially sealed stamps have won their arguments, the stamps are now catalogued and priced as of yore.

Albums and packet trade among the dealers of the shopping districts is reported to be brisk.

The latest two cent stamp of Canada, the map stamp, is a great drawing card, many conceiving the idea that it was issued to commemorate Kris Kringle. The many exclamations of admiration, that a nation of civilization, should have the inclination and make preparations after much consideration, a stamp of the two cent denomination, to act as a sort of a celebration to be the commemoration of the inauguration of the penny postage anticipation.

Perhaps the association of the S. S. S. inclination, will look for information, for the accommodation of its donkey disciples.

But perhaps a discontinuation of

this communication will be a gratification to my congregation, therefore your condonation, for this conglomeration of a denunciation, which under further consideration, my thoughtless insinuation may be without substantial foundation and the operation of the editor's collection of blue scintillations may perhaps balk my determination, and that damnation waste basket may assist the obliteration of this complicated composition. One tub of effervescence, please, but no commendation desired, nor suffocation required.

Our Canadian brethren are under the impression that 1899 will bring forth an entirely new issue of stamps for their country. Well, it's about time Canada did take a notion to come out with some new stamps; think of it, brother collector, the last issue of Canada was so long ago—I can hardly remember the day. Oh! yes, (I had to look in some old rare manual for it) November, 1898, was the last change; so, so long ago. The dormant riseth, and the cobwebs are fast disappearing; I guess the United States ought to sidetrack itself and issue some new stamps for a change—some of the collectors too.

The early imperforated issues of the United States stamps in pairs and blocks are very desirable property to have, with a possible exception of the one cent denomination, which are not uncommon. A pair of ten cent green 1851 changed hands here a few days ago at \$1.85 which is fifteen cents under catalogue quotations comparing pairs with single specimens of this stamp which latter are advertised at 40 to 50 per cent. discount, the difference is apparent. It is not unusual for pairs or strips of the same issue, to sell at full catalogue, and in some

cases at a slight advance; by the way it might prove interesting to note that it is almost an impossibility to procure single copies of this stamp with wide margins all around. If you procure an unsevered pair for an illustration, you will instantly note, that the stamps are set rather close together on all sides making it next to impossible to cut out a specimen that could afterward be recognized as an imperforate and without taking parts of the surrounding stamps in so doing. A stamp with a large white margin on one or two sides, will convey the intelligence that it is an end stamp.

#### The Mission Field of Philately.

Within the realms of philatelic literature, a great deal has been said both on this subject, and on the promising outlook for the success in the future of our beloved hobby, or as some uninitiated people would have it, our 'crankiness'; yet it seems to me that a few more words added with possibly a new thought or two would not be out of place in the first issue of this magazine.

It is all very well to prophecy a rosy-tinted future for philately, but without the active co-operation, and unselfish efforts of each and every soldier claiming allegiance to the great army of Philatelists scattered broadcast over the entire civilized world, all our hopes and prophecies will avail but little.

I am personally acquainted with several prominent collectors, who feel too dignified to look upon a novice who is trying to learn something useful of our hobby. The selfishness of some so-called philatelists is amazing. To think that they claim allegiance to our Army, and yet so far belie their calling as to actually refuse to be bothered(?) by

what they please to term "the inquisitiveness of an impudent little fellow," who in reality is only desirous of obtaining information in regard to starting or perfecting (so he may imagine) his own collection.

And yet this inquisitive boy is the coming expert, collector, or prominent dealer of the coming generation. A true Philatelist is not the one who collects for his own pleasure only, but he who is willing and even anxious to lead others into the philatelic fold, by personal instruction, and if necessary, by the sacrifice of a few of his own precious pearls from his album, if thereby he can add another worshiper at the shrine of our fascinating Goddess of Philately, for there is more joy in the Philatelic heaven over one worthy novice than there is over ninety and nine old and tried devotees.

While in England a few years ago, I became acquainted with a missionary who had just returned from China. In the course of our acquaintance we discovered in each other the love for stamp collecting, and he told me that while in China he was doing double missionary work, trying to instill into the hearts of the Chinese heathen the love of our hobby as well as that of the true God. In fact, he told me that in several instances he gained the hearts and souls of the men by presenting them with a few stamps.

Of course we are not all Chinese missionaries, but one and all of us should become Philatelic missionaries in so far as we are able to do any good.

But my prayer today is, "Lordy, Lordy, save us from Philatelic hypocrites!"

Philatelic Brothers, let us assure the future of our noble art, for art it surely is, by bringing up our "inquisitive boys and girls" to be in



the future what we are in the present. Let each and every one of us become an earnest missionary for our worthy cause. "SMATS."

(Im)Pertinent Notes.

BY "SPMATS."

We are told on good authority that Br'er Osgood is going out of the stamp business to join a traveling circus as the "funny man."

I. A. Mekell, the publisher of the immortal document issued in weekly installments, is said to aspire to the fame of a second Thomas Jefferson.

There is a rumor on foot (or on leg) that corn-plaster-Robie has joined the "Great Army of Salvation," and is tramping the streets of Chicago, beating a bass drum and shouting, Hallelujah! Should this be true, we may expect an early edition of his newest new book, entitled, "Sole Hunting," or "Walking on your heels, in order to save your soles."

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Bro. Chapman, for the loss he has sustained through his judicious(?) style of advertising. In advertising "The Only Perforator," he offered a peck of apples to all applicants free of charge. A crowd of mischievous youngsters (old ones, too), sent in their subs., and when apple time came around, organized an expedition and went down to see Bro. Chapman and insisted that he make his word good. As a result Bro. Chapman is bewailing the loss of his beloved apples, and several doctors are busy with cases of overindulgence.

Mr. Moses Page, the redoubtable

stamp and literature dispenser of Muscatine, Iowa, had a dream. In the dream he dreamt that he had a dream and in that dream he dreamt that he had a dream that he dreamt, etc., etc. When he woke up he told his great-grand-children never to eat apple-pie before retiring to their couches, if they didn't want to dream that they had a dream, in which they had a dream that they dreamt that they had a— And now he cannot remember to save his life what he dreamt that he dreamt, and that he dreamt in that dream— about. If he can ever recollect the essence of that famous dream, we hope he will give the readers of THE TRIBUNE the true story of it.

But the biggest and most (im) pertinent dream of all dreams ever recorded in Grandmother's dreambook is this collection of notes.

Odds and Ends.

"SPMATS."

One of my boy-customers sent me some time ago several U. S. stamps he wished to sell. There were about 235 stamps in the lot, and at first glance, I cast them aside as a lot of trash, but to please my customer, who was one of my best, I offered him \$2 in exchange from sheets which he accepted. About a week or ten days ago, I happened to look up the lot, and was very much surprised to find the following five rare stamps: '67, 3c rose embossing covering entire back of stamp (\$17.50); 15c black, 11x13 (\$5); '70-'71, 10c brown, national print (\$10); '75, 6c dull pink, ribbed (\$5); 10c brown same issue, ribbed (\$5). Of course I made it up to the customer.

The stamp business was never better. Prices will never be lower, and it would pay well to watch closely the advertisements of reliable dealers, and literally grasp all opportunities to secure all your needs at the present low prices.

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The Omahas are getting scarce. Inquiry at our postoffice brought out the fact that hardly one letter in fifty is stamped with the Omahas. No doubt they are better property than the Columbians.

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The Metropolitan Philatelist is in the race for leadership among the U. S. weeklies. From present appearances it seems as if it will be all up hill work, but wonders never cease, and Mr. Scott is never known to give up and fail.

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The writer had a very agreeable surprise in the form of a full set of Postoffice official stamps from a philatelic friend as a Christmas present, and though it came somewhat ahead of time, it was nevertheless fully appreciated.

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The stamp auctions of the past few weeks proved one and all that stamps are rising in value, and that a good stamp will always command a corresponding price.

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It appears that a great many persons are under the impression that Greenland belongs to Canada, and in mailing letters to that place put only a two cent stamp on the envelope. The postage there is five cents, and when the full amount has not been paid in advance there is placed thereon a penalty equal to the amount due.

Subscribe at once.

## EXCHANGE AND FOR SALE.

Notices under this heading will be inserted at the rate of one-half cent per word. 100 words to be used as desired 42 cents; 250 words to be used as desired \$1; 500 words to be used as desired \$1.75. Notices must be written on separate paper from other matter.

Will X a fine bicycle lamp, price \$5, in good condition, for best offer in stamps cat. from 25 cents up. S. P. Lev, P. O. Box 65, Harriman, Tenn.

Will exchange good stamps for your money. Look up my ad elsewhere. H. M. Pulver, Pulvers, N. Y.

My ad in another part of this paper, quotes several desirable stamps at prices that take. Look it up. W. M. Waterbury, Ithaca, Mich.

Nice camera  $2\frac{1}{4} \times 2\frac{1}{4} \times 4$ , new, and with complete printing and developing outfit, including hypo, developer, trays, solio paper, etc., to exchange for a collection of stamps or best offer. S. P. Lev, P. O. Box 65, Harriman, Tenn.

Judson N. Burton, Madison, N. Y., offers 100 stamps catalogue over \$1 for 12c. All kinds of stamps and old coins bought, sold and exchanged. Write him for catalogue of next sale. Old pennies especially wanted.

Set Columbians, 1c-10c, 8 varieties, only 17c. S. P. Lev., P. O. Box 65, Harriman, Tenn.

Do you want bargains? Then look up my ad in this number. G. M. Lindblom, 1915 N. Wash. Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.

Wanted, Agents to sell our stamps. For full particulars see our ad to be found on another page. Elm City Stamp Co., Box 925, Belfast, Me.

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JANUARY, 1899.

## EDITORIALS.

With this number we make our initial bow to the Philatelic world, and we hope that our readers will all agree that we have given them a fine paper. Please remember that THE STAMP TRIBUNE has come to stay, and to stay at, or at least very near the very top of the ladder. Of course we do not expect to reach the top at one jump, but if perseverance and hard work will do it, we are not going to be left. Bear this in mind and send in your subscription price if you do not want to miss a monthly treat.

We are pleased to have secured Mr. Wm. A. McDonnell for our metropolitan correspondent. Mr. McDonnell is well known in the

philatelic circles, and has quite a reputation as a stampic "pen pusher." Our readers will be sure to appreciate his monthly letter full of bright and interesting notes.

Look this copy over carefully, and if you like its appearance and contents send in your twenty five cents for a year's subscription. If you inclose a stamped self-addressed envelope you will receive FREE a set of six unused stamps, face value twenty cents.

Stamp business is on the boom. From all quarters of the U. S. and Canada, most encouraging reports are received. THE STAMP TRIBUNE is going to do its share to keep up this boom. Advertise in the next issue.

Dealers, we will give you ten per cent. discount off our regular rates on contracts made on or before Jan 20th. Cash quarterly in advance. Send in your contracts at once. First come, choicest positions.

Publishers—We would like to exchange a one or two inch ad with your publication. Send your copy and state number of insertions you desire, and we will send ours for same length of time.

Good Mss. wanted for cash or advertising space. Send at once with your lowest price. Be sure to enclose stamp for return postage.

We would like to have a correspondent in Canada to give us Canadian notes. Any Canadian subscriber interested, please write.

## ADVERTISING NOTES.

(From here and there.)

An advertisement which is crowded in the least space possible, had better been crowded out altogether. Age tells on an ad; in fact its the only thing about an old ad that does talking.

The medium that permits the advertiser to fix his price is weak in its spinal column, does not deal justly with its patrons and its standing is sure to be as fluctuating as its rates.

Failure in advertising, as in everything else, consists of giving up, not in not succeeding.

Some papers inherit success, some achieve it, but not one has success thrust upon it. Success means work.

When in doubt, leave it out.

The trouble is not always in biting off more than one can chew, but rather the swallowing thereof. It is said that just before a patent medicine advertiser died, he was asked how he would like to be buried. He had just strength enough to say, "Insert me top column, next to reading matter, fifty-two times, electro by mail," and then he closed his eyes and passed away to that home where there are no omissions or wrong insertions. It takes plenty of advertising, and an equal amount of cold cash to get a reputation, but a good name has a financial value. When it is once made, if you take good care of it, it will never be taken from you, but will be a steady source of income. The

harder it is to get, the more value it will be to you when once obtained.

In all lines of business there is only one way to succeed—by making the receipts larger than the expenditures.

The good that your ad does must be backed by the goodness in your stamps.

Iteration is, after all, the chief factor in successful building in advertising. The advertiser who month in and month out announces that he has goods to sell is the one who is most likely to sell them. People may not buy from him at first, but they are certain to in the long run. Speaking in a general way, the continuous advertiser will ultimately achieve success unless his publicity is foolish, puerile or offensive. The better his advertising is from the start, or the quicker it improves, the quicker the public patronage favors him.

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## MONTHLY REVIEW.

BY WILLIAM M. VERBECK.

Review closes on the 10th of each month. All publishers wishing their papers reviewed should send them to the Review Editor, Box 811, Baileston Spa, N. Y.

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Evergreen State Phil; Dec. X; 4.

Stamp Talk; Nov. I; 1.

Canadian Philatelic Weekly; (Berlin) III; 3.

"The Perforator" for November comes with forty-four pages and cover. Many excellent articles appear. Among those worthy of note are "Plate Numbers" by E. J. Scott, and a long and very interesting article entitled "Imperial Postage, New and Old," by Amy L. Swift. This article gives a very interesting account of the "penny" postage in Great Britain, describing the many attempts by private individuals to establish low rate postage and of the frustrating of the idea by the government. C. E. Range gives a valuable suggestion "How and Where to Collect U. S. Stamps." He tells of many finds(?), something on the style of "Stamp Hunting." Herbert Irey Watts in an article entitled "Foreign Correspondence," tells how to send parcels to countries not having any parcel post. B. G. McFall concludes his "Collectors' List." We congratulate the publishers and assure them it is always a pleasure to receive their excellent paper.

"The New York Philatelist" for November has an article entitled "Thirty Years Ago" by Dan Cor-

nell, an article on "U. S. Colonies and their Stamps" and "Handsome Stamps" by H. A. Chapman. None of any special value.

"The International Philatelist" for November takes up the question of official seals and discusses the communications of Mr. Rothfuchs, Mr. Sweet and S. E. L. It downs the official seal in good style, but advocates the postage due and periodical stamps. The following extract shows a pretty good reason for throwing the official seal out: "We confess to a feeling of disgust once, when receiving sheets from a former well know eastern dealer, we found there among the legitimate issues of foreign lands one of our own (?) officially sealed labels, printed on gummed paper by Morrill Brothers, of Fulton, N. Y., and sold to postmasters at twenty-five seals for fifteen cents, along with other post office stationery. Yet a New York dealer puts them on his sheets at ten cents each less fifty per cent. leaving a very good profit still for the dealer. Now, why should we collect such stuff, when any printer can get up such a poster and sell to the postmasters to be collected by some credulous collectors?" Another article on "The Connell Essay" contains a letter from Mrs. A. G. Craig, who lived in St. John, N. B. and was a stamp dealer in the early sixties. She very emphatically denies that the Connell is an essay and gives a description and history of the stamp.

The "Montreal Philatelist" for November is a beauty. It is an early Christmas number; and is filled from cover to cover with the best of the best. Many new departments are added. "It is to Laugh" is a comic page, with no bearing on philately, but nevertheless interesting. A rather unique department is the

"Hints to Advertisers" by their "ad" expert, who gives suggestions to advertisers, as how to make up good, attractive ads. Portraits and biographies of W. Kelsey Hall, of Peterboro, Ont. and Clark W. Brown, of Syracuse, N. Y. appear, also Brother Bach's portrait and a Christmas greeting. The article on "S. Helena and her Stamps" by C. T. Reno is interesting. A very thrilling and blood curdling romance by R. C. Bach, entitled "A Stamp Dealer's Reminiscences" appears to startle the readers and impress the young. The balance of the paper contains notes from Germany and Montreal.

"The Texan Philatelist for November publishes an article by A. Lloyd Jones on "Notes on the Recent Revenues." It is practically a summary of the notes that have appeared from time to time in different publications. Mr. Jones says, "Look out for the next change in color to be in either the two-cent documentary or the two and one-half cent proprietary and in either the one cent documentary or one eighth cent proprietary."

"The Evergreen State Philatelist" for December comes "dressed up in it's gown of green." Somebody must have been badly mixed out where Mr. French lives, for when I opened my paper I found pages 47 to 50, then came pages 43 to 46, then 55 to 58 and finishing up with 51 to 59. Do you suppose "Brother" French went to a mixed — party or does he feel badly because he can't get exchange with the "Eastern?" The principal articles are "Observations" by Old Dominion, "Revenues" by A. D. Schoch and other articles by H. B. Steele and Abe Atlas Leve. "What Santa Clause may bring" hit several of our esteemed philatelic friends.

The initial number of a bright little paper "Stamp Talk" which hails from Kansas City, Mo., and is published by William B. Brown has made its appearance with the November number. Several very interesting articles appear. We wish it success.

"Mekeels Weekly," No. 21 contains a long article covering nearly four pages on the trial of Richard P. Wolle, alias Hermann R. Kaiser, alias Paul Fisher. The portraits of Wolle and Judge Elmer B. Adams, who presided appear. The Judge's charge to the jury is given in detail and all the testimony is printed. Witnesses who appeared against Wolle were H. C. Crowell of Cleveland, Ohio, who was beaten to a considerable extent, John Arbtin of Des Moines, Iowa, Samuel P. Hughes of Howe, Neb., D. T. Eaton of Muscatine, Iowa, E. J. Kirby of Marshall, Mich., all stamp dealers, also A. G. Burrows, a mail carrier in St. Louis and N. P. Williams post office inspector for St. Louis. The trial was long drawn out, but ended in Wolle getting his just deserts. His sentence was \$500 fine and to be confined at hard labor in the Missouri Penitentiary for the term of eighteen months. The balance of the paper is made up of the usual "Chronicle of New Issues" by S. B. Hopkins and notes from Chicago, Boston, New York and Washington correspondents.

"Mekeels Weekly" for December 1, No. 22 comes to hand with the same goodly store of articles as usual. Under "Correspondence" an interesting letter is published, written by Mark W. Peyser, M. D., he takes the side of the collector in the matter of the dishonest philatelists, and brings to notice several unfortunate experiences he has had with several of the dealers. It is

too bad that such a lot should be allowed to exist. Why not drive them from philatelic existence, at least by exposing their names and boycotting them? Let's have our "hobby" honest. An account of the entertainment at the Collector's club in New York is given under New York Notes. The Club must have been a regular "Proctor's" for that night.

"Weekly Philatelic Era" of November 19th contains no long articles and is made up almost entirely of notes from Washington, Boston, Providence, Brooklyn and Toronto. The Era for November 26th has an article by Geo. S. McKearin, "Notes on Stamps" in which the definitions of "reprint" and "reissues" are discussed. The following extract is worthy of notice: "The stamps printed by the government in 1875 from the plates of the regular issue of 1869 are not reprints, because they were receivable for postage. It is not many years since they were called "government reprints." According to the ordinary or general meaning of the term they were such; but "reprint" today has a specific meaning in the field of philately and the stamps in question do not correspond with the characteristics of a reprint thus differentiated. Neither were they a regular issue as philatelists understand the term. They have been designated and listed as reissues, and I have never seen the designation controverted. I have always supposed they were thus termed to distinguish them from "regular issue" as well as "reprint." Hence they must possess some characteristic that cannot be found in a regular issue. This "reissue" possesses four distinctive characteristics upon which I base my definition of reissue, which was "A reissue is the second issue by a

government of a stamp after it has become obsolete, and while receivable for postage is not the current stamp of its kind for regular use."

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So it seems the only conclusion we can come to is to have our magazines expose these frauds and warn the dealers. Some, but unfortunately very few, are doing so. THE STAMP TRIBUNE has accepted our suggestion, and will hereafter publish the names of all such frauds, that any dealer may send to it.

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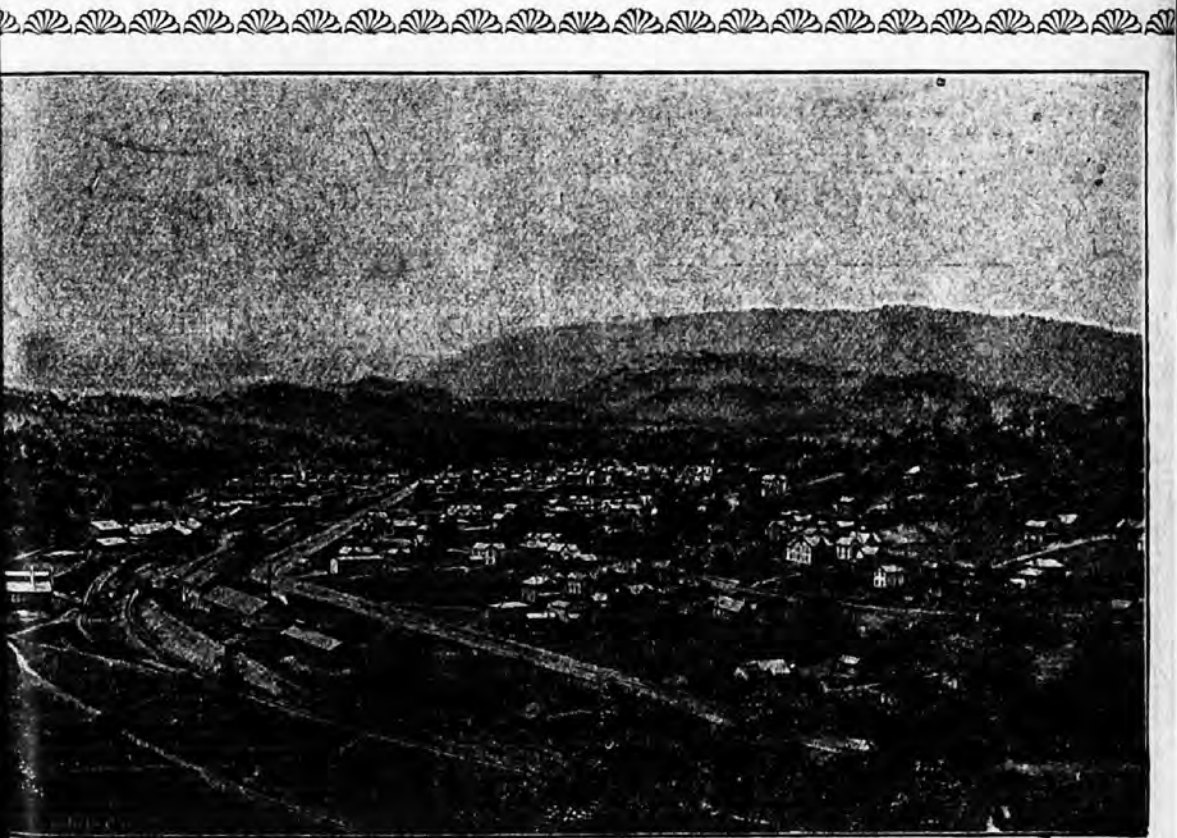
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as good as any, and better than most, for they will surely rise in value every year, and any person investing, say one or two thousand in Antigua stamps, will clear over 100 per cent in ten or fifteen years.

In conclusion let me add that one of the prettiest sights that the appreciative eye of the worshipper of the festive stamp can fall on, is a neatly arranged collection of the Postal Issues of the island of Antigua.

### The Newspaper Stamps of France.

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

NEWSPAPER STAMPS.		
IMPERFORATED.		
		Used
No. 252	2c rose.....	\$50 00
No. 253	2c blue.....	3 00
PERFORATED.		
No. 254	2c rose.....	1 25
No. 255	2c blue.....	50

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 while they do not catalogue the cheaper stamps of the same series, such as:

IMPERFORATED.		
	Unused	Used
2c lilac.....	\$ 2 00	\$ 1 00

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 were 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 cir-

culated "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 1859-1870, square stamps:

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

The counterfeits of the newspaper stamps are 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 list, for three reasons:

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

The genuine copies are 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 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.

GEORGE CARION.

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**English Postal Savings Banks.**


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BY WILLIAM M. VERBECK.

In my last month's article entitled "The Establishment of the Post Office," I discussed the English post office system from the XVIIth to the present century, and endeavored to show to what extent the world is indebted to England for our present well regulated postal system. As England has played such an important part in the rise of the present system, I think it only just to her that we discuss the origin and workings of her great "Postal Savings Bank System."

The Postal Savings Bank is a system of banks in direct connection with the British Post Office. The rate of interest in their banks, payable to the depositor, is 2½ per cent and is calculated on complete pounds and complete months. In 1890 savings bank business was carried on in over 9,000 offices. The deposits during that year amounted to over \$96,000,000 and the principal and interest due depositors was something like \$306,000,000.

A novel extension of this system took place in 1880. Blank forms, with twelve ruled spaces, were issued to intending depositors, who may secure their penny savings by affixing an ordinary postage stamp to the form. When the form is complete and the twelve spaces are filled, it is presented at the bank and credited is given for a shilling.

The Savings Bank act of 1880 permits the investment of small sums in government stocks. The sums invested must not be less than ten pounds and must not exceed one hundred pounds in any

one year; total sum for any one investor is limited to three hundred pounds.

It was about the date of the beginning of the postal savings banks that the half penny postal cards were introduced. In the first year seventy-five millions were used and the number in 1890 increased to 122 millions.

Although the above has no direct bearing on philately, yet to philatelists it may be interesting for the knowledge it contains of the workings of the departments of the post office of the great nation that brought forth the system that enables us to pursue our "hobby."

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### Two Collections.

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BY LEON V. CASS.

I recently looked over a collection of about 2,000 varieties which was offered me for about one quarter of its catalogue value.

The collection was mounted in an 1896 International album, and as I turned the pages I was delighted at the appearance of the album and in its contents. There were no torn, badly centered or heavily cancelled stamps in the lot, and the book was neat and clean and the stamps were neatly arranged in their correct spaces and hinged in with peelable hinges.

As the reader no doubt guesses I bought the above collection at a quarter catalogue and thought it a bargain at the price, as no reprints, "cut" envelopes, cards, foreign revenues or other trash was to be found in this ideal collection which was a model of neatness and tasty arrangement.

A few days latter I was offered another collection of about 2,000 varieties, and as the contents were in a direct contrast to those of the first collection, I will tell you of it. This collection was mounted in a 1894 International album, and as I turned the pages the sight which I beheld was enough to give any one ac-

customed to order and neatness a shock.

This collector had filled in the spaces haphazard with all kinds of stamps in all varieties of conditions. A spick and span specimen was surrounded by greasy, dirty, torn copies of revenues, cut cards, etc., while reprints and cut round envelopes abounded in nearly all stages of delapidation. Why, even the few unused stamps were either smudged with dirt or stuck flat to the album.

This collection I could have bought for about one tenth of its catalogue value, but I declined the bargain(?).

The above shows the difference in collectors. While some are neat and orderly, and own collections of which one may be proud, others fall into slovenly habits and their collections are not pleasing to look at and will bring but very low prices in the market.

Now fellow collectors let us keep from slovenly habits and collect good specimens and keep our stamps and albums in good order. Let us arrange our duplicates in the sales department books with as much neatness as we would arrange our own collections, as in order to sell well, stamps must be neatly arranged, as well as low in price.

Above all, let us learn to be neat and orderly. Remember cleanliness is next to Godliness.

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### Our Horn.

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Vol. I, No. 1 of THE STAMP TRIBUNE appears with sixteen pages and cover. We have known for some time that Mr. Lev contemplated publishing a stamp magazine, but he didn't tell us it was to be such a stamp magazine.—The Perforator.

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## New York Letter.

FROM MACK.

Cuban occupation by Americans, has attracted some of the philatelic brethren to that blood stained land, Mr. Eustace B. Power and Mr. E. T. Parker both of this city. It is said that Mr. Power goes in the capacity as a representative of Messrs. J. C. Morgenthau and Co., publishers of the Post Office. Mr. Power is the manager of this concern, and presumably it is his intention to look about for any snags that may be unearthed. Such business alacrity shown by these stamp men is highly commendable, and hopes are entertained that the venture will prove successful both fraternally and financially.

Occasionally, about every three or four months, I receive a short but interesting letter from far away Manila, from Charlie Lowe who published the California Stamp about a year ago. He writes that affairs in the Phillipines or "Dewey" Islands are progressing splendidly, and he hopes that the Islands will be turned ultimately over to Uncle Sam by Christmas Day; (my reader should understand that the letter was dated Dec. 1, '98 and I received it Jan. 15, '98, taking six weeks in transit.) Although he finds his time almost taken up with military duties, he manages to spare a few minutes glancing through the various stamp magazines I forward to him. Any of my readers who desire to drop him a line, (the postage is only two cents) or to send him a bundle of papers philatelic or non philatelic, his address is as follows: C. C. Lowe, Co. B, First California Volunteers, Manilla, Phillipine Islands, U. S. A. Charlie went through the whole Phillipine campaign, therefore he is not merely a recruit, but a seasoned American soldier, who the philatelic fraternity should feel proud of.

In what manner and form the government intends to dispose of the newspa-

per and periodical stamps is as yet an undecided question. The opinions of leading dealers are divided, one advocates selling the entire set for the sum of five dollars, this amount being a small fraction of the face value, which is about one hundred and eighty-seven dollars.

The Boston dealers would prefer to see the entire batch of remainders consigned to the furnace to be burnt to ashes. My opinion may not carry much weight, but I would consider it much more profitable and free from contamination not to sell the stamps at all under the present intentions, but to turn over the entire lot of remainders to the Internal Revenue department and with a proper surcharge, these stamps can then be transposed into legitimate revenue stamps—on a par with the provisional five dollar documentary, surcharged to be used for revenue purposes. The working of this idea is feasible, and the case cited will certainly indicate so.

A subject which will engage the attention of Ambassador Choate immediately upon his arrival in England is one which links the political fate of the Phillipines and that of the British West Indies

Several public hints have been made within the last few weeks as to the great mutual advantage that would accrue to the United States and Great Britain from the latter relinquishment of her principal possessions in the West Indies in exchange for a foot hold in the Phillipines. The suggestion has not met with the outburst of opposition which might have been expected. This is perhaps due to the fact that it is not taken seriously by the English public. The idea of surrender of a foot of soil anywhere which has long been under the British flag is deeply repugnant to the British heart, no matter how obvious the advantages of an exchange might be; the desperate, almost hopeless, finan-



cial and commercial condition of Jamaica and the other islands has been fully explained by the English newspapers, and in fact, it has been admitted that the only way to re-establish prosperity is through a political union with the United States.

It is probably true, therefore, that if a proposition of an exchange of the British West Indies for the Phillipines is made after these considerations, have fructified in the public mind, it will not cause the uproar with which it would have been greeted six months ago.

The above is a synopsis of a clipping taken from a New York daily. The excerpt cited, I believe to be of some interest to the followers of Philatelia.

### Stamped Envelopes.

BY WILLIAM M. VERBECK.

It is now nearing the time when we are to receive our new stamped envelopes, the contract for which was awarded some time ago.

Under this contract the envelopes will be of much chaper quality and will be changed in color in order to comply with the regulations of the Universal Postal Union. These colors will be as follows: green for the one-cent, vermilion for the two cent and blue for the five cent. There will be no change in the design

It is interesting to compare the sums paid by the government for envelopes in the past and at the present time. Thus, in the issue of 1874 the price of the envelope most used by the public was \$2 90 per 1,000 to the government and then the people had to pay \$3.20 per 1,000.

In 1894 the department awarded a contract (and the department is now operating under this contract) upon a bid of \$1 30 per 1,000 for the same envelopes and

figured on selling them to the public at \$1.70 per 1,000

Under the contract which goes into effect on Jany. 1st, 1899, and which changes the colors of the stamps, the government will be enabled to furnish the same envelopes at a greatly reduced price. It is understood that this reduction will be in the neighborhood of fifty cents per 1,000.

Thus a man can go to any post-office and purchase 1,000 of these envelopes, already stamped and ready for duty in the mail, for \$21.30. This is approximately but 13 cents per hundred for the envelopes, or, to get it down much finer, only four cents for a package of twenty-five of the government best grade.

All this cheapness is made possible by the extremely low bids received for doing the work. The government does not seek to make money out of the people in the sale of these envelopes but endeavors to put their price as near the cost as possible.

### The Prize Contest.

The Prize Contest instituted a few months ago, we are sorry to say, has been somewhat of a failure, as only four entered the contest. The contestants are as follows:

W. Reese, 1731 First St., New Orleans, La.

Lewis G. Spohn, Ardmore, Pa.

W. A. Parry, Jr., N. Cambridge, Mass.

Reginald C. Farrant, Cassilla 209, Lima, Peru.

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Only legitimate words will be counted. Words that cannot be found in Webster's or other Standard dictionaries will not count. Proper names do not count.

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FEBRUARY, 1899.

## EDITORIALS.

We wish to thank our many friends for their cordial reception of our initial effort. We were almost swamped with congratulations, and something more substantial, too. We did expect a nice reception, but never did we dream of such a royal one as we were given. We herewith register our firm intention to do better each and every issue till we are able to say, "We are as good as the best, and better than most." Our motto is, "Bonus, Melior, Optimus!" meaning, "Good, Better, Best!"

The newest candidate for phil-

atelic honors is the "Tri-Monthly collector," published by J. F. Dodge. As its name indicates, it is issued three times a month, and is intended to supersede Mr. Dodge's three monthlies, as he could not attend to all of them. Though its advent was sudden and unheralded, we are sure that it will receive a royal welcome, and be a success, as all of Mr. Dodge's enterprises prove to be.

One of our advertisers who gave us a trial ad. in our first number writes that within five days of the issue of THE TRIBUNE he had received 22 answers, and they were still coming. Mr. Dealer, if an ad in THE TRIBUNE paid him so well, don't you think that it would pay you also? Try an ad. and be convinced. Ten per cent discount on contracts, if cash for first quarter accompanies copy.

We have received a copy of the Nebraska Philatelic Blue Book, published by Wm. P. Hopson, of Omaha, Neb. It contains the names of upward of 1,100 active philatelists in the state of Nebraska. Its make-up is neat and attractive to the eye. Every collector should have one. The price is very reasonable, being only 10c.

The back cover page is to let on a six or twelve months' contract. Write for special rates. Your ad occupying this page will be sure to bring abundant returns. We also have other choice positions, including half page on front of cover, as with next issue we will change the appearance of our cover. Write at once.

### PERIODICAL STAMPS

Will be Sold at \$5.00 per Set.

As we go to press (Jan. 24), we learn that the Department has decided to sell a limited number of full sets at the low price of \$5 per set. The stamps will bear no surcharge.

If you receive this copy as a sample, it is an invitation to you to send us your subscription, as you will receive NO MORE sample copies. If you inclose a stamped self addressed envelope with your subscription you will receive FREE a set of six unused stamps, face value 20 cents.

We admire the cheek and enterprise(?) of The Texan Philatelist in filling one-half of their reading space of the December issue with a trashy detective story. It may do for a dime novel or a blood-and-thunder magazine but for a stamp paper—well, we don't know.

The provisional stamps for Cuba are of the following denominations:

- 1c de peso on 1c green.
- 2c de peso on 2c rose.
- 2½c de peso on 2c rose.
- 5c de peso on 5c blue.
- 10c de peso on 10c light brown.

The January number of The Philatelic Advocate is the best stamp paper ever issued within the borders of British America. It contains 60 pages and cover, and is replete with good and instructive articles.

The Montreal Philatelist relates the true(?) story of a wonderful find made in Montreal, Can., on Dec 19th. Photographic reproductions of some of the rarities are given in the January number.

Six varieties unused stamps, face value 20 cents, free, if you send in your 25 cents for a year's subscription to THE TRIBUNE and inclose a stamped self-addressed envelope. Subscribe at once.

The Cuban provisional stamps find a ready market among the collectors. But comparatively few were issued, and we predict a steady rise. They will prove good property to hold.

We will accept good U. S. and Foreign stamps (cat. 25 cts. and up), at 60 per cent off catalogue, in payment of subscriptions or advertising space.

We learn that the 15c olive green is out. Though we have not seen it as yet, we are sure it must be an improvement on the old 15c blue.

We have Bro. Dodge to thank for the first specimen of the new 2c envelope received at our sanctum.

The 2c envelope has appeared printed in carmine, and makes a very neat appearance.

The 2c blue on cream postal card for foreign use is now issued minus the frame.

Subscribe at once.



### With Our Contemporaries.

BY WILLIAM M. VERBECK.

Review closes on the 15th of each month. All publishers wishing their papers reviewed should send them to the Review Editor, Box 811, Ba lston Spa, N. Y.

THE YOUTH'S REALM for December has some valuable and interesting pages devoted to philately. The most important article is "The Great Stamp Marts of the World," in which a cut and description of Whitfield King's stamp store is given.

THE HERALD EXCHANGE is always up to date and a pleasure to receive and the December number is no exception to the rule. "Chicago Notes" by P. A. Cottlow are interesting and full of news. Under "Brooklyn Notes" an account of the lecture, "The History and Origin of Postage Stamps" by Dr. T. P. Hyatt held under the auspices of the Section of Philately of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences is given. "Mack" gives some "Type Differences" worth reading. "U. S. Notes" should be read as they contain things worth knowing.

STAMPS from Rushden, England, for November is full of good things. The articles most worth reading are "The Outlook," "Stamps of Paraguay," which is copied from the "Virginia Philatelist," "History of the Mauritius P. O. Stamps" and the articles entitled "Stamps Junior." The last article is especially interesting to juvenile collectors and gives them some good points.

THE PHILATELIC WEST for November reminds one of the "glorious fourth" with its giddy red cover. A very satirical article on the "Stamps in Canada" by George W. Hicks, appears on the first reading page. "Current Topics" being a

herald of new issues is taken from "Mekeel's Weekly." A long article of recipes is given for determining cancelled stamps, which may prove beneficial to some one. A good part of the paper is devoted to the camera.

The cover of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST for December is a thing of beauty and appeals strongly to the artistic eye. The material within the cover is as good. The subject of Dietz's sketch this month is Mark W. Peyser, M. D., vice president of the Virginia Philatelic Association. The first installment of "The Postage Stamps of Japan" by Larcus Viridis appears. We quote the following: "The student of stamps is sure to be rewarded by the issues of Japan, with their variations of design, of paper, of plates, of perforation, and he may even hope to attain reasonable completeness in this field for there are hardly any excessive rarities here to discourage the collector by their unattainability." Roy B. Bradley discusses his favorite topic under "Stray Notes on Confederates." It is good! Read it! F. W. B. wants "Less ink—please." He tells of the numerous fine specimens that are spoiled by being heavily cancelled and how it seems to be the delight of the post office employees to see how much of the color of the stamp they can obliterate by their ink stamp.

The yellow cover on the PERFORATOR for December gives me a shaky feeling. It makes me feel pale. The printer also used up all his "e's" so he inserted an "f" in place of the first "e" in Perforator. But appearances are deceiving, for although the New York and Nebraska notes are missing, the Federalburg paper is all right.

First on the list of "goodies" is a photo and sketch of John Henry Thomas, a well known dealer and philatelic writer of Jersey City, by C. W. Kissenger. Mr. Thomas enlisted in the navy at the beginning of the present war and served throughout the whole skirmish on the U. S. S. Badger, an auxiliary cruiser. Raymond S. Baker writes a very entertaining essay on "Reminiscences of First Impressions." He tells how as a youngster he collected knives, buttons, marbles, fancy bits of colored paper, etc., which were the foundation of the gathering together of postage stamps. How when at school other boys interested him in stamps and finally how he found, during a spell of sickness, about twenty-five old Canada and U. S. He tells of the pleasure of his first packet and approval sheets and of the competition among his friends to sell stamps. He says he has never since experienced the same pleasure as when he was a "beginner." "Collect the Current Issues Used" by Amy L. Swift brings forth some very satisfactory reasons why the current stamps postally used are more desirable than those in "mint state." Henry A. Chapman is still writing his usual good things in "Our Philatelic Neighbors" and the notes from Toronto, Hamilton and St. Catharines are lively and up to date. The Perforator says that R. F. Rickenbacker, of Washington, D. C., will issue the first number of a new paper on January 1st, to be called "The Stamp Dealer's Advertiser." And still there's more to follow. Next!

STANDARD PRICES by Everett B. Horn opens up the reading pages of the December Philatelic Bulletin. It is the same old, well worn and

frequently discussed subject of what we are to depend upon for the proper prices of postage stamps. Mr. Horn says, "Not the catalogues,"—We all know that! "Not the prices brought at auction sales." We never depend on them, for as he says, the prices are "Spasmodic" and not true values. The article then says, "What have we left? The advertising columns of our philatelic periodicals, dealers price lists and the approval books minus the allowable discount," and closes by saying, "Let us have a more practical catalogue that will price stamps according as they are justified by actual market transactions."

THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN STAMP opens up with an article, "Some Benefits of Philately" by S. A. D. Cox. It discusses the benefits gained by children who invest their savings in postage stamps, how they must hustle to save a few pennies or even dollars in order to get the required amount to buy some coveted specimen, how in this manner they are taught the great lesson of saving. On the other side he shows how the child who spends his money for candy, chewing gum, etc., generally acquires no knowledge of saving and at the same time is continually undermining his health. No other articles of length appear except one on "Labels" by J. B. T.

THE TEXAN PHILATELIST opens with "The Mysterious Surcharge" a thrilling detective story by Nick Carter—I mean Zura. The same author also writes another article entitled "An Unused Stamp." Numerous other items of interest appear.

F. J. Dodge, of New Oxford, Pa., is the publisher of the new TRIMONTHLY COLLECTOR into which are

merged "The Rocky Mountain Stamp," "American Collector" and "Columbian Philatelist." The principal article of interest is "Philatelic Literature Collectors," S. A. D. Cox. On page six some of our esteemed contemporaries "get it in the neck" for fair on the circulation business. I think Dodge's new venture promises to be a success, and I heartily hope it will.

THE PHILATELIC WEST AND CAMERA NEWS is the title now given to the old "P. W." Nearly half of the space in the paper is devoted to the camera and is under the management of G. B. Ward, of Chicago, Ill. A half tone likeness of John Hulme Lowe, of Toronto, Canada, appears on the cover and a short sketch of the same party appears on the first reading page. The reading part of the paper is well filled with articles from different sources. Altogether the "P. W." makes a very creditable appearance.

In the January number of the AMERICAN JOURNAL OF PHILATELY, the "Outlook" announces a general picking up of business all around and a decrease in the large discounts given by some dealers. A certain firm of this continent is reported as "shady" in their transactions. Advertising does not always mean reliability or honesty.

"The Catalogue for Advanced Collectors" by Henry Collin and Henry L. Calman can only be appreciated by being seen. It is undoubtedly a grand work and composed of valuable items. Ed J. Nankivell's subject on "Leading English Philatelists" is composed of a half tone and sketch of the late Hastings E. Wright. Other

articles of interest are "The Postage Stamps of the U. S." by John N. Luff which is continued from the December number. "Notes on Counterfeits of 1st Issue of Valparaiso, Chili, Postage Due Stamps," written by Gust Wiedmann and translated into English by J. M. Andreini. Mr. Nankivell's 'English Letter' is very interesting and full of valuable information.

THE PHILATELIC ADVOCATE for January is a small size dictionary. It claims it is "the largest number of any Canadian Stamp journal ever issued." The work room and the sales room of the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. and a cut of the south side of King street, Berlin, comprise the illustrations in this number. Geo. W. Starnaman's article, "The Dubious Philatelist" speaks of the philatelist who is in doubt as to what philately will be tomorrow. He says we live in a doubting world and no matter what happens there is always some one who will doubt the outcome of it. He closes by saying, "We still have a bright future before us and we may expect to make greater headway in days to come than we have in days past." Another article which I was especially interested in was Wm. A. McDonnell's essay on "The Inelegibility of Review Editors." He justly condemns the reviewer who fills his columns with abuse, unfavorable to certain contributors because he may have some real or imaginary grievance against them. He also condemns the reviewer who "judges a man by the coat he wears," the one who mentions the papers having the handsomest covers, etc. Numerous other wise and sage like suggestions are given which lack of space forbids me to

mention. Mr. McDonnell, I shall surely try to profit by your words. The balance of the paper is so good that I could easily cover several pages with review but as it is now, my review for this month is so long, I am afraid ye Editor will cut it down, but Oh! shades of Randolph Hill, I hope not.

On time, bright and newsy and typographically correct is the January VIRGINIA PHILATELIST. Dietz's sketch is the president of the S. P. A., Mr. H. Fenton. "The Postage Stamps of Japan" which began in the December number is continued, going into the minor varieties of paper, etc. Indeed, it is a treasure to some specialist on Japan. Wm. A. McDonnell is at the front again with his article on "An Annual Discrepancy." He says that the receipts of the United States post-office are greater than any other country. According to this, he continues, current U. S. are priced entirely too high.

Many other interesting articles fill the remaining pages which we are compelled to pass by.

#### Fraud Column.

H. M. Pulver, of Pulvers, N. Y., says, "Doughty & Page, Muscatine, Iowa, have some very fine stamps of mine to the amount of \$6.02, and I wish I had them. I have written them five letters already, but can get no communication from them whatever. I have changed the envelopes, done all I could to have them answer same but to no avail." No comment is necessary.

We have received several complaints against a party in Chicago, who has obtained and retained several valuable selections of stamps from a great many dealers. We have written to his father (he is only a boy), requesting him to settle claims against the son, but so far

have not heard from him. Unless we hear from the party in a short time, we shall publish the young man's interesting history and list of shady actions in our next issue, and we promise to juggle no words about it either. We have positive proof or we would not speak so.

S. P. Hughes, Howe, Neb., sends us the following names of dead-beats, frauds and substituters.

Guy F. Barnhart, Sidney, Neb.  
 Frank F. Bunn, Mt. Vernon, Ohio.  
 Chres. Merrilat, Detroit, Kansas.  
 \*Jake Friedman, Chicago, Ill., 4431 S. Halstead St.

James Maclean, Napanee, Ontario.  
 Harry Barr, Hotboro, Pa.  
 Bert J. Simpson, Chatam, Ont., Can.  
 J. H. Rogers, Carleton Place, Ontario.  
 T. C. Worale, Anthony Ave., Chicago.  
 \*Sanford Burton, Milverton, Ont., Can.  
 \*Chas. Mople, North Pasadena, Cal.  
 \*Thomas Vail, Savannah, Ga., 213 Broughton St.

Rollin Bacher, Cleveland, Ohio, 91 Frustland Ave.

R.G. Sussaman, Waterloo, Iowa, Box 702.

\*R. Armour, Lindsay, Ontario.

T. D. Brewster, Akron, O., 212 Market St.

J. A. Donaghy, Montreal, Canada.

W. Kitchen, Brantford, Ontario.

John Iden, Albion, N. Y.

Guy Brooks, Pittsfield, N. H.

H. Leon Peck, Champaign, Ill., 611 W. Univ. St.

Geo. Harding, Lindsay, Ontario.

B. Sylvester, " "

Claude Snyder, Allentown, Pa.

A. H. Moody, Harwick Port, Mass.

Bemund Unger, 195 Allen St., N. Y. City.

Walter Bell, Portage la Prairie, Manitoba.

Harwood Matthews, Port Arthur, Ont.

G. Walter Mead, Ithaca, N. Y.

C. Stunmetz, Jr., 585 Grove St., Milwaukee, Wis.

The Zenith Stamp Co. is responsible for the following:

Wm. Sellers, 710 Sycamore St. Waterloo, Iowa.

A. A. Scott, 175 Niagara St., Toronto.

J. E. Young, Middleton, Nova Scotia.

Dorsett Goff, 217 Main St., Elkhart, Ind.

C. F. Robinson, Box 58, Model City, N. Y.

W. S. Preston, Winchester, Ind.

\*Means substituters.

Dealers having any names of these

estimable gentlemen, or others like

them, would do well to send them in for

publication so that others may be warn-

ed to have no dealings with them.



### Odds and Ends.

BY "SPMATS."

No decision has been reached by the department in regard to the disposal of the obsolete Newspaper and Periodical stamps. Mr. Bartels, the Washington correspondent of "The Metropolitan Philatelist," was asked to give his opinion as to the number of sets to be disposed of, and price to be charged per set. In reply he recommended the sale of 10,000 sets at \$10, while the veteran philatelist, J. W. Scott, recommends the sale of 100,000 sets at \$5 per set. It remains to be seen if either of the suggestions will be acted upon.

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E. T. Parker, the Bethlehem, Pa. dealer, has gone to Cuba to secure some of those much desired Cuban provisionals.

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A fine copy of the 2c brown Proprietary 1878 issue, rouletted, brought only 30 cents at B. L. Drew & Co.'s 28th Auction Sale. Is the auction market a good field to judge prices by?

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By far the finest stamp paper it has ever been our good fortune to see, is the New Year's edition of Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News. The front cover is indeed a thing of beauty, and as to the contents—well they are well worth the price of the entire year's subscription. If you haven't seen it send to I. A. Mekeel for a sample copy.

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"Stamp Talk," the bright little newcomer from Kansas City, has already endeared itself to our heart. No. II, if anything, is an improvement on the initial issue, and though consisting mostly of reprinted matter, the articles are well chosen, and are worth perusing a second time. We wish Stamp Talk abundant success.

There is a still voice afloat, whispering dark foreboding secrets, in reference to a certain South American firm who have become prominent by their advertising during the past season. The A. J. of P. has heard the still voice and so has the Philatelic West. Where will it end? We are anxiously awaiting the outcome of certain investigations now on foot.

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That philatelic magazines are good mediums for advertising anything of interest to the people at large is proven by the extensive advertising done by F. L. Ackley, of Ackley's Taxider in our leading stamp papers.

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The report that the revenue stamps are to be perforated instead of rouletted has been emphatically denied by the department. No such change is being contemplated.

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The demand for Omahas is simply enormous. No more are being issued, and if this extraordinary demand continues, there will be a sudden rise in the higher values. The 50c, \$1 and \$2 are already bringing face value in used condition, and before long will bring considerably over.

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The success of the St. Louis Auction Sales is phenomenal. The sales are held every two weeks under the charge of The Stamp Exchange, and the prices realized hold their own with any of Drew's, Bogert & Durbin, etc.

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We are very sorry to hear of the sudden demise of the "Boston Stamp Book," published by Rev. John L. Kilborn. The reason given for the suspension of this most valuable publication, is that for the last year it had failed to pay even its own expenses. The unexpired subscriptions will be filled by the "Eastern Philatelist."

## EXCHANGE AND FOR SALE.

Notices under this heading will be inserted at the rate of one-half cent per word. 100 words to be used as desired 42 cents; 250 words to be used as desired \$1; 500 words to be used as desired \$1.75. Notices must be written on separate paper from other matter.

Look up Vaughan's ad. You will find many bargains offered in it.

Set Columbians, 1c-10c, 8 varieties, only 17c. S. P. Lev, P. O. Box 65, Harriman, Tenn.

Will exchange good stamps for your money. Look up my ad elsewhere. H. M. Pulver, Pulvers, N. Y.

Your cash wanted for my stamps. My ad. can be found on another page. Look it up. F. S. Vaughan, Peoria, Ill.

Will X a fine bicycle lamp, price \$5, in good condition, for best offer in stamps cat. from 25 cents up. S. P. Lev, P. O. Box 65, Harriman, Tenn.

Nice camera 2|x2|x4, new, and with complete printing and developing outfit, including hypo, developer, trays, solio paper, etc., to exchange for a collection of stamps or best offer. S. P. Lev, P. O. Box 65, Harriman, Tenn.

Bargains! 2 varieties World's Fair postals 10c, complete set World's Fair postals \$1.25, set 4 Holyoke envelopes 25c, set 3 Centennial envelopes \$1.25, complete set of Columbian envelopes \$1.10, complete set Omaha Exposition postals 35c, letter sheets (any series) 6c each. Everything entire, unused, mint condition. S. B. Fish, Butler, Ill.

To become acquainted with some readers of THE STAMP TRIBUNE, I offer the 2c lake playing cards 1894, unused o. g. for 6c post free. Block of 4, 25c.

Cheap is it not? A beautiful black and green 1871-75 proprietary on violet p. well centered and nicely canceled for \$4.75. All proprietaries 1871-78 in stock at half cat. prices. Canada Jubilee ½-50 c, all picked copies, unused o. g. for only \$1.75. Canada maple leaf 45c same condition. Stamps on approval at net prices. My sheets and books are interesting to look over because they are out of the ordinary line collectors are in the habit of receiving. Give me a trial. Of course I buy stamps. Wendelin Weber, 905 Eagle St., Buffalo, N. Y.

### Tennessee Philatelic Society.

Believing that the state of Tennessee has as much right to, and need of a stamp society as any state in our glorious Union, a few collectors have decided to start such a society. Philatelists of all states and countries will be welcomed to our ranks, but especially those of Tennessee.

The following gentlemen have signified their intention to help organize this society:

F. W. Coning, Maryville, Tenn.  
S. P. Lev, Harriman, Tenn.  
Roy B. Bradley, Waco, Texas.  
Wm. M. Verbeck, Ballston Spa, N. Y.  
C. L. McNutt, Knoxville, Tenn.

This is not a bad start, but we want several more to help us in the organization of what we hope will be a leading state society.

All philatelists signifying their intention to join this society before the next issue of THE TRIBUNE will be considered charter members. Next month we will publish a complete list of charter members, and nominations for the various officers for the year '99 will then be in order.

This is a direct appeal to all philatelists, Southern and Tennessean especially to help build up a Tennessee Philatelic Society.

### SCRATCHINGS.

BY "M. A. BELL."

The United States has issued a provisional stamp, or rather a set of stamps for Cuba; they consist of the 1c green surcharged, Cuba 1c de peso; 2c red, surcharged, Cuba 2c de peso; 2c red, surcharged, Cuba, 2½c de peso; 5c blue surcharged, Cuba, 5c de peso, and 10c brown, surcharged, Cuba, 10c de peso. It has been stated that the surcharges have been made on the 3c purple. The stamps are all of the current issue and the surcharges are all in small but clear type.

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The Philatelic Advocate publishes the obituary of the Toronto Canadian Weekly. Thus is the lesson taught time and time again, but who heeds it? Yet, there are are some who are willing to profit by the experiences of others. "Dust thou art and to dust thou shalt return."

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The latest aspirant for honors in the weekly field is the Michigan Philatelic Weekly, which hails from Ithaca, Mich.

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We are indebted to Mr. Richard R. Brown, of Keyport, N. J., for his very neat little colored calendar for 1899 of "four little pickaninnies."

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It is nearly time for the promised change in colors of the stamped envelopes. I note that some of the papers give Jan. 1st as the date of their appearance while others make it March 1st. I think the former date is correct.

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I do wish some one would sell some of our brother members of the P. S. of A. a type-writer. I would be better able to read their postals then. A short time ago I received a communication from a brother member of prominence which I haven't been able

to make out yet. Examine your "scribblings" boys, and see if you think you need a type-writer, (I mean a machine not a young lady) and if you can't afford a good one get a dollar one or a second hand one out of some old iron pile. See? Ta! Ta!

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I have seen it stated that the government is contemplating a new design for our adhesive stamps. If this is so, gather up the new colors as fast as you can. They are bound to be a good thing.

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Dottie Lonesome, of a leading Canadian paper, is a very sarcastic little miss (?). She is getting Brother Bach, of the Montreal Philatelist, into a kindergarten or at least wants to, but she doesn't say whether she is going to have charge or not.

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The current stamps of St. Vincent for 1898 are now obsolete. What will 1899 bring forth?

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R. G. Widdicombe of St. Catherines, Ont., formerly publisher of the Ontario Philatelist, has joined the staff of the Virginia Philatelist.

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The Evergreen State Philatelist says that the effigies of Washington, Franklin, Lincoln and Grant will grace the new envelopes. Others say "No."

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It is said that a number of Toronto's leading people will publish a new monthly in a short time.

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Stanley Gibbon's 1899 catalogue has been received in this country. The half-tone cuts are a disgrace and often times you would hardly know the stamp. The prices throughout are exceedingly low.

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The S. S. & C. Co. "knew their business" when they decided not to issue a

new catalogue this year, on account of the unsettled condition of the market; and now that Gibbon's catalogue is out, the Scott people will have something to help them out when they do issue their's.

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Great Britain's experiment with the inter-colonial penny postage has been astonishingly successful and within a fortnight the volume of mails between the home country and Canada has been doubled. Postage reduction always results in largely increasing business and it is upon this that the advocates of one cent postage in this country base their demands. Sooner or later we are bound to try the experiment ourselves and there is good reason to believe it will not fail.

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The National Philatelist has suspended publication and the subscription list has been turned over to Mr. Dodge to be filled by his Tri-Monthly Collector.

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The printing of cuts of United States Postage stamps is prohibited by law and the poor philatelist is forbidden to use them. But yet the American Encyclopedia and some of our prominent newspapers and periodicals have printed them for years and "no one said them 'Nay' "and yet what would happen if some of our journals did this? "\$100 fine please."

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The Boston Stamp Book is a thing of the past. The Eastern Philatelist will fill out the unexpired subscriptions.

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Derlan's International directory is undoubtedly a good thing but I notice that under United States he has left out a great number of our prominent philatelists.

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Wm. B. Hopson, of 1214 Farnum St., Omaha, is the publisher of the

"Nebraska Philatelic Blue Book." The price is ten cents and every one ought to have one. We thank him for our copy.

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The Bureau of Engraving is now preparing the following private proprietary stamps:

One and one-fourth, Chas. H. Fletcher.

Two and one-half, Hostetter & Co.

Five-eighths, Radway & Co. (R. R. R.)

Five-eighths, Johnson & Johnson.

Four, Branca Bros.

Five-eighths, Lanman & Kemp.

Three and three-eighths, Warner's Safe Cure.

One and one-fourth, Lenman & Kemp.

One and seven-eighths, Lenman & Kemp.

Five-eighths, Piso Co.

These will probably be unobtainable for some time to come.

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### St. Catharine's Notes.

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GEO. BRADLEY.

The ten cent numerical issue has not yet put in its appearance at this office.

The plate number 2 of the numerical issue has been received at this office.

The Montreal Philatelist has not been seen of late. What is the matter Brother Bach?

The highest plate number of the numerical issue received here to date has been number 2.

Canada, United States and British Colonials in general seem to be the stamps of the present fashion.

R. G. Widdicombe of this city has been engaged as Canadian correspondent to the Virginia Philatelist.

A book entitled "Philatelic Toronto" has appeared from that city, John H. Lowe is mentioned as the compiler.

The "special delivery" stamp brings



a good price in used condition. It is not known yet whether this stamp will be withdrawn or not.

The writer wishes to warn publishers against the following as bad pay: L. Merner Staebler, Saco, Maine; Wm. R. Adams, Toronto, Ont.

The Philatelic Messenger has at last caught up with "Father Time." The December number having been received in the latter part of that month.

Canada's rarest stamp, the twelve pence black, in an unused mint condition, is being offered for the modest sum of four hundred and eighty-five dollars.

Collectors and dealers will do well to obtain their supply of the 2c. purple, numerical issue while they have the chance. As soon as the present supply is exhausted the color will be changed to red to comply with the "Postal Union Rules."

F. I. Weaver, of Berlin, Ont., publisher of the Canadian Philatelic Weekly, is at present pushing a new society, "Canadian Philatelic Press Club." Will it be a success like the "Boys Own Philatelic Association" of which he was one of the founders?

The imprint on the Xmas stamp was the figure 1 directly in the perforating line in the centre of the sheet and the words "American Bank Note Co., Ottawa," under the third stamp from each on the bottom and over the third stamp from each side at the top.

A new monthly is announced to appear from Toronto shortly, with W. A. Lydiatt as publisher. It would be a wise measure, indeed, if that gentleman would give up the idea. Why did he not keep the Canadian Philatelic Weekly alive when it has such a good start?

The Dominion Philatelic Association has, by the sanction of the officers at

the special meeting in Toronto on Thanksgiving day, accepted the button designed by R. S. Mason for the official emblem. The design consists of a Canadian flag with the letters D. P. W. underneath.

A new issue of the 2 cent Xmas stamp has put in its appearance here. The water is represented by a distinct blue which is a good improvement on the first issue. Cause for complaint, however, can easily be found with the unsatisfactory way in which the British possessions are marked off in red. It is a wonder the government could not do the thing properly while at it.

According to Mr. Bartels, the Washington correspondent of the Metropolitan, the \$30 documentary revenue in bright red made its appearance some time ago, and is expected to be a very scarce stamp. The plate No. is 8482.

The Metropolitan informs us that several rare I. R. plates were counterfeited. As the job was poorly done, only the unwary or careless collector will be caught in the toils. We also learn that there are many counterfeits of the I. R. inverts afloat. Collectors would do well to be careful how they buy these stamps.

So far I have the following shades of the 2c Imperial penny post placard:

2c	black,	red and	dark lavender
2c	"	"	light "
2c	"	"	gray
2c	"	"	light blue
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## The United States Post-Office.

BY WILLIAM M. VERBECK.

The postal history of the United States dates from the early settlement of the English in Massachusetts.

The service was conducted originally for mutual convenience and by the co-operation of the settlers. As the colony increased in numbers and sailing vessels began making regular trips between England and America, the coffee-house in Boston, which was the general rendezvous for the narration and discussion of the news of the day, was naturally selected as the place of deposit and delivery of letters and packages to and from Europe.

The first attempt to organize the service, legally and systematically, was made by the general court of Massachusetts in 1639, when Richard Fairbanks of Boston was designated as agent to receive and deliver all letters, for which he was to receive one penny for every letter he handled.

In 1657, the colony of Virginia enacted a law, which required every planter to provide a messenger to convey the dispatches as they arrived, to the next plantation, and the owner of this plantation to the next, and so on until they reached their destination, on pain of forfeiting a hogshead of tobacco on default. Inter-colonial methods of forwarding communications soon followed.

In 1672 a monthly service between

New York and Boston was established by the colony of New York, and in 1677 the general court of Massachusetts appointed John Haywood to receive and distribute foreign letters arriving in Boston and in 1680 made him postmaster for the entire colony.

Further inland, William Penn established a general office in Philadelphia in the year 1683 and organized a weekly service between that city and several points in Maryland.

Ten years later the colony of New Hampshire established a service. These acts were all colonial in conception and in management, and were absolutely independent of the postal system of Great Britain, but in 1660 the British Parliament passed a bill to systemize and regulate postal communications with the colonies, under which Thomas Neale was recognized as royal postal agent by Virginia in 1692 and by New Hampshire in 1693.

In 1704 the office of royal postmaster general for America was created and in 1710, New York was made the American headquarters of the Consolidated Postal Service of Great Britain.

Rates of postage for the colonies were established by parliament during the reign of Queen Anne.

Benjamin Franklin was made postmaster at Philadelphia in 1737 and was commissioned deputy postmaster general for the colonies in 1653. He may justly be styled the father of the Amer-



ican postal system. Under his administration was inaugurated the delivery of mail matter at the residence of the persons to whom it was addressed, the advertising of unclaimed letters in the newspapers, tri-weekly mail between New York and Philadelphia and weekly mail the year round between Philadelphia and New England and the stage mail service.

Continued next month.

### New York Letter.

FROM MACK.

Good business and plenty of cash, gives rather a rosy tint to stamp affairs at the present writing. Much speculation is going on, and the United States stamps, surcharged for Cuba mail service are getting their share of attention. Minor varieties of more or less value have turned up (we can't do without them) and to quote from Mr. Camp's notes in Mekeels Weekly: "The CUPA stamp has been seen in the left pane of a sheet of five cents. It only occurs in the sheet, on the inside or straight straight edge, and is the fifth stamp counting down from the top.

I have yet to see a right pane of this value and do not know if it exists. The 10 cent brown has also been seen with the top part of the 'B' missing,"—like an inverted P. I have seen an open "O" in peso which appears somewhat like a "C." The demand for plate numbers seem to be on the increase, if we can judge by the many lists advertised; dealers are adding them to their stock—which they would never do if no demand prevailed. All New York dealers handle plate numbers with a very few exceptions.

Right upon all this disturbance, comes the news that the United States government intends to issue a new set of stamps of an appropriate design for the island of Cuba, comprising five denom-

inations as follows: 1c green, statue of Columbus, the one now located in the patio of the Captain-General's residence in Havana; 2c red, allegorical statue of Cuba, known among the Cubans as "La Cubania," and now located on the plaza at Havana; 3c purple, a merchant ship; 5c dark blue, an agricultural scene with tobacco plants, towering palms and a sugar mill; 10c, no decision yet arrived at.

Mr. E. B. Power is back from Cuba loaded down with plate numbers and new Cuban surcharges.

It is whispered that some of the higher denominations of the present revenues will shortly be changed. It is said that the \$3 will be green, and the \$1 deep carmine. The \$10 it is said will also be changed. The \$5 I have seen in orange—perhaps a changeling. I also note that the 2 cent documentary comes in a much darker shade than formerly; the 4 cent proprietary is the prettiest stamp of that set, and the one most seldom made use of. A collecting friend of mine uses four half cent documentary stamps on his checks, in preference to the two cent stamp.

There seems to be a great rumpus down in Congo Free State. This is a Belgium colony, and the natives are giving the home government lots of trouble, and also much expense. Things have about reached a climax, and the future of the Africa "free" state is somewhat clouded. Both England and France have made overtures to the Belgium government, in regard to selling the colony, and in all probability either one of these great European powers will be in possession of this piece of African soil, with its herds of half uncivilized savages. A hint to the wise philatelist is all that is necessary,—complete your Congo Free States.

The Stamps Publishing Co., who are probably in reality the American Collector's Company, intend to launch up-

on the troubled sea of philatelic journalism, a monthly publication that will contain monthly descriptions of minor varieties fully illustrated. Half tone pictures of rare stamps from fine collections. A catalogue which prices new issues as they come out, and gives changes occurring in the values of old issues. Articles on United States and foreign stamps by specialists, are some of the features embodied in this proposed publication. The subscription price will be fixed at fifty cents a year; we must expect something fine at that price, in comparison to what can be procured at half.

**Baden.**

BY B. G. M'FALL.

Baden!

Where is it?

I'll not insinuate that you don't know, yet many do not.

Where is Germany?

Everyone knows that, so to ease matters, Baden is in Germany, Germany is in Europe and Europe—well, hunt for it on the map.

The early history of the German Confederation is one of intense interest especially when Napoleon created such a disturbance there and every collector should learn something about it.

There are three especial points in favor of the general collector for the postal issues of Baden, first the small number of varieties, second, their oddity and third, their cheapness.

For the general collector who disregards varieties in perforation and shades, thirty-four varieties would complete his collection, but five varieties of the envelopes would be reprints, the originals, likewise the reprints, being very scarce.

The krenzer (\$.0067) and the gulden (florin) (\$.402) were the money used and the first issue of stamps, square, were printed in black on various colored pa-

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1851	1 kr buff p .....	\$2 50	\$20 00
	3 kr yellow p.....	2 00	10 00
	6 kr green p.....	2 00	12 00
	9 kr pink p.....	25	1 50
1853	1 kr white p.....	2 00	4 00
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1857	3 kr blue p .....	2 00	17 00

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As hopes of securing this set unused are gone, every collector should by all means get them used, especially the 1 kr on buff, 6 kr green p, 9 kr pink p, 1 kr white p, 6 kr yellow p and the 3 kr blue p.

1861, 1862, 1864, 1868, marked the issue of new varieties, the first being a square inclosing the arms upon a shaded background, in the following values \*1 kr, \*3 kr, \*6 kr, \*9 kr, \*6 kr blue, \*9 kr brown; the back ground was finally cut out leaving the arms very prominent upon the following values: 1862, 3 kr, 18 kr, 30 kr, (\* used), 1864, \*1 kr, \*6 kr, \*9 kr. In 1868 the value which had formerly been spelled entire, was abbreviated from "Kreuzer" to KR., 1kr, 3kr, \*7 kr, and in this year a confederation of the German states brought into use the stamps of the Empire, and no further issues were made. The \* marks the ones I would advise every one to secure as soon as possible, 'tis always best to be on the safe side.

The 18 kr green, although listed at \$4 is not as rare as it's value would indicate, but the 30 kr orange, though cheap unused, is exceedingly rare used with

a genuine cancellation. Counterfeit 18 kr and fraudulent cancellation of the 30 kr should be watched for as they are not uncommon.

During 1862 a series 1 kr, 3 kr and 12 kr, printed in black on yellow paper was made for rural districts, but being little used, are rare thus. See their advancements from 1892, used.

	1892	1894	1896	1898
1 kr.....	\$ 50	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 75	\$ 1 75
3 kr.....	35	60	1 25	1 25
12 kr.....	2 50	12 50	35 00	35 00

Yet they are listed at but 4c, 4c and 10c respectively, unused, is not that a great temptation to, unscrupulous dealers and frauds to make the 12 kr used thus increasing it's value \$34.90.

The envelope stamps consisting of eleven varieties are all of the same design but, the first five values, 3 kr, 6 kr, 9 kr, 12 kr, 18 kr, are rare, the reprints being nearly as valuable as the originals. The 3, 6, 9 kr of 1862 (envelopes) were printed in Berlin and are clear, fine impressions on white paper but in 1865 they were printed in Karlsruhe on bluish paper, the stamp being blurred and not so fine.

Now one statement I will say in conclusion, don't slight these stamps, or those of any of the other German states, for they are all obsolete, and are destined some day to be very, very scarce.

### The Stamps of '98.

BY LEON V. CASS.

The year of 1898 has seen the issuance of many beautiful and interesting stamps, and the United States has given collectors many new issues, including the first surcharged stamp ever put forth by our "Land of the free and home of the brave."

One of the most popular stamps ever issued, and withal a beauty in color and design, is the one-half cent orange documentary. The 1½c proprietary has also

caused much comment by the many shades in which it has appeared.

The 1c green appeared in January and a few months later it appeared on ribbed paper; the 5c blue also appeared about April, and it is to appear in light blue at an early date, if it is not already out when you read this.

Among the most beautiful stamps to appear last year, is the ½c olive Newfoundland, which is universally termed a very pretty stamp.

Portugal and her many colonies have also given collectors another commemorative set in honor of Vasco de Gama. Many of the stamps in this set are very pretty, and owing to their cheapness every collector should own at least a partial set.

New Zealand's new issue is as a general thing a very pretty set, and owing to their beauty and the wide-spread interest manifested in the 2½d error, this set is at least one of the most popular sets ever emitted by a British colony.

Grenada, Trinidad and St. Lucia gave one jubilee stamp each during '98 and collectors should be thankful that they did not give full sets.

British Guiana with her pictorial set which is proving quite popular, is another colony furnishing '98 issues.

Honduras, with her steam car stamp, reminds collectors that "Seebecks" are not squelched yet, notwithstanding the efforts of the society of many S's.

Cook Islands '98 stamps are pretty and interesting, although very few of them are seen in our dealers' stocks as yet.

The 1898-9 issues of Cuba, Porto Rico, and the Philippines were much sought after by collectors, because of the general interest in these colonies caused by the war.

Hayti's new stamps are pretty, and collectors gave them a warm welcome notwithstanding the taint clinging to them.

Our Omaha commemorative set caused much adverse comment, and many were the comments, both complimentary and otherwise, which greeted their appearance.

Now, I am and always was a champion of the Omaha issue and in my eyes at least they are a most beautiful set.

But enough, it is time to close. I have mentioned what in my opinion were the most popular stamps of '98 and will use no more of the editor's valuable space.

**Canadian Notes.**

RUDOLPH C. BACH.

The official number of 2c purple envelopes printed is 3000. Contrary to all rumors, they will not be reprinted. They are selling at 60c each in Montreal. One clerk in Montreal is said to have secured 800, while another gentleman in Halifax is said to have secured his share.

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There are many minor varieties in the maple leaf issue. It will pay you to look over them.

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The ruling selling (Montreal) prices for the maple leaf and numeral issues now are as follows:

Maple leaf	½c,	75c per 100.
“	1c,	25c “
“	2c,	35c “
“	3c,	20c “
“	5c,	\$2.00 “
“	6c,	4.50 “
“	8c,	2.00 “
“	10c,	15.00 “
Numeral	½c,	25 “
“	1c,	10 “
“	2c,	30 “
“	3c,	10 “
“	6c,	4.00 “
“	8c,	3.00 “
“	10c,	8.00 “

and every chance of their increasing before long.

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The 2c Imperial stamp, lavender shade, was reprinted, but the issue was

quickly bought up, and they still bring 10c each.

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In my opinion the second shade (with the sea colored light grey) is the scarcest. A lot of 1000 used copies, I sorted out as follows:

- 201 shade I, lavender,
- 72 “ II, light grey,
- 309 “ III, light blue,
- 407 “ IV, Prussian blue,
- 11 “ V, very dark blue green.

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The stamps of Canada 1868 issue are evidently on the boom. Some dealers are buying up all fine copies at half catalogue.

ST. CATHARINES.

Mr. Geo. Lowe is retiring from his office on Yonge street and will in future devote his time to working up a mail order business.

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The report of the Postmaster General which is now in the printer's hand will show a total revenue during the past year of \$3,527,810 and an expenditure of \$3,575,412, leaving a deficit of \$47,602. The value of postage stamps sold during the year was \$4,414,765, but out of this amount there had to be deducted certain charges which reduced the revenue to the amount named. During the year the sum of \$1,352,257 was paid to the railways for the conveyance of mails. The cost of conveyances by vehicles being \$765,660.

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For the benefit of those of my readers who take an interest in plate numbers. I give a complete list of those having appeared of the numeral issue.

- 1-2 cent, black, No. 1.
- 1 “ green, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4.
- 2 “ purple, Nos. 1, 2.
- 3 “ red, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4.
- 6, 8, 10 cent, No. 1.

The 5 cent numeral has not been received yet.



The Scott people evidently did not get a good supply of the maple leaf issue, or else they have made a big mistake in pricing them. Dealers will not be in a hurry to send out those stamps at 50 per cent discount.

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Some people continue to use the 3 cent stamps when a two would do. Any desiring can have the 3's exchanged for other values.

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Some think that Canada is to be blessed with an entire new issue. This however remains to be seen. If a new issue is not forth coming, a 4 and 7 cent stamp will be issued and the 3 and 8 withdrawn.

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The new envelope with the 2 cent embossed stamp upon it that appeared printed in purple has been withdrawn. It will likely be very scarce as only a small number were issued. The color has been changed to carmine to conform with the Berne postal regulations.

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The Dominion Philatelic Association has at present about two hundred paid up members. The membership was past the three hundred mark, but many had to be dropped on account of non payment of dues.

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Canada has at present three monthlies and one weekly.

GEO. BRADLEY.

The two handsomest magazines in the U. S. are THE STAMP TRIBUNE and the Virginia Philatelist. Both for a whole year only 30cts. Both and the Montreal Philatelist only 45cts. All three and the Philatelic West and Camera News only 55c.

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### Tennessee Philatelic Association.

Secretary-Treasurer, pro tem, F. W. Coning, Maryville, Tenn.

As will be seen by the constitution partly reproduced below, it has been decided to accept collectors from other states as passive members, who however will be fully endowed with all the privileges of the association, with the exception of holding office.

The following applications have been received up to date.

#### ACTIVE.

1. F. W. Coning, Maryville.
2. S. P. Lev, P. O. Box 65, Harriman.
3. C. L. McNutt, Knoxville.
4. Paul H. Coning, Maryville.
6. C. P. Galyon, Russell Bldg., Knoxville.

#### PASSIVE.

5. Roy B. Bradley, Waco, Texas.
7. Wm. M. Verbeck, Ballston Spa, N. Y.
8. Wm. A. McDonnell, 1646 Madison Ave., New York City.
9. D. J. Reilly, 2260 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, N. Y.
10. Franklin Stearns, P. O. Box 6, Richmond, Va.
11. L. P. Head, Fulton, Ky.

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Nominations for officers to serve during the ensuing year have been deferred till next month.

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The following are a few extracts from the constitution adopted. The full constitution may be had by members, as soon as printed, free or by non-members at five cents each.

Article I. This Association shall be known as the TENNESSEE PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION and also as State Branch No . . . . (to be hereafter supplied) of the "Southern Philatelic Association."

Article III, Sec. 1. Any Philatelist of good character residing in the state of

Tennessee shall be eligible to ACTIVE membership, and any Philatelist of good character residing outside of the state of Tennessee shall be eligible to PASSIVE membership in this Association.

Sec. 3. Any member whose connection with the Association shall be deemed injurious to its interests may be expelled or otherwise dealt with, but no action shall be taken without first publishing such intention and the causes thereof in the Official Journal and allowing a period of thirty (30) days from such publication to elapse to enable such members of the Association as may desire to be heard in the premises to communicate with the President of this Association and the vote of five (5) members in good standing shall be necessary to expel such member or members on trial. No member so expelled from this Association shall be readmitted except by the unanimous vote of all active members in good standing and until the expiration of a period of sixty (60) days from the publication of the request for the readmission of such expelled member, which said request for readmission shall be forwarded to the publisher or publishers of the Official Journal only by the Secretary-Treasurer and such request shall, before it be published, be countersigned by the President of this Association.

Sec. 5. Every applicant for membership who has not attained to the age of twenty-one (21) years shall accompany his application with a written guarantee from some responsible person that the guarantor will be responsible for the applicant's promises and obligations to the Association in the event the applicant is admitted.

#### Article IV, Officers.

Sec. 1. The officers of this Association shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary-treasurer, Exchange Superintendent and Librarian, and there shall be a Board of Supervisors to be known

as the Official Board, to consist of three (3) members.

Sec. 2. The term of all officers shall be for one year from the date of their election, which elections shall be held annually and all officers shall hold office until their successors have been elected and have duly qualified.

Article V, Sec. 1. The annual dues of all members both Active and Passive shall be twenty-five (25) cents, payable in advance, which includes subscription to the Official Journal. The initiation fee shall be 15 cents.

Article X, Sec 1. No Philatelist shall be eligible to membership in this Association who shall not have attained the age of fifteen (15) years.

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All applications and communications should be addressed to F. W. Coning, Maryville, Tenn., Sec.-Treas. pro tem.

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MARCH, 1899.

## EDITORIALS.

Ambitious authors who send their MSS. for our patient perusal, must not forget that we are only human and can stand only as much as our poor strength will allow us. So please do not send us a hundred word article on "Our Prettiest Philatelia," and ask \$5 cash for it, or \$12.50 in ad. space as one young aspirant for fame did. And on the top of this, please don't forget your return postage, if you want your wonderful MSS. back again to your heart, home and grate (the last is the best place for a great many we receive). Out of seventeen MSS. received during the

last month, only seven inclosed return postage, and six wanted small fortunes for their labors. Please let up, or at least inclose return postage.

Owing to lack of space this month, we are compelled to omit our review, but desire to mention the following papers received for the month ending February 20th: Mekeel's Weekly, Weekly Philatelic Era, Metropolitan Philatelist, Tri-Monthly Collector, Michigan Philatelic Weekly, Youth's Realm, New York Philatelist, The Perforator, Lone Star State Philatelist, Philatelic Bulletin, International Philatelist, Montreal Philatelist, Texan Philatelist, Virginia Philatelist, American Journal of Philately, Philatelic Advocate, Stamp Talk, Allegheny Philatelist, Evergreen State Philatelist, Stamp Reporter, Herald Exchange, Philatelic Facts and Fallacies.

We trust that the publishers of the following papers will condescend to "treat" us to exchange copies: "Post Office," "Eastern Philatelist," "Weekly Philatelic Era," "Montreal Philatelist," "Western Philatelist," "Texan Philatelist," and "New England Philatelist." We receive some of these, but on regular paid-up subscriptions, and we trust that these publishers will be kind enough to remember us and not leave us out in the cold entirely.

A year's subscription to THE STAMP TRIBUNE and The Montreal Philatelist, for only 30 cents. Enclose 5c extra and a stamped self-addressed envelope and get six unused stamps, value 20 cts.

B. L. Drew & Co.'s catalogue of their 31st Sale to be held on Monday and Tuesday evenings, Feb. 27 and 28, is one of the handsomest auction catalogues ever published. Beautiful illustrations of forty-eight of the rarities included in the sale are given as a frontispiece. There are catalogued 966 lots in all.

Every Tennessee collector should join the Tennessee Philatelic Association. Tennessee is large, it has a fair quota of collectors, and now it has its State Society. We can make the T. P. A. a powerful state organization, and a strong supporter of the great S. P. A., shall we do it? With your help we will.

THE STAMP TRIBUNE has been welcomed into the philatelic press fold in a right royal way. Every one of our contemporaries speaks highly of our advent. Thanks, friends, we appreciate your welcome and kind wishes, and hope that our further career will be more and more worthy of your consideration.

Dealers, do you know what it is to get more than your money's worth? Look up the low Combination Advertising Rates on another page. An ad. in THE STAMP TRIBUNE and The Virginia Philatelist for only a little more than it would cost you to insert the same in one of the papers alone.

The cut for our new cover was designed and made by Bro. Dietz, of Virginia Philatelist fame. A prettier and neater job it would be hard to locate. If you want anything in that line, go to Dietz, he is sure to please you.

L. P. Head, of Fulton, Ky., announces the advent of the Mississippi Valley Philatelist, on April 1st. He promises us a good paper, *a la* Boston Stamp Book, to consist of 16 pages and cover. Our best wishes go with him and his enterprise.

And the pretty little bubble has burst, leaving nothing but sad memories behind it! Williams & Co., the Lima Philatelists, as they styled themselves, are no more. Well, well, life is deceitful, but men and their ways,—well, we all know.

Every philatelist should join the Southern Philatelic Association. It is destined to be the A. P. A. of the south, and no collector, a Southerner especially, can afford to do without this child of The Great South.

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Leon V. Cass, McGraw, N. Y., announces the initial appearance of the Bi-Monthly Collector, on March 1st.

THE STAMP TRIBUNE and the Virginia Philatelist for 30cts.



### SCRATCHINGS.

BY M. A. BELL.

The Lone Star State Philatelist has been making rapid strides in endeavoring to catch up to Father Time, and has at last succeeded. You have done well Mr. Bradley.

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Mr. Robie says in one of his ads in the Era that a continuation of his book "Stamp Hunting" will be published monthly in Stamp Talk, which hails from Kansas City and is published by William Brown. I understand that this continuation will take up Brother Robie's dealings and troubles with Osgood & Eaton. Robie and Mulock ought to take an ocean voyage together for their health.

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The Montreal Philatelist in its vain endeavors to "get even" with Williams & Co., of Lima, Peru, have gone about it in a very original way by using the space that had been contracted for by this firm, but not settled for, to denounce them. At a first glance one would think they had run across one of the firms regular ads.

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What a joy and surprise it must be to collectors to hear of the new issue of envelopes from Canada and of the recall of the two cent purple and the issuing of the two cent carmine to comply with the U. P. U. Canada has been sleeping so long it is indeed a surprise to find she has at last awakened.

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The M. P. in speaking of the Imperial stamp says, "It is too large for a postage stamp and too small for a wall map."

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A report from reliable parties says that one of the leading monthlies on this continent will soon appear as a weekly. It is too bad, for the monthly is a well gotten up sheet and ought to

have paid well, while a weekly's outlook at the present stage of the game is decidedly doubtful and dubious.

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The largest postage stamp ever issued measures four inches by two inches, and was the old United States stamp for packages of newspapers issued in 1865.

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The quarter-shilling stamp of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, issued in 1856 is the smallest postage stamp ever issued, being less than one-fourth the size of the ordinary postage stamp.

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The French colony of Obock issues stamps for collectors only, issuing no fewer than 200 varieties. This overdone philatelic spot being administered by a governor and eight fonctionnaires, and the capital being a village of huts.

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Not only has Tennessee started a state philatelic society but Kentucky is also at it. Now let's follow out the very creditable scheme suggested in the Virginia Philatelist, and come into the fold of the S. P. A., but still keep our individuality as a state organization.

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The Virginia Philatelist says that the Plimton-Morgan Envelope Co. has sold out to the Hartford Manufacturing Co. The plant has been sold to the new company, but will be occupied by the old company as tenant until their present contract with the company is carried out.

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The Philatelic Advocate has taken the Philatelic Messenger under its wing and will fill out all the latter's unexpired subscriptions.

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Publisher Dodge, who has been sending out Williams & Co. price lists says that his numerous inquiries to that firm have failed to bring forth any an-

swer. It looks like bad business, Broth-  
er Dodge.

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M. C. Berlepsch has an ad in the Met-  
ropolitan Philatelist, offering a \$10,000  
cottage in New York in exchange for  
stamps.

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The unused newspaper stamps are  
now on sale by the government at \$5  
per set. Most of the dealers are offer-  
ing them for \$5.50 per set, while one  
dealer offers to send picked copies, ev-  
enly centered, perforated, etc., for \$7.50.

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Leon V. Cass has announced that he  
will issue a new paper in March, which  
will appear every two months. It is to  
be called "The Bi-Monthly Collector."  
Well! Well!! Well!!! Next!

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The blizzard which is now raging in  
New York and other northern states  
has made all the philatelic news late.  
At the present writing no New York  
mail has been received for two days. It  
may be the means of delaying these  
notes.

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From across the border we hear that  
a new weekly has made its appearance  
hailing from Toronto and published by  
Norman Matches. It is styled "The  
Toronto Philatelic Weekly." Truly,  
Canada is as bad at the paper business  
as at the stamp issuing business.

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A. W. Machen, general superintendent  
of the free delivery system and  
chairman of the postal commission, sent  
to Cuba to investigate conditions there,  
has returned from Havana. He had a  
long conference with Postmaster Gen-  
eral Emory Smith at which he described  
the comparatively chaotic state of the  
service. Mr. Machen believes the pos-  
tal department in Cuba will be self sus-  
taining. The cost of the postal service  
under the Spanish regime was approxi-

mately \$500,000 a year. It is estimated  
now that the stamp sales on the island  
under nominal conditions will foot up  
\$1,000 a day, or approximately \$365,000  
annually. The receipts from the regis-  
try service, the commission figures as  
very likely to amount up about the  
Spanish total cost figures. One result  
of the commission's work will be the im-  
mediate re-establishment of a domestic  
postal money order system. At present  
international money orders are avail-  
able between Cuba and the United  
States, but no money can be sent be-  
tween points within the island.

### Notes on Revenues.

BY JOHN PELTZ.

The U. S. 1898 proprietary revenue  
has been found on laid paper.

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Well centered copies of the new, or  
rather recent revenues are very  
hard to obtain. The 1c, 2c and 5c pro-  
prietary are very hard to get used (and  
as they are soon to appear perforated) it  
would be well to secure them now while  
so cheaply offered.

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The 3c playing card revenue is, in my  
opinion, priced too high. Considering  
the fact that very fine copies of this  
stamp can be bought for \$3 each from  
many dealers, \$5 catalogue valuation  
would be high enough.

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The old Canadian revenues, 2c orange,  
when too long exposed to the sunlight  
change color from orange to brown.

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Better take a look through that old  
drug store in your town and see if you  
can't find some old proprietaries and  
don't miss inverted medallions.

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In buying imperforate revenues it is  
well to buy them with wide margins on  
each side, because if cut close on one

or more sides you are not certain that perforated copies may have been trimmed down with fraudulent intentions.

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Several errors have already appeared in the printing of the 1898 U. S. issue of revenues. The  $\frac{1}{2}$  cent proprietary has been found with the design printed on both sides. Also, a 8 cent documentary, which is also an error, has been discovered. Either used or unused copies of this stamp are very scarce and hard to obtain.

### Fraud Column.

Several dealers report the following as bad:

Ney Mikles, South Bend, Ind.

Robert Mercer, Jr., Mercer Curiosity Shop, Cincinnati, O.

Mattie Settler, Cincinnati, O.

C. Z. Clifford, Buffalo, N. Y.

A. Weitz, London, England.

Geo. Robb, Hartley, Iowa.

Phil Heinsberger, New York City.

W. A. Wilson, Philadelphia, Pa.

A. A. Scott, 175 Niagara St. Toronto, Ont.

M. A. Beall, Hastings, Neb.

Erastus Cornell, Marshalltown, Iowa.

The Zenith Stamp Co., Duluth, Minn. add the following with brief comment on each:

B. Z. Dvorsky, 584 Centre Ave., Chicago, Ill. For substitution.

W. Wallace, 168 W. 96th St., New York. He is a rank fraud. He gave this address when writing to us, but the P. O. officials can't locate him.

\*Harry Cohn, 4450 Langley Avenue, Chicago.

G. A. Sequi, of Pittsburg, Pa., calls attention to Jas. B. Coleman, Barnwell, S. C.

Richard Shaffer, Grandview Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.

\*Cohn has signified his intention to settle. Any claims against him should be made at once, as he promised to square all his accounts.

### Exchange and For Sale.

Notices under the heading will be inserted at the rate of one-half cent per cent a word. 100 words to be used as desired, 42c; 250 words to be used as desired, \$1; 500 words to be used as desired, \$1.75. Notices must be written on separate paper from other matter.

Free! Bargain List and sample copy of The Bi-Monthly Collector. Leon V. Cass, McGraw, N. Y.

Will exchange good stamps for your money. Look up my ad. elsewhere. H. M. Pulver, Pulvers, N. Y.

Canada's Imperial Penny Post, Lavender back ground, mint state for only 9 cents post paid. W. Weber, 904 Eagle St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Will exchange Confederate stamps, Confederate money, Broken bank and Continental money for U. S. fractional currency. R. L. Deitrick, Lorraine, Va.

Secure the Officially Sealed, Imperf. and brown. Scott's No. in Supplement 754, cat. \$2 for best offer in stamps or cash. W. Weber, Organist "Sacred Heart" Church, Buffalo, N. Y.

WANTED—U. S. and good foreign job lots for exchange or cash. All kinds of stamps sent on approval to such that can give unquestionable references. W. Weber, Organist "Sacred Heart" Church, Buffalo, N. Y.

What's the matter with these? Canada 2c, Xmas lavender. under 50, 6 cents each; over 50, 5 cents; Special Delivery, 12 cents; Maple leaf 3c, \$3.30 per 100; 8c, 12 cents each; 10c, 15 cents; Jubilees  $\frac{1}{2}$ c, 20 cents; 2c, 4 cents; 6c, 35 cents; 8c, 20 cents; 15c, 20 cents; 20c, 25 cents;  $\frac{1}{2}$ c to \$1 including card, \$2.75;  $\frac{1}{2}$ c to \$5, \$16.50; etc., etc. All unused. To exchange for stamps for collection, collection of coins. and several thousand used Jubilee, Maple Leaf and Numeral issue stamps. Carl Griggs, Sutton, Quebec.

To become acquainted with some readers of the THE STAMP TRIBUNE, I offer the 2c lake playing cards 1894, unused o. g. for 6c post free. Block of 4, 25c. Cheap is it not? A beautiful black and green 1871-75 proprietary on violet p. well centered and nicely canceled for \$4.75. All proprietaries 1871-78 in stock at half cat. prices. Canada Jubilee 1/2-50c, all picked copies, unused o. g. for only \$1.75. Canada maple leaf 45c same condition. Stamps on approval at net prices. My sheets and books are interesting to look over because they are out of the ordinary line collectors are in the habit of receiving. Give me a trial. Of course I buy stamps. Wendelin Weber, 905 Eagle St., Buffalo, N. Y.

**A Few of Dame Rumor's Remarks are**

That after all, Robie will have a chance to get some new private proprietary stamps.

That there will soon be two bi-monthly stamp papers in America.

That Mr. Farrell of the New York Philatelist is to blame for the large amount of so called poetry that has just recently taken up so much space in our stamp papers.

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BY JOHN PELTZ.

(Reference to Type No.'s, Scott's Catalogue.)

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Types A1 and A10, of the 1p red, are very similar to each other, except that in type A1 there are ornaments in each upper corner and letters in each lower corner of stamp; in type A10 there are letters placed in each upper and lower corner of the stamp.

Types A2 and A8 of the 2p blue are different from each other, first by the ornaments in both upper corners of stamp in type A2, while in type A8 there are letters placed in upper corners; secondly, in type A2 the lines under "Postage" and over "Two Pence" are very thick, in type A8 these lines are very thin. In 1869 type A8 was re-engraved with lines above and below head thinner than in 1858 issue (type A8).

In type A5 of 4 pence rose there are no letters in corners of stamp. In type A11, of same stamp, the letters in corners are very small, also the circle in which the Queen's head is placed nearly reaches the outer rim of stamp, while in type A12 the letters in the corners are large, and the circle surrounding the Queen's head is about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  mm. from outside border of stamp.

In type A 31 of the 4 pence the letters in the corners are on a white back ground.

In type A6 of the 6 pence lilac there are no letters in corners of stamp. In type A14 the letters in corners of stamp are very small, in type A18 these letters in corners are very large. In type A22

there is no hyphen between the words "Six-Pence."

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In type A13 of 3 pence rose there are ornaments in each corner of stamp.

In type A17, of same stamp, there are letters placed in each corner of stamp, while in type A27 these letters are on a white back ground.

In type A15 the letters in corners are small, while in type A19 the letters are large. Also, in type A19 there is a small star in both upper corners under the letters and figures over the lower letters, which are lacking in type A15.

In type A26 there are no figures in the middle of the stamp at sides and in type A28 there are figures enclosed in small circles, also the letters in the corners in type A28 are on a white back ground.

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## MR. GEORGE CARION.

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Mr. George Carion has published two philatelic papers in France; in 1884 the *Bulletin Mensuel*, and in 1885 *La Timbrologie*, but his stamp business requiring all of his time, these publications were discontinued.

He contributed to a few of the stamp papers in France, and many articles to the American and Canadian press.

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### The United States Post Office.

BY WILLIAM M. VERBECK.

Continued from last month.

In 1774 Franklin was dismissed from his office and in the year following Continental Congress created a post office department, established post routes from Falmouth, Maine, to Savannah, Georgia, and appointed Franklin Postmaster General, but by reason of his diplomatic service abroad, his son-in-law Richard Bache was subsequently appointed to the office.

In 1789 the control of the entire system passed from the Continental to the Constitutional government and by an act of Congress on May 8, 1794, the post office department was established as one of the executive branches of the government. Nine rates of postage, all comparatively excessive, were fixed by law in 1792, and were maintained for nearly fifty years. The first postmaster general of the reorganized department was Samuel Osgood who was appointed Sept. 26, 1789.

In 1847 the postage stamp was introduced and adopted by the government, the first issue, that of 1847 consisted of only two values, a five cent and a ten cent. In 1851 the rates were lowered and stamps of the 1, 3, 5, 10, 12, 24, 30 and 90 cent values were issued.

The rates of postage as adopted by the government for home mails, and at the present time in use, every one is undoubtedly acquainted with or at least should be. The rates on foreign matter to all countries in the Postal Union are as follows: Postal cards, 2 cents; letters, 5 cents per  $\frac{1}{2}$  ounce; printed matter, 1 cent for every 2 ounces; merchandise samples, less than 4 ounces 2 cents, more than 4 ounces, 1 cent for every 2 ounces. Double rates are charged for non-prepaid foreign letters, and a fee of 10 cents for registering letters or other articles.

These rates are always in force, no one can avoid them and no one can send their mail any cheaper. Right here it may be interesting to know that widows of ex-presidents of the United States are granted by congress special franking privileges for life.

All public documents printed by order of congress may be sent through the mail free of charge by U. S. senators, representatives, territory delegates, secretary of the senate and clerk of the house, and also agricultural reports and seeds, and publications of the Smithsonian Institution may be sent free on proper indorsement.

Congress alone has the right to establish post roads and post routes, and on March 2, 1891, the Senate adopted the postal subsidy bill, passed by the House to promote transportation of mail matter by American ocean steamships.

Postmaster General Wanamaker in his report of Nov. 29, 1890, reiterated his recommendation for establishment of a postal telegraph service and postal savings banks, for reduction of letter postage to one cent and for the exclusion from the mails of all bulky material.

Because of the conspicuous part which the post office plays in modern civilization, offenses against it have been made the subject of national legislation. The code of laws for the U. S. post office which is very voluminous and detailed, is contained in a special government publication, Postal Laws and Regulations, which may be consulted by the public at any large post office. Besides this an official Postal Guide is revised and published monthly and annually, which gives the latest laws, amendments and instructions to postal officers.

In the United States, as elsewhere, the most stringent laws are those for the preservation of the secrecy of the mails. Their substance is:

No person employed in any department of the postal service shall under

any circumstances break the seal of any letter or parcel for the purpose of ascertaining its contents. The only exception is in the Dead Letter office.

This law is so rigidly enforced that even in the other stringent ones prohibiting the use of the mails to persons dealing in counterfeit money, lottery tickets or circulars about either, its provisions are invariably reiterated.

A post master who knows that a letter or parcel contains counterfeit money, lottery tickets, etc., must seize the letter or parcel, and withhold it from transmission or delivery; but he must not open a suspected letter or parcel.

No person nor corporation may engage in the regular transmission of letters, locally or for long distances, for rate payments.

The writing or printing on the outside of envelopes and parcel wrappers of obscene, scurrilous, libelous or threatening terms or epithets is an offense punishable by a fine and imprisonment; and the mailing, even under cover, of an obscene book, phamplet, picture or circular is also prohibited. It is also an offense to attempt to evade proper postage on any letter or parcel; to wash a canceled stamp by any process for second use; to attempt to use a second time a stamp once cancelled, or to use a penalty envelope for any private purpose.

Post offices are now established in every city and town, and kept in a specially appointed building or room. In the small hamlets the post offices are found in the general stores. All post masters are appointed by the President.

The railroad is a great factor in the postal system being the chief form of transmission of mails.

Thus do we look at this great institution in America, great in its workings, great in its purpose and great in its achievements, the United States Post Office.

## New York Letter.

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FROM MACK.

"Things are not what they seem," is a familiar saying, and one that can be justly applied to those labels, called inappropriately—Newspaper and Periodical stamps.

The government not satisfied with attempting to sell us a job lot of remainders, has now the effrontery to reprint some of the values in order to complete sets.

Mr. J. W. Scott in his paper commends this action on part of government and follows up with a long argument on on what he believes constitutes a reprint. To quote from his editorial, "The cry is reprints. \* \* \* The current two cent stamp is reprinted daily, and yet the sapient ones would have us believe that a certain stamp printed from a new plate at a different time, in a new shade, is not a reprint, while another stamp printed from the same plate is a reprint \* \* \* ." This case of reprinting the Newspaper and Periodical labels is entirely different from that of reprinting daily the current 2c stamp, for these reasons, the N. & P. are an obsolete issue, the labels are sold at a small fraction of face value, they are reprinted in limited numbers to complete a certain discrepancy, they cannot perform the same functions as a 2c postage stamp, nor are they reprinted for any government purpose, only to sell to collectors at about three cents on the dollar.

What prevents the government from reprinting another 50,000 sets. Would Mr. Scott call them reprints or remainders, or would he call the government a lot of amusing names that contain much explosive matter?

The American Journal of Philately for March speaks hopefully of the present and future state of the market. The editorial on The Stamp Revival is cheer-



ful reading, and a few excerpts will probably interest my readers.

"Each new day adds testimony to the revival which is under way, and we venture to predict that within six months we shall enjoy the greatest period of prosperity that the trade has ever known. It cannot be expected that the buying should at once become as general and as liberal as it was in 1895, as all things must "from small beginnings grow." \* \* \*

"We are happy to see that the younger collector has returned to his old love and has thrown over the bicycle and other pleasures which engrossed his attention during the past three years.

"The sales of albums are an indisputable index to the condition of the business, and these have been larger during the past three months than ever before.

"Of the 58th edition catalogue we also had a large stock at the beginning of the season, and are now compelled to decline all orders until April 1st when a new lot will be ready. It is our intention to place the 59th edition on the market early in the fall of this year, and shall prepare a larger edition than ever before.

"Although prices have not yet advanced, they are hardening from day to day, and a good sized boom is in prospect. We consider the present a good time to buy, and stamps will before long be again looked upon as a good investment and a readily realizable asset." And still croakers will continue to harp upon the decadence of philately.

"Bow down thine ear and hear the words of the wise."

I note in the daily papers that some talk is in circulation about issuing an appropriate set of postage stamps for the Pan-American exposition to be held in Buffalo (New York) during the year 1901. As yet no assurances have been given that the idea will be carried out, but things of such a nature seem to find

much favor with the Washington officials, if we can judge from past performances. Perhaps it would be too early to speak about holding the various philatelic conventions in Buffalo during the time this exposition is on, but —let some prominent society member agitate this subject in the various club papers.

I was recently the recipient of some unsolicited stamps from a party in St. Johns, New Foundland; there were several oddities among them,—five proof copies of Scotts' type A10 in blue, green, red-brown, brown and orange—brown on soft white paper. Quoting from the party's letter, "I wish especially to call your attention to the 5c proofs of New Foundland, they are very scarce about here as I am the only dealer having any of them to sell, in fact the only one having any of them at all."

In a case of this kind it raises some doubt when a party asserts the rights of ownership of stamps of this character, and further declares that the proofs can only be purchased from him. The articles in various philatelic papers regarding the destruction of plates of obsolete stamps of New Foundland was looked up. In the list I note a plate of 5c stamps, but I presume the 5c dark blue stamps of the 1887 issue was printed from this plate. It is possible then that these proofs were made some years ago, and if such is the case, how can this party claim the sole ownership,—unless the plate is in the hands of private parties, who can make these proofs or the originals for that matter to order. If such is the case, the sooner the fact becomes known the better. I will not divulge the dealer's name here until I investigate the entire matter. A letter has been forwarded to the St. Johns' postoffice requesting information.

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Set Columbians, 1c-10c, 8 varieties, only 17c. S. P. Lev, P. O. Box 65, Hariman, Tenn.

## Canadian Notes.

## ST. CATHARINES.

Canada's first surcharge has appeared, and is of course being severely criticized. It is the figure 2c stamped in black on the Queen's head of the three cent envelope. This envelope is likely to prove a good investment, as the envelopes have to be returned in lots of not less than 1000 if you desire them surcharged. The 3c letter card has been similarly surcharged.

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It is rumored that the 2c purple is to be reprinted. We sincerely hope not, however, even if we were not lucky enough in securing any.

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To catch up to Father Time, Mr. R. C. Bach issued his February and March numbers of the Montreal Philatelist in one.

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The following new post offices have been opened in Ontario: Brennen, Nipissing; Elizabeth Bay, Algoma; Gallingertown (reopened), Stormont; Hangerford, Hastings.

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The Hamilton Stamp Club is now a thing of the past. The members have united with the Canadian Club and formed a stamp section.

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The Bi-Monthly Collector from McGraw, N. Y. is one of the latest.

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A new Philatelic Monthly to be known as the Stamp Exchange is announced for about April 15, Ralph W. Tucker, Boston, Mass., will be the publisher.

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There is money in the high value jubilees. The writer sold a four and five dollar jubilee in mint condition for \$8.

GEO. BRADLEY.

## MAIL CLERK SENTENCED.

London, Ont., Feb. 22.—William J. McHarg, the mail clerk who pleaded guilty to robbing the mails, was sentenced this morning by Police Magistrate Park to three years in Kingston Penitentiary, the terms to run concurrently. McHarg had nothing to say, and after being sentenced began to wink and smile at his friends in the court.

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## A GOOD SALE.

An Austrian Mercury newspaper stamp of 1856, six Kreuzer, scarlet has been sold to a London collector for \$1,100. This enormous price was considered warranted by the condition of the stamp, which was perfect with wide margins and still upon the original entire newspaper, it had been mailed upon.

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## MORE RARITIES.

Two more post office Mauritius Id. stamps have been recently discovered in Bombay. This is getting alarming, every time a fresh one turns up it decreases the rarity of the others in stock.

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## MONTREAL NOTES.

Stamp trade is picking up wonderfully in Montreal. There are three stamp stores, two of which handle stamps exclusively, and the third is a general curiosity and book shop. The leading one is on St. Catherine street, centrally located. Mr. C. A. Needham, the genial proprietor always welcomes visiting collectors, and is well patronized by Montreal's Philatelists. The Dominion Stamp Co. on Beaver Hall Hill are well located for buying, but also do a good counter trade. Our third dealer however, is a puzzle. Situated on St. Catherine street west, he is said to do a good trade also, but he is bitterly opposed to

other dealers. There always should be good feeling amongst dealers, and one should always be willing to help another out, and not, as in this case, work against his brother dealers. This dealer, who claims he is a German Count, is not entirely reliable, and knowing that the STAMP TRIBUNE columns are open to warn collectors from these frauds, I will give an instance. A collector, living at the St. Lawrence Hall in Montreal, bought three stamps from this dealer, and paid \$20 for the same, the dealer initialling them, thus guaranteeing them genuine. These were very poor counterfeits, but when the collector asked for his money back, the dealer refused, claimed he did not remember selling them, etc. The collector not desiring notoriety allowed the matter to drop, but not before showing me and other collectors the stamps in question.

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Other incidents also tend to prove that stamp collecting has again started "on the boom." I have attended several fancy dress skating carnivals, in a suit covered with stamps. I gave away some small packets containing ten stamps and advertisements, and the results have been truly astonishing.

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Then one of our evening papers, "The Montreal Herald," devotes some space to a stamp column, and much interest appears to be taken in it by country collectors.

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Collectors should beware of buying the so called "Provisional(?)" stamps of Canada, namely  $\frac{2}{3}$  of a 3c stamp surcharged 2c. These were listed in Mekeel's which surprises me, as they are certainly fakes. A dealer in Nova Scotia (where they are evidently made) offered me some at the low price of \$1 each. A little inquiry however, showed that they were "made to sell" by private individuals.

The 5c numeral will not be out till the 1st of May, neither will the 2c red. So the P. O. people say.

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The 2c maple leaf has been re-issued. The re-issue can be told by the light shades. Plate Nos. 3 and 4.

RUDOLPH C. BACH.

### SCRATCHINGS.

BY M. A. BELL.

I note that some of our English publishers have not yet "tumbled" to the identity of the famous Williams & Co., of Lima, Peru, as one leading paper still publishes a half page ad. for this firm (?) Better look out Mr. Publisher, when you do "tumble" you are likely to be the under dog.

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In speaking of Williams & Co. I am reminded that things begin to look as though we had a ditto at home. After I have obtained a few more facts, and if my surmises are true, I will endeavor to startle you.

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Gibbon's latest catalogue seems to be the subject of great discussion among our English brothers. Many seem to think that great numbers of stamps are underpriced.

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The numerous articles, notes and comments in our philatelic papers on Canada's Imperial Penny Postage stamp are as bad, if not worse, than the stamps themselves. You can hardly pick up a paper issued since November, but that you will be nearly bored to death by the amount of space given these "Agitators."

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A certain stamp company hailing from St. Louis and another prominent advertiser in the stamp papers from Souix City or Hawarden (which ever it is) seems to have sent their ads in rather fast company. If you doubt me look at the ads in "Vanity Fair" for February, and be convinced.

A new way of spelling "Mekeel's" is given in the Philatelic West. It is given as McKeel's. According to this they must be Irish.

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The current 2c brown of the Hawaiian Islands has been changed to pink. Why the color of this stamp was changed is not known.

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The periodicals were on sale at the post office in Schenectady, N. Y. as early as February 24th.

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Mr. Bartels, in the Metropolitan says that the government has surcharged stamps for Porto Rico, the surcharge consisting simply of the word "Porto Rico" in black type, no denomination being added. They consist of the following denominations and quantities:

1,000,000	1c green.
2,000,000	2c red.
500,000	5c blue.
500,000	10c brown.

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Mr. Ralph W. Tucker, of Boston, Mass., announces his intentions to issue a new monthly stamp paper on April 15th to be called "The Stamp Exchange." It will contain from 16 to 24 pages, and the subscription price will be 20 cents a year. Success be with you Mr. Tucker.

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The Scott Stamp & Coin Co. have announced their intention to issue the 59th edition of the Standard catalogue early in the fall. They promise us a better and larger list than ever before, and they also predict a rise in prices.

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Speaking of catalogues makes one think of the great difference that will exist between Scott's, when it comes out, and Gibbon's latest. One down, the other up.

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The A. J. of P. says that its suspicions have been verified, and the \$5, \$10, \$20 and \$100 periodicals have been reprinted, but it is not difficult to discover

er the reprints for the gum and paper is much whiter. The following is the list of colors of the originals and the reprints:

Originals, \$ 5, Blue.
10, Green.
20, Gray Violet.
100, Reddish Purple.
Reprints, \$ 5, Prussian Blue.
10, Gray Green.
20, Cold Gray Lilac.
100, Bluish Purple.

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We are in receipt of a pamphlet of four pages, 3x4½, which is called the "Bi-Monthly Collector, and is published by Leon V. Cass of McGraw, N. Y. The principal article of this stamp paper(?) is "Beautiful Stamps" by Leon V. Cass, and consists of 108 words. I have slipped this sheet inside my watch cover, and as I did not have to fold it, it ought to keep well and be invaluable to me in the future.

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The United States Internal Revenue department was enriched by \$1,500 from the sale of thirty \$50 stamps which were affixed to a deed recorded in the Saratoga County Clerk's office at Ballston Spa, N. Y. on March 7, 1898. The deed was a transfer of manufacturing interests belonging to Hon. Geo. West, and the consideration was \$1,500,000.

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Departed unto rest, after a long lingering illness—The Texan Philatelist.

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The Standard Stamp company, of St. Louis, is doing some very extensive advertising, not only will their ads be found in nearly all the stamp papers, but all of the leading periodicals of the day, as Munsey's, etc., contain their ads. Business must indeed be very prosperous with this concern.

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Please don't get M. A. Beall, of Hastings, Neb., who was mentioned in the Fraud Column last month confounded with M. A. Bell, the writer of these notes. Thank you.



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APRIL, 1899.

## ATTENTION.

### DEALERS, ADVERTISERS, COLLECTORS.

The June number of THE STAMP TRIBUNE, out June 1st, will be what we call our "GRAND SEASON CLOSER."

It is to be the grandest, largest and best stamp paper ever published in America. Our friends know that we have never made a promise yet that we did not fulfill. We promise for this special number a beautiful paper of not less than 40 pages, and several pages more if our advertising patronage will warrant it.

It will have a guaranteed

CIRCULATION OF 5,000 COPIES.

The following special rates will prevail for this number, and all future ones: 1 in., 50c.; 2 in.,

90c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  column, \$1.50; One column, \$2.75; One page, \$5.00.

No sensible dealer who is looking for good results from his ad can afford to miss this grand opportunity.

*All copy must be in our hands not later than May 24th*

**CASH MUST ACCOMPANY COPY.**

Special rates for back cover can be had on application.

*Be sure you do not fail to send in your ad.*

**S. P. LEV, Publisher.**

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THE STAMP TRIBUNE is heart and soul with The Virginia Philatelist in its appeal for the federation of all the Southern societies under the banner of our beloved "Southern Philatelic Association." As our able contemporary well says, we have nothing to lose by such a move, but a great deal to gain. "United we stand, divided we fall," may not be literally true in our case as far as the falling is concerned, but there can be no doubt that "united we stand." With the Virginia branch at the head, the Tennessee a close second, and we hope the Kentucky and Texas societies not far in the wake, the success of the movement is assured. Let every Southern collector put his back to the wheel, and push for the success of the Southern Philatelic Association.

Our Canadian friends will confer a favor by using either the Imperial stamp or four  $\frac{1}{2}$ c stamps when writing to us.

THE STAMP TRIBUNE and the Virginia Philatelist one year only 30 cents.

**The Federation of Southern Societies.**

The proposed federation of all the southern state philatelic societies into the S. P. A. as mentioned in the Virginia Philatelist, is "a step in the right direction." The idea is simply this:

"Southern state associations are to rally around the leading and strongest association—the 'Southern'; they are to apply *en corpore* for admission as branches of that organization—retaining their individuality as regards their constitutions and laws, their meetings and state conventions and their election of state officers; they are to assume the position of sovereign societies, united under a common head—sharing the advantages of a superb sales department, having access to a most complete philatelic library, and availing themselves of many other benefits derived."—Virginia Philatelist.

It goes without saying that THE STAMP TRIBUNE favors this and will do all in its power to complete the scheme. Remember, fellow collectors, we depend on you for support, and we trust that we will not be disappointed. There is no such word as fail, and this grand scheme is bound to prove a success in more ways than one.

The benefits to be derived are very numerous, not only to southern collectors, who will secure all the above named privileges, but to the collectors of the north and collectors in general. Not only would the influence of such a society be strongly felt throughout the country and among philatelists, and many things made possible which heretofore have not been, but it will have the ten-

dency to help along the present boom in philately, now so noticeable. So we trust that Stearns, Dietz and Bradley, all of whom are within the lines of the south and strong supporters of the project, will do all in their power to bring this very meritorious scheme to a head and with such men as these backing it and three such papers as the Virginia Philatelist, Lone Star State Philatelist and THE STAMP TRIBUNE to herald events and bring them to the notice of the collecting world, its future is assured and is, indeed, bright.

**THE ASSOCIATE EDITOR.**

Ralph W Tucker, Boston, Mass. promises the appearance of a new monthly to be named "The Stamp Exchange," promptly on April 15th. It is to be a 16- to 20-page and cover affair, and the publisher promises us a circulation of 10,000 for the initial number, and 5,000 each for the successive two numbers. Our best wishes go with Mr. Tucker and his enterprise.

SPEAKS FOR ITSELF.—"Dear Sir: I have received thirty replies from my one inch ad in THE STAMP TRIBUNE; two being from England. I have advertised in many papers, but have never received half that number of replies. W. M. Waterbury, Ithaca, Mich."

In answer to the numerous requests from subscribers that their subscriptions should commence with No. 1, we would say that we cannot do so, as all subscriptions MUST begin with the current No. For prices of back number see advertisement.

**Interesting Items.**

BY JOHN PELTZ.

It is often surprising what good bargains one can often pick from the sheets of small dealers who are not always on to what they are losing this way. Last summer I bought a 1c blue French stamp of the 1877-78 issue, catalogued by Scott at \$2.00, from the sheets of a small dealer for 1 cent! Talk about Klondyke, this beats it all hollow!

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Recently I came across a current U. S. 1c green with a dot on each side of the figures "1," in white, very large and nearly square. I would be glad for an explanation as to what causes this. The 1c also comes in dark and yellow green shades.

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Paraguay is one of the few countries that does not cost a large outlay of money to have complete, and it might be well for collectors who have not yet done so to complete their sets of this country before they rise in value.

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Some stamps when they first appear are announced to be a permanent issue and may remain so, but sometimes changes come about which forces this issue to be discontinued and one or more values of which there were small quantities issued may take a sudden rise in value and it may require dollars to buy them. Thus with the 1898-99 issues of Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippine Islands. In March, 1898, when they first appeared, the set 1, 2, 3, 4, 5m, could be had for 5 cents per set of each colony. Now to get the 4 mills of each colony will cost you several dollars. There's a difference for you! How happy must those be who secured the above 4 mills stamps for 1 cent each!

A beautiful 10 dollar Confederate bill, 5c; Porto Rico postal card, unused, 5c; 3 var. Shanghai 5c Bi-Mo. Collector 6 months 5c. All of the above for 16c. Leon V. Cass, McGraw, N. Y.

**Exchange and For Sale.**

Notices under the heading will be inserted at the rate of one-half cent per cent a word. 100 words to be used as desired, 42c; 250 words to be used as desired, \$1; 500 words to be used as desired, \$1.75. Notices must be written on separate paper from other matter.

20 var. from United States old issues, Columbians, Omahas, etc. Lists free. Herbert C. Moore, East Brady, Pa.

I am not a dealer, nor the son of a dealer, but having bought out the stock of a large dealer to enlarge my own collection, desire to turn the rest into cash. Agents wanted to handle these stamps in approval books at 60 per cent discounts. Good business references required. Have a few good original covers and entires to send on approval to responsible parties. C. S. Sheldon, Oswego, N. Y.

WANTED—U. S. and good foreign job lots for exchange or cash. All kinds of stamps—U. S. Adhesives, Dept., Revenues and foreign—sent on approval to such that can give unquestionable references. A cash deposit of from 2-5 dollars will mean business and will procure an immediate fine selection. Wendelin Weber, Organist "Sacred Heart" Church, 904 Eagle St., Buffalo, N. Y.

**Back Numbers  
of this Paper...**

At present we can supply back numbers at these prices. As stock of Nos. 1 and 2 is low, price will soon advance.

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The Publisher.

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Some have sent in their admission

fee and dues (40c). Will those who have not done so kindly send in the same at once, so that a financial statement may be made in next number.

Application blanks are now ready, send for a few and get some new members.

Every Tennessee philatelist especially, should join with us at once.

Send any further nominations to the Secretary at once, and they will be published in next number, and then we will be ready for the election of officers.

Shall be glad to hear from anyone desiring further information, or wishing to make any suggestions in regard to the society.

Let me hear from you, no trouble to reply to your letter. With best wishes for success of T. P. A. I am yours fraternally.

F. W. CONING,  
 Secretary-Treasurer Pro Tem.

**Fraud Column.**

Mr. Wendelin Weber, of Buffalo, N. Y., desires to warn dealers against dealing with a certain Mr. G—, of Fremont, Mich. It appears that this G— is an approval sheet fraud of the worst kind. Dealers receiving requests for approval selections from the above named party should first communicate with Mr. Weber.

A "bad one" that has neatly taken in almost every publisher of philatelic magazines is a certain party doing business as "F. L. Ackley, Howarden (or Souix City), Ia., Texadermist and Proprietor of Ackley's Texader." We would advise all persons to have nothing to do with this party, if they do not want to suffer loss. Talk about Williams & Co., Oh, My!

**For Sale—Plate Number Collection.**

1 R s, Omshas and Cuban surcharge, practically complete; some '94 N. W. and good '95 wmk.; also 4 Dept. plates; no duplicates. Cat. over \$125. Best offer takes.

C. S. STILES, Harriman, Tenn.



### With Our Contemporaries.

BY WILLIAM M. VERBECK.

"The Tri-Monthly Collector" continues to put in an appearance and S. A. D. Cox continues to write the leading articles.

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"Stamps," England, for January, contains some very interesting articles, the principal ones being "The Almighty Penny," and a valuable query, "Are Some Stamps Underpriced in Gibbon's Catalogue?" written by Fred A. Wickhart.

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"The Nebraska Philatelist," Vol. I, Fo. 1, is the latest. It is published in Hastings, Neb., by James A. Kennedy, and although it has but four pages, it is neatly printed and promising.

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"The Philatelic West and Camera News" for January contains 40 pages and cover, and although no articles of length appear, the notes which make up the paper are very good. The cover contains the portrait of Clyde Allen Dickenson, Editor of "Ambition," published in Chicago. J. Francis Farrel's suggestion concerning philatelic poetry has been carried out, and some very nauseating verses is the result. A good portion of the paper is, as usual, devoted to the camera. A new proof reader would be a good addition to the staff.

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"The Philatelic Bulletin" for February prints for its principal article, "Enigmatical Philatelists," by H. A. Chapman, which is, indeed, a very well written article and full of interesting points. Mr. C. endeavors to point out the inconsistency of some publishers and deal-

ers, and he has not fallen short of his mark. This article is well backed up by two other articles worthy of special mention, namely, "Dealers, be Honest!" by C. H. Watts, and an article by Aug. Dietz, entitled, "Notes on Confederates," agitating the stamps of the Confederacy.

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Mr. Bartel's notes in the "Metropolitan Philatelist" are right up to date. He seems able to give reliable Washington news earlier than any of his contemporaries. There is no doubt but that Mr. Scott is rapidly bringing his paper into popularity.

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"Return Letter Stamps" is a valuable and interesting article in the February "International Philatelist." The writer says that he considers these stamps a great deal more interesting than our own Officially Sealed stamps. I agree with him in every respect and think them fit subjects for our albums, more so than the Officially Sealed, for the reason that while the former were used to pay postage in returning uncalled for letters to the senders, the latter are only bits of paper and glue used to stick together a letter opened by mistake.

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The February "Post-Office" contains numerous articles on our new colonial possessions which are of unusual interest. Mr. Eustace B. Powers' article entitled, "To Havana," gives one a very fair idea of the Cuban capitol, the postal system and the U. S. surcharged stamps.

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The paper which was read by Mr. C. H. Fowler to the Boston Philatelic society at its last annual meet-

ing, entitled "Mr. Undooly on Stamp Collecting," is published in the March number of the "Eastern Philatelist." Raymond S. Baker's article, "An African Ambrctype," is concluded in this issue.

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In the February "Texan Philatelist," the publisher bids us all a "fond farewell," and states the reason—his ill health. The subscriptions and advertisements will be filled out by the "Lone Star State Philatelist," of Waco, Texas, Mr. Bradley, publisher.

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"Stamps" from New York promises to be a leader of its kind. The half-tones are going to be a very attractive and popular feature and of great benefit to collectors. The February number contains two very interesting articles, "The Use of a Black Album," and "Minor Varieties," both of which are illustrated by half-tones, that of the former being a reproduction of a page of Mr. Oliver C. Drew's blank album which contains his handsome collection of nearly 4,000 varieties of unused stamps.

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"The Montreal Philatelist" comes out very irregularly, sometimes skipping a month and sometimes combining two months in one number as in the case of the last, namely the February-March number, Vol. 1. Nos. 9-10. Very poor policy, Mr. Bach. If you hope to keep up your paper, try and give us something every month, if it is only an announcement. A little that is good is better than nothing.

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## The Dead Letter Office.

BY WILLIAM M. VERBECK.

All collectors know that the Dead Letter Office is a branch of the United States Post Office department at Washington where unclaimed, misdirected and other non-deliverable mail matter is collected from all the post offices in the surrounding country, for disposition; but all collectors cannot be expected to know of this department or of the manner in which the mail is disposed.

We will first begin with the post offices in the towns and cities. At the end of a given time (given by law as thirty days) a list of the unclaimed letters and packages is made up by the post master and posted in a conspicuous place or printed in the newspapers. At the end of a week (the time set aside by law) all such letters and packages, together with those addressed to a known fraudulent institution or firm, or on which the address cannot be deciphered, or from which the name of the sender, or the out of town office has been omitted, are sent to the Dead Letter office, and there opened and examined. If they contain valuable matter they are registered; if the name and address of the party for whom it was intended appears on the inside it is forwarded direct; if only the sender's name and address appears they are returned to him; and

if there are no clues as to whom returns should be made, the Post Master General has the power to dispose of them as he deems best.

These last are generally disposed of by auction held once a year at Washington. The original packages (accumulations of the preceding year) are made into new packages according to rules of the department governing the same. Two principal ideas are followed in making up these packages for sale. One is that they shall not contain articles greatly different in value, and the other, that no package shall be deemed worth less than sixty cents, which is about the average price they bring. If the owner of an article put up for sale at one of these auctions can prove that the article in question is his property, the post office department will return to him the value received. This is said to actually happen in about one hundred cases every year.

But to get back to our main subject, we find that formerly letters on which the postage was not fully paid were sent to the Dead Letter office, and those to whom they were addressed were notified that letters were held for postage and would be forwarded on receipt of the proper amount; but now the letter is sent along to its destination and delivered on receipt of the amount due.

The postal laws are exceedingly liberal to the people. Any person tempor-

arily leaving home or permanently moving to another one, whether in the same town or city, the same state, another state, or a foreign country, may have his letters forwarded to him without additional charge by leaving his new address with the post master of his former place of residence.

As a rule the failure of the prompt delivery of a letter is due either to the carelessness of the sender in addressing it or of the party to whom it is addressed by not notifying his post master of a change of residence.

Considering the great amount of mail matter handled daily by the post offices in the United States and the carelessness of the people, it reflects great credit on the department that such a small proportion of the mail goes astray.

Indeed the bulk of the matter which fills up the Dead Letter office are the letters addressed to newly arrived immigrants, ignorant of the rules of the post office, many of whom wander from place to place before making a settlement and leave no clew to their destination.

### New York Letter.

FROM MACK.

Well, I am pleased to inform the readers of the *STAMP TRIBUNE*, that business from a philatelic standpoint is booming; dealers report a steady demand for the stamps of Uncle Sam's new colonies, especially Hawaiian Islands. In many instances the prices quoted for these stamps are at or above catalogue quotations, with plenty of buyers. Speculators are still prowling around for "snaps,"—but such are very seldom picked up these days, as the general demand covers all classes of stamps without any exceptions.

Revenues are retrieving their old time popularity, and the same stamps of Canada are looking up a bit. There

is also a perceptible demand for Mexican stamps, notwithstanding the overflow of remainders, reprints, et cetera. U. S. Revenues imperforated in pairs, strips and blocks are in great demand, and all early U. S. postage imperforated, in same condition find a ready market.

The greatest event of 1899, has come and gone,—until another year rolls on. I refer to the stamp exhibition held in Brooklyn the latter half of March.

It was an overwhelming success in every particular. The attendance was large and enthusiastic, and the directors of the project deserve great praise for their skillful management of the same.

The stamps shown were admired by hundreds, and new collectors as well as the regulars were truly delighted. Many novelties were shown, the best exhibition in that line being by Mr. Eagle and Mr. Nelson, both of this city.

Among the visitors this month (April) was Mr. Wm. Evans, of Westtown, New York, president of the Empire State Philatelic Society and Mr. R. C. Bach, of Montreal, Canada, publisher of the *Montreal Philatelist*. The latter gentleman gained some fame recently, by his great find (?) of some rare British Guiana stamps. He still is under the impression that the stamps are genuine, and says, the would be experts are wrong in their theory that the stamps are counterfeits. He also denied the rumor that the stamps only cost him an insignificant figure, but declined to state what the correct purchase price was. He has earned the title of "British Guiana Bach" among the upper "400" in Harlem philatelic circles, and he and his companions will long remember the sight he presented to a gaping crowd of "night owls," when he (Bach) danced the *couchee couchee*, in the elevated railroad car,

while a crowd of late German emigrants (just landed) kept time by singing, "The Watch on the 'Wine,'" in Hebrew. It is needless to say that Bach thoroughly enjoyed himself, and he threatens to fetch his bag pipe and "fish cornet" on his next visit—when the Empire State Philatelic Society holds its second annual convention in August.

To date I have failed to receive any information in regard to the New Foundland proofs mentioned in last month's number of this publication, but hope to procure the same, ere the next issue is in print.

Before closing my letter for this month, I wish to call the attention of the philatelic public to the increase of dealers in this city. Three new concerns have started in business, two opening offices down town, and the other,—which two prominent collectors will manage, will shortly commence business on May 1st at No. 13 E. 125th street. The neighborhood selected is in the upper part of the city—locally called Harlem, and although very few would attempt to locate and establish a business in this vicinity, the managers hope to build up a neglected field, if pluck and perseverance will do it. The concern under the name of the Guarantee Stamp Co., will commence business with a cash capital of \$2,000, and a large stock of stamps, albums and philatelic requisites. The company will also do a mail order business, and perhaps issue a philatelic monthly.

#### Philatelic Literature Society.

ORGANIZED APRIL 1, 1896.

President, A. G. Allison, Belleville, Ont.  
 Vice President, Maud C. Bingham, McGraw, N. Y.  
 Secretary-Treasurer, Chas. F. Frey, Box 34, Ottawa, Ohio.  
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Auction Manager, R. H. Rockwood.  
 Librarian, A. G. Allison.  
 Subscription Manager, H. S. Adair, McConnellsville, Ohio.  
 Bureau of Information, J. H. Chappell, Macon, Miss.; H. I. Watts, Winchester, Ind.; Fred Doughty, 111 Washington St., Lansing, Mich.  
 Trustees, [Vacant.]  
 Official Organ, THE STAMP TRIBUNE.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT.

FELLOW MEMBERS: Having been appointed Secretary-Treasurer of the society to succeed Mr Edwin Reynolds, resigned, I take great pleasure in appointing THE STAMP TRIBUNE as our official organ.

Dues for 1899 are now payable, and I would be pleased to receive a prompt remittance from all members. Let each member do his best to assist the society and I am sure we can make it a grand success. New members are: Ira C. Helt, Spring Valley, Wis. Louis Bohn, Jr., Pittsburg, Pa.

Those wishing to ask questions are invited to do so.

Yours fraternally,

CHAS. F. FREY, Sec'y-Treas.

Box 34, Ottawa, Ohio.

#### Philatelic Phon(?)

Col. Lector—Was your last philatelic article popularly received?

Phil Riter—Yes. I am sure most of the stamp collectors liked it, for it was not scientific enough to meet the approval of the Weekly Era's reviewer.

Museum Manager—What claims have you to being a "rara avis?" How are you different from others?

Philatelic Publisher—Why, I'm the only publisher of a stamp paper that Williams & Co., of Lima, Peru, did not beat.

Museum Mgr. (excitedly)—Name your own terms and I will accept them, for I must exhibit you.



**Scratchings.**

BY M. A. BELL.

Mr. Bartel, in the Metropolitan, gives us the following plate numbers found on sheets of periodical stamps:

1c, No. 262
2c, " 100
5c, " 266
10c, " 105
25c, " 123
50c, " 259
\$ 2, " 139
5, " 137
10, " 138
20, " 139
50, " 135
100, " 140

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The above party also says that the higher values of this set and also the \$5 value, were reprinted "in order that more collectors might enjoy the possession of a complete set."

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At present we have the following southern state philatelic societies:

Virginia Philatelic Association, Tennessee Philatelic Association, Texas Philatelic Association, and Kentucky Philatelic Association.

Now, suppose we take these societies, combine them with the S. P. A.—the greatest of them all—as state branches, we would then include their respective official organs, namely, Virginia Philatelist, STAMP TRIBUNE and Lone Star Philatelist. What would the grand result be? Why, the grandest body of philatelists in the world, represented by three of the leading and most influential papers of the day. Isn't this just what we want? Let's all help push it along.

† † †

Of philatelic writers of today, none are so prominent or so much quoted as our fair Amy L. Swift. You can hardly pick up a really good journal and not find one of her interesting articles. I wonder if she is married?

By the way, the above mentioned party gives us a new style of review, she says, "Fair, fat and interesting—The Perforator." Rather brief, but to the point.

† † †

'Tis sad to see our friends departing from us even though their future is to be combined with another. This was our feelings when we read that the International Philatelist was to stop its regular monthly visits, and combine them with Stamp Talk, of Kansas City. Mr. Beardsly has sold his paper to Mr. Brown, and although it is our loss in one direction, it is our gain in another. It was too bad Brother Dodge didn't get on to this.

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We note with regret the death of August F. De Jonge, of Stapleton, I. I., who was the president of the Staten Island Philatelic Society.

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The Nebraska Philatelist calls Mr. Stone, the Weekly Era's "phonograph," by courtesy called a "reviewer."

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Two errors have been discovered in the United States stamps surcharged for Porto Rico, by imperfections in the type. On the 1c stamp, the final letter in Porto Rico is "u," thus making it read Porto Ricu. On the 2c stamp the final letter in Porto is printed as "u," making it read Portu Rico.

Phil. A. Telist—There's old Jokem. How's he coming? Is he writing as much stamp fun as ever?

S. T. Amps—No. He has not even made a joke about the Canadian maps.

Do you want to make money? Then put an advertisement in the Special Number of THE STAMP TRIBUNE, out June 1st. Don't neglect it.

**Philatelic Association of America.**

President and Exchange Supt., D. J. Reilly, Jr., 2260 E. Parkway, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Vice President, B. M. Carpenter, Sta. C., Memphis, Tenn.

Secretary-Treasurer, C. L. McNutt, Knoxville, Tenn.

Auction Manager, W. A. Hirsch, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Counterfeit Detector, M. L. Whitely, Osage, Iowa.

Librarian, Jas. L. Mathieson, Rochester, Minn.

Board of Managers, D. J. Reilly, Jr., B. M. Carpenter, C. L. McNutt.

Official Organ, THE STAMP TRIBUNE

**CONSTITUTION.****ARTICLE I.—Name**

The name of this association shall be "The Philatelic Association of America."

**ARTICLE II.—Objects.**

The objects of this association are:

1st. To enable members to buy and sell stamps, through the Exchange Department.

2d. To acquire a better knowledge of Philately.

3d. To cultivate a feeling of friendship among philatelists.

**ARTICLE III—Membership.**

Any philatelist of good recommendation and social standing may become a member by applying to the Secretary; providing said application is signed by three (3) references, two of whom must be members of the society in good standing, the other if not a member shall be a responsible citizen of the applicant's residence. The Secretary shall then cause the name, address, age and occupation of the applicant, together with names of his references to be published in the next issue of the Official Journal, and if no member files objection with the Secretary within ten days after publication in said Official Organ, the applicant shall

be considered elected, and shall receive his certificate of membership on payment of dues

**ARTICLE IV.—Meetings.**

Sec. 1. The association shall meet in convention once each year at such place as shall be designated at the previous convention or by a mail vote of the members at least three months before the convention.

Sec. 2. Every member in good standing shall be entitled to a vote either in person or by proxy.

Sec. 3. Five members in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at the annual or special meetings.

Sec. 4. All questions of law and order shall be governed by Cushing's Manual.

**ARTICLE V.—Officers.**

Sec. 1. The officers of this association shall consist of a President, who shall also be Exchange Manager, one Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, Auction Manager, Attorney, Counterfeit Detector, Librarian, three Managers (two of whom shall be residents of the same city, and an Official Organ, publishers of which must be members of the association.

Sec. 2. No persons shall hold office unless he has been a member for at least six months previous to election.

**ARTICLE VI.—Duties of Officers.**

Sec. 1. (a) The President shall preside at all meetings of the society, act on all committees, fill all vacancies and sign all membership cards.

(b) If any officer is found guilty of fraud the President shall remove him from office and appoint a successor at once.

(c) As Exchange Superintendent, he shall make rules for the conduct of business.

Sec. 2. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep a full record of the proceedings of the society, conduct all correspondence, have custody of and preserve all documents, keep a financial account of the society and countersign all documents

signed by the President. He shall receive all applications for membership and make publication of same in official organ. He shall notify delinquent members, receive all resignations and applications for re-instatement. He shall prepare and present at the annual meeting of the association a general report of the condition of the association. He shall cause to be published in each number of the official organ a financial statement, list of all applications, resignations, etc. since his last published report. He shall also take charge of and receive all money and property of the association.

Sec. 3. The Counterfeit Detector shall determine as far as he can the genuineness of all stamps sent him. All lots sent for determination shall be accompanied by return postage and a fee of 3c for each stamp to ten. Any over ten at 1c each.

Sec. 4. The Attorney may make rules for the conduct of business in his department.

Sec. 5. The Auction Manager shall conduct the Auction sales; 10 per cent of the proceeds of each sale shall be deducted to defray the expenses of same. Where reserve is placed on lot a fee of 5c shall be charged to cover expenses, minimum fee 5c. He may make such rules as are necessary for his department.

Sec. 6. The Librarian shall hold in trust for the association all books, papers and publications donated or purchased for the Association. He shall loan any work or paper to members on receipt of postage. He shall furnish a detailed statement of the library at each annual convention.

Sec. 6. The Board of Managers shall exercise general supervision over the affairs of the society and may make rules for the conduct of business in the several departments, not inconsistent with the constitution; may fill any vacancy in the board of officers arising from any cause (except as provided for in Article VI, Sec. 1 (b)), and control the business of the association. They shall have power to expel any member who is shown to be an undesirable character.

Sec. 8. The Official Organ shall be a regularly issued monthly journal of not less than eight pages, a copy of which shall be sent to each member at an expense of not exceeding twelve (12) cents per annum. It shall provide space per month for reports of various officers. The rules governing the Auction Sales

report are as follows: The Official Organ shall allow one-half column free for each sale, over that amount of space the publishers are to be paid 3c per lot for each lot advertised, this sum to be paid out of the auction fund.

#### ARTICLE VII.—Dues.

Sec. 1. The dues of the association shall be fifteen (15) cents per year, payable on the 1st of January in advance. The fiscal year shall commence on the 1st of January. All applicants who shall be admitted between the 1st of January and 30th of June shall pay 5c initiation fee and 15c dues. Between 1st of July and 31st of December shall pay 5c initiation fee and at the rate of 2c per month dues to the next 1st of January in advance.

#### ARTICLE VIII.—Suspensions and Removals.

Sec. 1. Applicants who do not pay their dues within one month from publication of their acceptance in Official Organ shall be suspended.

Sec. 2. The Secretary-Treasurer shall on the 1st of March in each year drop from membership all members who have not paid the annual dues for the ensuing year, after giving delinquents 30 days notice.

Sec. 3. Any suspended member may be reinstated on payment of all arrearages.

Sec. 4. No officer shall be removed from office (except for fraud as provided for in Article VI, Sec. 1 (b)), unless a complaint in writing, signed by three members in good standing, is filed with the Board of Managers, and then he shall have a chance to defend himself.

#### ARTICLE IX.—Amendments and Additions.

Sec. 1. This constitution can only be amended by the assent of two-thirds of the members in good standing.

Sec. 2. At the request of ten members the president shall call for a mail vote, at least thirty (30) days shall elapse between the time of sending out notices and closing of polls.

#### ARTICLE X.—Elections.

Sec. 1. The election of officers shall be under the control of a Credential Committee consisting of three members appointed by the President.

Sec. 2. Three months prior to each annual election the Secretary shall call for nominations for offices.

Sec. 3. The vote shall be taken by means of an official ballot, on which

shall appear the names of the candidates. This ballot shall be mailed to every member of the association, and shall contain space for the members signature and a plain device whereby he may express his choice of the candidates. The ballot shall also contain explicit directions as to its use.

Sec. 4. Only fully paid up members can vote. No vote shall be counted unless on official ballot.

Sec. 5. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes in the election of trustees shall be chairman.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL J. REILLY, Jr., Pres.

CHAS. L. McNUTT, Secy

BEN M. CARPENTER, Chmn.

### Fraud Column.

R. L. Hamilton, of Ithaca, Mich., informs us that one N. Fetzsims, of Clinton, Ont., is a rank fraud, and desires to warn all dealers and collectors against having any dealings with this party.

Mr. Wendelin Weber, Buffalo, N. Y., desires to warn all honest dealers and collectors against a Mr. D—, of Peshigo, Wis., who has proven himself to be a rank fraud.

We also received the following for publication in this column:

"R. L. Doak, of Pearl, Ohio, wishes to warn collectors against doing business with 'The Comet Stamp Co.' of Toronto, Canada, managed by W. A. Lydeatt, as he has been extensively advertising his business in The Canadian Philatelic Weekly, published in that city, and after getting a good supply of orders failed to fill them or even answer. If anyone reading this has sent an order to the above firm and failing to get a reply, I would be pleased to hear from them and give Lydeatt his full trip. Wishing to hear from any that have been swindled by the above firm, I am, Yours, R. L. DOAK.

Don't fail to have your ad. in our June Special—5,000 collectors will see it.

### Exchange and For Sale.

Notices under the heading will be inserted at the rate of one-half cent per cent a word 100 words to be used as desired, 42c; 250 words to be used as desired, \$1; 500 words to be used as desired, \$1.75. Notices must be written on separate paper from other matter.

Wanted—Old U. S. for exchange; send some and I will tell you the amt. you can select from my sheets. Elden Leonard, Tippecanoe City, O.

Canada 1899, surcharged envelopes and letter-cards, unused, only 7c each. Postage 2c. Carl Griggs, Sutton, Quebec.

U. S. 1876 Centennial Envelope, entire, used, fine, scarce, only 25c. U. S. 1871, 12c purple, scarce, fine, for 30c. U. S. 10c 1857, on original cover, 27c. Bi-Monthly Collector 6 mos to every purchaser of any of above, mentioning THE STAMP TRIBUNE. Leon V. Cass, McGraw, N. Y.

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MAY, 1899.

## ATTENTION.

DEALERS, ADVERTISERS, COLLECTORS.

The June number of THE STAMP TRIBUNE, out June 1st, will be what we call our "GRAND SEASON CLOSER."

It is to be the grandest, largest and best stamp paper ever published in America. Our friends know that we have never made a promise yet that we did not fulfill. We promise for this special number a beautiful paper of not less than 40 pages, and several pages more if our advertising patronage will warrant it.

It will have a guaranteed

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The following special rates will prevail for this number, and all future ones: 1 in., 50c.; 2 in., 90c.; ½ column, \$1.50; one column, \$2.75; one page, \$5.00.

No sensible dealer who is looking for good results from his ad can afford to miss this grand opportunity.

All copy must be in our hands not later than May 24th

CASH MUST ACCOMPANY COPY.

Special rates for back cover can be had on application.

For small dealers and collectors, the "For Sale and Exchange" column at ½c per word will prove a bonanza.

Be sure you do not fail to send in your ad.

S. P. LEV, Publisher.  
P. O. Box 65. Harriman, Tenn.

**An Announcement.** We heartily endorse the stand taken by the publishers of The Lone Star State Philatelist and Virginia Philatelist in the matter of requiring cash with copy on advertisements from all parties.

In our brief career, we have had more than our fair share of trouble with unprincipled persons whose advertisements we have unwittingly published, and then had to whistle for our own pay. Consequently for the protection of our subscribers, friends, honest advertisers, printers, typesetters, proof-readers, devil, etc., etc., and last, but not least, our own pocketbook, we shall hereafter POSITIVELY decline any ad. from any party unless CASH accompanies copy. Please bear this in mind, as it will be a waste of postage to send us an ad. unless cash accompanies same.

**No More  
Canadian Notes.**

After making a quiet canvass among several of our subscribers as to the advisability of retaining our "Canadian Notes," we have learned that the majority of them would prefer a good article on a live interesting subject, than a lot of dry, useless and usually stale news of no interest to anyone. Consequently since the advent of a good Canadian weekly, which will supply plenty of Canadian notes to those who want them, we have discontinued devoting any space in the S. T. to this department. We sincerely hope that this move will meet with the general approval of all our friends.

**Our  
Special.**

We would call the attention of advertisers to the Grand Special we shall issue for our next number. Full particulars can be found elsewhere in this issue. No sensible dealer can afford to neglect this opportunity of placing his advertisement in one of the best issues of any stamp paper ever published. At the low rates, every dealer should engage some space at once.

**A New  
Weekly.**

Canada can at last boast of a weekly Philatelic paper that can reflect credit upon the Great Dominion. It is not the first weekly hailing from across the border, but it is undeniably the best. Good luck to the Weekly Stamp Reporter! Long may it live!

Have you sent us your ad. for the Grand June Special? If not yet, do so at once, it will pay you.

**The  
P. L. S.**

As will be noticed, THE STAMP TRIBUNE has been appointed the Official Organ of the Philatelic Literature Society. We deem it quite unnecessary to recommend the society, as it speaks for itself. Every day the collection of stamp literature is gaining in favor among philatelists, and such a society as this is the very thing for all literature collectors.

**A Special  
Offer.**

As will be seen by our announcement on another page, our advertising rates will undergo a considerable raise with the next number. All contracts made for three or more months on or before May 25th will be accepted at the old rates. This is a chance to save money and should not be neglected. Sign your contract now!

**Politics.**

The time is drawing nigh when politics will occupy half the space in most of our stamp papers. For ourself, we would state that the S. T. is nobody's political organ, and will abstain from dabbling in this dangerous matter. No, thank you, none for us.

The handsomest Philatelic paper ever published will be the June Special number of THE STAMP TRIBUNE. Do not fail to be represented in the advertising columns.

Your advertisement in the June Special will be seen by over 5,000 active stamp buyers. Don't you want to get a part of their trade? Then advertise in it.

### The Greatest Enemy to Philately.

BY "AMORY."

Everything has an enemy or a foe of some kind or other, and so it is with the stamp collection.

Water, age, acids, dirt, grease, and tears are among the army that tries to destroy the little stickers; but these take a back seat when the king of the stamp enemies "fire" is mentioned.

Nearly 60 per cent of the stamps that have been issued in the world have succumbed to this fiend. Once one of the little stickers come in contact with this fellow it is a lost stamp.

A large per cent of the stamps that are used are intentionally burnt up, others are done so by accident, so that betwixt the two, accident and design; more stamps are destroyed than the average collector has any idea of.

It is claimed by several authorities that fully 90 per cent of all the stamps used in the U. S. are of the 1 and 2 cent denomination leaving but ten per cent to the higher values as large quantities of the higher values are never used but laid away by collectors, this would bring the percentage down a trifle, say 80 per cent to the lower values and 20 per cent to the higher values. Of the 20 per cent devoted to the higher values few are destroyed intentionally, with the lower values it is different. In large cities the majority find their way to the furnace or ash barrel; this latter receptacle is in turn taken to the dump and finally burned. Possibly the small boy who lingers about the dump may save a few, but the great majority are consumed.

No doubt in the great Boston fire of 1872, as well as in other big fires

in the larger cities, thousands upon thousands of good revenues were destroyed.

Many old merchants and business men that have an accumulation of documents having stamps upon them take the opportunity on some rainy day to peruse the contents of the papers, and then thrust them in the fire, stamp and all.

On the death of a business man his accounts and goods are examined by relatives, and any old letters or papers that are of no future use are turned over to the fire. In this way, and in hundreds of other ways used stamps find their way to the fire.

When fire gets a few hundred or thousand stamps here, there and everywhere, it does not take long to see what large quantities of stamps are consumed. Fire is gradually killing the stamps off that have been saved and preserved for years, and will eventually, combined with age and a few other mediums make some stamps extinct.

Of course the less there are of a given variety makes the price of those remaining rise in value, but a good many other stamps have to rise in smoke to do this.

The majority of the good, old stamps not destroyed are today in the hands of dealers and at the dead letter offices of the different countries throughout the world, leaving a few that are yet to be unearthed in some old hair trunk, now resting in some obscure country garret. The dead letter offices of South American Republics are flooded with letters and packages that have been accumulating for the last forty years. These will eventually be examined at some time or other (no one knows when,

the officials in South American countries are about as slow as they make them) and the worthless packages turned over to the fire including stamps (unless an agent of Stanley Gibbons happens to be on hand and offers a few pesos for them).

Of the U. S. periodical stamps issued, the big majority were consumed by fire at Washington after they had served their purpose, and it is only through the confidence of some obliging official that a few were preserved and reached the hands of the collector.

The safe is as good a place as any, but even collections so placed have been consumed. Compressed they will not burn unless subjected to a very intense heat, and I would suggest to the wise collector that he place his album in a safe between heavy ledgers, and when opened the covers and outer leaves of the ledgers may have been slightly burned, but the inner pages will be found intact and the album or contents cannot become severely damaged.

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APPLICATIONS—ACTIVE.

- Marion E. Estes, Spring Hill, (References, A. N. Estes, F. W. Coning).
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- Geo. B. Bowling, Memphis, (References, S. P. Lev, F. W. Coning).

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- R. C. Bach, Montreal, Can., (References, S. P. Lev, F. W. Coning).

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—RECEIPTS.

Received for dues ..... \$2 40

EXPENDITURES.

Application blanks ..... 75  
 Balance on hand ..... 1 65

NOMINATIONS.

- For President,  
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- For Vice President,  
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 A. N. Estes, Spring Hill.
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- For Librarian,  
 Ben M. Carpenter, Memphis.
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 Chas. Waring, "

The above is the revised list of nominations for officers, and it is hoped that all members will send in their ballots. To save unnecessary expense no printed ballots will be sent out, but let each one desiring to cast a ballot, make out same on separate sheet of paper, and send to Secretary before May 15. All ballots should be written out in full, and separate from other matter, and also write Ballot on envelope. Ballots will be counted May 15, and results announced in June number of official journal. Please give this matter your prompt attention.

After officers have been elected and association gets in running order, no doubt we will enjoy a healthy growth. Even now on the roll are many prominent philatelists, including three officers of Southern Philatelic Association.

I hope more members will send for application blanks and get their friends to join. Membership cards will be procured soon, and sent to members who have paid their dues. Those who have not yet sent in dues should do so at once. Glad to hear from members at any time. Yours for T. P. A.

F. W. CONING, Sec.-Treas. pro Tem.

Maryville, Tenn.



**Among Our Contemporaries.**

BY WILLIAM M. VERBECK.

Sometime ago, we had hope that the "Lone Star State Philatelist" had at last caught up with Father Time, but we seem to have been mistaken for we are just in receipt of the January and February numbers.

The "Philatelic Notes from the Official reports of the Postmaster General of the Confederate States," by H. G. Askew, which has been running for some time, is still continued in both the January and the February numbers.

Amy L. Swift writes a very entertaining and impartial review, following Severn's idea of quoting something from each publication mentioned.

The L. S. S. P. is so entertaining and instructive that we can almost forgive the the irregularity of its appearances, but if Mr. Bradley will only, — only, try to bring his paper out on time—well— we could ask no more.

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A very entertaining article is C. E. Range's essay on "How to arrange a Stamp Collection," in the March "Perforator," he seems to be an advocate of the blank album.

"Woman in Philately" by Amy L. Swift, is a good one, for the woman—but Lo! the poor man.

What a brute he must be and what a martyr the woman, but seriously, God bless the women.

H. A. Chapman writes an interesting review and his usual notes under "Perforations."

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Mekeel's Special Institute Number, is full of good things mostly telling of the advantages of stamp collecting and a discription of the

Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences. Numerous cuts accompany all the articles.

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In the March "Philatelic Bulletin," Amy L. Swift discusses the collecting of shades in a very able manner in an article entitled "What are Collectable Shades?" She says it is a very hard and puzzling matter for the medium collector to discriminate between genuine official shades and changlings. Aug Dietz in his "Notes on Confederates" tells of the advantage of collecting these stamps on the cover.

The balance of the paper is devoted to an interesting review by Amy L. Swift, "Ontario Notes" by Geo. W. Hicks and "Canadian Letter" by E. V. Campion.

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"The International Philatelist" for March has a timely article on the "Newspaper and Periodical Stamps" by Foster A. Lilly.

The paper as a whole is very good considering that the subscription price is only ten cents a year.

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The "Youth's Realm" contains a stamp department which is mostly made up of old articles taken from other papers. A great many of our prominent advestisers patronize this paper.

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In the "Alleghany Philatelist" for March, Phil. A. Telist says in his article on "Exchanging Stamps with Foreigners" that foreign collectors see so few of the stamps of their own country, owing to the small amount of mail which the business men and merchants receive, that they consider these stamps rare and think they are doing the American collector a favor by exchanging with him.

If I remember rightly it was only a short time ago an article appeared in one of our Journals, which showed how much larger a quantity of mail matter there was in Europe than in the U. S. and then again a careful look at catalogue prices and other authorities will bear me out. I am sure, that foreign stamps are as common if not commoner, in their respective countries as our U. S. Stamps are here.

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The "Stampman" for April has lost its familiar orange color and now appears in a rich violet red.

Mr. Dooley discusses periodicals. Altogether the "man" is "well centered" "imperforated" and on "original cover." There is no gum in sight, but still it is "O. G." (Only good.)

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No. 2 of the "Nebraska Philatelist" is an improvement over No. 1,

Although small, having only eight pages, it is well printed and on good paper.

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"Stamp Talk," for March comes with sixteen pages, thirteen of solid reading matter and three of ads. besides the cover.

Amy L. Swift writes the principal article, "A Bunch of Philatelic Items" which consists of a description of the new "Tasmanian" letter card and a discussion of the philatelic "doings" up in Canada.

Two pages are given to "Williams & Co.'s" history and three pages to a well conducted review by Foster A. Lilly.

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The "American Journal of Philately" for April omits the Catalogue for Advanced Collectors in order to allow further examination of some

of the provisional Stamps of the Confederate States. The Postage Stamps of the United States takes up the locals of New York City.

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The "Eastern Philatelist" has secured a prize in Larcus Viridis who introduces himself to the readers of this paper with the first installment of an article on the "Stamps of the Roman States" in the April number, which article bids fair to rival his article on the "Stamps of Japan" now running in the Virginia Philatelist.

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"The Virginia Philatelist" for April publishes a photo and sketch of Thos. Christian on the first page.

A second installment of "Glimpses of Richmond, Va." is also published, profusely illustrated. "The Postage Stamps of Japan" is still running.

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Leon V. Cass has a rival for his "Bi-monthly Collector" in the "Junior Collector," a new one, consisting of four pages, 4x6. It is published by Treymond Babcock of Dayton, Texas.

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The "Stamp Reporter" is now published as a weekly. The first number is dated April 1st. The paper is about the same size as the "Era" and contains just as good if not better material.

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In "Filatelic Facts and Fallacies" for March, Karl Ludwig discusses the "Speculative Value of the Recent Newspaper Stamps" in a very able manner. Mr. Ludwig declares the stamps to be a very poor investment and compares them with the \$2 Columbian. He further says he believes in a year or two these

stamps can be obtained for \$3.50 or even less. His statements are already beginning to be realized for in New York, today the stamps are being sold for less than \$5.

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8. Medicine, H. R. Stevens, pink ..	4 00
9.* War, 12c block of 5, unused, o. g., Continental ..	5 00
10.* " 12c block of 12 and plate No., o. g., Continental..	5 00
11.* " 12c block of 4, o. g., Con'tl	4 00
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18. M. & M., 7 var., good, about..	1 50
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28. " 1868, 100c brown, fair and scarce .....	2 00
29.* " 10 unused, o. g., face value 58c .....	
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36.* " " 2c Numeral, block of 9, Plate No. I, o. g. res. 25c	
37.* " " 2c Numeral, block of 12, Plate No. II, o. g., old shade, res. 40c .....	
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Same, used.....	30	14	7c vermilion .....	60	32
10c green .....	1 00	55	12c dull violet .....	50	27
1855-60, 1c type II.....	1 50	70	90c carmine .....	1 50	85
1c type III.....	15	08	1873, 12c violet .....	50	25
3c red, outer line....	35	14	1875, 1c ribbed .....	2 00	90
3c rose red .....	50	25	2c " .....	1 00	45
10c green.....	50	28	5c blue (Taylor).....	10	06
1861, 12c black .....	50	22	*1879, 15c orange, o. g.....	2 00	90
15c black .....	50	25	*30c black, o. g.....	2 00	95
24c red lilac .....	1 50	75	1890-93, 1c-90c complete ..	1 09	50
30c orange .....	60	30	1893, Col. 1c-10c.....	35	15
1867, 1c blue, 11x13 .....	1 25	60	1898, 1c I. R. block letters.		08
*Same unused, o. g..	6 50	3 00	*War, 12c o. g.....		12
2c black, 11x13 .....	30	14	*Canada, 1877, 15c gray o. g..	50	25
3c lake rose, 11x13..	10	05	Maple Leaf, 1c-10c .....		15
1869, 1c buff.....	75	40	Numeral 1c-10c .....		12
2c brown .....	15	08	*Map, lavender, o. g .....		08
6c blue.....	75	40	* " light green blue, o. g.		05
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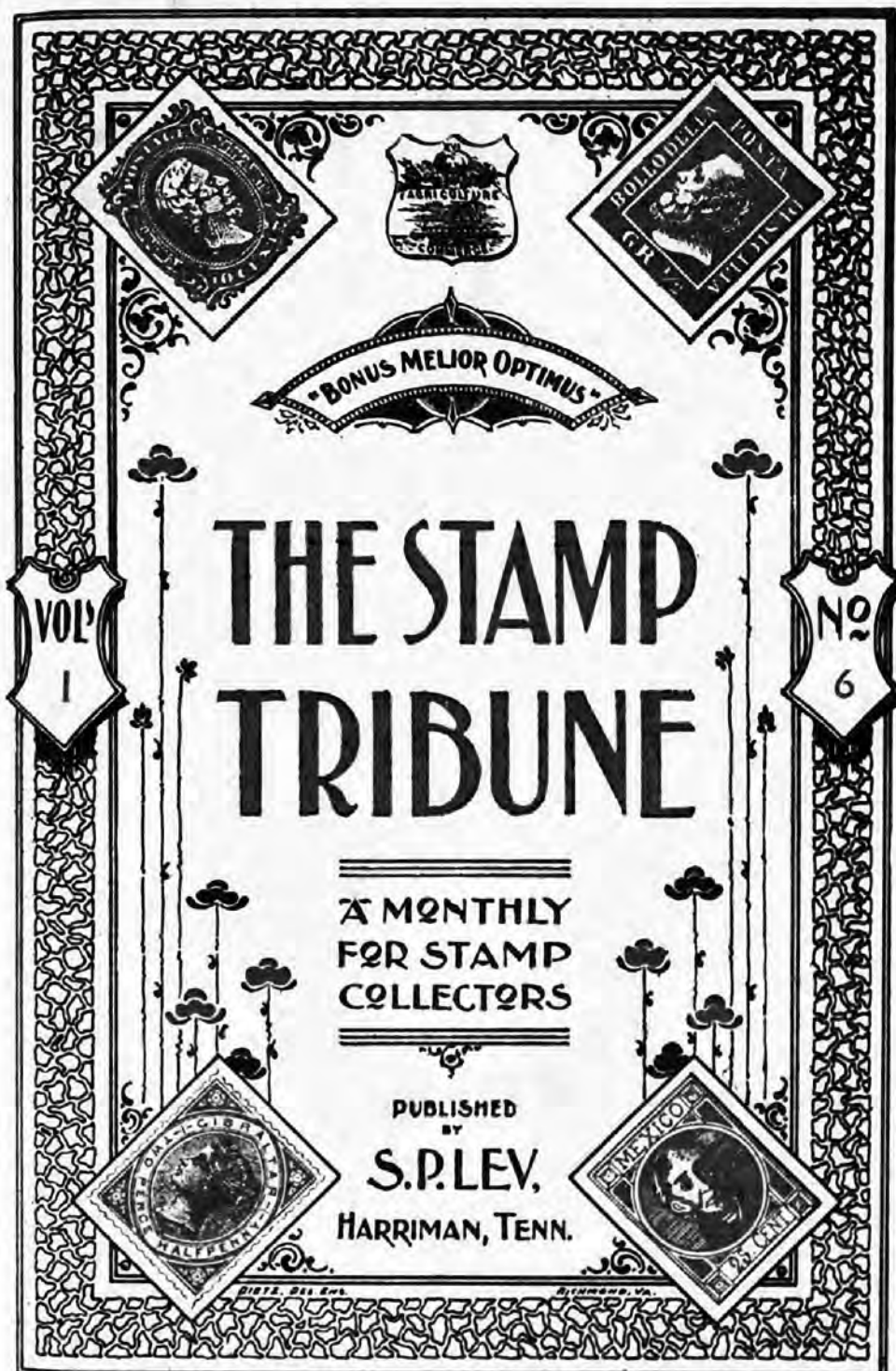
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## Ralph W. Tucker.

Ralph W. Tucker, the handsome young man whose features adorn the above space, was born to this life in New Bedford, Mass., in 1878.

For twelve brief years Mr. Tucker was the favorite babe, child and sprightly school boy of the old New England town. But a boy of twelve, his parents no doubt felt, is not far from manhood, and should therefore be duly trained and prepared for the position of honor and trust that they fondly hoped would ere long be his—true manhood. So for six years he was educated at a boarding

school, (a la Tom Brown), at Milton, Mass., from which he graduated with flying banners, and sad regrets. However, in 1897 he was admitted to Harvard College, but preferring to make a name for himself in the business world, he declined to attend.

His first appearance as Queen Philatelia's captain of the army, was made in February, 1898, when he joined the rank of dealers, as successor to Arthur S. Tucker & Co. (his brother), and for a year he has been doing considerable business in the approval sheet department, with United States and British Colonies as his specialties.

In April, 1899, he presented the first number of one of the best stamp papers published at this date, "The Stamp Exchange." Mr. Tucker states that it is his intention, and will be his special endeavor to make his paper an exceptionally fine advertising medium. We have no doubt he'll do it.

A few weeks ago Mr. Tucker took Mr. A. W. Merriam into partnership, and under the name of R. W. Tucker & Co., they have opened a large and pleasant office at 132 Boylston street, Boston. They have been heavy buyers lately, and have now in hand several fine collections, including one of over 5000 varieties and a collection of U. S. practically complete. Both collections, Mr. Tucker says, contains only extra fine specimens.

Personally Mr. Tucker is a lovable and loving young man. If we were one of the gentler sex, we would certainly set our cap for him, as he is one any girl would be proud of. But never mind, Friend Tucker, you may tell your "girl" that we won't compete with her pretty dimples and welcome smiles.

Good looking, an interesting conversationalist, and a splendid businessman, as well as an ideal Philatelist, Mr. Tucker is an addition to the ranks of our publishers and dealers, we may all be proud of, and we certainly are.

By the way, if you ever strike such a place as Boston, Mass., don't forget to pay a visit to the office of R. W. Tucker & Co.

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### Austria and Hungary.

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BY WILLIAM M. VERBECK.

The Austrian-Hungary postal system is one of the oldest on record dating back to the latter part of the thirteenth century.

During the reign of the Emperor Maximilian, we find that Austria was connected with Lombardy, by a line of

well established posts, which were organized by the princes of Thurn and Taxis, who later on established another line of posts from Vienna to Brussels.

Along the roads of these posts were set up post-houses at equal intervals in charge of a Master of Posts, who also kept fresh horses for the carriers of the mail. This mail was carried from one place to another by a system of relays, in a very short space of time. Only official matter was carried and it was not until sometime later that private correspondence was admitted.

Vienna as early as 1772 possessed a local letter post and parcel post, for the transmission throughout the city of private as well as official correspondence, and at this time was much in advance of Germany, who had nothing of a similar nature.

Curiously enough this local letter post and parcel post was established by a Frenchman, by the name of M. Hardy and was managed by a Dutchman named Schooten.

This local post ran along with much success until 1785, when by a decree of the Imperial government it was merged into the Imperial post, where it has continued to remain until the present day.

Nothing of unusual importance occurred in the history of this Imperial Post of Austria-Hungary, until 1867, when by mutual agreement separate postal organizations were established, one for Hungary, the other for Austria, Austria being an empire, Hungary, a kingdom.

After this separation was established, the post office and the telegraph (which was controlled by the post office) of Austria, were placed under the control of the Minister of Commerce, while the post office and telegraph service in Hungary were placed under the immediate supervision of the Minister of Public Works.

In Austria, the post office department

established twenty-one traveling post offices while Hungary was only able to support ten.

To further continue the comparison of the post office departments of Austria and Hungary after their separation, I have taken some statistical figures which may prove interesting.

In 1877 the aggregate of mailed articles in Austria was 357,352,270 pieces and in 1878, 358,427,000, thus showing a slight increase over the number of the preceding year. Deducting from these figures the number of newspapers, books, packets and parcels, the remainder for letters and cards, jointly aggregated about 233,801,870 in 1877 and about 232,867,000 in 1878, showing fewer letters and more parcels, etc., mailed in 1878 than in 1877.

In 1880 the aggregate for letters and cards was 245,660,700 and in 1881, 255,618,100, showing a constant increase and ever growing revenue.

In Hungary things varied somewhat. In 1877, the same year we started our above comparison, we find the aggregate for letters and cards was 61,064,856, barely one-fourth of that of Austria, in 1878 the amount decreased still further being only 59,612,000. In 1880 an increase was noticed and in 1881 it was still larger, the amount for the former year being 78,080,804 and the latter 82,592,040. Although the years of 1880 and 1881 show a decided increase in the number of letters and cards mailed in Hungary, over the amount mailed in 1877 and 1878, yet it was still less than one-third that of Austria.

Even though the number of pieces mailed in Hungary was much less than those mailed in Austria, it is a curious fact, but the revenue derived by the governments of the respective nations was about equal. Being in 1882, for Austria about 2,307,300 pounds, and for Hungary about 2,128,065 pounds.

But in the following year a startling

decrease was noticed in the revenues of both countries, but especially in Hungary. The figures being 2,002,073 pounds for Austria and 790,839 pounds for Hungary, and as the money standard was the same in both countries, it shows a great falling off in the revenue of Hungary since it established its separate post office in 1867.

In November of 1883 both countries adopted a collecting service for bills and invoices, and increased the unit of weight for inland letters from  $\frac{1}{2}$  ounce to  $\frac{3}{4}$  ounces making the rates  $1\frac{1}{2}$  pence in English money.

In June, of 1883 (the same year) the collecting service, above named, was made international between Austria, Hungary and Germany being on the basis of the country of origin retaining all fees and the country of payment remitting all sums collected at the usual rate of commission.

Austria first adopted the postage stamp in 1850, which was an imperforated series of six values printed on coarse manilla paper in different colors, as follows:

- 1 kr., yellow.
- 1 kr., orange.
- 2 kr., black.
- 3 kr., red.
- 6 kr., brown.
- 9 kr., blue.

The design consisted of a shield bearing the coat-of-arms of the empire with the value below

The design and colors were changed in 1858, in 1861, 1863, 1867, 1883, 1891 and 1896.

Besides the regular postal issues, newspaper stamps were issued in 1851-56 of four values.

- 1 kr., blue.
- 6 kr., yellow.
- 30 kr., rose.
- 10 kr., scarlet.

the design being the head of Mercury. The design and colors were changed in 1858 and 1863.

Besides these stamps are the Newspaper Delivery stamps, Newspaper Tax



stamps, Unpaid Letter stamps, Pneumatic envelopes, envelopes, wrappers, stamps for the Austrian post offices in the Levant, most of the latter being regular issues surcharged "para" and "piast" and the value being "soldi" instead of "kreuzer," and the stamps for Lombardy, Venice, differing only from the regular issues in the value being "soldi" instead of "kreuzer."

These stamps, although not very popular, are good things to collect being free from all taint of speculative or unnecessary issues.

The stamps for Hungary were adopted in 1871, shortly after setting up her independent post office.

The first issue consists of six values lithographed, and the second issue had the same design and color but were engraved. In 1874 the design was changed, and again in 1888.

Hungary also indulged in an issue of Newspaper stamps in 1871 and an issue of Newspaper Tax stamps in 1868. Envelopes were issued in 1871, 1874, 1887 and 1895, the colors being different but the design the same. The wrappers were issued in 1872 and consisted of only two values, the design being the same as the adhesives of that date.

Hungary can also be recommended to the collector as never having indulged in either unnecessary or speculative issues, besides having few stamps and all of them comparatively cheap.

To my mind Austria and Hungary are two fine countries and well worth the time and attention of any collector.

### Barrier Island Pigeon Post.

BY S. ESTLE MILLER.

The Pigeon Post, a very common institution years ago, is well nigh obsolete. However a few routes are yet left which serve as a reminder of things that "have been."

The most conspicuous pigeon post at this time is probably that of the Great

Barrier Islands, which lie some distance from the New Zealand coast. There is no telegraph cable to Great Barrier Island, and the ordinary mails for letters are infrequent and uncertain, hence a pigeon post has been in successful operation since November, 1891.

The pigeons are sent out from Auckland and New Zealand by vessels as often as occasions offer, and are liberated when messages are required to be sent. These messages are called pigeongrams. They are written with a pencil and on the thinnest of tissue paper. These slips of paper measure about three by eight inches. The address is placed at the top of the sheet and the postage stamp is affixed to the message itself. As envelopes cannot be used, the stamp is entirely concealed.

Owing to the nature of the conveyance, the message must be folded into a very small packet, thus rendering the stamp imperfect for collection purposes.

There is no information as to how many messages a bird can carry on each trip. When the pigeon has reached its home on the mainland, the messages are removed, placed in envelopes and posted in the usual way. The charge of one shilling per message includes delivery in any part of the colony.

Stamps for this pigeon post were first issued in November '98. The post had been in operation about twelve months before the use of stamps had been adopted. 1,800 stamps of this first type were printed. Just recently a new stamp of improved design was issued. The stamp measures one and seven-eighths by one and two-eighths inches. The inscription, One Shilling is printed on each end of the stamp. The center of the stamp contains a scroll-work design, and a flying pigeon with an envelope in its bill, above the dove is the inscription, "Great Barrier Island," and beneath, "Special Post."

This pigeon post is carried on as a private concern and is officially connected with the Postal Department of New Zealand.

### The Southern Philatelic Association.

The S. P. A. was organized in February, 1894, and during the five years of its existence has had a somewhat checkered career.

The earlier officers were men of some note in the philatelic world, but the unfortunate selection of A. M. Rareshide for the office of Exchange Superintendent did the Association a vast amount of harm, and from the effects of which it has not yet fully recovered.

Up to the end of the year 1896 about four hundred members had been enrolled, but in May, 1897 the deadwood was removed, and a renumbering of the faithful showed only sixty-two members in good standing. But slow progress was made, only twenty-two members joining by the end of the year, and forty-five more to September, 1898.

Presidents, Ben Russell, 1896; E. W. Heusinger, 1897 and H. Fenton, 1898-99, have worked faithfully in the interests of the organization, but it cannot be said that their efforts have met with the success they merited. Southern philatelists have, as the Irishman would say, been backward in coming forward, but in November, 1898 the Knoxville Philatelic society resolved to affiliate. This was done and that society became Knoxville, Tennessee Branch, No. 1, of the S. P. A. Movements have been set on foot to induce other local societies to join in the same manner, and a little determination on the part of the members could easily augment the number. A sectional society like this should have at least 500 members all taking an active interest in the working of the various departments.

Sales Superintendent, Charles Warburg was elected in 1897, and re-elected at the fifth convention held last October. He is under approved bond for the due performance of the duties pertaining to his office, and he has proved him-

self a faithful servant. His department is one of the most capably and satisfactorily managed in the country, and if he had the unanimous support of the members it would be one of the best paying. Sales last year averaged 25 per cent.

Messrs. Gerlich & Kessler, the trustees, deserve great credit for the manner in which they have disposed of all matters brought under their notice. Everything having been closed up except the Rareshide shortage, an old legacy, which probably never will be paid. The members showed their appreciation by re-electing them at the last convention.

The Library embraces some 5,000 pieces, and about seventy-five complete volumes and files, but it is used but little by the members. The Librarian promises to furnish each member with a full list of the literature on hand, and when this is done he will be ready to exchange duplicates with a view to completing more volumes.

The Association was a weakling indeed when the Lone Star State Philatelist was appointed official organ, but Editor Roy B. Bradley worked with a vim, throwing his whole energies into its recuperation, and had it not been for his efforts the Association would have been dead long ago.

In 1898 the old officers were re-elected, the election of August Dietz as vice-president being the only change.

The fight for the next Convention seat was a hot one, and while Richmond, Va., carried the banner for 1899, it is to be hoped that her opponent, Waco, Texas, will be successful next time, as the Lone Star State has within her borders many good philatelists and true, who have been members of the S. P. A. since its inauguration, and the proverbial Texan hospitality would not suffer at their hands.

BRITON.

The above brief historical sketch of

the Southern Philatelic Association was furnished by the worthy President, Mr. Fenton, a brief sketch of whose life would not be out of order.

President Henry Fenton is a native H'Englishman, who wandered to the attractive (?) shores of our glorious land of Deweys and Hobsons, about twelve years ago.

Brother Deitz informs us that Mr. Fenton was an ardent stamp collector as far back as thirty years ago, but laid his collection of some 1,800 varieties aside for many years. Fortunately he never sold it, and when he crossed the pond it



came with him, and a chance view of another collection in 1891 caused him to again become a worshipper at the shrine of Philatelia, and a most ardent disciple he has been.

After swelling his collection to 4,000 varieties from all over the world, he centralized on the United States, Great Britain and the British Colonies as specialties.

His "Motherland" collection is almost complete, and his U. S. and Confederates make a showing not met with every day, or every month either.

If the above sketch isn't enough come over to the convention this fall, and meet him face to face.

Our happy-go-lucky (hope he won't object to this appellation) Vice President, August Dietz, needs no recommendation, or writing up. We can easily sum up a thousand word sketch in a single sentence, by saying, that he is a

good fellow, an enthusiastic Philatelist, and a strong S. P. A. worker.

If you won't take our word for it, take



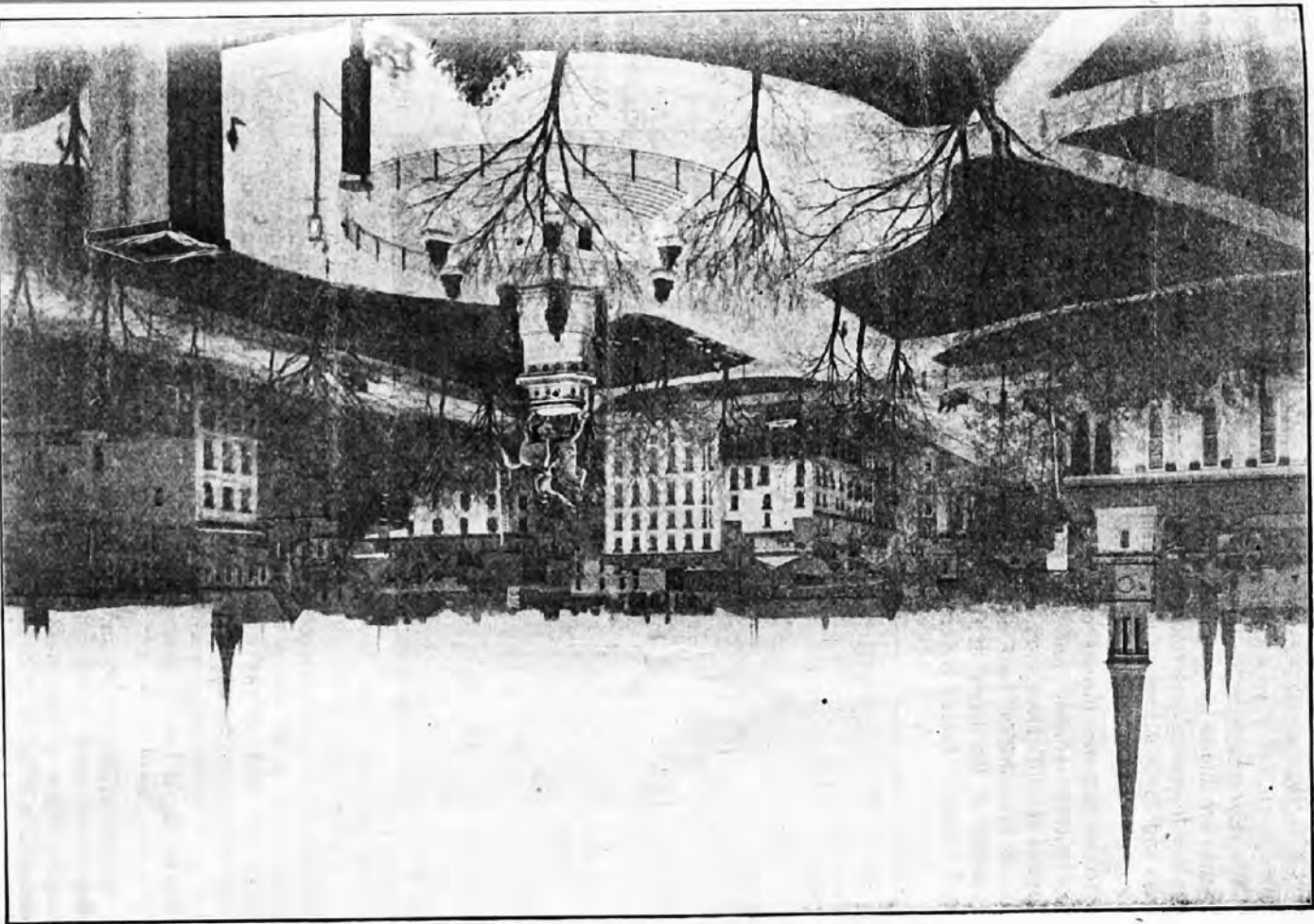
it easy till about the 17th of September, then pack your valise, grip, carpet-bag, or any old thing, load yourself with your choicest philatelic treasures, buy a railroad ticket, tag yourself for Richmond, enjoy the Convention there, and vindicate our word and unimpeachable honor by making Friend Dietz's personal acquaintance. (Beats Chapman, don't it?)

Mr. Chas. Waring, our most efficient Exchange Superintendent, is another H'Englishman, but he hails from the section known as the "Isle of Green Shamrocks." The capable manner in which he has managed the department during his two years of service fully entitles him to the high tribute paid him by our President in the foregoing historical sketch.

No doubt a brief sketch of each of the rest of the officers would be quite acceptable, but we intend to defer this pleasure till—you meet them at the Convention at Richmond, and then you will learn all you want to know from them personally.

The next convention of the Southern Philatelic Association will be held in Richmond, Va., during September 21, 22 and 23d.

Thinking a brief outline of the attractions presented by the "superb city of the south," will be both interesting and productive of good on the behalf of the



Capital Square, Richmond, Va.



attendance at the convention, we present herewith a few of the "pullers" to be met with there, accompanied by a few cuts.

We might say right here, that our thanks are due to the genial Aug. Dietz for the following information, loan of cuts and the outlines of the sketches, etc.

Richmond, the former capitol of the Confederate states, and the present capitol of Old Dominion, is a city of about five and a half square miles, founded on the bank of the beautiful and historic James river. Its streets

lines of electric and horse cars which give very efficient service.

As may be expected from its well known history, Richmond is in no wise lacking in the essential elements of interesting points to the traveler and the patriot.

The Libby Prison made famous by the many accounts of the suffering experienced by the "boys in blue" within its walls during the late war, has been moved to Chicago, but its site could not be moved, and therefore still remains to remind us of the almost forgotten struggle between the sections of



The Confederate Museum.

are laid off with the greatest precision and regularity, so that a strange child may easily find its way about the city. The streets are broad, well paved and are kept exceedingly neat and clean. The principal thoroughfares are Cary, Main and Broad.

Richmond fairly abounds in parks and squares; the most popular being Capitol Square; New Reservoir Park, containing 300 acres and Gamble's Hill. The city is well supplied with several

our glorious Union.

The Old Stone House built ages ago, is another interesting spot.

The Shockoe Hill is gracefully crowned by the City Hall, Capitol Square, State Public building, the Washington Monument and several other worthy statues. Hereabout was located the headquarters of the Confederate government.

Belle Isle, the State Penitentiary, Hollywood Cemetary, Richmond Col-

lege, Lee Monument, the Valentine Museum and the Masonic Temple are but a few more of the attractions Richmond presents to its visitors.

But we could fill this entire paper and not be able to tell one-half that may be seen and enjoyed in a visit to Richmond.

It being unadvisable to do so though, we would give you a good piece of advice, which followed will be more satisfactory than a 200 page guide book.

It briefly is, be sure to come over to the S. P. A. convention held September 21-23, in Richmond, Va. EDITOR.

### Our Literature.

BY LEON V. CASS.

I have read a number of articles of late dealing with the ideal philatelic magazine and kindred subjects, and with the editor's permission, I will give my view of our literature.

One writer, Mr. Edw. Palmer if I remember rightly, seems to think many of our smaller magazines are entirely unnecessary and harmful to fair Philatelia's cause.

Now I for one must say that my opinion differs greatly, every paper is just so much help to the science of Philately.

Many of our small papers are circulated among young collectors, who in many cases have never even heard of a stamp paper, and even if the paper be small and insignificant, the young collector reads the ads of other larger and better papers, and thus in time comes into the field a full fledged Philatelist, when if he had not seen the little magazine, which Mr. Palmer designates as a "kids" paper, the young collector would doubtless have dropped Philatelia or stamp collecting as it was known to him, and then our cause would have lost a valuable adherent.

Many collectors think our papers are

not illustrated enough, and I fully concur with them. Our magazines should endeavor to procure more illustrations than they have now.

There are many different subjects of which illustrations could be made. Including stamps, photographs of collections and dealers, different scenes in various countries, views of the various stamp shops, plates, etc.

By all means let us have more illustrations, it would make our literature brighter, more interesting, and far more attractive to the non-collector.

Another idea that is worthy of attention is the copyrighting of the contents our magazines. This would insure the articles from reprinting, and thus our papers contents would be much more interesting to the collectors who subscribe for a dozen or more papers. Some articles appear in as many as a dozen different papers within the space of six months or a year, and this is very tiresome to the literature collector, and others who take a majority of our literature.

Our literature is not as good as it might be, there is room for much improvement, but some writers who croak about the poor quality of our literature should look over the files of papers issued between 1861 and 1890.

I am sure they could not help but see the advancement made in our literature, and there is, as I stated before room for still further advancement.

Don't decry our literature, however; much is due our papers, and it is my opinion that were it not for our literature our old time hobby would not now be known as a science.

Let our publishers ever strive to excel, and let the watch word be onward and upward. Lets rally round our standard, all try to help our cause and our literature. Let us not sit down and decry the poor quality of our literature, or listen to the croaker.

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JUNE, 1899.

### Our Greeting, and A Review.

To the thousands of collectors who peruse the pages of this number of THE STAMP TRIBUNE, we wish to extend a most hearty greeting. It is now six months since we first assayed on the task and pleasure of publishing this magazine. As some of our readers may remember, we made no great promises at the start, and we may add that we do not intend to make any for or in the future. Our motto may be seen on our front cover. This is the only promise we make, if promise it may be called, and to this we intend to be loyal and continue to adhere strictly.

In all modesty, and without the least particle of pride or excessive

self-consciousness, we believe we may state, and those who have known us since our first number has appeared will no doubt agree with us, that we have improved right along from the beginning to the present.

Keeping in view our past record, we want to assure our friends friends that we cannot afford to allow the standard of THE STAMP TRIBUNE to fall back in any way, but must and will continue to the best of our ability to uphold it in the future.

Reader, if you are not a subscriber, take advantage of our liberal offer on second cover page, and become one at once.

**A Pleasant Visit.** Saturday, May 6th, we had the extreme pleasure of a short visit from Mr. Chas. Waring of Knoxville, Tenn. As most of our readers are aware, Mr. Waring is the Exchange Superintendent of the Southern Philatelic Association. His visit enabled us to look over several thousands of dollars worth of choice stamps belonging to the department, which Mr. Waring kindly brought for our inspection and edification. Those who know Mr. Waring personally, have always found him a gentleman and a good fellow, and a very enthusiastic philatelist. Come again, Mr. Waring.

**An Invitation.** The Editor, living as he does in a rather out-of-the-way place (philatelically speaking), wishes to take this opportunity to give a hearty invitation to all wandering collectors, whose stray footsteps may be guided within the vicin-

ity of our abiding place. Don't forget to drop in and see us whenever you happen to be around, and we will try to amuse and instruct(?) you. Please don't bring any "fire water" with you, though, for ours is a temperance town. But if you must have something to drink, say so, and we'll fill you up with cider—sweet or otherwise.

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**Our Advertisers.** We would request the careful attention of our readers to the advertisements contained in this issue. We should like to call special attention to each of our advertisers separately, but this would be neither practical nor acceptable to many of our readers. We do not believe that we have any right to call the attention of our readers to a few ads and fail in this courtesy to the others. So, as we cannot mention all, we will not show favor to any. But we would strongly advise everybody to read every ad for themselves, and if you see anything you want, and the price is reasonable, give the advertiser your order, and in so doing please mention the fact that you saw the ad in THE STAMP TRIBUNE, and greatly oblige the Publisher.

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**A Death and a Prospective Birth.** Canada's only stamp weekly, The Stamp Reporter, has at last succumbed to the inevitable. Mr. Bradley has sold it to Mr. Irwin, and he disposed of its subscription list, good will, etc., to Starnam Bros., of the Philatelic Advocate.

The prospective newcomer is also to be a Canadian. It is to be published as a monthly, and will

be domiciled in Winnipeg, Man. "Manitoba Philatelist" is its adopted name. First number is promised for July 1st, with a circulation of over 5,000, and a make up of 16 to 24 pages (10x6) and cover. The subscription price has been fixed at 15c.

Our best wishes go with this new craft.

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**Complaints.** We have received complaints from several of our subscribers who have failed to receive their copies of THE STAMP TRIBUNE. To all such we want to say that we mail copies to every subscriber, and unless Uncle Sam's mail fails occasionally in delivering a few of the copies to their destinations, our subscribers ought to get their papers not later than the 10th of each month. If your copy fails to arrive by that date, please inform us, and another copy will be forwarded to you. Under no circumstances, however, can we send another copy unless we are informed of the loss before the 20th of the month. Please bear this in mind, and insure the prompt arrival of your paper.

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#### The Prize Contest.

In all Prize Contests instituted by various reliable magazines, firms, etc., certain rules, regulations and conditions are generally laid down. It is understood, of course, by the institutors that these rules and conditions will be and generally are, carefully read before any person enters the contest.

But of course in all such contests there are a few careless parties who neglect this essential



entirely. If these persons only knew what a lot of trouble it causes to those examining the lists of words, and they would doubtless be more careful in the future. Besides, if a list of words is carelessly written and contains more than twice as many ineligible words as eligible, the examiner is apt to mark out some legitimate words that would otherwise count, and possibly turn the balance in favor of the contestant furnishing this list.

On the whole, however, the numerous contestants who participated in our late Prize Word Contest, did exceedingly well, and seemed to have understood the meaning and the intention of the rules. If course there were some exceptions who formed thousands of impossible and ineligible words expecting of course to get the first prize.

The majority, however, had but few words in their lists that were barred out. The strong tendency was to insert Latin words, abbreviations, and plurals. Of course these could not be counted.

A noticeable feature of the contest was the evident care and neatness which the majority bestowed upon their lists. We wish to mention under this feature especially the following contestants, though many others did almost as well, A. V. Shaffner, Paul Allen, W. M. Martin, C. M. Tyler, J. H. McLean, E. P. Gamble, B. E. Norwell, R. H. Platt and H. W. Brown.

The prizes were, after careful examination of the various entries, awarded as follows:

First Prize—R. S. Nelson, San Francisco, Cal., 1091 words.

Second Prize—Chas. S. Shel-

don, Oswego, N. Y., 1075 words.

Two Third Prizes—H. Paul, Phila., Pa., 1063; P. Osmond, Phila., Pa., 1061.

Three Fourth Prizes—C. M. Tyler, Hartford, Conn., 1049; B. E. Norvell, Chicago, Ill., 935; H. H. Herman, Chicago, 899.

Eight Fifth Prizes—Grenville T. Strong, New York City, 856; Paul Allen, New York City, 848; Lee Kelsey, Norwood, O., 847; Mrs. W. L. Babcock, Ogdensburg, N. Y., 839; A. V. Shaffner, Huntington, Pa., 829; J. H. McLean, Nepanee, Ont., 811; E. P. Gamble, 810; H. W. Brown, Providence, R. I., 780

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The first seven prizes have been mailed to the respective winners, and the remaining ones have been credited on our subscription books. Our heartiest congratulations go with the lucky ones.

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A wonderful thing has at last actually occurred. "Boss" Kissinger has invested in a typewriter. Hip, hip, hurrah, boys! The Jubilee has come!

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**Canadian Associate Editor's Dept.**

NOTE.—Address all matters regarding this department to Geo. Bradley, 13 Center St., St. Catharines, Ont.

**A Suggestion.** In regard to the forming of an association or league for the protection of publishers and collectors, would it not be a good plan to let each one interested contribute in cash to the fund, and with the cash received prosecute each genuine rogue.

**Dealers, Attention!** Now is the time to change the tune of your advertisements from selling to buying. For the next few months collectors and small dealers will be willing to dispose of their stocks of duplicates for a small sum. Therefore, be up to the times by placing an ad in the next three numbers of this paper, thereby obtaining a good stock for the next season.

**An Explanation.** In this department our efforts will not be to give news, notes, etc., but rather comment on the general philatelic subjects of the day.

I might also add that I have been authorized by the publisher to receive advertisements and subscriptions to THE STAMP TRIBUNE and will guarantee prompt and courteous treatment to all interested.

When a letter requires a personal answer do not fail to enclose return postage, as our postage bill is an important consideration when we gaze at the size of our pocketbook.

**The Publisher's Troubles.** Some dealers seem to delight in sending advertisements to the publishers of philatelic papers for which they

have no intention whatever of paying. Did they but consider a moment they probably would see what philately and themselves owe to the publisher. How would the news of new issues, varieties and discoveries be known the world round if it were not for the publisher? If the issues were unknown there would be demand for them, and if there was no demand for stamps there would be no dealers. Surely an honest man can see the dealers owe a great debt to stamp papers (some have already run large accounts, much to the publisher's sorrow), and that instead of trying to beat them out of their money, they ought to pay every cent and help to support the paper in every possible way. An important fact to be considered is that philatelic publishers are not generally millionaires. How they are to make up for bad advertising accounts? Only by stopping the paper and going to work at some other job, or in some cases, sell their stamp collections. Yet we hear all sorts of sayings against them.

Surely the stamp collecting fraternity needs to be cleaned of all frauds at the earliest possible date. To accomplish this we must have the hearty co-operation of all. Help it along.

**An Old Landmark Gone.** It is with deep sorrow and regret we have to chronicle the death of the Eastern Philatelist, the oldest stamp magazine in America. The publishers evidently found it was not a paying investment, and rather than sink too much money, disposed of it to the Philatelic Bulletin. All unexpired subscriptions will be filled by that paper.

## ANSWERS TO INQUIRERS.

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C. W. K., Reading, Pr.—(1) The Bar-Loek, Smith, Remington and Dollar typewriters are all good. (2) No, never use axle grease on the type. Diamond dye is much better. (3) Yes, we knew you were president of a great many societies. Nice, isn't it?

Osgood, Pueblo—(1) Yes, indeed, we admire The Stampman very much. (2) Oh, yes, orange is a very appropriate color, seeing you were not born in Ireland.



Dietz—(1) for corns, use Robie's corn plasters. We know of none better. Guaranteed to remove the toe without pain. (2) For stuffing your subscribers, write Ackley. His taxider is good. He is well posted on "stuffing," especially his creditors. (3) Thanks for your invitation, but we do not smoke.

Robie—(1) O, yes, we have read Stamp Hunting. Nice book, isn't it? By the way, what became of you after you awoke in the last chapter?

Brown, Kansas City—(1) Yes, we think Robie will help your paper. (2) No, we do not think that Dodge feels bad because you got the International.

Stone (reviewer)—(1) No, we

do not think Mr. Jewett will 'fire' you. He seldom throws stones. (2) Certainly we like you, who wouldn't?



Williams & Co.—(1) You will probably not be captured, but you ought to be. (2) No, Dodge did commit suicide. He has the Tri-Monthly to run and can't find time. (3) A good lawyer to defend you would be Bfidge, of Albany.

Herbst—(1) To remove freckles, mix one quart of whiskey with equal parts of alcohol and bay rum. Apply freely during the day and night. The result will be surprising. (2) To increase the size of your paper, try heavy cardboard paper.

J. Francis (poet)—(1) Yes, your verses were very lovely. Browning and Longfellow can't compare. The goat ate ours. Will you please send some more.



Chapman (yellow journal)—(1) Of course we do not believe what people say about you. We know you too well. (2) A good way to raise peaches is on an elevator. (3) We do not know any publisher who takes apples in exchange for subscriptions. You might try the Perforator.

Tucker, Boston—(1) Yes, 10,000 copies is a large circulation, where do they all go? (2) No, we cannot tell you whether Amy is married. This is not a matrimonial bureau.

Jewett—(1) We do not give opinions on hand writing in this column. (2) We might suggest the Standard, Metropolitan, Police Gazette or Broadway. They will answer your purpose.

"Ikey," St. Louis—(1) No, we never heard of your Stamp News. You see we live at 451 Sanguinet St., and never see much although we find "waste paper" once in a while.


Any—(1) We believe you are the only woman in the field at present. We do not mean to be rude or impertinent, but are you married? We have received numerous inquiries from your admirers

Eaton—Rub powdered sulphur and turpentine thoroughly in the fur of your "two bears," that will drive them out. For yourself, shave your head.

Stearns—(1) No, Mr. Lev is not a minifter. (2) We are not familiar with the marriage laws of your state.

French—(1) No, Mr. Osgood is not an Indian. You must have been thinking of his place of residence. (2) No, don't wonder you hear so little, you live so far away.

Mulock, Canada—(1) No, we do not think you have issued too many stamps. They are lovely. (2) No, we don't think Robie would care if you wrote a book and called it "Stamp Making." (3) Yes, twelve new issues for 1900 will be fine. Isn't it fun?

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| 27.     | 2c " " orange.....                       | 1 25      |
| 28.     | 2c Proprietary, imperf.....              | 6 00      |
| 29.     | 2c " " part perf.....                    | 1 00      |
| 30.     | 3c F. Ex. Prop., Teleg.....              | 55        |
| 31.     | 4c In. Ex., Prop.....                    | 20        |
| 32.     | 5c complete except Props.....            | 1 09      |
| 33.     | 6c In. Exchange.....                     | 25        |
| 34.     | 10c Contract, part perf.....             | 1 00      |
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| 36.     | 20c " " good.....                        | 1 00      |
| 37.     | 25c Life Insurance.....                  | 30        |
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| 39.     | 25c Warehouse Rect.....                  | 75        |
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| 44.     | 50c Probate of Will.....                 | 1 00      |
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| 46.     | 70c For. Ex. ".....                      | 1 50      |



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| 57.  | 3 Charter Party.....                                   | 25    |
| 58.  | 3 Manifest.....                                        | 25    |
| 59.  | 2 50 In Ex, Imperf, scarce<br>and good.....            | 30 00 |
| 60.  | \$5 Charter Party.....                                 | 25    |
| 61.  | 5 Mortgage.....                                        | 1 00  |
| 62.  | 5 Probate of Will.....                                 | 1 00  |
| 63.  | 10 Mortgage, res. 65c.....                             | 1 50  |
| 64.  | 20 Conveyance.....                                     | 2 00  |
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| 68.  | 15c " ".....                                           | 60    |
| 69.  | 20c " ".....                                           | 25    |
| 70.  | 30c " " fair.....                                      | 1 00  |
| 71.  | 40c " ".....                                           | 75    |
| 72.  | 1 50 " ".....                                          | 30    |
| 73.  | 2 00 " ".....                                          | 75    |
| 74.  | 2 50 " ".....                                          | 50    |
| 75.  | 3d Iss. 1c, black and claret                           | 1 75  |
| 76.  | 4c " " brown                                           | 1 50  |
| 77.  | 6c " " orange                                          | 1 50  |
| 78.  | 15c " " brown                                          | 60    |
| 79.  | 30c " " orange                                         | 40    |
| 80.  | 40c " " brown                                          | 1 00  |
| 81.  | 60c " " orange                                         | 1 00  |
| 82.  | 70c " " green.                                         | 75    |
| 83.  | \$ 2 00 " " vermil'n                                   | 75    |
| 84.  | 2 50 " " claret.                                       | 60    |
| 85.  | 3 00 " " green.                                        | 2 00  |
| 86.  | 5 00 " " vermil'n                                      | 1 00  |
| 87.  | 10 00 " " green.                                       | 4 00  |
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| 90.  | " Rings, (die cut No.<br>3376) 2c blue.....            | 50    |
| 91.  | " E. Wilder, 1c green..                                | 75    |
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| 96.  | Denmark, (300) all good.....                           |       |
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**Pretty Stamps.**

B. G. M'FALL.

There are two kinds of beauty one beauty in design, color and workmanship, the other the beauty of oddity, scarcity and consequently the price.

My intention is to dwell only upon the first, those whose beauty shines forth from the surface, not from the depths of the catalogue.

Why is it that such minor states and colonies as Congo, Labuan, Tonga and Borneo issue such beautiful stamps?

The answer is simple; turn to the despised India States, are they popular with you?

Little attention would these minor states receive from the mass of collectors were they of a repulsive, hard to understand type and with a complete foresight they issued stamps to overcome this difficulty.

There were few of the Jubilee issues of 1893-98 that were not handsome, it was necessary that they should be so to meet with the favor that the country wished them to be.

Of course to us, the United States forms interesting additions to our collections, but other than the bi-colored issues of 1869 and the historic Columbians, there are no strikingly handsome stamps. This government makes its issues for service rather than for admiration.

Canada's Jubilee 1897, issue shines forth in brilliant colors, the same design emphasizing the shading.

Popular, curious, odd, fascinating, handsome, the triangular of the Cape of Good Hope, emblazoned a page I dare say, more than any one set in existence. Wishes for the complete set are difficult to fulfill.

Bolivar's (Columbian Republic) 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885 and 1891 issues are pretty, legitimate and worth possessing.

Congo's 1894, 1895, 1896 issues are

beautiful beyond description, cheap beyond comprehension, speculative to a degree, one would believe the Congo State to be in a high state of civilization were it not that they picture their inhabitants as negroes and their sport elephant hunting.

Costa Rico, Ecuador, Honduras, Nicaragua and San Salvador, under the management of Col. Seebeck, have gained a reputation which every collector has learned about; and the beauty of their yearly productions have and do appeal to the beginners and average collectors. Without beauty, the master mind of the scheme, Seebeck, well knew that his plans would not "pan out" with "pay dirt" and the results were, as a rule, handsome productions.

There lies beauty disguised as a postage stamp, with beauty only to recommend it to collectors, beauty with price but beauty without value.

Germany, for use in the northern and southern districts, are worth the collectors attention. They are not in flashy colors, but blend in harmony to a degree which reveals the similarity of designs.

Greece for beauty brought herself into prominence by the Olympian Games issue of 1896, though the engraving has no special merit, the colors and designs making a pleasant arrangement possible.

As a whole, excepting the Provisional issues, Guatemala excels for a continuous issuing of beautiful, finely engraved stamps, although the first three outshine the latter three. A complete collection from this country is a pleasing sight.

Hawaii's 1864 to 1894 issues especially may be mentioned the 1c, 6c, 18c, 1864; 12c 1875; 10c, 25c, 1882; 10c, 25c, 50c, \$1, 1883-86 and the 1c, 10c, 12c, 15c 1894 are joys forever.

Hayti's 1c, 2c, 3c and 5c, 1887 Salomon issue, short, sweet, cheap and pretty.

Labuan and Borneo are entitled to first rank for the handsomest stamps, but it is their beauty only that entitles them to it. The rule that beauty is what beauty does could not be conveniently applied to them however.

Liberia comes a close second to the above mentioned pair and it will be amusing to see which advances the farthest with their next necessary issue.

Mexico's 1864, Juarez (Monterey) issue 1884, 1885 and 1895 make a beautiful showing.

New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and New Foundland are general favorites with every collector, and not without reason, but this popularity has proven detrimental to the collector in so much as it has moved the value of these countries' issues to a very high mark.

Consistant New Foundland treated us to an enjoyable surprise by making her Jubilee issue of 1897 only to the 60c value, making also a very handsome set and entering no scheme to benefit money grabbing speculators, an example the greater Dominion could have followed with much credit to herself and intense satisfaction to collectors in general.

New South Wales with her 5p, 6p, 8p and 1sh, 1853, etc, and the 1888-89 Jubilee issue may be entitled to mention.

Niger Coast, 1893 and 1894, did credit to herself by absorbing and stopping further issues of the Oil Rivers Protectorate, and the issues above mentioned are beautiful, but no notice should be given of the provisionals issued later by which to mar the serenity of the others.

Obock's Camel Post with her triangular issues and the "niggah group" shin plasters are pretty.

Paraguay's portrait issue of 1892 emblazons this country's page of the collector's album, and shine out in relief from the lion and numeral issues, an unused set makes a fine showing.

Persia's odd, but pretty, 1882-83 is-

sue 5s to 10fr, and the cheap two colored official stamps assist in making this country's representations show up.

Peru's llama, the 1896 and the unpaid letter series of 1874-79 carry off the honors for this country.

Spain and her colonies Alphonso XII and XIII's sets are handsome in the blending of colors, but 'tis noticeable that black and yellow and red, white and blue don't harmonize lately. "I wonder why, I wonder why?"

Portugal and her colonies are relieved by the Jubilee 1894 and the bi-colored issue of 1895, although not exceptional pretty, are good—for Portugal.

Prince Edward Island has a facination like the other British colonies, and not without reason.

Queensland's first and 1882-1885 issues make handsome sets, especially the 2sh to £1 values.

St. Lucia, the first uncharged varieties are beautiful in their rich "good nuff to eat" colors.

St. Vincent is another country which has spoiled the beauty of their first issues by the homely surcharge. Especially noticable is the 5sh rose and carmine 1880-83 issues.

The Express and Palm issues of Samoa are noticeable upon any page

The bi-colored set of 1890 of the Seychelles Island are very attractive, while the envelopes stamps are beauties.

Sierra Leone, another bi-colored set like the above, makes queer combinations with its lilac borders.

Somali Coast's camel post, similar to Obock's, is worth just as much consideration.

Transvaal's (South African Republic) 1878 issue is commendable.

The Straits Settlements make a presentation with their tiger and elephant issues, but so many surcharges tend to obliterate what beauty they set forth.

Sweden's numeral issue, unpaid and official sets make a look of complete-

ness which will fill the possessors heart with pride.

What a beautiful ending does the 1fr gold give to the 1862-63 issue of the Switzerland Republic! The unpaid letter stamps "all alike in color" are not detestable.

Tasmania's 1856-57 and 1864 issues have that brightness of colors so pleasing to the Philatelists' eyes.

Tonga with her 1897 issue outdone all previous attempts and throttled the hoard of surcharges indulged in. They are valuable if for no other reason than that.

There is a novelty in the colored first issue of Tasmania in which the colors differed on the same denomination. This government soon learned that color-blind post office officials were subject to errors, so they added values later. How queer it must have seemed to call for a 1p stamp and take your choice of seven varieties of color!

There is beauty in the first issues of the Turks Islands, but the price keeps a great many from seeing it.

The beauty of Tuscany's first issue is there, but they are really difficult stamps to gain possession of, although they are not listed very high.

Uruguay's 1889 and 1895 issues afford good examples of fine engraving.

Venezuela's 1883 issue is made beautiful by the addition of the 1b violet; purple and shades of that color, as a rule, always add beauty to stamps. The unsurcharged 1893 issues are the prettiest.

Victoria's 3p, 2p, 1852, and 1p, 1856 are worth securing, while the 5sh 1868 and 9p 1873 are necessities to every collection.

The Swan issue of Western Australia is pretty, but unfortunately the surcharge is frequently used to make them less so.

And now have you followed me through with this list?

There seems to be a peculiar tendency for pretty stamps, and where the de-

mand is, there also is the value. I have spoken lightly and given little encouragement to the collecting of unnecessary issues and Seebecks, and I trust they will in time see the evil of their ways, and issue pretty stamps for legitimate use, and issue them only when an issue is necessary, but make them in such quantities that the use of the ungainly, unhandsome surcharge may become a thing of the past.

Stamps are more handsome when viewed in complete sets, therefore make it a point to complete a set if you lack but one or two of it, even if the price is high.

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Above is result of election, and hope all officers and members will work for interest of society. As for myself will say that although my office requires a large amount of work, I am always glad to hear from members and others who wish to join.

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**ENTIRE COLLECTING.****Entire Envelopes Original Covers and Postal Cards.**

BY LEON V. CASS.

The pioneer collectors of the "60s and 70s" collected envelope stamp "cut to shape" and then collecting "cut square" specimens came into vogue and now "cut square specimens are being rapidly supplemented by entire envelopes. There have been many articles written for and against collecting entire envelope but nevertheless the collecting of cut square specimens is becoming less popular each month and every up to date collector takes entire envelopes in preference to "cut square" copies. Don't neglect entire envelopes in the advise of the writer as much pleasure can be obtained from the collecting and classifying of the different varieties. Original covers are coming into fashion of late and no collector can deny the fact that a collection of stamps on the original cover makes a beautiful showing. According to indications the collecting of original covers is going to become "the thing" and prices will take big jumps as very few old issues have been saved on the original cover. Collectors who to use a popular phrase "take the bull by the horns" and make a collection of original covers before they become "all the rage" as they will in the near future will see the time when they will congratulate themselves. Postal card collecting is not at present very popular as collectors have as a general thing given this branch of philately little thought. A collection of the postal cards of the world however makes a pretty sight and a collection can be made for a comparatively small sum. Make a small collection as a side line. You'll never regret it.

Send a subscription to THE TRIBUNE.

**Canadian Revenue Stamps.**

BY J. S. DALTON.

Not until late years have we taken much interest in Canadian revenue stamps, and until late, no collector (of course there are some exceptions) has bothered much about them.

Not until 1897 did we really hear of Canadian revenues as an investment. This date is correct, for in the April number of the "Halifax Philatelic Magazine" we see the following notes which proves that Canadian revenues were new to collector and dealer alike at that time:—

"A large number of American dealers are going in for Canadian Revenues, which is well. No prettier stamps were ever issued and they form a most desirable class of stamps. The boom appears to have arrived, we believe to stay. Those who have watched the recent appreciation in the price of U. S. Revenues, will know when to get in on the ground floor in the Canadian article. That time is now."

These stamps are truly very beautiful and make a very picturesque collection in a blank album. Every Canadian Revenue stamp is in the range of a collector. The rarest can be purchased at from \$20.00 to \$25.00, and this price is only for the rarest Canadian Revenue stamp—the \$2 3rd issue Canadian Bill with inverted medallion, the bust upside down. Any other Canadian Revenue after this can be purchased for from \$10.00 to \$15.00 and from this price they run down to 1c.

The prices named above are prices that the said stamp can be purchased at the present but undoubtedly in a very short time these prices will be very low as they are advancing very rapidly. During the last two years the call for Canadian Revenues has been growing steadily and still continues to grow.

Canadian Revenues are being specialized by collectors now and a keen interest is being taken in them. There are only about 435 varieties of Canadian Revenues therefore a collector can have a good collection if he only has 200 or 250.

As the saying is "there's no time like the present" just the same we may say it about Canadian Revenues for although prices are at a low figure now in two years they will be up a good deal.

Both collector and dealer are now investing in these stamps and are getting what they can before they get any higher.

In collecting Canadian Revenues we don't have all the different perforations, shades etc. as other stamps, so it is all plain sailing. Of course different sizes of perforations and different shades do exist but none of the Revenue catalogues up to the present have listed them and we don't think they will for some time as nobody seems to know the different perforations of the stamps.

Now collectors and dealers pull yourselves together and secure a good stock of these very desirable stamps while at a low figure, for, besides being a good investment they are some of the prettiest stamps ever issued and will improve the beauty of any collection.

### Canada's Rarest Stamp.

Without question, Canada's rarest stamp is the 12 pence black, issued in 1851. Now, when great finds are being made and more copies of this desirable stamp are being brought to light, probably a few remarks on that stamp may not go amiss.

This stamp is a peculiar one, among other things is that the value is expressed as 12 pence instead of one shilling. It is rare, without doubt, for although 51,400 of them were prepared, only 1,510 were distributed to postmasters while

of this last amount very few were disposed of to the general public, or were used to prepay postage on letters.

The exact use for which this stamp was intended is not very clear. Several have advanced the theory that they were used to prepay letters going to the United Kingdom, others stated for letters going to India. That the 12 pence was especially intended for postage to the United Kingdom is not possible, as the rate at that time to that place was 1s 2d sterling, equal to 1s 4d Canadian currency. The more probable theory however, is that it was used to prepay postage to the United States and on heavy provincial letters. To support this latter statement comes the fact that if the intention had been for the stamps to prepay postage to the United Kingdom the value would have been the exact amount required, as was the case later on when the 10d and 7½d were issued. Also that 12 pence was just double the amount (6 pence) which was the postage at that time.

Some writers have stated that although the stamps were prepared in 1851 they were not placed on sale till 1854. This, however, is untenable as we find in the Postmaster-General's report for year ending March 31, 1853, that 100 were issued during that year. The number, as stated above, that were issued for sale is small when compared with the number of collectors who desire them.

They made their last appearance in 1856; but what became of the balance of 49,490 stamps is unknown; they were no doubt burned.

The following figures may be of interest to my readers:

|                                | <i>No. placed on sale</i> |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Year ending April 5, 1852..... | 820                       |
| “ “ Mar. 31, 1853.....         | 100                       |
| “ “ “ 1854.....                | 325                       |
| “ “ “ 1855.....                | 265                       |
| Total.....                     | 1,510                     |
| Total prepared.....            | 51,000                    |
| “ sold.....                    | 1,510                     |
| Balance.....                   | 49,490                    |

G. B.

**"Unused, O. G. Weather."**

BY WILLIAM M. VERBECK.

With the arrival of spring, with the gay songs of the returning birds, and the grass once again taking on its brilliant green hue, the budding trees, the customary sudden showers and the smell of glorious freshness penetrating the atmosphere when man begins to dread work, and his clothes stick to his body and yet who, if prudent, dares not disregard the old adage; "Stick to your underwear until they stick to you," then it is, that we Philatelists all begin to dread the warmer days which are to come.

The Philatelist not only has to undergo the heat that falls to the average man in the hot summer days, but he also has an extra burden to carry.

The careless individual, who in payment for his purchases encloses current unused stamps in his letters, loose, without taking any precaution against the possibility of their sticking to the envelope and paper,—is the subject of many unkind words from the receiver, who generally finds the stamps stuck fast to the paper, so fast that it becomes necessary to either steam or soak them off, and then in order to be used again they have to be treated to a new supply of gum as they are used.

So, friend, during the coming summer, when you are remitting in unused stamps, be careful to see that they are well protected by wax-paper, it will save the party to whom you are sending them, much annoyance and will perhaps save yourself considerable trouble. It is advisable, during the summer months to remit by check, money-

order or cash, where it is possible, and I am sure dealers would not object if you continued this through the winter.

Wholesale dealers in sending out selections, should also be very careful to see that any unused stamps are properly cared for. For if not, they will invariably arrive stuck together and your chance for making a sale is lost, which had the stamps been cared for properly, might not have been so.

During last summer I received several selections of unused stamps all from the same dealer. The stamps were in sheets and part sheets and upon opening the letter,—they were a sight to behold. They had been folded several times, so they would fit into the envelope and not a bit of wax-paper or other precaution had been used. The result was almost a solid mass, which could not be separated. Now in these lots were many stamps that I desired and which I would have purchased had they been in a fit condition, but as it was there was only one thing for me to do,—to return the stamps, which I accordingly did, and the wholesale man was the loser of six or seven dollars thereby, and perhaps more if he was unable to separate the stamps.

For your approval sheets and collections I can think of no satisfactory scheme to protect your unused stamps. Putting a small bit of wax paper under each unused stamp is certainly a too laborious task to be thought of and as that is at present the only plan that unfolds itself, the only way I see to do, is to stop sending out approval sheets with unused stamps on, and to put your collection in a well-stocked ice-box, then of course, if

you desired to put any new specimens in your album, you would not only enjoy keeping yourself cool, but you would have the satisfaction of knowing your treasures were well kept and safe even if they were "on ice."

If all collectors would try something of this kind when remitting, there would be fewer cussing dealers, and if all dealers would do the same thing there would be few stamps returned, and lastly, if the collector would care for his album in some way, even if not the very meritorious scheme I have suggested, he would find fewer stamps stuck flat to the spaces which they fill.

I do not expect the entire Philatelic world will hasten to carry out any of the exact suggestions I have made, particularly that relative to "ice," but if it will only chase up some sort of a protective scheme and let me get the patent on it, I shall think I have done well.

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### Scratchings.

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BY M. A. BELL.

Although the managers of the Pan-American Exposition, which is to be held in Buffalo in 1901, are trying their best to induce the government to issue a special series of stamps, a cool reception is all they have got so far and all they are likely to get.

From reliable sources we hear that Mr. C. W. Kissinger has purchased Mr. Stowell's share in the Perforator.

A certain New York firm is trying to corner the \$1 Omahas, but success does not seem to be in line.

From Washington we hear that

the 1, 2, 3, 5 and 10-cent stamps of the States will be surcharged for use in the Philippines.

The Era is adopting a decided "yellow journal" style. Any news it happens to obtain in advance of the other papers, it sets in large type and heads it "Special!—Another U. S. Provisional announced—Again the Era makes a big scoop." Rather startling at first, but you cool off when you read it.

The new issue of the Virgin Isles seems to be in great demand. It is a very handsome set.

Some collectors seem to think that die A on amber, blue and buff papers will be a good thing, and are hastening to gather them in.

Three beautiful examples of the designer's and engraver's art are the 2s. 6d and 10s. of the new issue of Malta. As yet they are not very common in the stocks of dealers.

The design of the head of Columbus on the new envelopes will be the same as that on the Columbian half-dollar.

On April 24, Deputy U. S. Revenue Inspector Winfield S. Cox took possession of about 20,000 cigars and stogies in Paterson, N. J., which had counterfeit revenue stamps on them. The Paterson dealers did not buy the cigars with the intention of defrauding the government, but bought them in good faith of a Lancaster, Pa., man, who has been arrested on the charge of counterfeiting. It is said that a stamp collector of Paterson was the one who discovered the fraud.



Summer is coming and with it warm weather, the delight (?) of the man who collects unused, O. G. specimens. Then will we all have to be careful to see that in mailing unused stamps they are carefully wrapped in waxed paper. Don't attempt to send them any other way. As for your collections, the only way I know of now to protect your unused stamps is to put the whole collection on ice.

The United States government is now preparing a set of stamps for the Philippines, which will be the same as those now in use, but surcharged diagonally across the face with the word "Philippines," similar to the Porto Rico surcharge. The first shipment of these stamps will be sent to Manila about the middle of May, and will consist of the following values and quantities:

|               |           |
|---------------|-----------|
| 1 cent .....  | 2,000,000 |
| 2 cent .....  | 4,000,000 |
| 3 cent .....  | 500,000   |
| 5 cent .....  | 500,000   |
| 10 cent ..... | 500,000   |

At present the following private proprietary stamps can be purchased of the dealers:

Radway's  $\frac{5}{8}$ c, black.  
 Chas. H. Fletcher's 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, black.  
 Piso's  $\frac{5}{8}$ c.  
 Hostetter's 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.  
 Johnson & Johnson's  $\frac{3}{4}$ c, vermilion.  
 Centaur Co.'s 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, black.  
 Warner's Safe Cure,  $\frac{3}{4}$ c, brown.

Others are out, but as yet are not offered for sale by the dealers.

The U. S. Special Delivery stamp, surcharged for Cuba, was received in Boston on April 24th and in Washington on April 22d. It is said to be a very poor piece of work, and the surcharge, which is supposed to be "Cuba, 10c, de Peso," has to be carefully exam-

ined in the right light before it is legible.

The Philatelic Bulletin has purchased the Eastern Philatelist. This will raise the P. B. up several notches.

Mr. L. P. Head, of Fulton, Ky., announces that owing to a severe illness he has been unable to get out his Mississippi Valley Philatelist as advertised, but as he is now convalescent, he expects to have the first number out about June 1st. We hope it will be a good one, Mr. Head, but at any rate we wish you success.

The \$50 revenue now comes in a new color. Instead of being olive-brown it is now a violet-brown, the same as the \$3 revenue. Whether this is official or not I cannot say.

Worcester, Mass., Philatelists have been having a big time. On April 24th an exhibition, banquet and sale were held in Creamerie hall on Pearl street. About 100 people visited the exhibition. It was a grand success.

That the government is up to date is proven by the fact that the design for the new Cuban special delivery stamp has been proposed as a messenger boy on a bicycle.

You all know what "o. g." is, but Meekel's gives a new one—"p. g."—part gum. Next.

The editor of the Virginia Philatelist seems to be enjoying himself reading the "Gatling Gun," a non-philatelic publication, bright and witty, but decidedly obscene. The editor of this sheet is now under arrest, and it is hoped that

if he escapes punishment he will confine his admirable talent to something more elevating. We were surprised to see such a sheet on "Deacon" Dietz's exchange list.

Ralph W. Tucker, of Boston, has formed a partnership with Arthur W. Merriam, of the same city, and they have taken a pleasant office at 132 Boylston street, where they will continue to publish the "Stamp Exchange" and carry on an extensive general stamp business.

One of the largest purchases of revenue stamps on record was that of the Amalgamated Copper Co. of New York, which bought, last week, \$37,500 worth to be used on 750,000 shares of stock.

While in Albany the other day I called on John Skinner, a member of the Albany Philatelic Club, who runs a book and stamp shop at 44 North Pearl street, and was treated to a view of his magnificent collection and his unsurpassed stock, especially rare in proofs and specimens. A novel collection of his is one of stamps which have been treated to a chemical change, and some interesting "fake" stamps.

A celebration is to be held at Berne, Switzerland, on July 1, 1900, in honor of the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Universal Postal Union. The different governments of the world have been invited to take part and are requested to send representatives. I wonder if this means a commemorative issue from Switzerland.

A new die variety of the 2-cent envelope, die B, has been discovered, which is found on both

white and buff papers, size 13. It is described as having no ribbon around the queue.

The Era says that the following designs and colors have been decided upon by the government for use in Cuba:

1 cent—Green, statue of Columbus with one hand resting on a globe, at top "Cuba" in curve, "Centavo" at bottom with figure "1" at each side.

2 cent—Royal palms, color probably red.

3 cent—Undecided as to color; allegorical statue of Cuba Alcabana.

5 cent—Dark blue merchant vessel in full steam.

10 cent—Color undecided; man plowing field with yoke of oxen, in background palms and farm houses.

The United States has shipped a set of current U. S. stamps, surcharged for use in Guam. The move on the part of the government was so sudden that the stamps had been shipped before the news leaked out. The following denominations and quantities were sent:

|             |        |
|-------------|--------|
| 1 cent..... | 10,000 |
| 2 cent..... | 20,000 |
| 5 cent..... | 5,000  |

**United States Leads.**

The United States has issued more varieties of postage stamps than any other country in the world. It is a peculiar fact that Spain comes second with nearly as many varieties. The United States has issued 287 varieties, while Spain has put out 278 different ones. One of the most interesting of these is the Filipino stamp. It is of about the ordinary size, and bears the inscription, "Correos, 2 cents, Filipinas."

**The Travels of an Approval Sheet.**

I started out from New York City on the first day of January, 189—, with 25 unused stamps. My destination was to a man in Florida. I had a delightful trip, and my stamps were looking as new as when I started out. But when the man looked at the stamps he exclaimed, "Oh, I don't want such common stamps," and with that he threw me into his desk among his other papers. There I remained for about a month; then he took me out and mailed me to a friend of his in Nebraska. This time the receiver was a young man, just out of his teens, and he bought me entire, and mailed me again to San Francisco. This time a lady opened me and took several of my prettiest and gave the remainder to her 12-year-old son, and as he had not learned the use of stamp hinges, he pasted all the stamps down flat on me, and then went away to play with his sister. Bye and bye the servant came along, and as she was not a Philatelist, and of course she did not know the value of the stamps on me, and thinking they were only bits of paper, took and crumpled us and threw us into her basket. Then she took the stamps and myself and threw us into the fire. When the owner of the stamps went to look for them all he could find was a heap of ashes.

M. A. B.

'The Stamp Exchange' for May was fully up to the initial number. Twenty-eight pages of interesting and instructive matter is not to be met with in every stamp paper, but the S. E. has it. Keep it up Br. T., and you'll win.

**Song of the Postage Stamp.**

A messenger I of authority great,  
As I go on my journey and cling to my freight:  
My will upon highway, and steamer and car  
Is obeyed without question, like that of the Czar;  
For millions of citizens stand at my back,  
And the Army and Navy both loom on my track,  
And the lessons from Lexington to Manila  
Lend dignity to me and make safe my way:  
And traveling o'er mountain, and sailing o'er sea,  
The face of a great man goes always with me.

A traveler extensive, I know all the earth  
Where civilization has lent it her worth,  
To the heart of great London, to purpling vine  
Of France, and the castles of romantic Rhine,  
To sand drifts of Egypt, to cold Russian snow,  
With burdens of thought I repeatedly go,  
I've crossed every ocean, I've ferried each sea,  
All havens and towns are familiar to me:  
And the people receive me with wide-open arms—  
A relief 'midst long travels and frequent alarms.

The stamps of all nations I meet on my way:  
But only to greet them politely I stay:  
That I with propriety may represent  
A republic abundant, a great continent,  
I make one exception: Whenever I sight  
A stamp from Old England, I'm filled with delight:  
For we know the same language, we are of one race,  
And mutual interests our masters embrace.  
"Exceedingly glad am I meeting you, John,"  
I say. "And how are your folks all coming on?"  
"They are all hale and hearty, how is it with Sam?"  
He says. "Give me the feel of your own honest palm."

As over the world on my errands I go,  
I'm a herald of happiness, herald of woe.  
To one I bring word of a glittering gain,  
To another I carry bereavement and pain.  
I often hear groanings of hearts by grief drowned,  
And carolling joy of Love's princess crowned  
And torn by conflicting emotions, I dread  
To see my seal broken and have my new read,  
But I am forbidden these things to relate:

I am sworn to protect all the patrons of state,  
 And my burden of secrets my soul has dis-  
 tressed,  
 And I fear when unguarded some may be  
 expressed.  
 I could shake mighty empires from center  
 to rim;  
 I could cause more than one cheek to crim-  
 son with shame:  
 In thousands of hearts invite misery to  
 brood;  
 And spread midst the people disaster and  
 feud.  
 So, still on my journeys, I night and day  
 haste,  
 While the comforts of home weary wander-  
 ings waste;  
 Spit on and stamped on, I hold on my way,  
 Looking only to conscience approving for  
 pay. —C. A. Ingraham.

### New York Letter.

FROM MACK.

Stamp business is still on the boom, and hopes are entertained that the summer trade will not decrease it. School-boy trade is particularly noticeable, and much enthusiasm is enacted when two or three young collectors chance to meet in a dealer's shop.

The collectors Investment Company, a private stock cooperation has sold out the Guarantee Stamp Co., of this city; the latter concern has opened an office and is prepared to do business on a large scale. They are located at 27 E. 125th street, and at the New York concerns, will have to hustle to keep in the race when the wheels begin to turn with this concern.

The second annual convention of the Empire State Philatelic Society is drawing near. President Evans in his address states that the convention will probably be held in July. Mr. W. Weber of Buffalo, N. Y. has been appointed auction manager in place of Dr. Hamburg W. M. signed.

One of the most interesting varieties came into my hands recently. It is an 8 ore Denmark of the current issue—presumably In the lower oval band

containing the inscription "POST-FRIM. 8 ORE." The top curve of the figure "8" is missing. The variety is as plain as day light, and no cancellations in any way interferes with it. It certainly is an engravers error, and it could not have happened through any fault of the printer's carelessness. The stamp has been submitted to Mr. Luff for his opinion. It may not prove amiss to mention that no extended search was attempted to procure additional copies of this variety, and any of my readers may perchance find a few by looking up their common European stamps, among which the 8 ore Denmark is found in abundance. There are many varieties cause by broken plates etc., but there is no doubt, but this is a genuine variety of the first water. Very rarely must a government protect its postal emissions against counterfeiting and resort to a radical change of the postage stamp designs, but such is the state of affairs down in Chile. In the American Journal of Philately under notes the following regarding this subject appears. "We read in one of our contemporaries that a new issue of postage stamps of the values of one, two and five centavos has been decided upon. It has been said that the set will appear shortly and that the design will be radically different from that of the present series. The reason for the new issue is understood to be the discovery of very clever counterfeitings of these denominations of the set, which have been spread wholesale to the great damage of the postal service of Chili." In all probability the current genuine stamps will be redeemed or exchanged for new stamps as soon as issued.

Don't fail to read carefully, the offer on the second cover page, and profit by the unusual opportunity.



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L. T. Brodstone, Superior, Neb.

If no objections are made, the above application will be admitted June 15.

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| Cash received from E. Reynolds, |       |
| Ex.-Treas. ....                 | \$ 71 |
| "    " for dues and app.fees    | 35    |
|                                 | 1 06  |
| To Sec.-Treas., postage .....   | 60    |
| Cash on hand .....              | 46    |

There are twenty-one members (and some are officers) who have not yet remitted their 1899 dues and who should do so before June 30th or their names will be published in the Official Organ.

If all the members will try and secure at least two new members each we could place all of the departments of the society in better working order and it would be an accomodation and an advantage to each member to do so.

Our Exchange Superintendent reports that department in poor working order, and says it can't be remedied unless members take a better interest in it.

Come, lets wake up and do something for the cause of Philatelic Literature.

I would like to hear from all members.  
 Yours fraternally,  
 CHAS. F. FREY.

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- 154 Canadian Phil., III, 8; VI, 1, 2.
- 164a " Journal of Philately I, 2.
- 165 " Phil. Magazine, II, 1, 3, 9, 22, 23, 24.
- 167 Canadian Phil. Weekly I, 1 to 6.
- 207 Dominion Phil. 57, 70, 72.
- 211 Daily Stamp Item, I, 1, 6, 25, 57, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78.
- Daily Stamp Item, II, 1 to 22.
- 218 Eastern Phil., XIV, 2; XVII, 1 to 5; XVIII, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6; XX, 2, 4; XXI, 3, 4.
- 229 Electric Phil., I, 1, 3, 4, 5; III, 1, 3, 6.
- 230 Evergreen State Phil., V, 3; X, 55, 56, 57.
- 240 F. F. & F., VI, 4.
- 247 Golden Star, I, 5, 6; II, 6; III, 3 to 6; IV, 1 to 3; V, 24, 26.
- 255 Hoosier Stamp, I, 5 to 10.
- 257 Home Worker, III, 1 to 3, 5 to 12; IV, 1, 2, 3, 5, 9; V, 1, 2.
- 269 Int. Phil., III, 1, 3; IV, 2; V, 1, 2, 4, VI, 1, 3, 4; VII, 2, 3; VIII, 2; IX, 1, 3.
- 291 Lone Star State Phil., II, 4, 6, 13, 15, 16, 22; VI, 1.
- 318 Mekeel's Weekly, I, 10, 50, 51; II, 3, 9, 15, 33, 33a, 35 to 39, 42, 47, 49, 52.
- 318 Mekeel's Weekly, III, 1, 3, 5, 8, 14, 16, 17, 25 to 30, 34, 40, 46, 48, 50; IV, 1, 41, 43, 45, 49.
- 318 Mekeel's Weekly, V, 1, 6, 15, 20; VI, 10, 20, 26; VII, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 10, 14, 16, 19 to 26.
- 318 Mekeel's Weekly, VIII, 19; X, 20; XI, 9, 17; XIII, 12.

- 334 Monthly Observer, I, 5, 6, 12; II, 2.  
 336 Michigan Phil., I, 1, 6.  
 348 N. E. Phil., I, 5, 11.  
 363 N. H. " I, 4, 6, 8 to 12.  
 373 N. Y. " I, 1, 2, 3, 5; II, 2, 5, 6;  
 III, 3, 5, 6; IV, 1 to 3; V, 5.  
 385 One Dime, I, 2; III, 3, 7; IV, 6, 9;  
 V, 6 to 12; VI, 61 to 65.  
 396 Omaha Phil., I, 3, 4; II, 3, 4; III, 1,  
 3, 4; IV, 4; V, 1 to 3.  
 438 Phil. Magazine, II, 5 to 9.  
 439 " Tribune, I, 1, 2, 4, 5, 9, 11, 12;  
 II, 1 to 5; VIII, 5, 6; IX, 1; X, 6; XI,  
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 439 Phil. Tribune, XIII, 1 to 4, 6; XIV,  
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 439 Phil. Tribune, XIX, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6; XX,  
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 XXIII, 2, 3, 5.  
 449 Phil. Fortnightly, I, 1 to 3, 5 to 7.  
 461 " Beacon, II, 6.  
 467 " Express, I, 9.  
 468 " Era, II, 4, 5; III, 3; V, 7.  
 481 " Fraud Rept., I, 1, 4, 6, 7, 9, 11,  
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 485 Post Office, 52, 57, 58, 60, 61, 65, 66;  
 69, 70, 71, 73, 74, 78, 81.  
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 525 Phil. West, I, 6; II, 3, 6; V, 2; VI, 1,  
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 533 Phil. Lit. Coll., I, 2 to 4.  
 537 " Advocate, II, 1, 5; IV, 2 to 4;  
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 573 Record and Review, I, 2 to 5, 9.  
 575 Reporter III, 2, 9, 11.  
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 653 Springfield Phil., II, 2, 11, 12; III, 4.  
 671 Stamps, I, 1, 2, 9, 10; II, 6; III, 1.  
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 703 Texan " I, 5; II, 12; IV, 2 to 5; V,  
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 715 U. S. Phil., I, 1; II, 4, 5.  
 — Va. " I, 3, 5 to 7.  
 747 Washington Phil., 4, 8, 12, 13, 15, 16,  
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 289 Long 'sland Phil., I, 12; II, 6.  
 318 Meekel's Weekly, VIII, 26; IX, 26.  
 320 Mo. Phil., I, 6; II, 6, III, 4.  
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 439 Phil. Tribune, XIV, 6; XVIII, 6.  
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BY WILLIAM M. VERBECK.

The finest newcomer it has been our good fortune to see in many, many days is the "Stamp Exchange" published by Ralph W. Tucker of Boston, Mass.

A handsome cover in vermilion and black, designed by Dietz, encloses 32 pages, 6 of advertisements and 26 of reading matter of the choicest of material. It would be a very hard matter to mention all the good things contained therein, but it will suffice to say that articles by nearly all of the best known writers of philately are published.

Among these writers are Leon V. Cass, Aug. Dietz, "Zura," "Spmats," Amy L. Swift, Henry A. Chapman, B. G. McFall, H. I. Watts and R. Widcombe. Mr. Chapman conducts the review department.

When in the history of stamp literature has a "first number" appeared in such size and with such a stock of fine reading material as this? And yet the publisher says; "A modest beginning will (often) bring a prosperous ending." If this is his modest beginning, we can expect a magazine of the size of Munsey's for his ending. All success be with you Mr. Tucker, you deserve it, and we assure you there will always be a soft spot in our hearts for you. Many of the older papers cannot with their Vol. VI, No. 4, hold a candle to your Vol. I, No. 1.

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The New York Philatelist for April came with twenty pages and cover. "Veritas" starts a department entitled "Some Philatelic Abuses" and takes for his first subject the Periodical Stamps, and in speaking of them says:—"Had any little 'one horse' government like San Marino or Creta issued 50,000 sets solely for collectors, with absolutely no postal value, what a howl would have been raised by our

virtuous Philatelists, but of course, when Uncle Sam does this—"It does indeed make a vast difference in the world who does a thing.

"Old Times" by Dan Cornell in another article goes back thirty years and gives a neat little history of what stamp collecting was then. He mentions E. M. Mason of Philadelphia, J. W. Scott of New York and F. Trifet of Boston as the only dealers then in existence and who dealt principally in coins taking stamps only as a side line.

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"The Montreal Philatelist" for April, presents a very respectable appearance with its 24 pages and cover, but it is lacking in long articles, being principally composed of a "Chronical of New Issues" a few short notes and a good deal on the L. of C. P. and the Junior Philatelic Society.

Mr. Bach says some hard things under an article entitled "Our British Guiana Stamps" and says that even if some "would be" experts pronounced the stamps to be counterfeits, he does not accept their decision. We thought personalities had run out of date, but we see we were mistaken.

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"The Evergreen State Philatelist" contains a lot of clever and interesting notes by "Julian" and "Veritas" discusses "Philately month by month" in his usual fearless style, not hesitating about stepping on some people's toes.

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"The Bay State Philatelist" although not a new paper is a new one on our exchange list. The first page is given to "new Issues" followed on the next page by "Pittsburg Notes" by Philos and an article entitled "Printing of Stamps" the balance contains reprinted articles and a review, which is conducted by "Gerant."

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On first thought it seems as though



the "Tri-Monthly Collector" was a thing of the past, but at last Vol. 1, No. 10, has arrived, nearly a month late. Dodge, don't seem to be able to get one paper out on time any better than three. The best thing in this last issue is the "Contemporary Review" by A. H. Hall, who is in my mind one of the best reviewers we have, having an original style of his own, which is both instructive and pleasing. The balance of the paper is made up of Montreal Notes, Washington Notes, Canadian Notes and "Notes". Mr. Cox's article is missing, which is very deplorable.

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"Stamps" (England) for March, comes filled with interesting and instructive material. The article by Walter T. Wilson on "The Post Cards and Letter Cards of the British Empire" is valuable and instructive to postal cards and collectors. "Revenue Stamps" contains a chronicle of the revenues issued by the different countries and should be read by all collectors of these stamps.

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The April "Post Office" is rich in instructive reading matter. The entire number is made up of good solid articles of unusual interest. "Alpha" gives an interesting account of the "Reprint or Official Counterfeit of Brazil, 100 reis on 50 reis, pale Brown," the writer says in closing:—"In my opinion the case is absolutely identical with the Luxemburg S. P. stamps of 1882, which are nothing but reprints, or official counterfeits and the stamp to be issued in the next few days is not worthy of any other name.

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The neat little Kansas City publication "Stamp Talk" opens with a continued article on "Stamp Hunting" by Lewis Robie being on the style and a continuation of his book by that

name. Henry A. Chapman writes about stamps "On the cover" which is very entertaining. Foster A. Lilly conducts a very interesting review. Taken all together "Stamp Talk" is a "dandy" and its unique size and style makes it very attractive.

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The April "Philatelic Bulletin" opens with the first installment of an article on "Some Rare Stamps" by Henry A. Chapman, of those of the United States, he mentions the \$5 and \$10 State Department of 1873. Aug. Dietz's "Notes on Confederates" is by far the most entertaining article in the paper; he mentions many oddities, such as letters written on wall-paper, on magazine covers and a receipt for sale of negro slaves. The balance of the paper composed of Chapman's "Rocky Hill Pencils" and Canadian Notes from three different sources, is up to its usual standard.

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The "Perforator" for April has thirty-six well filled pages inside its cover. Portraits and sketches are given of Claude W. Unger and W. G. L. Paxman, both sketches being written by Kissinger. Amy L. Swift writes an exceptionally good article on "What Constitutes a Good Article." A great many writers might gain some very useful information by reading it carefully. George Carion is again in the field with an article on "French Colonial Stamps," (by the way I wonder how many other papers will get this same article). Counterfeits I have seen," by Adam Dollard and "From Woman's Standpoint" are both good. H. A. Chapman still conducts his peculiar review. J. W. Stowell announces that with the May number Mr. C. W. Kissinger will assume full control of the paper as his (Mr. Stowell's) printing and advertising business demands his entire attention. We are sorry to lose you Mr. Stowell, and trust success will follow you in other pursuits as it has in the pub-

lishing of the Perforator. Mr. Kissinger we greet thee

"The Value of System" in the April "Allegheny Philatelist" is an article well worth reading, it advocates a systematic manner of collecting and shows the good results and the advantage gained over others thereby. Six pages are given to a chronicle of new issues, while the balance of the paper is composed of notes. The majority of ads. are those of the Allegheny Mailing Agency and have no bearing on philately.

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|                                  | Cat.  | Our<br>price |                                                               | Cat.  | Our<br>price |
|----------------------------------|-------|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------|--------------|
| U S 1847, 5c brown.....          | \$ 85 | \$ 43        | 1869 6c blue.....                                             | \$ 75 | \$ 38        |
| *1851, 1c blue.....              | 30    | 14           | 12c green.....                                                | 75    | 40           |
| same on orig. cov.....           | 30    | 17           | 1870-71, 1c ultramarine.....                                  | 15    | 07           |
| 10c green.....                   | 1 00  | 50           | 6c carmine.....                                               | 20    | 10           |
| *same, unused.....               | 15 00 | 8 00         | 7c vermilion.....                                             | 60    | 32           |
| *12c ".....                      | 25 00 | 10 00        | 15c orange.....                                               | 50    | 23           |
| 1855-60, 1c type II, scarce..... | 1 50  | 70           | 90c carmine.....                                              | 1 50  | 75           |
| 1c " III.....                    | 15    | 08           | 1875, 1c ribbed.....                                          | 2 00  | 85           |
| *same, unused.....               | 50    | 25           | 2c ".....                                                     | 50    | 25           |
| 10c green.....                   | 50    | 25           | 3c ".....                                                     | 1 00  | 40           |
| 1861, 3c pink.....               | 8 00  | 4 00         | 6c ".....                                                     | 5 00  | 2 00         |
| 12c black.....                   | 40    | 22           | 5c blue (Taylor).....                                         | 10    | 06           |
| 15c black.....                   | 50    | 25           | *1879, 15c orange, o. g.....                                  | 2 00  | 75           |
| 24c red lilac.....               | 1 50  | 75           | *30c black, o. g.....                                         | 2 00  | 75           |
| 24c lilac.....                   | 40    | 22           | 1893, Col. 1c-10c.....                                        | 35    | 14           |
| *same, unused.....               | 5 00  | 2 25         | 1898, Omaha, 1c-10c.....                                      |       | 14           |
| 30c orange.....                  | 60    | 30           | U S Revs, 1st Iss. almost com-<br>plete, at 50 per cent disc. |       |              |
| 1867, 1c blue, 11x13.....        | 1 25  | 60           | Confed. '61, 5c green, orig. cov.                             | 50    | 30           |
| 2c black, ".....                 | 30    | 14           | same, pair on o. c.....                                       | 1 00  | 60           |
| 3c rose, ".....                  | 10    | 05           | same, off cov. or on part                                     | 50    | 25           |
| 1869, 1c buff.....               | 75    | 37           | Pairs at the same rate.                                       |       |              |
| 2c brown.....                    | 15    | 08           |                                                               |       |              |

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| Lot No.                                                   | Cat. price | Lot No.                                                                                            | Cat. price |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| 1 U S. Agriculture, 1c specimen                           | \$ 4 00    | TINY tear                                                                                          | 5 00       |
| 2 Interior, 2c unused                                     | 30         | 28 10-U S envelopes, entire                                                                        | 3 50       |
| 3 " 6c "                                                  | 50         | 29 15 " " cut square,                                                                              |            |
| 4 Justice 3c                                              | 75         | many fine unused                                                                                   | 4 00       |
| 5 " 12c                                                   | 2 50       | 30 25 var. U S postage, all good                                                                   | 2 50       |
| 6 P O 90c, carboard proof, bent, rare                     |            | 31 48 " " "                                                                                        | 3 15       |
| 7 State 10c                                               | 2 50       | 32 90 " " stamps, some rare                                                                        | 7 50       |
| 8 Treasury 1c                                             | 50         | 33 45 " " revs.                                                                                    | 6 50       |
| 9 " 2c unused                                             | 35         | 34 60 " " "                                                                                        | 7 75       |
| 10 " 10c "                                                | 1 00       | 35 300 1c Colum. in bundles of 100                                                                 | 3 00       |
| 11 " 15c "                                                | 30         | 36 1000 2c " "                                                                                     | 10 00      |
| 12 War 12c unused o. g.                                   | 25         | 37 100 var. U S, good lot                                                                          | 4 50       |
| 13 " 12c pair                                             | 50         | 38 Same                                                                                            | 4 50       |
| 14 " 12c, block of five                                   | 1 25       | 39 Still another                                                                                   | 4 50       |
| 15 Hong Kong, 1862, 18c unused                            | 2 00       | 40 100 unused foreign, many var.                                                                   | 4 60       |
| 16 " " 24c "                                              | 2 00       | 41 Same                                                                                            | 4 60       |
| 17 Italy 1863, 3 lira, bronze, scarce                     | 5 00       | 42 Porto Rico 2m, used in U S, on original cov., fine postmark a decided curiosity and very scarce |            |
| 18 Japan 1871, 200m, imper. fair                          | 10 00      | 43 2000 U S mixed 20 to 30 var, good lot                                                           | 25 00      |
| 19 " " 200m, perf., fine                                  | 5 00       | 44 3000 ditto                                                                                      | 35 00      |
| 20 Same                                                   | 5 00       | 45 300 1fr Switzerland                                                                             | 6 00       |
| 21 New S. Wales, '71-78, 5c unused o. g., superb; res 30c | 75         | 46 100 So. Af. Rep., assorted                                                                      |            |
| 22 N. S. W. 1882, 3p unused o. g. perfect res. 25c        | 60         | 47 Porto Rico, block of 50, 2 mils unused o. g.                                                    | 2 50       |
| 23 N. S. W. 1888, 4p & 6p, unused o. g perfect, res. 25c  |            | 48 Canada, block of 25 1c maple leaf, unused o. g.                                                 |            |
| 24 Portugal 1855, 50r unused, fine and scarce, res. 50c   | 1 50       | 49 Canada, block of 10, Imp lavender, o. g., res. 45c.                                             |            |
| 25 Portugal, 1855, 100r, unused fine and scarce, res. 75c | 2 00       | 50 Collection 200 var. U. S. in album, in good condition, about                                    | 25 00      |
| 26 Portugal 1862; 100r unused, choice specimen, res. \$1  | 3 00       |                                                                                                    |            |
| 27 Queensland 1862, 2d, unused                            |            |                                                                                                    |            |

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## Columbus and the Postage Stamp.

Christopher Columbus was born in Genoa about 1436. He married the daughter of an Italian named Palestrello. Having proved to himself that the world was round he wished for men and ships to prove it to others. Having no resources of his own he went from place to place endeavoring to secure aid from some of the mighty sovereigns of Europe. After being laughed at and turned away as a fanatic again and again he at last secured the aid of Elizabeth of Spain.

From Palos, Spain, he set sail with three ships and one hundred and twenty men, and after a long and weary voyage he discovered San Salvador, October 12, 1492. Shortly after he discovered Cuba and Hayti.

San Salvador has immortalized his memory by the adhesive issues of 1892 and also the beautiful 2, 5 and 10 pesos stamps of 1893. On the 2, 5 and 10 pesos stamps of 1894 are also pictures commemorating his discoveries.

On his second voyage he discovered Dominica on the night of November 3, 1492, and immediately afterward he discovered Guadaloupe, Montserrat, Antigua, San Martin and San Juan, now called Porto Rico.

Of these countries Porto Rico is the only one that has condescended to issue

any stamp to his memory. This is found in the 3c dark green of 1891-93.

Columbus undertook his third voyage nine years later, and on June 13, 1502 discovered Martinique, now a French Colony, and later on the credited mainland of America.

Argentine Republic, Chili, Nicaragua and the United States being the only countries to issue commemorative stamps.

The face of Columbus may be seen on nearly all of the issues of Chili from 1852 to the present date with the exception of the Unpaid Letter Stamps.

Nicaragua commemorates his discovery by the regular issue of 1892, the official issue and envelopes of the same date.

Although the mainland was not actually discovered until Columbus' third voyage, yet the United States and Argentine Republic date it as October 12, 1492.

This may be seen by the 1892 issue of Argentine Republic on the 2c and 5c values which represent Columbus' three vessels, the Pinta, the Nina and the Santa Maria.

This idea of date is also carried out by the United States on the issue of the Columbian stamps of 1893, issued for the World's Fair held in Chicago.

Although Cuba was one of Columbus' discoveries, no stamps were ever issued



on this island to indicate the fact, even ungrateful Spain, the owner of the island until lately, never issued any commemorative stamp for even herself or her colonies, for one who had done more toward increasing her territory than any of her great generals. But now that Cuba is no longer Spanish, but under the control of the great and only United States, she is to commemorate the discoverer (or perhaps it would be more correct to say that the United States will commemorate) by an issue of envelopes bearing the profile of Columbus.

Columbus who had always been treated with great honor was put in chains at the end of his third voyage, the king's mind having been poisoned by the discoverer's enemies, and cast into prison. The great man died in poverty (so much for the gratitude of the Spanish nation) and was buried in San Domingo in 1536, and in 1796 his remains were transferred to the Cathedral of Havana, where they reposed until July 2, 1887, when they were taken from Havana to Genoa on board an Italian man-of-war, and buried with great pomp in his native city. M. A. B.

### An Ordinary Collector.

BY J. SIDNEY DALTON.

Many discussions are carried on in different papers concerning such matters as whether bad specimens should be allowed in collections, etc., etc., but the ordinary collector is glad enough to get a reprint of a stamp when he knows he can not get the genuine original without a big cost which he feels he can not afford. And he is also willing to put a bad specimen in his album to keep till he gets a good one.

Yet I think for my own part I would rather see a blank space in an album than see a reprint unless the collector is collecting reprints.

A collection of reprints was recently started by the counterfeit detector of the Dominion Philatelic Association of Canada and is very interesting, and is a very good collection to study, for by so doing the difference between the genuine and reprint can be found out.

Such small matters as the absence of a few perforations don't make much difference to most collectors, yet some will be found that would not put a stamp in their album unless it was perfect in every way. Such collectors are hard to deal with, especially in a mail auction sale for dealers don't describe the condition of a stamp to such a fine point as to numerate that one perforation is gone for he knows that the majority of collectors don't mind such small faults.

It is rather discouraging for a collector to buy a stamp from another collector and find out afterwards that it is a reprint.

But yet if we must have things so why live and bear it.

There has been some talk lately of some Philatelists trying to put reprints on an equal par with genuines. We hope this will never come about, for then what a snap the reprinters would have. In no time we would be swamped out with reprints and it would be difficult to get a genuine stamp of the old issues. No, let us try to stop having these reprints on the market for they are a curse to our science.

The July No. of the A. J. of P. announces that "The Fifty-ninth Edition C catalogue is now well under way, and we expect to have it completed early in October. Advance sheets will be supplied for \$5 cash in advance. The first form including all United States issues will be mailed on July 10th." This is welcome news indeed, and we predict a large sale of the advance sheets.

**Scratchings.**

BY M. A. BELL.

The Stamp Exchange has promised us a special for June to be known as the "Grand Season Closer." If this special is increased in size to anywhere near the proportion of that of the Philatelic Advocate, what a number we will have. Whew!

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Say brother, send us a copy of Stampie America. We would like to see it. Send care of STAMP TRIBUNE, P. O. Box 65, Harriman, Tenn.

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Those people who watched "for the half-tone" in the Perforator got fooled. It is evident Brother K. is not all he is made out to be.

\* \* \*

The following amusing letter was received from the small brother of a customer of a well known dealer:

—, Ill., May 13, 1899.

Mr. —.

Dear sir:—Please do not send no more stamps to — because he sells the stamps and keeps the money and so mamma will have to give him money, And oblige

\* \* \*

The following denominations and quantities of the eight cents stamp and postage dues surcharged "Porto Rico" have been sent to that island.

|                 |        |
|-----------------|--------|
| 8 cent.....     | 25,000 |
| 1 cent due..... | 25,000 |
| 2 " ".....      | 25,000 |
| 10 " ".....     | 5,000  |

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The Washington correspondent for the Era says that the new envelopes for Cuba are ready, he gives a description of them and says in closing that they are far ahead of our envelopes in design and neatness. These envelopes are the 1 cent green, 2 cent red and 5 cent blue,

the design of all these being the same—the vignette of Columbus embossed and surrounded by five embossed circles. The space between the second and third circles is larger than the space between the other circles, so as to include the lettering, which is also embossed. In this space the word "Cuba" is directly above the head of Columbus and the values directly below the bust. The values are written "Un Centavos" and "Cinco Centavos" respectively.

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Mr. H. A. Chapman, of Hartford, Conn., seems to be the victim of either unscrupulous or careless parties. He states in a circular letter the entire facts of his retirement from the Perforator and if no explanation is given on the other side, I think he should be congratulated on getting out of such unfair hands. The Perforator will be the loser by Mr. Chapman's retirement from the same.

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General Merrit has been appointed Postmaster of Washington and will assume his duties on the first of July.

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The following envelopes were sent to Porto Rico on the 18th of May surcharged "Porto Rico:"  
 1,000,000 2c envelopes, red, No. 5, on white.  
 10,000 5c envelopes, No. 5, on white.  
 5,000 1c wrappers.

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It is said that the government is preparing a special series of envelopes for the above named island with the bust of Ponce de Leon.

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The new Cuban stamps will probably be out by the time these notes are read, as the Bureau was to begin printing them about the 7th of June.

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The Stamp Reporter which "has come to stay" after issuing six numbers

as a weekly has "given up the ghost" and been merged into the Philatelic Advocate. "It's the same old story." Another report says the Reporter was sold to James Irwin. We will know which is correct shortly.

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 "The Romance of Philately," by Perry C. Bishop, originally published in "Stamps" (England) seems to be going the rounds of the philatelic press. Mekeels is the latest to publish it.

\* \* \*  
 The Virginia Philatelist is preparing a handsome souvenir of the coming S. P. A. convention, and every subscriber of the STAMP TRIBUNE as well as the V. P. and the Lone Star State get a copy free. You'd better subscribe.

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 It is said that The Metropolitan is looking for the official organship of the American Philatelic Association. Will it get it?

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 The Washington correspondent for the Era says the Treasury Department has decided on the \$100 and \$500 revenue stamps, the former will bear the portrait of Marshall and the latter that of Hamilton; they will be printed in two colors.

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 Mr. F. J. Laurie has sailed for Holland. He will probably do a lot in the stamp line while away.

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 The government has destroyed all the plates of the newspaper stamps and about 300,000 of the lower values, which they had on hand. This does away with the rumor that 25,000 more sets were to be struck off. All the remaining Columbian stamps were also destroyed.

Should the Metropolitan Philatelist succeed in securing the organship of the A. P. A., we pity the advertisers of the Era. Its circulation is none too large as it is, and should it lose the best part of it, well—!

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OTTAWA, O., July 1, '99.

FELLOW MEMBERS:—Last month I made the request that all members send in their dues at once but comparatively few have done this. Please do so at once and receive your new membership card. Let each member try and get at least five new members by Oct. 1st. To all getting five new members I will give a years subscription to one of the following papers: Philatelic West, Bulletin, New York. Evergreen State, Lone Star State, Virginia or Montreal Philatelist and the Philatelic Advocate. Six months subscription for three members. Now each member should be able to get this many at least.

All members not remitting dues before July 25th will be dropped from membership.

#### CASH REPORT.

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| On hand last report .....   | \$ 46 |
| Received from members ..... | 85    |

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|---------------------|------|
| Total .....         | 1 31 |
| Sec'y postage ..... | 25   |

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| Cash on hand ..... | 1 06 |
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Yours fraternally  
 CHAS. F. FREY, Sec'y-Treas.

**Stamps of the Southern Confederacy.****A PLEA FOR THEIR JUST RECOGNITION.**

NOTE.—Owing to a recent conversation among several collectors and visitors in this City, I write the following lines regarding the out-look and desirability of Confederate Postage Stamps. I hope it will interest no few readers. I also will say that one of the gentlemen present, discovered some months ago, quite a distinct type of the ten cent Confederate stamp. He has decided not to mention this new type to the cataloguers, in hope that it will never be known, as it is the belief here that a too much minor variety racket is now greatly injuring the best interests of Philately.

One would hardly believe the enthusiasm that greeted President McKinley and party while on a tour among a people that were first in the organization of the Southern Confederacy. Here the old under a wave of patriotic feeling forgot the past; here the young was infused with the greatest liberal idea of United States nationalism, and the sentimental differences of 1861 erased.

By the words of the President, by the grateful greetings offered to a United States Major General, late of the Confederate cause, this union of sentiment, this union of Blue and Gray was made complete. No longer the father of the southern son recalls incidents of seeming unjustness of the sixties, he now thinks of the visit, happenings and utterances of a champion of Republicism, while in his sun-kissed home in 1898, and leaves the few embers of Civil War memories to soon disappear.

Now, I desire to mention to all thinking fellow Philatelists that Confederate stamps for this reason, obliteration of sentimental sectionism, should get a better recognition. If any collector did for reasons stated, refuse the issues of

the Confederate government let him begin his collecting now. We of the south do not think that Confederate stamps are properly valued or properly collected. Did you ever think what effect the removal of sectionalism would have on these stamps? And that the future issues of the United States stamps will probably bear the faces of the great Americans of our day, viz: Admiral Dewey, the Democratic hero of Manila; President McKinley, the War President of 1898 and 1899; "Joe Wheeler," a General of the Confederate states, also Major General of the United States forces in Cuba, the spirit of victory of the Santiago campaign. We fathers of the coming generations know the value of these heroes, and it will be with pride that we can cite in answer to juvenile inquiry that the man on this stamp was a gallant Confederate General, who after we were one again, fought as a Major General in the United States Army of invasion, and to his exertions many credit the capture of Santiago. No country like ours honors its past heroes in this way and by so doing infuses the young to inquire into the character of its great men of the past.

Dear reader, Confederate stamps should be the "Prodigal Son" of the United States specialist. The greater number of dealers, because they have not got them in stock, will do their best to declaim them. Confederate stamps are the "new old stamps" that should receive better attention. If the catalogues of the present time have to reflect to collectors of the world the value of Confederate stamps, and they are valued too high, it should be remedied at once, and I believe if the Philatelists of the South were to act, and show a comparison of prices on these stamps it would remedy this great evil. It is admitted that there are several Confederate stamps that are considerably under-valued. We



all know that these stamps can never be reissued, that sets of them will never be offered below face value, and no speculative interest can be laid at their door. If any stamps are of safe value used original Confederate stamps are, and every collector who has them knows that they are among his best.

May I ask you this question: Are not the local issues of the cities of the Confederacy just as valuable, just as honest, just as attractive as the local issues of the cities of 1847? "Necessity" was the mother that gave birth to all of these provisional issues. The time is not far distant when these stamps will be better liked, the now increasing demand will double itself. Confederate stamps are bound to be better liked, and will be received with a greater feeling of cordiality in the future. To obtain these stamps they have to be found in old correspondence, and no one wants that which is easy to gain — G. M. Doughty in Weekly Era.

### PROGRAMME.

#### 4th Annual Convention D. P. A.

Toronto, June 30 & July 1, 1899.

#### JUNE 30TH.

10 to 12 a. m. Reception of Delegates.

2:00 p. m. Address of Welcome  
G. E. Davenport.

2:30 p. m. Convention called to order.

1. Roll call.
2. President's Address.
3. Appointment of Committees.
4. Reading of minutes.
5. Communications.
6. Unfinished business.

Adjournment.

#### EVENING SESSION.

7:30 p. m. Social Evening.

Auction Sale, E. B. MacGillivray.  
Paper, Printed vs. Blank Albums.

R. S. Mason.

Paper, Local Societies as Benefactors to Philately. C. S. Applegath.

#### Adjournment.

JULY 1ST.

7 a. m. Members meet at headquarters from whence excursions will proceed.

#### MORNING SESSION.

9 a. m. Call to order.

2. Roll call.

3. Reading of minutes.

4. Reports of officers.

5. New business.

11 a. m. Reviewing collections.

12 a. m. Report of Credential Committee.

Adjournment for dinner.

2 p. m. Short addresses by officers elect.

2:30 p. m. Reports of Committees.

Unfinished business.

Adjournment for photograph.

#### EVENING.

7:30 p. m. "Chilly Reception" and Cake Walk by members of Philatelic Club of Toronto.

God save our Queen.

No. 3 of the "Stamp Exchange" comes in the form of a surprise to us. We were promised a grand special number for this issue, and judging by former numbers we certainly expected nothing less than a paper as good as the June special of THE STAMP TRIBUNE. Instead we were treated to a very unpleasant surprise. The paper consisted of only 20 pages, and contained nothing of any extra merit. If this is a "Grand Special," the following numbers will probably come with but 8 to 12 pages.

We were also surprised to hear of the unwise raise in the subscription price to 50 cents. If the publishers get a dozen subs. within as many months at this rate, they will certainly be doing very well indeed. "The Stamp Exchange" was not worth 50 cents even in its previous state and is certainly not worth it now. A wise move, however, was its advertising rate reduction. Still, with its subscription rate taken into consideration, within a short time the advertising rates will undoubtedly prove to be too high. Better pay \$1 per inch for a paper having 2000 subscribers than pay 25 cents and have your ad seen by only a few people.

**Exchange and For Sale.**

Notices under the heading will be inserted at the rate of one-half cent per cent a word. 100 words to be used as desired. 42c; 250 words to be used as desired. \$1; 500 words to be used as desired. \$1.75. Notices must be written on separate paper from other matter.

Wanted.—Wholesale prices and quotations on any 1st Issue Revenues you have. Any quantity.

John J. Baker, Fairmount, W. Va.

Will exchange a nice camera, takes pictures  $2\frac{1}{4} \times 2\frac{1}{4}$ , and almost complete outfit for best offer in good stamps. S. P. Lev, Box 65, Harriman, Tenn.

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Will give twenty inches of advertising space in this paper (to be used as desired) in exchange for full set of used 1898 Revs., Documentary  $\frac{1}{2}$ c to \$50, and Proprietary  $\frac{1}{2}$ c to 5c. Any number of sets taken at this rate. S. P. Lev, Box 65, Harriman, Tenn.

I have a full set of Encyclopedia Britannica, 30 vols., nicely bound in green cloth, gilt, quite new, and up to date. Cost \$81.25. Will sell for best offer in cash, or exchange for good collection of stamps, or job lot good saleable U. S. stamps. S. P. Lev, Box 65, Harriman, Tenn.

I have a quantity of good novels—Street & Smith's Eagle Library. "Black Cat," "Owl," old "Argosy's," 10 vol., all of which I will exchange for stamps. For numbers of above see STAMP TRIBUNE No. 2 on back cover. Write me anyway.

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SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT.

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|--------------------------|--------|
| Balance on hand .....    | \$1 65 |
| Rec'd from members ..... | 1 60   |
|                          | 3 25   |

Expenditures.

|                                    |      |
|------------------------------------|------|
| Secretary's postage since March \$ | 62   |
| Official organ .....               | 49   |
| Membership cards .....             | 2 00 |
|                                    | 3 11 |
| Balance on hand .....              | 14   |

Respectfully submitted

F. W. CONING.

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# The Stamp Tribune

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JULY, 1899.

**Review.** We wish to call attention to the fact that we are rapidly becoming one of 'THE' papers, and if publishers wish their papers reviewed in an impartial manner in this coming paper, they should send one copy direct to the Review Editor, at Ballston Spa, N. Y.

**Change of Address.** It is with regret we make the announcement of our intention to leave the sunny South for the more morose atmosphere of the North. Circumstances, however, force us to take up our tent and drop it again on the shores of our great northern lakes. Within the month we shall have removed our

publication office to Cleveland, Ohio. Till further notice, however, all mail should be addressed to Harriman, as heretofore

**Exchange.** We would be pleased to receive regular exchange copies of Energy, Missouri Philatelist, All Around Philatelist, All Around Stamp Advertiser, Stampic America, and any others not on our list. We would also call attention to the fact that some of our exchanges are not coming in regularly. If not, why not?

**Echo of Our "Special."** The following letter speaks well for the pulling quality of THE STAMP TRIBUNE: "Yesterday I started to receive answers to my one inch ad in your June issue. Up to the present time I have received 35 replies. That's not bad.—T. G. Renaud." And there are others. Try an ad. in the next number and be convinced.

**A Bad Thing.** After waiting for over six months to hear from the Post Office department in regard to our application for entrance at second class rates, we at last are treated to a great surprise and disappointment. Our application was refused, and no reasons were given for this unexplainable action. But though repulsed, we are by no means discouraged, and will "never say die." We shall push it to the best of our ability, and as we succeeded in securing some influential assistance, we are in hopes of speedily securing the coveted second class rate.

Whether we succeed or not, we will continue to improve, enlarge and better THE STAMP TRIBUNE. Have no fear of that!

for and in the interest of their respective associations, and help to better and enlarge them.

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**59th Catalogue.** We are glad to learn from the "American Journal of Philately" of the prospective publication of Scott's 59th Edition of the Standard Catalogue. The publishers promise its appearance for October. With its advent will come lots of work, plenty of "pen-pushing," and undoubtedly the usual amount of useles kicking. But then, what's the use of complaining, rather let us look hopefully for a good, commonsense "Standard" catalogue, but never expect perfection in anything, much less in a stamp catalogue published by a private firm. Let us take it for what it is worth, but "please, oh please, dear Mr. Scribbler," save us from senseless kicking.

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**Society Conventions.** The time for the annual conventions of our leading stamp societies is drawing nigh. Ere this is seen, the Dominion Philatelic association meet will have been a thing of the past. The Empire State society hold their convention in New York some time in August. The A. P. A., S. of P. and P. S. of A. will hold theirs in Detroit beginning Sept. 12th and embracing the better part of a week, and the Southern Philatelic Association will hold their meet and Confederate Stamp exhibition in Richmond, Va., Sept. 21-23. Let us hope that one and all will elect officers for the ensuing year who will work

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**The Stamp Season.** A recent editorial in Mekeel's Weekly makes the statement that the Philatelic season never begins and never closes, but is practically perpetual. Several lesser lights seem to think this very smart and truthful, and give their editorial approval. Now, we are sorry to disagree with these parties, but do it we must, for we know that the Philatelic season practically closes during July and August. Our able contemporary never was a stamp dealer, we presume, or he would have thought twice before making such an assertion as he did. Personal experience, as well as reports from many of our leading dealers, confirms our claim. Almost any dealer can tell you that during these months he does not send out one-fourth as many selections on approval as at other times. He can also tell you that in order to keep up any kind of a mail order business during the hot months he must advertise his stamps at 10 to 25 per cent less than he does at other times. A great many of the best collectors and heaviest buyers make their exit from civilization and hie themselves to some lonely hunting or fishing resort, while others take to the seashore and leave their collections safe at home. Experience speaks louder than theory, my friend. Don't you think so?

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If you have not subscribed for THE STAMP TRIBUNE, why not?



### Not Guilty.

The June number of THE STAMP TRIBUNE contained in its "Exchange and For Sale" column the following humorous advertisement:

"'STAMPIC AMERICA.'—The champion of the faith. Better than beans! Send five cents for six months' trial subscription. Sample copy, free for nothing. Address, THE PUBLISHERS."

The results of this ad. were certainly surprising. Within a week after the publication of the issue containing it, the publisher of THE STAMP TRIBUNE received ten different requests for sample copies of the redoubtable "champion of the faith," and two additional parties sent in 5 cents each for subscriptions.

It apparently seems that these anxious seekers for something 'better than beans' mistook 'Messrs. I. B. Unknown and U. R. A. Philatelist for the publisher of THE S. T. To tell the truth, we regret to have to deny this assumption, for we are almost as much in the dark about the identity of the clever party or parties who manipulate the fortunes of our lively contemporary.

We have, however, what we believe to be a clue as to the home of our friend. When some weeks ago we received a copy of the Easter Special of this sheet, we noticed that the envelope was addressed not only to Harriman, Tenn., but also to Roane Co. This leads us to believe that East Tennessee is the home of 'Stampic America.' It is very improbable that anybody outside of this district would be familiar with the county in which our town is

located. We almost depend upon it that should the secret ever become known, Knoxville, or some other point in East Tennessee, will be found to be the place of publication.

The June number of THE STAMP TRIBUNE also contained "Answers to Inquirers," conducted by Sopkins and Heverns, and in a rather lengthy and able review of the paper by C. E. Severns, in Mekeel's Weekly, the following interesting reference is made to this department:

There is a burlesque "inquiry department" in the paper; the answers are given by Sopkins and Heverns and are clever in a hearty way. The publication of the "answers" has produced a curious result, as the following letter from John Paalzw, of the Virginia Philatelist will show:

"Messrs. Sopkins and Heverens alias Messrs. I. B. Unknown and U. R. A. Philatelist, Editors and Publishers of Stampic America, Dear Sirs:—When some months ago a copy of Stampic America reached me there was something about it that recalled Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News to my mind; still there was no tangible clue to show whence the paper came. All doubts are now set at rest, as a copy of the STAMP TRIBUNE for June has reached me and your page of "Answers to Inquirers" completely reveals your identity. Allow me, therefore, to enclose the five cents asked for a six months' subscription to Stampic America, for I surely have enjoyed previous numbers and hope you will not tire of your fun, only I fear half of that will be gone when the authors are known. One thing I must say for you: You have never used your incognito to say harsh things about anybody in any of the numbers that I have seen."

We are compelled to deny the soft

impeachment; we, as everyone else, are in doubt as to who are responsible for the sprightly Stampic America. Meanwhile, we hold Mr. Paalzow's money subject to the order of the anonymous publisher of the home-made paper.

We may just add to the above that Messrs. Hopkins and Severn are *not guilty* of being Sopkins and Heverns, that Sopkins and Heverns are *not guilty* of being I. B. Unknown and U. R. A. Philatelist, and that I. B. Unknown and U. R. A. Philatelist are *not guilty* of publishing or editing THE STAMP TRIBUNE.

THE EDITOR.

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### With Our Contemporaries.

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BY WILLIAM M. VERBECK.

No. 3 of the "Nebraska Philatelist" is adorned with a pinkish cover which encloses eight pages of notes from different sources. The editor makes an apology for the lateness of this issue and in order to "catch up" (the same old game) he will combine the May and June numbers. Rather early for a new paper to be "working this racket" if he hopes to do any business.

"The Philatelic West" for April contains a lot of interesting notes from various sources. A cut of A. C. Daily, of St. Louis, Mo., is on the front cover and a short sketch of the same party is on the first reading page as is also a cut of T. B. Bradley, of Duluth, Minn. No long articles appear.

"The Perforator" under the new management appears a little earlier in the month than usual. A likeness of James L. Long, followed by a short sketch by "C. W. K." is on

the first reading page. The balance of the paper is made up of some good editorials and the usual notes. Miss Swift continues as associate editor and Federalburg continues to be the office of publication.

"The Montreal Philatelist" for May adds a review to its many departments, which is very severe on most of the publications. So much severity does much harm, even if it is supposed to be "impartial" Brother Bach, and it can surely do you no good.

Charles E. Jenny concludes his article on Plating English Stamps in the April number of "Filatelic Facts and Fallacies." The article translated from the German on "The Postage Stamps of the German Colonies" is an unusually interesting and comparatively new subject.

The May "Post Office" is as full of news and good solid articles as ever. The articles on "New Stamps for Tasmania" and "The United States Postal Service" are especially instructive and interesting. A large part of the paper is devoted to the stamps of Cuba, Porto Rico, Guam and the Philippines.

The May "Philatelic Bulletin" is mostly composed of various notes from Boston and Ontario, and comments by Deitz and Chapman. Chapman's article on "Some Rare Stamps" is concluded in this number and is of unusual interest to all. With the June number the title of the paper changes to "The Philatelic Bulletin and Eastern Philatelist" and the advertising rates are raised.

No. 2 of the "Stamp Exchange" is certainly up to, if not ahead of

No. 1. Besides the regular writers mentioned last month, the following new ones are listed with articles in this number, which help to fill up 32 pages of reading matter: B. A. Cottlow, Foster A. Lilly, G. R. Kennedy, S. A. D. Cox and two English contributors writing under non-de-plumes. These taken with last months notables make up the finest list of regular contributors in America. Probably the most entertaining as well as instructive article this month is the essay on "Bermuda, W. I.," by "Spmats." For June we are promised a special

The May "Bay State Philatelist" opens its eight pages with a photo and sketch of W. Russel Brown. The balance is filled up with notes. A scheme for "driving out" the "sample copy fiend" is suggested by the editor, and is in my mind a very creditable one. Let others follow!

"Stamps" (England) for May gives us some good reading matter in solid articles and notes. A good deal of space is given to personal troubles.

"The American Journal of Philately" for June announces that work has been begun on the new catalogue which will probably be ready early in October.

"Stamp Talk" for May begins No. 1 of Vol. II. It retains its handy size but is printed on heavy rough paper instead of smooth, not a good change in my opinion. The articles are A. I. M. A. Beall gives us a little philatelic pucker in "Mr. Hennessy on the Imperials," while H. A. Chapman continues his interesting talk concerning stamps

"On the Cover." Mr. Lilly writes his usual very interesting review covering a good deal of ground in a very few words.

Osgood's "ever changing" "Stampman" now comes in a Nile green, and H. A. Chapman is one of the "Eminent Men Who have Never Met Us."

"The Virginia Philatelist" for June is up to its usual fine standard. Dietz writes up Henry Schott and four pages of entertaining editorials. "The Postage Stamps of Japan" has a short installment and will be concluded in the July number. Amy L. Swift writes on "That Same Ancient Shield," which is a well chosen application of Burt's and Watt's controversy on "Foreign Exchanging" to the old story of the shield, gold on one side, silver on the other. One man may be fortunate, the other unfortunate, but still that does not condemn foreign exchanging, the same thing might happen at home.

"The Lone Star State Philatelist" comes, as usual of late, two numbers in one mail—April and May. The April number contains a discussion of the merits of the Franklin, N. C., local envelope by Aug. Deitz and numerous notes, while the May number is devoted to T. P. A. news and reports. In both numbers Amy L. Swift conducts a well written review. We notice the change in the place of publication from Waco to Hillsboro, Texas. Taken altogether the two numbers just mentioned are above par and the only thing lacking is promptness.

"The Philatelic Advocate" for

June is fair, fat and—40 pages go to make up an excellent number. Cuts of F. I. Weaver, Capt. Ernest F. Wurtele, Rev. Von Pirch and W. H. Schmalz, all D. P. A. members, appear to add tone to the paper. Geo. Bradley discusses "The Connell" and says it is not an essay. The balance of the paper contains some interesting notes, a good deal on D. P. A. matters and a good stock of advertisement.

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"The Herald Exchange" for June contains some short notes by B. A. Cottlow and the usual "Pertinent Paragraphs," by H. A. Chapman. Miss Swift writes on "The Rise of the Postal Card," and predicts a bright future for this side line of philately. The "Errors and Omissions" is rapidly growing in favor and is undoubtedly in great demand by those who desire protection from swindlers.

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A new one on our list this month is "La Circulaire Philatitique" from France. Not being up in French we can't say much concerning it's contents.

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"The New York Philatelist" for June comes minus the "Kicker Column," by Veritas, but we are promised something extra in this direction in July to make up for this disappointment. The N. Y. P. grows better with each issue.

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Dodge's "Tri-Monthly Collector" appears two numbers at a time, a whole month late. The paper has lately appeared at very uncertain dates, in uncertain and various sizes and with uncertain matter.

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The "Evergreen State Philatelist"

for June contains a lot of very interesting notes. It is always filled with good advertisements.

One of the very best things in the July American Journal of Philately, is the article on "The Surcharged Stamps of Puerto Rico." It is illustrated by a full page cut, showing the various types of surcharges used, and also the counterfeit "3 cents." All should read it.

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## THE MODEL PUBLISHER.

BY "SPMATS."

In the present decade, near the closing scenes of the fast receding nineteenth century, the hearts, minds and temperaments of our human race have, unfortunately, nevertheless undoubtedly, kept pace with the dying century—receding part, not the progressive. So much so, indeed, that to a vast majority certain epitaphs of progress, honesty and righteousness are exceedingly distasteful and unpleasant.

One part of the subject title seems to strike this vast army with a rather excessive amount of resentment; it is the "model."

To them a model is not to be found, nor is it desirable, outside the fantastic studio of a dreamy artist, or the solemn study of our successful novelist.

But why? Because, because, because—well, you—you—know. There is no such a being as an ideal model. A model business man is the dream of an insane stock exchanger; the model family man is the crazy idea of a love-sick youth; the model churchman is the overwrought imagination of a religious crank; and so on, and so forth.

But, seriously, are these claims and protestations in any way plausible, even to a man of no more sense than what is known as "common

horse sense"? I believe not. I believe, and there are many others who believe likewise, that a model, in every walk of life, in every branch of human business and occupation, and in every belief and desire of our heart, is a most desirable thing and quite attainable. I firmly believe that, as we have a Model Spiritual Guide in our Saviour, we may and should have a model in every walk, path and by-way of life. I believe in a model business man; I believe in a model family man; I believe in a model churchman, and I believe in a model Philatelist.

On behalf of the latter, several of our prominent scribes have, in a most efficient manner, described and discussed the duties and characteristics of the several classes of the Philatelist, including the collector, dealer, etc. It shall be my endeavor to present, as briefly as possible, my views and ideas on the model publisher.

First, I believe that no collector or dealer ought to start out on the tempestuous voyage of Philatelic publishing, unless he first thoroughly understands and appreciates the requirements, trials and hardships he will have to undergo for the first year or eight months, before his publication will begin to pay for itself. Then, when he has mastered the prospect before him, and is still determined to launch forth, it is his manifest duty to prepare for them.



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One thing that the model publisher will never do, is to convert into, or establish his paper as a back-biting organ of his spite and petty malice against a brother publisher or another member of the collecting fraternity. Unfortunately, there are a few of our publishers of the present day who indulge in this meanness, and only too often stoop to do so under some assumed name. Sooner or later, however, this dishonest and shameful method will ruin their reputation, and with it cause the downfall of their papers. The model publisher never disgraces himself and his publication in this manner.

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He does not reprint an article from a contemporary without giving due credit, and he does not grudge all the good things to himself.

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"The truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth."

This, I believe, constitutes the MODEL PUBLISHER.

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### SCRATCHINGS.

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BY M. A. BELL.

Through a circular, Trask & McKay, of 3748 La Salle street, Chicago, Ill., announce that on September 15th, 1899, they will supply a long-felt want and issue No. 1 of the *Chicago Philatelist*.

There are two parties suffering from robberies. One is the Universal Stamp Co., located at 50 Nassau street, New York City, who are the losers of a stock book containing about \$900 worth of stamps. The other is our well-known friend from Pueblo—Os, good—who had all his stock not locked in his safe stolen. The guilty parties are suspected in both cases, and it is hoped they will soon be brought to justice.

The 5-cent Newfoundland stamp, bearing the portrait of the Duke of York, has made its appearance. The Duke is a stamp collector and a member of the London Philatelic Society. It is quite an honor to be a member of a stamp society that has a member whose portrait is on the stamps they will collect.

The new Cuban special delivery stamp will be printed in orange, and the 10-cent regular issue will be printed in slate.

The 1-cent Hawaiian postage stamp, of the 1894 issue, made its

appearance in green, about the first of July. This is a new color.

The so-called "reprints of the 1862 issue of the Argentine Republic are now denounced as forgeries of the first water. Collectors should be careful when purchasing these stamps.

We regret to hear the sad news of the death of N. F. Seebeck, a director of the Hamilton Bank Note Co., at the age of 42. He was well known among collectors as the originator of the so-called "Seebeck" issues of the Central American Republics.

The second annual convention of the E. S. P. S. will be held in New York City, at the Park Avenue Hotel, on August 23rd, 24th and 25th. A big time is anticipated.

We note that the new combination, *Philatelic Bulletin and Eastern Philatelist*, publishes the questionable ad. of the Cartier Stamp Co., of Toronto Canada. Even the so-called "best" often get ads. which are of no credit to them.

Brother Dietz seems to think we have never seen the *Gatling Gun*, and even goes so far as to say that, if we have seen it, he doubts that we comprehended what we read. Now, to justify our remarks in the June STAMP TRIBUNE, we would say that we *have* read the *G. G.*; in fact, we read it every month, and we think we are just as able to comprehend the contents as Bro. Dietz, but we don't let every one know we read it, and we certainly don't take it to Sunday-school.

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## INTERESTING STAMPS.

R. R. RUFIDICUS.

Many are the collectors that are annually brought to the fold of Philately and while it must be acknowledged that to a large extent beauty of design and color of stamps does much to "enlist" these recruits, yet it must be admitted that if beauty—the original consideration—were the only factor in the case the enthusiasm of the adherent would in a short time lag, if not drop altogether. While it is true that beauty has a great influence in causing persons to become collectors, it is in nowise less true that the attraction that holds his interested attention is the innate, the subtle influence possessed by the stamps, and their associations surrounding the stamp themselves. Were I called upon to give this influence a name I would unhesitatingly designate it by a favorite word of mine, "interestiveness," which while perhaps a very inelegant is a most comprehensive word.

In order to illustrate my meaning it is only necessary for me to have you recall your own feelings or rather inclinations in regard to the various classes of stamps that influenced you in your early college days. You were perhaps given a few varieties as a present, and after this "start" you became an inveterate stamp collector (not Philatelist), and were gratified at receiving any stamp not in your—well, I say—collection. For a short time each and every variety was equally gratefully received. But this condition of things lasted, I feel sure, but for a short time. You soon began to discriminate between stamps, and that afterwards most important influence—financial stringency—being entirely remote from your knowledge the most-desirable stamps were not in the

ordinary course of events favored. By this I mean that the stamps you now consider the most desirable—i. e., the rarest and costliest—were not necessarily so then considered. You were not then impressed with the beauty or the value of stamps, but rather by the "interestiveness" of which I have spoken. A beautiful stamp that was worth hundreds of dollars had not as much pleasure derived from its sight as an interesting stamp worth as many cents.

To the young collector a stamp from a country such as Persia, China or Fiji Islands possesses a certain charm, awesome in its intensity, that no stamp, however beautiful, can equal. China! Persia!! Abyssinia!!! To him these are mysterious countries, knowing as he does little except that which his imagination conjures up, and this knowledge, delightfully romantic as it is, caused him to regard these countries as most wonderful, and to secure a real stamp that came from Persia is, he considers, the greatest of Philatelic joy. And is his pleasure ever duplicated or outstripped in after years when he has become a full-fledged Philatelist with his thousands of varieties in his special albums? I doubt if it ever is. You know yourself that the rarest stamp in your collection was not accompanied by as much real pleasure in its securing as was your first Chinese stamp.

I can remember the first stamp I secured from Siam, and it is with pleasure that I look back upon that day, than which I have not experienced a happier one connected with Philately. I had been collecting only a short time, and my brother, who had been on a visit to Chicago, bought for me for a Christmas present a cheap album and a small variety packet. On Christmas morning, on going to my suspended stocking "to see what Santa Claus had left me," I found

to my inexpressible delight the album and the stamps. The pleasure that the album, that the other stamps, much more costly, had for me was eclipsed by the momentous fact not that I had a rare British colonial, but that I actually had a stamp from Siam!! For a while it was a seven days' wonder among my young friend collectors, and many were the envious eyes cast on that poor, measly Siamese stamp.

That stamp still rests in my collection and it will always remain in the little old scribbling book where I originally placed it. Memories of home are so closely connected with it that it seems almost sacrilege to even write about it.

It is not the value, not the beauty, but the interest surrounding the country issuing them that causes young collectors to discriminate in favor of certain countries.

Many older collectors will, with the best of intentions, present a beginner with one or two beautiful or expensive stamps for a present at Christmas or on his birthday. In this they are making a great mistake. If you wish to make a beginner happy, instead of giving him one or two expensive stamps, give him a large number of common stamps from such countries as Siam, China, Persia, Fiji Islands, Korea, Gibraltar, Hong Kong, Iceland, Uruguay, and he will be much more pleased. If you wish to make him love you, give him one or more stamps from either Abyssinia or Afghanistan. Give him the stamps when he least expects them and watch him closely while he examines them. It will amply repay you.

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He early distinguished himself as an intrepid mariner and early in his life was selected by King Joao to discover a southern passage to India.

This scheme was frustrated by the death of King Joao, but his successor, Manoel, the Fortunate, fitted out a fleet of four vessels manned by 160 men and presenting him with letters to all the leading monarchs whom he would be likely to visit, sent him out to make his discoveries.

The little fleet left Lisbon on July 8, 1497, but having been tormented by tempestuous winds almost the whole way, did not arrive at Table Bay until November 16th.

On November 19th, de Gama, after having passed through a great number of storms and having suppressed a mutiny among his crew, who wanted him to return to Portugal, sailed around the southern extremity of Africa and touched at several places on the hitherto unknown east coast.

At Melinda he picked up a native who was a skilled mariner, and under his guidance crossed the Indian Ocean and arrived at Calicut in India. His reception was not very favorable and the Arab merchants, who resided there, becoming jealous of him, incited the Hindus against him. Other complications arose and de Gama had to fight his way out of the harbor. He then returned to Portugal and was received with great honor.

King Manoel immediately dispatched a fleet of vessels to the scene of de

Gama's discoveries to establish colonies. In this he was successful in only a few places.

At Calicut some Portuguese who had been left behind were murdered by the natives. To avenge this and also to establish commerce, an expedition of twenty vessels set sail in 1502 under the command of de Gama. On this expedition the colonies of Mozambique and Sofala were established on the east coast of Africa.

On reaching Calicut, de Gama bombarded the place and compelled the natives to come to terms.

For twenty years after this, he remained at home inactive, but finally under King Manoel's successor, King Joao III, de Gama was once more dispatched to India where, through his energy, the Portuguese possessions increased rapidly. While thus engaged, he was surprised by death at Cochin and his body was conveyed to Portugal, where it was buried with great pomp.

So de Gama, like Columbus, came to have his name immortalized by his discoveries and achievements, which brought so many new possessions to the kingdom of Portugal, and like Columbus, has had the events of his career pictured on the postage stamps of his country and its colonies. Columbus had his life events pictured on the stamps of the countries he had discovered, although they had no connection, at the time of their issuing the stamps, to the country to which Columbus was a native or the country for which Columbus made his discoveries. Unlike Columbus, Vasca de Gama had his events remembered by the country for whom he made his discoveries and of which he was a native.

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OTTAWA, O., Aug. 1, 1899.

*Fellow Members:*

Have received the dues of two members since the last report, and should have received twenty. Let every one pay up and get a vote in the election to be held November 1st. Send in your nominations now. A list of delinquents will be published in the September number. Do not let your name be pub-

lished on this list; send in your dues at once.

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AUGUST, 1899.

**A WORK OF ART** of *The Virginia Philatelist*, as-

sisted by several prominent Philatelists, is hard at work upon a publication that is to be the only one of its kind. It is to be the S. P. A. Exhibition Souvenir, and as to its value to collectors of our Confederate States issues it will be without an equal.

Personally, we are sure that it will be a work of art, and a very valuable reference book on these stamps. We know Brother Dietz well enough to be convinced that he never does things by half, and what he once promises to do—why, do it

he will, or know the reason why.

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**A PERSONAL** use the space in

the S. T. in our personal interest, but we hope to be excused for this once.

We would like to announce to our friends that the editor is a candidate for election to the office of exchange superintendent of the Sons of Philatelia, and respectfully request your vote if you are a member of the society. Any help in the race would be duly appreciated, and fully repaid, in case of election, by efficient work for the exchange department.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

As will be noticed, we are now located in Cleveland, O., and would like to take this opportunity of calling the attention of all our correspondents, advertisers and exchanges to this fact. Exchanges especially will confer a favor upon us by promptly noting this change on their books. The full address is 15 Longwood avenue, Cleveland, O.

**TO ADVERTISERS**

The next issue of THE STAMP TRIBUNE will appear with the beginning of the new season. The best time of the year in which to do your advertising is in the Fall. THE S. T. is everywhere recognized as a good advertising medium, and you should not forget it when preparing for your Fall trade. Sign a contract now, and profit by the move. It will pay you.

**PROXIES**

We shall be coming convenient at the time to be held in Detroit, and should be pleased to accept proxies from those desiring to be represented at the various meets, and will do our best for such. Proxies require a 10 per cent. revenue as provided by law. Kindly remember this.

**A SPECIAL**

Next issue will be our Special Convention Boom Number. While it will not be very bulky, it will have a circulation of several thousand. It will contain a brief sketch of each of the three great societies whose conven-

tions are to be held in Detroit in September. The sketch of each society will be supplied by one of its prominent officers.

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**A CANDIDATE**

At the urgent request of many of our friends, who are members of The Sons of Philatelia, and appreciate its greatest need, we have at last agreed to have THE STAMP TRIBUNE make the run for official organship of the S. of P.

We are well aware that upon the O. O. depends the welfare of a society, to a much greater extent than upon any other thing.

While we fully appreciate the sterling work of Brother Dodge personally, and are aware of the disadvantages under which he is struggling with the paper, yet we think that, for the welfare of the society, personalities should be placed aside, and the right thing done.

A live society like the S. of P. needs a good, prompt, and an attractive official organ. Such THE STAMP TRIBUNE if elected, promises to be, and its past record will easily bear it out.



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**STILL MORE** We learn of two new prospective additions to the ranks of philatelic publications. One, *The Chicago Philatelist*, is to be published by Messrs. Trask and McKay, about September 15th, its name indicating its nativity. The other is to make its appearance about August 1st, and will claim Elk Point, S. D., as its home. The Phoenix Stamp Co. will manipulate *The Stamp Messenger*, as it will be called.

Our best wishes go out to both.

#### CANADIAN ASSOCIATE EDITOR'S DEPARTMENT.

NOTE.—Address all matters regarding this department to Geo. Bradley, 13 Centre Street, St. Catherines, Ont.

**MORE CANADIAN REFORMS** Our Postmaster-General, the Hon. Wm. Mullock, is not quite satisfied with our present postal system, and therefore is contemplating some more changes.

Recently he introduced an important bill into Parliament providing for a special service to catch trains at the last moment with late mail. As much injury is frequently done to business and other interests by letters being posted too late to catch the mail, it is the intention of the postmaster to have a late fee of one

cent, on payment of which the letter will be sent up till the mail train has left. In large cities special carriers will be provided.

Another reform intended provides for the indemnifying of persons for losses of registered mail matter to the extent of \$25. At present there is no compensation for losses.

The third reform contemplated is in the interest of publishers, by which they will be allowed to enclose in sample copies, circulars, etc., as is at present the law in reference to papers sent to subscribers.

**RATHER SLOW** The other day, a stamp collector Wm. Nicholson,

here, received a post card from another Philatelist here, dated Sept. 11, 1897. The post card had been mailed at the postoffice here the day it was written, but in some manner had been sent to Hamilton, Ont., where it had remained until the other day, when he received it. The authorities here could not explain its delay.

**A CHANGE** Already quite a change is noticed in the *Perforator*, under the new management. The number of pages has decreased and the quality of the reading matter is getting below the standard. It is to be hoped that it will not follow the *Eastern Philatelist* and *Boston Stamp Book*.

**A SURPRISE** We were very much surprised when a collector, who was visiting here from Toronto, quietly informed us that in this

very town he had purchased one of those rarities, a 12d. pence black. We, however, could not help but congratulate him on his good luck. Dealers here will likely be disappointed.

**Dominion Philatelic Society** The fourth annual convention of Canada's only Philatelic Society was held in Toronto, June 30th and July 1st. It was certainly the most successful meet that the D. P. A. has ever held. St. Catharines was elected convention seat for 1900 by a majority of 92. The following is the list of officers for the ensuing year:

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Official Organ—*Philatelic Advocate*.

The Secretary-Treasurer's report showed a good balance of \$29.22 on hand. I think, however, the president's postage bill is a little too large and ought to be reduced.

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MARYVILLE, Aug. 1, 1899.

*Fellow Members:*

I have no report for this month, except as below.

F. W. CONING, *Sec.-Treas.*

EX. SUPT.'S RESIGNATION.

*Fellow Members:*

I regret exceedingly to have to resign, but as I have removed from Tennessee, I cannot legally serve as an officer of the T. P. A.

Hoping you will get a good man to fill this important office, I remain,

Yours fraternally,  
 S. P. LEV.

O. O.'S RESIGNATION.

*Dear Members:*

Having removed my publication office to the North, I feel it my duty to tender to you the resignation of THE STAMP TRIBUNE as Official Organ.

I do this for the welfare of our society, as a Southern paper would be by far better for the advancement of the society.

I trust that you may choose a good Southern paper, which will be your able supporter.

S. P. LEV, *Publisher.*

As we go to press we learn that President Boyd has appointed Chas. W. Waring as Ex-Superintendent, and the "Virginia Philatelist" as official organ.—ED.

#### AMONG OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

BY WILLIAM M. VERBECK.

The *Allegheny Philatelist* for May opens with "The Value of Philatelic Exhibitions," by Phil. A. Telist, and covers nearly three pages. Nearly five pages are given to "New Issues," while the balance is composed of notes. Mr. Purvis gives his ideas on the commemorative issues of different countries and he says:

"So we see that while the unnecessary issue is disgusting many old collectors, it is at the same time adding many a new one to our ranks. But the question is does the new adherent take the place of the one lost? No, I say, he does not, for the man that started collecting because of an unnecessary issue, will collect that class of stamps and likely that class only."

No. 3 of the *Stamp Exchange* is certainly not what we expected for the "June Special," as it contains only 20 pages, while the regular numbers have contained nearly 40. "Spmats" is given the place of honor with his article on "Grenada," and he certainly deserves it. This writer has been giving us some good reading in his articles on different British Colonies, and we are willing to have more. Miss Swift contributes her "News of the Month," and Aug. Dietz his "Confederate Fragments."

The subscription price has been raised to 50 cents, which, I think a great mistake, more so as it is so announced in the poorest number of this paper yet issued.

The June *Philatelic West* contains a portrait and sketch of A. D. Grant, of Kansas City. A good article on "The Postage Stamps of Cuba" fills two and a half pages, while other good articles and notes make a very fair number.

*Stamp Talk* for June is very neat, indeed. In fact, the paper has improved right along since last November, and is now one of the leaders.

Lewis Kobic's "Stamp Hunting" is

continued, and "His Whiskers" writes about our friend Osgood and the "Columbian Exposition." A well-written review and "Our Eastern Letter" comprises the balance of this promising paper.

The June *Allegheny Philatelist* is largely devoted to "New Issues," although H. A. Chapman has some interesting notes, and Phil. A. Telist gives us a good article on "Stamp Collecting as a Recreation." He quotes the opinions of several professional men in favor of stamp collecting, and closes by saying:

"From the foregoing expressions of men whose judgment is well worth considering, we think that we have proven our claim that, no matter from what side we may view stamp collecting, the objections raised can be easily overcome by any one who is willing to render an unbiased opinion from potent facts."

Brother Dodge gave us a Fourth of July surprise by sending us the *Tri-Monthly Collector*, dated April 23d, making the paper almost two and a half months late.

Charles E. Jenney gives an article on "Little Stamps vs. Big Stamps," while The Office Cat says numerous witty (?) things. The best thing Dodge gives us is lacking this month, namely, Hall's review.

*Stamps* (England) is as interesting and meaty as ever, but continues harping on the Harry Hilckes & Co. exposure.

The *Nebraska Philatelist* as early as No. 4 of Vol. I. has commenced to combine two numbers in one, May-June. There is practically nothing in the 12 pages except some notes which are passable, but being neat, well printed and generally correct is something in its favor.

"The Philatelic Notes from New Zealand" in the June *Montreal Philatelist* is of unusual interest and pretty readable. A few short articles on the publisher's trip to New York, a chronicle of new issues, a review and advertisements fill the balance of the paper.

We cannot see that the July "boomer" of the *Virginia Philatelist* is any better than the regular numbers, but still it is good. A mighty interesting and valuable article is written by Roy. B. Bradley, on the "Local Hand-Stamps of the Confederate States." The article closes with a list of the stamps. "The Postage Stamps of Japan" is concluded in this number. Mr. Paalzow writes an interesting and thorough review, while Dietz writes the editorials and a sketch of Chas. Waring, sales superintendent of the S. P. A.

The first number of the *Philatelic Bulletin* and *Eastern Philatelist* is not up to our expectations. Henry A. Chapman writes a very readable article on "Homely Stamps," while Aug. Dietz gives us his very interesting "Old Dominion Notes," and Geo. W. Hicks his "Ontario Notes." Miss Swift conducts the review. There is a noticeable increase in the advertising.

The *Perforator* staff has been reorganized, and while Mr. K. is still editor and publisher, and Mr. Stowell printer, Claude T. Reno takes charge of the Review Department, and Erwin L. Fisher is made associate editor, along with Miss Swift.

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## THE PHILATELIC CONVENTION.

Miss Ella Hawthorne, who reported every session for the evening "News," and who joined the P. S. of A., was a general favorite with the delegates.

Mr. "Leagram" Ackman, chairman of the Entertainment Committee, was a host in himself, and one of the most popular of the Detroit crowd.

Mr. Alan Fernald, secretary and treasurer of the Detroit Philatelic Society, was an ardent "pretzdite," and a jolly good fellow.

Mr. Howard C. Beck, manager of the Michigan Stamp Co., and President of the Detroit Philatelic Society, was tireless in his efforts to see that the visitors wanted nothing.

Mr. W. H. Barnum, of Cleveland, had such a careworn expression that several times he was asked if he were married.

Fog horns were the insignia of the Pretzel Club.

Mr. P. K. Kranz was the Chairman of the Investigating Committees.

Innumerable side trips were planned and carried out for the delectation of the out-of-towners.

Secretary Kissinger, of the P. S. of A., secured thirty new applicants, including the captain of the "Newsboy" and some of the Walkerville employes.

Mr. C. E. Babcock, of Indianapolis; Mr. Clarence Mason, Mr. Alan Fernald, Mr. Harry Aikman, Mr. Jas. Myers and Mr. Berney Babcock, of Detroit; Mr. F. N. Massoth, of Chicago; Mr. H. C. Crowell and Mr. W. H. Barnum, of Cleveland, were the charter members of the Pretzel Club.

The exhibit of United States stamps in the Art Museum collected by the D. P. S. members was practically complete.

A "Jas. M. Buchanan," the 5c and 10c St. Louis stamps and the proof of the \$5,000 revenue were on exhibition, besides many other rare stamps.

There was an enormous electric sign, "Welcome National Philatelic Associations," on the City Hall during the week.

The excursion on Tuesday to H. Walker & Sons, at Walkerville, Ontario, was most largely attended inasmuch as champaign and imported cigars were dispensed in a most hospitable manner.

One of the jolliest of the numerous entertainments was the trip to the flats on the steamer "Newsboy." The steamer left Detroit about 5 p. m. and returned about 9:30. Refreshments were served on board, and songs and speeches rang thro' the cabin.

The "Pabst" Co., of Milwaukee, has offered Philatelists twenty barrels of beer for use at the next convention and Mr. Frank Bescher, of Kansas City, has offered one barrel. Needless to say Milwaukee carried the convention by storm.



### P. S. of A.

The 6th annual convention of the Philatelic Sons of America was called to order at 10 o'clock Monday morning, Sept. 11th, in the Art Museum.

After listening to addresses of welcome by Mayor Mayberry, Prof. Griffiths, of the Art Museum, and Mr. Beck, President of the Detroit Philatelic Society, the meeting was called to order and Mr. Howard C. Beck was elected Chairman, to serve in the absence of the President and Vice President.

C. W. Kissinger, W. H. Barnum and F. L. Fischer were appointed Committee on Credentials. H. E. Deats, J. Q. Johnson and H. G. Smith, Committee on Standing Rules. The Sons then adjourned until 2 p. m.

At 3:15 the society was again called to order and the Credential Committee declared the following officers elected:

Daniel E. Hazen, President.  
 W. H. Barnum, Vice President.  
 C. W. Kissinger, Secretary.  
 L. T. Brodstone, Treasurer.  
 E. L. Fischer, International Sec'y.  
 T. D. Sawyer, Eastern Exchange Superintendent.  
 S. H. Barnes, Western Exchange Superintendent.  
 W. K. Hall, Canadian Exchange Superintendent.  
 W. L. Partman, Canadian Vice President.

C. E. Babcock, Auction Manager.  
 H. L. Ambrose, Purchasing Agent.  
 J. Petree, Advertising and Subscription Agent.

F. Doughty, Librarian.  
 Information Bureau—C. W. Parker, J. E. Sohn, Jr., D. T. Eaton, J. L. Long.

Trustees—C. W. Kissinger, J. H. Lieppe, J. D. Glace.

The largest proxy holders being C. W. Kissinger, C. E. Babcock, D. T. Eaton, W. A. Barnum and L. T. Brodstone.

Upon motion of H. G. Smith, W. M. Waterbury was expelled from the society, inasmuch as several cases of an unsavory nature were reported against him.

Milwaukee, Wis., was selected as the next convention seat, and August the month. Exact date unsettled.

The convention then adjourned sine die.

The American Philatelic Association was called to order Tuesday morning, Sept. 12th. at 10:30, with Vice President Toppan in the chair and about forty members and visitors present.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following officers elected:

Geo. L. Toppan, President.  
 H. E. Deats, Secretary.  
 C. P. Krauth, International Secretary.  
 H. G. Smith, Treasurer.  
 P. F. Brunner, Alex. Holland and J. W. George, Vice Presidents.

The above gentlemen and J. M. Bartels and H. B. Phillips, Trustees.

Milwaukee, Wis., was elected as the seat of the 1900 convention, date to be decided later.

The Sons of Philatelia were called to order Sept. 14th at 10:45 a. m., but your correspondent having to leave on the evening boat failed to secure a report, the ballot not having been counted nor any other business finished at the time of his departure.

## THE UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION.

In October, in the year 1874, a conference of the different governments held at Berne, Switzerland, resulted in the establishment of the "General Postal Union," which embraced all the European countries together with Egypt and the United States, and resulted in a great simplification of all international postal arrangements.

In June, 1878, a new conference was held at Paris, which represented all of the governments under the old conference with the addition of British India, the colonies of France, Spain, Holland and Portugal, various British colonies, Persia, Japan, Liberia, Brazil, Peru, Mexico and a number of the South and Central American countries. The new convention adopted the name of the "Universal Postal Union." Under this important treaty all the consenting nations were declared a single postal territory for the reciprocal exchange of correspondence.

Equal rates, weights and rules were established and considerable reductions of postage followed.

In 1897 the "Postal Union," which met in Washington, resolved that commemorative stamps, issued by the different countries to commemorate some historical event connected with the history of that country, should not be recognized on international mails, this was to take effect on January 1st, 1899.

It is hoped that this action will in time do away with the numerous unnecessary issues. Although it will not effect the use of these stamps in the countries for which they are issued, as the great part of them are issued for the education (?) of collectors, and as one collector of one country, in writing to a collector in another, will use a commemorative stamp in preference to the regular issue, this act of 1897 will undoubtedly greatly decrease the sale. Of course great numbers of them will be bought unused by speculators, but used specimens will be fewer in proportion than they have been heretofore.

In May of 1898 the "Postal Union" met in Washington and passed a resolution which made it obligatory for all nations belonging to the union to use the same color of ink in printing stamps of the principal denominations used. It was decided to have the one-cent stamps green, the two-cent red and the five-cent dark blue. This went into effect January 1st, 1899. Other changes were made in colors, but the above given are the principal ones.

The United States government made the required changes in the one and five-cent stamps some time ago, the two-cent being already the required color, and in order that no conflict of colors will occur, the four-cent stamp was made maroon, the ten-cent light brown, and the fifteen-cent olive.

Statistics from Berne in 1890 show thirty-four countries in the "Union" with an annual income of \$52,695,190. Among the countries not represented are China, Afghanistan, Corea, Sarawak and Shanghai in Asia.

W. M. V.

## SCRATCHINGS.

BY M. A. BELL.

*The Stamp Exchange* tries to startle the philatelic world by announcing "the greatest event philately ever saw," the consolidation of several of the most prominent stamp journals into one with a paid up subscription list of over 6,000." We have not yet been informed as to what papers are in this "trust."

The July *Postoffice* prints a portion of the advance sheets of the new catalogue. A noticeable feature is the pricing of revenues in an unused condition as is also the general decrease in prices in all U. S. stamps.

Before these notes are in the hands of the readers the E. S. P. S. convention, which is to be held in New York city at the Park Avenue Hotel on August 23, 24 and 25, will be a thing of the past. Everything points to one of the most successful conventions in Philately's history, and a very large attendance is expected. If visiting members take in the city by night under the skillful guidance of the resident members they will undoubtedly have a fine time, but will probably be very partial to the ice-water pitcher in the morning.

It is with deep regret that we announce that our esteemed cotemporary, Stamp Talk, the bright, original and witty paper from Kansas City, which had such a promising future, is no more. Mr. Brown has been in bad health for some time, but was devoted to his paper and endeavored to keep it up, but he had to give way to the inevitable,

and sold his paper to Ralph W. Tucker, of Boston, Mass., who will probably put in in the consolidation which he announced in the July number.

The following nominations have been made for officers for the coming year of the S. P. A.: For president, Franklin Stearns, Roy B. Bradley; for vice-president, Aug. Dietz, Roy B. Bradley; for sales superintendent, Charles Waring; for secretary-treasurer, Walter C. Lowry; for counterfeit detector, Frederic Noyes; for international secretary, Daniel E. Hazen, R. S. Nelson; for librarian, Chas. P. Galyon; for trustees, Emil Gerlach and Robert Kessler; for official organ, the *Virginia Philatelist*; for 1900 convention seat, Waco, Texas.

*The Virginia Philatelist* closes its second volume with the August number and announces that Vol. III. will have a new cover design and No. 1 will be an anniversary number. Hail the *Virginia Philatelist*!

*Mekel's* for August 17th prints the following dates and topics for lectures in the Section of Philately of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences for the remainder of the year and the first five months of 1900:

Sept. 1—A Stereopticon Exhibition of Stamps.

Sept. 15—Mr. M. C. Berlepech, of New York, "U. S. Periodical and Due Stamps."

Oct. 6—Mr. H. A. Talbot, of Brooklyn, "Stamps of Holland and Colonies."

Oct. 20—Dr. W. H. Mitchell, of Bayonne, N. J., "Early History of Central American Stamps."

Nov. 3—Debate on the subject: "Shall We Collect Seebecks?" Affirmative. Mr. Crawford Capen; negative, Mr. J. M. Andreine.

Nov. 17—Mr. Henry C. Davis, of Philadelphia, "Stamps of British Colonies."

Dec. 1—Mr. J. W. George, of New York, "Match and Medicine Stamps."

Dec. 15—Mr. Clarence H. Eagle, of New York, "U. S. Revenue Stamps."

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Jan. 5—Mr. H. E. Deats, of Flemington, N. J., "Confederate Stamps."

Jan. 19—Mr. J. M. Andreine, of New York, "Stamps of Sweden, Denmark, Iceland, Danish West Indies and Hayti."

Feb. 2—Mr. J. N. Luff, of New York, "Stamps of China and Chinese Treaty Ports."

Feb. 16—Mr. Crawford Capen, of New York, "Stamps of Greece."

March 2—Mr. J. M. Andreine, of New York, "Stamps of France."

March 16—Exhibition.

April 6—Mr. A. Krassa, of New York, "Counterfeit Stamps and U. S. Proofs."

April 20—Mr. A. Baillod, of Brooklyn, "General Collections of Stamps."

May 4—Mr. Joseph H. Rich, of New York, "Telegraph Stamps."

May 18—Mr. David S. Wells, of Brooklyn, "Stamps of Spain and Colonies."

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1901

Exposition.

As Mr. Chapman says in the Herald Exchange, we have exposed all sorts of frauds among the collectors and dealers, but we have never exposed the fraud of a publisher who, after receiving the support of numerous contributors to put his paper on a paying basis, casts them down, one by one, by not paying for their work. And yet we have this sort of a publisher among us, and I don't think I would be far out of the way in saying that I think when Mr. C. wrote his notes he was probably thinking of the same publisher that I am now.

Mr. Paalzow of the *Virginia Philatelist* seems very confident that the writer of the "Answers to Inquirers" in the June STAMP TRIBUNE is also the author of "*Stampic America*." But Brother Paalzow, you are mistaken again, for the publisher of *Stampic America* is still in the south, while all concerned with the STAMP TRIBUNE are now in the north. Guess again!

Brother Dietz is anxious to have the female sex well represented in Richmond at the convention and to impress the fact adds the following postscript to his "Anti-Convention Notes" in the July *Lone Star Philatelist*:

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Canadian Revenues.

BY R. R. RUFIDICUS,

Collectors in the United States who are collectors of the beautiful Canadian Revenues, are in total ignorance regarding the number and beauty of stamps embraced in the Canadian revenue catalogue. And it must be admitted that even in Canada, the birthplace, as it were, of these stamps, the want of information is very little less. Even in Canada there are many collectors who, while collecting these stamps, know very little regarding them. They collect in a haphazard manner, arranging their collection by design and color, and know little if any at all regarding the history of the stamps they have in their collections. Others again have several varieties of Bill stamps, a few Ontario and a few Quebec Law and think that these classes are all that are embraced by the words "Canadian Revenues." Others, both in the United States and Canada, have no definite information or ideas regarding these stamps at all, but consider them to be altogether out of the latitude of average collectors, and so they take very little interest in reading and learning facts about them. This class of Philatelists are greatly in the majority, in both the countries I have mentioned, and it is for these individuals that this article is penned. There is another class of Philatelists, or rather collectors, who draw the line when it comes to collecting revenues of any country, but as they are hopelessly in the minority no one will consider them in writing facts in the philatelic press, but will write for the av-

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OTTAWA, O., Sept. 1, 1899.

Fellow Members: I promised in the last report that I would publish the names of delinquent members, but to the fact that I have been moving my office further down town I could not do so. However, I intend to do so in the October. Several officers are delinquent. Please let me hear from you, fellow officers and members. You can't help the society by not paying your dues. See list of nominations in next column. Can't you add a name or so to the list? Date of election published next month. Hope to meet you all at the Detroit Convention. Below is the cash report for August.

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SEPTEMBER, 1899.

### A CHANGE.

As our readers will probably notice, we have made a much needed change in printers. The party who issued our last number made such a poor job of it, and took so long about doing it, that we decided to relieve him of the great responsibility that seemed to have entirely undermined his much-boasted good work. We hope our readers will approve of the change, as we think that this number is certainly a great improvement.

### LATE.

No doubt our readers are surprised at our lateness this month. If so, we

would refer you to the reports of the Detroit Conventions, which appear in this number. We purposely delayed the paper, so as to be the first monthly to appear with the reports.

Are we excused?

### FIFTY-NINTH EDITION.

Advance sheets of Scott's 59th edition of the Standard Catalogue have been out for some time, and have been extensively copied by various papers.

No previous edition for many years past has been as carefully prepared, and has done as much credit to its publishers as the present one. The material reduction made in many U. S. and foreign stamps is, we think, a move in the right direction. Too many stamps have been overpriced in the last edition, and we are therefore pleased to see this wholesale correction of the past error. We never did believe in the 50 and 60 per cent discount business, and we are glad to see this knockout blow administered to the obnoxious system.

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**BROWN CANADA REGISTERS**

The writer has often noticed register stamps of this color placed in many collections and termed errors. Whether it be an error or not is doubted by at least one gentleman. He says this stamp is a changling. As a proof he states that he has seen stamps where one half which has been exposed is brown and the other vermilion.

**CANADA'S LATEST**

At last the 2c Canada numeral has undergone the long expected change in color. The supply of the purples being exhausted and the surcharges being gobbled up by stamp dealers and speculators, there was no further excuse for delay, and the change was made late in August. The stamps are the same design as the 2c purple, with the color of the 3c. No more 3c stamps will be issued.

We sincerely trust that "Seebeck" Mulock will now give us a rest. Surely we deserve it.

**OUR JUNE NUMBER**

We fear that the size of the June number was too much for some of our readers, and that they expect us to get out a 40 page number each month.

This would give us great pleasure, but we have not come to that yet. The last number was intended to show what the Philatelists of America could have every month if they would pay for it.

The growth of the TRIBUNE has been steady and it promises to continue, and it is only a question of time when it will reach and exceed in size and character the effort of last month.

You can help us accomplish this one great object of our existence by sending in your advertisement or subscription.

**A POINTER**

THE STAMP TRIBUNE is now almost one year old. Its anniversary number, to be out January 1st, will be one of the finest issues of any stamp paper. To insure getting it, subscribe now. This number alone will be worth a whole year's subscription.

"A word to the wise is sufficient."

**YOUR PAPER**

We want our readers to feel that this is their paper and that they are al-



ways at liberty to make use of its columns for the free discussion of any matter of interest to those engaged in collecting or dealing in stamps.

We are always ready to spread information in regard to counterfeits and dishonest persons who tend to injure the general good name of Philately.

**CANADAS' NEW 5-CENT STAMP** Although this stamp has been mentioned as having appeared for the last two or three months, it has just appeared in reality. The design is more open than the one with the maple leaves in all four corners, and the numerals have been substituted for the leaves in the lower corners. Dealers are asking as high as 8c each for them at present. However, we can wait.

**SOMETHING GREAT GOING TO HAPPEN** According to announcements made on the covers of the *Stamp Exchange* some great calamity is about to take place by which the Philatelic public are going to be the losers. It is announced that several papers are to be consolidated into one in the course of a couple of months. Which it will include is not mentioned.

**CANADA SURCHARGE No. 2** Another surcharge for Canada has appeared. The Postmaster General, to get rid of three cent stamps, has had them surcharged two cents in black.

**HOLD THEM**

The surcharge of the three cent maple leaf promises to be the rarest, of the surcharged. Collectors will do well to secure them at once before the price gets too high. Already as high as 10c each has been asked for them in mint condition.

**Great Barren Island Stamp.**

Last month the *London Philatelist* printed a statement doubting these stamps, used in connection with a pigeon post of Auckland. Inquiry was at once made of Messrs. Whitfield, King & Co. regarding their being genuine, with the following result:

As we read it, it quite bears out that firm's contention that the stamps in question are legitimately used, though they are undoubtedly only LOCALS. Among the papers shown by Messrs. Whitfield, King & Co. is a letter from one of the postoffice officials of Auckland admitting the use of the stamps. Among other things are two photos of the headquarters of the post in Auckland, showing the pigeons, and also two original messages, one stamped with a copy of the first issue and the other with a copy of the second issue, and both are duly obliterated.

The stamps are decidedly interesting, as pigeons are being regularly used for the first time to carry individual messages. At the siege of Paris in 1870 the messages the pigeons carried were placed on screen and photographed into a small space, and it was the photograph of many messages the pigeon carried.

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erage collector. For the latter class, as I said before, the following information is especially intended:

Revenue stamps were first issued in Canada in 1864 by the provinces of Upper and Lower Canada (now Ontario and Quebec) in conjunction for the issues of Bill stamps and separately for Law issues.

These stamps were issued by acts of the parliament of Canada which were given royal assent on June 30, 1864, shortly after which the stamps were issued. The Bill stamps consisted of 17 varieties of the following denominations: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 cents and \$2 and \$3, all being of the same design and color—blue—except the dollar values, which were printed in two colors. The Law stamps consisted of four distinct classes, all being printed from one plate and afterwards surcharged to show what use was to be made of the money arising from the sale of the respective classes. The stamps are of a large shape in green, and consist of the following classes: "C. F." surcharge, showing money was to be used for the consolidated fund; "F. F." for free fund purposes; "L. S." for the uses of the "Law Society; while the "L. C." stamps were for use in Lower Canada. The set consists of the following values: 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90 cents, \$1, \$2, \$3, \$4 and \$5, the "C. F." class having in addition a 5 cent value, while the "L. S." variety lacked the 10 cent value.

These stamps were superseded in 1869 by a new issue for each province, the Quebec set being issued in new colors in 1893.

Instead of there being, as supposed by many uninformed collectors, only these varieties, there are two more issues of Bill stamps, Law stamps of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, British Columbia and Manitoba (95). Bill stamps of Nova Scotia, Probate stamps of New Brunswick, License Assurance Registration stamps of Quebec, Telegraph Franks, bringing the total number of varieties that are generally collected up to about 450.

Besides these there are various classes of Cigar, Cigarette, Tobacco, etc., stamps that are not generally collected by all collectors.

There are in addition varieties of shade, perforation and paper, besides errors of color and engraving that makes it a delightful field for a specialist to work in at little outlay.

These stamps are very beautiful in design, and being printed in beautiful colors are great stamps to make a pleasing appearance in an album. Then, too, they are "booming" and if you go in on the ground floor you can secure the varieties before the boom and thus save your pennies.

In a few years all collectors will be collecting Canadian revenues. You yourself will begin then to be in the swim. Why not secure a collection before the demand causes them to be advanced in price. All wise collectors are preparing for the inevitable. Are you? In the words of the philosopher, "If not, why not?"

#### AMONG OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

BY WM. M. VERHECK.

*The Stamp Exchange* for July comes minus the handsome cover

we were accustomed to see and with the announcement that several of the most prominent stamp papers will soon be consolidated, having a paid up subscription list of over 6,000. The contents of the July number are good, but lacking in long, solid articles, the better part of the paper being devoted to notes.

On August 2d we received the *Tri-Monthly Collector* for May 23d. "Better late than never."

The July *Postoffice* is of more than usual interest this month, having some of the quotations from the advance sheets of the standard catalogue of 1900. There seems to be a noticeable decrease in the prices of all U. S., and another new feature is the quotations given for unused U. S. revenues.

Owing to the illness of the publisher, *Filatellic Facts and Fallacies* has been unavoidably delayed, and the May and June numbers followed each other very closely, and the July number is promised in a few days. The May number contains mostly reprinted matter, but the June number has two good articles, one on "A Grand Collection" and the other on "Catalogues."

At last we are one of the favored ones and have received the June-July numbers of the famous *Stampic America*. There are some good hits.

The *Herald Exchange* for July is as interesting and entertaining as ever. H. A. Chapman writes his

"Pertinent Paragraphs," while numerous other notes fill the balance of the paper.

The *Nebraska Philatelist* seems to be improving and is quite a bright little sheet. The July number contains the photo and a sketch of F. W. Rothery of Omaha, Neb.

The July-August number of the *Bay State Philatelist* contains very little. It must be the hot weather.

The *Perforator* for July is a good one, and although the better part of the paper contains some tempting advertisements, there is a goodly store of reading matter. The Gossip writes some interesting notes, and J. L. Wheeler writes on "Postmarks," while C. T. Reno, the review editor, writes on "Some Philatelic Ethics" and R. L. Payne on "Philatelic Frauds." Although there is a review editor there does not seem to be any review.

The neat and original little paper from Kansas City, *Stamp Talk*, continues to improve right along and it ought to have a good paid-up subscription list by this time. The July number contains a good quality of reading matter. Miss Swift in a well written article tells "The Way They Do It in China," and gives a short description of the postal system in the Flowery Kingdom, while Foster A. Lilly writes an interesting review. The article on "U. S. Revenues—Old and New" is illustrated with an unused  $\frac{1}{8}$  proprietary revenue stamp, an idea that is original but expensive.

*Stamps* (England) for July comes as usual rich in matter of interest to the Philatelist, and although nearly five pages are given to an account of the prize winners of the Manchester Exhibition, the article on "The Stamps of Western Australia" and the other regular departments, make up a very creditable number.

*The Philatelic Advocate* for August comes with 14 pages, so according to an editorial two pages are the gift of the publishers. An interesting historical article on "Argentine Republic" gives an account of its rule and its rulers. W. Hammond writes a good article on "The Specialist's Error and Its Correction," while Geo. W. Hicks gives us some "Postal Peculiarities." Altogether it is a good number, which is what we generally get.

The July *Allegheny Philatelist* contains two of the most interesting as well as well written articles that it has been our good fortune to see in some time. The first of these is "Fifty Per Cent Discount," by Phil A. Telist, which article treats of the foolishness of the prevailing discounts offered on stamps, and the writer says in closing: "Hence we predict that 50 per cent discount will soon be a back number." The other article is one by H. L. Kiefer on "Manila Mail," which teems with interesting descriptions of the mail system in the land of Dewey. Both articles are unusually well written and are well worth a year's subscription.

A new one at our desk this month is *Philatelic Literature*. Whether

this is a magazine or a circular is hard to decide.

The August *Virginia Philatelist* closes Vol. II, and is one of the best numbers issued lately. The well-known likeness of H. A. Chapman adorns the cover and the first reading page, while Dietz writes the sketch. Next comes five pages of bright editorials, followed by a well written article on "The Local Society as a Benefactor to Philately," by Chas. S. Applegath, who speaks in glowing terms of the advantages of state and local societies and says the future of philately depends on them. The balance of this number is filled by the well chosen reprints, notes from various sources and Mr. Paalzow's interesting review.

The convention number of the *New York Philatelist* is a very agreeable surprise. Certainly the publishers outdid themselves in preparing this excellent number. J. Francis Farrell writes on "The Second Annual Convention of the E. S. P. S." and in a very pleasing style tells us what we may expect if we attend the convention. He gives us a list of some thirty-five members who will attend, and as this is only an advance list, the attendance is sure to be large.

The portrait of the esteemed philatelist, C. W. Brown of Syracuse, N. Y., adorns the next page, together with a sketch by Herbst. Mr. Brown is a candidate for Exchange Supt. of the E. S. P. S.

"The Reminiscence of a Retired Collector," by Z. P. Oppenheimer, although a little ungrammatical, is still very entertaining. The author dwells on the rise and fall of the U.



S. 1891 due stamps, and tells the scheme he had for obtaining these stamps.

Veritas kicks now on the "one-horse dealer," which by the way might include himself. There is a great deal more of interest in this number, but lack of space compels us to pass it by.

*The Herald Exchange* for August contains besides the usual "U. S. Notes," "Pertinent Paragraphs," "Errors and Omissions" and "Our Canadian Letter" an interesting article on the "Pony Express" and some of the quotations from the advance sheets of the 1899-1900 catalogue.

As a whole a very interesting number.

*The Nebraska Philatelist* for August prints one article of any length, namely, "Study Your Stamps," by John Peltz, who also writes "Notes on Revenues." The balance of the paper is composed of choice and interesting notes from various sources. The *N.P.* is quite a promising journal and is neatly printed and typographically correct.

We are always pleased to receive the *Lone Star State Philatelist*, no matter how late it is. Although the July number has only eight pages and cover, yet it is a *multum in parvo*. The principal article of interest is "Our Current Literature," by Amy L. Swift, closely followed by articles connected with the coming S. P. A. Convention.

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## SOME NUISANCES OF PHILATELY.

BY WILLIAM M. VERBECK.

Philately, with all its benefits and pleasures and all its alluring attractiveness, with its dealers and publishers and with its collectors of all kinds, "from king to peasant," all who seem to glide smoothly along the troubled waters of an uneventful life, still has some drawbacks and nuisances which are at present very much in evidence.

Look at the dealer. To the small boy the dealer is something above the ordinary. He is something to be worshiped, to be looked up to, and the dealer who sends the prettiest stamp or reprints has done much to gain the favor of these credulous youths.

But oh! my dear young friends, how little you know that this same dealer, who is your ideal and who you think can do nothing else but please, is the one with whom some older and more advanced collector is continually in boiling water.

You take the dealer who receives request accompanied by the usual reference, for stamps of a certain country, or certain stamps of certain countries, if he is a large dealer and carries a large stock he will undoubtedly send you what you have asked for, but if on the contrary he is a dealer with a limited stock and often a limited pocket book, one of those who suddenly spring into existence, advertise widely for a few months

and then disappears, he looks over his old ledger and envelopes in which he keeps his stamps and not finding what is asked for he makes up some sheets of "something just as good" and they go out to the customer on the next mail.

When the collector finds out what he has received, he hurls strong epithets at the unprotected head of this poor dealer and then has to resort to the trouble of pen, ink, a sheet of paper and an envelope, and lastly to a two cent stamp in order to return them, and then you can rest assured that that collector trades no further with that dealer.

Thus you can see how nuisance number one (brought on by himself) hurts this small dealer's trade and why, after a few months before the Philatelic public, he suddenly throws up his hands and is swallowed up in oblivion. Of course there are exceptions to this rule and some small dealers happen to strike it right and succeed.

Another sample of the nuisance dealer is the one who persistently displays his ad, offering fine stamps at good attractive prices, but when you come to write him his answer comes back "stamps all sold out, but I enclose others which may please you," etc. Of course you are tickled to death when you get this and hasten to send money for everything sent you and perhaps another order for something more on the same plan.



Again, there is the collector or dealer who sends out a selection of stamps to some party who he has heard of or read of and whom he knows is responsible, without having been requested to send such selection. Now, nine chances out of ten the collector does not buy anything, for when he wants anything he writes for it and does not wait for stray chances like this to supply his wants. Of course the small boy or beginner may do some trading, but they are not as likely to get these unsolicited selections as a collector of some advancement and prominence. So the poor persecuted collector spends his little two cents to send this nuisance back. But even now the question strikes me, "should the dealer complain if he never received his stamps again?" Wouldn't the collector be pretty nearly justified if he held the stamps until the dealer sent postage to pay for their return? I think so, don't you?

Now the dealer is not by any means the only nuisance. Look at the collector. We first see that honorable piece of humanity who takes off a number of stamps and substitutes others in their place. Now of course no one could blame this gentle, whole-souled person nor would it be right to say that he had been guilty of a theft. No! no! Be just! He put back stamps just as valuable. But no matter, the principle involved, he is a great nuisance and the sooner the party is brought to account the better.

I once knew a collector who had been guilty of substituting and had been detected by the dealer, and when politely asked to return stamps or settle for them, sent back his ill-gotten gains with the request

that his own stamps be returned. No "cheek" about that fellow, was there?

Another case of our cheeky nuisances in the collector is the one, generally a boy, who buys two or three cents' worth from a selection and then requests another selection and does the same thing over again.

Now of course the boy probably buys what he can afford and perhaps in time may be one of the mainstays of our hobby, but still he is a nuisance. But one has to be put up with, for without the beginner where would our advanced collector be?

Now, last but not least by any means in the line of nuisances is that well known to the publisher, "the sample copy fiend." O, how they all love him and how they hasten to answer his regular pleading call for "send sample copy." There is no doubt but that he is as bad as any of them, if not worse. He has "brass" enough to supply any number of first class bands with instruments and has the "cheek" of Peck's Bad Boy.

Collectors, dealers, publishers,  
Toward nuisances have I leaned,  
But worse by far than all of these  
Is our "send sample copy" fiend.

And so I could go on enumerating these great nuisances till I had enough to fill a fair size stamp journal but policy forbids and so brother collectors and dealers, help us to abolish this system of nuisances which are the dregs of our hobby. Help us to build up that which is right and give up your substituting, sending unsolicited selections, and all the rest of the list, and in the end you and the hobby you support will be the gainers.

## AMONG OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

BY WILLIAM M. VERBECK.

For the first time in over four months we are favored with a copy of the *Metropolitan Philatelist* and even this is marked "sample copy." What's the trouble, Bro. Scott?

The August *Post Office* is another worthy number. An article on the "Counterfeit Stamps of Hayti" is translated from *Le Timbre Poste* and is worthy of careful perusal. Ten pages are devoted to quotations from Standard Catalogue 1900, and of the stamps listed there seems to be a general increase in prices of the unused and a decrease in prices of used specimens. The balance of the paper contains articles that help to make up a very valuable twenty-eight pages.

The *Montreal Philatelist* has a new departure in reprinting articles from old philatelic papers. The July-August number contains an article on "Some Official Documents Relating to the First Issue of Nova Scotia Stamps" by D. A. King, which is reprinted from the *Halifax Philatelist* of February 1899. This is really an inexpensive way of supplying good reading matter. When you can't get MSS—reprint.

The August *Perforator* produces cuts of Sydney H. Barnes and Isaac J. Cohen, each with a short sketch by "C. W. K." The only reading is the "Gossip" on "From Woman's Standpoint." Six pages of reading to twenty two pages of ads. The "Gossip" seems to be the only outside support at present.

The *Philatelic West and Camera News* for August is an unusually fine number of fifty-six pages and cover. The good things pertaining to cycles, cameras and stamps are too numerous to mention, but by far the best article is Guy A. Crayton's essay on "A Brief General History of Stamps." If the P. W. and C. N. is to keep this standard right along we hope the publishers won't forget to send us regular copies.

A new arrival at our desk this month is *The Rival Philatelist*, which is *a la Stampic America*. It is written on common letter paper in purple ink and is quite a good burlesque. The editor does a good deal of raving. The postmark on the envelope it was mailed in was very faint but it looked very much like Dubuque, Iowa.

The August *Stamps* (England) is fully up-to-date and contains some very interesting reading. A very full account of the investigation of the Harry Hilckes & Co. fills up the best part of the paper.

The September *American Journal of Philately* contains an account of the proposed federation of the Australian colonies; "The Postage Stamps of America," by John N. Luff; Nankyoill's "English Letter" and other valuable articles too numerous to mention.

*Philatelic Facts and Fallacies* for August contains some very interesting reading, particularly the article entitled "Notes on the History of the General Post Offices of the

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**\* The Stamp Tribune. \***

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**S. P. LEV,**

Editor and Publisher.

**W. M. VERBECK,** - - Ass. Editor.

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OCTOBER, 1899.

**CHANGE AGAIN.**

Again we have changed our address, this time only from station to station.

Our present address is "Station E, Cleveland, Ohio." Please make note of it.

**S. of P. ORGAN.**

Some of our friends who favored us with S. of P. proxies have written inquiring why we have made no use of them in getting the present O. O. (?) changed. In reply we would say that though we personally were unable to show up at the convention, an attempt was made to get a decent O. O., but because of the lack of interest by the members it failed.

There is a movement on hand, though, that may yet cause a change. Let us hope so.

**OUR PRIZE CONTEST.**

We have received several inquiries in regard to our Prize Contest. None of the inquirers, however, inclosed return postage, so of course received no reply.

We want to answer them though, so have added a few more rules to which we refer all who have written us on the subject.

If you are not a subscriber, enter this contest and win a prize.

**RATHER THIN.**

We regret that this number is rather thin; but we think that our readers will all agree that contents are *par excellence*.

The reduction in size is necessary in order to make up for loss of time with the last number.

With our next issue we go back to our usual size.

**EXCHANGES.**

We would once more call attention to the fact that our exchanges are not coming in regularly, and we would respectfully request that all publishers make a note of this, and if they are lacking try and correct it, and see that the editor receives one copy and the associate-editor one copy. If we are wanting in this respect, we would esteem it a favor to notify the editor, who will try to rectify any mistakes on our part.

ASSOCIATE EDITOR. The associate editor wishes to thank all E. S. P. S. members

and readers of the STAMP TRIBUNE for their support at the convention held in New York. He will do all in his power to fill the office of vice-president to the best advantage and further the interests of the society so that the members will have no cause to regret their choice.

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Hawaiian Islands," which was begun in the July issue and is to be continued.

"A Lesson From the Postage Stamps" by A. L. Wissmann is the leading article in the August *Allegheny Philatelist*. Following this is a picture of Mr. Wissmann and a general sketch by H. L. Kiefer. "New Issues" covers four pages. Phil A. Telist has a good article on "Common Sense Triumphant," while H. A. Chapman writes notes under a new heading, namely "From the Pointed Quill."

As our popularity spreads our exchanges grow more numerous. This month we have a new one at our desk and a new one in philatelic circles, *O Philatelistas Brasileiro*, published in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, by J. Costa Baina or 727.

*The Youth's Realm* contains a good deal of condensed stamp news. For October we are promised a special stamp number.

A generous part of the September *Post Office* is devoted to quotations from the Standard Catalogue

advance sheets. The balance of the paper is devoted to "Comments" and "New Issues."

*The Philatelic Advocate* for September prints the following good articles: "Miles of Stamps," reprinted from *Happy Days*; "A Talk About Stamps," by North Simcoe; "Old Collections," by Zura; "Honduras" by Apemantus, and "Canadian Notes," by Thomas. Several pages contain D. P. A. items, while the balance of the paper contains a large and varied assortment of ads. The *Advocate* speaks truly when it says it is the only *monthly* paper in Canada and it might have just as well said the *only* paper.

*The Perforator* is surely on the decline. In the September number there is about three pages of reading matter, while the balance consists of "vote for me's" and ads. The review by C. T. Reno is very good, while R. L. Payne's article on "Collecting Revenues and Other Matters" is a queer mixture of topics. We sincerely hope that Brother Kissinger won't continue to let his paper run along on this low standard.

*The Herald Exchange* for September is unusually good. The "Odds and Ends," "Canadian Letter," "Chicago Notes," "Stamp Notes," and "Errors and Omissions" are all very interesting and up to their usual standard. More quotations from the Advance Sheets of the next catalogue are given, while H. A. Chapman's article on "Some Puzzling Addresses", although not exactly philatelic in



some of the addresses given it is a wonder to me that the letters ever reached the proper parties, even though Uncle Sam had charge of them. The *Herald Exchange* has been appointed official organ of the Junior Philatelic Society, in place of the regular and uncertain *Montreal Philatelist*.

### SCRATCHINGS.

BY M. A. BELL.

The growth of foreign mails in the last fifty years is startling. In 1840 the foreign mail from England to the United States carried on the vessel *Great Western*, consisted of two sacks of mail. As late as 1873 a steamer from Europe with twenty thousand letters on board was considered a record breaker. To-day the Cunard steamers and other trans-Atlantic ships carrying what is called "a full European mail" usually bring some two hundred thousand letters and an average of three hundred sacks of newspapers and printed matter for New York City, not to mention the five hundred and odd sacks for Canada, Mexico and trans-Pacific and a few United States exchange offices which are now taken direct to the trains and not handled at the New York office.

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| 50c Probate of Will.....    | 1.00   |
| 50c Foreign Exchange.....   | .60    |
| 50c Passage Ticket.....     | .15    |
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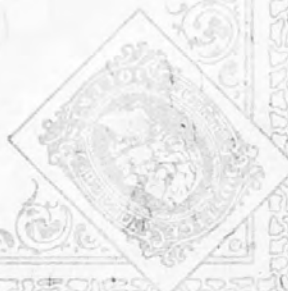
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## NEW ZEALAND.

New Zealand, the subject of our essay, is a British Colony in the south Pacific Ocean and consists of two large islands and one very small one, besides a number of islets. The islands are named respectively North, South and Stewart's Island.

The two principal smaller islands are Cathan Island and Auckland Island. The total area of all this group is nearly equal to that of England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland.

The new Zealand islands are of volcanic origin and a great portion of the entire area is occupied by mountains, among which are a great many extinct and a few active volcanoes. In North Island, Mt. Ruaperhui is the highest summit and is continually capped with snow. In the same range is Mt. Tongariro, an active volcano.

A continuous range of mountains runs along the west coast of South Island and takes on the form of tablelands as it approaches the east. Its highest peak is Mt. Cook.

On North Island, the mountains are covered with evergreen forests of luxuriant growth, while in the east of South Island are many extensive plains of rich meadowland, adapted for agriculture or for cattle-breeding.

Water and water-power are in great abundance in the colony and the numerous rivers are subject to

sudden floods from the melting of the mountain snows.

As a rule, however, the streams are short and not navigable more than 50 miles above their mouths. The chief of these is Waika River, on North Island, which issues from Taupo Lake and flowing north for 200 miles, reaches the sea on the west coast. In South Island the chief rivers are Clutha, Mataura and Waiau, all flowing south.

The lakes are numerous, especially in South Island, and some of them are of considerable size and are surrounded by the most beautiful of scenery.

The soil and climate of these island are admirably adapted to the raising of wheat, maize, taro, sweet potato, etc., in fact all the grains, grasses, fruits and vegetable raised in any of the warm temperate climates.

Domestic animals are common, and besides a few harmless lizards, a small species of rat is the only indigenous four-footed animal found on any of the islands.

The colony was formerly divided into nine provinces, but these were abolished by the colonial parliament of 1875 and a system of counties substituted. These counties now number 63 and are administered to by a governor, appointed by the crown, and a ministry, a legislative council of members appointed for life by the governor and a house of representatives, elected by the peo-



ple on a basis of manhood suffrage.

New Zealand was discovered in 1642 by Tasma and was repeatedly visited by Capt. Cook, who surveyed the coasts in 1770.

The postal revenues, besides those of stamp duties, property taxes, railways and crown land sales are the principal sources of income of the government.

One of the most useful and beneficial institutions on the islands is the Government postoffice savings Banks and a report in 1882 showed the banks to have 57,517 open accounts, amounting to 1,470,950 pounds, or about \$5,800,000.

The University of New Zealand, University of Otago and Canterbury College are the principal educational institutions.

The principal churches are the Church of England, predominating in Canterbury; the Presbyterian church, predominating in Otago and the Wesleyan and Roman Catholic churches.

The military forces of New Zealand are the volunteers, numbering about 8,500 and the armed constabulary of North Island.

The stamps of New Zealand should appeal to collectors not only on account of their beauty but their cheapness. The highest price stamp in the catalogue costs \$18.00, being the two-pence, blue, on white paper, watermarked star, London impression, of the 1855 issue.

A great number of the stamps of these islands are revenues which are used for postage.

On the whole, New Zealand is a decidedly interesting country, not only for the general collector, but the specialist and minor variety collector, having over 300 varieties

listed in the last catalogue, which abound in minor varieties of paper, water-mark and color.

To the beginner New Zealand stamps should be more than ever in favor since the magnificent issue of 1898. This beautiful set depicts the scenery of the island in a marvelous manner.

On the 2½ penny stamp, Lake Wakatipu is pictured with Mt. Farnslaw in the distance. The five pence shows Otria gorge, the 3 shilling shows Milford Sound and the 5 shilling show the lofty, snow-capped Mt. Cook.

So, therefore, brother collector, although the first of this is a mere matter of history and the last a mere matter of catalogue and opinion, if I have accomplished my object, to interest and instruct, I retire satisfied. W. M. V.

## USED OR UNUSED?

BY R. R. RUFICUS.

This subject is already somewhat threadbare, it must be admitted, but owing to its comprehensive inclusiveness—if such a phrase be permissible—it cannot be too freely discussed, for it is certainly one of the most important questions that a Philatelist, i. e. a *true* Philatelist, has to answer—to himself if to no one else. The bearing of this question on Philately cannot be too greatly and strongly impressed upon the minds of each and every collector of whatever standing. Its relation to the Philatelist cannot be too greatly estimated. Its relation to the future output of issues is understood by all and if for no other reason than this, all true collectors ought to leave unused stamps severely and strictly alone. But a

I do not wish to have my position in regard to unused stamps misunderstood I will give my views on this all impartial question of what class of stamps we shall collect.

Whenever I see an unused stamp in an album I cannot help but feel that in some way its usefulness has been missed, and the very fact of it being in such a place is proof positive that its owner is not a *true* Philatelist, but simply a gatherer of stamps. A copper cent could be placed in a stamp album with as much propriety as could a one cent *unused* stamp. Both have the same value so far as postal affairs are concerned, as neither is, ethically speaking, a postage stamp, one being a coin that may be used to pay postage and the other a stamp for postal purposes. Both have the same power, as it were to pay postage, but the one fact, that the stamp was *intended* for postage prepayment, should not make a *postage stamp* out of a picture label. Why a picture label in the shape of an unused stamp is accorded a position in a stamp album is a mystery to the writer.

If a collector is collecting unused specimens we will always find that the pages of his album devoted to the republics of South and Central America are pretty well filled.

Now I ask any person with the faintest knowledge of the manner of issue and use of these stamps, if he or she considers them worthy of collection in unused condition? These stamps, when in used condition are perhaps worthy of collection, but for any Philatelist to say that in unused condition they are worthy of a place in any album is rank hypocrisy. I would rather have one *used* speci-

men from Nicaragua of an issue since 1890, than the complete sets of all issues since then in unused condition. No Philatelist will have anything to do with the stamps of these charity issues, except in used state, when you may call them postage stamps, by virtue of the fact that they have done postal duty.

Many writers are speaking against the output of new issues every year, and at the same time perhaps are helping to keep up and perhaps increase this wholesale issuing of stamps by reason of the fact that they buy the stamps of such issues in unused condition and thus fill the coffers of the governments issuing them. If all Philatelists would institute a vigorous boycott against these issues by refusing to buy, sell or in any way handle the stamps in unused condition I venture to assert that fewer issues would result. By this means the largest part of the profits usually accruing to the governments who so manipulate the issues as to cause scarcity of certain values, and many new issues, would be removed and all future speculative or unnecessary issues proving failures financially, as they undoubtedly would if such a boycott were instituted, would be discontinued.

It might be urged on behalf of unused stamps that they present a much more beautiful appearance than used stamps. I admit this, but as an unused stamp is not a postage stamp it should not be given a place in an album at all. Then too, the spaces occupied by such pictures could be made to look even more beautiful by means of highly colored lithographs and at a much less figure. But a stamp

album should be free from all such picture labels, I believe.

A stamp is not a stamp unless it has done actual duty, actually and legitimately. So when we place an unused specimen in our collections we deprive them of what ever usefulness they might have once had and make them little better than spool labels.

### AMONG OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

BY WILLIAM M. VERBECK.

The *New York Philatelist* for September contains a report of the Second Annual Convention of the Empire State Philatelic Society. It is written in good style and covers five pages. An excellent article on "The Envelopes of 1899," by H. A. Chapman, discusses our present issue of envelopes, the minor varieties, etc., and contains a good deal of information.

Three new comers in philatelic circles, and at our desk this month, are the *Jubilee Philatelist*, *The Philatelists' Window*, and the *Chicago Philatelist*.

The first of these hails from Smith Falls, Ont., and although not handsome in appearance, contains a good deal of reading matter. H. A. Chapman conducts the review department.

The second, *The Philatelist's Window*, is more neat than the first, but contains very little of interest in its eight small pages. It is published by Horn & Co., of Chicago.

The third, last and best, is the much heralded *Chicago Philatelist*, emitting from Trask & M'Kay, of Chicago, Ill. It contains twelve pages and cover, and produces

photos and sketches of F. I. Weaver and G. W. Starnaman. Leon V. Cass writes a short article on "Reprints"; G. A. Camp, of Mekeel fame, writes "Washington Notes" of interest, while H. A. Chapman writes "Perforations" and conducts the review. Veritas, Herbert I. Watts and F. I. Weaver are others contributing good articles.

We are again favored with the *Evergreen State Philatelist*. The October number contains some good things under "Philately Month by Month." John Peltz writes an article pointing out a number of stamps which are not minor varieties, although generally considered so. The "Little Philatelic Bird" still whispers.

*Stampic America* is at hand again. An editorial says "the best picture on our front cover is not the Olympia, it is the Columbia." The paper (?) is up to its usual standard of wit and sarcasm. The publishers have plenty of ad. space to sell or give away.

*Stamp* (England) comes with twenty pages in fine print, filled with the best of reading. "Stamps, Junior" is particularly interesting this month. "Sweden for the Novice," "The Study of Local Stamps" and "How to Dispose of Common Stamps" being the subject. There is much else of interest but we are compelled to pass them by.

Phil. A. Telist has an excellent article in the September *Allegheny Philatelist* on "Doing Missionary Work." He closes the article by saying: "You will surely succeed

in convincing some people that stamp collecting is worth their best thought and earnest consideration, and in the long run showing to others the beauties, pleasures and advantages to be gained by collecting stamps."

H. A. Chapman writes a good article on "Philatelic Boston," while the "New Issues," "Convention Reports" and numerous notes go to make up a very creditable number.

Two more new ones at hand this week are the *Moline Stamp News* from Moline, Ill., and the *Western Philatelic News*, with English, French and Spanish editions, from Wichita, Kansas.

The former is a small 6x4½, eight page paper, partaking more of the nature of a circular than a stamp paper, but the latter, although not printed on the best of paper, is a good one. Its forty pages are filled with good articles by some of the best and well known writers of philately. A number of foreign writers also contribute. Chas. W. Myers is editor and manager and Foster A. Lilly, Associate Editor and Reviewer.

S. A. D. Cox in *Philatelic Advocate* closes a finely written article entitled "Be Steadfast," in which he entreats collectors to adhere to collecting by saying:—

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## SCRATCHINGS.

BY M. A. BELL.

The growth of foreign mails in the last fifty years is startling.

In 1840 the foreign mail from England to the United States carried on the vessel *Great Western*, consisted of two sacks of mail. As late as 1873 a steamer from Europe with twenty thousand letters on board was considered a record breaker. To-day the *Cunard* steamers and other trans-atlantic ships carrying what is called "a full European mail" usually bring some two hundred thousand letters and an average of three hundred sacks of newspapers and printed matter for New York City not to mention the five hundred and odd sacks for Canada, Mexico and trans-pacific and a few United States exchange offices which are now taken direct to the trains and not handled at the New York office.

On October 1st, a parcel post between this country and Germany will begin to be operated. This will enable us to send parcels of merchandise to the old country, providing the parcel does not weigh more than eleven pounds and also that twelve cents is paid for each pound.

The "new comers" and those advertised as "new coming" are about as numerous as ever. From Chicago we expect the *Chicago Philatelist* about September 20th, which promises to be an exceptional good one. From Wichita, Kansas, *The Western Philatelic News* is advertised to appear and from Canada we are promised *The Stamp Messen-*

*ger*. Truly, the ways of some philatelists (?) are beyond comprehension.

It is said that some years ago an eccentric member of Congress advocated a bill allowing every city, town or village in the United States to issue its own stamps for local service, all the stamps to be made in New York or Washington. From the present rapidly growing fashion it would seem that this man was only a little ahead of his time. Just to think of collecting 75,000 different sets of local United Stamps. Whew!

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According to the *Era*, Ralph W. Tucker and Co., have made an assignmen to Arthur S. Tucker and the *Stamp Exchange* is no more. There will probably be a number of parties who will have to wait a good long time before they get their money as the firm when in business was very slow in paying up and in some cases even avoiding it.

*The Tri-Monthly Collector* published by J. F. Dodge, of New Oxford, Pa., is the latest paper "to throw up the sponge." The publishers of the *Allegheny Philatelist* have purchased the same and will fill out the unexpired subscriptions.

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**SECRETARY'S REPORT.**

Ottawa, Ohio, Nov. 1st, 1899.

Fellow Members:

No report was in last issue as I was unable to make one. I have not received the support that I should from the members, and have written to the delinquents in hopes that they will remit their dues. A full list of nominations are in this issue for election of officers, which will take place December 20. If you have any to mark, please do so at once. Our exchange department will be re-organized in a month or so and we will have one of the best exchange departments out.

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## EMBOSSSED VARIETIES.

BY WILLIAM M. VERBECK.

How often it is that we see the words "embossed" and "grilled" used as synonymous in our catalogues, dealers' price lists and in our philatelic journals; and how often do we see some noble philatelic scribe (perhaps like myself) endeavoring to show the philatelic public at large how falsely these words are used and trying to convince their readers that "embossing" applies only to the sunken dies on our envelopes and "grilled" to the minute indentations on the back of the adhesives, and in this manner, perhaps, bringing forth comment and discussion, but,—did you ever see an article which tended to point out the foolishness of collecting the embossed and unembossed as varieties? Perhaps not; but suppose we look at it as a *stamp collector*, not an expert philatelist, and view it fairly from all sides and then give an opinion. Of course, I realize that there are many things in variety collecting which may be considered more foolish than the one I have chosen, but it is not my purpose to discuss them, but merely confine myself to this one subject.

When stamp collecting was in its youth, and even up to a few years ago, who ever heard of embossing and grilling, and even suppose some few did, did they take notice of it and discriminate between an embossed stamp and the same stamp without the embossing? No! In the good old days of pure stamp collecting, the objective point was to secure "one of each kind" of a stamp issued, noticing only as varieties, design, value and color.

When a set had been completed, the collector was compelled to wait until the government saw fit to change the design, color or value and then he was again at liberty to complete the sets of stamps issued with these new changes. In these good old times, grilling and embossing were unknown words to the collector.

Suppose the supply of current stamps did run low, or for some other reason the government used the same plates to print a new supply, and in order to distinguish them or to guard against counterfeiting, had them embossed or grilled on the back. Was this an excuse for the collector to gather them in because the difference in the date of their issue was indicated by the grill on the back? Most decidedly, No! For as far as that goes, we might collect a stamp from every sheet, for they were all printed at different dates.

Supposing you show your collection to a non-collector friend; he is interested and pleased with the blending of colors, the unique designs and the rarity of the stamps before him, but if you turn a stamp over and show him the back with the embossing on it and say, "this is rarer than that," or "this is worth less than that one" he begins to lose his interest, which he had shown before, and begins to think stamp collecting decidedly foolish when a few "raised bunches" on the back of a stamp makes such a difference in value. For you must remember that the design, the color, and the value are the only varieties that strike the appreciative sense of the non-collector or even the beginner or the collector who does not notice minor varieties.

Now, supposing you take the 3c rose of 1861 and tell your friend it is worth one cent, then take the 3c rose of 1867, with embossing covering the entire back, and tell him it is worth \$17.50, then take the same stamps with embossing measuring 13x16 m. m., 13x14 m. m., and 11x13 m. m. and tell him they are worth respectively \$8.00, \$7.50, and five cents. Naturally, then, if he is a man of common sense, he is disgusted with the whole business and he puts you down as a crank and a fit subject for a lunatic asylum, and he tells his friends so until the universal opinion of your friends is that you are a crank and that stamp collecting is a pastime only for the insane.

But yet see the great numbers of collectors who distinguish these above mentioned stamps as varieties—the standard catalogue lists them. Why? To make money. The dealers advertise them. Why? Because the catalogue lists them. And collectors buy them. Why? Because the dealers offer them for sale. And so it goes on. But these are not the only stamps thus listed, sold and collected as varieties of embossing. The whole of the 1861 issue of the United States has no embossing, but the whole of the 1867 issue, which has the same designs, colors and values, are embossed on the back and are collected as different varieties from the 1861 issue.

The 1869 issue has embossing on the back and the 1875 issue, reprints of 1869, have not the embossing, although the designs, values and colors are identical. This is a case which is different than that before mentioned, and such a case that we must consider that those

having the first right to our collections are the embossed stamps of 1869.

We also find the issue of 1870-71 with and without embossing.

Now, really what is the good of all this embossing variety? See the vast difference in prices for stamps embossed and stamps not embossed, and we have our answer. It is money for the catalogue makers, the dealers and the speculators, and this money comes from the pocket of the collector.

So, brother collectors, I have not tried to give any expert testimony, nor bring up any discussion, nor have I attempted to cover all the ground on which philatelic nonsense might be placed, but I have simply endeavored to throw out such things that will cause a fair-minded collector, whether he collects varieties or not, to see and appreciate these things which might be called philatelic nonsense.

I realize that I have opened the way for very severe criticisms, but I trust I have made this clear enough so that all who read it will see things in the same light and pardon all excessive flights of my imagination.

### SCRATCHINGS.

BY M. A. BELL.

Events in philatelic journalism are happening with great rapidity, to the astonishment and awe of the philatelic public. Mr. Bach has enlisted in the Canadian volunteers and gone to the war in South Africa and sold his stamp business to James Anderson and transferred the *Montreal Philatelist* to F. W. Wurtele. *The Lone State Star Philatelist* is a thing of the past. Mr.

Bradley having moved to Richmond and become interested in the *Virginia Philatelist*, now being a part owner and associate-editor of the same. *The Ohio Philatelist* and the *Illinois Philatelist* are two "mid-gets" comparatively new on the field, while *The Philatelic Chronicle* is the latest.

Announcement has also been made of the coming of *The Adhesive* from the well known philatelist H. A. Chapman. Truly, there is a big boom in the stamp business or else the ways of philatelists are beyond comprehension.

The much talked of boom in the stamp business seems to be everywhere but in the right place. Although in Albany numerous shops display their wares in stamps, albums, etc., yet almost everything shows a tendency to cater to the "kid" trade and dealers do not seem to think there is any remarkable rush in this. The Albany Philatelic Club, which is composed of some of the leading philatelists in New York State, who represent collections worth many thousands of dollars, is now, and has been for some time in a state of inactivity and the members seem to have lost all interest in anything pertaining to stamps.

If its a fair question, where is our much heralded S. P. A. souvenir?

#### AMONG OUR COTEMPORARIES.

WILLIAM M. VERBECK.

*The Philatelic Monthly and World* for October contains, as usual, a choice lot of interesting and valuable notes.

"The Old Hair Trunk" a poem, is the only feature outside of the "Notes" and "New Issues."

The October *Herald Exchange* contains some excellent reading matter. Miss Amy L. Swift writes an article on a comparatively new subject, entitled "Where Reform is Needed." She touches on the methods of writers in writing an article of news and sending it, with perhaps a little different wording to all the papers for which he contributes. In my mind, a writer for a number of different papers has a hard time in sending out matter, especially notes, in which there is no repetition; nevertheless we are all guilty of it. H. A. Chapman writes on "The Exchange Department," touching it in a clear and masterly manner. A letter from William B. Hale, the stamp drummer, describing his trip through Newfoundland and the provinces is of usual interest. The usual regular departments comprise the balance of an unusually good number. Keep it up, brother Tausing!

*The Virginia Philatelist* has absorbed the *Lone Star State Philatelist* and taken Mr. Bradley as Associate-Editor. Mr. Bradley has taken up his residence in Richmond and purchased an interest in the paper. His photo and a short sketch appear on the first page.

Ten pages are given to an account of the S. P. A. Convention in Richmond and proves very interesting reading. Mr. Lohmeyer's department on "Postal Cards" and Mr. Paalzow's review are a fitting balance to the October number.

The October *New York Philatelist* is the anniversary number and it is certainly a good one. First we have the subject "The Western Local" headed by a cut of the

stamps. This article was written by the president of the Empire State Philatelic Society, Dr. William Evans, who owns the plates. It is certainly interesting.

Next comes a photo of Erwin L. Shove, of Unionville, N. Y., known to philately as the philatelic literature man. A sketch follows written by the editor. H. A. Chapman also figures in the honor of having his photo accompanied by the editor's sketch. On the next page Mr. Chapman writes understandingly on "Catalogue Changes in U. S. Stamps."

Mr. Herbst, you certainly got out a good paper and with plenty of advertisements to pay for it and we only wish you would keep it up.

The farewell number of the *Lone Star State Philatelist* is at hand, in which our esteemed friend and philatelist, Roy Bradley, bids us a fond good-bye as publisher of this paper, but greets us anew as one of the owners and editors of the *Virginia Philatelist*.

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BY R. R. RUFIDICUS.

It has often been remarked that the miracles of one age are the every-day events of the next, but to no subject does this apply more aptly than to electricity. A hundred years ago, had a man asserted the possibility of the voice being heard one thousand miles away, had he even hinted that messages, in the twinkling of an eye, could be sent over land and sea, had he said that the voice could be reproduced years after its owner had perished, he would unquestionably have been thought mad and incarcerated in an insane asylum. Yet to-day these things are so common-place that it requires reflection to appreciate that they are wonders at all. When the fruitful mind of Jules Verne gave to the world his idea of submarine travel in his famous book, "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea," he was laughed at. Yet to-day the theories of that writer which were then ridiculed and scoffed at are accomplished facts.

That electricity in all its myriad forms has entered into the life of every civilized man is primarily due to the undefatigable labors of Samuel Morse. His telegraph opened the eyes of science to the possibilities of electricity as nothing else could have done and has rendered the height we have attained possible.

In consequence of the good engendered by the inventing of the telegraph, a sounding instrument of which is depicted on the stamp of the 1890 issue of Nicaragua, a brief sketch of the life and labors of the inventor may be read with interest and profit.

Samuel Morse was born in Charleston in 1791. His boyhood seems to have been as uneventful as that of most persons. He graduated from Yale in 1810 and became an artist of no mean ability. He settled in New York City, where his pictures won him a high place among native artists.

His mind was first directed to the subject that made him famous by hearing Prof. James F. Dana deliver a course of lectures on electro-magnetism and electricity in the winter of 1826-7. He became deeply interested in the subject of electricity—magnetism it was then called—and in Paris, two or three years later he began to develop his idea of the telegraph. He at once set to work and devised the dot and dash alphabet and before he landed in New York had planned and perfected his electro-magnetic and chemical recording telegraph essentially as it now exists, though his working model was not produced until three years later, in 1835.

He began perfecting his design. One by one improvements were added to the original plan and in 1837 it was pronounced a success by several scientists after a trial. At once Morse made a formal request for funds to build a telegraph line from Congress but received no help. He then went to Europe, hoping to prevail on some of the powers there to aid him, but there he was equally unsuccessful.

In eleven months he returned without a penny. Then began a struggle against adversity and poverty that would have discouraged any other man. He secured a precarious living from a few art pupils he could secure. He persisted in bringing his claims before Congress



and at last, more by good luck than any merits of the case, managed to get a bill passed appropriating for his purpose \$30,000.

A telegraph line was at once begun between Washington and Baltimore and was very soon completed. May 24, 1844, was the date fixed for the first public sending of a dispatch. In the Chamber of the Supreme court at Washington Morse's friends assembled, while Alfred Vail was at the Baltimore end. The message sent to Vail and by him sent back were the words from Numbers xxii:23, "What God Hath Wrought."

The trial was a success, but it was not until some time after that the rights of Morse were upheld by the Supreme Court. Even after his invention had been proven a success he had to struggle against rival companies backed by capital. But he was successful at last and the honor rightfully due was accorded to him. Fortunately the honor received during the latter part of his life, in a measure, compensated for his early struggles, since not only in his own country, but in every civilized land was he the recipient of wealth and decorations. He died very quietly in New York on April 2, 1872, his last public appearance being about a month before, when he unveiled the statue to Benjamin Franklin in Printinghouse square.

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The trial was a success, but it was not until some time after that the rights of Morse were upheld by the Supreme Court. Even after his invention had been proven a success he had to struggle against rival companies backed by capital. But he was successful at last and the honor rightfully due was accorded to him. Fortunately the honor received during the latter part of his life, in a measure, compensated for his early struggles, since not only in his own country, but in every civilized land was he the recipient of wealth and decorations. He died very quietly in New York on April 2, 1872, his last public appearance being about a month before, when he unveiled the statue to Benjamin Franklin in Printinghouse square.

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