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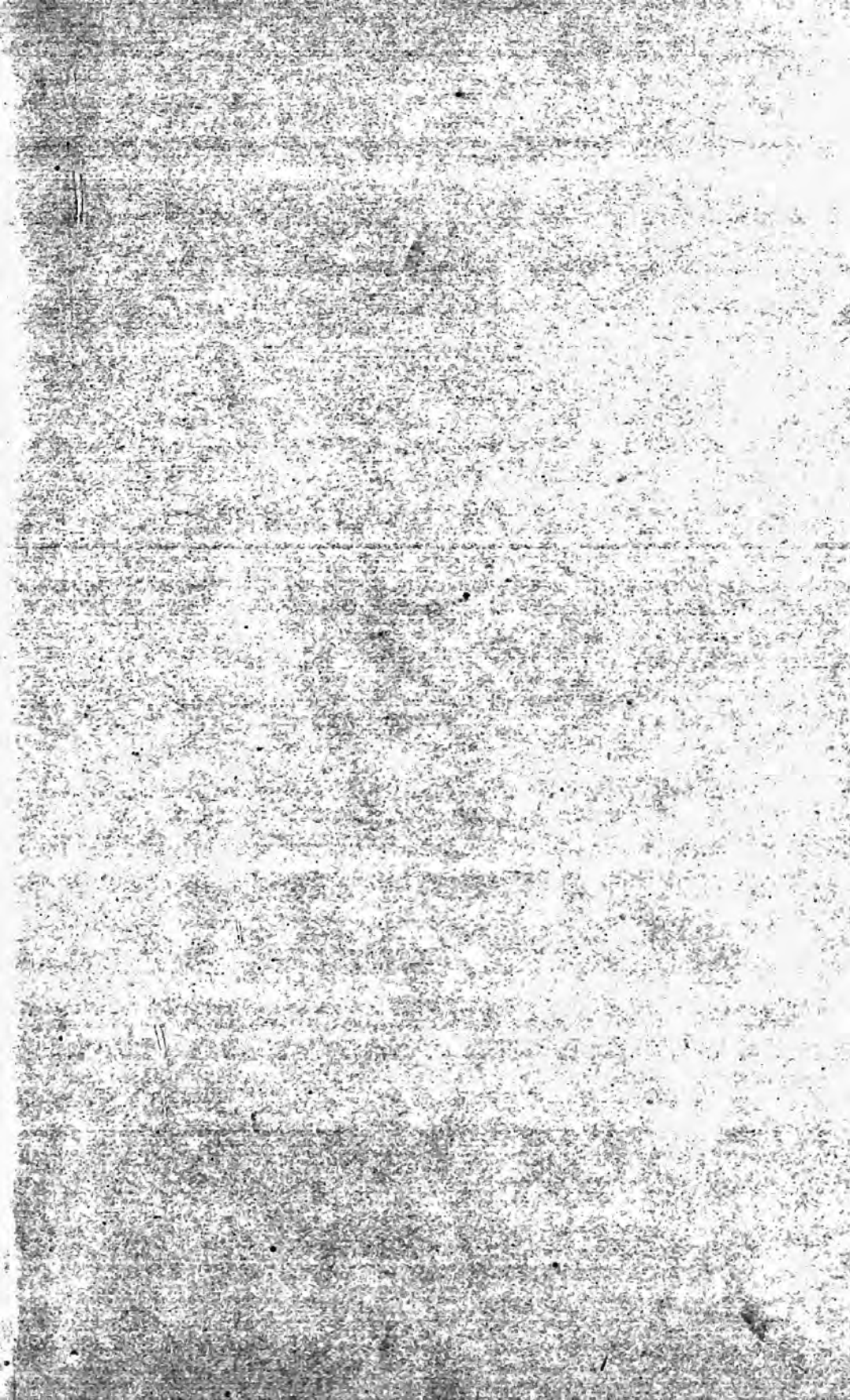
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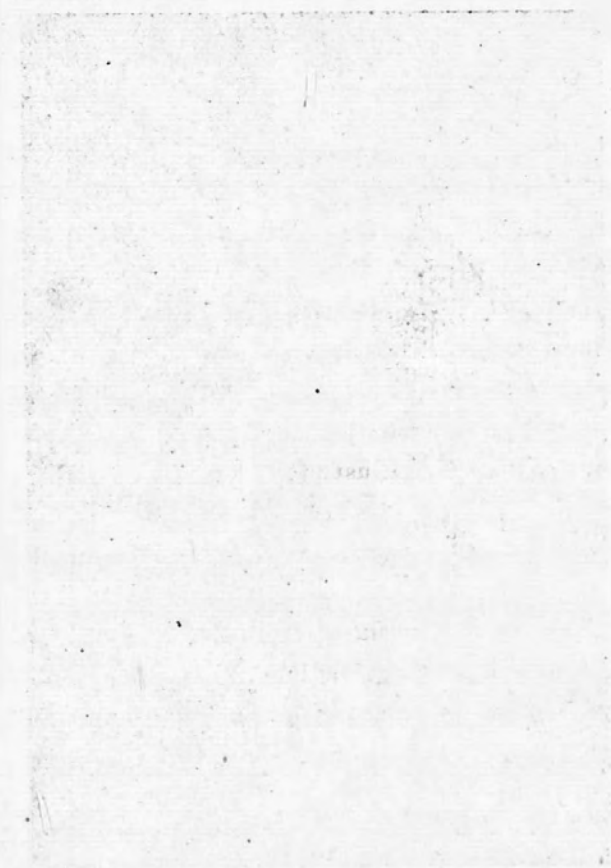
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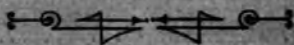
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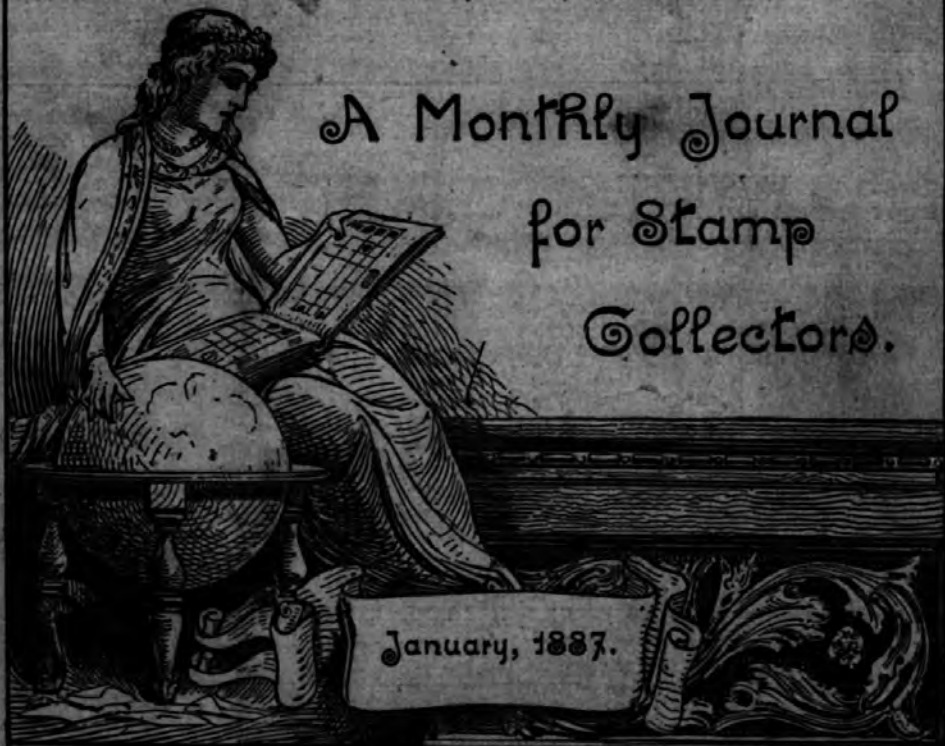
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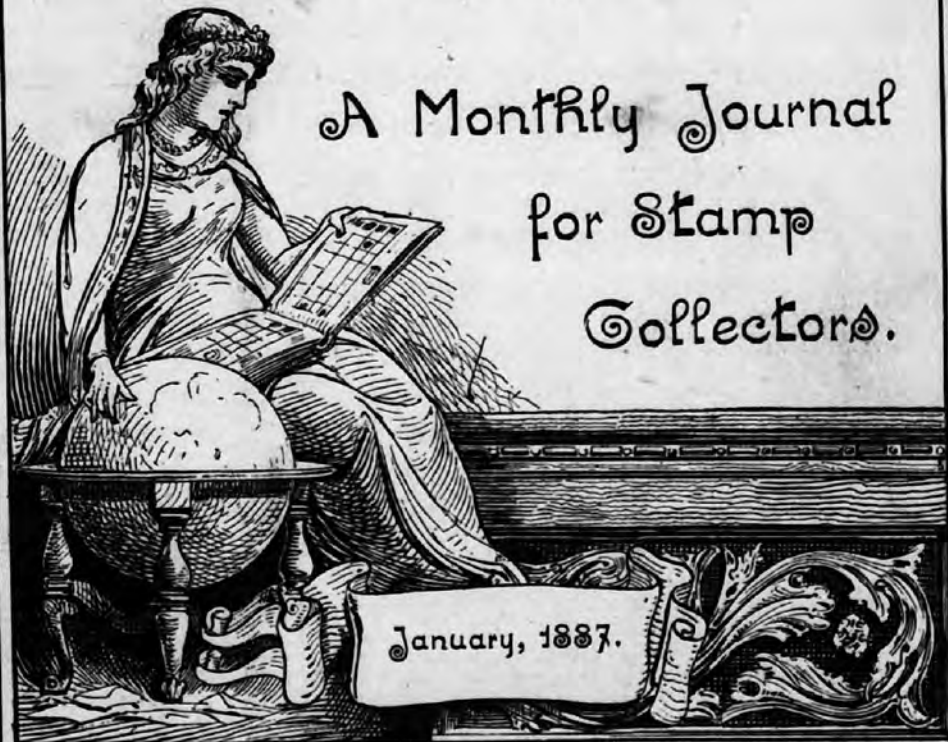


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of course, showed him my stamp collection; he gave me a large quantity of high-value document stamps, and I became his fast friend at once, with considerable profit to my collection.

I also had a friend by the name of Hill, who worked in a sort of general store, where they sold boots and shoes, medicines, etc., and I verily believe I must have pestered him nearly to death by persistently asking him for stamps, but he bore with me patiently, and granted me all the favors in his power.

In the spring of 1871 I came west to Michigan, and in 1873 my interest in stamps seemed to die out and I took up the collecting of coins instead. I tried to sell my collection of stamps, which then numbered about 1500 varieties of postage, document, proprietary, etc., but failed. I finally disposed of the bulk of them, but clung to my United States postage and private revenue stamps, as a sort of reminiscence of the good old stamp days. In 1877 I sold the coins I had accumulated, and bought for ten dollars, a neat but small collection of about 1500 varieties of postage stamps, and re-commenced stamp-collecting. This collection was the foundation of my present one, although now but very few of the old stamps remain. I went into the stamp trade a little in 1881, and of course had opportunities of handling large quantities of common, used stamps. I culled out such as would better my collection, removing those they took the place of. My first venture was the purchase of the old E. A. Duvernois & Co. stock; they were the publishers of the *Michigan Philatelist*, and all of their back numbers, correspondence, electrotypes, the heading of their paper, etc., fell into my possession. I sold the lot after going through it thoroughly and taking such stamps as I wished for the enrichment of my collection, to Leslie B. Howard, who in turn sold them to E. F. Gamba, a dealer of St. Louis, but now on the Pacific Coast. I then went into the business of U. S. Department Stamps only, and I know I possessed at one time a stock that would make the average dealer of to-day turn pale with envy. I had sold in Scott's 48th sale 100,000 3 and 6c. used Treasury, and I understand from good authority (the gentleman himself) that Mr. Calman, of New York, bought them. While in the stamp trade I made many friends and had quite an extensive correspondence in all parts of the globe; even now I occasionally hear from some of them. Owing to my inability to devote the time necessary to carry on the business without neglecting other matters that were more remunerative, I closed out everything but my collection, and thus ended my career as a stamp dealer. I have had some very amusing experiences with "beats", but managed to get my pay from all but two of them. I, of course, refer to claims of ten dollars or more, not the petty "send-me-a-sheet-of-one-cent-stamps beats", who have not had experience enough to make a good haul while about it. I received a letter from Casale Monf, Italy, from Er. T——, saying he had noticed my name in Handford's Directory, and asking me to send something especially valuable from the United States, etc., and in exchange he would send anything from Italian States and Italy that I might desire. I sent him about twenty dollars' worth, and the exchange came very promptly, and also another list of wants, which, as I had received excellent exchange for what he had kept, I put myself out considerably to send as complete as possible. I give below a partial list of the U. S. stamps I sent him, with date of sending, and by comparing prices asked then with prices asked for some of them now, you will see quite an advance in stamps during the past four years. I give the list exactly as I have it in my diary, viz:

United States Official seal, unused.....	.04
" " 1851, 10c Green, unused.....	.10
" " P. O. D. 2c Env. cut square, used.....	.05
" " 1870-81 5c " " " ".....	.04
" " 1870-81 3c " " unused.....	.03
" " 1870-77 3c " " " ".....	.05

United States, 1870-81	6c	Env. cut square, unused	.....	.10
" "	1870-81 10c	" "	.....	.15
" "	1870 81 24c	" "	used	.12
" "	1863 2c	" "	unused	.03
" "	War Wrapper	1c	" used	.01
" "	War Env.	3c	" Blue paper	.06
" "	" "	6c	" White "	.05
" "	" "	12c	" " "	.10
" "	" "	15c	" " "	.10
" "	" "	3c	" Fawn "	.06
" "	" "	3c	" Cream "	.06
" "	" "	3c	unused, " "	.10
" "	State Dept.	24c, Green, used	.....	.15
" "	Executive Dept.	1c, Carmine, used	.....	.15
" "	" "	3c	" "	.08
" "	Agriculture	" 1c Canary,	" "	.10
" "	Justice	" 10c Purple,	" "	.10
" "	" "	" 24c	" "	.25
" "	Navy	" 10c Blue,	" "	.10
" "	Treasury	" 12c Brown,	" "	.03
" "	" "	set of 6va, unused	.....	.85
" "	War	" 5va.	" "	.50
" "	Agriculture	" 2va.	" "	.10
" "	Interior	" 8va.	" "	1.50
" "	Agriculture	" 15c Straw,	" "	.75
" "	War Wrapper	1c, Cherry Red, cut square, used	.....	.05
" "	" "	Entire 3c Env. Reay die, used	.....	.07
" "	" "	3c Plimpton die, used, on Cream	.....	.25
" "	" "	No value Envelope	.....	.05

The balance due me on the exchange was \$12.50. It is needless to say that I never heard from this "Honest Italian Philatelist," although I had the registered letter traced, and found that it was delivered to him in person. I wrote him several letters, and finally put the claim into the hands of a firm of English dealers to collect, but fear the deal will never be amicably settled. I always follow up such claims with persistent tenacity, and usually get the "drop" on them in course of time. Some years ago I made an English dealer of repute very glad to come to my terms and pay ten per cent. interest on my claim from date of sale. You should have seen the letter he wrote when he found the game was up; as I have it before me I cannot refrain from giving snatches from it. "I thank you for your letter and am highly honored at being on your blackest list." "The photo. you so kindly sent me is in London at the moment, but I will return it the next time I go up there." I never received it. "After the nice way you opened your letter I think the sooner this correspondence is closed the more agreeable it will be for all parties." "The amount of your invoice is \$31.58; possessing the original statement in your handwriting I flatter myself I am correct in this particular." Then follows a lot more vapor, which I will not bore you with. When I received this letter I had a good laugh at his expense, and wrote him the following letter of condolence, to smooth his ruffled feathers:

"Your hastily, and evidently on the impulse of the moment written letter of the 20th ultimo just received. Thanks for your promptness in replying.

We now understand each other, and I trust will have no further trouble in arranging a satisfactory settlement. Of the two I hold I am the injured party, and a cool and collected review by you, of all the facts connected with our deal, from beginning to end, will convince you I am justified in making the assertion. However, as time is money, and money is scarce, you know, and as you are evidently in a hurry to close the account, we will to business get. Now as regards the statement you hold in my own handwriting, that is convincing evidence surely, but don't you think the party carrying another should be protected in the rise and fall of the market, and have the benefits of all advances in the commodity handled?" etc., etc., etc.

As this was my last deal in this line I will bring my "Trials and Tribulations" to a close.

H. B. Seagrave.

REVENUES.

The dawning of the day for Revenue Stamps is at hand. Throughout the country, from all portions, comes the demand for them, and with it the wail of regret, "Why did I not collect revenues a year or two ago? How many stamps I could have had at a small cost." And this is a fact. After you get two or three hundred revenues you find that you have to pay for all over that number prices that make you look blank. A collection of a thousand postage stamps can be procured for a much smaller amount than what you will have to pay for four hundred revenues. Many stamps that went begging for five and ten cents each a year or two ago now bring five times, and even ten times, that amount to-day, and are scarce at that. Prices in postage stamps have advanced very fast, but as a rule their advance will not compare with that of revenues. From the numbers that were used one would naturally suppose that revenues would be plentiful, but this is not the case, except in a very few instances. Where have the revenues gone to? Thousands have been sent to foreign countries, sold or given away in exchange for a trifle. Thousands also are lying away on old papers, musty and mildewed, and becoming discolored and worthless. Many are in the hands of Eastern dealers, who have bought them up and waited patiently until they should be wanted, and now they are beginning to reap the reward of their foresight and patience. How many valuable medicine stamps there are in drug stores, laid back on shelves and never seen, is something we cannot tell. A gentleman well known in philatelic circles chanced to run across several very rare medicine stamps which are to-day catalogued at two dollars each, yet the packages they were on were never sold for more than twenty-five cents. A little search among the drug stores would most amply repay those who would take the time to look this matter up. Revenue stamps have been regarded with some contempt, as being unworthy a philatelist's attention, when in reality they are not less interesting than postage stamps, and in our country are really more historical than the latter. I have myself collected postage and revenue stamps for many years, yet my revenue collection is as dearly prized as my postage collection. When I first began collecting stamps we had very few albums, in fact they were almost unknown, and we put our stamps in blank books (which I think even now are far more satisfactory than the best album made). Our postage stamps were put in first, and on the subsequent page followed the revenues of the same country; the latter did not detract any from the beauty of our collection, but were of as much interest and pride as the postage stamps; and as they were nearly always of native manufacture, it gave one an idea of the taste and cultivation of the various countries. Revenue stamps are in many cases superior to postage in beauty and design. Our revenue collections show many quaint and beautiful stamps, which compare favorably with our brother, Postage, in his best pages.

The United States revenues were first issued in 1862, and were issued unperforated, perforated, part-perforated, rouletted, double perforated, and also perforated by sewing machines. They were printed on plain white, unwatermarked paper, watermarked paper, silk, pink, violet, and green papers; the paper was also prepared by having the surface first covered with the same color the stamps were to be printed in, the stamp being printed after the paper was prepared. Stamps were printed on red, green, blue, brown, violet, and orange. This appears to have been done only in the first series of stamps issued. We find also that the government issued provisional or surcharged stamps to firms and individuals who were awaiting their private stamps, delayed by various causes. Of course, all cancellations are not surcharges, and there is a difference between the two. E. B. Sterling's Revenue Catalogue is a good guide and authority

in this matter,—and in fact for all revenues issued by the United States. And I would recommend it to the revenue collector as a standard handbook. But I have not time to dwell upon the many oddities and varieties of our revenue stamps; besides the regular United States issues the following states have issued stamps for their own use: Oregon, Nevada, Alabama, California and Louisiana. California heads the list, and according to Mr. Sterling has 284 varieties, ranging from four cents to one hundred dollars. Nevada has 23; from two cents to twentydollars; Oregon 11, from ten cents to one dollar, Louisiana 11, from five cents to five dollars; Alabama 3, from one dollar to three dollars. The Oregon stamps are some of the finest revenue stamps we have, being large rectangular stamps bearing the arms of the State surmounted by an eagle with outstretched wings. Among our foreign revenues those of Canada are the most familiar, the bill stamps bearing a profile of the queen; the later series bearing the bust of Queen Victoria, in widow's weeds, which portrait is said to be the best one of her on any stamp. The law stamps of Canada, Ontario, and Quebec, having the figure of Justice in various attitudes, are not inferior in beauty and design to our own famous periodical stamps. The German Empire and nearly all of the German States show us how common a stamp they can send out; they are neither beautiful nor tasteful. Some of the German States make improvements in design, shape, and color, and some are content with the same stamps the Empire uses. France gives us some beauties, both during the Empire and the Republic. The Republic gives us one of the most beautiful heads of liberty that can be found on a stamp, and also some that are as common and poor looking affairs as can be imagined. The later issues have a colored design of Peace and Plenty at the top of stamp—a very appropriate design. The telegraph stamps of France are often mistaken for postage by the inexperienced collector. England's revenues nearly all bear the profile of the Queen; the stamps are of all shapes and sizes, and of several colors. Austria and Hungary have some beautiful stamps; the Emperor Joseph is better known by the excellent picture on some of his revenue stamps than by any other picture of him—it will rank with the Brazil issue of 1878, and our own Garfield stamp. Italy has some of the quaintest designs of any of the various countries—but I have not the space to describe them now. I shall do it in another article, and describe some of the revenue stamps of Brazil, Denmark, Roumania, India, Mexico, and other countries whose revenues are worth collecting and arranging.

My brother in postage has no monopoly in oddity, beauty, and interest. I will add in conclusion that revenue collecting has as much interest, far more difficulty, and consequently more real pleasure, than has postage, envelope or postal card collecting for its devotees.

Wanderer.

GATHER up the fragments, so that none of them shall be lost. It is a great pity that so many philatelists should show such apathy in the matter of collecting and preserving the various items of interest relating to their pursuit, many of them of a transitory nature, that are continually floating about, seeking an abiding place. Provide yourself with a scrap book and prepare a home for these waifs; a few years hence they will be of much interest, and perhaps of value also. Who will say that another generation of stamp collectors will fail to read with interest the reports of the first national convention of philatelists? these were published in nearly all of the New York dailies, briefly, but correctly, in most instances. Secure all such items while there is yet time, for the life of a newspaper article is but very short, and the chances of obtaining copies of issues even but a few weeks old grow less every day.

MUSIC IN PHILATELY.

There is perhaps but a very small proportion of the stamp collectors of this country that are aware of the fact that music has contributed in a small way to their hobby. The writer has met with three American pieces of music, which, from the appearance of their title-pages, are wedded to philately. The first is the "Stamp Galop" by Arthur O'Leary. This piece was published by Oliver Ditson & Co., of Boston, in 1864. The title-page is embellished by fac-similes of forty-three stamps, in their original colors. They are quite correct in their general appearance and some are representations of very rare stamps. The principal stamp-issuing countries of that period are represented. This title is no longer in use, as among the number of stamps are three of the United States, and the law making it an offense to print fac-similes of this country's stamps has since gone into effect. To philatelists who have a library, this piece of music is quite an addition, and very few are fortunate enough to own a copy. There may possibly be copies in some of the old stocks of music, but it is doubtful, as they have been in demand of late and most of those remaining on hand have been sold. The price of this piece was sixty cents; the music is of a pleasing character, being spirited and lively.

The second piece is called "Postal Card Galop", by Wm. H. Pond, Jr. It was published in 1875 by W. H. Pond & Co., of New York. The title-page is illuminated with a reproduction of the first issue of the U. S. Postal Card. It is an exact fac-simile as regards color, size, and general appearance, but the wording is not exactly the same. On the face it says: "This is not a lawful U. S. Postal Card, and you may write the address and message where you like, and send it." On the stamp there appears: "Not U. S. Postage. Not one cent." The wording was changed so as to conform with the law and at the same time give a good illustration of the card. This is also a fine curiosity for collectors and will no doubt be in demand. The price of it is forty cents.

The third piece is a song entitled "Good-Bye Old Stamp. Song and chorus, by Uncle Sam, author of all the stamps; words by Sam, Jr." It was issued in 1883 when the old three-cents green was succeeded by the present two-cents stamp. The publishers are H. S. Perkins & Co., Chicago. On the title-page, in the center is printed, in green, a large three-cents stamp, about three times as large as the original stamp. Above the center is the inscription: "To those who buy, by those who bought," followed by an epitaph which says:

"By an Act of Congress into being I came,
With a smiling face and a noble name.
I met my death by an act of the same,
In March '83, I say to my shame."

There is also a stamp of the original size in each corner, making five in all on the title-page. Above the first page of music is a condensed history of postage and stamps. The words of the song are very humorous, and all musical collectors when they hear of it will want a copy, which may be had for forty cents. The words of this song will be found familiar by many collectors, as they were published in most of the philatelic papers about the time of the old stamp's demise. The writer has heard of several foreign pieces of music that are of interest to philatelists, but has not been able to obtain copies of them, or information concerning them. Should any of my readers chance to know of any other music of a philatelic nature, either American or foreign, the writer would be thankful for such information as they can afford.

Post Master.

EDITORIAL CHAT.

In spite of the numerous failures in the attempt to establish a stamp journal in Chicago, we come before the many collectors of the country with the firm determination to give them a good monthly journal and to continue it for one year, twelve issues, even if we do not receive a cent's worth of support. This conclusion is arrived at after due reflection and consideration of the expense of the undertaking. Several members of the Chicago Philatelic Society comprise the company which publish this journal, and they are pledged collectively and individually to furnish the necessary support for twelve issues. When that time has elapsed its future will depend largely upon the reception that has been accorded it.

THE WESTERN PHILATELIST will be mailed promptly on the first day of each month,—this issue being sent out two weeks in advance of the regular time. A special effort will be made to have its day of issue regular and uniform, in order that subscribers may be able to depend upon having it at a certain fixed date every month.

We trust that philatelists will rally to our support and indicate by their subscriptions whether they desire us to continue publication for a longer time than we have agreed upon. We wish all collectors to understand that they have our guarantee to furnish them a definite number of issues, and we will also add that in case anything should prevent our issuing the same, the amount of the unexpired subscriptions will be returned to subscribers. Now don't wait all winter before subscribing,—don't wait until your neighbor has subscribed,—don't wait to see another issue,—and—don't fail to subscribe at once.

Advertisers are requested to consider our journal in making their annual contracts. We shall print and mail 1500 copies every month, and more when occasion demands. These copies will reach a large and select list of stamp collectors, many of whom are not reached by any existing journals. Our rates are placed at the very lowest point, and offer, in connection with the circulation we guarantee, an extraordinary inducement to dealers.

Contributions are solicited from all collectors who are able and willing to take up the pen for the enlightenment of their fellow-collectors. Manuscripts sent us will receive careful attention, and if accepted, such revision as may be necessary, if requested.

We should like to exchange with all philatelic papers extant, and with papers having a stamp department.

Mr. Patrick Chalmers is circulating the new edition of his "Submission of the Sir Rowland Hill Committee" quite extensively in this country, and with beneficial results, too. We have no doubt but that many of our societies will follow in the steps of the Chicago Society, whose resolutions will be found in another column. The views of the president of the A. P. A. on this subject have been widely circulated, and will carry much weight with philatelists. Outside of philatelic circles the subject has been taken up by the daily press. The Chicago *Herald*, in an editorial headed "Who Gummed the Stamps," published last April, says, "Long may it [the adhesive stamp] stick there to honor him [Mr. Chalmers.]" The New York *Leader* in a two-column article headed "Monumental Fraud," takes up Mr. Chalmers' cause in behalf of "that tardy justice which after nearly half a century now begins to acknowledge his claim." All philatelists who have not yet investigated this subject should read Mr. Chalmers' masterly presentation of the facts.

THE PHILATELIC SOCIETIES.

We shall be glad to have all societies represented in this department, and will send THE WESTERN PHILATELIST free to those regularly sending us reports of their meetings. Reports must reach us not later than the 15th of each month.

AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

"Official Circular No. 2," which is just issued, informs us that affairs are beginning to assume business-like proportions. The number of original members in good standing, *i. e.*, those who have paid their dues, was 116 on December 1. Added to this number are the twenty-four new members elected in November, and the present circular has a list of eleven new applicants. It is very likely that a considerable number of the original members who have not yet paid up will do so in the near future.

The office of Counterfeit Detector still remains unfilled; why, nobody can conjecture. The other departments are ready for business, and collectors can now begin to find out and appreciate the advantages of the organization. So far the Chicago Philatelic Society has been the only one to join the association in a body; it is difficult to understand why the other societies are so backward in this manner, as the advantages of the exchange department can best be secured through branch societies. It is to be hoped that philatelic societies will take up and act upon this matter at once.

The *American Philatelist* is now definitely announced to appear on January 10th. The publication of this journal will be a matter of considerable expense and the Association needs a much larger membership than it now has to support it. All collectors having an interest in philately that extends beyond the narrow limits of their own collection should lose no time in applying for membership; thereby lending their support to the greatest philatelic undertaking this country has ever witnessed, and, at the same time, securing to themselves the benefits that are bound to accrue from such an alliance. To those persons whose mental vision does not extend beyond the length of their nose these remarks are useless, but to the philatelist possessing ordinary foresight their application will be understood.

The official journal will be sent to members only, and no copies will be sold to outsiders nor will duplicates be furnished members. Advertisements will be received *from members only* and will be limited in space to one-half column; none less than one-fourth column will be received.

CHICAGO PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

The meeting of Dec. 2 was called to order promptly at 8 o'clock, President Bradt in the chair. Messrs. Bradt, Wolsieffer, Gadsden, Mitchell, Shelton, Pierce, Voute, Heuer, Haskell, and Holtfodt were present.

Minutes of preceding meeting were read and approved. The name of Mr. M. A. Thompson was proposed for active membership and that of Mr. S. B. Bradford for corresponding membership. Referred to executive committee, who reported favorably, after which both candidates were elected. Librarian Shelton reported the receipt of a file of the *Stamp* from its publishers, also the receipt of "Submission of the Sir Rowland Hill Committee" from Mr. Patrick Chalmers. On motion, votes of thanks were passed for both the donations. Mr. Pierce presented the society with two sets of illuminated cards bearing representations of the stamps and currency of various countries, and was rewarded with a vote of thanks.

The committee appointed to provide for an official journal for the society reported in favor of the WESTERN PHILATELIST. Unanimously approved.

On motion of Vice-President Wolsieffer, the following resolutions were unanimously carried:

Resolved, That this Society fully endorses the decision of the "Encyclopedia Britannica", which establishes the fact of Mr. James Chalmers having been the originator of the Adhesive Postage Stamp; that this important decision was achieved by the untiring efforts of Mr. Patrick Chalmers; and that, therefore, Mr. Patrick Chalmers be hereby tendered the thanks of this Society.

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to furnish a copy of these resolutions to Mr. Patrick Chalmers; also to provide for their printing in various philatelic journals.

A communication from Mr. E. B. Hanes, Exchange Supt. A. P. A., was read, after which the exercises of the evening were opened by Secretary Gadsden, with a very interesting paper on the subject of "The Stamps of Baden." The paper was highly appreciated, and, taken in connection with the informal discussion which followed, goes to show how much interest can be awakened even on so hackneyed a subject as this, by proper treatment. The auction sale was lively and full of interest—an English wrapper with two impressions of the stamp, one being surcharged "cancelled," being an object of rivalry between two members; it was knocked down finally for one dollar. The proceeds of the sale were above the average. At the close of the auction the committee on entertainment appointed Mr. Voute essayist for the next meeting. Adjourned.

C. R. Gadsden, Sec'y.

DENVER STAMP COLLECTORS' LEAGUE.

This society is reported as being in a flourishing and happy condition, with interesting meetings and full attendance. It has some good material in it and is doing much for philately in the West. The *Denver Times*, of recent date, published a notice of one of their sociables, which are an interesting feature of the society. We will furnish regular reports, in full, in the future.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Christmas issue of the *Empire State Philatelist* is the first exchange to reach us. It is an excellent number and we must congratulate brother Watkins on the progress, *not* slow, made under his management.

In our next issue we will publish a carefully prepared monograph on the Turkish stamps, prepared by one of the leading collectors of Chicago.

We are informed that Mr. W. G. Whilden, Jr., has been appointed correspondent of the *Chicago Tribune* for his vicinity. We are glad to hear of it.

The meetings of the Chicago Society have been very successful since its reorganization. Mr. Pierce, who has kindly given the Society the use of his office, treats the boys right royally.

Mr. Theo. F. Cuno is doing much for the cause. His latest recruit was a girl. Haven't you enough philatelists in your family now to form a "branch society", friend Cuno?

Some correspondence, etc., in relation to U. S. envelope stamps surrounded by advertisements was unavoidably crowded out of this issue. It will appear next month.

Mr. E. L. French, of Wellington, Ohio, announces that he has in press a new candidate for philatelic favor—the *Buckeye Philatelist*. He has our best wishes.

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Chicago has a special messenger delivery that uses a card the size of and very similar to our postal card. The wording is in two lines, the lower one straight, the upper curved; confined in appropriate scroll work in the right hand corner is a square design, like a stamp, containing a head of liberty; the lower half of the card is left blank for the address, the communication being placed on the reverse.

If you are not already a member of the American Philatelic Association, send in your application; if you are a member, and have not yet paid your annual dues, pay them at once,—the association needs money; if you are a member "in good standing" aid the association by seeking new recruits, and thereby adding to its strength.

RECORD OF NEW ISSUES.

We desire correspondents in all parts of the world to furnish early and accurate information concerning new issues. Dealers and others furnishing prompt notice of new issues, with specimens or minute descriptions, will receive proper acknowledgment.

AUSTRIAN ITALY.—The following surcharges have been issued for use in Turkey: 20p. on 5s., 1 pi. on 10s., 2 pi. on 20s., 5 pi. on 50s.

BARBADOES.—The following are reported: 6d. gray, 1sh. red-brown, 5sh. yellow-brown.

FINLAND.—A new double card, 10p., red and black on buff.

FRANCE.—The current 25c. has been surcharged 1 pi. for use in Turkey.

GERMAN EMPIRE.—The current 10p. card has received different inscriptions.

GUATEMALA.—On Nov. 12 a provisional 1c. on 2c. brown made its appearance. Only 60,000 of these were printed, as the new 1c. is expected very soon. This new 1c., and also the 5c., will be like the issue of August last, except that they will be engraved instead of lithographed. As fast as the different stamps of the August issue run out they will be replaced by similar ones, but engraved instead of lithographed.

NORTH BORNEO.—These stamps now have the inscription "British North Borneo."

PARAGUAY.—Surcharged "Official" 1, 2, 5, 7, 10, 15, and 20 centavos—each of a different design. Mr. Bogert says that they will, without the surcharge, replace the current issue when that is exhausted.

UNITED STATES.—The long-looked-for new postal card is in circulation at last, and is certainly the most artistic card we have yet had. The old custom of placing the stamp in the corner has been abandoned and the portrait now appears at top-centre, in a circle, with the words "one cent" below and confined by a narrow outer circle; above is "United States" in a curved scroll, on either side of the portrait are the words "Postal" and "Card" confined in appropriate scroll work. Underneath the whole, and very close to it, is the inscription "Nothing but the address to be on this side." Impression in black ink.

A new 2c. stamp is announced to appear shortly.

EXCHANGES AND WANTS.

Those of our subscribers who have any articles to exchange that are of interest or value to collectors generally are invited to make use of this department without charge. Notices exceeding three lines in length will be charged for at the rate of five cents for each additional line. We reserve the privilege of rejecting any we do not think it best to print.

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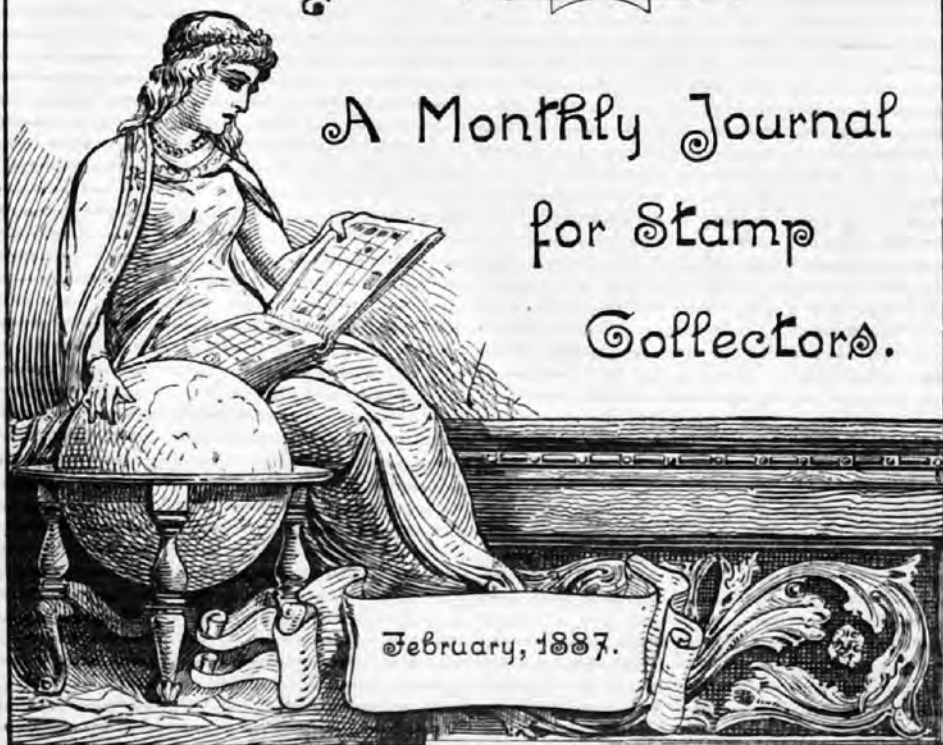


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U. S. ENVELOPES AS AN ADVERTISING MEDIUM.

Early in the spring of last year the attention of the writer was directed to a two-cents U. S. envelope of the current type with an advertisement surrounding it,—following the outlines of the embossed stamp and being printed in the same color of ink; in fact, one might easily have imagined that the entire design had been worked up by one impression. The firm using this stamp was the well-known house of D. Appleton & Company.

Although aware that such attempts at advertising had been made some years ago in this country, and that it had been and still was permitted in England, the writer was much surprised to see it again in use here, and wondered greatly that the authorities should sanction it; for it was presumed that they did sanction it or it would not be used by the firm that employed it. However, it was found later that it was not sanctioned by the P. O. authorities, for upon writing to Messrs. Appleton & Company a reply was received, from which the following is quoted:

"I had never heard that the government has interfered with the placing of a firm's imprint on an envelope, in the manner described in the clipping you enclose. . . . As you will note, this envelope emanates from one department of our business only; other departments have their own imprints. We had but a very limited number of these envelopes, and have not used them generally, for the reason that our envelopes are usually addressed by mail clerks and as a consequence many are wasted. We therefore find it more economical to use the ordinary plain envelope, so that postage is not lost with the destruction of the envelope. Those we have used have, so far as we know, gone through the postoffice without objection from the postal authorities; and as an evidence that there is no objection to them, I will enclose this letter in one."

This letter is signed by the manager of the department from which these envelopes emanate. The "imprint", as it is termed in the letter above quoted, consists of a narrow band, five millimetres in width, entirely surrounding the postal impression, and containing, in the upper half, "D. Appleton & Co."; in the lower half, "Educational Publishers"; and in the space opposite the numerals of the stamp the letters "N" and "Y";—the color is almost identical with that of the stamp. The size of the envelope is No. 4½ (commercial); the die that of Nov. '82; paper, white; watermark, "82."

Later on the writer encountered another attempt to make an advertising medium of the government stamp. This time the specimens hailed from Butte City, Montana, and were used by the Bonner Mercantile Company of that city. It differed from the other in shape, being rectangular. In this case both the one cent and the two cents envelopes were utilized. The government did not permit these to remain long in use, as will be seen by reading the extract given from a letter written by the firm using the advertisement. We quote the following:

"The writer believes the idea to have originated with our Mr. ———, who is now out of town, and we cannot therefore state positively. He sent us thirty thousand. We had been

using them about three weeks when we received a somewhat lengthy but very polite notice from the government to discontinue their use as soon as we could conveniently do so. The department at the same time instructed the post office here to redeem our stock of the envelopes at the value of the stamps. We ordered a new supply on the receipt of the notice from the government and as soon as received. We must of course obey the mandate."

The imprint used by this company makes a rectangle of the oval embossed by the government; the corners around the stamp being filled in with fine horizontal lines and the outer frame containing, at the top, corner ornaments and the word "Mercantile", at the left "Bonner", at the right "Company", and at the bottom "Butte City, M. T." The size of the stamp and imprint is 38x42 millimetres. As before stated these envelopes come in the one cent and two cent values, each in its proper color. The size in both values is No. 5 (extra letter). The dies are, for the one cent, "B", two cents, Nov. '82; the color in both values is white, and the watermark "82".

But one other recent envelope of this nature has come under the writer's observation. This ought to be familiar to philatelists, as it consists of the current envelope with the following inscription:

E. J. Stebbins, Philatelist, Adrian, Mich.

This inscription is in curved lines around the stamp and is printed in black ink. The specimen before me is on a 4½ size, amber envelope, "82" watermark.

In addition to the above, Mr. Sterling has furnished the following list of recent envelopes of this nature:

Full letter; 1882; 2 cents; die, Nov. '82; watermark, 82; color, white; shape, square; Mutual Life Insurance Co., New York.

Extra letter; 1882; 2 cents; die, Nov. '82; watermark, 82; color, white; shape, square; Mutual Life Insurance Co., New York

Extra letter; 1882; 2 cents; die, Nov. '82; watermark, 82; color, amber; shape, triangular; Wm. McDermuth & Co., New York.

In the next edition of Mr. Sterling's excellent catalogue there will be given a list of all envelopes that have appeared with advertisements in connection with the stamps, as far as its compiler has been able to discover them. To Mr. Sterling's advance sheets of this publication the writer is indebted for the following list, which gives all except the envelopes which have been treated in this article:

Full letter, 3c, 1864, rose, white paper, George F. Nesbitt & Co., stationers, New York, deep blue.

Full letter, 3c, 1864, rose, buff paper, George F. Nesbitt & Co., stationers, New York, deep blue.

Full letter, 2c, 1870, brown, orange paper, W. F. Seebeck, 3 Vesey street, New York, deep blue.

Extra letter, 3c, 1878, blue (star), orange paper, W. F. Seebeck, 3 Vesey street, New York, vermilion.

Extra letter, 3c, 1878, green (star), white paper, W. F. Seebeck, 3 Vesey street, New York, red.

" " 3c, 1878, " " amber " " " " " " " "

" " 3c, 1878, " " USPOD, blue " " " " " " " "

Official 3c, 1878, " " cream " " " " " " " "

" 5c, 1878, " " " " " " " " " "

Official, 3c, 1878, vermilion U.S.P.O.D., amber paper, W. F. Seebeck, 3 Vesey street, New York, deep blue.

Full letter, 3c, 1878, green U.S.P.O.D., white paper, Bates & Coates, 209 Church st., Philadelphia, green.

Full letter, 2c, vermilion U.S.P.O.D., cream paper, Bates & Coates, 209 Church st., Philadelphia, vermilion.

The issue of these, Mr. Sterling says, has been stopped in every case by the government, it being unlawful to deface the stamps in such a manner. In the case of Appleton & Co., however, the envelopes are known to be in circulation at the present time.

It is very likely that there are still some additions to make to this list, and the writer would be grateful for any information of such.

Philo.

THE STAMPS OF TURKEY.



The above illustrations show the signature of the Sultan as it appears on the first issue of Turkish stamps, and the Turkish values as they appear in the design of the stamps.

The object of this sketch is to try to explain the values and the issues as they follow each other, so that they can be easily placed and deciphered, and I give the values above in the Turkish and English, as better explaining the same. To most collectors it is quite difficult to place and locate these stamps, and in many of the collections that I have seen, they are generally placed without any regard to their values or dates of issue. In the 1876 issue the values were put on in English, and if these would be studied by the philatelic student he could very soon decipher the Turkish values, as they are very nicely given in the small triangles formed by the crescent and band containing "Emp. Ottoman." It will also be observed that in looking over the early Persian issues, the values are very nearly the same, and having mastered the Turkish values it will be very easy to place the Persian stamps correctly.

The first stamps of Turkey were issued in 1863, on both thin and thick colored paper,—of the latter only the two first values. Their values are 20 paras, yellow; 1 piastre, lilac; 2 piastres, blue; and 5 piastres, rose. They show the signature of the sultan, a crescent containing an inscription and value in Turkish in a circle below, with ornaments at sides, each different in the respective values, as are also the upper corner ornaments, which are all done in black; at the bottom of each stamp is a stenciled band, showing characters in color of stamp, and apparently running across the whole sheet,—red in all the values, except the 5 piastres, which is in blue. The unpaid letter stamps of the same issue are on very thin paper, and all of the same color (red-brown), with blue bands at bottom; all these stamps were issued imperforate.

The issue of 1865 have the star and crescent in a pearled oval and ornamented band, with the values in small circles in all corners, with four black inscriptions surcharged on the band; perforation $1\frac{1}{2}$. The values are 10 paras, green; 20 paras, yellow; 1 piastre, gray or lilac; 2 piastres, blue; 5 piastres, carmine; and 25 piastres, vermillon.

The issue of 1867 is similar with the exception of the black surcharge, which is, taking the top one for a guide, very nearly one-eighth inch smaller and has not so many characters or lines as the first or '65 issue.

The unpaid letter stamps (these are stamps placed on letters from interior places having no postoffice, the receiver of letter paying postage to the amount indicated by the stamps,—similar to our due stamps) are all of the same color (red-brown), with the large surcharge ('65 issue) and of the values 20 paras, 1, 2, 5, and 25 piastres. Those of the '67 issue are a stone-brown color, with the same values and the smaller surcharge. All of the above issues are nicely done, and easy to place if sufficient study is given to the values and surcharges.

Most albums give the next issue as that of 1869-73, but there have been three distinct issues, those of '69, which are fairly done, with clear impressions and good perforations (13½); then the issue of 1871, which is quite indistinct and pin perf. (7x11); and the last, that of '73, very indistinct but well perf. (12 and 13). The main change is in the black surcharge, and also the colors of the different values, which are: 10 paras, violet; 20 pa., green; 1 pias., yellow; 2 pias., red; 5 pias., blue, and 25 pias., dull carmine. They are all from the same plates, and I think, being engraved in *épargne*, that is where the design stands out from the material used, it is very easy for the plates to become so filled with color as to lose most of the design and eventually make one blotch of color, the black surcharge giving the only guide to classify them, and the color indicating the value.

The unpaid series have an additional brown, or red-brown, border and surcharge, and yellow, brown and pale brown color respectively; the values are 20 paras, 1, 2, 5, and 25 piastres.

The issue of the latter part of 1875 has the value given in piastres, in English, in center, with heavy surcharge around band: these can easily be placed and need no further description; likewise the remaining issues up to date,—although three stamps were issued with the large surcharge, early in 1876, without the English value given in centre; the values are 10 paras, mauve; 20 paras, green; and 1 pias., yellow.

In some future paper I will try to give an explanation of several of the "cheir" or local surcharges, and also the "Catchak" or contraband series, which are quite interesting; they are very often taken for postmarks, and many a good specimen will escape the collector, through his not being able to detect them.

J. H. H.

A FLATLISTS ECKSPERIENS.

SUMWHERS, January 10/87.

Mistur Editur:

i seen in yure paper thet eny feller what hed a litel gumpshun an cud rite sumthin about Flatlicks, wud git a hearin frum yu ef he sent suthin writ about flatlicks tu yure paper, an es i hev hed a gud deel uv eckspERIENS, bein a stamp coleckter fur near a yere i thot i wud tel yu about it—in the first plais i wil tel yu how i begun—i hev got a yung bruther thet taiks strecks et doin things an he tuk a noshun tu coleck stamps an i thot i wud help him es i hed onst hed a coleckshun uv mi owen—so i bot one uv them buks fur stamps maid by a feller naimed Scott, wots got lots of picters uv stamps in so's to maik it essier tu find whear the stamps belongs—wel he comenst tu colleck stamps an got about a hunderd, an then he giv it up an hed to go to skule, so he lef me the colleckshun, an the truble comenst—It must hev bin a month befoar i got eny moar, then a feller in the plais whear i wurk shoad me a lot uv stamps he hed, besides his colleckshun he calld them duplikits—When i tole him i was a coleckter he giv me the hul lot, an i thot i was doin purty well. i put them in mi buk an stuck them in tite with muckilige sose they

wudnt cum out—in a day or too he shoald me sum moar he hed got on sheats from fellers named Mikell an Mason and sed i cud take what i wanted an pay him fur them, the price bein marked on them. Well i tuk every one uv them, an every time he got sum i tuk what was left thet he didnt want, an wasnt in mi coleckshun—i never nowed fur a long time he was gettin his stamps fur nuthin becos he wus gettin a commishun on all wat was taken; an i was payin fur hiz stamps. After a whil i heard uv a feller in our town wat wus sellin stamps, en i went tu see him an bot till i wus busted—Then he giv me sum sheats an i went en sold sum tu the feller i usto bye uv en i got a cummishun on them, an so got even with the feller—i kep on spendin all mi money fur stamps till i got together nigh onto 2000 stamps an hed moar then the other feller—Along about this time i hed to hev sum money an wus purty hard up, an hed tu sel sum stamps. So the feller i was tellin about an another feller tuk about 500 uv the best uv them an i got \$30.00 an pade wot i ode an hed sum left. Well i got purty discouraged, but i was bound to hev as menny es the other fellers an so i took wot money was left an went on an bot moare stamps from the feller who wus sellin them. He toald me about a sossiety uv coleckters wat wus bein organised all oaver the Kuntry an i thot it wud be a gud skeam fur me tu joain bein a coleckter—i writ a letter to the feller wot wus organisin the thing an he sent me sum paipers tu maick out an i got the other too fellers to joain tu, i sent the paipers tu the feller an he rote back an askt us tu cum tu a meatin uv a sossiety in our toun the neckst weak, wel we went tu the meatin an thear was about a dossen other fellers thear who wus coleckters, an they wus talkin about the new nashunal sossiety an who to hev fur officers—i wanted tu tell them i wus willin tu be preasident uv the nu sossiety, but they wus in faver uv sum uther feller so i didnt say nuthin. After the meatin they hed a auction sail an a feller got up an knockt down a lot uv postil kards tu the highest bidder—well i got a lot becos i got ecsited and bid moar then the uther fellers—That got me a started collecktin postil kards, an i maid a pointment with one of the fellers tu bring me sum postils the neckst day. Well he brot a hull lot an i tuk about 75. But i hed tu stop then es i cudnt aford to buy eny moar. One nite i went tu sea a feller wat belongd tu the sossiety an he shoald me his coleckshun an it kinder tuk the shine outen me becos i found i didnt hev haf so menny stamps as he hed—an he hed a lot uv wat he called coler varietyts thet i didnt know nothin about. i kinder tuk a shine tu the colers an befoar i left i bot a lot frum him. Whean i got hoam i foun a lot moar an tuk lots of interes in them an commenst tu spend mi money fur them, an got purty well broke befoar i stopt—This feller was grate shakes on Revenuu stamps an envelopes and locils but i cudnt aford tu tackle them es i wus moar interestid in the strait stickin stamps then i wus in them, so i maid up mi mind tu let the Revenuus an locils, an provishinals aloan till i got most uv the uthers, but i gess wil hev tu let them go then becos thay will cost tu much—When the Amerikin sossiety wus organist i wanted to go tu the meatin in Nu York an be eleckted preasident or janiter, but i was sick an cudnt go so i gess i will have tu wate til the next eleckshun, an then the fellers wat is in it will kno me better an then thay will eleck me tu sum offis an i wil set up the bear all round—i tell yu Mistur Editur the Americkin Sociashun is a grate thing an all the coleckters otto joain, but sum uv them ar afraid i gess, an sum aint got much muney. i no too or threa fellers wat is fixt thet way—an i tole them tu send in their applicashun, an giv me five cents a day til thay got notis that thay wus elected, an thay wud hev a dollar an a half an i wud giv the uther half, an i think lots moar uv the fellers ought tu do the same thing if thay think any thing uv the sosiashun an tuk as much pride in it es i do—Let every feller put his sholder tu the wheel an help a little besides pain his own doos an it wil be a grate suckses. Theres lots uv fellers spesially yung fellers who wud join an cud

rase the munny in that way i spoak uv an if the members wud help them, the sosiashun wud be a grand one.

□Sinse i hev bin in the sosiashun an sossiety i hev groan about 2 feat in hite an importens an am glad tu be conekted with a lot uv square fellers, an not be likely tu run aginst one uv them beats wot goes up in a back room an makes the stamps, an then sells them for the only genooine ones in the mar- kit.—Well Mistur Editur i gess i hev writ enuf an i onely hoap yu wont put it in the waist baskit an thet this wil be an indusement tu sum uther feller to giv his ecksperiens an opinyun. i am, yures flatlickaly,

Phil. Atelic.

ENGLAND'S "JUBILEE" STAMPS.

What will be the verdict of the public upon the result of the committee's labors remains to be seen. To some extent there is a question of taste involved, and that being so it will be very odd if the authorities altogether escape adverse criticism. Six months' use may also develop other grounds for criticism which are not at present apparent. Nevertheless, we are inclined to think that the general verdict will be one of hearty approval of the new issue. As we have intimated, the penny stamp remains unchanged. No reasonable complaint has ever been made against this stamp, and now that all the others are changed it has a distinctiveness which is all that it ever needed. It is an admirable stamp, perfect in its adhesiveness, neat in appearance, and is now absolutely unmistakable for any other. All the other designs are entirely new, except that the Queen's head, identical with that which figures in the old stamps, forms the central object of the new. We need not attempt to describe the stamps, as any one who chooses may now see them for himself. We may, however, point out one feature—or to be more strictly correct, perhaps we ought to say the absence of one feature—which may escape attention. All the old stamps, except the penny, had certain letters in the corners of them. This was a traditional idea from quite the early days of postage stamps. It was originally conceived as a safeguard against fraud. It was foreseen that dishonest persons would attempt sometimes to make up a new stamp by piecing together portions of old stamps which had not come under the canceling stamp; and these corner letters would, it was thought, by coming together in illegitimate combinations, render such frauds easy of detection, however cleverly the piecing might be performed. Practically, however, it has been found that it has not served this purpose. The heads of the departments have tested their own officers by sending irregular combinations of letters through the post, and they have found that they have been passed. These letters therefore have been abolished, and the space they occupied brought into the general design. There are ten new stamps altogether, making eleven with the familiar penny, and though minute criticism may possibly find fault in them on points of artistic merit, it will be impossible, we think, to deny that they present all the essentials of thoroughly good stamps in a very high degree. No two of them at all resemble each other either in design or color, and cannot possibly be mistaken one for the other even at the merest glance. With the exception of the penny, the shilling, and the halfpenny, each stamp bears on its face its value, in figures, and those three exceptions have an individuality all their own; while, by way of variety, their value is expressed in words. Taking them altogether, we are inclined to say that they are thoroughly distinctive, though quite uniform in size and shape; they are handsome in design and pleasing in color, and, while they are characterized by simplicity, and what artists call "repose," they are sufficiently elaborate in detail to render forgery practically impossible.—*London Daily News, Jan. 1, 1887.*

EDITORIAL CHAT.

WE certainly have every reason to feel grateful for the kind reception tendered our first issue, and take this opportunity to thank our friends and the philatelic public in general for the warm welcome accorded us. Further avowals of our intention to remain in the field, we have entered upon are unnecessary after the guarantees we have previously offered, and we will simply go ahead and produce the journal; trusting to eventually receive that support that present indications seem to promise.

WHILE there can be no doubt but that a well conducted record of new issues of stamps is something that every philatelist needs, there is also no doubt of there being already in the field a number of periodicals having such as their principal object. After much consideration of this subject we have finally determined that the limited space at our command could be better made to serve our readers by putting the space which a complete record should occupy to other uses. We shall, however, from time to time continue to publish such items in regard to new issues as reach us at first hand, but we do not wish to impose upon our readers' good nature by re-hashing a lot of matter they have probably already seen a number of times.

THERE is one point at which we desire that support which cannot be given in subscriptions, namely: good, readable articles. It matters not that you are unable to do fine writing. Provided you have information of value to impart to stamp collectors, the style of composition is of secondary importance. Of course, we should be only too happy to have articles sent in that were all ready to hand to the printer, but the fact is there are very few writers on our subject who can supply such articles. But there are, on the other hand, many who possess the material and lack the experience or ability to properly dress their articles, and therefore remain silent when they have much that should be uttered. To all such we extend a cordial invitation to *make the effort*. If the article has the true ring its merits will be readily recognized in spite of its dress; and we can be depended upon to see that the latter is presentable before placing it before our readers.

THE subject of fraudulent dealings in connection with stamps is one that has been treated in all its forms. Still it may not be out of place to recur to it again; for the fact is that many collectors throughout the country are being victimized daily by unscrupulous vendors of these wares. We were obliged to refuse an exchange notice to one of our subscribers by reason of our discovering that the stamps he had for exchange were of the *Dresser* variety. The person was evidently ignorant of the character of the goods, as he sent us a sheet with an invitation to exchange. Instead of doing this, however, we suppressed his notice and gave him some sound advice on the subject of stamp dealers. The American Association has taken a step forward in this matter. Now let them advance another step, and take pains to see that all reputable publishers are made aware of the kind of stuff they are aiding these men to sell. We do not think that Messrs. Harper & Bros. and others would knowingly allow their advertising space to be used for the purpose of furthering the sale of these worthless bits of paper, and the American Association should see that they are made fully aware of the facts. Once shut these goods out of the advertising columns of all respectable publications, and you strike the evil at its root;—boys do not see such advertisements in the stamp journals, but in the reputable family or young peoples' journals.

THE PHILATELIC SOCIETIES.

We shall be glad to have all societies represented in this department, and will send THE WESTERN PHILATELIST free to those regularly sending us reports of their meetings. Reports must reach us not later than the 15th of each month.

AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

The *American Philatelist* has at length appeared and gives promise of becoming that journal which the society stands so much in need of. Its contents consist largely of official news.

Mr. E. A. Holton, of Boston, Mass., has been appointed Counterfeit Detector.

The Board of Trustees have made a report in which Elmer A. Dresser, of Salem, Mass., figures prominently as a dealer in counterfeits. Three other parties are also arraigned.

The application of J. A. Petrie, which was printed in the January list, with Messrs. Tiffany and Bogert as references, has caused several objections to be raised. Both the parties referred to decline to act as sponsors for the candidate, and say the reference was unauthorized.

The delinquent charter members are coming forward rather slowly with their dues. Pay up or resign before the Association takes steps for your expulsion.

The membership now numbers 167; a gain of 24 since the first of January.

Membership cards were issued about the 20th ultimo. The design is neat and tasteful.

CHICAGO PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Meeting of Dec. 16th. The President being absent, Vice President Wolsieffer occupied the chair. Motion carried providing that new members be not liable for dues for the month in which they are elected. Essay by Mr. Voute on the stamps of Bergedorf. In the absence of Mr. Bradt, the auction sale was conducted by Mr. Gadsden.

Meeting of Dec. 30. Nine members in attendance, the President in the chair. The business of the evening was the election of officers, which resulted as follows: President, S. B. Bradt; Vice President, P. M. Wolsieffer; Secretary, C. R. Gadsden; Treasurer, T. J. Mitchell; Librarian, E. W. Voute; Executive Committee, J. A. Pierce, H. F. Heuer, and M. A. Thompson. A resolution was carried providing that no trading in stamps shall be permitted during the meetings of the Society. On motion of Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Gadsden, Mr. Patrick Chalmers was unanimously elected an honorary member of the Society. Resolutions governing the auction sales of stamps by the Society were proposed and adopted.

Meeting of Jan. 13. Eight members in attendance, President Bradt in the chair. The Treasurer made his annual report, which showed the finances of the Society to be in a healthy condition. Very little business came before the meeting, but much informal discussion was indulged in. Mr. Mitchell exhibited a Baton Rouge local on original envelope, and imparted the information that these stamps were used not only in Baton Rouge but were distributed all along the river by the steamers plying thereon. Meeting adjourned at 11 P. M.

C. R. Gadsden, Sec'y.

DENVER STAMP COLLECTORS' LEAGUE.

The meeting of January 13th was well attended, President Feldwisch in the chair. Several communications were read by the Secretary and ordered placed on file. A resolution was adopted deploring the death of Mr. L. M. Hamlen. The President then stated that he was in receipt of a communication from Mr. E. B. Hanes, Exchange Supt., A. P. A., inquiring about the possibility of forming a branch society in Denver. As we have not enough members (we lack one) of the A. P. A. to form a branch society, a committee was appointed to labor with the members who had not yet joined the A. P. A., and see whether they could not be persuaded to join, the committee to report at next meeting. Considerable miscellaneous business was transacted, and the Society adjourned at 8:50.

Fred W. Feldwisch, Sec'y.

POMEROY PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Pomeroy Philatelic Society was held on the evening of the sixth of January; attendance good. The question of appointing a librarian for the Society was brought up and was referred to a committee of three members, Krumm, Parker, and Eberth, with instructions to report at next meeting. On motion of Mr. C. B. Murphy the subject of the inventor of the adhesive stamp was brought up and the resolutions adopted by the Chicago and other societies were read, together with extracts from pamphlets furnished by Mr. P. Chalmers, the opinion of the Society being that Mr. James Chalmers was entitled to the credit of being the inventor of the adhesive stamp. The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of the members of the Pomeroy Philatelic Society of Toledo, Ohio, that Mr. James Chalmers of England was the inventor of the adhesive stamp.

The Secretary was instructed to forward a copy of the resolution to Mr. Patrick Chalmers. The Secretary read letters from different officers of the American Association showing the advantages to be derived from joining the same. The Pomeroy Society being a branch of the American Association, the Secretary was instructed to fill out what sheets he could and forward to Superintendent Hanes as soon as possible. After devoting an hour or more to comparing collections, the meeting adjourned.

E. D. Kline, Sec'y.

HARTFORD PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

At the regular semi-monthly meeting, held Jan. 6th, the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing six months: Pres., Isaiah Baker, Jr.; Vice-Pres., Frank Orr; Lib., C. E. Hastings; Sec'y and Treas., H. E. Pratt. As a basis of exchange it was decided to use Scott's Catalogue, 48th edition, postage, and Sterling's Catalogue, 4th edition, for revenues. Mr. Orr was appointed a committee of one to have a scrap book made for the library. Communication read from Mr. S. B. Bradt regarding the A. P. A.; also By-Laws and Constitution of the A. P. A., for which vote of thanks was passed. Adjourned at 10:30 p. m. Next meeting Jan 20th.
H. E. Pratt, Sec'y.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The new newspaper wrappers are seven-eighths of an inch narrower than the old ones.

Hereafter Postal Notes will be payable at any money order office in the U. S., instead of at some specified office.

It is claimed that there are over five hundred persons in the world who make their living by dealing in stamps.

A rumor comes to us from the West that another paper is soon to be started in Chicago. Come on, misery likes company.

Mr. J. C. Feldwisch, of Denver, Col., has been appointed clerk in the legislature of that state. Mr. F. W. Feldwisch steps into his brother's place on the *Denver Times*.

We have received from the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. the 1887 editions of their catalogues of Copper Coins, and Gold and Silver Coins. Both are invaluable to the numismatist.

The Krebs Brothers, New York, announce the publication of a paper to be styled *The International Philatelic Advertiser*. If its life becomes as long as its name it will survive most of the papers.

Mr. John M. Hubbard of Lake Village, N. H., is about to publish the *Stamp Collectors of the World*, which will contain the addresses of over 1000 collectors. He extends an invitation to all live collectors to have their names inserted, free of charge.

Says an English journal: "The stamp forger is generally an advertising tout. His advertisements are aimed at the unwary, and they frequently hit. *But by joining a philatelic society any ardent collector can fortify himself against these unprincipled individuals.*"

The "Introductory Postage Stamp Album, for Beginners" is a neat little album for those beginning a collection. It contains 30 pages, with printed headings, and ruled spaces for over 600 stamps. Price fifteen cents. Elmira, N. Y., W. C. Parker.

Philately has met with another loss in the death of Walter B. Platt, of Grand Island, Neb. This estimable young man was but seventeen and a half years old, but already an ardent philatelist. In the words of the *Grand Island Times*: "The loss of such a young man is the world's loss."

Our friend Mekeel has evidently become mixed up with the past in his efforts to get out a large issue of his journal. Not content with bringing out the December issue of the *P. J. of A.* in the middle of January he goes right on dating his letters in December. We hope he will soon catch up again.

Printer's Devil.—"Gimme a ten-cent let-er-rip stamp.—*P. O. Clerk*.—"A wot?"—*Devil*.—"A ten-cent let er-rip, go as you please, put-er-through stamp—a regular git-up-en-dust-er. Didn't yer never want ter send a letter quick?"—*Clerk*.—"Oh, you want a fast stamp, do you?"—*Devil*.—"It'll be fast wen I get it on er wunst."—*The Printing Press*.

According to *The Printing Press*, which, by the way, is a particularly bright and spicy quarterly for those interested in the art of printing, there are but three publications in this country devoted exclusively to philately. We do not know what standard governed their selecting this number out of the flood of philatelic papers, but would like to know which they had in mind.

The Scott Stamp and Coin Co. have in preparation, for immediate publication, an album for revenue stamps. From the recollection we have of having seen the proof sheets last fall, this work is sure to fill a "long felt want." Spaces are provided for the oddly shaped proprietary stamps;—a place for everything, an inducement to collectors to put everything in its place.

Fired by the example of the Denver Society, the genial Secretary of the C. P. S. gave an entertainment to its members on January 13th. The affair was a very pleasant one and was well attended by the members and their wives. Mr. Pierce somewhat disturbed the harmony by remarking, at supper, that Turkey seemed to be a favorite with stamp collectors, judging from the manner in which all were Russian for it. However, the cloud thus cast over the gathering was quickly dispelled by the charming singing of Mrs. Gadsden. The success of this first attempt of the C. P. S. at social enjoyment was so marked as to leave no room for doubt as to its adoption as a feature of the society.

Gen. Hazen says that his office is "a barometer of the business of the country. . . . We can sit here and tell whether business is good or bad, even better than the men who are doing the work themselves. . . . I do not claim to be a mercantile prophet, nor to have any special knowledge of business outside of my own department here; but it is just as sure to go as the postal business goes as for the seasons to follow one another in their natural order."

Mr. Wm. J. J. Culross, of Worcester, Mass., met with an accident just before Christmas. We give the account in his own words: "While out sleighing with my family, one of my horses struck a snowball and went lame, so that I had to leave my folks and the lame horse about sixteen miles from home and hitch the other to a single sleigh and drive home alone; on the way home t'other horse shied, and jumped down an embankment of about eight feet; I did not stop to measure the distance, but I can safely put it at that depth, height, or drop, just as you have a mind to call it. The consequence was that the horse escaped injury, but not myself or the sleigh; the dasher of the cutter was broken badly by coming in contact with my breast, and it is sufficient to say that my breast suffered from the contact; for it did, and badly too." That Mr. Culross has manfully breasted the misfortune that oppressed him is evident by the receipt of No. 1 of *The Peerless Review*, in which his name appears as editor. It takes tough stuff to edit a collectors' paper.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Patrick Chalmers, who favored us with a set of the stamps, we are enabled to give our readers a description of the new English series. The values sent us are eleven in number, and range from ½d. to 1s. The 1d. remains unchanged. The "Queen's head" is still the principal design, but the surroundings vary with each value. The ½d. (black red) and 1s. (green) are very similar in design, having the head in circle, surrounded by scroll work; they are distinctive from the others by virtue of their having the values expressed in words instead of letters. These two are perhaps the least pleasing in design of the entire series; and the color of ½d. is simply abominable. The 2½d., 3d., and 6d., are printed in brown ink on colored paper (blue, yellow, and red respectively); the 2½d. and 6d. have the head in circle, numeral of value below; the 3d. has the head in oval, numeral of value at either side. In our opinion it would have been a decided improvement to have printed these stamps in color on white paper. The remainder of the series are marvels of beauty and neatness. Each is printed in two colors and is of a different design. The 1½d. has the head (mauve) in oval on white shield, with value below on green background, from either side of which ascends a spray of green; the whole surrounded by mauve scrollwork. The 2d. has the head (green) in white circle, value below on red ground, balance of design in green. The 4d. has the head and interior design in green; value in each corner in brown, and outer frame brown. The 5d. has the head (mauve) in white octagon, with arms (mauve) below; on either side of the arms the value appears in blue; the prevailing color is mauve. The 9d. is a very striking stamp, having for interior design, in mauve, the head in a rectangle with corners clipped, and this surrounded by a Maltese cross; in the four angles of the cross are repeated the numerals of value, in relief, on blue background; the whole having an outer border in blue. Of the entire series the 1½d., 4d., and 9d. are assuredly the most handsome. All are inscribed "Postage and Revenue." This set is to be sold at auction at the next meeting of the Chicago Society, and, considering the source they came from, and their being the first set to arrive in Chicago, and one of the first in the country, they will undoubtedly bring a good price. Certainly they will be treasured greatly by the person who may be fortunate enough to bid them in.

CORRESPONDENCE.

1 MAYFIELD ROAD, SOUTH WIMBLEDON, S. W., January 5th, 1887.

Dear Sirs: Your valued publication, *THE WESTERN PHILATELIST*, has duly reached me, in which I am proud to find recorded the resolution of the Chicago Philatelic Society in recognition of my late father as originator of the adhesive postage stamp, already sent to me by your Secretary, Mr. Gadsden, and to whom I have already expressed my warm acknowledgments; requesting that same may be laid before the Society.

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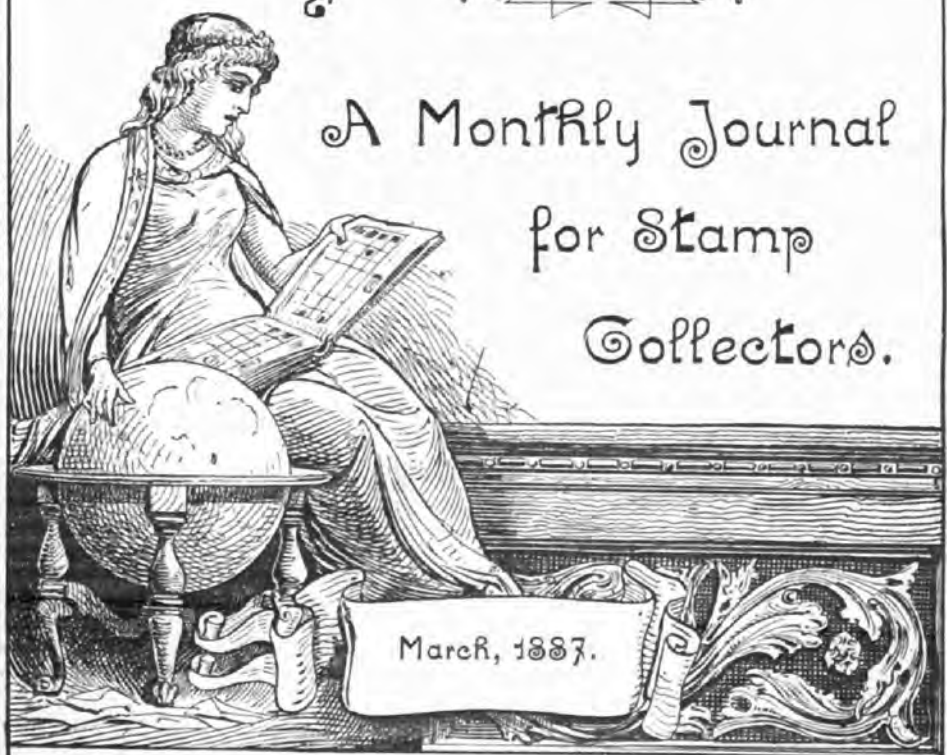
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A FEW RANDOM REMARKS.

I read with much interest an article concerning "The Starkweather Collection" and think it an excellent idea to publish the various ways philatelists have of collecting stamps. Some collectors give one branch much more attention than others, consequently one is often impressed in looking over the collection of another, at seeing some one country's stamps very complete, while those of our own country may be few and scattering. Of course an advanced collector must of necessity have some policy marked out that he will follow closely and hence will often ignore the collecting of a certain line or lines of stamps, such as the Native Indian monstrosities at fabulous prices, Russian locals, etc., etc., and will refuse to purchase them at any price. For my part I have no faith whatever in stamps of their ilk and can call to mind many instances where investigations have been made and each and every one of them have failed to establish their authenticity. Of course many collectors will disagree with me on this point, but all that I can say to them is this: Stick to your own opinion if you have one, allowing others of course the same liberty to stick to their's. Again, many collectors are afraid to put money into "Provisional Stamps," for fear that they may not be authentic; it of course is very poor policy indeed to buy everything from every Tom, Dick, or Harry, that is offered in this line, and is hawked around the country; for provisionals are too easily made to run many chances on; but all provisionals that have had their authenticity established should be collected, in fact some collectors make this special branch their greatest study. It is absurd even for an advanced collector to expect never to get "stuck" in this line of stamps, and the good old saying: "Boughten wit is the best, if not purchased too dear," applies with full force to stamps. Some little time ago I had the pleasure of seeing a collector whose collection numbered between five and six thousand varieties, and who had been a stamp dealer previous to 1870, buy a few fine specimens of "genuine Cashmere circular," at a good round sum, that I have proof were made in Canal street, New York City, and had never been out of this country; the purchaser bought them in good faith, and he, as a matter of course, believes in such stamps, and to this day points to those specimens with pride. The above remarks may have a tendency to shake the faith of some collectors who have such stamps. Take the surcharged set of Gibraltar, just issued, can any of your readers explain why they were issued? How they got along previous to their issue? Why current Great Britain stamps are not surcharged in place of Bermuda? I fear these are hard questions for most of them to answer, and I believe that a great deal of philatelic influence is brought to bear to cause such "novelties" to be created. I am surprised to see that Dr. and Mrs. Starkweather do not pay much attention to U. S. cut envelopes, but I would not wonder at their not collecting entire envelopes.

I carry out about the same general plan as they. I ignore postal cards, Locals, and doubtful foreign stamps, but have a few, say one hundred varieties, of the U. S. Locals; sort of inherited them, as it were, had to take them in old collections, etc., etc., that I have bought at various times, and therefore I keep them. I possess the entire set of U. S. adhesives, including the rare Franklin carrier, cancelled, also three fine unused varieties of the five cents Providence, two varieties of the New York, &c., and nearly a full set of U. S. envelopes, cut square, unused. I have a complete set of newspaper and periodical stamps, including the \$60 crimson catalogued by Sterling. I also have a complete unused set of the Department stamps, including the high values of the State Department. I collect the Departments in a cancelled condition also, and only take those properly cancelled; no pen-marked specimens, only those that have positively done postal duty, and I only lack the thirty cent Agriculture, ninety cent, ten dollar and twenty dollar State, four stamps in all. I also possess a complete Proof set on cardboard of all the U. S. issues, including the Newspaper and Periodicals, and all of the Departments; also India paper proofs of all but the Newspaper and Periodicals and State. I lost a set of India paper State through correspondence not long ago. I possess many old U. S. proofs that a great many of your readers may never have heard of, so I will give you a list of them for their benefit:

U. S. Periodical, on cardboard: 12c. blue, \$36 black, \$48 black; on India paper: 84c. black, 96c. black, \$1.92 light brown, \$6 green; 1861 General Issue, rice paper: 3c. red on yellow, 3c. green on yellow, 3c. blue on white, 3c. black on rose; Departments, die proofs on rice paper, agriculture: 3c. green, executive 3c. black, interior 3c. black, justice 3c. black, navy 3c. black, post-office 2c. brown, 3c. green, 6c. rose, state 1c. blue, 2c. brown, treasury 1c., 10c., 12c., and 90c. black; war 2c. black; 1847 general issue 10c. green, card board; 1861 general issue, 2c. rose, India paper.

I possess several U. S. essays that are gems, and many of them are equal in design to any U. S. stamps that have been issued. I do not pay fancy prices for proofs or essays, but find there are a good many of them to be had at reasonable figures, in fact at one's own price usually. I have refused many a fine U. S. proof or essay at fifty cents. I have a set of the Great Central Fair stamps, 10c. blue, 20c. green, 30c. black, and they are beauties. I consider it much cheaper, even to-day, to get a complete set of U. S. department unused, with original gum, than it is to get a set complete of used and not penmarked specimens, let alone the bother and annoyance of writing all over the country for them. I fear it is a difficult matter to get an entire set that has done postal duty. I never heard of but one person who had seen a complete set of high value state cancelled, and he claims to have had a set and sold it for \$36.00 the set of four; as he is a reputable dealer I have no reason to doubt his word, but although I have had a very extensive correspondence with dealers and collectors the world over, I never had the pleasure of seeing the set he alludes to. The fact is, a great many collectors and dealers will call stamps that are penmarked, cancelled,—i. e., class them with stamps that have actually franked a letter or parcel through the mail; hence when I am offered anything of value, I always desire to see it first, for what I call used and what they call used may be two very different things. Again one is quite frequently offered unused low value department stamps cheap, and when he receives them, behold the word specimen stands out in bold relief; such stamps should be classed as *Trash** and be left alone. In my opinion this whole thing was a farce. Why? Because when a person purchased this sort of stuff from the Government of the United States and paid face value for it he should at least have been allowed to have had them clean,

*This of course is the writer's opinion; we feel it necessary to say, however, that it is not shared by us.—*Editor.*

and their beauty unmarred by such nonsense. The only excuse offered for printing this word upon them is that it would prevent unscrupulous persons from using them to frank letters. Well! what if it would. It is a very poor excuse for the stamps, very; and I do not think that there are many persons who after going through all the red tape and trouble necessary to have procured a set of these a few months ago, would have imagined for a moment that he had done a very grievous wrong against the United States had he used these stamps to frank letters, inasmuch as he had paid current price for them. Besides it has never been a very hard task to get complete sets of any of the department stamps unused, with original gum, without paying face value for them, if a person was fully equipped with persuasive power enough to bulldoze somebody into giving him a sheet or two of each denomination as sort of mementoes,—“They are so very beautiful you know.” It is a notorious fact to all advanced collectors that unused departments of all kinds of any value are to a greater or lesser extent common, and ten of any denomination nearly is met with to one of used. I have an idea of my own why this word appears upon these stamps, viz.: that it was most likely the happy thought of friends of the printer whereby he could turn his hand to earn an honest penny, with more than fair prospects of getting his pay, consequently the great heads got together, and set their “gigantic intellects” to work to devise means, and to perfect ponderous machinery enough to carry out the stupendous ideas that they were about to spring upon the P. O. D., whereby they could mulct a precarious living out of Uncle Sam. It has been said however that:—

The man who cheats the printer out of a single cent,
Will not reach that heavenly land where old Elija went,

He will not gain admission there, by devils he'll be driven,
And made to loaf his time away outside the walls of heaven.

Without a smile to greet him, without a pleasant grin,
The happiness that he will reap will be almighty thin,

He'll have to reap the thistle of sorry and regret,
And be made to buck around right smart with cussedness, *you bet!*

There may be more satire than truth in some of the above remarks, but as it has been said, its about “the size of it.” “Ye obliterator of beauty farewell.” Thy vocation has been removed.

H. B. Seagrave.

A FLATLISTS ECKSPERIENS. II.

SUMEWHERS, Feby 10, '87.

Mistur Editor: *

Since writin tu yu last an seein you hed put mi letter in yure paiper i hev bin thinken a grate deel about flatlicks an hev hed no okashen tu go back on wot i hev sed. i hoap wot i sed about gettin fellers tu jine the Americkin Sociashun hes tuk deap rut an wil be the meens uv gettin it moar members, es it will be maid so eesy ef thay only tri it—an the end sertainly gustifis the meens—fur with the eckshange departmen an the Ofishel jurnal an all the uther feechers, the meambership is wuth moar then the amount thay hev tu pay. Now i say fellers Tri mi skeam an let us no the conseckuens. Another thing i want tu sa a wurd about is the flatlickel jurnels, thay doant cum tu the frunt lik thay orter an speek out stroang an strate fur the Sociashun an i sea bi won uv the paipers thet half uv the editurs doant beloang. Theas fellers pertend tu be a writin an ishuin thare papers in the interes uv flatlicks an stamp culleckters an doan feal dispoasd tu ade thee representitiv insti-tution uv the Kuntry bi jinin an indusin thare reeders tu jine which is rong an i sai tu them fellers thay ot tu be ashamt uv thaimselfs fur takin

sech a coars, an out tu quit sain thare paipers ar fur thee interes uv stamp culleckters—fur thay aint—sumhow the editurs hev herd mi naime an direckshun laity an i hev had neerly all thee paipers, an soam uv theam hev bin veary interestin, but neerly all uv theam hev sum falts which is veary bad. Won paiper i hev got devoats about all its spais tu runnin down anuther paiper. is thet rite? i sai no becos the uther feller hes es much rite tu liv an git aloang as this one, an thear is a good menny things mite be rit about that wud be uv moar interes tu culleckters. if thay want tu fite won anuther let them du it in privit an not disgust oather peapul with printin thare little kwarels. Anuther paiper devoats sum spais tu runnin down a feller that hez hed bad luck an got in det an cant pai tu wonst. i thot it wus the sain not tu hit a feller when he is down an it hez alwais bin kunsiderd kind uv a kowardli kaper tu du such a thing. does the feller what rit this artikel i speek uv want tu be konsiderd a kowerd? i shudnt think so, an so i sai tu him “let up” an giv the pure feller a shoa. i sea he is gettin on his feat agane an if he hez a littel enkuragement ken stai thear. so fellers sho yure tru Ameriken Grit an generusness an help the pure feller along. I mite ez well sai the feller i speek uv is Bishop of LaGrange, an i gess from thee looks uv things he will pai all he oas in a littel whaile, an then the fellers wot hit him whean he wus down wil sneak oaf in a korner an kick thaimselfs fur bein so mean spirited. Uther paipers i hev got is moastly advertisemens uv moast everithing but stamps, an hardly anythin sed about stamps atal. Thear is enuf tu rite about stamps tu last all the paipers fur yeers an thear editurs hez got sens an eckspieriens enuf tu rite about theam, an giv thair reeders the benifit uv thare nolidg. That is what thair air hear fur an wot thair subsraibers pai fur, an thair air lots uv uther fellers wot kin rite mitey gud artikels about theas subjecks that wud be wilin tu du it ef thair wus askt tu, an ef the editurs giv the exeampel in doan a litel thairselfs. i doant ekspekt much attentshun wil be paid tu wot i sai but kan only hoap mi wurds wil hev sum efecks in tym, so i wont boar yu an yure reeders ani moar this trip. Hoapin yu mai hev lots uv suckses an stear klear uv sum uv the folts i menshun, i remane

yures flatlickely,

Phil. Atelic.

STAMPMEETING.

The shades of night were falling fast
 When Smithers, through his work at last,
 Took down his coat from off the door;
 He stopped to say one word—no more—
 Stampmeeting.

The chill winds struck him, right and left,
 But on he pressed as one bereft
 Of sense of feeling and of fear;
 Anon the passer-by would hear—
 Stampmeeting.

Nor heed the maiden's cry would he,
 For ever in his mind would be
 A vision of the bounteous store
 Awaiting him, and many more—
 Stampmeeting.

"Beware the auction's fev'rish spell!
 Beware the counterfeits as well!"
 This was his room-mate's parting word;
 But for reply was only heard,
 Stampmeeting.

But now the cherished spot's at hand,
 And here is found a happy band
 Of those who take delight in this
 And cannot be induced to miss
 Stampmeeting.

"What's the cause of this assemblage?"
 Ah, to give it might cause umbrage;
 But if you'll take the trouble to come
 You'll find the reason why at some
 Stampmeeting.

UNITED STATES REVENUES.

The article by "Wanderer" on Revenues in your first number strikes an interesting and sympathetic chord in my philatelic mind, as for the past year or so I have become very much interested in these beautiful and historic prints.

I would like to enquire of him if he can give me any information which will teach me how to distinguish "old paper" from "watermark?" I have tried many times to discover watermarks in stamps that I was certain had it and in the majority of instances failed, nor can I comprehend the distinguishing features of "old paper." I have one suggestion to offer, viz.: That Philatelic societies accept the arrangement and numerical designation of U. S. Revenue stamps as given in Sterling's Descriptive Catalogue, edition of 1886, and that any changes necessitated hereafter by the discovery of new stamps or irregularities may be covered by alphabetical lettering of the proper number after which they should be entered. This will allow us to make a permanent arrangement in our present albums, without the inconvenience of changing the numbers as most of us have been compelled to do—by the change of numerical designations from his catalogue of 1883-4 (3d edition) to that of his 4th edition of 1886.

I have lately placed my U. S. revenue stamps in an album by themselves; as my collection had increased to too great a number for my postage album in which I formerly kept them. My new album contains 300 pages 9x8 inches, but I use only the right hand pages (odd numbered pages) for the collection, leaving the even or left hand pages blank—or if desired, for proofs or future discovered varieties not now numbered. Each page is ruled into 4 horizontal spaces, by lines $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches apart, and into 7 divisions on each line, thus:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Unperf.							
Part Perf.							
Perf.							
Varieties.							

For the document stamps the numbers run horizontally along the head

lines from left to right, page after page. The first horizontal spaces I use altogether for the unperforated stamps; the second horizontal spaces are for the part perforated ones; the third horizontal spaces for the perforated, and the bottom lines enclose all the varieties, color, odities, etc. This arrangement of my book shows me at a glance what I have and what I need of any number or style of perforation.

A similar arrangement is adopted with the match and medicine stamps, the numbers running along the head of the page. The upper horizontal spaces are for old paper, the second for silk, the third for pink, and the fourth or bottom row for water-marked. Some stamps are too wide for the spaces, in which case I use one and one-half or two perpendicular divisions, and in some cases I am obliged to stand them on their ends, as it were, still it has some valuable features to me which perhaps may be of equal value to others. I think it an improvement over pasting them on blank pages in an irregular manner or forming stars or other fancy figures.

With the playing card stamps and some others that have only one kind of paper or perforation, I use each space on the page from left to right, commencing at the top and following down each horizontal line. There are several features regarding U. S. revenue stamps on which I should like to be enlightened and I hope "Wanderer" will give us the benefit of his experience, down to the utmost minutiae. I should be glad to have him start in with number one and go through the whole list, giving us his knowledge in detail of each particular stamp. It is an immense work, but I think it would be a valuable and profitable feature of your magazine.

U. S. Revenue.

FORGERIES.

(From Le Timbre Poste.)

The circular delivery agencies in Paris have hit upon a novel plan to deceive the janitors of buildings and induce them to deliver circulars to the parties whom they wish to reach, as janitors will not trouble themselves to deliver ordinary circulars. These parties have had fac-similes of foreign stamps prepared and affix them to the envelopes containing circulars and, after canceling them, present them for delivery. These counterfeits have not only deceived the janitors, but collectors as well, who have eagerly sought to obtain them. *Le Figaro*, of Dec. 6th, after mentioning the fact that two stamp factories had been discovered—one at Chalons and one in Paris—proceeds to show by what means the forgeries may be detected: the color of the forgeries made at Paris, it states, is lighter than in the originals, and being photo-lithographed they are not as clear and distinct; the perforation is also faulty, being smaller, poorly done, and of the wrong gauge. Those of Chalons are better executed, although incorrect in almost every detail. The only forgeries issued up to the date above given are the 2d stamps of Sierra Leone and of St. Helena.

The thanks of all collectors are most certainly due *Le Figaro* for exposing these frauds, and we hope their investigation may lead to further discoveries. In the meanwhile it would be advisable to scrutinize closely all stamps coming from Paris, as no doubt many of these forgeries have been sent abroad. We regret not being able to give the names of these forgers, but trust that with the information given, no collector, in this country at least, may be deceived by these new counterfeits.

C. R. G.

EDITORIAL CHAT.

IT IS now nearly six months since the convention of philatelists was held in New York, and the American Philatelic Association organized. These six months have developed the fact that nearly two hundred collectors of postage stamps have taken sufficient interest in their pursuit to unite themselves with this Association and contribute by their influence to the elevation thereof. All honor to this small band of pioneers! the time is not far distant when they will be proud of the distinction of having aided such an enterprise in the days of its infancy.

And of what class or classes in this Association composed? Is it composed of school-boys, or of urchins who carry in their pockets pass books with stamps pasted indiscriminately throughout them? No; while the youth who is interested in stamp collecting is given a cordial invitation to join, you will find that those who have accepted this invitation are such as have a true love for philately and such as will form the next generation of philatelists. But then, you may ask, of what is the Association comprised? It comprises men in all the most honored paths of life: professional men, bankers, merchants, mechanics, clerks, farmers, and in fact nearly every reputable pursuit is represented, and in the majority of cases these are men in the very prime of life, from twenty-five to forty years of age. And women too? Yes, women also are included—would that there were more of them, their presence would leaven the whole loaf.

The solicitor of new members is constantly confronted with the query, What benefit is to be derived? While we can understand the youngster's doubt on this point, we are at a loss to comprehend it in a man who has an interest in philately. If you have a belief in, and a love for philately the merits of Association must be apparent on the face of it. It is sufficient to say here that the fact of thorough organization's placing philately in a position where you can give it your time and attention without the annoyance of having friends laugh at you in their sleeves, is alone worth the slight amount of money required to join. Association gives you the support of numbers and precedent, and furnishes an incontrovertible argument against the scoffer.

This journal will reach over a thousand stamp collectors who are not members of the Association, yet each and every one of them should be a member; to all such we extend a hearty invitation to apply for membership *at once*. If you hesitate for fear that the Association may be a failure, take our assurance that it is now beyond the danger point where failure was probable. If you hesitate because you do not want to be identified with other philatelists, either give up the pursuit or accept the protecting arm of the Association. The Association wants members, it wants *you*: hesitate no longer but apply to the secretary, at Grand Crossing, Ill., without further delay.

WHEN *The Stamp Collector* of this city suspended publication it had a small list of subscribers who were thereby deprived of the journal they expected to receive, and had paid their money for. Most of these have been already placed on our mailing list for the unexpired term of subscription, we feeling that some acknowledgement was due from us, although we were in no way connected with our predecessors failure; there still remain a few, however, that we have not heard from, and any such that we can identify as subscribers we will be pleased to place on our mailing list.

WE would call the attention of the many collectors to whom this issue is sent to the extremely low clubbing rates given on another page. Combine your orders and save money.

THE PHILATELIC SOCIETIES.

We shall be glad to have all societies represented in this department, and will send THE WESTERN PHILATELIST free to those regularly sending us reports of their meetings. Reports must reach us not later than the 15th of each month.

AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

We now have 186 paid up members.

The February number of the *American Philatelist* was a week behind time; it should appear promptly.

The Exchange Department is working admirably and giving general satisfaction.

The Board of Trustees have decided to admit Mr. W. F. Bishop to membership; they further advise giving him six months time in which to settle his general accounts.

No more of the Official Circulars will be distributed gratis, but the few remaining on hand will be sold at ten cents a copy.

All the officers are now provided with uniform stationery and a resolution is pending providing for the supplying of members with official note heads bearing their names and address.

The reports for February of the various officers indicate that the usefulness of the Association is becoming evident to its members at least.

CHICAGO PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Meeting of January 27: called to order at 8:20, P. M., the president in the chair. Members present Messrs. Bradt, Gadsden, Haskell, Heuer, Mitchell, Pierce, and Wolsieffer. There was but little business to come before the meeting so informal discussion was indulged in. Mr. Gadsden exhibited a complete set, sixty-eight pieces, of the new U. S. envelopes. An interesting essay on the stamps of Bremen was read by Mr. Heuer. The main event of the evening was the auction sale, as it included the set of new English stamps (mentioned in last issue) sent by Mr. Chalmers. After some lively bidding the set was knocked down to Mr. Heuer for \$2.64.

Meeting of February 10: called to order promptly at 8 o'clock, the president in the chair. Members present: Messrs. Bradt, Gadsden, Griffin, Haskell, Heuer, Holdford, Mitchell, Pierce, Thompson, Voute, Wolsieffer, and Woodbury. The committee on printing showed proof of an application card, which met with general approval. Communications were read from Mr. Patrick Chalmers, Supt. Hanes, and others. Mr. Wolsieffer exhibited specimens of the Atlantic City, N. J., locals and read a letter from the person who is using them. Mr. Pierce exhibited a bisected 3d Newfoundland and other rarities. The exchange books of the A. P. A. were circulated amongst those entitled to the privilege and many stamps were taken. An able essay on the stamps of British Columbia was read by Mr. Haskell. The bidding at the auction sale was spirited and the lots offered brought very good prices. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 P. M.

C. R. Gadsden, Sec'y.

DENVER STAMP COLLECTORS' LEAGUE.

The meeting of January 27 was the semi annual meeting and all the members were present. The President's message was read and received with applause. The reports of the other officers were read and showed the society to be in a very flourishing condition in every way. The Librarian requests donations; address H. A. Babb, Box 3081 Denver Col.; kindly mark them D. S. C. L. and they will be duly acknowledged. Resolutions were adopted congratulating Patrick Chalmers on his success in establishing his father's rights as inventor of the adhesive stamp. The clause in the constitution in regard to corresponding members was stricken out. The Secretary was instructed to request all corresponding members to send in their resignations and advise them to join the A. P. A., as they can undoubtedly derive more benefit from it.

Fred W. Feldwisch, Sec'y.

THE LANSING PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

This society was organized October 22, 1886, with L. E. Walker, President; L. C. Sleeper, Vice President; R. G. Dodge, Secretary and Treasurer, and L. C. Sleeper, Librarian. The society has a library of about two hundred stamp papers, magazines, etc. Will send full reports of all meetings in future.

R. G. Dodge, Sec'y.

NEW MILFORD PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Meeting called to order by President Landon; about three-fourths of the members being present. The debate on the subject "That it is not advisable for us to collect portraits of rulers, flags, and coats of arms" was quite interesting. Meeting adjourned at 9:15. On Nov. 17th the first anniversary was celebrated at the residence of Mr. J. W. Turrill. President Landon delivered an address rehearsing the society's career, and was greeted with vociferous applause. At the bountifully spread table toasts were given to the A. P. A., Y. M. D. S., and other societies. Thus a very pleasant evening was passed.

J. W. Turrill, Sec'y.

NEWTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Meeting of February 2 called to order at 2:25 P. M. President Hutchison in the chair. Mr. Bacon exhibited specimens of the new English stamps. A paper was read on "Essays." After the auction sale, at 3:40 P. M., the meeting adjourned. Meeting of Feb. 9 called to order at 2:30 P. M., the president in the chair. All members present. Harold Hutchinson was admitted to membership. An interesting paper was read on "Locals," followed by a recess and the auction sale. Adjournment at 4 P. M.

Wm. H. Bacon, Sec'y.

POMEROY PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Regular meeting held February 3, 1887. President: Bishop in the chair. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Mr. Savage moved to open the business of the meeting with the election of a librarian, and nominated Mr. Parker. Motion was seconded by Mr. Loenshal, and Mr. Parker was elected by a unanimous vote. Members were called upon by the Secretary to hand to Librarian Parker all the papers they had on hand, old catalogues, or anything that related to the subject of Philately. Mr. Eberth favored the society with a neat little speech giving his views of a library and ended with a motion that the secretary be instructed to forward to the publishers two dollars for a copy of Mr. Tiffany's work "History of U. S. Stamps" as a foundation for the library. Also moved that the secretary furnish monthly reports of the meetings of the society to any publisher desiring them in exchange for a copy of his paper, said paper to be turned over to the library. Both motions were carried. The secretary read letters from several correspondents of the society including one from Mr. Patrick Chalmers of England, in which he thanks the society for the resolutions passed at the last meeting.

Several of the new English stamps were shown and commented upon. Mr. Loenshal favored the society with a history of his collection, relating how he carried it in his knapsack during the late war. Mr. Loenshal has some fine Confederate stamps picked up by himself during this period. At a late hour the meeting adjourned.

E. D. Kline, Sec'y.

HARTFORD PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Hartford Philatelic Society was held in their rooms Thursday evening Feb. 17th. The President being absent Vice-President Orr presided. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. The name of Dr. Geo. F. Parmelee was presented by Mr. Pratt, and he was elected by acclamation under suspension of the rules. Upon motion of Mr. Hastings the Stationery Committee were discharged, with thanks. The Committee on Scrap Book reported progress. After much discussion the motion of Mr. Fenton reducing the yearly dues from \$2.00 to \$1.00 was carried. The motion of Mr. Hastings to amend the By-Laws so as to read—"The regular meetings be held on the first Wednesday in each month" created considerable debate but finally prevailed. Mr. Pratt made the motion that the chair appoint a committee of three, including the chair, to revise the By-Laws; carried, and Messrs. Pratt and Hastings appointed. Adjourned at 9:30 for exhibition of Stamps, etc. Next meeting March 2d.

H. E. Pratt, Sec'y.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

ANOTHER new paper is announced from this city. Mr. E. W. Voute promises to have the *Stamp Collector's Figaro* ready by March 5th.

MR. E. R. ALDRICH, of Benson, Minn., announces for early publication a Philatelic Annual for 1887; it will consist of twenty pages and cover.

THE sixteenth edition of Durbin's catalogue is now out and, like its predecessors, is a marvel of accuracy and an indispensable work of reference to stamp collectors. Send twenty-five cents and get one.

THE official schedule of the new envelopes enumerates sixty-eight varieties, but we have found a sixty ninth: the No. 6 (ungummed) which appears in the schedule as manila only, also exists in amber, third quality.

SAMOA is again brought to the front in the *Philatelic Monthly*. This is likely to cause the same old doubts and discussions to be revived about these stamps that occupied so much valuable space not many months ago.

MR. GEORGE H. RICHMOND informs us that his Press Directory will be somewhat delayed owing to the backwardness of publishers in supplying him with the necessary data to form the same. It will probably be issued about the first of April.

NOW that the "Dictionary of National Biography" has added its testimony to that of the "Encyclopædia Britannica" and thousands of other publications, is it not time that the late James Chalmers should be generally recognized as the inventor of the adhesive postage stamp? Among recent converts to this view of the case is the London *City Press*.

MR. DURBIN expresses surprise that Mr. Patrick Chalmers does not claim to have invented the adhesive stamp, and asks "What then does Mr. Chalmers claim?" Why, that *his father* invented it, to be sure, and he has established the fact pretty clearly, too.

WE are indebted to Maj. F. J. Grenny, of Brantford, Ont., for a specimen of a new Canadian postal card. It is in all respects similar to the previous issue, in fact it is so like it as to be apt to escape notice unless the two are brought together. The old news band die (1875) has been utilized to produce this card.

WITH "a feeling of friendship" such as the *American Philatelist* expresses, we would respectfully invite that journal to begin at home in pointing out "the objectionable or careless things that may appear" in order that we may be *provided*—not *proved*—"with a better class of literature." Careful proof-reading would do much to improve the official journal.

MR. HANES, Exchange Supt. A. P. A., writes thus: "Exchanges are coming in rapidly, every quality and of every description. Locals, U. S. and foreign revenues, railway, license stamps, spool tops, photographs, postmarks, advertising cards, return requests, fire cracker labels, and even Mr. Bradt sends a medicine *label*. I can suit all tastes." Verily, this is a hodge-podge for you.

THE extreme rivalry existing between the Imperial P. O. and the many local concerns in Germany continues unabated. Local postal systems abound throughout the Empire, and as the charges are less than those made by the government, a serious decrease in the revenue of the latter is felt. There is no law prohibiting these private enterprises although one may be looked for at any moment. Collectors of Locals should improve the opportunity, and dealers should lay in a stock at once, as the law once passed the Locals will rapidly disappear.

WITH its February issue the *Empire State Philatelist* deserts the ranks of philatelic literature and becomes a journal for general collectors, adding to its previous title, "and Coin and Curiosity Collector." The step is to be regretted by philatelists, surely. Another defection is in the *Stamp World*, which has added "Wise and Otherwise" to its title; the publisher evidently desires to wing his flight beyond the circumscribed limits of philately, but the matter in the first issue under the new *regime* seems to indicate that the step is "other" than "wise."

MR. DURBIN has our congratulations on his having rounded the twelfth year of success with his valuable *Philatelic Monthly*. The first number of this journal was issued in February 1875, and it has continued to visit its subscribers with phenomenal regularity ever since. With the exception of Nos. 11-12, Vol. 2, when a double number was issued in order to bring the volume to a close with the end of the year, the usual occasional doubling-up of issues, so common with stamp journals, has not occurred. What other stamp publication can boast a record such as this?

"THE new stamps are a disappointment. There is no doubt about that. They are an improvement upon the old issue. They could hardly have helped being that. The Queen's head on the new stamps, all the same, has a mean, dwindled look. But, above all things, we object to the juvenile portrait of her Majesty, which is still retained. In common with many of our contemporaries, we announced that the new stamps would bear a portrait of the Queen as she appears in the present year of grace. Such an intention, we know, was seriously entertained, but we have reason to believe that it was abandoned at the instance of her Majesty."—*Bric-a-brac*.

LAST month we refused one of our subscribers the use of our exchange column for the reason that the stamps he had sent us for exchange were counterfeits. We quote the following from his reply to our letter: "As you thought, I am a beginner and inexperienced. The fact that some of the stamps were of dull color I laid to fading, and poor printing I supposed was due to simplicity and rudeness of the stamps. I never expected they were counterfeits. I procured them in Salem, Mass., having seen an advertisement in the *Argosy*." If collectors will patronize only those dealers who advertise in reputable stamp journals they will not be likely to be swindled in this manner.

MESSRS. Rechert and Bogert are pushing their work on U. S. envelopes rapidly toward completion. As is well known, the existing law in reference to reproducing any of our stamps will not permit the use of cuts for illustrating the various die varieties. However, an effort is to be made to obtain permission to use illustrations in this work, and societies would do well to aid it by passing and forwarding to the publishers, resolutions asking that such permission be granted; individuals can also lend their aid by writing Messrs. Rechert and Bogert that such permission would greatly enhance the value of the book to philatelists and as a work of general reference as well. We can see no reason why the law should not be relaxed in this instance as it was in Great Britain in the case of Messrs. Philbrick and Westoby's work on the stamps of that country.

WE are indebted to Mr. Patrick Chalmers for specimens of the original adhesive postage stamps prepared and submitted by his father, the late James Chalmers. The stamp or rather essay, is type set, printed in red ink, and quite crude in design, but the principle is there; the principal that saved the postal bill from failure and made it a success; in size the essay is 26x26 mm. and has at the top "General Postage;" at bottom, "one penny;" and in four lines intervening, "not exceeding half an ounce. There are four half-penny stamps and one penny stamp on the sheet sent us and they are printed on gummed paper. One of the specimens is cancelled with the inscription, in black ink and in two lines, "Dundee, 10th February, 1838." These specimens are identical with those preserved in the British Museum.

THE October issue of envelopes are now pretty generally in circulation. In the No. 5 size we have found specimens in amber with the laid lines running almost vertically, and in white a similar specimen and also one in which the lines are exactly vertical. We have also seen a No. 5 of white *roule* paper and absolutely devoid of watermark. The collector who discovered this error wrote at once to the parties using the envelope (it had an imprint on it) and succeeded in inducing them to ransack through their entire stock, which resulted in unearthing 39 more of them. It is evident that the stock used must have crept in by accident, but how many in all were made is a matter of conjecture only; that these forty were printed consecutively is shown conclusively by a slight smirch of ink that appears on the left side of each impression, which latter would seem to indicate carelessness or inexperience in feeding the press.

In reply to a letter of inquiry about the local stamp in use at Atlantic City, N. J., we have received the following: "I started Faunce's Penny Post in April 1885, and got my stamps made. I use stamps, checks, and punches. I carry by the week and by the piece. When by the piece I have a card with my business on it and the arrival and departure of the mails, and as I bring the mail I punch the card, collecting on Mondays. In the summer it pays, but the winter does not pay. I suppose we will have free delivery soon, then I shall have to stop. Respectfully, *A. S. Faunce*." Those not familiar with this local may be interested in learning that it is used to pay for the delivery of letters in a city having no free delivery. There are two varieties of the stamp, one being inscribed "Faunce's Penny Post, Atlantic City," the other "H. & B. Penny Post, Atlantic City;" both are circular, about the size of a nickel, and are printed in red ink on black paper.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Mistur Editor: I'm not a fitin man, en i dont pertend tu be grate shakes on ritin, but ef i hed bin editer uv the "Whangdoodle revu" an "Blobstown Boomerang," like the feller who givs me fits in the February Ameriken flatlist i wudnt let a paiper with sech frazerology es that go out uv mi offis without nockin the stuffin out uv the proof-reader, even if i was moren a weak behaid the time tu apeare. Yures disgustedly,
Phil. Atelic.

BLOOMINGTON, Feb. 2, 1887.

PUBLISHERS WESTERN PHILATELIST:

Gentlemen: No. 2 of your interesting Journal reached me yesterday, as you promised it would promptly on the 1st, and it certainly is an improvement over No. 1, which I thought was perfection. Allow me to congratulate you on your success, and may you continue as you commenced, by publishing the best Philatelic Journal issued. I also want to thank you for that article of "Phil. Atelic's" which I thought was very funny. You seem to realize that there are a few *boy collectors* who relish something of that kind occasionally. That is one fault which I had to find with all of the older papers, for they would only publish cut and dried essays, and go out of their way to please the advanced collector and never stop to think that at least two-thirds of all the collectors are boys. Don't some authority quote "A little nonsense now and then is relished by the best of men?" Let the older Journals put that in their pipes and smoke it, and perhaps if they were to adopt the same plan that you do of pleasing all, their subscription lists might grow among *the boys*. All the collectors I know, are boys from 11 to 17 years of age, and it would be a novelty for us to see a man collector. I enclose \$1.00 for two more subscriptions. Awaiting No. 3 impatiently, I remain, yours respectfully, *Chas. G. Harding*.

N. B.—Don't forget to give us some more funny articles like "Phil. Atelic's".

LA HOYT, IOWA, Feb. 4, 1887.

Dear Sirs: No. 2 of the WESTERN PHILATELIST at hand. I am a subscriber to about ten philatelic papers, but I like yours best of all. I wonder why Southern collectors and dealers do not advertise in their local papers for Southern stamps. I inserted a small advertisement in a Southern paper and was well repaid. I received quite a lot of Confederate stamps; among them was a quarter sheet of unused 5 cents Nashville, Tenn., stamps. Being pleased with the results I inserted a few more advertisements, and was astonished at the answers I received. Among the stamps I received were the following: one Athens, Ga., 5c purple; three Baton Rouge locals, two of them on original envelopes; one 2c black Mobile, Ala.; and several others. If Southern dealers would advertise in their local papers they would bring to light a great many rare stamps of the Confederate States. I once advertised for old stamps in our city papers; in a few days an old gentleman brought to my office a strip of five unused 90c Lincoln stamps and offered them to me at face value. I informed him of their true value and he was surprised. Last fall I exhibited my collection of stamps at Mount Pleasant and Salem, Iowa, where old relics and curiosities were on exhibition. My collection drew more attention than anything else on the grounds, and caused several new collectors to spring up. I also was awarded first premium at the Mount Pleasant Fair. I first started collecting in 1880; I collected for about three years; on account of poor health I sold my collection in 1884. I started another and now have 6,000 varieties. I have my stamps in a blank book made to order. There are seven philatelists in La Hoyt. We will probably organize a society soon. Yours truly,
James C. Jay.

EXCHANGES AND WANTS.

Those of our subscribers who have any articles to exchange that are of interest or value to collectors generally are invited to make use of this department without charge. Notices exceeding three lines in length will be charged for at the rate of five cents for each additional line. We reserve the privilege of rejecting any we do not think it best to print.

Will exchange philatelic and amateur papers for philatelic papers. Send list. *W. H. Goodrich, 31 Highland Ave., Fitchburg, Mass.*

Wanted—No. 3 Keystone Philatelic Gazette; also Nos. 14 and 16 P. J. of A., and Nos. 3 and 4 Collectors' Science Monthly. *P. F. O'Keefe, Putnam, Pa.*

I will exchange stamps of Newfoundland, P. E. Island, &c.; for U. S. Department and others. *Harrison L. Hart, 71 Gottingen Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia.*

Rare minerals, curiosities, U. S. and foreign stamps, U. S. periodical stamps, and philatelic papers, for rare U. S. revenues. Send list. *James C. Jay, La Hoyt, Iowa.*

WANTED.—Keystone Stamp and Coin Gazette, Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6; Capital City Philatelist, Vol. I., No. 2; New England Philatelist, Vol. I., Nos. 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10. Will give good exchange for the above. *E. W. Voute, 307 Webster Ave., Chicago, Ill.*

To exchange, for old issues U. S. and Department stamps and entire envelopes, 50 numbers, complete, Pictorial History of the World's Great Nations, valued at \$12.50, one steel engraving, one wood engraving, and about ten small wood cuts in each number. Send list of what you have. *C. R. Gadsden, Box 206, Chicago.*

WANTED.—Keystone Philatelic Gazette, Numbers 5 and 11. Portland Philatelic Herald, Vol. 1, Nos. 1, 2, 3. Durbin's Philatelic Monthly, Vol. 1, No. 6; Vol. 7, Nos. 1, 3, 5, 8; Vol. 8, No. 1; Vol. 9, Nos. 2, 4, 8; Vol. 10, No. 11; Vol. 11, Nos. 1, 3. Good exchange or cash given for any of the above. *S. B. Bradt, Grand Crossing, Ill.*

I desire the following philatelic papers, and will give good exchange for same in stamps from my sheets: Empire State Philatelist, Vol. I., Nos. 6, 8, 9, 11, Vol. II., No. 12; Durbin's Phil. Monthly, Vol. IX., Nos. 1, 2, 7, 11, Vol. X., Nos. 6, 7, 8, 9; Vol. XI., all but 2, 4, 10, 12, Vol. XII., all but 2, 6, 12; Granite State Phil., Vol. II., Nos. 7, 8, 9, 12. *Karl C. Miner, Hoosick Falls, New York.*

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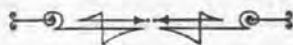
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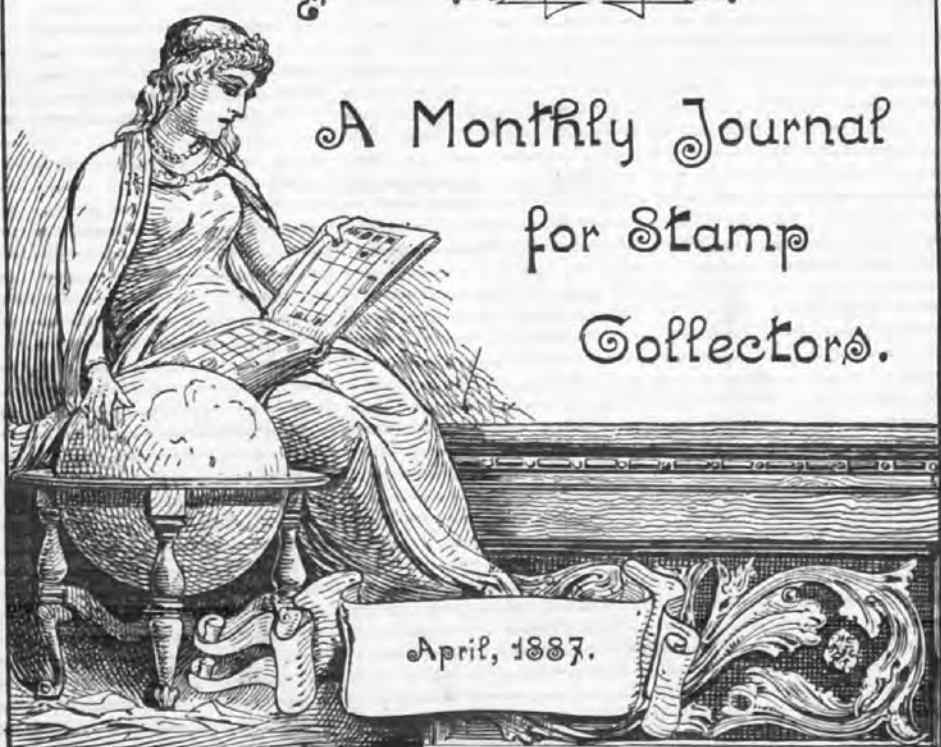
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UNITED STATES LOCAL STAMPS.

There are no stamps which offer a more interesting field for study than the locals stamps of the United States. Although not Government labels, they are none the less postage stamps, and are as worthy of a place in any album as are surcharges and other provisional stamps.

These so-called "locals" were in reality express stamps, and as they were used principally for prepaying postage between places widely apart, the name "local" is a misnomer.

Local or express post offices were first established about 1841, and became popular immediately, the delivery of the companies being as prompt as the Government mails, and the rates of the former being much lower. The first dispatch company of any importance was that of Hale & Co., which was established in 1842, carrying mails between Boston and New York. This post was abolished a few years later, together with many others of a similar character, by reason of a new law which made it an offense for private parties to carry letters in cities. While Hale's dispatch was in existence it conveyed more mail (letters) to Boston than did the Government service.

Another post worthy of mention, that of John T. Boyd, was established in 1844 and is still in existence. This post was merely local, as it carried mail only within the New York City limits. The famous "Eagle" stamps of Boyd's post are well known to collectors. In 1851, when so many other local posts were compelled to give up the business by the law declaring city streets open only to Government carriers, Boyd successfully resisted all attempts to oust him from his profitable business, claiming that his license from the city exempted him from the provisions of the new postal law. The case was taken into the courts, where it was decided that the city's charter would have to be annulled by congress, thus making its power to grant licenses void, before Boyd could be prevented from delivering mail matter.

Boyd had special stamps for special purposes. The nobby 2c. gold stamp was intended for wedding cards and invitations. Circulars and papers were not stamped when mailed in quantities, but were postmarked with a hand stamp. The issuing of stamps ceased in 1885, the post office department having succeeded in depriving the dispatch of the right to use labels. Very little business is now done by the concern, however, the low rates of the Government service preventing any successful competition.

Perhaps the most prominent of all the local delivery companies was Hussey's post, established in 1854 in the very heart of the business portion of New York; it naturally became a rival of Boyd's dispatch, and soon had a large number of customers among the Banks and Insurance Companies, for whose use it was especially intended. George Hussey, its proprietor, was a shrewd business man, and his systems were thoroughly appreciated by the public.

He out ran all his competitors except Boyd and often had as many as forty carriers employed. The post is of little importance to-day, its business having fallen off since the post office reduction in rates on local matter. Stamps were abolished in 1885 by the same law by which Boyd's despatch was deprived of its mercury issue.

The Metropolitan Errand and Express was established while Hussey's post was yet in its infancy. It had a heavy financial backing and started with the brightest prospects of success, but bad management wrought its ruin. It succumbed after a short life and a bitter war with Hussey. The stamps are rare; it is difficult to obtain even reprints, the plates being in the possession of the American Bank Note Co., who very seldom reprint stamps.

The American Letter Mail Co., which began business in 1844, carried many letters between New York, Boston, and Philadelphia. The company existed but a short time.

In Philadelphia, Blood & Co. were the principal private letter-carriers. They did an extensive business upon much the same plan as Hussey's post in New York. Most of their stamps are rare, especially the three varieties with the man stepping over houses. The prodigious strides in the air taken by this man perhaps represent the swiftness of Blood's carrier over the city carrier, the former traveling in a bee-line toward his destination while the later loses time in cutting around street corners.

Another important local delivery was the Broadway post office, which operated in New York from 1848 to 1868. James Harriet was the founder, and managed the office until 1855, when he sold out to one Miller, who subsequently transferred the concern to Dunham and Lockwood. The stamps expressed no value on their face, but a distinction was made by the colors, the black or white stamp being sold for one cent and used on circulars, and the gold or black, representing a value of two cents, used on letters.

Wells, Fargo & Co. opened offices in California soon after San Francisco became an important city. The Pony Express stamps were used between the various small settlements of California before the Government established offices, and became absolute when the Post Office Department assumed control of the postal communication of the state. These stamps were never used to convey letters across the continent, as many suppose. They have not been reprinted to any extent, the plates being in the possession of an eastern dealer.

Prince's Letter Despatch was established in 1861, and was intended for the carrying of letters between Boston and Portland, Maine, after the closing of the daily Government mails. It was a great convenience to persons whose letters were not posted in time for the regular mail, as instead of waiting over until the next day the letters could be conveyed to Boston promptly for an additional charge of two cents, the regular three cent stamp being affixed to prepay the postage after being deposited in the general post office for delivery.

In 1876, Clarke's Centennial Express was established in Dakota, the Government furnishing no adequate means of communication. The stamps used were "Centennial" envelopes, the frank being impressed in the left hand corner, and representing a value of ten cents. As but little mail was carried by this route, Mr. Clarke soon abandoned his enterprise.

But few despatch companies were organized between 1870 and 1880, the most of them being in the West and using franks impressed on Government envelopes, in conformance with the law. About 1880, however, delivery companies began to spring into existence in most of the large cities. The Empire City Despatch in New York, the Douglas' Despatch, and others of lesser importance flourished for a while but were broken up by the persistent efforts of the Post Office Department. In 1882 the Ledger Despatch was established in Brooklyn and continued prosperously for some time. Its pro-

prietor finally went to Canada to evade the law and possible imprisonment.

Graffin's Despatch was founded by John Graffin in Baltimore about this time. Like the other establishments of a similar character it was raided by post office inspectors and compelled to give up business. The entire stock of "remainders" of this despatch are now in the hands of the writer.

Edward Allen opened a local delivery office in Chicago in 1883, and for some time did a large business. The post office authorities finally succeeded in closing his place, and Allen was imprisoned and heavily fined for carrying letters which bore no Government stamp.

The next stamps which deserve our attention were those issued by the Cincinnati and St. Louis Delivery Company. The offices in the two cities were entirely separate, as mail was not conveyed between them. The stamps issued were similar, but were used for local purposes only.

With the latter we close our article on U. S. local stamps. The prompt and decisive action taken by the authorities against the despatches of 1883 has deterred other persons from attempting to carry on a business which is sure to be a failure because it is illegal. The only establishments which are now doing business in this line are those of Boyd and Hussey. These posts continue to exist only because their licenses date back previous to the law which made city streets post routes, and therefore cannot be annulled. The companies who failed to secure licenses perished when the law went into effect.

The Western Express Companies still use franks, impressed on U. S. envelopes, but their business is of an entirely different character to that carried on by the city delivery companies. It is more the insurance of the safe delivery of mail than postage, that is represented by the franks.

Wilbur W. Thomas.

WHAT SPAIN MISSED.

In the *Coin and Stamp Journal* for March, 1877, was described a series of Revenue Stamps of Spain. These stamps were issued by a certain society to whom the Spanish Government had ceded the right to collect certain taxes, either of the whole country, or of special branches of revenue. These stamps were issued sometime during the year 1875, and were local in their character. That is, the series consisted of fifty stamps, on each one of forty-nine of the series being engraved one of the names of the forty-nine provinces into which Spain is divided. The stamps were the work of the American Bank Note Company of New York, sufficient indication that they were of fine workmanship.

In the following year the same journal called attention to another series of stamps prepared by the American Bank Note Company for the same society, consisting this time of thirty-four varieties, each bearing the inscription "Sociedad del Timbre," with other designations the purport of which we do not know.

I have not followed the revenue matters of foreign countries for some years, in fact since I ceased publishing the *Journal* from which these notes were taken, and hence am not in position to know how successful this Spanish society was with its contract with the Government. But it would appear that this society had contracted with the government for the collection of the postal revenues of Spain, as an order was given to the American Bank Note Company to submit designs for a series of postage stamps. The designs were prepared and submitted. Some hitch occurred, in all probability, between the society and the company, and consequently collectors were not destined to put in their albums one of the most beautiful series of stamps ever prepared by the American Bank Note Company—famous the world over for its art-workmanship in this line.

A set of the proofs of these stamps now lies before me, all printed on one sheet of India paper, but each stamp in its appropriate color, a delicate framework surrounding each stamp and enclosing the whole, with the imprint of the company at the bottom. The design consists of the head of King Alphonso, three-fourths to the right, enough of the shoulders being seen to disclose a military coat. On all but two of the stamps, this head is within a frame suggesting a Moorish pattern—perhaps copied from some of the beautiful arches, etc., of the Alhambra. Numerals of value in each corner, the value in letters on a tablet below, "Espana" in curved line above. There are ten values, as follows: 2 centimos de peseta, green; 5 c. de p., seal-brown; 10 c. de p., slate-blue; 20 c. de p., black; 25 c. de p., yellow-brown; 40 c. de p., vermilion; 50 c. de p., pale brown; 1 p., indigo-blue; 4 p., claret; 10 p., mauve.

Joseph J. Casey.

Note—Since writing the above I have seen evidence that the "Sociedad del Timbre" has had, perhaps still has, the contract for collecting the postage revenues, and has issued several series of postage stamps. J. J. C.

STAMP AUCTIONS.

Perhaps many of your readers may never have attended a stamp auction in New York City, so consequently know very little of how they are conducted. I will venture that most of them if they gave it any thought at all, supposed that when they read "the collection will be on exhibition in the auction rooms on the days of sale, etc." that anybody who wished to examine it could go there, and maul it over, in its album, to their heart's content; such is not the case. Every lot is mounted on a separate piece of paper of uniform size, each sheet numbered to correspond with the one in the catalogue, and spread out on counters, so that all may be easily inspected, and one can of course see at a glance just what constitutes any particular lot. Of course the description in the catalogue is usually accurate enough, but there are a few that would much prefer to see what they are buying, and for just this reason they are put upon exhibition before sale.

I attended CASEY'S EIGHTH SALE and of course met many of the leading philatelists of the day. The stamps all sold well, with of course the usual few exceptions. The auctioneer, Mr. Summerville, started the auction sale promptly, and the bidding was quite lively. I will give you a few of the prices realized; these are not the prices that have been published in two or three of the stamp papers, but for stamps that as a rule all collectors may hope to obtain.

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25	Mortgage,	" "	1 15
50	Hand-stamp cancelation,	" "	1 75
10	Blue pen	2d "	1 10
25	" even perforation,	" "	3 00
50	" " "	" "	5 00
20	" " "	3d "	2 00

Many match and medicine stamps brought from \$1 to \$3 each, Proofs on India paper of Document and private Proprietaries sold well. State Revenues and U. S. Locals went cheap with a few exceptions. The *Brown City Post*, black on red, which represents a man wheeling his stamps to the paper dealer after the suppression of this post(?) (Moen's 1555) brought 50c. The entire envelope which it was on, was addressed to W. Lee Brown!

Confederate States all sold well, many high prices being realized. It is needless for me to say that all of the United States sold well,—they always do. I will give a few prices realized.

N. Y. 5c., black, two perfect specimens in one original letter, red cancela-

tion, \$1.75 each. U. S. '60 3c., grill covering whole stamp; unsevered unused pair, extra rare thus, \$8.20 the pair. Newspaper '65, 5c., blue edge, unsevered unused pair of originals, \$6.10 the pair. Set of State India paper Proofs, \$12.93, which was called cheap for it. U. S. cut square Envelopes, 1853, 3c. broad label on white, light cancelation, fine margins, extra rare (Moens' 1750), \$2.50. A beautiful pair of Great Britain, Prince Albert Essays in red and black, \$1.10 the pair.

The genuineness of the Mauritius '63, 1 shilling yellow, on thin blue paper, cut square, was questioned by a member of the *A. P. Society*, who is also supposed to be an authority on stamps and a dealer of note, still he run it up over the heads of others 'till \$50 was reached and then wanted five weeks to send it to Moens', to ascertain if it be genuine or otherwise; this was granted.

A lot of 218 United States Die Proofs on large India paper, averaging 3 inch by 2½ inch, neatly mounted on large octavo cardboard 9 inch by 6 inch, —supposed to be the original proofs submitted to the Government—brought \$300.00. Entire envelopes of U. S. brought prices from \$49 each, downward.

The heaviest buyer was your humble servant who purchased \$327.76. He was followed closely by E. B. Sterling. "Bismarck," "Nassau," etc., were *nom de plumes* sailed under at the sale. Of course many collectors as well as dealers availed themselves of the opportunity to pick up bargains, and I understand from the best authority that bids were executed from many portions of Europe. The sale was one of the most successful of the season, which speaks well for its cataloguer, and collectors contemplating disposing of their collections by auction would do well to correspond with him before placing them in the hands of others.

H. B. Seagrave.

A FLATLISTS ECKSPERIENS. III.

SUMEWHERS STAMP COLLECTERS SOSSIETY.

SUMEWHERS, Mar 10, '87.

Mistur Editur:

i spose yu en sum uv yure reeders who aint gettin ten dollers a munth fur thare sarkasm, mite be interestd in our sossiety en its offisers en memburs, so ef yu aint afrade tu print sum moar uv mi noncens "let ir go Galliger" es thay say in frensh, fur a diskripshun uv the fellers who run flatlicks at this end uv the wurd. there is lots uv colleckters hear with big colleckshuns, but thare is only cixteen in our sossiety, but thay is husslers, en we keap on a growin. the number is so limetid becos nobody can join unles he wants tu. i aint agoin tu say nuthin about the toun becos ef i did it wud giv the snap awa, so i wil just tel about the sossiety. of coars our preasiden is the moast importen feller in the sossiety, in his mine any way so i wil start with him—his naim is Simon budwiser but we cal him sourkrount fur shoart—he is a thin feller kind uv dark, about 5 foot 10 with a mustash, yu can see bi his naim he aint french. he is a purty gud soart uv feller generly, but he hez got won bad habbit fur wich he wil git kilt sum day, Evry time anuther feller sez annythin he gits of sum bad pun on it en that starts the uther fellers en when thay git thruw we remuve the ded en go on with the meetin. He is the okshunear uv the sossiety en knocks al the bargins doun tu hisself when the rest uv us hez bin put tu sleap bi the musick uv his vois. our vice preasiden is a purty gud sort uv a feller, fit fur sum better posishun then tu plai secund fiddel, but bein a gud naterd sort uv a half blond with lite kumpleckshuned mustash en side whiskurs he wil suffer most ennythin tu keap peice in the fameli, he aint the saim kind uv a dutchman es our preasiden, being a girmen, his naim is peter miller. when he gits up to speek the sossiety resolvz itsel intu a kuminity fur the suppresshun uv vice. the securtare is a long lean, lank

sort uv cus—dark pompydore hair en mustash—he is won uv them sort of fellers what wil talk yu def, dum en blinde en tri tu maik yu thnk he nose sumthin when he doant, but es hes a hussler en purty fare sort uv securtare we doant mind him mutch. he is Ameriken uv inglish decent en his naim is clarence roland A sort uv Dude naim but he aint a dude lik our treshrer who is won uv them kind uv fellers thet alwais objects tu everithin, speshuly the sossiety spendin muneey becos thare aint much. i gess he wants tu taik a trip tu Yurup this fal, en ef we spent the sossiety muneey he woodent hev enuf. Sumtims he gits argooin with the preasiden, en thay go at it es if the rest uv us wasnt thare. his naim is tommy jay en he is a kind uv brunet, mejum bilt with sid whiskurs en mustash. he is ameriken but i gess uv skoch decent. The libraryun uv our sossiety is a purty fresh kid about 18 years uv aig en 5 feet 4 or 8 hi. he is purty smart kid, inturested a good deel in flatlick paipers en fils the bil purty wel—his naim is a jaw braker Ugene Vouley vou, which is french fur “wot du yu want,” i gess i wil stop now en tel about the rest uv the fellers sum uther time, ef it wud interes yu tu hear about them. Our sossiety ot to be the internashunal becos thare are five nashuns repesented alreddy en moar to foller. with regards tu yurself en reeders, i am yures to be kuntinued in our neckst
Phil. Atelic.

THE TURKISH STAMPS AGAIN.

In an article on page 17 of THE WESTERN PHILATELIST, entitled “The Stamps of Turkey,” and signed by J. H. H., the author says that “the above illustration shows the signature of the Sultan,” which it is not, but the Imperial monogram of the late Sultan Abdul-Azig.

The stamps of January 1st, 1863, come in many varieties of color, as do those of January, 1865-1867 (no 25 pi. issued), 1869, and there are three varieties of surcharge on the 25 pi. of 1869, *i. e.*, at top light, heavier, and heavy (as if done with a sharpened stick). This issue comes also with large and small perforations, 1871 being irregularly perforated; the next issue being January, 1875, and then January 1876 (not 1875) surcharged in Arabic numerals; then April 20th, 1876, with heavy surcharge (not in center), of which there is a 20 pa. olive green (rare). On September 15th, 1876, the international series were issued, in which an error occurred, 25 pi. rose and blue; 1880, a 20 pi. black and rose; in May, 1881, error 1 piastres, corrected in April 1881; 10 pa. black and green, March, 1883. March, 1884, change of color, but no 25 pi., error 10 pa. blue on light blue, also comes unperforated. The next issue, February 13th, 1886, 5 pa. violet, perforated large, small, and unperforated; 25 pi. black on grey, large, small, perforated and unperforated. March 13th, 1886, 5 pa. black on white; 2 pi. orange on blue; 5 pi. dark green on light green; 25 pi. amber on bistre. Of the February 13th, 1886, issue 5 pa, there were 6 000 issued; of the 25 pi. 1,500—750 large perforated, 700 small, and 50 unperforated. The change in colors from 1884 to 1886 is caused by an Imperial Decree, which requires a change of color every two years, and new designs every six years.

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Wm. A. Warner.

EDITORIAL CHAT.

With this number THE WESTERN PHILATELIST assumes all that is left of one of the oldest philatelic journals in America, *The Stamp World*, of Cincinnati. We say *assumes* because some of our contemporaries have announced that we had *bought* the journal. As there was no inducement for us to buy *The Stamp World*, unless perhaps the empty honor of a new paper acquiring one that had existed for so long a time, we simply offered to fill unexpired subscriptions in return for the right, title, and good will of the journal. The only changes caused by this transfer are that the well known Cincinnati journal of old is a thing of the past and will be known no more to philatelists, its subscribers will receive this journal in its place,—those who were subscribers to both being credited with the proper additional time on our books,—and advertisers will have one less journal to patronize.

In 1886 the first number of *The Stamp World* was published in Cincinnati by Messrs. Collins & Mills. It consisted of four pages only. The journal however both enlarged and improved with age. Later on Mr. Collins withdrew from the management, in order to devote more time to his studies, we believe, and the entire control rested with Mr. F. L. Mills. In his hands the journal made great strides and attained much popularity, both with collectors and as an advertising medium for dealers. But with the growth of Mr. Mills' business he was unable to give the journal the time it demanded and the latter suffered in consequence. This was the condition of the journal last summer, when an interval of two or three months elapsed without a single issue. When at last the journal did appear again it was with the announcement that Mr. Clinton Collins, one of the original founders, would in future carry on the venture alone, Mr. Mills severing entirely his connection therewith. Since the change but a few numbers have been issued. *The Stamp World* in its career of over six years has issued a total of seventy numbers, the last one bearing date of February, 1887. In these seventy numbers will be found much that is valuable to the philatelist and well worthy of preservation. Many of the numbers are now quite difficult to obtain and he who possesses a complete file may consider himself a lucky man.

To advertisers we would say that the union of these two journals is an indication that *we* are here to stay and that we are continually on the lookout for opportunities that will increase the benefits accruing to our advertisers. The suspension of *The Stamp World* means that there is one less journal for you to patronize. THE WESTERN PHILATELIST solicits that patronage;—in additional space if you are already represented, or a trial advertisement if you have not availed yourself of the opportunity presented.

FROM the start it has been our endeavor to give as much information as possible about the transactions of the various Philatelic Societies. That our efforts have met with approval is indicated by the interest a number of societies have evinced, as shown in resolutions that have been made, instructing secretaries to send reports to such journals as would publish them, etc. Another indication of the success of this plan is found in the way other journals have fallen in with the idea and have solicited and printed such reports. Not long ago the only report of a society's doings that could be found in a journal was the report of the local society. Now most of the leading journals report the proceedings of many of the societies.

We wish to make this feature of our journal as full and complete as possible, and we ask the co-operation of those societies we have not yet received reports from. It is also important that these reports be brought up to as late a date as possible. We receive copy of this nature up to the 25th of each month, and would request that societies sending us reports include the latest meeting that can be included up to that date.

THE PHILATELIC SOCIETIES.

We shall be glad to have all societies represented in this department, and will send THE WESTERN PHILATELIST free to those regularly sending us reports of their meetings. Reports must reach us not later than the 15th of each month.

AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

Since our last report the paid-up membership has increased to 203. There still remains a large number of charter members who have not paid their dues or signified in any way their desire to fulfill their promises of last fall. If you are one of these why not pay up now and receive the advantages of membership?

A number of important measures, which will greatly increase the usefulness of the Association, are now under consideration. It takes time to get such an institution as this in thorough working order, and those members who expect everything to be accomplished in a minute should possess their souls in patience. The results attained cannot well be made manifest at once, nor can it be expected that the management will please every one. The greatest good for the greatest number should be, and is, the object.

Mr. E. B. Hanes, Exchange Superintendent, has sent in his resignation and it will probably be accepted very soon. Most of us are aware that Mr. Hanes has been in ill health for the last year. It is on account of his health that this officer resigns, as the work that must be performed is too much when taken in connection with his business. That Mr. Hanes has succeeded most admirably in organizing the exchange department, and that he has made a most efficient officer during his short incumbency, must be admitted by all, and his retirement will be deeply regretted. In this connection it might be well to add that some important measures are under way for perfecting the organization of this department and lessening the labor devolving on the superintendent. The most important features are, allowing the superintendent a percentage on the business transacted, and restricting members in their use of the exchange to one lot (but comprising as many sheets as they choose) at a time,—that lot to travel the circuit and a settlement to be effected before another lot may be sent in to the superintendent.

The Board of Officers have passed a number of resolutions since our last report. One provides for the supplying of back numbers of the official journal and official circulars to new members and to those members who may have lost certain numbers and desire duplicates to complete their files;—the price to be ten cents a copy. Another resolution is to the effect that such persons as may become members after June 1st of each year shall pay the sum of \$1.00 for dues for the remainder of that year (which expires with September 13th) such members to receive only such members of the official journal as are published after their admission, but back numbers may be had at ten cents each. A resolution provides for the mailing of single copies of the official journal to those persons whose names appear in the list of applicants. A resolution provides that members may be supplied by the secretary with noteheads bearing their name and address and the official electrotype of the Association; prices are not yet established but probably will be very soon.

The resignation of Mr. W. F. Bishop, of La Grange, Ill., has been sent in and accepted.

At this writing (March 28) the March number of the *American Philatelist* has not appeared. This tardiness is the cause of much complaint among members: but be patient, there is undoubtedly some good reason for the delay.

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BLACKHAWK PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—This Society was organized February 22d, with six members. Officers elected: President, E. Harmes; Treasurer, H. Copp; Secretary and Librarian, C. D. Reimers. The society is named after the famous Indian chieftain who once dwelt here. *The Review* was made the official journal. Thanks were voted the Carson Stamp Co, and C. D. Reimers for favors extended. Adjournment was preceded by a stamp auction.

C. D. Reimers, Secretary,
Rock Island, Ill.

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CHICAGO PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—Meeting of February 24, the president in the chair. Considerable business was transacted and an interesting meeting held, in spite of a small attendance. Mr. Gadsden exhibited a photograph of James Chambers, the inventor of the adhesive postage stamp. It received much favorable comment—the general verdict being that it was the portrait of a master mind—a man of genius. An essay on the stamps of Brunswick was read by the president. Meeting of March 10, the president in the chair. Again was the attendance small, but those present redoubled their efforts and a very interesting meeting was the result. The absence of the vice-president was greatly regretted,—doubly so as he was to have been the essayist of the evening, but the ever-prepared-for any emergency secretary, Mr. Gadsden, was ready to fill the void, and read a very interest paper on that ever-fruitful and often-abused subject, "Stamp Collecting." It was received with the hearty applause it deserved. Messrs. W. J. Clark and J. H. Huber were elected active members. At the meeting of March 24th a better attendance greeted us. Considerable important business was transacted and a large amount of informal discussion indulged in on the subjects of reprints, used or unused specimens, the American Association, etc., etc. A communication from the Pomeroy Society, relating to the American Association was read and laid on the table. Three new active members

were admitted: Messrs. F. F. Gilbert, H. B. Myers, and G. S. Wilson. The auction sales continue to hold the interest of members,—especially so with the new members. Next meeting April 7th.

Chicago.

DENVER STAMP COLLECTORS' LEAGUE.—The meeting of February 12th was well attended. No business of importance, but the time was spent in pleasant discussion. At the meeting of February 24th, there was no business except to adopt resolutions toward aiding Messrs. Bogert and Rechert to get permission for the use of cuts in their work on U. S. envelopes. March 10 was one of the liveliest meetings we have ever had. Motion made and carried that we have a set of rules, to be made as we find we need them; these rules not to interfere in any way with the constitution or by-laws. Article 5 of the by-laws, in regard to applications for membership, was amended so that when the executive committee have made a favorable report on an applicant he shall be admitted to the business meeting on two months' probation, during which time he shall enjoy all the privileges of the society excepting the social feature. At the end of this time his election shall take place by ballot, two negative votes being sufficient to reject him. Mr. Patrick Chalmers was elected an honorary member. A vote of congratulation was sent Mr. Gorton on his recovery from a long and serious illness. We had a long discussion in regard to debates; finally coming to the conclusion to have a debate at each meeting, one meeting an extemporaneous one, and the next a formal one; the subjects to be chosen by the members, and the president to appoint one member on the affirmative and one on the negative for the formal debates. Meeting adjourned at 10:45.

Denver, Colo.

Fred. W. Feldwisch, Secretary.

LANSING PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—Meeting of March 11, 1887, called to order at 7:30 P. M. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. It was decided to have a debate at each meeting of the society. The question for next meeting is: Resolved—'That we encourage the collection of reprints.' Debators, Affirmative C. W. Foster, Negative R. G. Dodge. Resolutions were adopted expressing the opinion that Messrs. Bogert and Rechert should be allowed to illustrate their catalogue of U. S. Envelopes. On motion the meeting adjourned.

Lansing, Mich.

R. G. Dodge, Sec'y.

NATIONAL PHILATELICAL SOCIETY.—Regular monthly meeting of the National Philatelic Society was held at its rooms, on Thursday, February 10th. The president and vice-president being absent, Dr. Wm. H. Mitchell was voted to the chair. Meeting called at 8:20 P. M. Reading and approval of minutes of previous meeting. The executive committee not reporting on Mr. Aue's resolution, it was laid over until next meeting. Received communications from Messrs. F. E. P. Lynde and Wm. H. Corfield on behalf of the Q. C. P. S., requesting the Nat. Phil. Soc. to send representatives to attend their second anniversary and banquet, to be held on Feb. 18th, 1887. Moved by Mr. Miller that the Secretary send congratulations and regrets to the Q. C. P. S. Carried. Received a short essay on the Postage Stamp Era in the U. S., by W. P. Crosby, of Detroit, Mich., which was read by Mr. Miller. Moved and carried that the society tender their thanks to Mr. Crosby. Mr. Aue exhibited several philatelic pieces of music, and several new stamps were exhibited. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P. M.

Regular semi-monthly meeting was held at the rooms, on Thursday, February 24th, President Bogert in the chair. Meeting called at 8 P. M. Reading and approval of minutes of previous meeting. The executive committee having reported favorably on the proposal for honorary membership, the Hon. Henry G. Pearson, P. M., N. Y. C., was unanimously elected. The executive committee not reporting on Mr. Aue's resolution, it was referred to the committee of the whole, where, after much discussion, it was put to vote, and resulted in a tie; was decided by the chair as not carried. Moved by Mr. Rich that Sec. 1, Art. 4, of the constitution be amended. Vice-President Rechert in the chair. Mr. Bogert then moved that the original question be reconsidered. Moved and seconded that the original question be reconsidered, put to vote and resulted in a tie, was decided by the chair as carried. The question was then put to vote, with the same result, and decided by the chair as carried. "That the National Philatelic Society become a branch of the American Philatelic Society."

Mr. F. E. P. Lynde, Cor. Secy. of the Q. C. P. S. was present, and was called upon for a speech. His response was thankfully received by the members present. Mr. Rich exhibited his collection of U. S. Stamps, and Mr. Rechert several novelties.

New York City.

Wm. A. Warner, Sec'y.

NEW ENGLAND PHILATELIC UNION.—The meeting was held in Boston, Mass., Feb. 5, at 2 P. M. Meeting called to order by President E. A. Holton. The following new members were admitted: G. E. Howe, 7 Bowdoin st., Boston; Nathaniel W. Appleton, Dorchester, Mass.; Henry F. King, 100 Franklin st., Boston; E. L. Whitney, 5 St. Charles, st., Boston. President Holton read several communications from L. H. Patterson, the former secretary. His own letters convicted him, as no two of them contained the same statement of his account with the union. He also mentioned several dates when he would call on President

Holton and turn over the funds of the union, but he never went near him. Mr. A. K. Fetredge made the motion that Patterson be expelled from the union, and it was accepted by a unanimous vote. Also moved to have certificates of membership issued to members, and that the Counterfeit Detector shall receive three cents each for all stamps examined by him up to 25; all after that number, two cents each. Also voted that the President shall call special meetings at such times and places as he may see fit, at the request of six members. No business relating to the union can be transacted at these meetings. Chas. I. Thayer, John M. Hubbard, and W. D. King were appointed executive committee. It was voted to have a committee appointed to draw up a new set of by-laws, to be presented at the next meeting. The president appointed Chas. I. Thayer, W. D. King, and Henry F. King. Number of members present, 16. Meeting adjourned at 4:15 P. M.

Lake Village, N. H.

John M. Hubbard, Secretary.

NEW MILFORD PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—Meeting of March 4th called to order by President Landon. Fred. E. Starr and Joe A. Levy were admitted as members. Communication from John W. Turrill read and placed on file. As no subject was given out at last meeting the debate was omitted. A speech from Mr. M. U. Levy filled the vacancy in a very agreeable manner. Mr. Levy showed the members the proof of the exchange list, for which he was tendered a vote of thanks. Motion that ballot counter, assistant librarian, and executive committee be combined into one, to be called marshal, was carried. Subject for next meeting: "Resolved, That it is better to collect singly than by sets." At nine o'clock the meeting was adjourned April 1, 1887. Our meetings are monthly instead of weekly as they were a while ago.

New Milford, Conn.

F. E. Soule, Acting Secretary.

NEWTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—This society meets weekly. Meeting of February 16th. Six members present. Constitution amended, and "The Stamps of the Native Indian States" given out as the subject for next meeting. February 23d: Resignation of the vice-president read and tabled. Percy Weston was admitted to membership. Subject for next meeting: "Water-marks." Messrs. Evans and Mellus appointed essayists for next meeting. March 2d: Vice-President Sheppard's resignation was taken up and accepted. Mr. Evans' essay on Water-marks proved quite interesting. Messrs. Mellins and Safford were appointed essayists for next meeting.—subject, "Embossing." March 9: Edmund I. Leed was proposed for membership and elected. The dues were changed from \$1.00 a year to ten cents a month. A large amount of business was transacted and much had to lay over until next meeting. Messrs. Hutchison and Bacon were appointed essayists: Subject: "Who Invented the Postage Stamp?"

West Newton, Mass.

Wm. H. Bacon, Secretary.

POMEROY PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—Regular meeting held March 3d, with a large attendance. Mr. Wm. Eberth exhibited a complete unused set of U. S. adhesives, 1869 issue, without embossing on back. Mr. Murphy inquired if any members had bought any stamps through the purchasing agent of the American Association and what the Pomeroy Society intended to do in the matter. Mr. Neift suggested that we buy our stamps direct from governments for the present, as only six of the members belong to the American Association. The secretary informed the society that he had received a letter from the Postmaster-General of the Hawaiian Islands enclosing the postal rate-sheet of the Islands, and he wished the society to act on it at this meeting. After examining it Mr. Bishop moved that the secretary be instructed to order at once of the Hawaiian Government twelve full sets of the Hawaiian envelopes, the same to be sold to the members at their face value. Carried unanimously. Members were instructed to order of the secretary what stamps they wanted of the Hawaiian Islands at their face value. Mr. Murphy exhibited sheets of a well known Western dealer, on which there was an old Hawaiian stamp, and the same stamp was shown on the Island rate sheet at a reduction of eighteen hundred per cent, which shows how some dealers are working the collectors of this country. A letter was also read by the secretary from the Miquilon Islands, which shows that the Islands are using the common French colonial stamp. The secretary informed the society that he would purchase full sets of them at face value, or about seventy five cents per set, if a deal was made up. Letter was laid over until the next meeting. After comparing stamps meeting adjourned.

Toledo, Ohio.

E. D. Kline, Secretary.

RHODE ISLAND PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.—The regular monthly meeting of the R. I. Philatelic Society was held at the residence of Mr. F. F. Olney, on Monday evening, March 7th. President E. B. Hanes in the chair. The question of Mr. Chalmers' claim regarding the invention of the postage stamp was briefly discussed, and made the special subject for the next meeting. Two names were proposed for membership, which under the by-laws were carried over to the next meeting. After business, the society passed from labor to refreshment, which it is needless to say was heartily enjoyed and appreciated by the fortunate ones present. The remainder of the evening was passed in looking over Mr. Olney's fine collection, after which the society adjourned until the first Monday evening in April.

Providence, R. I.

John B. Calder.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

THE red brown 4d. stamp of Jamaica was issued in 1886.

THE 5c. envelope of France exists on grey: the 15c. on both yellow and grey.

ANOTHER new one is *The Germantown Philatelist*, Germantown, Pa.—eight pages.

A SOCIETY called the Chalmer's Philatelic Association has been organized at Northboro', Mass.

The Witch City Collector is the name of a new philatelic paper hailing from Salem, Mass.—four pages.

GREAT BRITAIN will surcharge the new issue for use in the Levant as soon as the present supply of the old issue is exhausted.

HERDMAN'S MISCELLANY is the name of an unpretentious exchange of four pages that comes to us from Berwick upon-Tweed, England.

The Youth's Ledger has secured the services of Mr. Gustave Aue, of New York, as business manager. This paper is rapidly making friends.

THE 50c stamp of Chili is now purple instead of violet. The provisional ½d. of Tobago, on 2½d., is found with the surcharge "½ PENNY" and also "PENNY ½".

VOLUME 2, number 1, of *The Stamp* shows a great advance since the issue of Volume 1, number 1. This journal has made an enviable place for itself in philatelic circles.

THE march of improvement has struck the *Philatelic Herald*, which opens vol. 4 with a neatly printed paper of eight large pages. Do try and appear promptly, friend Jewett.

TO our already able staff of contributors may be added the names of Thomas Coke Watkins and Wm. A. Warner. Articles from both these well-known writers will soon appear in our columns.

COSTA RICA has issued new 5c. and 10c. stamps: they are the same colors as the corresponding values of 1883, and of the same general design, but are ornamented with the portrait of the new president.

THE March number of the *Quaker City Philatelist* shows that its publishers do not intend to let the procession get very far before they are seen. The list of stamps issued in 1886 is very useful and is the result only of much hard work.

PRELIMINARIES are now under way for making Chicago one of the proposed distributing stations. If this is accomplished it will afford our local collectors a much better chance to provide themselves with U. S. stamps and envelopes.

"PATENT insides" have at last invaded the ranks of philatelic journalism, as witness the March number of *The Philatelic Tribune*. However, the paper is better printed than of old, although there is but little in that has any bearing on philately.

MR. HUTCHISON, of Newtonville, Mass., has sent us specimens of what appear to be a new die of the one cent stamp. The color closely resembles that of the first die of the current stamp, while a careful examination leads us to believe the die newly cut.

THERE have been many inquiries as to the identity of "Wanderer", the author of a number of popular articles on revenue stamps. Mr. T. J. Mitchell, of this city, is the guilty man, and is now ready to stand up and take his punishment for the offense.

The Philatelic Journal of America is still behind time in date of issue. Do try to prevent our repeating this chestnut, Mr. Mekeel, by coming out on time. By the way there are two number 24s in volume 2; what shall we do when we come to bind the volume?

STANTON'S long-promised directory is now out and presents a poor enough appearance to suit any scoffer of philately. The typography is so miserable that we have not the patience to wade through it in order to ascertain whether there is anything of value contained in it or not.

WHEN the Denver collectors start out to do anything they generally make a success of it. From the reports that have reached us the celebration, held March 15, of the second year of *The Stamp's* progress was no exception to the rule. The souvenirs sent out are very neat and pretty.

OUR old friend the *Philatelic Gazette*, of Altoona, Pa., pursues the even tenor of its independent, fearless way, and its publishers are to be congratulated upon producing a journal whose appearance is always welcomed and whose columns are invariably filled with interesting matter.

THE PHILATELIC ANNUAL, compiled by E. R. Aldrich is a late arrival. It comprised six pages of reading matter and a number of advertisements, and is the result of a little manipulation of the shears. In typographical appearance it is fair. It may be had of the compiler. Price ten cents.

QUITE a creditable appearance is made by the second number of the *Keystone State Philatelist*. It very naively admits that it starts out with the intention of "culling"—i. e. cribbing—from its contemporaries such things as seem to it good. Its comments on the A. P. A. are, to say the least, ungracious.

THE *Empire State Philatelist* seems to think it invented the style of writing that is used by our contributor, "Phil. Atelic," and quotes as the "original" "Ikeys letters," which were contributed to that journal some months ago. We suppose Josh. Billings and Petroleum V. Nasby are also indebted for their style to master "Ikey."

MR. VOUTÉ has produced his *Stamp Collectors' Figaro*, beautiful cover and all—although there is room for a difference of opinion on the question of beauty. "Wanderer" has one of his usual good articles on Revenues, and some one, presumably the editor, airs his views on a proposed album for envelopes. No. 2 is promised to appear promptly on April 1st.

Two auction sale catalogues have been received. The first, March 29 and 30, Bangs & Co., is catalogued by David Prosky (5th sale) and includes stamps, minerals, shells, coins, etc. The other sale occurs April 2, Leavitt & Co., and is catalogued by Ed. Frossard. It comprises about the same class of goods as the previous catalogue,—stamps, however, predominating.

STILL another firm has placed an advertisement on our two cents envelope. This time it is the Straw & Ellsworth Mfg. Co. of Milwaukee. The impression is of the same color (brown) as the stamp and in the form of a heraldic shield. The inscriptions are: at the right, Straw & Co.; top, Ellsworth; left, Mfg. Co.; bottom, Milwaukee, Wis. The envelope is a number 5, with "U. S." water-mark.

IN the March number of the *Curiosity World* the article entitled "Philately! A Science!" by A. Palette, is brought to a close. This article has occupied a column or more in each of the last three issues of the paper and evinces a studious research and a love for philately that is highly commendable in the author. Mr. Hubbard should republish it in pamphlet form,—it would be a power for good.

IN confirmation of our prophecy that that the departure of the *Stamp World* from the straight and narrow path of philately was more "other" than "wise" comes the announcement of the decease of that old established journal. Not an inglorious death, however, but with honor untainted and subscription list filled by a journal that cannot fail to be as welcome to subscribers as the one-time favorite.

IN February the *Philatelic World* published a problem and invited solutions to it. With the March number comes the following: "We must admit that the laugh is on us, and hereby invite the solvers to walk up to the bar and take a ten-cent stamp." That's the kind of a man Mr. Bogert is: if our recollection is correct the strongest thing he could be induced to take at a bar last September was lemonade.

NONE of the numerous accounts that have been published of the recent Casey sale in New York mention the fact that the well known philatelist and writer, Mr. H. B. Sengrave, attended that sale. Not only was he there, but he was the heaviest purchaser at the sale, bidding in stamps to the amount of \$327.76. The entire list of U. S. die proofs on large cardboard, 218 in number, were knocked down to him.

COLLECTORS who may doubt the reality of the new issue of Samoan stamps can reflect over this item. Mr. Matter, Superintendent of Carriers at the Chicago P. O., has just received the 2d. and 4d. values through this office. No other stamps were on the envelope, nor was there any "postage due" to collect. There is certainly no doubt about the authenticity of this issue.

THE New York *World* of March 13th has nearly a column devoted to a "Postage Stamp Swindle." It shows how a party in Germany has made the entire world gather stamps and send them to him for nothing. This unscrupulous person advertised that for every million stamps sent him a home would be provided for an aged person; for smaller amounts, lesser benefits would accrue, etc., etc. The *World* deserves the thanks of all philatelists for its exposure of this fraud.

THE New York Society (so called "National," but it's local only) has had a hard struggle with the question "to be or not to be" a branch of the A. P. A. At a recent meeting the question was brought up, lost, reconsidered, and then put to a vote again. This time the result was a tie, but the president, Mr. Bogert, voting in the affirmative the society adopted the resolution making it a branch. There are rumors afloat that the opposition will again make the attempt to defeat the resolution.

MR. T. E. WILLSON of the New York *World*, is well-known as a philatelic writer and an advocate of the advance of philately as a science. He has contributed many articles on this subject to the press, but in *Sunshine* for February is to be found his *chef-d'œuvre*. We can do no better than to heartily endorse what the editor of *Sunshine* says in his comment on the article: "Mr. Willson says more and says it better than has ever been put in the same space on this subject." We should like to see this article reprinted in pamphlet form,—it would make a most excellent tract and be an irrefutable argument in favor of philately.

WE have been favored with a copy of a 132 page catalogue, issued February, 1887, by Dr. M. Vedel, Copenhagen, Denmark, containing a comprehensive list of varieties of stamps, in water-mark, perforation, color, and paper; also locals, including the recent German and Danish emissions. Under the heading of Austria, on page 28 of this catalogue we note an 1858 issue 4kr. brown, priced Rm. 7.50 new or used. This is a new one to us, as we do not remember having seen it previously quoted or mentioned in any catalogue or journal. Can any of our readers throw a little light on the subject?

CORRESPONDENCE.

In an editorial in *The Collector's Review* for February, 1887, I find the following: "The Denver Stamp Collector's League passed resolutions thanking Mr. Mekeel for his efforts for 'Philatelic,' while the National Philatelic Society has followed suit by thanking Mr. Bradt for his efforts for 'Philatelic,' and the number is about evenly divided as is shown at the convention in July, the 'philatelic' element slightly predominated. The fact that this society used the word 'Philatelic,' we think should settle the question in the minds of American philatelists."

1st. The National Philatelic Society has not thanked Mr. Bradt, but a resolution was offered to do so, and it was laid on the table, but had it have so choosed to have passed it, whose right is it to question the action of the *oldest* society in the U. S.?

2d. And that the number about evenly divided at the convention in July, Who can say how it stood, when many of the voters were by *proxy*? And furthermore the writer of the above editorial is all at sea, for the convention was not held in July, but in September.

3d. "The fact that the A. P. A. used the word 'Philatelic' should settle the question." No! nothing but searching researches in the field of entymological derivation will or should settle it. It is not my object nor intention to enter such at present; but what is the title that our U. S. Government puts on its surveys? Not Geographic, or Geologic Surveys, but Geographical Surveys, etc. In all Government reports will be found the ending *al*.

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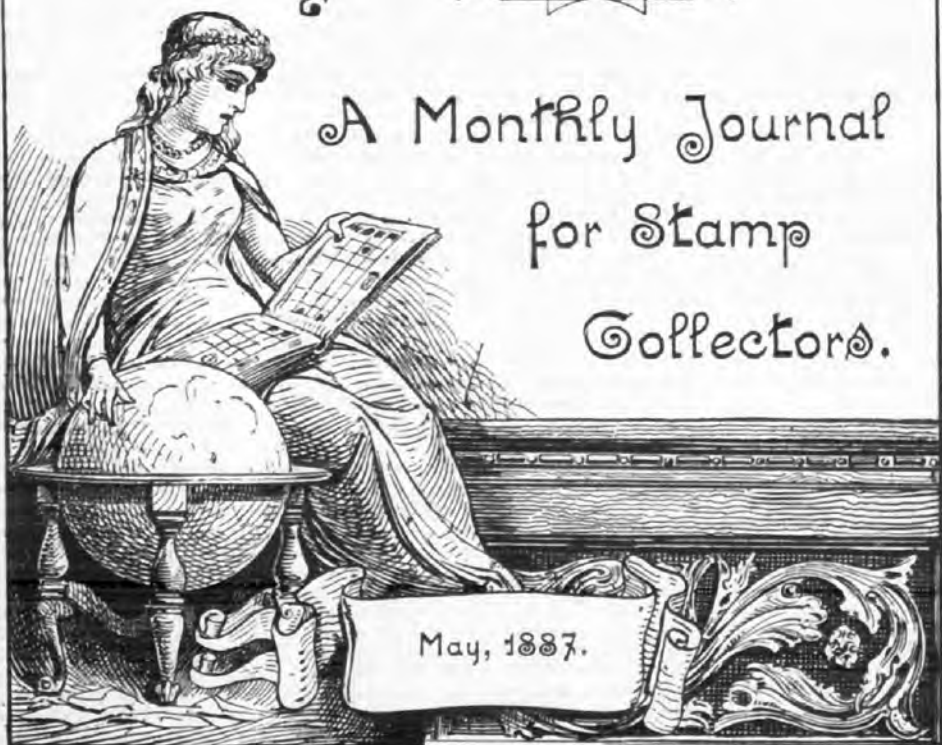
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COLLECTING UNUSED STAMPS.

(Translated from *L'Union des Timbrophiles.*)

A collector for many years I have been asked over and over again whether it was better to collect used or unused specimens? This same question has been the subject of much discussion in the various journals and societies, without as yet resulting in any definite conclusion being reached.

To-day some headstrong collectors will have nothing but canceled specimens, while others equally set in their views limit their collections to such specimens only as they can (to the extent of the strain their purses will stand) procure in an unused condition, permitting many stamps to remain unrepresented in preference to having a canceled specimen in their collection. These two extremes are equally absurd and in either case the collector loses more or less. In collecting it is of the first importance to aim at having the collection as near complete as possible, and to accomplish this one must be content with that which is obtainable.

I suppose that more than one beginner, prey to a restless uncertainty on the choice of his stamps, might thank the unknown friend who comes here to relieve his perplexity, for that is my only motive in writing in this journal, one so devoted to the cause of philatelists.

Let us first speak of canceled stamps. The custom (I was about to say mania) of only collecting used stamps, was introduced into France by the Germans, who pushed the love of canceled stamps to buying even their own on the streets. They offered this specious pretext, that one is more sure of the authenticity of a stamp after it has passed the postoffice. In answer to this objection it suffices simply to remark that at all the paper stands, cigar stores, or other places where bogus stamps are sold, they all bear the sign of cancelation, whereas it is quite rare to find new ones there.

But I see a second spectre that they invoke, the reprinting. Certain countries have reprinted their issues for collectors; but the number of reprints are few enough for us to know them by heart, and to beware of giving as much for them as for originals. Besides, far from the reprint being a danger, it offers this advantage to the amateur—that of filling up vacancies that otherwise would always be yawning voids.

If then a collection devoted exclusively to canceled stamps risks having counterfeits, what shall we say of one devoted exclusively to unused stamps? There, assuredly, the amateur is forced to have recourse to reprints; and more, he risks every moment being cheated by false surcharges, which, starting from special forgers, are generally stamped on good, unused stamps. Further than that, the collector of unused stamps exclusively is bound to be restricted in his collection, for there are certain stamps which cannot at present be had in that condition whatever his fortune may be. I conclude then by declaring that he who wishes a fine collection ought to try to get all the

unused stamps he can, above all in countries where there is any doubt of their authenticity, but accept, nevertheless, cancelled stamps, and in certain cases even seek for them—such as the old Italian provinces and duchies. At all events do not follow the example of certain strangers visiting Paris, who have, as I have seen them do, bought a set of stamps at the postoffice and asked the employe to cancel them!

Now then, my colleagues, collect unused stamps by preference; canceled if need be; reprints cautiously; being always on the watch for counterfeits, and buy only from well-known dealers.

Un Timbrophile.

[While the article of our French contemporary contains nothing of note that has not been previously expressed, yet we deem it worthy of reproduction in this journal at this time, in view of the fact that so many collectors are prone to view with suspicion an unused, perfect specimen. With some collectors it is a subject of amazement that a stamp issued twenty or more years ago should by any possibility exist to-day in all its original purity and beauty, undimmed by cancellation marks and with the original gum still intact. But that there are thousands of such stamps in existence is as certain as that stamps exist at all. And it is our opinion that the sooner collectors fully awaken to a realization of the much greater value of a collection gathered on the principles set forth above, the better it will be for them and for philately. A carefully prepared and authentic list of such stamps as have been reprinted would be of much value to those who collect, as far as possible, or their means permit, unused specimens, and would serve as a beacon-light or danger signal when the purchase of such stamps was contemplated.

—*Editor.*]

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Issue of March 13th, 1875. (Turkish Financial Year March 13th, 1290.)

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Below is an embossed stamp within a circle enclosing forty-two pearls; in this is, at top, the star and crescent, and underneath it the words *damghai deolet-i-alie* (stamps of the great Empire), and above these words the date 1290 of the Turkish financial year (1875-76). The embossed stamp is the seal of the Control Office of the Central Stamp Administration.

There are two earlier issues; that of 1865 printed in black, and numbers and words in white, the stamp being in upper dexter corner, while that of the Control is on the reverse in black with white letters and in lower dexter corner. Another issue, 18—, is similar; it has Control seal under it, embossed, without ring, star and crescent, and pearls, and is badly executed. There is still another with same design, but better workmanship.

Wm. A. Warner.

* Sinister, left or to the left hand; Dexter, right or to the right hand.

A FLATLISTS ECKSPERIENS. IV.

Sumwheres Stamp Colleckter's Sossiety—Continued.

SUMWHERE, April 15, 1887.

Mistur Editur:

Hevin in mi last given yu a deskripshun en shoart byogrify uv the officers uv the sossiety, an not hevin herd enny advurs komment ecksept frum the fellers i diskribd, who say im tu truthful tu rite a good byogrify, i gess i wil taik mi chanes uv gittin kilt en go fur the rest uv them. the neckst on the list is the ecksekutif kommity the chareman uv wich is naimed Jonny Able, who is a yung feller about fifteen or sixty (wich is about es near es yu kin git tu his aig) with kind uv grayish hair en mustash, en uv mejum bild. There is wun gud thing about him, he is a reglar attendent to the meetins uv the sossiety becos thay meet in his stoar en he kant stay away. Evry meetin nite he gits so ecksited he almoast gose tu slepe, i gess the gurl he taiks to supper meetin nites wishes thay cum twise a weak insted uv evry 2 weeks, but we hev tu much regard fur him tu bankrupt him. The next feller on the kommity usto be purty reglar til he wus tuk sick frum reedin an essay befoar the sossiety en wus lade up fur a long while, but he is better now en gettin around like a fust klass dutchman, en the boys is mity glad tu see him. his naim is Heinrich Fritz en he is a kind uv kross between a blond en brunet en about 5 feet 11 high. The neckst feller on the list is a kind uv dont kare a dam feller en like all the fellers on prevyus kummitys never attends the meetins. i gess moast uv his time is taken up with "runnin wid de gang" en atending balls en parties. he is also a dude but uv a different kind frum our treasurer, es he wares yeller kids en parts his brown hare in the middle en es i sed is tu much uv a sossiety yung feller tu pay much attenshun tu flatlicks, but es he is yung he will lurn better en be sorry fur not pain moar attenshun tu the sossiety, his naim is Martin Allover. the neckst moast impotent member uv our sossiety en wun who is a flatlist frum way back is our janiter Lazzarone Allfeet, who wus born tired en who hes got sech big feet he interfears when he walks, en falls tu peaces when he mooves, he is willin enuf tu do moast ennythin but genrally maiks a failur becos he is so clumsy. the dutchmen in our sossiety is purty numerous en thare is one littel fat feller among them whose naim is Fritz Holdforth, who is tu much engaged with uthar things tu atend the meetins very often, but when he dose get thare he gose rite tu slepe en oanly waiks up often enuf tu ask when it is time tu go hoam. sumtimes when we have an okshun he bys wun stamp fur a sent en kunsiders he hez dun a grate deal en is reel proud uv that addishun tu his kolleckshun. Wun uv the first memburs en our first libraryun i forgot tu menshun. his naim is William Shortly, en fur a while he wus thare at evry meetin, but hevin got a rais in possishun frum his boss, he went on the rode en hes never bin sean sins. he hes got a gud deel uv the library uv the sossiety in his possesshun en nobody kin git it till he kums back. sum fellers mite think becos he hez gone on the rode thet he hed bin a alderman, but he aint. he is a purty gud natured sort uv lite kumpleckshund feller, en a gud judge of—stamps. The last time we hurd frum him he wanted to know what envelopes was gittin scarce sos he cud git a corner on em by buyin out the kuntry postofises. Now Mistur editur i am not goin tu tackle enny moar uv our fellers this trip, but wil kloose with a few suggestions es tu how yu mite improav the luks uv mi artikles in yure paiper. in the first plais thay ot tu be printed in leaded italicks in haf kolum meshur, en on the furst paig, dont yu think so, jest tri it in your neckst, it aint much truble en you doant hev ennythin else tu do, Yures, with regards,

Phil. Atelic.

MUSIC IN PHILATELY. II.

My article in No. 1 having met with approval, I will review those musical publications which refer to philately and which have been sent to me or to which I have had my attention called by kind friends who are interested in this subject. I am indebted to Mr. Patrick Chalmers, of England, for a copy of the "Musical Album", containing the *Philatelic Polka*, the *Postage Stamp Waltz*, and *The Collector's Quadrille*. These three pieces are composed by Frances Mary Palmer, and published by J. W. Palmer, 281 Strand W. C., London. They are quite appropriately dedicated to P. Chalmers, Esq., son of the inventor of the adhesive stamp. The polka is lively and spirited, and being about the 2d and 3d grades can be easily learned by amateur players, and is just the thing to play for dancing the heel and toe polka. The waltz is about the same grade as the polka but of a different nature. Where the Polka would impress one as a ball-room companion, the Waltz seems to be more suited to the parlor. The Quadrille is lively, somewhat more difficult than the other two, and makes a very good number for a dance programme. It has five figures, while we in this country only dance four. The fifth figure, however, can be used very well as an extra or a fancy figure. This album can be well styled the Philatelic Musical Album. The title page is embellished by a likeness of the publisher.

I also have received a copy of the *Special Berichte Walzer* (Special Message Waltzes) by Alphons Czibulka, author of the popular Gavotte Stephanie. It is published in Mainz, by B. Schott's Sons. The title-page represents a magazine with upper right hand corner turned; across the center is a narrow band on which is printed the name and address of the publishers, and in the upper right hand corner of the band is an 1867 issue of the 3 kr. green adhesive stamp of Austria, postmarked Trieste 4.—20,—'82, 5 a. m. The Waltz is written in about the third grade and makes a very melodious set. It has been reprinted in this country, but with a plain type-title, which removes all interest in it from a philatelic standpoint, and collectors wishing the original must ask for the foreign edition of it published by B. Schott's Sons. I shall be pleased to receive all publications sent me that are of interest to philatelists:

Postmaster.

LEADING JOURNALS.

The American Philatelist for April contains a list of ten American philatelic journals that the writer claims are worthy the support of every collector. It appears to us that it would be worth while to get the opinions of various philatelists as to the respective value of the existing journals, and we therefore invite all our readers to send us, before May 25th, a list of the ten, or less, American journals they deem the best. Make out your lists in the order in which you think they should rank, sign your name to it, and send it in. The result will be announced in our next issue—the vote for each journal being given. All communications on this subject will be treated as confidential and under no circumstances will the vote of anyone participating be made known.

The list published in the *American Philatelist* was as follows: Keystone State Philatelist, Philatelic Gazette, Philatelic Journal of America, Philatelic Monthly, Philatelic World, Quaker City Philatelist, Stamp, Stamp Collector's Figaro, Texas Philatelist, and Western Philatelist.

The ten journals thus named by no means comprise all that are published in America; yet there are few not named that are likely to be included in the *ten best*. The result of sifting the opinions of hundreds of active philatelists will place before our readers a list of journals which the individual or society will find a valuable aid in determining which to subscribe for.

EDITORIAL CHAT.

THE SUBJECT of utmost importance just now to live philatelists is the proposed amendments to the constitution of the AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION, and, in the event of their adoption, the consequent selection of an official journal. That the amendments will be carried there is scarcely a chance for doubt. So much dissatisfaction has existed in regard to the *American Philatelist* that members will be most likely to avail themselves of the opportunity now presented to abolish it. It is our opinion that if the Association could afford to publish such a journal as would suit its members it would be the best thing possible to do, but with a membership of from two to five hundred (making a total income of from four to ten hundred dollars) it cannot well afford to pay even the three hundred or three hundred and fifty dollars now required for a journal that is very far from being satisfactory. It might, to be sure, help a little by allowing non-members to subscribe for it and make use of its advertising columns, but even then the experience of other journals shows that they fall short considerably of paying expenses, even the best and most liberally patronized of them. And that, too, would entail the employment of a manager who could give his entire time, or the greater part of it, to the journal: for the editing of a journal even as unpretentious as this one would, if combined with the management of advertising, subscriptions, and the many minor details of publishing, occupy the full time of any competent person; and surely the Association cannot pay for such service and is hardly likely to find anyone who can afford to do it for nothing.

Three journals have come forward with propositions to assume the position of official journal. *The Empire State Philatelist and Coin and Curiosity Collector* makes, and advertises, two distinct offers: one is to devote eight pages monthly to the Association; the other is to publish an eight-page monthly, separate from its own journal:—in each case the editorial labor will be left to the Association (necessitating the retaining of the official editor) and the journal furnished free of other expense to the Association.

The offer of the *Philatelic Journal of America* is far more worthy of consideration. It is to furnish as much space monthly as may be required, in consideration of the payment annually of its regular subscription price for each and every member of the Association. In this proposition it is distinctly stated that the space will be furnished but the editing will not be assumed, thus necessitating the retention of an official editor.

The third offer is our own. THE WESTERN PHILATELIST will publish whatever matter is furnished by or through the officers of the Association, in consideration of the payment of ten dollars a month as long as the membership does not exceed five hundred; when that number is reached we will charge an additional five dollars a month for each two hundred and fifty additional members or portion thereof. We will edit all matter properly sent in and prepare it for publication. We will publish anything requested by the officers, whatever the views expressed and however contrary they may be to our own, perhaps. By editing we refer only to putting the articles, etc., in as presentable a shape as possible and not the suppression or alteration of anything submitted for publication. Of course we run the risk of having to print articles and communications of no merit whatever, either literary or otherwise but such would have to be shouldered by the officers tendering them for publication, as all Association matter would be printed in that portion of our journal designated as official. Should the Association adopt any measures that would require the sifting of opinion from many communications—and such measures are contemplated in the near future—the best means of obtaining a satisfactory result would be through the appointment of a committee for that purpose: it could accomplish the work far better than any one individual and,

as its duties would be slight in comparison with those of any existing officer, it would require no salary.

The three offers presented require your consideration if you are a member of the Association. The first is a good one if you wish to accept a charity and place the Association under obligations to they hardly know whom. Either of the other offers affords a much more manly solution of the problem and places a journal at your command that is devoted strictly to philately and nothing else, and one also that is conducted by men known to be members of the Association and to have its success at heart. And then you pay your way and are under no obligations to anyone.

Then, to narrow down the comparison to *The Philatelic Journal of America* and THE WESTERN PHILATELIST, which of the two offers is the more advantageous to the Association? The membership to-day is 214, with forty applications published, thirty, at least, of which will be members within a very short time. It is therefore a low estimate when we place the average membership for the next twelve months at 250. According to our offer it would cost the Association \$120.00 for an official journal for the next twelve months, every expense included. According to the other offer it would cost \$125.00 for the same time and then *extra for editorial services*. Then too, if the number of members exceed the estimate we give, it will cost the Association fifty cents for each and every one in excess; while under our proposition there would be no excess unless the membership doubled the estimate—and in that case, even, our offer would make the cost \$180.00 a year while the other would run up to \$250 00,—and extras.

Of course there are considerations aside from expense. Some will prefer this or that or the other journal without considering the cost at all. We feel that we have made many friends in the few months we have existed as a journal, and that we have convinced philatelists of our ability to conduct a first class journal, to publish it promptly, and also that we did not enter the field to remain for a few issues and then depart. We certainly have every reason to continue in the path we have selected and confidently expect to do so for years to come.

We trust that our readers will consider this question from all standpoints and not delay voting on the amendment. If the majority of our readers have already sent in their votes before reading this then so much the better. Promptness in all matters, whether great or slight, is a most commendable trait and we feel that any advice from us to such persons would be superfluous.

WE TRUST that our readers will interest themselves in our efforts to ascertain the ten leading philatelic journals. The "best hundred books," has been a subject of debate in literary circles for a considerable time, and why should we not take up the same subject with reference to our periodicals? Let every one send in his list without delay; the result will be interesting to those who do not wish to subscribe to everything published, but would like to take more than one journal.

IT WAS our intention to reserve sufficient copies of each issue of this journal to enable us to supply those subscribing at any time during the year with back numbers. But the demand has so far exceeded our anticipations as to compel us to date all future subscriptions from the number current at the time the subscription is sent in. We have a very limited number on hand of the issues preceeding this one, and those who desire to complete their files while there is yet time, are referred to the prices given in our advertising columns.

THE PHILATELIC SOCIETIES.

We shall be glad to have all societies represented in this department, and will send THE WESTERN PHILATELIST free to those regularly sending us reports of their meetings. Reports must reach us not later than the 15th of each month.

AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

The *American Philatelist* for March was received March 30th; the April number April 23d. The date of mailing is supposed to be the 10th of each month.

Mr. Henry Clotz, of New York, has accepted the office of Exchange Superintendent tendered him by the Board of Officers.

The president has ruled that no persons can be considered as members until they have fulfilled all the qualifications required by the constitution and a card of membership been issued. On the first of this month the secretary will remove from the records the names of all persons who have failed to qualify.

Resolutions have been passed effecting some changes in the Purchasing and Exchange Departments. These changes cannot go into effect until after their publication in the official journal. Under the new arrangement the Purchasing Agent will supply new and current issues only, and not more than five specimens of each to any one member; he will notify members what country's stamps he can supply and shall not be required to furnish others not on his lists; nor will he be required to furnish less than one dollar's worth of stamps at a time from any one country. The commission to be charged will be advanced from five per cent. to ten per cent.—one-half to go to the officer. The changes in the Exchange Department provide that the officer shall retain for himself five per cent. of the value of all exchanges effected through the department, except on such stamps as he may himself select from the books. It also provides that no member or branch can send in a second lot of exchanges until the previous one has made the circuit and the account been rendered and settled. These resolutions will be published in the next number of the official journal.

The Board of Trustees have reported a number of approval sheet frauds.

By far the most important measure that has yet been brought up is the difficulty in regard to the official journal. The branch societies of St. Louis, Chicago, and Denver have passed resolutions on the subject, those of the first two societies requesting that the *American Philatelist* be discontinued and the official reports be published in one of the existing journals. The Pomerooy Society has sent in a petition asking that these changes be made. In response to these demands the Board of Officers have adopted resolutions and caused them to be printed in *Official Circular No. 3*. These resolutions call for the first general vote of the society. The question to be voted on is whether the constitution shall be amended by striking out all reference to an Official Editor, thereby practically abolishing the *American Philatelist*. A vote is also called for on the choice of a journal to publish the official reports of the society. All members over seventeen years of age are entitled to a vote and to such the circular has been sent, and with it a postal card addressed to Mr. Sterling (trustee) containing form of vote. This card is to be filled out and mailed before May 10th—any votes received after that date not being counted. If the amendment is carried (it requires a two thirds vote to effect it) the board will select the official journal from the three having the most votes in its favor.

The number of members is 214.

AMATEUR STAMP COLLECTORS.—This club now consists of eight members, and has held three meetings, each one of which has been more interesting than the preceding. The meeting of March 24 was called to order by President Tisdale, at 8 o'clock. A short business meeting was held, followed by comparing collections and exchanging. Adjourned at 9:30. Meeting of April 6 called to order by Vice-President Whittemore at 7:30. W. G. Courtenay was admitted to membership. After some further business the meeting adjourned until April 20, 1887.

Needham, Mass.

W. W. Dewing, Secretary.

BELLE CITY PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—This society was organized April 5th, with eleven members. The following officers were selected: President, Roy Beebe; Vice-President, S. H. Fixen; Secretary and Treasurer, W. Schad. Donations of papers, etc., are requested for the library. Next meeting April 19.

Racine, Wis.

W. Schad, Secretary.

CHICAGO PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—Meeting Thursday evening April 7th called to order at 8 p. m., President Bradt in the chair. Present: Messrs. Bradt, Wolsieffer, Mitchell, Pierce, Heuer, Myers, Haskell, and Gadsden. Mr. F. B. Perry was elected to membership. Mr. Harry B. Myers was elected a member of the Executive Committee to succeed Mr. M. A. Thompson. After transacting some routine business Vice-President Wolsieffer was called to the chair, and on motion of Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Bradt, communication from the Pomerooy Society was taken up and resolution passed by that society read. On motion of Mr. Bradt, seconded by Mr. Gadsden, a committee of three was appointed to draw up resolution on the subject of official journal of A. P. A. Messrs. Bradt, Mitchell, and Myers were named by the

chair. After about ten minutes recess the committee reported as follows: "Whereas the publication of the official journal of the A. P. A. is inadequate to the needs of the Association and does not fairly represent it, therefore be it, Resolved, That the Chicago branch of the A. P. A. hereby suggests to the Official Board of that association the expediency of abolishing the office of Official Editor and discontinuing the publication of the American Philatelist, and this society would further suggest that the publication of the association reports be given to one of the existing journals, such journal to be determined by vote of the association." On motion of Mr. Gadsden, seconded by Mr. Haskell, the resolution was adopted, and copies ordered sent to the Secretary of the Association and to the Pomeroy Society as a reply to their communication. Mr. Bradt was appointed a committee to have all essays read before the society typewritten. Owing to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Wilson, the essayist for this meeting, an informal discussion on the change of color in stamps was indulged in. After a spirited auction, the meeting adjourned. Meeting of April 21st, the president in the chair. Present: Messrs. Bradt, Wolsieffer, Mitchell, Voute, Pierce, Heuer, Haskell, Wilson, and Gadsden. Mr. L. H. Drury was elected to membership. Treasurer Mitchell presented statement showing the society to be in a flourishing financial condition. Mr. Voute reported the donation to the library of the society by Mr. Haskell of a lot of papers, for which he has the thanks of the society. Mr. Wolsieffer was appointed to prepare a list of journals to which the society should subscribe. Vice-president Wolsieffer having taken the chair, Mr. Bradt, committee on typewriting essays, reported progress, which report was accepted. The president then resumed the chair. Communications from the Pomeroy Society and D. S. C. L. read, and secretary instructed to reply. Mr. Wilson, owing to a serious affliction was unable to prepare his essay, and begged to be excused, which was done, and the sympathy of the society extended to him. Mr. Mitchell was requested to prepare an essay on "Corrientes" for the next meeting. After a successful auction sale the meeting adjourned. This sale was remarkable from the fact that Mr. Hennessy, a visitor who was allowed to participate, purchased every lot sold, in spite of competition. All of the officers were on hand early, with clubs, prepared to annihilate "Phil Atelic" but failed to discover the culprit. Next Meeting, May 5.

Chicago, Ill.

C. R. Gadsden, Secy.

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DENVER STAMP COLLECTORS' LEAGUE.—Meeting of March 24. After preliminary business the question arose whether we should join the A. P. A. as a branch. There was a good deal of discussion but a motion that we should was put and carried. All rules, except the Constitution and By-Laws made previous to the adoption at last meeting of a plan for a set of rules were repealed. Several new rules in regard to debates and other matters were then proposed and adopted. The debate was then proceeded with. The subject "Shall we collect surcharges or not?" was not strictly adhered to, as both the negative and affirmative were in favor of collecting some and discarding others. A discussion then took place as to whether the debaters should not debate strictly against and in favor; the decision was that they should. The only decision that could be given on the debate was that some should be collected and others not. Adjourned at 10:05 o'clock.

Meeting of April 6. Called to order at 8:05 by the president. The question arose whether in electing Honorary Members, the names must be sent in in writing by an active member. It was decided that as these were not applications it was not necessary. Mr. L. M. Cole was unanimously elected an honorary member. A communication from Mr. Patrick Chalmers, in which he thanked the members for the resolutions in regard to his father, was read and ordered placed on file. One from Secretary Bradt, acknowledging receipt of the notification of the D. S. C. L. becoming a branch of the A. P. A. was similarly disposed of. Information was received that Mr. L. M. Cole, formerly a member of the D. S. C. L., would soon visit Denver, and a committee was appointed to receive him at the depot. The president stated that he had received some matter from the Pomeroy Philatelic Society in regard to the *American Philatelist*. A committee was appointed to draft resolutions in regard to the matter. The committee reported the following, which were adopted:

WHEREAS, Considerable dissatisfaction has arisen recently pertaining to the present status of affairs in the American Philatelic Association; and

WHEREAS, Certain parties in the A. P. A. have desired an expression of opinion from the D. S. C. L. in the matter; therefore be it

Resolved, by the Denver Stamp Collectors' League in regular session, that while we believe that the condition of affairs in the A. P. A. might be improved, yet we deem it inexpedient at this time to take any action in the matter; and be it further

Resolved, That in the opinion of this League, the official editor is doing all that could be expected from him with the limited means at his command but that we seriously deprecate the action of the Board of Officers in limiting the size of the official organ to eight pages for the term of one year; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions over the signature of the President and Secretary, be sent to the Secretary of the A. P. A., and to the Pomeroy, Nashville, Chicago and St. Louis Societies, and they be printed in the official organ of the D. S. C. L. and the *Collectors' Review*, and a marked copy of the official organ be sent to all Philatelic Societies, now known to the Secretary.

We then took up the debate for the evening. The subject was "Is it best for the A. P. A. to have its own journal?" The subject was decided in the affirmative. Adjourned at 10.05.

Meeting of April 21. Called to order by the President at 8:10. The name of C. G. Woodworth was proposed for active membership and referred to the Executive Committee. The committee appointed to receive Mr. Cole reported and the report was adopted. Communications were received from Mr. Chalmers, and the Chicago, St. Louis, and Pomeroy Societies; they were ordered placed on file. A committee of arrangements, orator of the day, poet, and poetess were elected for our annual meeting. Adjourned at 9:45.

Denver, Col.

Fred. W. Feldwisch, Sec'y.

HARTFORD PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—Meeting of April 6th. Called to order at 8 o'clock by President Baker. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. The revised constitution and by laws presented by the committee were read, and upon motion of Mr. Field were accepted. Mr. Pratt handed in his resignation as secretary. The matter was brought before the society, and it was decided not to accept it. A communication was read from Mr. Dickinson of Long Hill, Springfield, Mass., but it was decided to lay the matter on the table until the next meeting. After looking over stamps, it was moved to adjourn until May 4th, 1887.

Hartford, Conn.

C. E. Hastings, Asst. Sec'y.

NATIONAL PHILATELICAL SOCIETY.—Regular monthly meeting of the National Philatelic Society was held at its rooms on Thursday March 10th. Meeting called at 8:10 P. M. The society received several communications, and a letter of acceptance from P. M. Henry G. Pearson as an Honorary Member. A newspaper article was read by Mr. Miller. Mr. Rich exhibited the 3c. 1870, smaller than usual size. Mr. Rechert exhibited several novelties; and a Garfield double perforation. Mr. Wuesthoff 1d. on 4p. and on 1sh, yellow, Grenada; 1 and 2p lilac on blue, New Republic 1p. lilac 1887 and the orange 1886, St. Lucia. Meeting adjourned at 9 P. M. Meeting of Thursday March 24th. Called to order at 8:15 P. M. Vice-President Rechert occupied the chair. Reading and approval of minutes of previous meeting. It was moved, seconded and carried, that the names of the members present at the meetings be inserted in the printed report, and that the list of papers received be omitted. The amendment to the constitution of Sec. 7, Art. IV. was carried. A committee was appointed to wait on Mr. W. F. Smith and request the papers belonging to the society, now in his possession. Received treasurer's report, which was adopted. It was moved, seconded and carried, that a temporary librarian be appointed. Mr. Rich was appointed as such. Moved, seconded and carried that 10% of the proceeds from the auction sales go to the treasury of the society. Mr. Miller read an article on National Organization, and was tendered the thanks of the society. Mr. Rich presented the society with two *Scientific Americans* containing an illustrated article on "The Postal System, Past and Present." Several new issues were exhibited, also the two Baltimore and Ohio Telegraph Complimentary Franks, 1885 6. Two Mexican errors, 10c. brown, thin paper 1882, and 25c. envelope, having a 5c. in three corners and 10c. in further, 5c. purple brown, 5x5 green, and 10 green. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P. M. Publishers of philatelic papers, (Am. and Foreign) will please send a copy of same till further notice to Mr. Jos. S. Rich, Librarian N. P. S., No. 50 W. 38th St., N. Y. City.

New York City.

Wm. A. Warner, Sec'y.

NEW MILFORD PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—Meeting called to order by President Landon, with five members present. Minutes of last meeting and treasurer's report read and approved. Communication read and ordered to be placed on file. A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. N. M. Levy for binding. Motion by Mr. Levy that we hold our meetings semi-monthly until the first of June. Motion was passed that when we have an auction the marshal shall act as auctioneer. After the auction meeting adjourned.

New Milford, Mass.

F. E. Soule, Acting Sec'y.

OAK PARK PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—This society was organized April 6th. Meeting held at the residence of H. Hollister. The following officers were elected: President, B. Vilas; Vice-President, E. Lumbard; Secretary and Librarian, H. Hollister; Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary, W. C. Coit. Next meeting will be held at the residence of W. C. Coit.

Oak Park, Ill.

W. C. Coit, Sec'y.

POMEROY PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—Meeting of March seventh. The attendance was good. The first business to come before the meeting was the resolutions adopted by the committee regarding the illustration of Messrs. Rechert and Bogart's book. These were passed in the shape of a petition asking that the book be allowed to be illustrated, and a copy of the resolutions were ordered sent to Jos. Rechert. Mr. Parker moved that Mr. Patrick Chalmers be elected an honorary member of the Pomeroy Society. This was passed unanimously. Dr. M. Jungbluth of Toledo, was elected a member, H. C. Kendall of Emmettsburg, Iowa, was also elected a member. Several letters were read from members of the A. P. A. making inquiries regarding the Pomeroy Society. After much discussion it was decided to set aside in our albums a blank page and to arrange the new English stamps thereon in a neat design,—this

page to be called the "Jubilee" page: the secretary was instructed to purchase fifteen full sets of these stamps, the members to buy them at their face value upon arrival. The secretary was also ordered to open correspondence with the Mexican and other governments with a view to buying current sets of stamps. President Bishop read a letter from a gentleman in Holland and another from Belgium asking that they be elected corresponding members of the Pomeroy Society. The secretary was instructed to open correspondence with them. The Pomeroy Society now numbers seventeen members. All of us are advanced collectors. Six are members of the A. P. A. and we hope to be well represented at the next convention. We are one year old next month and for so young a society are doing well. One year ago we organized with three members and supposed we were the only three advanced collectors in the city, but by the use of the daily papers we have succeeded in unearthing about twenty-five old collectors. Some of these we have brought out and most of them we have brought into our society. Old albums have been thrown aside and the latest "International" is now owned by most of us. A uniform album is, we find, a great help to us in a meeting. We think another twelve months will put us on a level with the best in the land.

Toledo, Ohio.

E. D. Kline, Sec'y.

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QUAKER CITY PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—Meeting of March 26th. Various communications were read. The proposition to change the name of the society to "The Quaker City Philatelic Society" was negated, as was the debate proposed at the previous meeting. As a subject for next meeting it was offered. "Is the American Philatelic Association a benefit to Philately," Richards and McAllister, affirmative; Lynde and Hancock, negative. Adjourned. Meeting of April 9th. Mr. Lynde read a long communication from Mr. Chalmers relative to his claims for his father as the inventor of the adhesive postage stamp. The corresponding secretary was directed to reply to the communication. The treasurer's report showed cash received \$20.24, paid, various items, \$11.44, cash balance \$8.80. It was resolved that The Quaker City Philatelic Society do petition the United States Government to permit the use of cuts of U. S. envelope stamps in the publication to be issued on that subject by Messrs. Jos. Rechert and R. R. Bogert. Adjourned. Next meeting April 23, 1887.

Philadelphia, Pa.

H. McAllister, Sec'y pro tem.

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ST. LOUIS PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—The semi-monthly meeting of the St. Louis Philatelic Society was held at its room in the Turner Building, on April 9th, at 3:30 P. M., the Vice-President in the chair, and the following members present: Messrs. Mekeel, Custer, Lepere, Hauck, Dormitzer, Muennighous, and Dill. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. The Executive Committee reported favorably upon the application of Mr. S. J. Parks, after which he was unanimously elected to membership. Adjourned.

St. Louis, Mo.

Eugene Dill, Sec'y.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

BRAZIL has a new 50 reis stamp; color, blue; design, numeral in circle, similar to 20 reis.

SOME new papers are the *Philatelic Century*, *Philatelic Fortnightly*, and *R. I. Philatelist*.

STANLEY, Gibbons, & Co. are advertising an edition of Dr. Horner's work on U. S. envelopes.

THE 2d. stamp of Victoria now comes with a lined ground in the circle instead of a solid ground.

COIN collectors will find a desirable journal in the *American Numismatist*—Paterson, N. J.; fifty cents a year.

ON APRIL 1st Bolivia issued the following: design of 1871, rouletted, 1c. lake, 2c. lilac, 5c. blue, 10c. orange.

A NEW paper for young people is the *Useful Instructor*, Halifax, N. S. It contains but little matter relating to philately.

THE *Stamp Quarterly*, announced to appear from Pittsfield, Mass., has reconsidered the matter and concluded not to do it.

THE CURRENT 3d. stamp of Transvaal has been received through the Chicago P. O. with surcharge 2d., in two varieties of type.

MR. HUBBARD is thinking of making a semi-monthly of the *Curiosity World*. Hurry up about it, we can't see you any too often.

WE SHOULD be pleased if the *Mohawk Standard* would give us some information about the "Chicago Philatelic" referred to in its April number.

MR. HECHLER's article on "Watermarks," in the *Halifax Philatelist*, is most excellent, and the balance of the journal is comprised of good readable matter too.

LIEUT. J. M. T. PARTELLO is to continue his interesting "Experience Abroad" (originally contributed to the *Stamp Collector*) in the *Denver Collectors' Review*.

THE *Briefmarken Journal*, Leipsic, is too well known to need any special comment from us. Its illustrations of new issues give collectors an excellent idea of what to look for.

THE A. P. A. editor talks of hurling "the bomb launched by 'Phil Atelic' back," but reconsiders the matter. Discretion is oftentimes better than valor.

MR. HENRY CLOTZ, Mr. Hanes' successor in the exchange department A. P. A., announces that he is now ready for business. His address is box 3489, New York City.

OUR old-time friend and fellow journalist, Mr. J. H. Raymond, has added to his duties as stenographer for the Pullman Car Co. the agency of a new building and loan association.

IN THE March number of *Sunshine*, Mr. Willson contributes a second paper on philately; it will rank with the one noticed by us last month, and should be read by all stamp collectors.

MR. CHALMERS, and those philatelists who have supported him, might as well give up his case; the Quaker City Society have decided that James Chalmers did not do it! That settles it!!

THERE are two very distinct varieties of the 5c. stamp of Uruguay, 1885 issue; the numerals on one variety are distinctly larger than on the other and the lines of shading much wider apart.

ACCORDING to the *Empire State Philatelist* South Australia has just issued two values of stamps of unusual size, viz: 22 by 38 inches. They must send immense letters in that part of the globe!

THE Turkish issue of March 1, 1887, 5 pa. black, 10 pa. green, 20 pa. rose, 1 pi. blue, 2 pi. orange and blue, 5 pi. green, now appear on very thick paper. The 10 pa. has been put in circulation.

THE APRIL *Empire State Philatelist* contains an advertisement of *fac-similies* of U. S. periodical stamps. If it is illegal (and it is) to handle these goods, is not the journal advertising them equally liable?

IT GIVES us much pleasure to note the progress made by the *Keystone State Philatelist*. Don't wait, but lend your support *now*. Fifteen cents a year, or if ordered with this journal, fifty-five cents a year for the two.

MR. W. S. ALDRICH of Boston, an A. P. A. member, recently fell from his bicycle and hurt his head severely; we trust he may soon recover. Correspondents who have failed to hear from him will understand the cause of his silence.

THE RAILWAY provisionals of Guatemala are evidently bristling with errors. We have found the 25c. value with an inverted period (.) after "centavos", and are informed that the 150c. is found with "orear" for "Correos" and "ccreos" for "correos."

A CORRESPONDENT has sent us a 5c. stamp of the current Guatemala series, the color of which is blue instead of purple. The change of color is attributed to exposure to the sea air while in transit. The stamp can be made to resume its original color by applying proper chemicals.

THE WORK on U. S. envelopes being prepared by Messrs. Rechert and Bogert of the National Society is progressing rapidly. If St. Louis is not a little more active in producing the work so long promised from Pres. Tiffany the eastern book will be first in the field after all.

THE MONTH of April witnessed two auction sales of stamps: the first—Casey's ninth sale—occurred at Messrs. Bucken & Co's rooms on the 22d; the other—Bogert's second sale—at Leavitt & Co's, on the 25th and 26th. No particulars have reached us in time for publication.

ANOTHER paper has joined the ranks of the dear departed. This time it is the *Cumberland Collector*. Twelve numbers have been issued, as promised, but the publishers announce that the paper encroached too largely on their time. The subscription list has been assumed by the *Stamp*.

COME, come, brother Bogert wake up! Mr. Holton was appointed counterfeit detector last December; is it not a trifle late to announce it in April? But Mr. Bogert is fully awake on one subject, and that is inducing collectors to join the A. P. A. He has sent in more applications than any other member.

IN the *Erie (Pa.) Observer* of March 18th, is a letter from the well-known philatelist W. V. Nicholson, in which he corrects some misstatements that had appeared in an article on stamp collecting which the paper had printed. Let others follow Mr. Nicholson's example and the daily press will soon learn to submit philatelic articles to philatelists for examination before publishing them.

AN EASTERN correspondent sends the following: "The *Philatelic Journal of America* stated that the dies for the new U. S. envelopes were engraved by Tiffany & Co. of N. Y. Mr. M. 'has heard the bell ring but did not know where the clapper hung.' Tiffany & Co. of N. Y. do not sink dies or do that kind of engraving. The designs were designed by Louis C. Tiffany a N. Y. Artist." The journal mentioned is not the only one which has fallen into this error.

ECUADOR is about to issue, with new design, the following: 1c. green, 2c. vermilion, 5c. blue; and same design as 1881, 80c. olive. Envelopes have been issued as follows: 5c. blue on white (arms in oval of lathe-work, solid band above, bearing "Union Postal Universal Ecuador," "5" in solid shields at sides, centavos and numeral at bottom on solid ground; 5c. blue, 10c. orange on white, arms in oval with lathe-work shield around the oval, Ecuador, above, "5" at sides in solid shields with tassell depending from them, Centavos at bottom. Revenues, same design as is now in use but dates 1887-1888 at bottom, 1c. olive, 2c. lake, 4c. brown, 10c. orange, 1 sucre green, 5s. blue, 10s. vermilion.

THE first part of Major Evans' *Philatelic Catalogue* is now ready. It contains a very comprehensive list of U. S. adhesives and the general issue of the Confederate States. This catalogue promises to be, when completed, of the greatest value to collectors, and, whether you intend to take the entire work or not, you cannot afford to be without this first part. Published by the Philatelic Publishing Co., St. Louis, Mo.; for sale in Chicago by S. B. Bradt; price 10c.

A MOST liberal offer is made the American Association by the *E. S. P.* They will publish the official matter free of charge if they may be permitted to do so. And in order that members may be made aware of their liberality they patronize the advertising columns of one of their contemporaries to display their offer. Furthermore they have discarded that portion of their title (for one number only?) which is foreign to philately. Verily the enterprise of these people passeth human understanding.

The *Philatelic Magazine* seems too depend almost entirely upon its contemporaries for the matter it supplies its readers. And it also seeks the most roundabout way possible in giving credit for the same. In fact it evidently works hard to credit an article in such a manner as to mislead the reader into believing it written for that journal. In No. 7, an article from the London *Record* appears with but the initials "P. R." attached to it; and a portion of an excellent article by "Wanderer" that appeared in the *Stamp Collector* is signed Junius!

BROTHER DURBIN has a somewhat misleading statement in the April *Monthly* in regard to counterfeit triangular Cape stamps. He says the originals are watermarked and the counterfeits unwatermarked. In point of fact the watermark in the originals is so faint as to be imperceptible in the majority of cases, and if all were to be discarded in which no watermark is to be found there would be a far greater scarcity of these stamps than there now is. Go for the counterfeiters by all means brother Durbin but be careful not to discourage collectors by making them doubt genuine stamps.

MR. F. H. PINKHAM, of Newmarket, N. H., the well-known printer of many stamp and curiosity papers, recently declined a renomination as treasurer of his town, a position which he has creditably filled for the past four years. Mr. Pinkham has just been elected Worshipful Master of the Masonic lodge in Newmarket, and wishes to devote all his spare time to the study of Masonry. He is an enthusiastic stamp collector and an old-time dealer, having been extensively engaged in the stamp business from 1869 to 1879. At the present time he is interested in the Granite State Stamp Co., of Newmarket, N. H., although not an active partner.

THE APRIL number of the *P. J. of A.* is perhaps the best in typographical appearance that St. Louis has yet produced. Major Evans begins his "Philatelic Catalogue" in this number, starting in with the U. S. and Confederate States issues. For a magazine article it will do very well to attach prices, but for a permanent hand-book they are decidedly out of place—and in fact detrimental to its value, as they convey a wrong impression of the values of stamps. In the account given of "The First Stamp" Mr. Mekeel tries to make people believe that the facsimiles, so kindly furnished many American collectors by Mr. Chalmers, were prepared at his request, etc. What nonsense!

THE ST. LOUIS journal takes us to task for our "illusion," as they term it—they probably mean *allusion*, to Mr. Willson's valuable article in *Sunshine*, and undertakes to prove the figures given in the article to be utterly absurd and preposterous. Our reference was *not* to the figures given in the article but to its general usefulness as a plea for our science. At the same time we cannot but regret the utter disability of our contemporary in the statistical line; the figures it gives are fully as much out of the way as the ones it attacks, and the balance of its comments show its ignorance of the subject. Mr. Willson has done and is doing some noble work for philately, and deserves great credit for his efforts instead of such attacks as this. No one could think for a moment of comparing him with the writer of the scurrilous attack. Mr. Willson is continually doing good for philately, his St. Louis commentator is far from being noted in that respect. Which is the one doing good work for the cause?

IN AN article on *The American Philatelist* in the April *P. J. of A.* the editor of the latter journal deliberately misrepresents the Chicago Philatelic Society by stating what is absolutely false in every particular. The article in question is made up of a letter from the Pomeroy Society to the Chicago Society, a letter from Mr. Gadsden of the Western Philatelic Pub. Co. to the Pomeroy Society, a letter from the Pomeroy Society to Mr. Mekeel, and the latter's reply thereto; to these letters are added some editorial comment, including the following: "When the above letters were brought before the Chicago Philatelic Society they were tabled." The facts are as follows: but one of the letters quoted was ever brought before the C. P. S. and that one—the first—was *not* tabled. An earlier communication than is quoted by the *P. J. of A.* was received the day of meeting and tabled by the C. P. S. because they were unable to give it the time it required at that meeting, and also because there was a very light attendance and those present did not wish to act on so important a matter without due deliberation. At the next meeting (April 7.) the original communication was taken up and the first letter printed in the article in question read, and action was taken thereon. A report of that meeting, including the resolutions of the society was sent to the *P. J. of A.* but it (and also the report of the Pomeroy Society) was omitted from its reports. It is possible that it may have been too late for publication, but it was in Mr. Mekeel's hands, and acknowledged, long before the *P. J. of A.* was issued, and when Mr. Mekeel prepared that note he did it knowing that he was creating a wrong impression thereby.

CORRESPONDENCE.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL,
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 26, 1887.

MR. S. B. BRADT, GRAND CROSSING, ILLS.

Sir: Yours of the 9th ultimo in relation to the printing of advertising devices around or in contiguity to the embossed stamps on government stamped envelopes, was duly received.

The Department does not countenance in any way the use of envelopes prepared in this manner. The practice is in opposition to the uniform policy of the Government as to its securities ever since stamped envelopes were first issued, and is, in fact, in violation of law. Yours very respectfully, etc.

A. D. Hazen, Third Asst. P. M. General.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 28, 1887.

MR. S. B. BRADT, GRAND CROSSING, ILLS.

Sir: In my reply of the 26th inst. to your letter of the 9th ult., two matters were overlooked: 1st, your inquiry as to the purchase of envelopes under the new Department schedule: 2d, your statement as to an unwatermarked stamped envelope now in your possession.

With regard to the first of these matters, I beg leave to inform you that there is probably no post office in the country where you can buy a complete set of the new series of stamped envelopes, postmasters being required to keep on hand only such kinds and denominations as are salable. The Department does not sell either stamps or stamped envelopes direct.

Concerning the unwatermarked envelope, I should be glad to have you submit your specimen to this office for examination. Stringent orders have been given the contractors for furnishing stamped envelopes, and to the agent of the Department at the place of manufacture, against the issue of stamped envelopes on any but the authorized paper. If these orders have been violated, the matter will be looked into at once.

If you can spare it, I should be glad to have you furnish me with another copy of the printed article sent with your letter. Yours very respectfully, etc.

A. D. Hazen, Third Asst. P. M. General.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 15, 1887.

MR. S. B. BRADT, GRAND CROSSING, ILLS.

Sir: Yours of the 2d inst. has been received. Permit me to thank you for the envelopes therein enclosed. With regard to the unwatermarked envelope, the Department will make an immediate investigation; it is not likely, however, that the unwatermarked paper was designedly used. Yours very respectfully, etc.

H. P. Harris, Third Asst. P. M. General.

With reference to a letter which has appeared in the *Philatelic Journal of America* from the pen of Major Evans, R. A., the following reply has been sent by Mr. Patrick Chalmers:

Sir: In your journal (the *P. J. of A.*) of March, Major Evans, of the Royal Artillery, expresses his doubts as to the value of the evidence whereby I have proved the invention by my late father of the adhesive stamp for postage purposes in the year 1834—not 1833, as he is pleased to state, a looseness of statement which pervades his entire remarks. Nor is it the case that such date is fixed solely from memory, as he represents. The Major might as well say that the date of his commission or of his removal to Bermuda can be fixed solely from memory.

Seeing that my evidence has been found to convince against their preconceived ideas the leading biographical authorities of the day after long and special investigation, the scepticism of the Major placed side by side with such a fact as this will only excite a smile on the part of your readers rather than be considered as calling for any detailed reply from me. Nor will this feeling be lessened by the fact that the Major's letter is simply a stale repetition of what has appeared in the columns of my old opponent, the *Postal and Telegraphic Gazette*, the paper summarily extinguished some time ago by the official repudiation of its statements on the part of the Secretary to H. M. Postoffice.

Moreover, from a list now before me, it appears that Major Evans is a member of the Philatelic Society of London, that body of the friends of Mr. Pearson Hill, who, some years ago, upon the strength of a mere "extract" from the correspondence of our respective fathers and without calling for the whole or even for the context, and before I had myself even published my case, arrived at that remarkable decision opposed to my claim—a proceeding exposed and condemned at the time in your journals.

More than this, Major Evans' letter is practically identical with one which sometime ago appeared in the *Whitehall Review* under another signature. Since that period much has taken place, such as the conclusive decisions above named, in favor of James Chalmers, and the equally conclusive production of his plan itself from the Museum Library, yet mere trifles in the eyes of Major Evans, unworthy of his notice. Nor would many times such conclusive proof remove the "doubts" of such partisans as the Major and his friends, who, now reduced here to a policy of silence, appear inclined to try what may be done in the way of instilling doubts on your side. Fortunately, with you I have impartial and intelligent men to do with, those who can and will judge for themselves, undisturbed by the scepticism and sophistry of the partisans of Mr. Pearson Hill.

To the many recognitions obtained in the United States, already given in my last pamphlet, may now be added formal resolutions in favor of James Chalmers on the part of eight of your

leading philatelic societies—the Chicago, the Pomeroy of Toledo, the St. Louis, the Lansing, the Newton, the Jamestown, the Charleston, and the Pioneer Stamp Collectors' League—while the Quaker City Society has fallen into a misapprehension as to the nature of my claim, yet, I trust, to be rectified. With all this before me, with a good cause and an invulnerable case, I contemplate with equanimity the harmless artillery of Major Evans, R. A.

Wimbledon, April 8th.

Patrick Chalmers.

In view of the statements of several papers that the portrait on the Pomeroy locals is that of Miss Mary or Miss Grace Pomeroy, the following letter to Mr. Kline may be of interest:

E. D. KLINE, ESQ., TOLEDO.

Dear Sir: Your letter of the 13th, asking information regarding the bust on the Pomeroy Express stamp is before me, and I would say in reply, I have heard my father say at different times that the head was an ideal one, and as the design and engraving was before any of his daughters were more than young children, the supposition that it was the portrait of one of them is erroneous.

The design and engraving were both by John E. Garrit and, I believe, done at Albany, from whence he moved to New York, and afterward formed and became the president of the American Bank Note Co., which position he held at the time of his death a few years since. Trusting this conveys the desired information, I am, with best wishes for the growth of your society, yours sincerely,

G. E. Pomeroy.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., April 5, 1886.

Gentlemen: Allow me to correct an error on my part in the article, "U. S. Local Stamps." Owing, I suppose, to a disarrangement of my notes, I placed Grafflin's Despatch in a wrong place. The paragraph relating to it should have followed after "Prince's Letter Despatch."

Regarding the Pony Express stamps your printer made an error in stating that "they have not been reprinted to any extent," etc., the "not" should have been omitted. Yours, very truly,

W. W. Thomas.

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WANTED.—The following numbers of P. J. of A., Vol. I., Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6. Have a number of duplicate papers. Persons having above papers send for list. *E. F. Smith, 89 Spring Garden Rd., Halifax, Nova Scotia.*

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WANTED.—Cap. City Phil. Vol. 1, Nos. 5, 7, 12; Halifax Phil., Vol. 1, No. 1; and many numbers of Durbin's Phil. Monthly. Send list of what you have and what you want. *E. B. Cornwall, Rubicon, Wis.*

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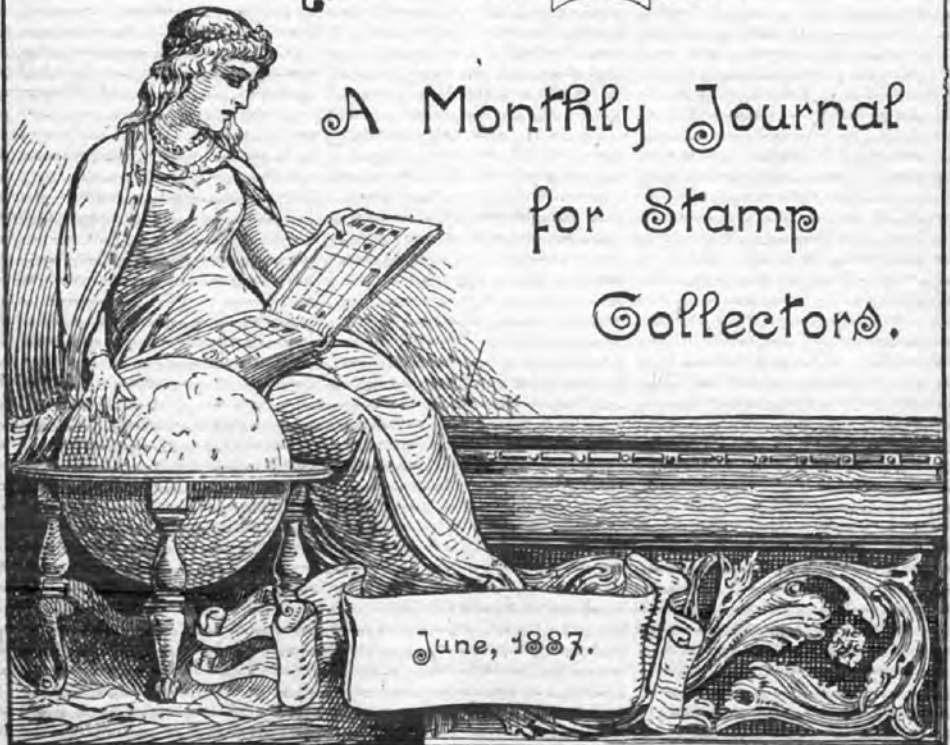
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THE DEMON STAMP.

The Royal Bengal Philatelic Society had just adjourned. A few intimates of the president, whose magnificent collection of Asiatic stamps still lay open on the table, lingered a while, chatting and smoking, and the Major, who had at last caught the fever which had attacked most of the officers at the station, suddenly looking up from the pages of Afghanistan over which he had been poring, exclaimed: "I say, Colonel, what's the use of collecting such a rum lot of one stamp! Here's four sheets of these ugly black cats, 15 in a sheet, grinning their heads off, all just alike."

"There's where you're off, my boy," said the Colonel, "Just bring that double-barreled eye-glass of yours to bear on the first sheet and behold fifteen varieties of the one shahi! Feast your mild blue eye on the ten varieties of one shahi and five of one sunar in the next sheet, and on the five varieties each of one shahi, one sunar and one abasi in the next sheet; then impress it on your untutored mind that with the same values on the fourth sheet, there are no dots around the middle circle. If some fellow did not keep a full sheet of each, we'd be having some of the neatest varieties denounced as frauds some fine day."

"Ah!" says the Major, "I see, as the American showman said of the tiger's stripes, 'Nary one alike' is it? Verily, verily, the ugly beast is depicted with every wink and grin made by any cat since the days of Noah, and hello! there is a great difference in the tracks he has made tramping round each of his dens before he crawled in," and the Major softly hummed to himself his own version of a ballad he had picked up in his travels:

"The tiger now goes round
The band begins to play,
And boys who are not versed in stamps
Don't give yourselves away."

"It is related," put in an ensign, "that certain eastern potentates have issued stamps no two of which were alike, and after bestowing a few sheets upon distinguished guests as a mark of special favor, have made them rare and current at the same time by prohibiting their sale unused to the public, but requiring the postal dignitaries to stick one on each letter, first cancelling them by the unique process of pinching out a corner."

"Ha!" shouted the Major. "Can it be that our distinguished president is the man for whom this wrong to collectors was done!"

"Don't attempt to fasten that *tale* upon the decapitated beast! It won't stick. The Ameer, it is true, seemed moved by my recapitulation of the advantages of issuing stamps, and the vision of the gain of selling numbers to collectors, for which the postoffice would get pay without rendering a correspondent service, no doubt had its weight, and the more varieties the greater the sales. But the prohibition against selling them was probably a check on dis-

honest officials, which they however have turned to account by demanding a little additional fee that never goes into the Ameer's treasury, for stamps sold to dealers. By the way, I have an idea that the beast, as you call it, is not the tiger, but the hunting leopard, which is much the more common in the Afghan states."

"Which recalls a curious tale related by a fakir about this album of yours, Colonel. He threw a glamour of occultism about it that was almost mystifying."

"If you mean the loss and recovery of it some years ago, I never got at the bottom of it myself. After I had collected for some time in a sort of rambling way—our fellows out here sent me everything they could pick up in the semblance of a stamp, with plenty of chaff about feeding my mania, etc., and I managed to get in a toll ticket or two, the seal off a traveller's pass, and a few things of that sort that occasionally get chronicled to this day in England and Germany—don't put too great faith in the catalogues; I've got things that I know are genuine that they never heard of, and their sins of commission are as great as those of omission. When an old time collector presented me with an old collection, hammered down as they say in an old Oppens' Album, I found in it some curious old bogies long since forgotten:—a blind girl in a frame inscribed Ocean Postage, cut off the Cheap Postage Society's envelope; a couple of harps inscribed Republic of Ireland, and another Repub. Hibernia; the tower of Babel with a mandarin, an eagle, and a ship around it inscribed Amoy, Ningpo, Hong Kong, and Shanghai, in several colors and values; black English and Cape two-pennies kindly put into mourning (with acid) it was said, for some member of the Royal Family; but the most curious was perhaps a portrait of his Satanic Majesty, done in black on a scarlet ground inscribed Van Demon's Land, 4 souls—so amusing in fact that I kept it loose in my album.

"One evening an Asiatic acquaintance looking over my stamps with various interesting comments on the manners and customs of the various countries, coming to these Afghan stamps claimed that the chutah was the cognizance of Chalanka, a great Tirthankar among the sect of the Jains. I laughingly took up the Van Demon and asked him what cognizance that was, laying it down upon these sheets. He said it was the image of a bogus arhat, and we sat down talking for a while, the book lying on the table near the open window. He seemed rather glum and shortly rose to go, when we suddenly noticed that the album, stamps and all, was gone. I searched everywhere, and concluded that one of the natives always lurking about had abstracted it through the window. Our æsoteric friend remarked blandly that it had probably been spirited away by the Van Demon."

"In fact," said the Major, "it had gone to the Devil."

"My fakir would have it," said the Adjutant, "that your friend was an adept and spirited away the book on a sort of spiritual express they claim to have, to punish the presumption of putting the bogus cognizance on that of a real arhat."

"Pshaw," exclaimed the Colonel, "these theosophists and all their kind always make a miracle out of any little mystery that comes handy. However I soon after discovered my album in a sort of combined pawn and curiosity shop kept by a German Jew in Calcutta."

"Said I not so?" quoth the Major, "the immortal Shakespeare hath it that the Jew is the devil himself."

"Be that as it may. I soon proved property, but only after much threatening and some little money would the Jew relinquish it. In the dim light of the den it appeared to be all right, but when I unwrapped it and examined it at my quarters, behold my cherished sheets were replaced by bogus ones. Back I rushed to the Jew shop, accused him of substituting them for the

originals while pretending to wrap up the parcel for me. He maintained the sheets were genuine. 'He well knew as he had sold thousands of Afghan stamps to dealers in Europe.' No doubt this was true; the stamps sent from a country are not always the genuine, the forgers have looked after that, and I believe this fellow to have been a confederate of the famous Hapez Hamad. Triumphantly picking up the Van Demon he claimed that was the only fraud in the book. Thoroughly exasperated I seized the thing and tore it to pieces and then the Jew received some pretty rough treatment at my hands until he said he would ask his son, who was an expert in such matters."

"My fakir, you see, had it that you were permitted to regain your collection when the obnoxious Van Demon was removed, but as you persistently put it back another mysterious substitution was made and by some kind of spiritual process the real chutah was replaced by the black cat, the cognizance of witches and other false followers of Satan," interrupted the Adjutant.

"But wait a moment. When the Jew returned he brought the genuine stamps with him, declaring that his son had pronounced them to be authentic, as in fact they were. I suppose the rascal thought I did not know the difference, and intended to keep the originals for himself."

"And our fakir again would have it that the Van Demon, the obnoxious intruder, having been destroyed, the adept, whom he claimed had been spiritually with you all the time, and in fact in some mystic manner had guided you to the Jew's shop, repeated and worked the transformation backwards and restored the originals," persisted the Adjutant.

"I have generally noticed," remarked the Major, "that in all these æsoteric, theosophic, and spiritual performances we hear so much about lately, there is always a very commonplace explanation for those who are not of the elect. However, the moral is good. One counterfeit in any collection often throws suspicion over the whole, its genuine companions are subjected to unwonted scrutiny and the element of uncertainty greatly depreciates the value of all."

Karma.

THE APPROVAL SHEET NUISANCE.

Much has been said and written about the approval sheet fraud, and boys, collectors, and sharks have caught it from all quarters for changing stamps on sheets, defrauding those who send them, and in many instances not returning sheets at all. This is certainly all wrong and should not be, but many of the so-called dealers are to blame for it in a measure by the risks they assume in sending out sheets unsolicited to any name they see advertised. Business enterprise carefully conducted is to be commended, but when dealers send sheets to parties they do not know, and never hear from their sheets again they should not report these parties so quickly to publishers, who will blacklist them sometimes without even enquiring into the merits of the case. The writer has been bored time and again by receiving sheets of common stamps for which he had no use at all, and was only obliged to return them and in the majority of cases pay the return postage. I have resolved hereafter not to return sheets of stamps which come unsolicited unless they are accompanied by sufficient postage for their return, and if such dealers see fit they are at liberty to blacklist me, for I pay no more return postage. I have sufficient faith in my own reputation not to fear their so-called blacklist. This is one side of the approval sheet nuisance which seems to escape the notice of the philatelic press, and I hope to see the dealers that want to force sales brought up with a round turn. It is a temptation to boys to send them a sheet of stamps unsolicited, for very often they have not the means to purchase, and either commit some dishonest act to obtain them, or defraud the dealer. For

example, I will illustrate a case which caused me correspondence, time, and postage, and was quite annoying as no results beneficial to myself were obtained. In explanation I would say that I had exchange notices in different papers to exchange various articles for stamps, and this is one of the answers I received:

"Dear Sir: Seeing your exchange notice in the ———— I send you on approval a sheet of U. S. stamps, which I hope you can use to advantage. Yours respectfully, ————."

The sheet consisted of 28 stamps, amounting to 75 cents, which will give a fair idea of the kind of stamps on the sheet. As nothing was said in the letter about what was wanted in return, I wrote them giving a list of the articles I wished to exchange and asked them to make their selections. The following was the reply I received:

Dear Sir: We do not care to exchange for ————. We sent the sheet thinking you might want to buy some. If not, please return it. Yours respectfully, ————.

If this was not exasperating, what was it? It goes without saying that there was no postage enclosed for the return of sheet in either letter. Here I was out my time, postage, and had my patience (of which I have not an abundance) severely tried in addition. Another case occurred about two months ago which is still unsettled, and I do not know how it will terminate. An eastern dealer, who, by the way, has sent sheets unsolicited to nearly every collector I know, sent me a sheet of common stamps. Being interested in advertising I thought to turn this to my own benefit and get an advertisement from him. I wrote him acknowledging receipt of sheet and made a business proposition, offering to take a certain amount in cash and balance in stamps. I received no reply to my letter, but about three weeks later I received a postal card with a rubber stamp request which read:

"Please return my approval sheet."

I at once wrote him and asked if my letter and proposition were not worthy of consideration or notice. To this I received a reply on a postal card, after waiting ten days, which said:

"I am sorry to say that at present I am doing no advertising. Please return my sheet."

So was I sorry, for when I came to look up that sheet it was not to be found. I had put it in a safe place so I could return it if necessary, and no doubt it is in that safe place yet, probably among my papers or letters, for after searching everywhere I failed to find it. There was nothing left for me to do but to write and explain matters, which I did, and asked for my bill as I did not remember the amount of the sheet. I did not get any reply to this letter for about ten days more, and when it did come it was in the shape of another sheet. Now I did not know exactly what to make of this, and as no writing came with it I came to the conclusion the dealer intended to bear the loss of the first sheet himself. There was nothing on the second sheet I wanted for my own collection, but feeling under obligations to him for not charging me for the sheet I lost, I took off about 34 cents' worth of the best stamps for a young collector who was just beginning, and sent the sheet back, at the same time asking again for my bill of the first sheet. The only reply I received was another sheet (the third) of common stamps, amounting to \$1.80, with a printed request and blank form for the names of all reliable collectors that I was acquainted with. Now what was I to do? I did not want the stamps and I also will not give my friends' names to any dealer to be annoyed in a like manner. I finally came to the conclusion to return the sheets in the addressed stamped envelope he enclosed, for I will say this much in his favor that he always enclosed the return postage. I knew perfectly well that he did not make anything on me, but it was not my fault. I did not order him to send me any stamps on approval and after losing his sheet I offered to pay for it. The annoyance, correspondence, waste of time, and trouble I had with his

sheets I hope no other collector will have to experience, and I would advise every collector not to patronize dealers who bother them with this kind of business. Return their sheets at once if they enclose return postage, and if there is no postage enclosed hold stamps until they send the required amount. If every collector will do this it will put a stop to their business and they will try other and legitimate methods of getting trade. I am not the only one that has experienced this sort of nuisance, and the many expressions of disapproval from other collectors on this subject, together with the knowledge that this unsolicited approval sheet business seems to be growing, has induced me to write this article at this time, and I trust it will help to call a halt on such dealers as practice it. Now that the American Association is an assured success perhaps it might be well to declare this one of the evils which menace the good and welfare of our pursuit and which should be frowned down. Dealers making a practice of doing business in this way might be published in the official journal, and members can use their own discretion as to whether such dealers are worthy of patronage. There seems to be a spirit of reform set in, so let us have it now from every quarter. What is good for one is good for all. I say down with the approval sheet nuisance in every manner, shape, and form.

Post Master.

A FLATLIST'S ECKSPERIENS. V.

SUMMERS, May 10, 1887.

Mistur Editor:

Seein es how the memburs uv the sossiety is bin a layin fur me fur sum time, en es i wud hev tu diskrib mi oan personal karakter en butiful disposishun ef i kept on ritin about the sossiety much moar, i gess i wil drop it fur a month en kind uv let the klamer aginst me dy out en tackle sum uther subject this time. it looks es tho the assosiashun was wakin up the way the fellers are tarin round with thare resolushuns about the offishel jurnel. i think a chainge is needed frum a ekonomikel standpint, en also becos we kant git fellers into the assosiashun without lettin them kno sumthin uv what it is fur, en the best way tu do that is bi hevin them kno thru the jurnels what is goin on, en not barrin them out altogether. Ef they cant no what it is all about, they wil say well ef that's the kase i won't jine, en moast uv the fellers doant feel like pain to sents fur a sireler tu giv them becos that is the price uv 2 beers, en beer doant gro on bushes. the amendmen hes given sum people a chance tu sho thare gall. Wot du yu think uv a paiper thet wants 3 or 4 hunderd dollers tu be the offishel jurnel that hes no moar flatlicks about it then a cows fut, en another thet oposed the assosiashun at the start makin an offer. its purty tuff tu acksept such offers, now aint it? i hoap fur the saik uv the assosiashun that when bruther Sterling kounts noases tumorow the afoarsade paipers wil be retyred tu the oblyviun frum whens they cum. Another subjec which interes me is the noabel effurt uv Mr. Pat Chalmers tu ritethe rong dun his father the inventur uv the stickin stamp en the world's benefactor, en enny feller who speeks agin him steps on mi korns en gits me riled.

The Queer City Sossiety en its queer jurnel, pervadid bi the spirit that pervales in that relic uv the middel ages en hoam uv the Anglomania, Philadelphia, hev (so thay say) thuroly red en waid the evidens offerd by Pat in suport uv the clame thet his father invented the stickin stamp, en hev cum tu the konklushun that Jas. Chalmers wus uv too resent orygen tu hev dun ennything uv so much konsequens, en kwote shambaset, or valyar other relics uv the dark ages, es the origynater, but strange tusay altho thay knowed this fact fur a long time, they alloud uthers tu klame the honer without offerin enny objeckshuns, but now that it is proved that it wus Jas Chalmers en not Sir

Roland Hill, thay klame he wusn't the man but shambaset or valyar wus. Uv coars the mear fact uv thare sain so ot tu make it so, even if thay doan't offer enny evidens in support uv thare klaim. Thay speak uv the memury uv 2 or 3 old fellers in Dundee bein the only evidens Pat offers, en spose becos thay are old thay kant remember; but it hes bin mi ecksperiens that the old fellers es a rule remember better then the yung wons, es i kno mi grandfather kin tel me uv things he saw en knew uv 50 or 60 years ago en i kno thay are true; but theas Queer City fellers evidently hev forgotten, or perhaps didn't way the evidens kintained in the paipers given by Sir Henry Cole tu the British Museum wich were uv sufficient importance tu deside the Encyklopedia brittanica en dickshinary uv nashional biogrify after wayin the uther evidens offerd en makin a thoro serch in the matter in favor uv James Chalmers. Thay say thet altho Pat has plenty uv suppoarters over hear, he hes nun tu hoam. Well he only hes tu be sure the two above naimed en the Whitehall revue, the city press, Literary record, Bric a-brac, The Antiquarian, Home & Colonial Mail, Croydon reviu, en a few hunderd others in England en Scotland, in fact about all but the London flatlick sossociety frum who probably fur sum kunsideration our friends frum the jumpin off end get thare kue. it looks so tu me ennyhow—the big kite waggin the little tale. i will bet a sent that these paipers hev all giv the subjec moar attenshun then the Queer City fellers en thare opinyun is a trifle moar wayty. Maybe thay are acktin in this matter es thay did when the Ameriken Assosiashun wus organized. thay culdn't lead the perceshun so thay had one uv thare oan down a back alley. it is mi opinyun that thay are barkin up the rong tree when thay talk uv brybery es the london fellers who back Pearson Hill are the wons who wud giv moast ennything tu git suporters or defamers uv Pat Chalmers en i doant think enny but a narrow minded one—hoars consern wud think uv brybery en it is a purty late time tu commense brybin a munth after the resolushuns hed bin past en the peopel who past them convinst that the klaim wus founded on fact not fichshun like that uv the Queer City sossociety. Poor fellers im sorry thay didnt git the stamps, altho im kind uv kickin miself thet i got left too. But let me say wonst fur all, Pat Chalmers case is tu solid tu nead tu brybe ennybody en it wil taik moar wind than a Minnesota cycloan or philadelphia breeze kin kick up tu bother it. Well i am kind uv fraid mi chances uv becomin preasiden uv our assosiashun is gone es i kudnt git a korporels gard tu voat fur me in our sossociety after givin away thare pekuliaritys es i hev, so i wil hev tu run fur janiter next eleckshun, en if i get eleckted will set em up all around. Giv mi regards tu frend Hanes when you rite en tell him im sorry he kudnt hang on es i kind uv likd his stile uv runnin things. i hoap his sucksester will sucksead es sucksesfully. Yures tu be kintinued,

Phil Atelic.

THE CHALMERS-HILL CATECHISM.

Question—When did Hill invent the adhesive stamp?

Answer—Can't say—don't know.

Q.—Did Hill *invent anything*?

A.—No. P. Chalmers has clearly shown that everything had been *previously* conceived and proposed. Hill only literally copied.

Q.—*When* did Hill propose to adopt the adhesive stamp for the purpose of carrying out the penny postage scheme?

A.—Certainly not before the period of the Bill, in the summer of 1839, because we have the most conclusive and official proofs to the contrary.

Cheap Postage.

LEADING JOURNALS. II.

In response to our invitation, printed in the May issue, to all our readers to send us lists of what they considered the best American stamp journals, we have had eighty-one replies. This number is smaller than we had expected, and we regret that more interest was not shown. However, the result is quite interesting as showing somewhat the drift of popular opinion on this subject. Following is the result in detail: I.—WESTERN PHILATELIST, 51; Phil. Journal of Am., 27; Quaker City Philatelist, 3. II. PHIL. JOURNAL OF AM., 24; Western Philatelist, 27; Philatelic Gazette, 9; Philatelic Monthly, 9; Empire State Phil., 6; Quaker City Philatelist, 3; Stamp, 3. III. STAMP, 30; Philatelic Gazette, 18; Empire State Phil., 15; Phil. Journal of Am., 12; Figaro, 3; Keystone State Phil., 3; Philatelic Monthly, 3; Western Philatelist, 3. IV.—PHILATELIC GAZETTE, 33; Stamp, 21; Figaro, 12; Quaker City Phil., 6; Empire State Phil., 3; Keystone State Phil., 3; Phil. Journal of Am., 3. V.—QUAKER CITY PHIL., 21; Figaro, 12; Phil. Journal of Am., 12; Empire State Phil., 9; Stamp, 9; Philatelic Monthly, 6; Halifax Philatelist, 3; Keystone State Phil., 3. VI.—FIGARO, 12; Philatelic Gazette, 15; Halifax Philatelist 12; Philatelic World, 9; Curiosity World, 6; Keystone State Phil., 6; Philatelic Monthly, 6; Quaker City Phil., 6; Empire State Phil., 3; Phil. Journal of Am., 3; Stamp, 3. VII.—KEYSTONE STATE PHIL., 27; Figaro, 12; Quaker City Phil., 12; Philatelic Monthly, 9; Halifax Philatelist, 6; Collector's Review, 6; Empire State Phil., 3; Philatelic World, 3; Stamp, 3. VIII.—HALIFAX PHILATELIST, 6; Collector's Review, 6; Figaro, 6; Philatelic Herald, 6; Philatelic World, 6; Philatelic Gazette, Philatelic Magazine, Philatelic Monthly, and Stamp, 3 each. IX.—COLLECTOR'S REVIEW, 9; Halifax Philatelist, 12; Curiosity World, 9; Keystone State Phil., 9; Quaker City Phil., 6; Empire State Phil., Figaro, Philatelic Century, Philatelic Magazine, Philatelic Monthly, Philatelic World, Plain Talk, and Youths' Ledger, 3 each; Philatelic Tribune, 1; Plain Talk, 1; Texas Philatelist, 1. X.—PHILATELIC MONTHLY, 12; Curiosity World, 9; Philatelic World, 9; Quaker City Phil., 9; Texas Philatelist, 9; Collectors' Review, 6; Germantown Philatelist, 6; Keystone State Phil., 6; Halifax Philatelist, 3; Philatelic Herald, 3; Youths' Ledger, 1; Stamp World, 1.

The result of the votes given above is as follows:

1, WESTERN PHILATELIST; 2, Philatelic Journal of America; 3, Stamp; 4, Philatelic Gazette; 5, Quaker City Philatelist; 6, Stamp Collector's Figaro; 7, Keystone State Philatelist; 8, Halifax Philatelist; 9, Collector's Review; 10, Philatelic World.

In figuring this result the votes in preceding ranks have been considered in allotting positions wherein ties have occurred; also when a journal had the greatest number of votes for a position lower than one already held the next highest was awarded the place. The only journals represented on every ticket sent in were the *Philatelic Journal of America* and the WESTERN PHILATELIST, but the *Philatelic Gazette* and the *Quaker City Philatelist* were not far behind in this respect, each having 78 votes; while the *Stamp* crowded pretty closely with 72 votes; none of the others reached over 60. This would seem to indicate pretty conclusively that the journals occupying the first five positions are generally accepted as the leaders, and were a similar vote taken by any of them it would doubtless result in giving them either first or second place.

Now that the ball is set in motion will not some of our contemporaries follow suit and take a similar vote? If each of the other four "leading journals" will do so we will have a consensus of opinion that will be above any possibility of suspicion and that will offer an important and reliable guide to the collector who wishes to make a judicious selection in equipping himself in current philatelic literature.

EDITORIAL CHAT.

THE decision of the board of officers of the American Philatelic Association is that this journal shall be the official journal of the association. The majority of that board came to this conclusion irrespective of the financial aspect as represented by the various offers made by the journals selected by the votes of the association, but with the general welfare of the whole body as their sole incentive in making the appointment. When the publishers of this journal received an intimation of what the result was likely to be—that is, that the WESTERN PHILATELIST was most likely to receive the appointment—they at once offered to publish the official reports, etc., of the Association free of all expense to it, and to distribute a copy of the same to each member of the association. It has been our policy from the issue of our first number to encourage and aid the A. P. A. in every way in our power, and we shall continue that policy to the end. When we were asked to name our price for printing the A. P. A. reports we named it, and let the case go before the members as we had originally offered it. When we learned that this journal had the preference in spite of offers that would be of more advantage from a monetary point of view, we did what we would not do to secure votes, that is, offered to publish the matter free.

It has been the pleasure of one of our contemporaries, who failed to get the appointment, to appeal from the decision of the board, on the ground that the majority of the votes of members was cast for it. The majority of votes was not cast for it, but a plurality only, and there is little doubt in our mind but that most of the members who voted for that journal would be equally pleased with the result as it now stands.

The action of the president of the association in this matter has been such as to subject him to much criticism. In the first place he called for a vote of the board of officers and failed to officially announce the result. But he took pains to inform the publisher of one of the competing journals of the result without delay, so that that gentleman could have every chance to frustrate the will of the board, if that were possible. After his friend has had every opportunity to lay his wires the president gave the secretary an intimation of the result, and called for a second vote of the official board. We wish right here to ask President Tiffany by what authority he overruled the verdict of the board of officers and compelled a second vote? As for communicating the action of the board to individuals before any result is announced, Mr. Tiffany has only the etiquette of his office to restrain him, and that *should* be enough. It certainly ought not to be necessary to lay down laws governing the etiquette of the chief executive officer of the association.

But look at the course of President Tiffany in this matter and judge for yourselves whether or not it indicates what we charge, viz: overruling the voice of the board of officers and delaying the publication of official reports of the association, thereby retarding the growth of the association, in that no opportunity is afforded the publication of names of applicants for membership—which names must be printed thirty days before the candidates may become members; and preventing the circulation of that information which members are so sadly in need of at this time. And Mr. Tiffany could have prevented all this by announcing the decision of the board, as he was in duty bound to do, when it was first known to him, on May 23d. This would have given ample time for the publication of all reports in this number of this journal. But no, that was just what Mr. Tiffany did not want; he would much prefer to cause the association the delay and attendant unfortunate circumstances, than to see the editor of his local journal disappointed. He therefore notifies that journal at once, withholds notice from the secretary, overrules the result, and demands another vote. All in order that Mr. Mekeel

can have time to arrange his plans and to prevent us from publishing the reports this month.

The second vote confirmed the first vote of the board of officers. The president is prompt this time and telegraphs the result to the secretary; he also follows it up with another telegram stating that an appeal has been taken. We are somewhat inclined to doubt the validity of that appeal, in that it was solicited six days before the decision was announced. If members requested that an appeal be made from a decision before that decision was made, we wish to ask lawyer Tiffany if their appeal was valid? The telegram announcing the appeal was received about three hours after the one announcing the decision. Either that appeal was all cut and dried and awaiting the signatures of the forty-one members who are reported to have signed it, or else they used remarkable activity in transmitting it.

Now that this matter is again to be submitted to the association, and the expense and attendant annoyances of another general vote is to be taken, every member should weigh carefully the question before sending in his vote. The decision of the board of officers is questioned. Your vote sustaining their action will show that they have your confidence. Your vote condemning their action will show that they have lost your confidence and will undoubtedly result in their resignations. Before committing yourselves it would be well to note carefully the records made by the men you are asked to condemn, and such examination will show that they have worked hard and faithfully to protect the interests of the association.

An examination of the lists of applications so far published by the association reveals some facts not generally known to the members. So far 123 names have been published. Of this number 14 have been proposed by the secretary and 13 by the vice-president, the next greatest number being 4, proposed by the treasurer. Of the balance, 29 have been recommended by 24 scattering members, and the rest are either without references or with such from persons outside of the association.

We trust that the board of officers will be sustained by such a majority as will settle once and for all the position they hold in the opinion of members.

As we were about going to press the following communication was received:

GRAND CROSSING, ILL., May 30, 1887.

MR. C. R. GADSDEN, MANAGER, WESTERN PHILATELIC PUB. CO.:

Dear Sir: I have this day received the following dispatch from the President of the American Philatelic Association:

S. B. BRADT, CHICAGO:

Vote confirmed. WESTERN PHILATELIST selected by three votes. See letter.

(Signed)

John K. Tiffany.

In accordance with the decision of the majority of the board of officers of this Association I hereby inform you that the WESTERN PHILATELIST has been appointed the official journal of the Association and send you with this my report, as secretary, for the month of May. Very truly,

S. B. Bradt, Sec'y A. P. A.

But on the morning of May 31st, this communication was received:

MR. C. R. GADSDEN, MGR:

Dear Sir: I am in receipt of the following dispatch from the President of this Association: "Forty-one members appeal from the decision of board just received." In view of the foregoing you will please take no action on my communication of yesterday until you have farther advises from me. Also kindly return to me the official matter handed you for publication. Very truly,

S. B. Bradt, Sec'y.

This correspondence seems to indicate that this journal had been duly appointed the official journal of the Association, and that certain members have appealed from the decision making that appointment. It now remains with the members of the Association to either support their official board, or by condemning their action proclaim them unfitted for the positions they fill.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

WE should like to see No. 2 of the *Philatelic Century*.

MR. DURBIN sticks to the Samoa stamps with a tenacity that one cannot but admire.

A VERY interesting article on telegraph stamps is contributed to the *May Curiosity World* by Mr. W. A. Warner.

MR. WILBUR W. THOMAS is in charge of the "local stamps" department of Messrs. Smith & Handford, New York.

THE *Texas Philatelist* has suspended publication; but its erstwhile publishers are refunding subscriptions like men.

PETTY JEALOUSY? O, no, Mr. Mekeel! You certainly have made a mistake! Surely there is no cause for jealousy on our part.

MR. BRADT, who for a number of months has been associate editor of the *Denver Stamp*, will in future devote his time to this journal only.

MR. W. H. GOODRICH, of Fitchburg, Mass., has become editor of the philatelic department of *Our Monthly Visitor*, a paper for young people.

MR. H. E. DEATS, of Flemington, N. J., honored our sanctum with his presence a few days ago. He is on his way to visit relatives at Streator, Ill.

THE 81st auction sale of the Scott Stamp and Coin Company occurred on the 26th inst. Mr. Joseph J. Casey's 10th sale will take place on the 9th and 10th of this month.

THE *Toledo Blade* of April 23d, contains an article on the Pomeroy Society of that city. The names of members are given, together with some idea of what the Society is doing.

THE *Keystone State Philatelist* comes to us with an April-May number. Also a poem (?) by Yum Yum, who we had hoped was bottled up. Come, come, we know you can do better than that.

A FRIEND sends up for examination some proofs of U. S. stamps, including "postage due", all nicely postmarked. He neglected to send the name of the obliging official who did the canceling.

A CRY is heard from the *Bay State Collector* that some one publish some books on philately. If it will only bring out some purchasers plenty of publishers will be found ready to accommodate them.

THE PRESIDENT of the American Philatelic Association evidently thinks more of the *P. J. of A.*, than of the society's journal; at least he gives the former the priority of publication of his address to members.

THE *American Philatelist* in its last issue stoops to the lowest notch with its would-be sensational headings. Such things may do for some newspapers but is very much out of place in a journal of this character.

THE THIRD number of the *Figaro* certainly presents a pitiable spectacle; it reminds one of the illustrations in the back of Webster's Dictionary giving the various corrections made in proof-reading. Will the editor take the hint?

THE *Germantown Philatelist* makes its second appearance with a combined April-May number. The editorial comment on the Chalmers matter is timely and well prepared. Mr. Wm. M. Watson is now managing the journal.

MR. W. S. TOWER, who has been well and favorably known to Chicago collectors for the last two years as the affable clerk of Messrs. Stevens & Co., starts in the stamp business on his own account this month. Success attend him.

WHAT gives evidence of being a very good portrait of Mr. James Chalmers, the inventor of the adhesive postage stamp, appears with the April *P. J. of A.* It is a pity so good a picture should have been spoiled by bad press work.

MESSRS. W. A. MACCALLA and H. McAllister, both A. P. A. members and connected with the *Q. C. Philatelist*, are now associated in the printing business in Philadelphia, having succeeded the late firm of MacCalla & Stavely.

WE HAVE made no pretenses of publishing a chronicle of new issues, as our subscribers are well aware. Nevertheless our contemporaries seem to find us useful in that respect occasionally. That's right; keep it up, we have no objections.

A PICTURE of Mr. Bogert adorns the latest issue of *Plain Talk*; although not a very faithful likeness it bears a far greater resemblance to the original than any we have heretofore seen. The philatelic portion of this paper is improving.

WE KNOW a collector who has "advanced" so far that he collects medicine stamps, *medicine and all!* At least he took pride in exhibiting to us a box of pills with the stamped wrapper intact. The stamp was surely good, but as for the pills—?

THE February number of the *Philatelic Herald* is out. We cannot help recalling the old song about the man that "went up in January and didn't come down 'till June." However, it is bright and interesting, and our only wish is to see it oftener.

WITH its April number the *Collectors' Review* dons a cover and continues Lieut. Partello's pleasant "Observations Abroad," which was broken off so abruptly in the *Stamp Collector*. This journal is making rapid progress and bids fair to become a leader.

A DIRECTORY of philatelic frauds has been compiled by Geo. P. Coffin, of Freeport, Maine. It presents a very good appearance and is well worth the price (10 cents). By the way, the title is an excellent one. Would that a Coffin could be found for every fraud!

BEGINNING with the June issue, Mr. Thomas E. Willson, editor of the *New York Weekly World*, and a good authority and most entertaining writer on these subjects, will take editorial charge of a regular department in *Sunshine* devoted to "Stamps and Coins".

MR. STERLING's new catalogue of "U. S. stamps only" is now ready. It is unexceptional in every respect and indispensable to any collector. It is also largely increased in size. Send 25c. for one and help Mr. Sterling spend his money, for we are sure he looses on every copy.

AUCTION sales in connection with society meetings are becoming quite the proper thing, the latest to adopt them being the New York Society. If we are not mistaken the Quaker City society was the first to lead out in this direction, the Chicago society coming in a good second.

RICHMOND'S Philatelic Press Directory was received just too late for notice in our last issue; it is fully up to, and in fact exceeds, expectations, and is invaluable to every advertiser. Typographically it is one of the few creditable philatelic publications it has been our good fortune to see. Price 25c.

THE NEW (third) edition of Hubbard's *Premium Coin List* has been received. It is in every respect a vast improvement on the earlier editions and should be in the hands of every coin collector and of every person handling coin to any extent. Price ten cents; by mail eleven cents. Sold by the publisher, and in this city by S. B. Bradt.

WE NOTICE the following changes of address of some of our friends, Mr. D. L. Ballentine, from New York, to Port Huron, Mich.; Mr. C. R. Gadsden, from Chicago to Grand Crossing, Ill.; Mr. Hugo Goldsmith, from New York to Portland, Oregon; Mr. F. R. Gillett, from Freeport, to Anthony, Kas.; Mr. W. C. Michaels, from Fort Dodge, Ia., to Eagle Grove, Iowa.

THE PENN Stamp Co., of Philadelphia have just issued a very good cheap album. It is called the American album, is 6x9½ inches in size, has eighty pages and spaces for over two thousand stamps. Most of the new stamp issuing countries have places designated, the album being brought down to the latest date. Price, in boards, 25c. in cloth, gilt, 50c.: for sale by the publishers; or in this city by S. B. Bradt.

WE HAVE received from Messrs. Hancock & Hempstead, of Philadelphia a very neat little Catalogue of U. S. adhesive stamps. All stamps catalogued are priced, much care having evidently been taken in that respect. A little regard for punctuation would have greatly improved the list, "Blue Franklin" and "Red Washington" read a little awkwardly. Price ten cents; or in cloth, fifteen cents: for sale by the publishers, and by S. B. Bradt, Chicago.

"TALKING about Baton Rouge Locals," says Mr. H. B. Seagrave, "I know where a few are myself. Some one says there are but two in existence. Let's see. One was sold in the Sanford collection, one in the Casey, one or two by Bogert (two I think). A Miss Newman of this place has one, Mitchell of Chicago one, Mekeel says there are two in St. Louis at least, I know J. C. Jay of La Hoyt has one, and I also possess one, total 10 in sight, by poor me."

IT MUST be in the air at Altoona, Pa. The *American Philatelist* was published there and was always behind time, and now our fondly cherished *Philatelic Gazette* says that it makes no difference when you get out so long as you do it before the month gets the best of you. Surely, as we said before, it *must* be the air in that vicinity, for it is as established a necessity in journalism to have a set day of publication and appear on that day as it is to have the journal printed and mailed.

FOR THE benefit of Mr. Durbin, and others who hint at bribery in connection with the recognition of Mr. Chalmers' claims, we wish to say that the Chicago Philatelic Society admitted the justice of Mr. C.'s position early in December last; that most of the other societies did the same at about the same time; and that the "Jubilee Stamps" were not issued until this year. Furthermore, leading American papers had recognized the claims as long as a year ago, and an able article on the subject had appeared in the *P. J. of A.*, of a date almost as far back.

THE special delivery stamp has been the subject of considerable adverse comment, and has not met with the general favor anticipated for it. The best use for it we know of, and one that makes it especially valuable to persons whose business is at a distance from a place of registry in large cities, is to use it in place of registering. Even when you are located close by the post-office more or less time is consumed in getting a letter registered, while with a "special delivery" all you have to do is to stick on the stamp and deposit the letter or package with the balance of your mail. And it is reasonably safe, too, as more than ordinary attention is accorded letters bearing this stamp and a receipt taken in every instance by the office delivering the letter. Try it; it's just the thing for approval sheets.

THE PHILATELIC SOCIETIES.

We shall be glad to have all societies represented in this department, and will send THE WESTERN PHILATELIST free to those regularly sending us reports of their meetings. Reports must reach us not later than the 15th of each month.

AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SECRETARY.

The passage of the amendments abolishing the *American Philatelist* and the office of official editor, and the delay in appointing an official journal, is my excuse for taking this method of informing members of the events of the month now about at an end.

The subject of greatest interest to members this month has been the taking of a general vote on the matters submitted in *Official Circular No. 3*. The result was as follows:

Members entitled to vote.....	204
Necessary to carry the amendments.....	136
Votes cast for the amendments.....	141
Votes cast against the amendments.....	29
Undecided.....	4
Not voting.....	30
	204

The amendments were therefore carried by five votes more than the necessary two-thirds, although thirty members failed either to vote or to get their vote in within the required time.

On the question, what journal shall be appointed to publish the official reports, etc., of the Association? the result was as follows:

Philatelic Journal of America.....	79
Western Philatelist.....	59
Quaker City Philatelist.....	17
Empire State Philatelist.....	15
American Philatelist.....	2
Plain Talk.....	1
American Journal of Philately.....	1
Total.....	174

About the middle of the month our president requested the members of the official board to send him their votes on the question of the official journal. The result of that vote was not communicated to the secretary; nor was any intimation of the result received by him prior to May 26th, when a letter, dated May 25th, was received, from which is quoted the following:

"I have received on Monday morning [the 23d] last the vote of the board of officers, but owing to the fact that I am attending a convention this week I have not had time to communicate with the board until this morning. In fact I am now writing this in my lap. Since calling for the vote I have received from two papers a change in their propositions to the Association. They are dated after the vote was called for, and it seems proper that they should be laid before the board before the vote can be considered final. The change simply amounts to this: Both the *Western Philatelist* and the *Philatelic Journal of America* now offer to publish the official matter and distribute a copy free to the members of the Association. I should also add that the vote as it now stands indicates a preference on the part of the board for the *Western Philatelist*, and that having communicated that state of affairs to the editor of the *Philatelic Journal of America* I am informed by him that he proposes, on the suggestions of several members of the Association, to appeal from the decision of this board."

The last sentence of the above would indicate that a decision of the board had at that time been made. If such is the case then that decision was not communicated to the secretary, or to the Association in general. But in spite of this situation of affairs I was shown on the 25th a circular, enclosed in an envelope bearing the imprint of C. H. Mekeel, St. Louis, Mo., the character of which was an appeal to the president from the decision of the official board in the matter of the official journal. I at once forwarded to President Tiffany my formal protest against his action in imparting information of this character to individuals before communicating it to either the secretary, the board of officers, or the Association at large, and a copy of the protest was mailed to each member of the official board, who have since informed me that they approve of the protest.

Thus members are placed in a peculiar position. They are asked to request an appeal from a decision they know nothing of, and which the president did not officially or informally communicate to the Association, and which he evidently intended to withhold until a second vote of the board could be taken. I trust that this explanation will enlighten members in regard to the circular they have received.

A number of matters of lesser importance will be omitted from this communication and will be held to await the proper mode of presentation to the Association. Quite a number of applications and the names of a number of new members are awaiting an opportunity of publication, and the delay is greatly to be regretted on that account, if for no other reason.

AMATEUR STAMP COLLECTORS.—At the meeting of April 20th, no business was transacted, a quorum not being present. A special meeting was called April 28th; nothing but the regular routine business was taken up. At the regular meeting held May 4th, Mr. E. M. Grover was elected a member, and Mr. H. S. Whittemore appointed to prepare literary exercises for the next meeting.

Needham, Mass.

N. W. Dewing, Secretary.

BELLE CITY PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—Meeting of May 19th; nine members in attendance. The *Philatelic Century* was appointed official journal for the society. Thanks are due the *Youths' Ledger* and *Quaker City Philatelist* for papers sent, and especial thanks to Mr. A. W. Dunning, of San Fernando, Cal., for favors. Next meeting, May 24th.

Racine, Wis.

W. Schad, Secretary.

CHICAGO PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—Meeting of Thursday, May 5th, was to have been held at the office of Mr. J. A. Pierce, but as he had just moved into his new quarters and could not throw any light on the subject (the gas not being turned on) it was decided, after the meeting was called to order, to adjourn to the Tremont House, the proprietor having very generously tendered the use of one of the club rooms for the meeting. Upon arriving at our new quarters the meeting was again called to order with President Bradt in the chair. Messrs. Bradt, Wolsieffer, Haskell, Voute, Pierce, Woodbury, Wilson, Myers, Drury, and Gadsden were present. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Vice-President Wolsieffer having taken the chair, President Bradt, committee on type writing essays, reported that the work could be done satisfactorily and at a reasonable price, and on motion his report was accepted, and he instructed to have the work done. The president then resumed the chair, and Mr. Wolsieffer, committee on journals, submitted the following list: *Philatelic Monthly*, *Phil. World*, *P. J. of A.*, *Q. C. P.*, *Keystone State Phil.*, *The Stamp*, *Phil. Gazette*, *Phil. Record*, *Halifax Philatelist*, *Collector's Review*, *Curiosity World*, and *Empire State Phil.* On motion of Mr. Myers, report was accepted and subscription ordered. After a recess of ten minutes and some discussion as to the standing of members, on motion of Mr. Wolsieffer secretary was instructed to request Mr. Robb to attend the next meeting or resign. It was then moved that meetings of the society be held at the Tremont House until further notice. Moved by Mr. Myers that at each meeting of the society some one member be appointed to bring his collection for inspection. Mr. Haskell volunteered for next meeting. Communications from Messrs. Jos. Rechert and J. W. Griffin read and filed. Mr. Mitchell, essayist, being absent, the essay was postponed until next meeting. After a spirited auction sale, meeting adjourned.

At the meeting of May 19th, Messrs. Bradt, Wolsieffer, Mitchell, Haskell, Pierce, Griffin, Woodbury, Wilson, Myers, Perry, and Gadsden were present. After tendering Mr. Pierce a vote of thanks for having donated the use of his office for previous meetings of the society, there being no special business requiring attention at this meeting, an informal discussion on various subjects was held. Considerable time was then taken up in viewing and admiring the fine collection of Mr. Haskell. It being then rather late, essay was dispensed with and auction sale held, some fine locals being disposed of. Of these Mr. Bradt secured the prize, an original Grafflin. Mr. Woodbury obtained three fine specimens of the Pomeroy, after spirited bidding. Our auction sales still continue to be an interesting and important feature of our meetings, and we are glad to see that societies which had not previously adopted this feature are beginning to do so. Meeting then adjourned. Next meeting June 2d.

Chicago, Ill.

C. R. Gadsden, Secretary.

DENVER STAMP COLLECTORS LEAGUE—Meeting of May 19th. The librarian made a report upon the condition of the library. He was instructed to send the thanks of the D. S. C. L. to those publishers who donated their papers to the library. The resolutions of Q. C. P. S. in regard to the inventor of the adhesive stamp were read. The secretary was instructed to inform the Q. C. P. S. that, as they failed to advance any proof to substantiate their claim we refuse to take any action in the matter. Other business, but of no importance, was transacted, and the league adjourned at 9 o'clock.

Denver, Colo.

Fred. W. Feldzisch, Secretary.

NATIONAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY—Regular monthly meeting of April 14th, President Bogert in the chair. Mr. Warner proposed Mr. S. B. Bradt, of Grand Crossing, Ill., as a corresponding member, and he was elected. The committee appointed to wait on Mr. W. T. Smith reported that they could not trace the property of the society. Hon. W. F. Vilas was elected an honorary member of the society. Resolutions from the Pomeroy, Denver, and Chicago Societies, petitioning the government to allow Messrs. Bogert and Richert to use cuts of U. S. envelopes in their forthcoming work, were read. On motion of Mr. H. L. Calman, seconded by Mr. Warner, a similar resolution was read. Mr. R. Wuesthoff was appointed exchange superintendent of the New York branch of the A. P. A. The first auction of the society was held, and netted \$7.50. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 P. M.

Meeting of May 12th, Vice-President Rechert in the chair. Mr. Warner proposed Mr. Wm. Reppen, of Galveston, Texas, and Mr. J. Freeman Neefus, of Newark, N. J., as corresponding members, and they were elected. Mr. Patrick Chalmers was proposed for honorary membership by Mr. Aue. On motion of Mr. Calman the proposal was tabled. An invitation to attend the third anniversary of the Staten Island Society was read and a committee composed of the officers of this society was appointed to attend. Motion made and carried that the resolution of the Quaker City Society (relating to Mr. Chalmers) be accepted, with thanks; also that the Q. C. P. S. be added to the list of corresponding societies. Moved by Mr. Miller, "that the members in arrears and not paid up at the next meeting be denied the privilege of voting, and that such clauses which in any way interfere with the constitution be suspended." Carried. Mr. Rechert exhibited several novelties, and Mr. Calman informed the society that the 6d. orange and 1sh. purple Gibraltar had been issued; also that he had several unsevered and unperforated pairs of the 24c. U. S. 1860. The second auction was held, netting \$9.50.

New York City.

Wm. A. Warner, Secretary.

NEW MILFORD PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—Meeting of April 19th. But little business brought forward. Mr. Robt. Hotchkiss, of Hartford, and Mr. Geo. E. Staub, of Lanesville, were present as visitors. Meeting of May 6th. Mr. J. W. Turrill offered his resignation as secretary and treasurer, and it was accepted. President Landon and Vice-President Soule also offered resignations, which were accepted. Mr. T. E. Starr, Jr., was elected president, the election of the other officers being deferred until the next meeting. Special meeting, called May 13th. Geo. T. Hill admitted to membership. Communications read from Patrick Chalmers, the Q. C. P. S., and Mr. C. H. Mekeel. Mr. M. U. Levy was elected vice-president, and Mr. F. E. Soule, secretary. The following exercises were provided for: A lecture on the Chalmers question, from Mr. Landon; an essay on philately, from Mr. Soule; and a speech entitled "My Experience as a Collector," from Mr. J. Levy. Meeting of May 20th called to order by Vice-President M. Levy. Motion to try M. U. Levy at next meeting for unjust discrimination toward J. W. Turrill, was passed. Landon and J. Levy were excused from the exercises, and Soule read his essay on Philately. Mr. Sterling presented the society with his 6th edition U. S. Catalogue, which is thought by this society to be the best in the country. Communication from the *Youths' Ledger* read, and moved not to send reports to the *Y. L.* Meeting adjourned at an early hour.

New Milford, Mass.

Frank E. Soule, Secretary.

OAK PARK PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—Meeting of May 10th, held at the residence of W. C. Coit. Copies of Scott's and Bogert's catalogues ordered purchased. Little business of importance was transacted.

Oak Park, Ill.

W. C. Coit, Secretary.

OTTAWA PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—At a meeting of the stamp collectors of Ottawa, Ill., held here on the 20th inst., the Ottawa Philatelic Society was formed. The entire time of the meeting was taken up in the formation and adoption of a constitution and code of by-laws, and the election of officers. The following officers were elected: S. B. Bradford, president; W. E. W. McKinlay, vice president; Thos. B. Farrell, secretary and treasurer. Meetings will be held every alternate Friday. Next meeting will be held June 4th, and the subject for discussion will be U. S. adhesives. Meeting adjourned at 10:30.

We have started what promises to be a flourishing society in a short time, as there are numerous collectors here who we think can be induced to join. There are also many who were collectors years ago and who still have their collections, but their interest in collecting has lain dormant, and their collections remain in some old time trunk or garret; but we have hopes of reviving their lost interest in our fascinating science, and making them members of our young society. Our officers are all members of the A. P. A., and charter members, by the way.

Ottawa, Ill.

Thos. B. Farrell, Secretary.

POMEROY PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—The first annual meeting of the Pomeroy Society was held on the fifth of May. The officers elected for the second year of our existence were: President, C. N. Bishop; Vice-President, M. Loenshal; Secretary, E. D. Kline; Treasurer, J. M. Krumm; Librarian, Asa S. Parker; Executive Committee, M. Jungbluth, Wm. Eberth, F. B. Stebbins. The stamps ordered from the Hawaiian Government were received and distributed. An interesting letter was read from Dr. Mitchell regarding the "Pomeroy" Stamp and thanks expressed to him for the interest taken by him in this Local. The balance of the evening was taken up in a social way. The second meeting of the month was held on May 19th, and proved a very interesting one. Some time since the society decided to insert in our albums a blank page to be called the "Jubilee Page". In the centre of this page we are to put the photograph of Queen Victoria and around it the jubilee set of Great Britain. Our honorary member, Mr. P. Chalmers, hearing of this, desired to present to the society an unused set of these stamps for each member, which he enclosed to us as his jubilee offering to the Pomeroy

Society. This kind act on the part of Mr. Chalmers was a most agreeable surprise to us, and our jubilee page will always have associated with it the memory of Mr. Chalmers. A letter was read from Mr. J. M. Sheridan, of Brooklyn, N. Y., in which he expressed a desire to join the Pomeroyists. As Mr. Sheridan is a member of the American Association it was agreed to admit him on payment of dues. The executive committee informed the society that the funds on hand were larger than any need for and recommended that a dividend be declared. After discussion the secretary was instructed to ascertain what set of new issues he could obtain that would come within the limits of the amount of dividend declared and to purchase for each member a complete set, the same to be given as our first dividend. Dr. Jungbluth favored the society with an interesting history of the old post routes of Thurn & Taxis. Addresses having been received of several members of the Dresden Society now in foreign countries, the German members of our society were instructed to correspond with them for our mutual benefit. After passing a vote of thanks to Mr. Sterling for catalogue received, and a little social talk, meeting adjourned.

Toledo, Ohio.

E. D. Kline, Secretary.

ST. LOUIS PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—A regular meeting of the St. Louis Philatelic Society was held at 506 Olive street, on Saturday evening, April 23d, with President Tiffany in the chair, and the following members present: Messrs. Tiffany, Mekeel, Custer, Hildenbrandt, Knocke, Dormitzer, Lepere, and Dill. Communications received from Pomeroy and Denver societies. U. S. Revenues and Proprietaries was the topic for the evening. Mr. Tiffany had his magnificent collection on exhibition, and Messrs. Custer and Lepere also made a very creditable showing. As it was after 11 o'clock when the stamps had all been exhibited there was no further business transacted. Meeting of May 14th called to order by President Tiffany. There were present Messrs. Tiffany, Mekeel, Rodgers, Hauck, Mucke, Dormitzer, Chandler, Hildenbrandt, and Dill. Communication from Major E. B. Evans, of Bermuda, expressing his good wishes to his fellow members of the St. Louis Society read, followed by exchanging. Next meeting June 11th, 1887.

St. Louis, Mo.

Eugene Dill, Secretary.

LES TIMBROPHILES DE LAUZON.—A new society was formed in St. Joseph of Levis on the 29th of April. The name of the society is "Les timbrophiles de Lauzon." The officers of the society are: President, P. L. Marsan; Vice-President, Ed. Bergeron, Sr.; Secretary and Treasurer, P. V. Shannon; Librarian, E. Bergeron, Jr.; Committee, R. G. Bourget, N. P., P. Lapparre, C. Marisset. At the last meeting of the members the committee decided to collect all postage and revenue stamps of the world. We invite all dealers to send their price lists and catalogues. We should be glad to have philatelic journals. The capital of the society is \$520.

Lauzon, P. Q., Quebec.

P. V. Shannon, Secretary.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Dear Sir: I see by the *American Philatelist* that Collin has sold for \$150 the 1 shill. Mauritius Env., over the buying of which he made such an exhibition of himself in the name of the Scott concern, at Casey's auction, and finally bought it for \$50. Now I do not doubt for a moment but what he would take \$150 for the stamp in question, but after all that has been said about this particular stamp, I think that it would be much easier to ask \$150 for it than to get it. In fact I am one of the doubting ones, and would much prefer to see an *autograph* letter, of the collector that bought, than simply an assertion that it has been disposed of for \$150. Will the purchaser please establish his identity by saying through this paper "I bought the Mauritius 1 shill. env. sold to Collin, at the Casey auction for \$50, and paid Scott Stamp and Coin Co. Lt., the sum of \$150 for it, cash. (Signed), _____." Surely he will not object!

H. B. Seagrave.

WIMBLEDON, April 20th.

Sir: In the *Quaker City Philatelist* for this month it is stated that my father, the late James Chalmers, did not claim the honor of having been the originator of the adhesive postage stamp. Permit me to say that such statement is a mistake, while by what right or with what object the correspondence on the subject was abstracted from the treasury by Sir Ferdinand Hill has never been explained. That correspondence is now solely in the possession of Mr. Pearson Hill, who has published only such an "extract" from same as he has thought fit, my application for the context having been of no avail. Even with this, however, I have been enabled to prove to the general satisfaction of American philatelists my father's title to the honor he claimed, and if doubt remains in any quarter, here or with you, let Mr. Pearson Hill be called upon to produce the letters from his father to mine of dates 5th March, 1838, and of 18th January, 1840, and that doubt will be removed.

I send copy of this letter to your contemporaries and philatelic societies, and asking you to be good enough to publish same. I am, yours obediently,

Patrick Chalmers,

Hon. Member the Chicago, Newton, Jamestown, Denver, and Toledo Philatelic Societies.

P. O. DEPT., OFFICE OF THIRD ASSISTANT P. M. GENERAL, }
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 14, 1887. }

MR. S. B. BRADT, GRAND CROSSING, ILL.

Sir: In further reply to your letter of the 2d ultimo, I beg leave to inform you that the unwatermarked stamped envelopes to which you call attention were made in the usual manner, at the stamped envelope manufactory, and under the supervision of the government agent. The absence of a watermark in the paper is to be accounted for by supposing that in the manufacture of the envelope paper, some of it was run through the machine while the "dandy-roll" was temporarily off; or that some sheets of other than the regular envelope paper, by inadvertence or carelessness of the employes at the paper-mill, were mixed with the supplies sent to the envelope manufactory. Occasional mistakes of this character, while very much to be regretted, seem to be almost beyond prevention. Yours very respectfully, etc.,

H. P. Harris, Third Assistant Postmaster General.

EXCHANGES AND WANTS.

Those of our subscribers who have any articles for exchange that are of interest or value to collectors generally are invited to make use of this department without charge. Notices exceeding three lines in length will be charged for at the rate of five cents for each additional line. We reserve the privilege of rejecting any we do not think it best to print.

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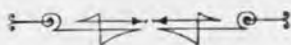
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DIFFERENT TURKISH SURCHARGES.

(Translated from *Le Timbre Levantin*, by N. C. P.)

BATAL.

CHEIR.

CATCHAK.

I will now mention the different surcharges which have been placed upon the Turkish stamps since 1862, trying as much as possible to enumerate them in the order issued, and to mention the exact date of their appearance.

The first surcharge was the word which signifies *cancelled*, or *non-current*. This surcharge was successively applied to all the Turkish stamps of the existing issues as soon as a new issue made its appearance. We have seen the *batal* surcharge on the stamps of 1862-65-69-71-74-76, and especially on the local or *cheir* stamps. The explanation of the quantity of surcharges on the *cheir* is, that when the local post of Constantinople was suppressed a great number of persons ignoring this measure, in spite of the notices which were given out at the time, continued to send their letters by throwing them into the letter box and using a previous issue concurrently with that of the latest issue. The postal administration then decided to grant one month's delay for the carriage of letters of the local post, and to take to the house all letters bearing a stamp of the latest issue, but to apply the *batal* surcharge to all stamps of a previous issue, which had served as postage on letters thus indicated.

Such is the origin and the use of the *batal* surcharge. Now, should stamps bearing this surcharge find a place in a collection of postage stamps? I leave this question to my readers to answer. It was in January 1865 that this surcharge was applied for the first time on the stamps of the 1st issue, or *Touralis*.

The second surcharge applied to the Turkish stamps was *cheir*, which signifies city. This surcharge was applied in the first place to the stamps of 1869-71,—10 paras violet, 10 paras bistre, and in 1873 1 piastre yellow. It consisted of a uniform oval in the centre of which was the word *cheir* in Turkish characters. In 1875 this same surcharge, but in a dotted circle, was applied to the 10 paras violet, 20 paras green, and 1 piastre yellow, large perforation, of 1869-71. In the meantime there appeared in 1876 the stamps with a black surcharge, $\frac{1}{4}$ piastre violet, $\frac{1}{2}$ piastre green, $1\frac{1}{4}$ piastre carmine, 2 piastres orange, and 5 piastres blue.

Of these stamps the most uncommon are the $1\frac{1}{4}$ and the 5 piastres, which were issued in small quantities and therefore are rare. During the same year, the stamps of $\frac{1}{4}$ piastre, and $\frac{1}{2}$ green, received also the *cheir* surcharge in blue, like those of 1875, and served during a short period to post letters of

the local service. These stamps are very rare. In 1879 this surcharge was also applied to the Turkish envelope of 1 piastre yellow. Nor must we forget to mention that the surcharge *cheir* in an oval had also been applied to the unpaid letter stamps of 20 paras and 1 piastre of 1869-71.

In 1881 the blocks of some of the post-offices having been used so often became worn out, and had not been replaced. Some dots in the circle were missing, which has made the *cheir* with irregular or broken dotting quite rare. At the same time they made new blocks to replace the old ones. These consisted of a rectangle containing the word *cheir* in Turkish, and over it the word local in French. This surcharge was applied to the stamps of 10 paras, 20 paras, and 1 piastre, issue of 1879. The 2 piastres was never issued with this surcharge. Apart from this surcharge, which was only applied in blue ink, all the others which followed from the postal bureau were blue, black, violet, or red. The two last were very seldom used, and are relatively rare. The postal cards of 1881, rose, and black, on white, bear also the *cheir* surcharge with the dotted circle for the first, and the irregular dotting, and in a rectangle for the second. In 1879 they also used on the stamps of 1876 Turkish and French inscriptions and large crescent, the surcharge printed in a streamer. We have only seen this surcharge on the 10 and 20 paras, and we have good reason to believe it was not used on the 50 paras, 2, 5, and 25 piastres of the same issue, as published in several German albums. There have been many false surcharges printed; we advise our readers to be careful about buying them.

When several travelers left Constantinople together for a journey in the provinces of Turkey, many persons who had letters to send did not hesitate to ask them to carry them, thus evading the charges, which were heavy. The postal administration, to suppress this contrabandism, established a vigilant watch and made it known that all letters without stamps upon them taken from travelers should be subject to a fine, besides the ordinary postage, which should be duly collected, and the stamp corresponding to the weight should be placed on the letter. This is the origin of the *catchak* surcharge, which means fugitive or contraband. This surcharge exists in four different forms, rectangular, round, square, and triangular, and has been printed sometimes in blue, and then again in black ink. There are also some round surcharges in red ink, but they are very few. It was in 1869 that the first *catchak* surcharge was used.

At Mount Athos there is a convent of Greek monks, who were allowed certain postal privileges and who stamped their letters with the stamps of 10 paras violet, 20 paras green, and 1 piastre yellow, of 1881, without the French surcharge, by applying a little blue triangle, enclosing three Greek letters forming the initials of the name of the convent. These are called the stamps of Mount Athos. We are of the opinion that the *catchak* stamps and those of Mount Athos ought to find their place in a collection in view of the fact that the first were employed as a species of unpaid letter stamps, and the latter came from a special post-office.

Finally, in the month of December, 1886, the *beireaux* (offices) of Therapia and of Galata needing the stamps of 10 paras, they employed for several hours those of 20 paras by cutting them diagonally and surcharging the figure "10" in blue ink. We may here conclude the list of Turkish surcharges.

We wish to recognize the fact that Turkey has never sought to speculate on the pockets of collectors by useless surcharges, like those of nearly all the English and French colonies, who have found an excellent way of turning their stamps out rapidly and inventing an infinite number of surcharges, augmenting or diminishing the value of the stamp, and who always take the precaution of committing errors in their surcharges in order to profit by the prices.

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A FLATLIST'S ECKSPERIENS. VI.

SUMWHERS, June 10th, '87.

Mistur Editur: i hev bin reedin the flatlick paipers a gud deel laity sins the offishul jurnal bisness cam up en hev bin sumwhat amused at the komments en kritisisms maid bi sum uv the wood be jurnalists on the manner in which the hul bisnes hes bin konduckted. Es i understand it the resolushun tu abolish the Ameriken flatlist en the offis uv offishel editur was maid bi the board uv officers at the suggestion uv the St. Louis, Toledo, en Chicago branches en when the amendmen was submitted bi them tu the assosiashun it was carried bi a big majority. Es everybodi knose the members when they voted expressed a preferens fur the paiper they wuld like to be offishel jurnal, en the result is also knone, won paiper reseivin a plurality uv 20 votes, not a majority es the big kite en litle tails wud have us believe, fur 79 is not a majority uv 204 or 174 either. Upon heerin the anounsement uv the result the afoarsade big kite began tu kongratulate itself upon having bin chosen es the offishel jurnal en the poor deluded littel fellers follered sute en tenderd thare kongratulashuns, but alas tu the intens surprise uv the big kite it was not apointed en then follered a kick, es cud only be eckspeckted frum such a source fur didnt the saim feller kick when the sossiety was bein organisd becas he kudnt hev things all his own way, en didnt he threaten tu organise anuther sossiety uv his oan. This kronick kicker en breeder uv disturbens en diskontent hes this time retarded the groath pv the assosiashun, delaid the publicashun uv imporent kommunikashuns, put the assosiashun tu an expens uv over \$20 becos he wasn't man enuf tu giv in when he was beat en axcept the desishun uv the offishel board maid in strict ackordens with their duty en the desires uv thare konstituens, es witness the resolushun uv the New York sossiety unanimsly endorsin thare ackshun. Sins he hes bin left this feller says he knew how it wud be frum the start en prints a lot uv letters solisited frum fellers who wud rite the saim thing tu ennybody that askt thare vues. our worthy ex-editur uv the "born-married-died" paiper tells a "muther goose" story about how the whole skeem was planned last desember befor the Ameriken flatlist or Western flatlist was ever published en our apologetic littel frend the *figger O* taiks it all in en thunders forth *its* littel denunsiashun uv the vilanous plot which it knose es well es i do hed no foundashun on faktt but emenated frum the brain uv sum sucksektor uv baron munchausen. i gues mistur editur yu must hev bin trampin on the kids korns en maid him soar en spiteful. it is mi privet opinyun however thet theas fellers are wadin into deep water en ef thay doant turn round are purty liable tu go under en not be heard frum agin. All i kin say is the sooner thay do the better fur the assosiashun for thay aint the kind uv fellers gud members is maid uv. it must maik the konservativ en decent members tired reseivin appeals en circulars en resolushuns en bein askt tu vote a dozen times becos sum won or two fellers aint satisfied with things es thay are run, en kick every time thay get a chanse. Now Mistur Editur i gues i wil hev tu giv theas fellers a rest thay nead it tu git over thare soar heds which i hoap thay will soon.

We hev bin havin lots of fun in our sossiety uv late en the members are beginnin tu sho up in gud shaip with an ockashunal visiter. The presiden en secreтары tuk won uv our korespondent members who was in town the uthur day en shoad him around sum. Thay went tu a basebal gaim in the afterrnoon between our town klub en anuther frum won uv the suburbs en our secreтары ses yu ot tu hev herd our presiden en the uthur feller, who bi the wai is presiden uv the sossiety in his town, holler, he sais he cudn't keap them still thay was so ecksited at the way our fellers larrupped the uthur nine. At supper our secreтары en thare guest hed a fite tu see who was to pai the

bil en our securtary knocked him out in won round en got knocked out uv a few piastres bi the millunare who keeps the restrant. Thay then loafst around en plaid billiards till meetin time en then went up to our toney meetin plais en shode him how our fellers turn out. He left town about 10:30 P. M., sober after bein with the presiden en securtary all day but it was becos he didn't smile nor smoak. our presiden sais he reminded him uv the time he wus in New York en met the worthy vise presiden of the A. P. A. who dont taik nuthin stronger then lemonade in his. i am glad tu see there are sum fellers like me who doant indulge (i doant when i kant) but i want tu say that if there is any *flat* that happens tu strike our town en drops in tu see us he mite as well leav his muneys tu hoam es it is no gud hear en we are oanly tu pleasd tu hev them drop in wons in a while. Es won uv our fellers sais, there is moar fun at our meetins then a box uv monkeyes en everybody is invited tu kum en join in the fun. Yures flatlickally

Phil Atelic.

SOME PHILATELICAL REFLECTIONS.

Probably all collectors, at one time or another, have been asked "What on earth do you collect those miserable pieces of dirty paper for? What's the sense of it? Of what use are they?" Questions easy enough to ask, but hard to explain to the average questioner. And about as little said to many in behalf of philately the better; in fact about nine out of every ten go away when you are through explaining, with the thought, "What a poor crank that fellow is; I used to think he would amount to something, but I am now thoroughly convinced in my own judgment that he will not." Such is the opinion of most people concerning an enthusiastic philatelist. True, they are but dirty pieces of paper, some of them, we must admit, and many of them do not command, in quantity, enough money to warrant a person spending the time necessary to remove them from the envelopes; but on the other hand there are many that, owing to their scarcity, command a price that is really alarming. To the person who sees nothing in philately to admire, let me ask one question: Do you think that the forming of art collections is a waste of precious time and money? "Oh! no; that's different, quite different; such a collection helps to elevate mankind; and the person who spends his money lavishly on art is to be considered a philanthropist, and not a poor crank at all." Yes! that is different; where one is but a dirty piece of paper, the other is but a clean piece of canvas, daubed with paint until it has lost all semblance to its former self. Yet such things are on the market, and captivate "Old Money Bags" quite frequently to the tune of say "one hundred thousand dollars", and yet they have no more use on this earth than just to please the fancy. When Wanamaker bought the wonderful painting "Christ before Pontius Pilate", and Vanderbilt the famous "Horse Fair" from the A. T. Stewart collection, they only manifested the same desire that beats in the breast of every true philatelist—that of obtaining for his own that which does not come to the surface every day to be caught, even with money, namely, a gem or two in the line of his hobby. In my day I have met stamp collectors that the slang phrase "crank" fits to a nicety; chaps with more money (of their father's) than brains, roaming around loose, buying any trash in the shape of stamps at any price that might be asked,—the more, the better, as long as the cash holds out. With no judgment as to counterfeit or genuine, they fall an easy prey to sharks with larger names than capital and limited knowledge of the genuineness of rarities. These can not be classed with true philatelists. The true philatelist will use as much care and judgment as to values in the selecting of his rarities as he would in the purchase of diamonds or other choice articles. I can name

several philatelists in this country who know ten times as much about stamps in general and rarities in particular, than do some of the dealers who are held up as criterions. The unsophisticated philatelist would do well when buying stamps in this country to bear in mind that high sounding names do not guarantee anything,—unless it be bold effrontery and egotism unlimited on the part of the persons using them.

The following paintings, "Christ before Pontius Pilate," "Columbus before Queen Isabella," and "Horse Fair," are to the art collector only what such gems as the locals of the Confederacy, the old Moldavia, the old Hawaii, the U. S. rarities, etc., etc., are to the true philatelist. That person who will devote enough time to the study of philately to be thoroughly acquainted with it, in all the minutiae of its various departments, will find in it much that will entertain, amuse, and instruct; but if he expects to learn all about it in a day, he will see nothing in it. I personally have made it a study for upward of twenty years, yet I am constantly learning more concerning it, but have never been able yet to get through my head why Scott, years ago, made space in his "Common Sense Album" for a *ten cents* Prince Edward Island stamp, and in all of his later editions omits it. Perhaps he found out somehow that such had not been issued.

It does the hearts of some of the collectors of the old school good to have some of these ancient fossils resurrected occasionally. I have it on good authority that the stamp in question was got up by certain parties, who are yet living, for the sole purpose of taking in Scott, and I will leave it to the philatelists at large if they did not succeed admirably! It remains entirely with the philatelist himself whether he makes a failure or success of his collection. It is by no means necessary to have much money at his command, but he must understand stamps, and buy close. Many of course have more opportunities for getting rarities, are more favorably located, or have correspondents abroad who help them to many things that are unattainable except in the land of their birth. In many instances the successful collector, if placed one round lower down the ladder would have made a failure; so my successful friend, as Francis S. Smith has beautifully put it:

Boast not because you never fail—
The most unworthy ship,
With favoring tide and favoring gale,
Will seldom miss a trip,
There's little merit in success
Where no disasters rise,
But he who wins against distress
Is worthy of the prize.

No favor'd one may peans sing,
When safe on fortune's track—
No foes to heed, no cares to sting,
No bar to set him back,
But he who has to fight his way,
With firm, undaunted will—
Whose fortunes vary day by day,
Who falls, but rises still—

He is the one to whom the meed
Of praise is justly due—
The type of effort grand indeed—
The hero tried and true.
He who can rise and fall again
'Gainst fortune's hardest gales,
Is greater in the eyes of men
Than he who never fails.

H. B. Seagrave.

THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION,

(Organized September 14, 1886.)

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

In the two weeks that have elapsed since my last report there has been but little of moment to record. A number of new members have been added and a few applications received. We are now so near the close of our first twelve months' existence that we can scarcely expect much in the way of applications until the second year has commenced.

I have received a number of communications in relation to the amendments submitted in official circular No. 4, and stating that the writers could not see the necessity of voting at all as long as they were satisfied with the present state of affairs. While it is not absolutely necessary to pass an amendment to empower the board of officers to provide for the official printing, still it will perhaps be more satisfactory to many members to have such a provision; and an amendment is absolutely necessary to put in force the provisions mentioned in the second place on the postal cards furnished members for voting. In brief, the amendments submitted you provide first, for the selection by the board of officers of an official journal from the three receiving the highest number of votes from members; or second, for the selection of an official journal by a vote of the Association. I would advise all to vote, whether they are satisfied with the present arrangements or not; it is a question that should have the full expression of the Association.

Arrangements for the convention are progressing. Two meeting places have been offered. The Tremont House has offered the use of the parlors occupied by the Chicago Philatelic Society, which will seat about sixty persons, and the Commercial Hotel has offered a room that will accommodate one hundred and fifty. Which offer will be accepted will be determined when I learn more definitely what attendance to expect. For hotel rates the Tremont House offers a special rate of \$2.50 a day; the Commercial Hotel \$1.50 and \$2.00, the former rate to those members who will "double up." Even cheaper rates can be secured, but it is desirable that as many members as possible stop at these two houses, as they are close together and afford every convenience required.

Thus far the Central Traffic Association has been the only one to grant us reduced rates, full particulars of which are as follows:

CHICAGO, ILL., June 2, 1887.

S. B. Bradt, Esq., Grand Crossing, Ill.

Dear Sir: The Central Traffic Association has granted reduced rates for delegates attending the Convention of The American Philatelic Association to be held at Chicago, Ill., commencing August 8th, upon the following conditions, viz.:

Each delegate must purchase a first-class ticket (either unlimited or limited) to the place of meeting, for which he will pay the regular fare, and upon request the ticket agent will issue to him a certificate of such purchase.

If through tickets cannot be procured at the starting point, delegates will purchase to the most convenient point where such through tickets can be obtained, and repurchase through to place of meeting, requesting a certificate from the ticket agent at the point where repurchase is made.

Tickets for the return journey will be sold, by the ticket agents at the place of meeting, at one-third the highest limited fare, only to those holding certificates signed by the ticket agent at point where through ticket to place of meeting was purchased, and countersigned by the secretary or clerk of the convention, certifying that the holder has been in attendance upon the convention.

It is very important that a certificate be procured, as it will indicate that full fare has been paid for the going journey, and that the delegate is therefore entitled to the special fare on return. It will also determine the route via which the tickets for return journey should be issued.

Tickets for return journey will be furnished only on certificates procured not more than three days before the convention assembles, and will be available for continuous trip tickets only; no stop over privileges being allowed on tickets sold at less than full fares. Certificates will not be honored unless presented within three days after the date of adjournment of the convention.

Ticket agents will be instructed that the reduced fares will not be available unless the holders of the certificates are properly identified, as above described, nor unless the secretary or clerk has given notice in writing to the various ticket agents at the point at which the meeting is held, that fifty or more persons who have purchased full fare tickets for the going passage, and hold properly receipted certificates, have been in attendance upon the convention.

The certificates are not transferable, and the signature affixed at the starting point, compared with the signature to the receipt, will enable the ticket agent to detect any attempted transfer.

Yours truly,

Geo. H. Daniels, Asst. Commissioner.

It will be seen from the above that members attending the convention have but to purchase a first class ticket from the point they start from, and that a return ticket will be sold them *in Chicago* at one-third the full rate. The reduction obtained is virtually one-third the amount of the full fare each way. I have no doubt but that the Eastern Traffic Association will grant the same rates, but I have not yet received them. The Southern and Western Associations both refuse to grant reductions, but there are few or none to be affected by the former, and as for the latter, both St. Louis and Denver, the principal points, can undoubtedly effect local arrangements. It would be well to add that the Central Association covers the territory between Buffalo and Chicago.

The following communication has been received:

NEW YORK, June 19th, 1887.

Mr. S. B. Bradt, Secretary A. P. A.

DEAR SIR: The following resolution was offered, seconded, and carried unanimously at the regular meeting of the National Philatelic Society of New York, held June 9th, 1887:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this society (a branch of the A. P. A.) that the action of the Board of the A. P. A. in selecting the WESTERN PHILATELIST as the official organ of the American Philatelic Association be concurred in; and that this resolution be sent to Mr. John K. Tiffany, President A. P. A., and Mr. S. B. Bradt, Secretary.

Very truly yours,

Wm. A. Warner, Sec'y N. P. S.

Objection has been received to the application of Mr. Joseph S. Rich, published in official circular No. 4; he will not therefore be entitled to membership until the matter is investigated and a vote can be had.

NEW MEMBERS.

- No. 256. BIXBY, J. S., Decatur, Ill.
 258. BROWER, Mrs. J. B., 297 Schiller St., Chicago, Ill.
 257. CLEVELAND, L. K., Rock Island, Ill.
 231. GODDIE, J. H., JR., 616 N. Granger St., Saginaw, Mich.
 252. KLEINOFEN, ROBE., 264 N. Franklin St., Chicago, Ill.
 253. MYERS, H. B., 725 Washington Boul., Chicago, Ill.
 255. SEMPLE, GUY, 9 Amerland Road, Wandsworth, Eng.
 251. WILSON, G. S., 117 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.
 254. WOODBURY, R. M., 370 Campbell Ave., Chicago.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.—LIST NO. 9.

- CLARK, W. J., cor. Centre Ave. and Harrison St., Chicago. Reference: S. B. Bradt.
 FAHLBUSH, G. W., Del Rio, Texas. Reference: J. H. Appell.
 HYMANS, JOS., Del Rio, Texas. Reference: J. H. Appell.
 ROSENHEIM, GEO., 31 and 33 Mercer St., New York City. Reference: Jos. Rechert.

SHAYER, J. C., 147 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass. Reference: R. K. Bogert.
 WARNER, WM. A., 75 Second Ave., New York City. Reference: S. B. Bradt.

The persons named in this list will be entitled to membership, if no objection is received, on August 1st.

S. B. Bradt, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE EXCHANGE SUPERINTENDENT.

This department, to which I succeeded Mr. Hanes, under date April 25, shows some activity, and I see with pleasure that members are desirous of availing themselves of the opportunity. The following is a summary of the business done in this short time:

Sheets sold.....	176
Covers sold.....	31
Filled sheets received.....	211, value \$1690.06
Filled covers received.....	58, " 662.48

of which the latter are all on circuits.

Part of the new By-laws, limiting members to one lot of exchanges until returns are made, has been rescinded and I believe to the satisfaction of exchangers.

Though the establishment of branch societies has not been encouraged, yet I would suggest that such branches be formed wherever practicable; not only would the work be simplified, expenses for postage, etc., be cut down, but principally members will receive larger assortments at one time than is possible by dealing with single parties. Also the coming into contact would be only beneficial to our Association and where members are isolated their affiliation to the nearest branch can be easily arranged for. Let our members try this experiment, which necessarily will take time, but cannot fail to be successful. So far only two branches are in working order, but I have inquiries from different parts of the country in regard to the foundation, working, etc., of such branch societies.

At the same time I wish to repeat that members should not forget to notify me what their specialties are in order to save time and trouble (See letter in No. 5 of the *American Philatelist*).

New York, May 31, '87.

Henry Clutz, Superintendent.

To the Members of the A. P. A.—Gentlemen: I beg to advise you that according to the Official Circular No. 4 the board of officers has accepted my proposition that members may send in their exchanges at any time. I have no doubt that this will prove more satisfactory than the limit to one exchange lot and on the other side I will be able to send out oftener and larger selections.

At the same time I wish to draw the attention of those members who wish to participate in this department and who may not have duplicates, or may not care to exchange. I herewith state that in the short time that I have this department in charge, stamps, envelopes, etc., of the *rarest kind*, have passed through my hands, that would be welcome to the most *advanced* collector. Therefore, if such members will only address me stating their preferences if they collect postage or revenue stamps, U. S. or foreign entire envelopes, cards, etc., I will use my best judgment in sending them selections according to their wants. In such cases where exchanges are not sent in but asked for, I must either *know the party is responsible*, or satisfactory *references* are to be furnished.

I intend to make settlements every three months, when I shall send out statements, which according to No. 7 of the Appendix are to be settled within eight days.

A few words more about branch societies. Only a few so far have been

organized, perhaps because the advantages have not been readily understood. I will try to point out some of the benefits to be derived:

1. If, as a member, you have sent in say \$10, \$20 or \$30 worth of exchanges, you will receive the same amount to select from. As a branch of say only ten members, the value of exchanges sent in may be from \$100 to \$300 or more, and as a member of such branch you will be entitled to select from these large amounts, which must necessarily be more advantageous. Through the order of our circuit ranks as set forth in our instructions, each member will eventually have an equal chance of first choice.

2. If an existing society joins us a branch, this exchange business will be a new attraction for their meetings. If a new branch society is formed it will be of benefit to those collectors who have so far not joined any local society, as it will bring them together, and it will help the A. P. A., as no doubt members will be gained when the advantages are held out to them which this department offers.

3. It will reduce the expenses, as one large package by express can be sent cheaper than single lots by mail, and transmission between members of one branch can be easily done, in most cases perhaps by delivery *without any expense* whatever.

I have had inquiries from several parts of the country, how these branches are to be organized. For the benefit of such members I will add the following:

"Wherever there are six or more members of the A. P. A., a branch can be formed with monthly meetings, or oftener if advisable. A manager of exchange is to be elected who after communicating with me, will receive sheets and covers to be sold to the members of such branch as laid down in the general instructions. The exchanges of the members are to be handed to the manager of such branch, who will forward them to me from time to time, and I will in return send exchanges to him. The manager has to account with the individual members of his branch, and settlements are to be made through him."

If once in working order, these branches will work great good to the Association through their many apparent advantages, and if members only would try, I have no doubt that many branch societies will be formed. I am at all times willing to give such information as is desired, if in my power, and as stated before, I shall do my best to further the interests of the Association, but which I can successfully do only if I have the good will and assistance of the members.

In making up exchange sheets, I would suggest that postage and revenue stamps be left strictly separate. Much unnecessary time and expense will be saved, as most of the collectors want only one or the other kind.

Respectfully,

Henry Clutz, Superintendent.

AUCTION SALES.

SCOTT'S 81ST SALE—MAY 26, 1887.

1845 St. Louis 5c. die A, used.....	\$48 00
" " 10c. die A, used.....	38 00
U. S. envelope, 4c., 1857 on white, cut square.....	7 50
Finland, 1850, 5 kopecks, blue on thin blue paper, used.....	43 00
" " 1850, 5 kopecks, red on thin blue paper, used.....	33 00
Spain, Madrid, arms of city, 1853, 3 cuartos bronze, used.....	10 10
" " 1853, 2 reales, scarlet, used.....	12 50
Entire Envelopes—	
Ceylon, 1858, set complete.....	41 00
Finland, 1845, 10 kopeck, black on rough white paper.....	15 50
" " 1845, 10 kopeck, slightly damaged.....	11 00
Germany, Thurn & Taxis, 1861, ½ s. gr., orange, lilac inscription.....	10 00
" " " " 1861, 2 kr., " " " ".....	13 05

Germany, Thurn & Taxis, 1861, 3 kr., rose, 6 kr., blue, lilac inscription, each . . .	7 75
United States, 4c., 1857, Horner No. 41	9 25
CASEY'S Tenth SALE—JUNE 9 AND 10, 1887.	
U. S. Match Stamps, old paper—	
T. Gorman & Bro., 1c., black, perf.	\$10 25
Pierce Match, green	6 25
Proofs of U. S. Documents—	
20 probate of will	5 10
2d issue \$500	27 00
2d issue \$5,000	31 00
Entire Envelopes—	
Germany, Thurn & Taxis, ½ s. g. r., 1 s. g. r., 3 s. g. r., large size, lilac inscriptions, ea.	8 00
" " " 6 kr., medium size, lilac inscription	8 00
" " " 2, 3, 6, 9 k., large size, lilac inscription, each	5 00
Foreign Postage Stamps—	
Great Britain, 3p., 6d., 1s., '62, small letters, imperforate, each	5 00
" " 1d., small crown, imperforate	10 00
Nova Scotia, 1 sh., unused	25 00
Peru, '58, medio peso, orange	22 00
St. Domingo, '65, value in roman, un real, black on buff, unused	5 25
Spain, '50, '51, '52, '53, '54 complete. Unused, very fine	102 50
Uruguay, '77, 1 peso, coat of arms, small reversed proof on India	6 00
U. S. sheet of Providence, unused, showing eleven 5c. and one 10c.	36 00
U. S. Entire Envelopes—	
3c., 1870, size 7, on white (Horner, No. 185)	8 00
2c., die D, wrapper	6 50
Cut Square Envelope—'60, 4c. on white	5 00

C. F. Bishop.

ANTWERP'S PHILATELIC EXHIBIT.

An occasion of deep interest to Philatelists at home and abroad, was the exhibition of stamps and all pertaining to Philately, held at the Palace of Industry, Antwerp, Belgium. That this exposition was highly creditable to its promoters, the following mention of rarities and medals awarded will show. Among many others, Mons. Moens displayed a sheet of 50 of the 1852 Victoria, and several sheets of the next issue Queen on the Throne. One sheet of New South Wales, 1851; one sheet of New Caledonia, head of Napoleon; Essays of Belgium of every known description. M. Vallaest exhibited Natal 3 pr. and 6 pr. perforated, with Star Watermark, Spain 2 Reals, Celon imperforates, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia 1 shilling. To enumerate the rarities of each collection would require the space of several columns. There were to be seen here and there Reunions, round Guianas, fine unused Sydneys, the 2 Scinde Daks, plates of Cabuls first issue, 1 real 1854 Philippines, a sheet of fine India ½ Anna blue, first issue, 3 pf. red Saxony used, American locals and U. S. periodicals. Medals were awarded as follows: Wallaert Vanderrest, Brussels, gold medal; four silver medals, 1st to B. H. Manus, Amsterdam, with honorable mention for best collection of envelopes; and to P. G. von Reuterghem, Antwerp, with honorable mention for best collection of postal cards; 3rd to Mme. Cochy-Van Keeth, Antwerp; 4th to De Buck, Brussels, with honorable mention for collection of postal cards.

There were six bronze medals given for best collections under 6,000 stamps, and seven more received honorable mention. Five bronze medals were awarded for specialties, and seven for publications. As the call for this international exhibition was made on March 24th, and exhibits were not received after April 25th, the opening taking place on May 1st, there was no possible chance for America to be represented. Would it be possible to have an exhibition of this kind in the U. S.? I think if all philatelists would interest themselves in such a movement, that an exhibition of this kind could be made a great success.

Post Master.

EDITORIAL CHAT.

WITH this our seventh issue, we come before our patrons as the Official Journal of the American Philatelic Association. Our subscribers need not fear that the introduction of the official matter will be the cause of their receiving any the less attention; on the contrary, the Association reports will often be found quite readable and entertaining—and, if not, the readers will have the same amount of general information as heretofore.

It has always been our endeavor to induce as many as possible of our subscribers and readers to join the A. P. A. Now that the proceedings of the Association are laid openly before the public, we trust that many of those persons who have so far been indifferent about the matter will investigate carefully the advantages of union, and make application for membership. We realize the fact that for every subscriber we induce to join the Association we are put to a pecuniary loss, as this journal is furnished, without any recompense whatever, to all members—but at the same time, if we can induce every subscriber we have to join, we will feel more than satisfied, and pocket the loss with the greatest cheerfulness.

It should be generally understood that the A. P. A., is open to members of all ages, and throughout the world. Many young collectors imagine they are debarred from membership on account of their youth, and therefore hesitate to apply. The only age restriction is in the government of the Association, in which none under seventeen years of age are permitted to participate. But every advantage can be enjoyed equally by young and old. Something should be done to draw in more of the younger collectors. There are, we believe, but about thirty in the Association who are not qualified to vote. It is our opinion that if the coming convention would adopt measures to reduce the dues of members under seventeen to one dollar a year the result would be a large gain in membership.

THE ex-editor of the *American Philatelist* has published a letter in which he asserts the existence of a plot to throw him out of office and abolish the late official journal. It is not at all likely that his little tale will carry a particle of weight with any save those who are ready and anxious to believe anything that may be said detrimental to the publishers of this journal. It is only necessary for us to say that there is not a grain of truth in the statement, and that those who uttered and published it knew, or at least ought to have known, that there was absolutely no foundation in fact for the yarn. It will require something more than the feeble assertion of the ex-editor to induce people to believe his story.

AND right here we want to say that our St. Louis friends are getting more than their share of blame for the unpleasant state of affairs that has existed in the Association. While we do not uphold their action we feel that whatever of censure there is should be located where it belongs, and that St. Louis should not bear all the blame. As matters now stand the members of the Association have it in their power to give full expression to their ideas. In voting for the proposed new amendment to the constitution those members who are satisfied with the board of officers will vote for the amendment authorizing them to select the official journal; the dissatisfied ones can vote for the other amendment, which provides for the selection of a journal by a vote of members.

FOR reasons of our own we have not undertaken to publish a chronicle of new issues; but as the official journal, we now feel called upon to do so. It shall be our aim to have our record as complete and authentic as possible; a really satisfactory record is not to be prepared in a month, but we will exert ourselves to perfect our record in as short a time as we are able.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

THANKS are due Mr. W. I. Emory for a file of the *New England Philatelist*.

AN excellent portrait of James Chalmers adorns the June issue of *Bric a Brac*.

HICKORY, Miss., now has its stamp journal. It is called the *Southern Collector*.

THE June issue of the *Keystone Philatelic Gazette* shows marked signs of improvement.

THE *Philatelic Fortnightly* comes along with great regularity—and with little or nothing else.

THE *Philatelic Science* is the name of a new four page monthly published in Georgetown, Mass.

WE regret to notice a decline in the *Halifax Philatelist*. Perhaps the warm weather is accountable for it.

THE *Germantown Philatelist* has consolidated with the *Keystone State Philatelist*. But two numbers were issued.

MR. GEO. H. RICHMOND has discontinued the publication of the *Collectors Aid*. Seven numbers were issued.

A NEW candidate is the *International Collector*, published at San Francisco. It includes several branches of collecting.

THERE is no room for doubt as to where brother Hubbard stands on A. P. A. matters. For a square-toed, face the music sort of man he is hard to beat.

THE obituary notice in the last issue of the *Denver Stamp* is a painful surprise to us. We did not suppose our esteemed contemporary could stoop to such tricks.

FOR warm weather the stamp trade in Chicago is pretty lively. Messrs. Stevens & Co. report a better local trade for last month than they have had in any previous month of June.

TWO auction sales took place in the month of June: the first at Leavitt & Co.'s rooms on June 24th (catalogue by Ed. Frossard); the second, Casey's eleventh sale, at Bucken & Co.'s rooms on June 27th.

FROM the Erie, Pa., *Evening Herald* of June 11 we learn that Mr. W. V. Nicholson, the well-known philatelist of that city, was elected without opposition to a seat in the common council of that city.

THE June number of the *Philatelic Journal of America* is made up largely of a tirade launched at this journal and its editor. What space is left is devoted to Major Evans' catalogue. Thanks for the free advertising given us.

WE regret to learn of the affliction that Mr. Mekeel has met with. With sickness and death as attendant visitors he has at the same time the sympathies of the many friends he has made, and none more earnest and sincere than ours.

MR. H. H. McNAMARA, of Tower, Minnesota, invites correspondence and a two-cent stamp from philatelists desiring to join a society. Dues are to be \$1.25 a year, and the principal feature the purchasing of stamps at wholesale.

CAPTAIN C. A. COOLIDGE, U. S. A., informs us that after July 5th he will be located at Rock Springs, Wyoming, instead of at Fort Laramie. He goes with his company to this new station to relieve other companies of the same regiment.

POSTMASTER Judd of Chicago received last month six car-loads of postal cards. There were twenty-five million cards in the lot and they weighed about seventy tons. The reason for Chicago receiving such a vast supply is that it has been made a distributing point.

AN interesting article in the *New York Times* gives a brief sketch of Lysander Spooner, who recently died in Boston. In 1844 Mr. Spooner interested himself in establishing a cheap method of correspondence and contributed greatly to the introduction of the cheap rates of postage which shortly afterward were effected.

OUR Canadian brethren are agitating the subject of a philatelic association somewhat after the order of the American Association. A number of prominent collectors have interested themselves in the plan and it looks as though it might be put through successfully. Those interested can get full particulars from Mr. Jno. R. Hooper, Ottawa, Ont. The promoters of the enterprise have our best wishes; and if we can aid them in any way we are at their command.

POSTMASTER General Vilas has made public the terms of the new postal treaty between the United States and Mexico. The treaty provides that the mails of each country shall be open to all matter now mailable under the laws of either country, and mail matter is to be subject to rates and regulations now governing in the country in which it originates. There is to be no exchange of accounts or revenues between the two countries, and each country is to bear the expense of carrying its mail to the other, each retaining the revenue for mail matter originating within its boundaries; or if, by agreement, the conveyance in both directions in overland exchanges, other than railway, is provided by one of them, the expense of transportation shall be shared between them in proportion to the distance traveled over the territory of each.

The fairy tales set afloat by the ex-editor of the *A. P. J.*, and published in some of the journals, will hardly find persons ready to swallow them. It is needless for us to say that they are made out of whole cloth, and had their origin entirely with the ex-editor.

To Mr. Seagrave's list of Baton Rouge locals Mr. C. F. Bishop adds one in the possession of Mr. C. A. Burger of New York, and another one possessed by Mr. Graham, of Wilmington, Del. Mr. Frank Koenig, of San Francisco, also writes that he has one and wishes to dispose of it.

The *Quaker City Philatelist* is to be commended for its painstaking researches in postal matters. Unlike a certain prominent western journal, it evidently thinks, and rightly, too, that philately is something more than the mere collecting of postage stamps, and regards information on all points connected with stamps as essential to the philatelist.

EARLY in August the Western Philatelic Publishing Co. will issue in book form the serial story, "The Bluffton Stamp Society," now running in the *Denver Stamp*. The book will be sold at 50c. in paper; or 75c. in cloth binding. An appendix will be included giving a brief history of the various American philatelic societies. Advance orders are now solicited.

The *Empire State Philatelist* seems to think that as we have become the official journal of the A. P. A. it will be necessary to double our circulation. This idea is based, in all probabilities, on their own circulation, as when that journal was offered us last February it had little or none, and an appointment such as we have received would have been a perfect godsend, and saved the mailing of many sample (?) copies.

ONE of our contemporaries offers to send its publication sixty days for thirty cents. This would make a subscription price of ninety cents a year. But nothing is too high for the youngster who essays to publish the journal; when starting the paper he was asked to make a contract for a year's advertising, "Oh, my," he exclaimed, "I don't know that the paper will live that long!" But still he solicited yearly subscribers.

THE usual crop of new philatelic journals is now announced. They are as follows: *The Collector's Journal*, Brooklyn, —July; *Niagara Falls Philatelist*, Niagara Falls, South Ontario, —July; *Young Canada*, Neil's Harbor, N. S., —June; *Philatelist and Numismatist Exchange*, McKeesport, Pa., —June; *Buckeye State Collector*, Portsmouth, Ohio, —August; *Golden State Collector*, Riverside, Cal., —July. The most pretentious and promising of these is the *Collectors' Journal*.

WE have had the pleasure of receiving calls from a number of our philatelic friends during the past month. First came Mr. W. H. Atwood, of Hudson, N. Y., with whom we spent a very pleasant day. Then we caught a glimpse of Mr. Hugo Goldsmith as he hurried through on his journey to his western home. Next Mr. H. E. Deats paid us a second visit on his return trip east; and the irrepressible Mr. F. B. Perry bobbed up serenely in the interval. Another welcome visitor was Mr. Geo. E. Peters, of Boston. Last, but not least, came Mr. S. B. Bradford, of Ottawa, Ill., who paid us a visit long to be remembered. All the above are A. P. A. members, or were applicants for membership before they got away from us.

THE PHILATELIC SOCIETIES.

We shall be glad to have all societies represented in this department, and will send THE WESTERN PHILATELIST free to those regularly sending us reports of their meetings. Reports must reach us not later than the 15th of each month.

AMATEUR STAMP COLLECTORS.—Meeting of May 18th called to order by President Tisdale. Several communications were read, including one from the Q. C. P. Society, relative to the invention of the adhesive stamp; it was held over for next meeting, and a debate on the subject appointed. Mr. H. S. Whittemore favored the club with an interesting reading on the same subject. At the meeting of June 1 a lively discussion was held on the subject of the adhesive stamp, Mr. Whittemore alone maintaining the position of Sir Rowland Hill. Meeting of June 22: President Tisdale in the chair. An election of officers was held with the following result: Mr. Edwin M. Grover, President; Mr. W. T. Tisdale, Vice-President; Mr. H. S. Whittemore, Treasurer; Mr. W. W. Dewing, Secretary and Librarian. A vote of thanks was given to P. Chalmers for the several documents received. Voted that Mr. Bradt's request for the history of the society be accepted, and that the secretary mail the same to him. The librarian was authorized to establish an exchange department with any society he saw fit. Meeting adjourned for four weeks.

Needham, Mass.

W. W. Dewing, Secretary.

BELLE CITY PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—Meeting of June 7th, Messrs. Meachem, Fixen, Schad, Hambright, and Wirtman were present. Messrs. C. Rider, W. Franklin, and L. Rogganban were suspended for non-payment of dues. A number of communications were read and acted upon, among them letters from Mr. Pat Chalmers and the Chicago Philatelic Society. Next meeting July 12.

Racine, Wis.

W. Schad, Secretary.

CHICAGO PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—Regular meeting held Thursday evening, June 2d, at the Tremont House; the president in the chair. The following members were present: Messrs. Bradt, Clark, Drury, Gadsden, Gilbert, Haskell, Holtfodt, Heuer, Mitchell, Pierce, Voute, Wilson, and Wolsieffer. Various committee reports were received; likewise a number of communications, among the latter being a resolution of the Q. C. P. S. in relation to the invention of the adhesive stamp, which, on motion of Mr. Wolsieffer, was laid on the table. The following resolution was read:

WHEREAS, Certain reports have been circulated concerning the President, Vice-President, and Secretary, and also the official journal of this the Chicago Philatelic Society; which reports, if true, tend to show that said officers and official journal have so far usurped their positions as to attempt to manage the affairs of the Chicago Philatelic Society in such a manner as to promote their individual ends, regardless of the welfare of the society; or which, if false, would indicate a spirit of malice in the person or persons having caused such reports to be circulated; therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Chicago Philatelic Society, in regular session assembled, that the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and official journal have in no way conducted themselves contrary to the wishes of the society; but that in all respects they have fairly represented the same, and are entitled to the thanks of the society for their untiring efforts in making it the successful organization it has become. But that the spirit which prompted the circulation of the unjust and unfounded reports before alluded to is much to be regretted, and that their originator, if found to be a member of this Society, shall be called upon to answer charges of malicious and unbecoming conduct; and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be printed in the official journal of the society, and that a copy thereof be forwarded to the philatelic press and societies.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Clark, the ayes and nays having been called for, so that the vote of each member should be a matter of record, the resolutions were adopted by the unanimous vote of the society. After transacting some further business, and holding the auction sale, the meeting adjourned.

Meeting of June 16th held at the Tremont House, President Bradt in the chair. The following members were present: Messrs. Bradford, Bradt, Clark, Drury, Gadsden, Holtfodt, Pierce, Wilson, and Wolsieffer. Dr. C. W. Evans was present as a visitor. This being the first time we had the pleasure of meeting our corresponding member, Mr. S. B. Bradford, he was tendered a cordial welcome. The resignation of Mr. Mitchell as treasurer and member was read and referred to the executive committee. The resignation of Mr. H. F. Heuer was read and accepted, with the regrets of the society. Other communications were read, including one from Mr. Pat Chalmers. On report of the executive committee the resignation of Mr. Mitchell was again taken up and was accepted. Motion prevailed that the librarian be instructed to place the library in the office of Mr. Pierce, in order that it might be accessible to all members; also that current numbers of the various publications received by the society be so placed without unnecessary delay. Adjourned at 10 P. M. Next meeting June 30th.

Chicago, Ill. *C. R. Gadsden, Secretary.*

DENVER STAMP COLLECTORS' LEAGUE.—The annual election of the Denver Stamp Collectors' League was held June 2d, being a little in advance of the regular time set for the same, as several of the members would be unable to attend later. The election was very lively and interesting. The result was: President, D. W. Osgood, Jr.; Vice President, F. E. Carstarphen; Secretary, H. A. Babb; Treasurer, J. C. Feldwisch; Librarian, C. B. Lewis. The new officers are all good, and can be depended on. Some of the younger blood has been brought forward and it will undoubtedly result in the bettering of the society. After adjournment refreshments were served, and all had a very pleasant time.

Denver, Colo.

Fred W. Feldwisch, Secretary.

JAMESTOWN PHILATELISTS.—Meeting of June 1st called to order at 8 P. M. President Barton in the chair. Full attendance. On motion O. Gornell was elected an active member. A large amount of other business was transacted. After a lively debate it was decided to hold an open meeting June 6th, 1887, at 7:30 P. M., for reorganization. Adjourned at 9:08 P. M.

Jamestown, N. Y.

W. B. Brockway, Secretary pro tem.

LUTHER PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—Meeting of June 3d, called to order by Vice-President Eskelson. Mr. N. Giddings, of Luther, was proposed and elected a member. Communication read from *Youths' Ledger* and *Germantown Philatelist* asking for reports of our society. The secretary was instructed to send them reports monthly. A committee was appointed to draft a new Constitution and By-Laws to be presented for acceptance at the next meeting. Moved that a committee, consisting of Dr. J. C. Brooks, T. Eskelson, and W. H. Verity, be appointed to perfect exchange department. A newspaper article upon the "Shah's Post Office" was read. After usual auction sale meeting adjourned. Meeting of June 17th, President McCrimmon in the chair. The Committee upon new Constitution and By-Laws presented same, which was accepted and committee discharged. An essay upon "Who was the

Inventor of the Postage Stamp" was read, after which the society adopted the following resolution: "Resolved, That the members of the Luther Philatelic Society agree that James Chalmers was the inventor of the adhesive postage stamp." Moved, seconded and carried that Patrick Chalmers be elected honorary member of the L. P. S. Meeting adjourned.

Luther, Mich.

W. H. Verity, Secretary.

NATIONAL PHILATELICAL SOCIETY.—Regular monthly meeting of the National Philatelic Society was held at its room on Thursday, June 9th. President Bogert occupied the chair. Meeting called at 8:10 P. M. The minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. Also, received several communications, including an invitation to attend the tenth anniversary celebration of the Internationaler Philatelisten-Verein of Dresden, on May 28, 29, 30, and 31, 1887, which was accepted with thanks. Received resignations from J. W. Scott and Philip La Tourette, which were accepted with regret. Resolutions from the Chicago Philatelic Society were received. It was moved, seconded and carried that Mr. J. N. T. Levick be allowed to become a life member, being one of the original founders of the society. It was also moved, seconded and carried, that a vote of thanks be tendered to Mr. Bradt for the file of papers he sent to the society. The following gentlemen were elected as officers to serve till the annual election in December: Mr. Joseph Rechert, President; Mr. R. Wuesthoff, Vice-President; Mr. Wm. A. Warner, Secretary; Mr. Henry L. Calman, Treasurer; Mr. Joseph S. Rich, Librarian; Messrs. R. R. Bogert, C. S. S. Miller, and H. Nelson Terrett, Executive Committee.

New York City.

Wm. A. Warner, Secretary.

NEW MILFORD PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—Meeting of June 3d called to order by President Starr. Minutes of last meeting and treasurer's report accepted. Report of the special committee on thanks to E. B. Sterling accepted. By motion order of exercises was suspended, and the trial of M. N. Levy was made next in order. The trial proceeded and the jury brought in the verdict "not guilty". Exercises postponed till next meeting.

New Milford, Conn.

Frank E. Soule, Secretary.

OTTAWA PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—Meeting of June 4th called to order at 8 P. M. President Bradford in the chair. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Several minor changes were made in the constitution. By a unanimous vote the motion to hold our meetings monthly instead of semi-monthly, was carried. R. C. McManus was elected a member of the society. A vote of thanks was given the Western Philatelic Publishing Co., for a complete file of the *Western Philatelist*, also to S. B. Bradt for a file of the *Stamp Collector*. The subject of U. S. adhesives was brought up and discussed at length, several very interesting papers being read. There being no other business the meeting, after a delightful evening spent in exchanging and exhibiting new specimens, adjourned at 10:30 P. M. Many courtesies have been shown our society by different publishers in forwarding to us the issues of their papers, all of which are thankfully received. We are doing our utmost to form a library, which we deem a very important point in the success of our society, and thus far have been quite successful, owing to the kindness of our philatelic brethren.

Ottawa, Ill.

T. B. Farrell, Secretary.

ST. LOUIS PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—Meeting of June 11th called to order by President Tiffany, and was a very interesting meeting, there being present Messrs. Tiffany, Mekeel, Custer, Chandler, Lepere, Hauck, Muennighaus, Mucke, Hildenbrandt, and Dill. The following were proposed for active membership and referred to the executive committee: Dr. E. McClellan, Rev. J. C. Hill, and M. D. Batchelder. Communication from the Chicago society read. As our election of officers takes place at the next meeting, the president appointed a committee of three, consisting of Messrs. Chandler, Lepere, and Hauck to present a ticket to be voted on at such meeting. On motion Messrs. Mekeel and Dill were appointed a committee to revise our Constitution and By-laws. As the anniversary of our reorganization occurs on the 17th of July, the President and Messrs. Custer and Muennighaus were constituted a committee to arrange for a suitable commemoration of the event. Adjourned to meet July 9th.

St. Louis, Mo.

Eugene Dill, Secretary.

LES TIMBROPHILES DE LAUZON.—The last meeting of the society was held at the villa of Mr. P. L. Marsan, Orleans Island, on the 30th of May, at 2 o'clock P. M. We inform all stamp dealers that we have discovered a fraud here. It is the post boy of the society. He used the names of Bergeron and Shannon to obtain stamps on approval from dealers. His true name is Paul Laforce. Mr. Bergeron, Jr., will punish him for having taken, without permission, the name of Mr. Bergeron, Sr.

All the members of the society being French Canadians, correspondents are respectfully invited to write French, if possible.

Many thanks to Mr. Jos. Paquet, a Timbrophile de Lauzon, who has given us over 1000 varieties of stamps, among which are four complete collections including rare stamps.

Lauzon, P. Q., Canada.

P. V. Shannon, Secretary.

RECORD OF NEW ISSUES.

We desire correspondents in all parts of the world to furnish early and accurate information concerning new issues. Dealers and others furnishing prompt notice of new issues, with specimens or minute descriptions, will receive proper acknowledgment.

BAVARIA.—The 10x10 pf. post card has date 87 at left.

BOLIVIA.—The envelopes lately issued are on amber laid paper and measure 150x85 mm., 5c. blue, 10c. orange. The stamps differ a little from the adhesives in having the figure of value at the top in the center. The cards measure 134x85 mm., and the stamps are the same as the adhesives; 1c. brown on green, 2c. blue on white.

BRITISH GUIANA.—The new cards are without the medallion. It seems there are three varieties of the 1c. on 3c. cards. In one the original value is cancelled with pen and ink, and in the other by printer's rules, measuring respectively 15½ and 17½ mm. The shorter one is 1 mm. thick, and the other about ½ mm.

COLOMBIA.—There is a new 2c. card, black on dark yellow, with stamp inscribed "Correos de la Republica de Colombia."

DANISH WEST INDIES.—We have a novelty from here for the first time in eight years. The 7c. has been surcharged in black "1 cent."

DOMINICA.—The 1d. is now carmine.

FRENCH GUIANA.—We find we omitted to chronicle the surcharged stamps issued here last December and first noted we believe in the *Halifax Philatelist*. There are two varieties, the 2c. green, unperforated, and 2c. brown, perforated, both being surcharged in three lines, "Dec. 1886, Guy Franc, 0.05."

GAMBIA.—The ½d. is now green; 1d. carmine; 2d. orange.

LAGOS.—The "I. B. J." informs us that the stamps of the Colony are now printed in two colors, the value at the bottom being in a different color from the rest of the stamp. The 2d., 4d. and 6d. are lilac, with value respectively blue, black, lilac; the 1 sh., 2 sh. 6d., 5 sh., 10 sh., are green, with value black, carmine, blue, brown.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—The color of the 1 cent is now (c.c.78) instead of (c.c.91).

NEW REPUBLIC.—These stamps are now without date, but have an embossed coat of arms and name. 1d., 2d., 3d. on greenish blue; 3d., 4d., on straw.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—The *Ph. R.* notes the card of the first issue with "To" in script, and says the current 1-d. is now pink on white.

PARAGUAY.—A new 5c. blue has just been issued. The arms are in an oval in the upper part, and large figure 5 below. At the sides, "Union Postal Universal." This is not the same stamp as that noted last year, with surcharge "official."

PORTUGAL.—The letter cards have appeared. 25 reis, brown on buff; 50 reis, blue on blue. The inside is white.

POUNTCHE.—There seems to be a red ¼a. (c.c.124) very similar to the issue of 1884; and the stamps of 1885, ½, 1, 2, 4a. now come red on green.

ST. CHRISTOPHER.—We have the ½d. with surcharge "one penny" in two lines in black.

ST. LUCIA.—The 1d. is now lilac (c.c.64).

SAMOA.—The 1s. stamp has been received through the Chicago Post Office.

SENEGAL.—*Dev Philatelist* chronicles the 20c. red on green with surcharge "15" in six varieties of type.

SIAM.—A new series of stamps was issued on April 1st, with full face portrait of the king in oval, with "Siam Postage and Revenue" below. The value is in Siamese and English in the lower corners in octagonal frames. The values are 2 att green and pink; 3a., green and blue; 4a., green and brown; 8a., green and yellow; 12a., lilac and pink; 24a., lilac and blue; 64a., lilac and brown. There are also two new cards—4 att and 4-4 att carmine on buff, having a stamp with head of king in oval; "Siam Postage" below and value at sides in rectangular tablet.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—Of the new design there are 10 sh. blue, and £3 green.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—*Le T. P.* reports a new card 3c. blue on buff, 140x89 mm.

SWEDEN.—In addition to the values heretofore reported, with horn on the reverse, Mr. C. F. Bishop has shown us the 5 and 50 ore.

TIMOR.—We have seen the 10 reis green of Mozambique, surcharged "Timor."

UNITED STATES.—Ten cent envelopes have appeared with the new watermark "U. S." We hear of Nos. 2, 3, 11 on white; 2, 3, amber; 5, 7, 9, buff and blue; 7 manila and amber manila.

Notwithstanding the belief that no more revenue stamps would be issued in this country, we have before us a series of eight values just issued for the payment of fees in the custom house in New York. They are rectangular, measuring 44x30 mm. A portrait of Silas Wright in

oval frame is at the left. In a long rectangular label at the top is "U. S. Custom House, N. Y." in white letters, while below at the right in four lines is "Cashier's Office—Fees—Received," and the value. The groundwork consists of an engine turned pattern, varying with each value. Rouletted, 20c. rose (c.c.128); 30c. orange (c.c.15); 40c. green (c.c.32); 50c. blue (c.c.44); 60c. mauve (c.c.71); 70c. brown (c.c.81); 80c. brown (c.c.82), and 90c. black.

The long-promised new one-cent adhesives made their appearance in this city about the 20th of June. The design is the best we have yet had for this value. It is thus described, officially: The centre of the stamp consists of a profile bust of Benjamin Franklin (after the original by Caracci) looking to the left, in an oval disk with shaded background, the lower portion of the oval being bordered with pearls, and the upper portion with a curved panel containing, in small white letters, the words 'United States Postage.' The whole is engraved in line upon a shield-shaped tablet with a truncated pyramidal base, bearing on it the words 'one' and 'cent' on either side of the figure '1'. The color of the stamp is ultramarine blue, and its general appearance is somewhat similar to that of the stamp now in use."

It is reported that another new set of stamps will shortly be issued by the B. & O. Telegraph Co. The values will remain the same but the design will be changed considerably and include a portrait of President Bates.

VENEZUELA.—*Le T. P.* mentions a stamp of the value of 20 bolivars, carmine, Esculas, of the 1880 issue.

VICTORIA.—The new 1 sh. stamp is a transverse oblong like the ½d. with small head of queen in centre, "Victoria" above, value in words below, and in figures on each side; color, brown lilac. Our thanks are due Maj. F. J. Grenny for an early specimen.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We print below a brief article from one of our correspondents:

SOME FAULTS OF PHILATELIC PAPERS.—One fault of some philatelic papers is that they do not keep a uniform size. At present a great many collectors are getting complete files of philatelic papers. Look over any exchange column and you will find about as many exchanges for papers as stamps. I presume a good many collectors have their papers bound or are deterred from doing so by the difference in size of the papers. For instance, compare a bound volume of different sized papers with one where the papers are all the same size and you would see quite a difference. Philatelic societies are being formed and most of them have a library which they want kept nice, and I do not see how it can be with different sized papers. I think the majority of societies and collectors will agree with me in thinking that it would be for the interest of everybody to have the papers all the same size and it would be but little trouble.

Another fault is that journals that claim to devote their interest to philately have advertisements that have nothing to do with stamps. I have noticed this more in large papers that have a great many more suitable advertisements. Now I do not want any reader to think that my criticism refers to every paper, as a great many of them have almost reached perfection.

Robert S. Tyler.

CHICAGO, ILL., June 8th, 1887.

Editor of the Western Philatelist:

Dear Sir: I wish to expose through your valuable paper another "Philatelic Fraud" who calls himself "E. A. Dresser." I sent him 50c. for which he sent me several dozen forgeries, among which were the ones I enclose; he also sent me his price list, a glance at which will convince you that nearly all of the stamps mentioned in it must be forgeries.

A Victim,

The following letter has been received from the employers of the young man who lost his life:

"Beverly, Mass., 6-22-87.—S. B. Bradt—Dear Sir: We received a card for Mr. Metcalf to-day, and took the liberty to read it, as he was killed by the cars over two weeks ago and has no relatives in this part of the country, and thought you would like to know it.

Respectfully yours,

Edw. A. Morley, for Morley Bros."

An article in the June number of *Philatelic Journal of America* entitled "Adhesive Fiscals," in which the writer asserts, on page 80, that "none of the Valayn band have been preserved." Will the writer kindly inform himself before he makes an assertion? One of these has been preserved and is still extant. See Bulletin No. 1 National Philatelic Society, page 24.

Wm. A. Warner, Sec'y N. P. A.

MR. PATRICK CHALMERS has come forth with another circular; one which suffices to clinch the argument, if such be necessary, and establish conclusively the position he has so long and vigorously maintained. He quotes Mr. Philbrick as saying that neither James Chalmers nor Sir Rowland Hill invented the adhesive stamp, but to Mr. Whiting, the stationer, the honor belongs. Mr. Chalmers then quotes Mr. Whiting's evidence before the postal committee, which shows that that gentleman had not the remotest idea of an adhesive stamp.

EXCHANGES AND WANTS.

Those of our subscribers who have any articles to exchange that are of interest or value to collectors generally are invited to make use of this department with out charge. Notices exceeding three lines in length will be charged for at the rate of five cents for each additional line. We reserve the privilege of rejecting any we do not think it best to print.

Will exchange music for stamps. Send for my list of late popular songs and instrumental pieces. *P. M. Wolsiefer, 665 Sedgwick St., Chicago, Ill.*

Entire collection (59) Philadelphia ice cards, 1880; Colonial money, 3 pence, Pennsylvania, 1774, printed by Benj. Franklin; \$6 Maryland, 1774; for best offer cash, or stamps to be selected from sheets sent to me. *C. L. Griffin, 7211 Woodstock St., Philadelphia.*

Cash or good exchange for Nos. 2 and 11 Vol. I and Nos. 2, 4 and 5 Vol. II "Collector's Companion," also Philatelic papers for Nos. 13, 16, 23 P. J. of A. Have unused 8c of Reg. D. L. O. off, seal brown, and other good Canada and Provincial stamps for exchange. *F. J. Grenny, Brantford, Ont.*

WANTED.—Canadian and Provincial stamps of all kinds. Also rare U. S. Best exchange prices given. Write me. *J. A. Leighton, Box 194, Orangeville, Ont.*

I will exchange seventy-five varieties of foreign stamps for every fifteen match and medicine stamps sent me. *W. C. Kurstog, P. O. Box 32, Watertown, Wis.*

Cash or good exchange for Keystone Phil. Gaz., Vol. 1, No. 3; Collectors's Comp., Vol. 2, Nos. 3, 4, 5; Garden City Phil., Vol. 1, No. 9; and many others. Send list *W. H. Goodrich, 31 Highland Ave., Fitchburg, Mass.*

I want correspondent in Africa, Asia, South and Central America. *Harrison L. Hart, 71 Gottingen St., Halifax, Nova Scotia.*

No. 3 W. P. for 50c. green, 1879, of Mexico. Philatelic papers to exchange. *W. N. Hawkins, Jr., New Brighton, S. I., N. Y.*

WANTED.—The 90c. Justice used and 30c. perf., 1860, without U. S. in corners, for which I will give good exchange. *E. F. Smith, 89 Spring Garden Rd., Halifax, Nova Scotia.*

I have some 200 amateur papers that I wish to exchange. Philatelic papers wanted in quantities; good cash price paid for them. Also for U. S. revenues, foreign stamps, curio, shells, Entomological specimens to exchange. *E. J. Stebbins, 11 East Maumee St., Adrian, Mich. (Member A. P. A. and Pomeroy Phil. Soc.)*

For a 90c. P. O. Dep., a 1c. Agricul. Dep., a 3c. State Dep., or 2c. Just. Dep., in good condition, I will give either 6 dep. stamps worth 30c. or 10 South American stamps worth 40c. *F. W. Pickard, 46 Cushman St., Portland, Me.*

Seventy-five stamps for every one of the following sent me: Philatelic World, Vol. 1, Nos. 3, 2, 4, 5; Vol. 2, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12; Vol. 3, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12; Vol. 4, Nos. 1, 2, 4, 6. *H. C. Beardley, 422 N. Seventh St., St. Joseph, Mo.*

U. S. revenues, match, medicine, etc., for rare U. S. and foreign postage, old issues preferred. *Hugo Kuenstler, 206 Tenth Avenue, New York, U. S. (Member A. P. A.)*

Two hundred foreign stamps for every 5 stamp papers (no amateur) sent me. Persons having quantities are requested to send list and get my exchange offer. *S. B. Bradt, 225 Dearborn St., Chicago.*

Volume 1, 2 (bound), 3 and 4 of Golden Days, and volume 1 of Golden Argosy (bound) to exchange for old U. S. or foreign stamps. *L. H. Drury, 447 Warren Avenue, Chicago.*

Stamps, birds' eggs, tin tags, and philatelic literature to exchange for a stamp album. Anyone having an album to exchange please write, stating name, cost, edition, condition, and what is wanted for it. Stamp papers to exchange for those not in my library. *Ulysses Clark, Pipestone, Minn.*

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I cannot say positively whether I fell into a doze before I finished the story or not, but my impression is that I read it through and afterward lapsed into a condition of drowsiness in which I was neither asleep nor awake but rather on the verge of both. What my thoughts, or perhaps I should say dreams, were on this occasion I will now relate.

My thoughts wandered away back to the year 1847, the year in which the first stamps were issued by our government. I fancied I was, at that time, a sheet of paper—one of several hundred sheets packed closely together in a bundle. I knew that I had been in that one place as long as I could remember distinctly, and I was pondering over what the future might have in store for me when I felt the bundle, of which I was a part, rudely hauled down, placed on a truck, and put in a wagon. After a short ride my companions and myself were taken out of the wagon and put in a freight car, where we remained several days.

At last we reached the end of our journey, and after a little more tumbling about found ourselves on the floor of a large room surrounded by many strange things. For up to this time, I must inform you, we had remained in utter darkness, covered entirely by some very coarse, rough paper, of a quality too low to admit of any association. We now had our first glimpse of daylight, and you can imagine how we who were below envied the top sheet of the bundle. We were not allowed much time to take in our new surroundings; we were separated for the first time within my remembrance, and shortly after that I shuddered at feeling something cold and sharp separating a portion of myself from the rest of me. And that was not all; again and again I experienced the same sensation, until only a fraction of what I once was remained. I had one thing left to console me however, and that was the fact of my old neighbors, the sheets above and below, being still by me. They had suffered the same fate as myself and were bewailing their lot when a boy grabbed us up, took us to another room, and laid us down before a strange looking machine. Before I recovered my breath my upper neighbor was taken away from me and for the first time I experienced the full light of day. But

*An article began in the *Collector's Companion*, which published the opening part; it was not completed at that time owing to the suspension of the journal.

alas, the first thing I saw was my poor friend being swallowed by the machine, and, more frightful still, I immediately met the same fate.

I cannot attempt to describe the impressions I received at this time—which although numerous were all alike. But I soon found I had gained a friend by the ordeal I had passed through, for when I was passed into the machine I was pressed with such force against a number of pieces of metal that a lot of ink which had covered them adhered to me; and from remarks I heard made, I was led to believe that this *Ink* was to be my companion for life. Ink, who was a gentleman of color,—in fact, I should say he was black,—was as much depressed by the rough treatment he had undergone as I was impressed by our union, and seemed, in spite of his color, very blue. This I could well sympathize with as I also had a tinge of blue in my composition. For some time I tried, but without success, to engage him in conversation; at length my efforts prevailed and he proceeded to relate his experience. What he said would make too long a story to relate here, and so I will proceed with my own history.

We were not allowed to remain undisturbed a great while. We were first treated to a coating of some sticky, disagreeable substance, which however, did not at all disturb my friend Ink as it was on the other side of me. But, on my part, it nearly shut off my view entirely. After this substance became dry we were again tied up in coarse paper and conveyed to a nice, orderly place where, much to my regret, I was separated from my life-long companions, the upper and lower sheets. This parting caused me great pain, for there was very little likelihood of our ever meeting again; and should that happen, the chances were we would be unable to recognize each other. This separation resulted in my being rolled up, which inconvenienced me greatly, and carried to a place similar to the one I had just left, but much smaller. Here I again passed through the same torturing experience of being cut up that I had undergone when I first saw the light of day, with this difference, now I could plainly see the operation, while before I could only feel it. O, the horrors of that moment! An elderly man took me in one hand, while with the other he coolly and deliberately took a large pair of shears and cut me to pieces. Yes, he actually cut me into little bits no larger than the end of your thumb.

My companion, Ink, was rather disposed to make light of my misfortune, and this I did not wonder at when, shortly afterward, I obtained a look at myself in a mirror that adorned the room. This glance in the mirror was a revelation to me, and did much to console me for my recent afflictions; by it I discovered that I really was a much better looking person than I could have hoped for after all the trials I had passed through in the last few days; and I also found that my union with Ink had done much to improve my looks. Ink was spread on my face in the likeness of a fine looking gentleman, who, as I found out afterward, was George Washington. But my investigations in the glass were cut short by my being picked up and tossed out of a window, in response to some one's request for a postage stamp. So that is what we are called, *Postage Stamps!* I say *we* advisedly, because Ink and I are no longer individuals, but have become merged into one person, and although it may seem paradoxical that one and one should make but one, still it is so in our case, and that one can still very properly call himself *we*.

As I went through the window I was caught up by a demure and pretty maid of about eighteen summers, who raised me to her lips for a fond caress, as I supposed, upon making my acquaintance. But no, my illusions were quickly put to flight; all she wished to do was to moisten the adhesive matter that was sticking to me, after which she placed me on another piece of paper and gave me such a blow with her hand that I remember it even to this day

with a feeling of pain. Before I had time to recover from this shock my pretty young lady grabbed up the piece of paper to which I was affixed and tossed us through a little hole from which we emerged into the same place we had started from. Would you believe it! the same old villain that cut me all into little bits, again approached—it caused a chill to run over me—and before you could say Jack Robinson had me down and slashed my face with a pen he had been resting on the rack at the side of his head. This was adding insult to injury, still I was powerless to resent the affront; powerless even to wipe from my face the irritating liquid left there by the slash of the pen. But the old rascal now came to my relief, in a measure, and applied a soft, spongy paper to my bruised face. This application relieved me greatly for it removed the moisture and alleviated to a great extent the distress I was in. I had not had time to comment upon these occurrences, or even to think of them, before I was hustled into a bag and shut out from the joyous daylight.

As I became somewhat accustomed to the darkness I was enabled to take in my surroundings; for, you must remember, I was brought up in total darkness and can see very well without the aid of light, once I accustom myself to it. There were a number of papers, of various sizes and shapes, already in the bag, and each of them had one or more of our family (the Postage Stamps) affixed to them. In the lot there happened to be an old stager who was now doing duty a second time. He told us that the first trip he made, he had escaped what he called being canceled; that is being disfigured with pen and ink in the way that had so alarmed and mortified me. As he went through the first time without showing the effects of it, some unscrupulous person who evidently had but little regard for the government's mandates had employed this stamp a second time to convey a letter. The stories he told us in the brief half hour of rest we had—unbroken save for the occasional opening of the bag to dump in another unfortunate—were enough to turn one's hair white; and in the midst of one of the most blood curdling stories the bag was opened for the last time and a large mass of new-comers thrust in and crowded down upon us. Then we heard a noise as if a lock had been snapped, after which we were unceremoniously jerked around and tossed into a wagon.

(To be continued.)

Philo.

THE INVENTION OF THE ADHESIVE POSTAGE STAMP.

That the claims of our friends from the "Queer City" regarding the invention of the Adhesive Stamp are without foundation is very apparent from the fact that they are utterly unable to back up said claims with an iota of evidence. And now, like a thunderbolt out of a clear sky, comes the announcement from Paris, through *L'Union des Timbrophiles*, that the *Societe Internationale de Timbrologie de Paris*, after having for a month carefully considered and weighed the evidence offered by Mr. Pat. Chalmers, and after a long discussion of the subject at their meeting held June 9th, 1887, passed a resolution that Jas. Chalmers be recognized as the inventor of the Adhesive Stamp.

Such action on the part of this world-renowned society, composed of men no doubt fully acquainted with the workings of the "Postes" established by Messrs. Vallayer and Chambuset, and sufficiently patriotic to demand that France have the honor of invention if it be her due, knocks the ghost story of our "Queer City" friends in the head, and lays it to rest with other abortive attempts to deny honor where it is due. *Le Timbre Levantin*, I am informed, will contain an editorial in its next number supporting Mr. Chalmers: and I await impatiently the result of the investigations now being made by the In-

ternational Society of Dresden, which will undoubtedly be favorable to Mr. Chalmers,—How can they help it? They want a set of Jubilee Stamps!

I actually feel sorry for the "Queer City" journal and its little echo;—it's hard to be alone in the world without friends. It may be hard work to eat crow, but it would taste far better now than after it gets a little ripper. That last pamphlet Pat. sent you gives you a chance to turn, for when a man like Mr. Philbrick backs down and tries to crawlfish it is time for the smaller fry to pull in their horns and get on the right side.

Our little friend from somewhere near the corner of the earth says in his 1 x 2 that I am a "damphool". I may be of a certain kind, probably because I noticed him; but I do not wish to be classed with the damphools that can only criticise a man's writing by the use of such a word; that are chronic kickers, and never satisfied unless the earth moves to suit them; that invent ghost stories in order to vent their spite against a better man than themselves; and the damphools that believe such senseless rumors. I want to be classed with all the other damphools in the Association, and hope to shake many of them by the hand very shortly.

I have no doubt that many of the readers of this journal have been sorely tried in wading through my previous articles, but I can assure them that they were no more tired of reading than I was of writing them, and it was only pure cussedness that made me keep it up as long as I did. I don't know what made my good friend Mr. Bradt accept the first of these effusions—it must have been friendship, for I am sure it wasn't good judgment, and I guess he will be as glad to see the last of them as the poor "Comp" who set them up, and yours fraternally,

Phil Atelic.

THE AMERICAN PHILATELIST.

So much has been said and written about the suppression of the *American Philatelist*, and in a way that would mislead many to thinking that the writer hereof was largely instrumental in bringing about that result, that in justice to my colleagues in the management and publication of this journal, I feel compelled to state plainly the facts in the case.

Mr. John K. Tiffany, President of the American Philatelic Association, seems very desirous just now of renouncing any participation in the occurrences that have led up to the present state of affairs. In fact what he has published would seem to indicate that he was satisfied with the old state of affairs and desired no change in the official journal. As Mr. Tiffany has set the example of publishing extracts from letters, he can find no fault if the writer hereof follows suit. Here is what he wrote on March 27th last:

"This paper matter must be fixed up at once also. It is, or will be, now three weeks late. Members names have to be published thirty days before a new paper will be due, and the parties proposed will have to wait until the second paper after this is out before they will be published as accepted members—though they can be notified, if no objections are received, by mail. This alone will cause discontent. Like yourself I had the matter brought to my attention by numerous complaints. At the last meeting the St. Louis Society voted to become a branch society of the A. P. A., and passed a resolution concerning the paper. I think we will have to discontinue it anyway and should never have commenced it, but should make some of the leading papers our official organ."

Now let those persons who think Mr. Tiffany was in favor of editor Fraser read the following extract from a letter dated April 21, 1887, in which the writer says he would be in favor of asking the editor to resign:

"If we had the money I believe a proper paper could have been made—but we had not the money and that is likely to be the history of the whole thing, as it has been with like societies.

If we had had the money I should have been in favor of asking the editor to resign and give the thing a fair trial, as long as it was in the constitution."

Even prior to this, and just after the receipt of the initial number of the *American Philatelist*, the president wrote as follows (January 1887, no date given):

There are some sentiments in this that do not suit me. I do not understand by what authority Mr. Fraser makes a rule that any specialty over the value of \$5.00 shall be sent to him or Holton first. I have several complaints already about this. * * * Write him about it, but do not refer to me for I shall write him myself, and others will."

It is therefore plainly evident that President Tiffany was never an ardent admirer of the manner in which the *American Philatelist* was conducted.

It has been said by some that a plot was organized last fall to make the journal the failure it ultimately became; and these same parties have seen fit to insinuate that the writer of this, and this journal were the instigators of the plot and had formed a "ring" for the purpose of accomplishing their wishes. These charges are so utterly ridiculous as to warrant our giving them no attention whatever, were it not for the fact that Mr. Tiffany refers to them and "supposes they are accurate." Mr. Tiffany is possessed of a most judicial (?) mind and readily accepts statements as facts—provided they coincide with the objects he may have in view. Here is a good specimen of his judicial mind, extracted from a letter written May 26th:

"I have letters that declare the 'secretary will have to answer some very ugly questions at the convention concerning this paper business.' I have other letters advising me to watch the stamp papers if I want to see some fun. I do not know, and I don't want to know whether there is any truth in this or not."

It pleases Mr. Tiffany just now to receive any statements derogatory to the secretary; *he don't want to know whether there is any truth in them or not*—evidently he is afraid they would be disproved.

If there is any truth in the "ring" story, the home of that ring must have been in St. Louis, as all the material arrangements were promulgated from there by Mr. Tiffany. The official board left the arrangement of details of the journal to the president and secretary. How much the latter had to do with it I will now proceed to show. Immediately after the editor's appointment, he wrote me a long letter giving his views about the form, appearance, and method of conducting the journal. This letter was at once referred to the president who wrote as follows regarding it:

"I may add that the views of the enclosed letter do not at all agree with mine as to what the paper should be." (Sept. 28, 1886).

The views expressed did correspond in many respects with those held by me, but in all the arrangements I concurred in Mr. Tiffany's views, for the sake of saving time and getting things in running order in as brief a period as possible. Mr. Fraser wanted the journal patterned after the *Stamp Collector*,—so did I, and I suggested as a model a similar journal, the *Philatelic Record*. But the president was in love with the *P. J. of A.*, and wanted the journal modeled after that style. Mr. Tiffany shows all through his correspondence that he greatly admires uniformity in size in publications. Can it be that all of this talk about a ring did have some foundation? and that the probability of the *P. J. of A.* becoming at a later date the official journal bore its weight in determining the shape of the journal? This I cannot answer; but the following extract from a letter dated October 20 (over a month before the publication of the WESTERN PHILATELIST was even thought of) will establish the fact that Mr. Tiffany determined the shape of the official journal:

"Your last favor particularly concerns the form and style of the *American Philatelist*. I have given the matter some attention and thought since the receipt of your note, and I am not quite sure of my own opinions. I am very decided in the view that it should be in the octavo size. Pemberton's *Record* has been a very successful paper and on the whole I think it would be a fair model in most respects, and yet most societies seem to prefer a larger style. Mekeel's paper is also a fair model and good in general form. I should think therefore that the size say of *The Century* was, on the whole, the most convenient and economical—I mean in the size of the pages. Double columns as a rule; perhaps lines across the page in official matter, such as the constitution, by-laws, etc. The Dresden and French societies have about this form. Say then we adopt *Scribner* as a model."

Even the details in regard to the advertisements were arranged by Mr. Tiffany. The following is from his letter of Oct. 25th.

"The advertising matter, however, should be arranged thus: No one but a member allowed to advertise anything. The advertising pages should be divided into eights,—two columns—no one allowed more than two eights, at so much, say \$2.00 per insertion."

If Mr. Fraser's propositions to make certain changes were met with refusal by me how could I do otherwise when the whole tenor of my instructions from the president were that we should adhere to the plans originally adopted. Here is a sample:

"In regard to this communication from Mr. Fraser, I do not think we have to take any action. I have written him that as I understood it the form and style of the journal was left to us to decide, and that we have adopted the form and style of the *Official Circular*; and that, so that the bids are for that form and style, I believe it to be in his discretion to accept or reject them." (No date—Dec. 1886).

Can anyone read this and take any stock in the "ring" stories as connected with this journal? If any ring existed at all it must have had its origin elsewhere, for the arrangements were all effected by persons having no connection whatever with this journal. Then too all arrangements were perfected before the first official circular was issued—which was Nov. 5, 1886—and the existence of the *WESTERN PHILATELIST* was not even dreamed of until about the first of December—and then in answer to the demand of the Chicago Society for a journal to represent it.

Mr. Tiffany likens the official journalship to certain sweetmeats or other things tempting to the appetite or greed. He also states that it was "a matter of \$10.00 a month." That statement is evidently made with deliberate intent to deceive, for no one knows better than Mr. Tiffany that our offer was to publish the reports free of any cost to the association, and instead of receiving any benefit we would have to refund from 150 to 200 subscriptions; as many more in the future, from our subscription list, as might be induced to join the Association; to keep on hand a quantity of back numbers to supply future members,—and for which we would get nothing; and to add to the size of our journal, and consequently to our expenses. These are the benefits (?) which we were obtaining; to which Mr. Tiffany falsely adds that "it was a matter of \$10.00 a month of the \$20.00 deficit;" for I had written him that the journal was far from being on a paying basis; that there was a monthly deficit of about \$20.00 to be met by the publishers. Not content with this, Mr. Tiffany adds an additional slur by stating his doubts as to the financial ability of the publishers of this journal. All right, that is his privilege; we also have the right to doubt his financial condition if we so choose.

It had been my desire to let this matter rest without further controversy, but I cannot remain quiet and see slurs cast on this journal and, in consequence, on my associates in its management, Messrs. Gadsden and Wolsieffer. Therefore in spite of my desire, for the good of the Association, to have all these petty animosities quieted and settled, I shall never hesitate to refute misleading or malicious charges aimed at this journal.

S. B. Bradt.

THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION,

(Organized September 14, 1886.)

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The result of the vote on the amendments submitted to the Association in circular No. 4, has been officially communicated to me, and is as follows:

Members entitled to vote,	-	-	-	-	-	233
Necessary to carry either amendment,	-	-	-	-	-	156
Votes cast for first amendment,	-	-	-	-	-	53
Votes cast for second amendment,	-	-	-	-	-	87
Not voting for either amendment,	-	-	-	-	-	13
Against both amendments,	-	-	-	-	-	1
Not voting at all	-	-	-	-	-	79
						233

The choice of journal indicated in case either amendment should be carried was as follows:

	1st amendment.	2d amendment.
Philatelic Journal of America,	68	81
Western Philatelist,	57	58
Quaker City Philatelist,	4	4
Empire State Philatelist,	1	1
American Philatelist,	0	1
No choice,	24	9
	154	154

It will be seen from the above that no result has been reached; and that not even two-thirds of the members voted at all.

The following communication from the president, relating to the vote announced as above, is submitted at his request:

AVON SPRINGS, July 19th, 1887.

MR. S. B. BRADT, SECRETARY:

Mr. E. B. Sterling, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, having certified to the president the results of the vote on the amendments lately submitted to a general vote as follows: [This result will be found elsewhere.]

The two propositions submitted to vote are amendments to the Constitution:

By Article X, Section 1, it is provided "This constitution can only be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of all the members of the Association entitled to representation in convention." I am unable to find that the constitution makes any provision for any representation in convention further than the statement of Article II, Section 4, "Members participating in the conventions of the Association, or *these represented by proxy*, must be not less than seventeen years of age."

It would therefore appear that the constitution can only be altered or amended by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members over the age of seventeen and that no member under that age has any vote or is entitled to representation by proxy or otherwise.

I am in receipt of your certificate of July 15th, as follows: "The total number of cards issued to date of closing the vote is 263. These are as follows:

Entitled to vote.....	234
Not entitled to vote.....	25
Unknown.....	2
Deceased.....	1
Not in good standing.....	1

I wish to call attention here to a point which, although it does not affect the present case, is brought to our view by the fact that your two certificates being of different dates naturally give the number entitled to vote as different, as will often be the case, and the 'Trustees' certificate states that one member has voted whose name is not on the list furnished by you to him. Now under Section 3 of Article III, it may easily happen that the addition of one or more to that number entitled to vote would alter the result and there might be no decision if one number were taken as correct and a decision if the other were taken. Besides, the Trustees must know before the vote is counted who are entitled to vote and who not. It is therefore necessary to have a rule on this point and it would seem to be the fairer rule that only those shall be entitled to vote who were duly qualified at the time the vote is called for, that is when the call is mailed by the secretary and that that number should be certified to both the Trustees and the President, and that the same rule should apply in a convention, the number there being the number of members qualified when the convention is first called to order. To prevent confusion and misunderstanding I will now announce that such will be the ruling until a new rule shall be adopted in a proper manner.

In the case before us I am unable to determine whether the person whose name is not on the list is one of the two whose names are to be added to make up the 234 or not. It is apparent that in case the vote was close this might cause dissatisfaction unless the rule was well understood beforehand. I am not informed either as to the exact number who were entitled to vote at the time the circular was mailed, but as well as I can recollect at least ten names have been added since the call was mailed. If I take 234 as the number then two-thirds is 156 and if I take 232 as the number, then two-thirds is 155, and there has been no vote, and ordinarily I should have to call for another vote at once. This shows the propriety of the very sensible remarks of the Secretary in his last official report. Whenever a vote is called for it is advisable that every member should vote whether he is satisfied with the existing state of affairs or not as it is not fair that the Association should be put to the trouble and expense of a vote or a number of votes on any subject that has been considered of sufficient importance to be put to vote. I had determined in this case that if there was no vote that as a new vote could not be had before the assembling of the convention and it is in the discretion of the President to so do, I should not call for a new vote until the convention, when I should put the question under the order of unfinished business.

If however I take 222 or 224, ten less than the number now qualified to vote, which is certainly all that were entitled to vote at the time the question was put two-thirds would be 148 or 149, and as the Trustees have certified that 154 votes were cast, a vote has been had under the rule laid down and the matter will not be put to vote again until some new motion is made by members. I am given to understand that a large number of the members who did not vote considered it better to let matters remain as they were until the convention met, when the subject of an official journal could be fully and freely discussed and determined understandingly. Such a wish was expressed by the President in his message calling for the vote.

But in any event whatever be taken as the number entitled to vote, neither of the amendments proposed received two-thirds of the number of votes of members entitled to representation in the convention and neither of them was passed. The first, which provided that the Board should make the choice, receiving only 53 and the second, which provided that Association should make the choice receiving only 87. I am further informed that a large number of members desire that the Association should have its own Journal and as no amendment to that effect was submitted did not vote.

I have gone into this matter at a length that would not be ordinarily necessary in order to impress upon the members the necessity of voting and being represented in the Convention which is near at hand. The wording of our Constitution is such that it is very questionable whether the convention will have a quorum for the transaction of any business unless at least two-thirds of the members over seventeen years of age are represented either in person or by proxy, Section 2 of Article II providing that "a quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of two-thirds of the delegates appointed to the convention" but there being no provision for the "appointing" of any delegates. But even if a quorum is present, much of the work that needs to be done must consist in or involve the amendments of the Constitution, and this can only be done by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the entire membership entitled to vote. It is important therefore that every member who is entitled to vote should either be present or give a proxy to some one to represent him.

I would suggest to you the propriety of publishing this letter with a view of impressing this matter upon the minds of our members.

In view of these facts I further certify that the late vote on the amendments results in both of them being lost. The WESTERN PHILATELIST therefore remains for the present the Official Journal.

Very truly,

John K. Tiffany, President.

I submit below the resignation of Mr. C. S. S. Miller; I must say that his reference to not receiving the Association notices is surprising to me, as everything emanating from this department has been mailed alike to all members entitled to receive them. Furthermore, I do not remember that Mr. Miller ever complained to me of the non-receipt of any official matter.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., July 8, 1887.

MR. S. B. BRADT, SECRETARY AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION:

Dear Sir:—I herewith tender my resignation as a member of the above organization. I desire to state that though a member in good standing, I have not received more than one half of the promulgated official documents, notices of amendments, etc.

I am, sir, yours, etc.,

Chauncy S. S. Miller.—No. 6.

I have notified Mr. Miller that his resignation had been accepted, and have removed his name from the list of members.

The following generous offer was received and submitted to the president, who instructed me that the board would of course accept the offer:

HELMETTA, N. J., July, 1887.

MR. S. B. BRADT, SECRETARY:

Dear Sir:—Having the interest of the A. P. A. at heart, and wishing to see it grow as fast as possible, we hereby offer a year's subscription to the *Youth's Ledger* to every present member of the Association, and the same to every one who will join before January 1st, 1888, subscriptions to commence with the August Number. Every member who is already a subscriber, will have his subscription extended one year free of cost.

We make this offer thinking it may prove an extra inducement for persons to join the Association, which we as members desire to see grow strong, and become a powerful organization.

Trusting that you will lay this matter before the board, and advise us of its decision.

We are very truly yours,

ALVAH DAVISON, A. P. A.—4,

GUSTAV AUE, A. P. A.—3.

The Youth's Ledger Co.

The following letter explains itself:

CHICAGO, July 18th, 1887.

S. B. BRADT, ESQ., SECRETARY, GRAND CROSSING, ILLS.

Dear Sir: After mature deliberation we have come to the conclusion that in the interest of harmony and good will in the Association it becomes incumbent upon us to resign the office of Official Journal to which we have been appointed by the Official Board.

That we had resolved not to make any effort to obtain the position is known to many and is plainly evident from the fact that when copies of circulars issued by other publishers were sent us with the request that we "go them one better" and make a more advantageous offer, we did not comply, and issued no circular repeating or bettering the offer we had originally made, which we considered perfectly fair and liberal.

Up to the moment that the choice of the Board was made known to us, we were in doubt as to the advisability of accepting, and that we did so was only due to the urgent desires of our friends. That our doubts as to the advisability of accepting the appointment have since been confirmed is only too well known, and it only remains for us now to tender our resignation, and request that our successor be appointed at the earliest possible moment.

In order, however, that there may be no delay in the publication of reports, names of applicants, etc., we will continue to act until our successor has been appointed, provided such appointment be made within three months. To our many friends we extend our sincere thanks for their support and appreciation of our efforts on behalf of the Association. With the assurance of our deep interest in the welfare of the A. P. A. and cordial support at all times, we are, very respectfully,

Western Phil. Pub., Co.

President Tiffany authorizes me to state that he will call the convention to order at ten o'clock, A.M., on August 8th; that immediately upon the coming to order the roll will be called, at which time all proxies should be presented. If a quorum appears to be present, the president will proceed to appoint the necessary standing committees, and the regular order of business will be proceeded with as soon as the committee on credentials can report. The Tremont House club room has been selected as the place of meeting, and is secured for three days,—August 8, 9, and 10.

In the president's letter, printed above, the attention of members is directed to the necessity of each and every one's attending the convention or appointing a proxy to represent him thereat. It is necessary that two-thirds of the membership be present, or otherwise the convention can transact no business. To-day there are 275 members, of whom 250 are voters. You will see therefore that not less than 167 members *must* be present, either in person or by proxy; and there is no good reason why all, or nearly all, should not be represented. Let no one neglect his duty, but if you have not already appointed a proxy, do so at once.

I would request every member who contemplates attending the convention

to advise me of his coming at the earliest moment possible. This is in order that I may make due preparations, and also to aid the president in selecting the standing committees. I shall be at the Tremont House from Sunday morning August 7th until the opening of the convention, in order to receive members. Any who may reach here prior to the 7th, may find me at my office between the hours of ten and four—except Saturdays, when I close at 1:30. Thus far I have received word from but a few who contemplate coming, they are: Messrs. Tiffany, Bradford, Calman, Kurzweg, MacCalla, Seagrave, Sparr, Stone and Sterling.

The only transportation company that has granted us practicable concessions in rates has been the Central Traffic Association. This Association will grant a reduction of one-third fare between all points on the lines it covers, *provided there is an attendance of fifty members from its lines.* The Association covers all points between Chicago and Pittsburgh, Buffalo, and Niagara Falls; it also includes points on the B. & O. railroad west of Wheeling and Parkersburg. Thus many eastern members can avail themselves of the reduction by starting from points on the B. & O. road. The same Association includes some roads in Illinois, and members residing in this state would do well to consult their local offices in regard to the nearest point to them that is in the *Central Traffic Association.* The Wabash, St. Louis, & Pacific R'y—points east of St. Louis—is also included; perhaps St. Louis members may find it advantageous to see what can be done with this line.

The Eastern Traffic Association will only grant reduced rates on an attendance of 100. As we can scarcely expect to reach that number I would advise all eastern members to purchase tickets to Pittsburgh, Buffalo, or Niagara Falls, and from those points to *repurchase* to Chicago; by so doing the reduction can be secured on a large part of the route. Of course those members who can strike the B. & O. road, as mentioned above, can secure rates right through.

I wish to urge all members to read carefully the instructions of the Central Traffic Association published in my last report. It will be seen that tickets must be purchased to Chicago from the starting point, and *in all cases a certificate of purchase must be secured from the agent selling the ticket.* If the attendance reaches fifty members holding such certificates the offices in Chicago will sell return tickets at one-third price, upon presentation of the ticket seller's certificate endorsed by the secretary of the convention.

It has been suggested to me that it would add to the interest of the convention if attending members would bring and exhibit their collections. The idea is worthy of consideration, and will I trust be acted upon.

The writers of the following letters will attend to any proxies that may be sent to them:

CHICAGO, July 18th, 1887.

S. B. BRADT, ESQ., SECRETARY.

Dear Sir: As no doubt a number of members of the Association will be unable to attend the forthcoming convention to be held in this city, I should be pleased to receive proxies and act in all matters as they may direct, with the assurance that all instruction shall be faithfully carried out. Kindly make this offer known through the medium of the Official Journal, and greatly oblige, yours very truly,

C. R. Gadsden, Room 52, 225 Dearborn St.

CHICAGO, July 19th, 1887.

S. B. BRADT, SEC'Y A. P. A.:

Will you be kind enough to mention in the official organ that I shall be present at the convention and would be happy to execute any proxies that may be sent me. Letters may be sent to me at 385 Dearborn ave., Chicago. Yours resp'y,

W. C. Stone.

CHICAGO, July 21, 1887.

MR. S. B. BRADT, SECRETARY:

Dear Sir:—Please announce in your next report that I will be in attendance at the convention and will be pleased to receive proxies from any members unable to attend. Any special instructions that may be sent with proxies will be faithfully executed. Yours truly,

P. M. Wolsiffer, 162 State St.

NEW MEMBERS.

- No. 274. BACON, C. G., JR., 45 East 57th St., New York City.
 261. CACAVALO, ROBT, 194 17th St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
 264. CHISHOLM, HENRY, 1065 Prospect St., Cleveland, Ohio.
 265. DRURY, L. H., 447 Warren Ave., Chicago, Ill.
 266. FINE, A. L., 1731 Pine St., Philadelphia, Pa.
 273. HAUCK, DR. LOUIS, 905 Morrison Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
 260. HENRY, J. F., JR., 140 Second Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.
 259. JONES, J. W., Box 170 Schenectady, N. Y.
 270. NEEFUS, H. F., 19 Walnut St., Newark, N. J.
 271. PARKER, E. T., Bethlehem, Pa.
 268. PETERS, GEO. E., 145 High St., Boston, Mass.
 263. READ, J. FRANK, 9 Custom House St., Providence, R. I.
 269. SELISSBERG, WM., 328 Bloomfield St., Hoboken, N. J.
 272. SPANG, NORMAN, Etna, Allegheny Co., Pa.
 267. TOWER, W. S., Room 21, 69 Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.
 262. WALLS, DR. H. L., Poca, West Virginia.
 275. WYER, J. I., JR., Red Lake Falls, Minn.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.—LIST NO. 10.

- BENTLER, ALBERT, 41, 5 Broadway, New York. Reference: Henry Clotz.
 BOND, J. IRVING, 263 Summer Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. Reference: R. K. Bogert.
 BROWN, WM. P., 114 Nassau St., New York. Reference: S. B. Bradt.
 CARSTARPHEN, F. E., Box 3081, Denver, Col. Reference: J. C. Feldwisch.
 DEJONGE, AUG., 46 Exchange Place, New York. Reference: Henry Clotz.
 DURING, DR. VON, 569 E. 154th St., New York. Reference: Henry Clotz.
 GARBE, HERMAN, 58 Cedar St., New York. Reference: Henry Clotz.
 GUTTZEIT, PAUL, Cotton Exchange, New York. Reference: Henry Clotz.
 HECKEL, PAUL, Daros-Platz, Switzerland. Reference: Henry Clotz.
 KAUFMANN, E., Box 3197, New York. Reference: Henry Clotz.
 KOLLNER, M., 58 Water St., New York. Reference: Henry Clotz.
 LAZARUS, PAUL, 2274 Third Ave., New York. Reference: Henry Clotz.
 MASSOTH, F. N., JR., Hanover Centre, Ind. Reference: none given.
 ROBERTS, E. W., 512 Bonham St., Paris, Texas. Reference: C. H. Mekeel.
 SCHMITT, J. P., 24 John St., New York. Reference: Henry Clotz.
 UTASSY, G. W. VON, 5055 Green St., Germantown, Phila., Pa. Reference: L. W. Durbin.
 WAITE, E. B., West Newton, Mass. Reference: none given.
 WALZ, C. L., 489 Broome St., New York. Reference: Henry Clotz.
 WATTENBERG, F. A., 703 Madison Ave., New York. Reference: Henry Clotz.

The persons named in this list will be entitled to membership, if no objection is received, on August 28th. The objection to the application of Mr. J. S. Rich, mentioned in my last report, has been withdrawn.

July 25, 1887.

S. B. Bradt, Secretary.

REPORT OF EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT.

This department is, as it was expected, somewhat dull owing to the intense heat and absence of a great many members. Therefore books on circuits meet with some delay and the limited time cannot be observed in all cases. It would facilitate matters if members will notify me of any expected absence so that I might arrange a different circuit of the books.

I have had great trouble and loss of time in checking off the returned sheets by the neglect of members not signing their name on back of *each* sheet next to amounts taken off. The members will see the importance by signing the sheets, and therefore I ask their special attention to this matter.

Resume of business from June 1 to July 20:

Sheets sold.....	156
Covers sold.....	5
Filled sheets received....	221 value \$1,528.96
Filled covers received....	30 value 239.10

Respectfully,

*Henry Clotz,
 Superintendent.*

July 20, '87.

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

GENTLEMEN—My last report I sent to our journal, *The American Philatelist*. They have both disappeared. Let us hope that the paper will be resurrected.

It will be one of the staunchest means of agitation and defense for our cause which is being assailed by enemies from within, and outside of our ranks. But we shall survive nevertheless. This Association is based upon the principle of co-operation—the principle to be victorious in all branches of social, commercial, and political life. I trust in you that you will continue to uphold that principle.

Since May 4th, when I tendered my last report but one, the following members have availed themselves of the advantages and benefits of the Purchasing Department: Geo. W. Stevens, \$5.00; C. A. Coolidge, \$5.22; Spencer Cosby, \$2.00; Theo. F. Cuno, \$5.00; Herbert H. McNamara, \$1.00; P. H. Hill, \$10.00; W. Rasmus, \$5.00; B. Neumoegen, \$5.00; Clement R. Troth, \$1.00; Chas. Gregory, \$10.00; C. Witt, \$5.00; Mrs. R. L. Phillips, \$7.28; Fred. B. Perry, \$10.00.

New issues have been ordered from the following countries: St. Lucia, Pouch, Jhind, Bolivia, Siam, and Lagos. I have also sent money to Newfoundland, England, and different post offices of the United States for members desiring obsolete and current stamps, as well as the envelopes of October 1886. Of the latter I procured a number of complete sets after having overcome many difficulties and obstacles. We are indebted to Messrs. Bogert, Harris, Atwood, Howes, Brock, Coolidge, and Mekeel for information where many of these envelopes could be purchased. But I have not found any one, so far, willing to tell me where the ten, thirty and ninety cent envelopes can be bought. There are some of our members who know where we could get them, but being dealers they refuse to tell us. I now ask all of you to impart what knowledge you possess in this respect, to me at your earliest convenience.

Returns have come in, and were distributed immediately, from Reunion, Cape Verde, Madagascar, Timor, Jhind, Ceylon, Paris, and Great Britain.

To show you how those participating appreciate the service rendered them I copy the following abstracts from letters received by me:

" I am surprised at the cheapness of the stamps which, so far, I have received from your department. C. WITT."

"If I had not just spent \$10.00 for exchanges from the exchange book I would have had more to invest in your department. I feel it would have been laid out to better advantage. But I shall be wiser another time, and stronger to resist the temptation. MRS. R. L. PHILLIPS."

The members in general seem to be well satisfied with the workings of this department; the only reward I shall claim for my labors. Yours truly,
July 10, 1887. *Theo. F. Cuno.*

COUNTERFEIT DETECTOR.

I call the attention of the members of the American Philatelic Association to some new counterfeits that are being extensively circulated. They are the complete set of Samoa, 1d. to 5sh. They are very well executed. The colors and paper are the same as the genuine. They can be detected as follows: perforated 11½; the P of postage is further from the end of the label, and the second dot in the circle at the left over Express does not touch top of circle. Yours resp'y,

July 21, 1887.

E. A. Holton.

A PROPOSITION.

To all Members of the A. P. A.

There are many indications that lead us to believe that the majority which voted to abolish the *American Philatelist* have, many of them, since regretted the discontinuance of the Association journal; also that about all the members would like to see the Association publish its own journal could the necessary funds be raised for carrying on the same in a manner fitting the position our society occupies.

That the Association can hardly afford to publish such a journal as would properly represent it is well known. That such a journal could be produced for about \$50.00 an issue is our belief; and we therefore offer, each of us, to contribute \$1.00 a month for the purpose of establishing such a journal, provided there are enough other members who are willing to contribute equal amounts to make up the necessary sum, or that the Association will agree to make up whatever difference there may be between the amount contributed gratuitously by members and the amount necessary to establish such a journal as the Association needs.

We trust that those members who are so deeply interested in the Association, and who can afford the small donation required by such a plan as this, will at once take action in the matter, and in person or proxy make known their willingness to forward such an enterprise,—the details of which the convention can determine. Very truly yours,

S. B. Bradt,
P. M. Wolseiffer,
C. R. Gadsden.

AUCTION SALES.—CASEY'S 11TH SALE, JUNE 27TH.

Nova Scotia, 1 shilling, very fine, used.....	\$25.00
Another, not as good, used.....	20.00
Tuscany, '51, 20 on blue, crown watermark.....	7.00
'51, 60c. on blueish, crown watermark.....	5.00
'53, 9c. on white, vertical lines, watermark.....	5.50
U. S. Revenue, \$200, 1st issue, unperforated.....	5.00
Same, perforated.....	6.20
\$20 probate of will, proof.....	6.00
\$200, second issue.....	9.00
U. S. State \$10, unused.....	5.50
U. S. State \$20, unused.....	9.00
Baltimore Horseman, 1c. red unused.....	9.60
U. S. Envelope, cut square, 4c., '60, on white, unused.....	5.25
U. S. entire, unused, Envelopes, Reay, War 10c., Horner 233.....	31.00
'53, Horner $\frac{3}{4}$, used, note size.....	9.50
'60, 4c. white, Horner 40.....	9.50
'60, 4c. buff, Horner 41.....	7.25
'60, 6c., red, official, on white, H. 46.....	30.00
'60, 6c., red, official, on buff, H. 47.....	32.00

C. F. Bishop.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Is the *Empire State Philatelist* dead?

THE *Philatelic Herald* is on the gain. Two issues since our last.

THE *Philatelic Record* (Rock Island) will not be issued during the summer months.

ANOTHER new one is announced—the *Philatelic Journal of Ohio*—Wooster, Ohio.

OF the six new journals we announced last month we have seen but one, *Young Canada*.

OUR compliments to the National Philatelic Society, of New York City, on its neat and pretty new stationery.

NUMBER 2 of the *International Collector* is at hand and bids fair to provide the Pacific slope with a much needed journal.

THE *Witch City Collector* is superseded by the *Witch City Philatelist*. Which city does it hail from? Salem, Mass., of course.

WE became mixed a little last month in trying to make mention of the *Keystone State Philatelist* and called it the *Keystone Philatelic Gazette*.

THE old reliable *Philatelic Gazette* is to be congratulated on having completed its third volume—thirty-sixth issue. And that, too, without making any fuss over it.

"VALCIN" of *The Stamp*, says his pride has had a fall. There are cases in which it takes a ten story building to make some people appreciate the time to take a tumble.

THE efforts of our Canadian friends towards establishing a philatelic society is a very praiseworthy one. May they profit by the experience of the American Association.

NEW YORK City has a new local society which numbers among its members Messrs. Aue, Casey, Hanford, Smith, and Thomas. It is called the U. S. Philatelic Association.

MR. JOHN S. BIXBY and wife of Decatur, Ill., are to be congratulated on the way they celebrated independence day. It was a good healthy boy, and we trust they will call him Phil.

ANOTHER victim to succumb to the inevitable is the *Texas Stamp*. That evidently is a bad climate for papers, the *Texas Philatelist* having led off in the same direction not long since.

THE good news that S. Allan Taylor has been indicted for making and selling counterfeit stamps, seems to be really true; also that he jumped his bail and took a trip to Canada. Joy go with him.

IT would be a good thing if the collectors who are to gather in Chicago this month would each and all bring their collections with them. An impromptu exhibit would add much to make the occasion a joyous one.

OUR esteemed contributor "Phil Atelic," will be pleased to meet his friends, and others, at the convention, where he will be known as Mr. C. R. Gadsden. "Phil" stands five feet eleven inches in his stocking-feet and weighs one hundred and eighty pounds.

The Stamp evidently feels that it is unjust to Secretary Bradt and therefore tries to in some measure atone for it by saying that he deserves the thanks of A. P. A. members for his efforts to obtain special transportation rates. Taffy! no one deserves thanks for merely performing his duty.

IN regard to President Tiffany's screed, a correspondent writes as follows: "If you find any points scored please notify me at once as neither my friends nor myself could find any, and I understand that there is a reward offered for anyone who can find one." That sizes the case precisely.

THERE are rumors afloat that a concern is about to be started in this city for the purpose of manufacturing and selling counterfeit stamps. We await further development; in the meantime it would be wise to be on the lookout.

FRIEND HUBBARD remains firm in his determination to make the *Curiosity World* a semi-monthly at the close of its first volume; if he does the odds are two to one that he will also make it an even greater success than it now is.

MR. W. C. STONE, of Springfield, Mass., has paid us several very pleasant visits in the last two weeks; he is spending his summer vacation in Chicago, and will remain until after the convention. Mr. C. F. Bishop, of New York, evidently paid us a visit on the 4th of July, as we found his card in our letter box the day after.

SOMETHING came into our office this month bearing the title of *The Old Curiosity Shop* and the legend Vol. 6, No. 1. It is published at Jamestown, N. Y., and edited by Will M. Clemens. It bears resemblance neither to the recent publication of the same title published by Brockway nor to the older one published by Clemens, and there is no explanation whatever offered. What is it?

"THE next National convention in Chicago will be that of the Philatelists. Let them come. There is not a more harmless body of enthusiasts on the face of the earth. Well did the poet say:

Their fad is but the postage stamp,
The man's the man for a' that."—*Chicago Tribune*.

EDITORIAL CHAT.

IN the reports of the A. P. A. will be found our resignation of the office of official journal. This we think will remove the last chance for any quarrel in this convention. We desire to see these personal disputes buried out of sight, and trust they will be. We shall endeavor now to avoid such unless they are forced upon us.

WE come out a trifle early this month in order that the A. P. A. reports may reach all members in ample time before the convention. Our September number will be still more in advance of the usual time, as we desire to give our readers an early report of the proceedings of the convention;—the next issue may be looked for about August 20th.

IT is but a few days before the event of the year to American philatelists takes place. On August 8, 9, and 10 the second convention of the *American Philatelic Association* will be held in this city. Let us hope that the results of that convention will include the restoration of harmony, both within and without the society, and the enactment of such provisions and laws as will promote good feeling and fellowship while providing for a better mode of government.

THE PHILATELIC SOCIETIES.

We shall be glad to have all societies represented in this department, and will send THE WESTERN PHILATELIST free to those regularly sending us reports of their meetings. Reports must reach us not later than the 15th of each month.

CHICAGO PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—Meeting of June 30th, held at the Tremont House, the President in the chair. Messrs. Bradt, Clark, Gadsden, Haskell, Holtfodt, Myers, Pierce, Tower, Wilson, and Wolsieffer were present. In spite of the extremely warm weather an interesting meeting was held and much business transacted. The resignation of Mr. Voute was read and accepted. An election was held to fill some vacancies that have occurred with the following result: Treasurer, H. B. Myers; Librarian, G. S. Wilson; Members of Executive Committee, Messrs. W. J. Clark, and L. A. Haskell. Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer was appointed exchange superintendent for the Chicago branch of the A. P. A. Meeting adjourned at 10:10.

Meeting of July 14th, President Bradt in the chair. There were present Messrs. Bradt, Clark, Gadsden, Gilbert, Pierce, Wilson, and Wolsieffer. The principal topic of the evening was the approaching convention of the American Association. Specimens of two values of the new Siamese stamps were exhibited. Meeting adjourned at 9:30. Next meeting July 28th.

Chicago, Ill.

C. K. Gadsden, Secretary.

TO CANADIAN PHILATELISTS.—^{***}The undersigned committee of organization have decided to issue a general invitation to all interested in forming a Canadian Philatelic Association. Officers will be elected as soon as possible after all details have been arranged. All correspondence of those stamp collectors intending to join, should be addressed to the secretary *pro tem.*, at Ottawa, Can. The officers to be elected are a president, a vice-president for each province, a secretary, a treasurer, official organ, official editor, counterfeit detector, executive committee, etc. All names should be sent forthwith to the secretary. By order

(Signed), H. F. Ketcheson, Belleville, Ont.; J. A. Leighton, Orangeville, Ont.; Fred J. Grenny, Brantford, Ont.; Jno. R. Hooper, 68 Albert St. Ottawa, Ont., Secretary *pro tem.*

RECORD OF NEW ISSUES.

We desire correspondents in all parts of the world to furnish early and accurate information concerning new issues. Dealers and others furnishing prompt notice of new issues, with specimens or minute descriptions, will receive proper acknowledgement.

AZORES.—The letter cards of Portugal are in use here with surcharge "Acores" in small letters.

CEYLON.—A stamp of the value of R1.12 has been issued without surcharge. It resembles the old stamp of R2.50. Color, red violet.

COCHIN CHINA.—The 25c. black on pink has sometimes two figures 5 surcharged, one larger than the other, and the 25c. ochre has the letters C. CH. sometimes above the numeral.

COLOMBIA.—The 2c. and 20c. are now inscribed "Republica de Colombia." They contain the portraits of two gentlemen unknown to us. No change in color.

ECUADOR.—We hear there is a new 10c. orange of similar design to that of the lower values, and post cards, 5c. and 5-5c.

EGYPT.—"Le T. P." has information that envelopes of 1 piastre have been ordered and the inscription on the stamps and cards will be modified.

FRANCE.—The card 10-10c. black on blue, is now inscribed "exclusivement reserve" instead of "reserve exclusivement."

GREAT BRITAIN.—The "W. B. Z." mentions the 2sh. 6d. with surcharge "Official."

MACAO.—The 80 reis has been surcharged in black in two lines, "5 reis," "10 reis," "20 reis," and a bar over the original value.

MARTINIQUE.—The 20c. red on green has been surcharged "M. Q. E. 15c." (2 var.)—"Martinique 015," and "Martinique 15." These were issued May 2.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—It is intended to issue ½c. stamps and to change the types of some of the other values.

REUNION I.—"Le T. P." mentions a post card with fleur de lis in the angles.

ST. HELENA.—The "J. B. J." says the 3d. is lilac and the 6d. slate gray.

SIERRA LEONE.—Of the 5sh. on 1sh. mentioned some time ago, there are two varieties of the surcharged figure 5.

SOUTH AFRICAN REPUBLIC.—An error crept into our June chronicle. Of the surcharged 2d. there are 50 with curved tail and only 10 with straight tail. The 2d. of current type has been received in yellow brown (c.c.97) instead of violet.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—"Le T. P." illustrates a new 6d. pale blue. The inscriptions are the same as the 3d. lately issued, but the head is in a rectangular frame, curved at the top and bottom.

TONGA.—We have received a frank which is printed in the upper right corner of an envelope measuring 290x125 mm. It consists of a circular band inscribed "Tonga Government, Frank," and in the center is a crown and wreath. It is in black.

UNITED STATES.—Mr. W. A. Warner writes us that he has seen the new 1-cent stamp, described last month, with a double bust, that is with an inverted bust in addition to the proper one. He adds that the stamp was used.

We are further indebted to Mr. Warner for a specimen of a new local, the Newark, N. J., Mustang Express. The stamp before us measures 25x34 mm. At the top is the inscription "Jabez Feary & Co.'s"; at bottom, "Mustang Express"; between the inscription is the figure of a man mounted on a galloping mustang. The stamp is printed in black on red paper. The nominal value of the stamp is 10 cents. Five hundred were made but only half that number used.

Mr. Wm. P. Brown, of New York, has kindly favored us with specimens of some telegraph stamps hitherto unrecorded; they were issued in 1883 by the Northern Mutual Telegraph Company and consist of four values, viz: 5, 10, 20, and 25 cents. They were printed in sheets of 35, all the values being represented on one sheet, as follows: ten 5c., ten 10c., five 20c. and ten 25c. The color is the same, light brown, for all values. The inscriptions are: at top "Northern Mutual"; at bottom, "Telegraph"; numeral of value in center. Next month we hope to give an illustration of the stamp.

VENEZUELA.—Cards have at last been issued with impressed stamps, 10c. blue on blue, and 10-10c. green on buff. The stamps are of the type of the 10c. adhesive, which we believe has not yet been issued. There is a frame of Greek pattern and the usual inscriptions.

VICTORIA.—The type of the 4d. has been remade. The head is on horizontally lined ground.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The *Quaker City Philatelist* evidently takes delight in endeavoring to misrepresent Mr. Bradt, and in its last two issues has mentioned him editorially in a way that demands some response. The latest effusion consists of the publication of two of Mr. Bradt's letters. Why these letters were published is more than we can understand as they do not strengthen the position of our "Queer City" contemporary even a little bit; on the contrary, they go to support what Mr. Bradt has all along claimed as his position in the matter. And then, too, the *Q. C. P.* wants everyone to bear in mind "that no matter what he (Mr. Bradt) can say in his defense, no one can in future depend on the word of a man who completely changed his mind and broke his promise within twenty-four hours. Then they print Mr. Bradt's letter in which he says "my vote is for the *Q. C. P.* as the case now stands," but as the case did not stand the same way a few days later Mr. Bradt had occasion to change his mind, which fact he immediately advised the *Q. C. P.* of—a courtesy which they repaid with abuse.

Mr. McAllister, editor of the *Q. C. P.*, wrote as follows on receipt of Mr. Bradt's first letter: "PHILADELPHIA, PA., May 20, 1887.

MR. S. B. BRADT.

Dear Sir: Yours of the 20th inst. at hand and in reply would say that we are much pleased with your kindly offered assistance and will not forget it no matter how this matter ends.

"We can understand the feeling toward the *Q. C. P.* and trust that our true position will be understood sooner or later. As the matter stands now the *Q. C. P.* is owned by The Quaker City Philatelic Publishing Co., limited, with a capital of \$300, divided into shares of \$100 each. The present owners of these shares are:

The Ins.	The Outs.
H. McAllister.....95 shares.	Geo. H. Henderson...40 shares.
W. A. MacCalla.....65 "	A. E. Hancock.....20 "
F. E. P. Lynde.....20 "	W. C. Chiles.....20 "
W. H. Corfield.....10 "	W. E. Scarlett (?).20 "
	Quaker City Society (?).10 "

"From this you can see that Mr. MacCalla and myself own a controlling interest and that whatever we decide shall be done will be done. You can also see from this that Mr. Henderson has no say at all except what we choose to permit and we will have nothing to do with him in the future as he has repaid us for placing him in the board of managers (TO REPRESENT THE MINORITY) by preferring ridiculous charges (anonymously) against Mr. MacCalla. The society has but 10 shares and no voice whatever in the selection of matter for the paper.

"We mean to put more money into the paper and will give the A. P. A. as much space *in reason* as it wants. Mr. Durbin favors the selection of the *Q. C. P.* simply because it has made the best offer and he knows that our promises will be carried out.

"You may have noticed the changes which we have made in it since we have had full control and I will add to this that our subscription list has been quadrupled since February. This has been done by Mr. MacCalla, Lynde, and myself, and in addition Mr. MacCalla and myself have gone very largely into the printing business and in consequence have had little or no time to give to stamps, so that what we have done does not represent what we can do by any means. It

is discouraging to see as we can see that philatelists all over the country are slurring at Philadelphia and that this is owing to about three kickers who have *now* but little standing with any one in our city but who can prevent those who would join the association by persistent ridicule of it. Mr. MacCalla, Mr. Lynde and one or two others enabled us to carry a resolution through the society declaring that the A. P. A. was unquestionably a benefit to all philatelists, but it was by a *small* majority. This is partly due to some philatelists of this city who favor the association, but do not care to join the society here, and the RING is thus occasionally able to run things.

"I had no intention of taking up so much of your time and will close.

Very truly yours,

H. McALLISTER,"

We would like to ask those who read this letter and the *Q. C. P.* editorial what they think of Mr. McAllister's veracity? Because Mr. Bradt wrote that as the case then stood he would vote for the *Q. C. P.* but under changed conditions did not so vote, that journal says editorially that his word cannot be depended upon. But Mr. McAllister, after writing Mr. Bradt that "we are much pleased with your kindly offered assistance and *will not forget it no matter how this matter ends,*" says editorially "we had no faith in his promise when the letter was written." Here is a directly proved falsehood. If Mr. McAllister had no faith in the promise his cordial thanks and promise not to forget the "kindly offered assistance" was insincere and hypocritical.

While the *Q. C. P.* prints two of Mr. Bradt's letters it overlooks a third—the last one. Here it is:

"GRAND CROSSING, ILL., June 6, 1887.

MR. H. McALLISTER,

Dear Sir: I have your favor dated May 20th giving the history of the *Q. C. P. P. Co.* for which accept my thanks. I wish to quote here a portion of your opening sentence:

"We are much pleased with your kindly offered assistance and *will not forget it no matter how this matter ends.*"

I have also received the June issue of the *Q. C. P.*, and it goes to show how short the memory of some persons is. As for the unwarranted attack on me personally, no one knows better than yourself how utterly false it is. You allude to publishing my letters—but you do not do it. Why? Because they would only go to show the falsity of your assertions and would lead to the publication of your reply to me. You have placed yourself where you must publish that correspondence or make the proper amend for what you have said, or perhaps you will endeavor to crawl out the small end of the hole?

I was about congratulating myself that the chances were becoming good for Philadelphia, or a portion of it, to be again at peace with this section. Your action at this time seems to contradict this idea. It remains entirely with yourself as to what further action shall be taken in this matter. You are at perfect liberty to print this letter. Very truly,

S. B. BRADT."

One thing more. The *Q. C. P.* thinks to score a point on the dates of the letters to them and the letter referred to by President Tiffany. The two letters, Mr. Bradt affirms, were written the same evening and if any difference of dates exist, which is extremely doubtful, it is entirely accidental. There is but one conclusion to be drawn in regard to these "Queer City" publishers. They are so chagrined over their failure to choke down the throat of the A. P. A. a journal not wanted by half a dozen members that their spleen has got the best of what good sense, if any, they may have ever possessed.

NEW YORK, July 5th, 1887.

MY DEAR MR. BRADT:

I received the July number of the WESTERN PHILATELIST this morning, for which please accept many thanks. I wish also to congratulate you and your associates on having had your paper appointed official organ of the A. P. A. Perhaps it is unnecessary for me to say that I have watched the progress of your paper with no little interest, and I can now say sincerely, and without the least flattery, that it is in my opinion, if that is worth anything, the *best* paper in existence. By that I mean the ablest edited, and most admirably managed philatelic paper extant. Surely, no wiser choice could have been made by the association, for by it they have gained a "jewel," the value of which the future can only tell. May this "jewel" prove a profitable one to yourselves and the science it pursues, is the earnest and sincere wish of

Thomas Coke Watkins.

MR. TIFFANY'S LETTER.

It has of late appeared necessary for the writer hereof to maintain a position contrary to that held by President Tiffany, and to support that position both in the columns of this journal and in an open letter mailed to all members of the A. P. A. But Mr. Tiffany has an idea that he is infallible, that he could not possibly be wrong under any circumstances. He has therefore rushed into print with a circular letter to *certain members* of the Association, and has therein demonstrated beyond a doubt the fact that he is an attorney-at-law, for the tactics employed are those of a browbeating lawyer who sees his case slipping from his grasp and who clutches despairingly at the last straw, in his futile effort to terrify the witness.

When I say that he mailed this printed letter to *certain members* of the Association I say it advisedly. Mr. Tiffany was afraid his attack on me would receive its well-merited rebuke in the last issue of this journal, so in a sneaking, underhanded way the letter was carefully circulated where it would remain unknown to me, and no copy was sent to me, nor to my friends in this

vicinity; nor was a copy furnished me even after I had requested it. The first intimation I had of this attack was a mention of the letter in the *Philatelic Gazette*, which I received on July 5th. I at once wrote to several parties about it and in a short time was in possession of a copy. It was a very manly act in Mr. Tiffany, very manly indeed. But he is used to such actions, I imagine. His correspondence with me a year ago—on the subject of national organization—shows how manly (?) he is and how much real regard he has for philately and his fellow stamp collectors. Suppose we use his own words as contained in his letters to me. (The dates are given in brackets throughout this article.)

"My experience is that the majority of stamp collectors are supremely ignorant of anything except the commercial value of their specimens, and their knowledge, even in this line, is generally that of a dealer somewhere or other."—(June 7, 1886.)

"Your invitation is very kind, but I must most positively decline it. Reasons which are conclusive to me require that I should not in any way be prominent, in fact I should prefer never to be mentioned as a stamp collector." (June 15, 1886.)

"I have personally many private reasons for wishing to remain in the future philatelically unknown. It is sometimes unavoidable that I am dragged into view, but I always dislike it. . . All this annoys me, particularly because the matters enquired of are so trivial, and possibly because of the foolish articles that appear about me from time to time and have been thrown at me by business men, etc., etc." (July 6, 1886.)

I had urged Mr. Tiffany repeatedly to act with us on the committee of organization, but, as the above extracts from his letters show, without avail. Presently the organization began to assume definite proportions and assurances of success. Now Mr. Tiffany thinks it will be a creditable affair and has the inconsistency to urge the right of St. Louis to a representation on the committee. I write him that he should be the last person to insist on that after having refused positively to act on that committee. But Mr. Tiffany is nothing if not inconsistent, so when the St. Louis Society took him up, made him its president, and nominated him for president of the A. P. A., it rather turned his head and caused a complete revolution from his previous position. This is the way he put it in a letter to me:

"The meeting of the St. Louis Phil. Soc. held last evening resulted somewhat in a surprise to the undersigned. It was the annual meeting and I went. Found I knew all but three of the members present slightly. They insisted upon making me president for the coming year. Thinking their reasons worth considering I waived my personal objections and consented. They next insisted upon nominating me for president of the Nat. Soc., as their candidate, that is. This I could not well decline, the idea falling in with my own that the president should be a collector and not a dealer." (July 19, 1886.)

As a further proof of his inconsistency compare the latter part of this letter with the following:

"No branch of collecting ever flourishes without dealers; never will, and never has. Only a person who devotes his whole time to stamps will find the time to devote to the society that each officer will have to give to do his duty." (March 17, 1887.)

So Mr. Tiffany accepted the nomination to an office because he thought "the president should be a collector and not a dealer." Yet but a few months roll by before he writes that no one but a dealer can give the time to his office necessary to the proper performance of his duty. If this latter statement is correct perhaps it will account for the many acts that are now troubling the collector-officer.

Mr. Tiffany disavows any connection whatever with Mr. Mekeel, yet is ever ready to do anything for him he can, to take his side in any controversy. Early in the year Mr. Mekeel had a little difficulty with the purchasing department and appealed to the president. As a matter of course the president sustained Mr. Mekeel and wrote the purchasing agent to that effect. But the purchasing agent is not a child to be frightened into a course contrary to what he thinks right, and at once appealed to the board of officers *who sustained his appeal* from the president's ruling—greatly to that gentleman's astonishment evidently, for he wrote me as follows:

"I fail to see what reasonable objection to the view I took can be urged." "I think my position is clearly the only fair and practical one." (Feb. 17, 1887.)

It is surprising that four men should be united in supporting the purchasing agent against the president and his ally, is it not? Another incident to illustrate the championing of Mr. Mekeel. All will remember the "special" number of the *P. J. of A.* issued last February. Along with many others, I supposed it to be the regular issue and wrote a somewhat scathing review of it for publication; but it was crowded out of this journal for lack of space, and, thinking Mr. Tiffany might like to preserve it in his scrap-book I sent him one of the four proofs of it that were pulled. He was pleased that his friend was not pained by the publication of the note, as will be seen by his reply:

"Concerning the slip enclosed and suppressed, permit me to say that I am glad you did not circulate it. The paper you comment on is not a regular number of the volume of the *Phil. Journal of America*, though apparently so. The February number regular is in press, I having glanced over the proof a day or two ago." (March 1, 1887.)

Mr. Tiffany now boasts that he did not sign the resolution of the official board calling for a vote on the abolition of the official journal. When he sent me the copy for official circular No. 3 his name was not affixed to the resolution. I wrote, asking him if he wanted his name to appear; his reply follows:

"Of course I wanted my name to appear to the vote. If I omitted that interesting ceremony

it was because I was driven almost wild by other things that day and really had not time to attend to the A. P. A. but felt I must." (April 21, 1887.)

But his letter did not reach me in time and his name did not appear, so now he is making a virtue of the necessity that caused the non-appearance of his name with the printed resolution.

Mr. Tiffany chooses to quote a letter of mine in which I mention my physical condition. That I was in exceedingly poor health last fall and winter is well known to my friends and correspondents; that I am in fairly good health now, and have been for the past three months I am happy to say. Perhaps some of my billiousness and irritability have been transmitted to President Tiffany—he certainly is much put out by petty annoyances, as witness the following:

"I am not in a very good humor this morning. After an un pardonable delay my stationer sends me down these letter heads upon half sheets instead of double ones, and *ruled*. The rest I could pardon, but *ruled* paper at this period of the world's history is an abomination not to be tolerated." (March 1, 1887.)

What a hullabaloo over a little bit of paper! Who but an irritable, fussy man would make so much ado over a mere nothing? Yet this same trifling vexation forms a text for another burst of mimic wrath in his next letter. Another incident will help to illustrate the excellent good temper of Mr. Tiffany: Early in March it was his proposition that I send him membership cards in quantity for his signature—thus saving time and postage. That continued to be the practice for a few months, when to my surprise, a batch of a dozen cards were returned unsigned, and the following explanation was penciled at the end of his letter:

"As the action of the president is to be so critically examined and this convenient way is not the proper way, please fill up the cards you want signed in future." (June 3, 1887, addressed sarcastically to Mr. Secretary Bradt.)

The evenly adjusted temper of Mr. Tiffany would not permit him to carry on the money, time and labor saving arrangement operated in the past. His cavalier treatment of members who might chance to address him in what he choose to call an improper manner is worthy of note; especially so as he is so emphatic in declaring upon every opportunity that this is "no secret conclave;" yet he believes implicitly in the infallibility and autocratic powers of the president. He threatened a Chicago member that he would place his letter before the Association if it was not withdrawn; but he did not do it nor was the letter withdrawn. Nor does he like the letter written by the librarian, but submits it to me with the following:

"I enclose a letter from Kline to me. He is evidently a — well, not a gentleman. I shall pay no attention to him, and yet I suppose he will kick up a breeze if I do not. Return the letter on reading it and advise me." (April 21, 1887.)

My advice at the time was that he reply to the letter, and that too in a somewhat conciliatory manner.

That Mr. Tiffany's letter to members was pointless and without effect seems to be generally admitted; and I would not have taken the trouble to reply to it were it not that its writer has aimed throughout to distort or misrepresent matters. Particular pains are taken to repeatedly urge that no reflection is intended to be made on any one but myself. That's right, Mr. Tiffany, conciliate the others; you will find that your hands are sufficiently full before you are through with the officer in question. Avoid other quarrels; you need all your strength to pull through this one.

I will bring this to a close by quoting one more instance of Mr. Tiffany's inconsistency:

"I was amazed at your publication in the WESTERN PHILATELIST as Secretary. I understand you to be the editor also of that paper, and your editorial remarks are equally incomprehensible to me. They can do me no harm and I shall not even take the trouble to deny them. . . . You have it in your power to undo much of the wrong done me." (June 10, 1887.)

"They can do me no harm." "You have it in your power to undo much of the wrong done me." Who will venture to reconcile these two remarks? S. B. Bradt.

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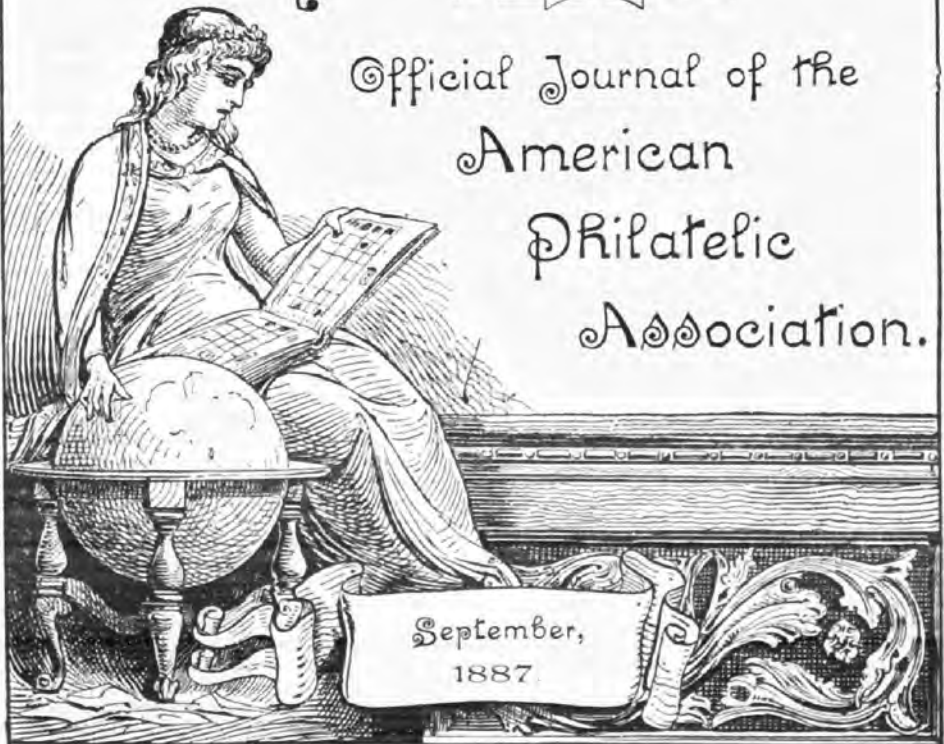
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The closing words of President Tiffany's address to the Second Annual Convention of the American Philatelic Association, sounded the key note of the proceedings of that body. If a spark of opposition to a general reconciliation of all disagreements remained to rankle in the breast of any member when the President began to deliver that address, that spark was effectually extinguished long before the final words which we have quoted were uttered.

The convention has come and gone. Those members who anticipated a heated and discordant session have been disappointed, happily disappointed, let us hope. In all the proceedings from beginning to end there was not the first jar to remind one of the misunderstandings and lack of harmony that had prevailed during the three months that preceded the convention. To many the reports of this convention, showing as they do the reign of perfect harmony and accord, will come as a great surprise. Yet this result is but a natural effect. Previous to this convention but few of the contending parties had ever had the advantage of a personal meeting, and their individual peculiarities were unknown each to the other. But these men once brought together soon found that there were no differences that could not be easily and effectually settled. In the twenty-four hour's time that preceded the convention was found the opportunity for rectifying the mistakes that have recently transpired; and that time was put in to the best possible advantage. When the session was opened it was tacitly agreed upon that no disturbing element would find a welcome there.

This second convention will long stand out as a landmark in the Association's history. Its work has been of the very best order. It has settled all differences within and established the Association safely behind bulwarks that will defend it from without, should that be necessary. All honor to those earnest philatelists who attended that convention. All honor to that band who came with the olive branch in hand, to find the olive branch extended to greet them. All honor to those members who, unable to attend in person, sent representatives there with full power to act as the occasion might warrant. All honor to the AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION, whose second convention proves beyond a doubt that its foundation is on rock and that its permanency is an assured fact.

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Fifty years ago last February a small pamphlet appeared in England which inaugurated a mighty revolution. Not a noisy, turbulent, violent revolution, but a silent, slow, irresistible change that made an important department of the British government no longer a panderer to the luxury of the rich and the few, but the servant of the millions, of the poor as well as the well-to-do. Its idea was not absolutely novel, perhaps, for others before had suggested pretty much the same thing. Their suggestions had only been looked at as a curious seed, that might some day produce an unknown plant. But this author was a man of deeds as well as words; he not only exhibited the mysterious seed, but having sown it, cultured and watched it, until after three years careful tending it began to grow. It was a tiny seed, yet the plant covered the United Kingdom, and now after fifty years its branches extend over the civilized world. It was the idea of Uniform Penny Postage; that instead of the old system of charging by the piece and the distance, with its complicated, uncertain, and bewildering system of accounts, the post office should carry for the same rate every letter, under a certain weight, from any office in the kingdom to any other, irrespective of distance; that this rate should only vary by being doubled for a double weight, or tripled for triple weight, etc.; that it should be paid in advance, thus abolishing the necessity for accounts, and should be about the sum that represented the average cost of handling a letter, calculated by dividing the entire cost of the service by the number of letters carried.

We are so used to this state of things,—it is so easy, so simple, so cheap, that we write our letters daily, hourly, at any minute perhaps, and commit them to the mail, or receive the communications of distant friends or business correspondents, upon trivial and weighty matters alike, whenever and wherever we may be, without a thought of the days, only fifty years ago, when the arrival or departure of a letter in the household or the office was an important event, and the postage an expenditure not to be made thoughtlessly, even by those in comfortable circumstances, not to be added to the expenses of a business house without due consideration,—an absolute prohibition to correspondence among the poor.

To the officials of the English postoffice of fifty years ago, to learned statesmen and expert politicians, men familiar with the old methods of the business community, of the commercial world, of every affair of life, the new scheme appeared perilous, ruinous, preposterous. Three years of discussion, public and private, ensued before the statesmen of the day even dared to try it, and when at last the Lords and the Commons had heard all the testimony of all classes of the kingdom and it seemed as if it might be a good thing if it could be done, it was about to fail for want of a practical method of collecting the money in advance without too great inconvenience to the public. Rowland Hill, to whom hardly too great a meed of praise can be given as one of those who have succeeded in putting into execution their plans for the amelioration of the human race, does not seem to have at first suggested a very practical method of collecting this postage. Think for a moment of the scenes that would be witnessed at the post-offices of any of our large cities if every letter had to be carried to the window, weighed, and paid for in money; and his stamped sheets and covers, or envelopes, were hardly better or more convenient. At this juncture parties to whom the invention of James Chalmers of Dundee had been communicated, brought it forward in Parliament again and Uniform Penny Postage was made simple and practical by the Adhesive Postage Stamp. Thirty-two pages of printing started the reform. About one-half a square inch of paper printed on one side and gummed on the other

made it practicable and perpetuated it. It is all so familiar now, so easy, so trivial, that we hardly pause to think of it. Few persons imagine any other state of affairs as possible; few ever give to Hill or Chalmers a thought, much less the meed of thanks that is their due. We may not pause even here to-day to consider how great the change this suggestion has wrought; how it has modified the ways of doing business, how it has increased the possibilities of intercourse between severed friends, facilitated the circulation of ideas and news, and made the whole world kin. But its growth was slow. Established in England in 1840, it was only after five years of agitation, discussion, and investigation that uniform postage was adopted in the United States, and then only partially. It was two years more before the Adhesive Postage Stamp was authorized by law, for the first stamp sold by the Postmaster General of the United States was sold on the 5th of August, 1847, just forty years ago last Friday, and it was seven years more before compulsory prepayment was enacted. Other countries had adopted postage stamps before the United States. Gradually they have been introduced in all civilized countries, and many half-civilized and even barbaric nations, as we call them, are now enjoying the benefits of the invention of Chalmers and the persevering energy of Hill.

After a discussion of thirty-five years the first practical steps were taken towards a Uniform International Postage, and we had the Universal Postal Union. For twelve years, with a slow but sure and steady growth, the Union has been gathering in new members and increasing postal facilities, and many propositions of still greater reductions in the rates are being discussed and the necessity of the adoption of an international postage stamp is now seriously considered. Before the American Philatelic Association shall have attained its full growth and vigor, we may see the day when it will cost no more to send a letter from Chicago to the ends of the earth than it does to send it from New York to Brooklyn, for the principle of uniform postage is applicable to the case, and to-day a letter travels with greater security from London to the remotest corner of India, from Chicago to Japan for less postage, than it was carried for before the adoption of the plans of Hill and the invention of Chalmers from one district of London to another, or from Washington to New York. And these little bits of colored paper, which are used and thrown away by the thousands every day in the four corners of the earth, are the potent agents that have made all this possible. Their varying forms, their attractive designs, their artistic execution, their diversity of color, early made them objects of interest, and here and there one and another began to collect and preserve them; with great secrecy at first, in great ignorance for a long time, under the ban of contempt and ridicule for years, with great jealousy among those who cherished them when known to each other, the prey of the designing forger from the first, until at last the public press deigned to notice this new species of mania, as they called it, with scorn and contempt, an evidence of "softening of the brain" they said; and then it became fashionable, the plaything of society, and a stamp album was as much a necessity in my lady's boudoir as a parrot, or a pug. Then came a new harvest for the forger: bright, clean reproductions of unattainable varieties brought fair prices; inventions of stamps for remote and uncivilized countries, chemically changed specimens galore. In simulated mourning for deceased royalty the blues were made black with acids, or the greens became blues for a few days only, in honor of a royal birthday or a national jubilee. All this was gravely repeated and believed it appears, for so great was the dearth of specimens and so rare was any knowledge of what stamps actually existed that every novelty was prized and accepted. In Paris, the hot-bed of novelty, there was even a stamp bourse or exchange, frequented secretly by clerks supposed to be attending to important business of their employers; by fashionable women, closely disguised it is said, at hours when they were supposed to be engaged in napping or dressing; by sedate business men supposed to be at grave committee meetings; by persons of all sorts who bought, sold, and exchanged, always with a sort of feeling that if their pursuits were known they would appear very ridiculous. Then a bonanza was struck. The flock of rare birds called locals became the legitimate game of the collectors; a very profitable source of revenue of many suspicious express companies, a neat addition to the profits of some real business concerns, the joy and delight of the forgers. Until then a few hundred specimens, many of them forgeries or inventions, could be counted in the largest collections—say twenty-five years ago—but the "locals" soon doubled the number. Twenty-two years after the first stamp was issued in England, an amateur paper began a series of articles on stamps and a stamp paper devoted to the interests of collectors was started. It lasted about two years. The next year another started and appeared regularly each month for about twelve years and then changed its name and form, and it has thus survived to the present day. In Belgium, about the holidays of 1862, *Le Timbre Poste* appeared, and our latest mails have brought many of us the jubilee number which celebrates its 25th anniversary. In Germany and France illustrated papers publish serials on stamps at this time, and in both countries special papers devoted to the pursuit have never since been found wanting. The philatelic press was soon represented in America, and we recall the *Record*, the *Mercury*, and the *American Journal* among the pioneers. But their pathway is marked by many a forgotten grave. About the same time the first catalogues appeared, vest-pocket editions they seem now, with their pages three by four inches square. The early ones in France, Belgium, Germany, England, and America, are all much alike; that issued by the publisher of *Le Timbre Poste* looks like a pigmy beside his latest work, which with its two supplements is larger than many a family Bible.

In the meantime collectors learned something. They have discovered that these little bits of paper have an interest much greater than that of oddity of design or shape, attractiveness of

workmanship or color; that to thoroughly understand them much must be learned of art, of the artistic talent, and of the mechanical processes and skill that are required to adapt them to their use and are spent in their manufacture; that much of geography must be learned, and of postal law and regulation. The public is beginning to learn, as one after another is induced to examine the pages of the intelligently filled albums that may now be found in every city and in many a quiet village, that these tiny gems are really the monuments and records of much of the world's history, if not always of its political, at least of its commercial history, which is often the most important. For here is written much of how "empires have grown and tottered to decay." In the sombre colors of the first black, the V. R., the Mulready envelope, through the succeeding issues to the Jubilee series that this year have been added to our albums, are recorded forty-seven years of the reign of England's Queen. In the stamps of France, the republic, the presidency, the empire, the German war, the siege of Paris, the balloon and pigeon posts, the loss of Alsace, the Republic again, are all recorded. The Unification of Italy, the loss of the temporal power of the Popes, the amalgamation of Germany, the changes in Turkey and its subordinate States; the spread of the English Supremacy in India, the gradual march of our civilization in China and Japan, a United Canada, the civilizing of South America, the civil war and some of its greatest tragedies in the United States, are all there recorded, and from finding it at first attractive, the public is finding it instructive. Even in some of the public schools, stamp collecting has been introduced as an assistant instructor.

The Public Press has come to speak always with more respect, sometimes with eulogy even, of a pursuit which is now found to occupy the leisure of potentates and statesmen, judges, counsellors, and attorneys, physicians and clergy, the princes and magnates of the commercial world, the officers of the army and navy, as well as thousands of the workers in less conspicuous positions, not merely as a pastime and a fashionable frivolity, but as an interesting study. The Government officials who for years have looked with suspicion upon these stamp collectors, whom they suspected very unjustly of being in some way, they know not how or wherefore, engaged in some attempt to defraud the revenues of the post office, are beginning to see that the interest of collectors to suppress all manner of fraud in regard to stamps, to disseminate accurate knowledge in regard to what has been, is, and is to be, is having a beneficial influence even to the suppression of abuses in the use of the mails, and not a little in the increase and protection of the postal revenues, and are slowly opening their records and letting collectors know what has been recorded of the proceedings and enactments of long ago and of to-day that has resulted in the issue of stamps of various series. A very cursory examination of the collector's library will show how very different were the articles and catalogues of twenty years or even ten years ago, with their guess work and inaccuracies, from the periodicals of to-day with their publications of decrees, statutes, and postal regulations, the manuals and even treatises embodying the accurate postal history of separate countries, from the introduction of stamps to their latest issues. Some of these volumes are as accurate as the official records can make them, such as that issued in Spain with the sanction of its postal department, or the history of the stamps of England, compiled from the records in the stamp office. And the growth and spread of the desire for this knowledge has been fostered largely by the journals devoted to stamp collecting, but perhaps still more by the formation of associations and societies of stamp collectors, primarily in most cases for mutual assistance in enriching their collections, but always incidentally, often principally, with the object of learning something concerning their mutual pursuit.

Collectors are just beginning to appreciate the advantage of union. They are beginning to understand that their own collections are neither more nor less perfect or interesting because those of their neighbors contain this or that that is wanting in their own, and that by exchanging duplicates, comparing notes, discussion, and exchange of ideas, much of interest is added to the pursuit, many pitfalls and mistakes are avoided, and the larger and better other collections become thereby the larger and better their own become; in short, that it does not pay to be selfish and jealous, besides being very uncomfortable. There is room enough for all. The more accurate and extensive our knowledge of what exists in rarities, varieties, possibilities, the more we become sure that no one can aspire to absolute perfection. No one can hope for a perfect collection, no matter how much his plan is restricted. If he feels very bad about it there are always some consolations, and while he learns of the imperfections of his own collection, if he must be a little jealous he will probably learn of the imperfections of his neighbors' collections also, and not be slow to see points in which his own surpasses them. Perhaps if he learns enough, knowing how much is to each utterly unattainable, he will reach that state of sublime contentment with himself and his surroundings that is said to have possessed the last survivor of the flood, who, as the waters closed over the highest mountain, and hope and life abandoned all except himself and the ark, swam composedly on and called out to Noah, "I'll race your old tub, this is only a shower."

In England societies of collectors do not seem to flourish, at least we hear very little of them and their periodicals say less. But the Philatelic Society of London, if not the very oldest that exists, and confining its membership very closely as it does, has done much and good work for its members; not in the way of increasing their collections so much as in the way of producing accurate, careful investigations and investigators. In France *La Société de Timbrologie*, which has also restricted its membership and its work to investigating and discussion, has produced in its quarterly bulletin perhaps the most valuable contributions to our library, and recently another society for exchange and barter has been started in Paris with fair success. Belgium and

Holland have their societies; but it has been in Germany particularly that stamp collectors' associations have flourished, their number is legion. Like those of the United States, they were mostly local organizations until the Dresden Society, which has just celebrated its tenth anniversary and numbers nearly 1200 members, began gradually to unite them all in a National Association, upon the model of which, a little less than a year ago, the American Philatelic Association was founded. The intention of both these Associations is to combine all the different objects and attain all the benefits of the several kinds of associations. By the exchange of duplicates among members, by the purchase of new issues at first hands, and like means, to assist members in increasing their collections; by investigation and discussion, and the publication of a high class journal, to acquire and disseminate accurate knowledge about stamp matters; and by gathering members together for personal intercourse, to increase a feeling of friendship among them.

Probably no better model for the American Association could have been found than the Dresden Association, and yet things are so different in the two countries: institutions, habits of thought, all the surroundings, that attend some of its arrangements, were changed. Some things we have already altered once or twice and very likely must alter again. Just how they can best be done experience alone can teach us. In those departments which require much time and labor I think we have learned that we must have a division of labor. It is easy to see as the Association grows we must have more departments. But we are young yet and our mistakes should discourage none of us. We have not yet passed through the first year of our babyhood. It would have been surprising indeed if we had none of the trials, tribulations, diseases, incident to that period. When the convention of last year received the infant association from the assembly that had given it birth, and had adorned and arrayed it and formally presented it to the world of anxious collectors who had wanted and prayed for an association, who had wished they could be its fathers and mothers, who had boasted that when it was born they would at least be connections, and would do this or that for it; the infant, alas, was not so large, so well filled out, or so strong as it was expected to be. The wiseacres had predicted a giant full grown; its weight to be measured by the hundreds was found to be way down in the tens. Similar disappointments have been chronicled occasionally under similar circumstances in the world's history, and the cronies have shaken their heads, prophesied, lamented, and are still lamenting. It was said we were born actually puny, that we had neither bone nor muscle, that our members would not take shape and would hardly hang together, that we scarcely knew what to do with our little body. We were too little for the crowd of expectant connections, they looked sour and did none of those things for us; they wanted to be sure we were going to survive and be big and strong before they would suffer themselves to be interested in us, or their affections or affairs to be entwined with our fate. For fear they should have to weep some day over an untimely grave they began wailing at once. Whatever of weakness or of evil they fancied existed in us they hastened to recount. When we were restless or dissatisfied it was the town talk. On the records of the Secretary are the names of all these gentry and they may be remembered by and by when they ask for an introduction after we are grown up. At first we did not grow very fast, hardly at all, but we began to notice things after a time, and among the first persons we noticed were the forgers and frauds. It is said, like the infant Hercules, we destroyed some pretty large specimens of these vipers that had come too near our cradle, and that the exploit has inspired other annoying vermin with a wholesome respect for us. One of our first labors must be, when we get a little larger, to clear the Augean stables of this filth. After a little it was found that we had a strong propensity for trading and a fair talent for buying. Our literary abilities have not been displayed very much, we were too young perhaps and the publishing of a journal was a rash undertaking for an infant without a fortune. We did not readily assimilate all the elements in our body, and manifested strong symptoms of indigestion. We have slept a great deal and been cross and fretful, grumbled and quarreled a great deal when awake. We have scratched and bruised ourselves in our struggles, torn our fair flesh somewhat perhaps in trying to cut our eye teeth, but we feel assured they are cut, and possibly our wisdom teeth also. In spite of the cronies we have not dismembered ourselves nor inflicted any mortal injury. We have grown and are going to grow. We are going to reform here and now. Let us call to mind that our object is to cultivate a feeling of friendship among philatelists which we seemed to have overlooked. Let us take this wayward child and begin its education. We are here today to know each other better and to shape, so far as we may, the course of our association for the future. If we have made the mistake of supposing that those who have entertained different views from us, or advocated a different policy, were actuated by enmity or improper motives, if we have failed to distinguish measures from men, if we have made the mistake of judging rashly from that letter which killeth, forgetting that behind it there may be that honest intent and kindly spirit which maketh alive, if in any Quixotean frame of mind we have been looking through distorted glasses and mistaken the sails of the windmills that have been grinding out the destiny of our association for the arms of some malicious enemy of our own Dulcinea, if we have set up the images of our fancy for the sake of knocking them down again, and forgotten that things are not what they "seem," let us have no more of it; let these spectres, they are no more, walk in the land of forgetfulness. Let us profit by the experience they have left behind. If we have not learned from these experiences that nothing is worth having that must be gained by ways that tend to retard the growth of a feeling for friendship, philately, and the association alike; if we have not learned that not with noise and clamor, not by quarreling and rancor, not by hot haste jumping for great results, is anything relating to our little treasures attained, and

therefore the association could grow only by slow, silent, steady, sustained effort, with some self-sacrifice perhaps, at some uncompensated personal expense for a time, with a willingness to attain small present gain now, that we and others may reap the more abundant harvest in the future, with mutual aid and assistance, in a feeling of friendship working together; if we have not seen in the brief review which we have just made together of the history of the slow process of the introduction of stamps as a power in the world's history, but the ultimate greatness of the result; of the history of the rise and progress of stamp collecting, with its small beginnings, and many mistakes, petty jealousies, and slow maturing from an irregular pastime to an intelligent pursuit and fascinating study; of the history of the formation of stamp societies and their growth from small traders to powerful associations, and their ultimate assimilation into those unions in which there is strength; that both we ourselves and those who expected so much of us, expected what was unattainable in the nature of things, and that all that relates to stamps has always been the slow growth of the enduring oak, not the magic bean stalk that led to the land of giants in a night, but fated to be cut down in the morning; then indeed have we been associated for the past year to little purpose and our meeting in convention will avail less.

"What shall we do to-day and in the coming year?" is probably the question you are expecting me to answer all this while. There are others among you who can answer this question no doubt better than your president, who are waiting for the proper moment to make their suggestions. And this recalls the first thing to be done, and points, does it not, to one of our great mistakes in the past. Have we not all sat still too much and waited for some one else to speak and to do, instead of doing and speaking ourselves,—and then grumbled rather unjustly. I think you will agree, because nothing was done. There is probably no one of our number who does not know something that some others would be glad to learn, certainly no one who does not want to know something that some one else could tell him. The preamble of our constitution states the first object of our Association to be "to assist its members in acquiring knowledge in regard to Philately." How are we going to assist each other if we do not first ascertain what each wishes or needs to know, what another can do for us? Like the darkey who left the coon trap open at both ends, thinking "How's dis chile gwine fur ter tell if dat coon am gwine to clime up or clime down dat tree?" and wondered to see the coon pass through uncaught; or like that other lazy possum hunter who, instead of hunting, slept and dreamt he had caught and eaten a fine fat possum, but awoke bewildered and empty, and remarked: "If I has eat um, which I don't allow, he am de smallest and de mos unsatisfactory possum dat ever I cotched." The coon and the possum alike has remained uncaught and grinning, thinking no doubt "What fools these mortals be!" I think you will agree that if each member had asked for information on but one point, and but one member had attempted to answer each question through the proper channel, the official journal, the *American Philatelist* might have been the most interesting of stamp journals, and its editor would not have had to complain of want of matter. Had each member who saw, or thought he saw, defects in that journal, or in our organization, kindly and in a proper spirit pointed them out, and had we discussed them with that "feeling of friendship" "to cultivate" which the preamble of our Constitution says is the second object of our Association, we should, I think you will again agree, by this time have perfected both our official organ and our organization, and made it absolutely necessary for every collector who wished to "keep up with the procession" to be a member of the American Philatelic Association and read its journal.

Let us make a beginning here to day in this convention. Let each and all, if he has any thing to suggest, move its adoption without hesitating, some one will second it, we will freely discuss it and decide on the best mode of doing it.

Here to day in convention we can hardly do more than to perfect and so form our organization that it may, in the coming year, the better do its work. We may not be able to do all that should be done or to do what we do perfectly to our satisfaction, but allow me to suggest, nay to urge it upon the attention of every member, that our Association is always in session, that a motion may be made in a certain way at all times and must then be acted on. There is no occasion for moping or grumbling as has been done. Tell us what you want done, what you think about what has been done in a spirit of friendship and in the proper channel, and it shall be discussed in the same spirit. I say the proper channels; don't tell the Secretary and then blame the Editor; don't tell the Trustees and then blame the Exchange Superintendent; don't write to Boston and then blame St. Louis. Make your motions as in any other meeting, and see to it that they are in the form of motions, and you shall not have to complain that no attention is paid them.

In acquiring a knowledge of Philately we can do little here to day except to provide a means for asking and answering questions, for communicating ideas and information, and for putting questions into proper shape for discussion, either during the year or at the next convention. And this means your President is very anxious to have provided in such form as the Convention or the Association shall in its wisdom think best. Had we not abolished the office of official editor, much of this would have fallen legitimately to his department. It will depend much upon whether in your judgment, after deliberation and consideration, this office shall be re-established, in what form this suggestion shall best be carried out. The idea is this, that a committee or board, to be called by an appropriate title, shall be each year appointed in convention; that information concerning stamps shall be asked of them and communicated to them, topics for discussion suggested; and that they shall determine what matters are of sufficient

general interest to occupy the attention of the Association; that they should obtain the necessary information of such members as they judge most competent to answer, and have ordinary questions answered through the official journal each month. In this manner a department of Notes and Queries would be valuable and interesting. Such other questions as in their judgment required investigation and discussion should be propounded for discussion, one or more each month. The answers should be sent to this committee and such of them as were deemed valuable published, or all the answers collated and published in the official journal. The topics would often be suggested by and might all be made the subjects for discussion in the branch societies. The various countries might thus be taken up in succession and their stamps discussed. Whenever a special work on any particular country appeared it might be made the topic for a certain occasion. Thus the attention of all the members of the Association would be called to the same subject at the same time. The discussion would lead to the comparison of collections in each convenient locality and particularly in branch societies; collectors would be led to examine their collections and duplicates and strive to complete, so far as possible, the series under discussion; dealers would be apt to overturn their stocks and to offer the best they had of the country under discussion; many rare and often unknown specimens would be brought to light and chronicled, and much of the history of the various issues explained and learned. Possibly the results would justify the compilation of catalogues or manuals by the Association, which, if voluminous, might be referred by the Committee to competent members to collate and revise, and having been made the subject of discussion in convention would add much to the interest of these meetings. It being announced that the stamps of a certain country would be discussed by the convention of a certain year, arrangements could be made for an exhibition of collections of the stamps of that country at the time of the convention, and the owners of large collections, who might hesitate to exhibit their entire collections, might be induced to make special exhibits, and there would doubtless be many varieties offered for sale or exchange at these meetings. In fact in this way only could a stamp exhibition be made permanently profitable. For to carefully examine, even if arrangements could be made to properly exhibit them, any number of large collections would probably take more time than most of us could spend at a convention. The plan has been tried in a limited way by the St. Louis Society and adds much to the interest of our meetings, and I do not hesitate to warmly recommend it to the earnest consideration of the Association. It will further the first object of our organization, give us something impersonal to discuss and think about, increase our knowledge of what is and where it is, cultivate a friendly feeling among our members, and possibly arrangements can ultimately be made by which we can affiliate with other associations in these discussions and exhibitions.

A second object, much in the same line, for which arrangements might be made, is a general exhibition of postage stamps at the time and place of our next Convention; a year is not too much time to arrange the details, and if it is to be done it should be done now. The chairman of the committee to be appointed should be from the near vicinity of the place of meeting. The committee should either be large or have power to appoint assistant members in various localities where good collectors are known to exist, and care should be taken to make it as safe as possible for exhibitors to trust their collections to the committee for exhibition. The details must be left largely to the committee and should be arranged and announced as soon as possible. There have been at least two very successful exhibitions of the kind, one in Vienna some years ago, one recently in Antwerp. Whether of great benefit to collectors or not, probably nothing would more increase the general knowledge of the importance of stamp collecting, and the general interest in it, than an exhibition of the kind, and particularly if it were made an annual occurrence. I commend the matter to your consideration.

A third matter that needs immediate consideration is the Association Library. To be of practical use such literature as we have should be catalogued, and such of it as is in condition to bind, should be bound. Many of us possess duplicates that we would willingly contribute to fill up files, or that we would exchange for duplicates possessed by the Society, which we have not cared to contribute on the chance of contributing useless duplicates. The binding and cataloguing will cost some money, which should in some way be provided, and the Librarian should be authorized and supplied with funds to purchase such works of value as appear from time to time, or such obsolete works as may be offered him for sale. These become very difficult to obtain in a short time after their publication, and no opportunity of procuring them should be neglected. The condition of our treasury during the past year has been such that while I have felt the importance of this matter I have considered it inexpedient to suggest it for action to the Board or the Association until it could be fully discussed. A very small contribution from each member would enable the Librarian to do a great deal. Once in fair running order the Library would take care of itself.

I pass now to the exchange department. During the past year this has been, and has shown itself likely to be in the future, one of the most attractive features of the Association, and one the immediate benefits of which are the most readily perceived. Almost every collector has peculiar facilities or extraordinary opportunities for obtaining certain things and lacks the facilities or opportunities of obtaining certain things that others possess. Hence each one is apt to have something in excess that another wants, and when two come together to exchange, each has something to give and to take. But this soon comes to an end, the giving and taking becomes less and less, until so much time is expended with so little result that it does not pay. That was

the old experience. The local society bettered the matter and brought ten or twenty together, with the chances for exchange increased and prolonged very nearly in proportion to the increase in numbers. The single collector has the advantage of seeing and taking from the duplicates of the others and has ten others to take from his. But when he becomes a member of a branch of the Exchange department, he then has his chances of effecting an exchange increased many fold. For, if for instance, each member puts in \$10 worth, and receives \$10 worth when single, his chances are multiplied by the number of members engaged in the exchange, as all his go to each one of them, and each one of theirs comes to him, and if there were only 100 members in the exchange he would get say \$1000 worth to select from, with his chances multiplied by 100, of some one else taking his duplicates; but if each ten unite in a branch, then he receives \$100 worth each time to select from instead of \$10 worth, and the exchange is effected just ten times as fast and with much less cost. This advantage of the branches does not seem to be appreciated, and should be urged warmly upon members. Their formation should be encouraged though not made obligatory. They decrease the risk of losses, and the labor of the Superintendent. I shall make no further suggestions concerning this department, as having had some correspondence upon these matters with our Superintendent I presume he will make such suggestions as will render the department more effective. A committee should discuss them and report to the Association.

I would suggest considerable change in the Department of the Purchasing Agent. There is really too much to do in this department if all is done that might be accomplished. From my correspondence with the Purchasing Agent, who will doubtless make his own recommendations also, and from the suggestions of members who have kindly responded to my invitation to inform me of their desires, I am led to propose for your consideration the following plan: that the purchasing Agent should have two assistants, he himself should manage the department of obtaining new issues for those who desire to subscribe for everything that comes out, as provided in the amended by-law, and exercise a general control and conduct of the bureau; one assistant should obtain any current stamps for members who desire them; and the third should receive applications from members for any obsolete stamps they may want to purchase, and be notified by members of any varieties, etc., that they may wish to sell, endeavoring to ascertain where obsolete varieties may be had, bargains, etc. obtained, and notifying members through the official journal that he can obtain them. In a large measure these three things belong together and much of their correspondence might be with the same parties, so they should constitute a purchasing board. Many members have informed me that they want some such facilities. Shall we not try and provide them?

An amendment should be made to Article II, Sec. 2, concerning a quorum for the transaction of business; either by providing some mode of appointing delegates, for which no provision is made in the Constitution except that of proxies, or defining who shall be considered delegates, or by lessening the requirement of "two-thirds of the delegates appointed." As it now stands two-thirds of the entire number of members are required to constitute a quorum. Roberts' Rules state that whenever a society has a permanent existence it is usual to adopt a much smaller number than a majority, the quorum being often less than one-twentieth of its members; this becomes a necessity in most large societies where only a small portion of the members are ever present at a meeting.

It should be provided that every person applying for membership should give such references as to his identity and standing as the Secretary may be satisfied with before publishing his name as an applicant. As it now stands it is possible for a person rejected in his own name, or knowing he would not be admitted, to apply and become a member under a fictitious name.

It should also be provided that when objection is made to the admission of an applicant the party making the objection should be required to state his reasons therefor, with his evidence; that the objection should be thereupon referred by the Secretary to the Trustees, and the party notified of the character of the objection and the evidence, and be permitted to present his answer to the Trustees, who should give the matter a fair examination and either admit or reject the applicant as they deem proper under the circumstances.

Provision should be made for the payment of the annual dues in semi annual instalments, if members so elect, and the issue of membership cards for the period payed for. Members who are not entitled to vote by reason of being under age should pay only half the dues payed by other members. I am inclined to believe that this change would add many members.

I think even those of you who may be dealers or publishers of papers will, in the light of our late experiences, agree with me that it would be well to make a rule that hereafter those who have only a commercial interest in stamp collecting as dealers or publishers of stamp papers should in the future be ineligible to the elective offices of this association, because the actions of any member of the Board who has such other interests is apt to be misconstrued by those not in office and by members not so interested, and thereby the growth of friendly feeling is retarded. I am sure you will agree that no person who holds one office should be eligible to any other official or quasi official position at the same time.

The last number of the *Western Philatelist* contains its resignation of the office of Official Journal, to which it had been appointed by a majority of the Official Board. While I did not approve of the manner of its appointment, I venture to assert that no member of this Association admires the typographical appearance and general get up of that paper more than your President, no one was more friendly in feeling toward its publishers, though personally un-

known to him, no one would have more cheerfully seen that paper the official journal had the distinction been conferred by a direct vote of the members, and no one read with more satisfaction its final resolve to do the right thing. The resignation should be accepted and measures taken by this convention to provide for its successor. If it has seemed to any one that I am in any way "desirous just now," or at any time have been desirous of "renouncing any participation in the occurrences that have led up to the present state of affairs," or that what I have published would seem to indicate that I was or am desirous of appearing to be satisfied with the "old state of affairs and desired of no change in the official journal" let me beg of him, in the words of one whose kindly feeling for all men we can imitate but never hope to equal, to remember that "things are not what they seem." That an independent journal responsible to no one but the association, and having no interest to subservise but that of the association, is a thing greatly to be desired, and which we should strive to attain, I believe and have always believed. But about the time the change was being talked of by others I received a letter from the Treasurer of the Association stating the depleted condition of the Treasury, and containing an estimate, based on expenses incurred, and the prospects of income for the rest of the year, which showed, and the result has justified the calculation, that if we continued the paper the Association would not pay its expenses up to this Convention. The cost of the paper had been kept down to a minimum, because it always cost us more than we had. Members were complaining of its unsatisfactory appearance and its few pages, and I wrote "I think we shall have to discontinue it anyway, and should never have commenced it, but should make some of the leading papers our official organ." Unless we can largely increase our income from regular sources, or by the generosity of members, or in some other way, are enabled to guarantee a sufficient sum to publish the next thirteen numbers, I do not think it would be safe to attempt such a publication. I hope that laying aside all feeling of rivalry which the late discussion of this matter has engendered we may have the wisdom to adopt a plan satisfactory to all by which such a publication may be attempted under the management of such an editorial board as I have suggested, presided over by an official editor. But if we cannot agree to attempt such a publication just now, and decide to appoint some one of the leading papers as our official journal instead, let us at least revive the office of official editor and create such a board.

Much has been said and done concerning this matter of the Official Journal that we all think had better been left unsaid. Some of us know each other better now that we have met and conferred together. For the sake of the honor and dignity of the Association "let the dead past bury its dead." For the sake of "that feeling of friendship" which we profess to "cultivate," both now and forevermore, in the words of one whose kindly feeling for all men we can imitate but never equal, "Let us have peace."

PRELIMINARY MORNING MEETING.

The members assembled in the Club Room of the Tremont House, and were called to order at 10 o'clock, A. M., by President John K. Tiffany, of St. Louis, who announced that the Secretary would call the names alphabetically of all members of the Association entitled to vote, in order to ascertain whether a quorum were present in person or by proxy. As the roll was called those present answered for themselves, those represented by proxy by their representatives, each announcing at the time his own name.

The President appointed as Committee on Credentials, Messrs. S. B. Bradt, of Chicago, E. B. Sterling, of Trenton, and C. H. Mekeel, of St. Louis.

The whole number of members entitled to vote was 252. Necessary to constitute a quorum 168. It appeared on the calling of the roll that 187 were represented in person or by proxy. The proxies were then handed in and referred to the Committee on Credentials.

The President appointed as Committee on Standing Rules, Messrs. W. C. Stone of Springfield, Mass., F. B. Stebbins of Adrian, Mich., and P. M. Wolseiffer of Chicago, Ill.; and as Committee on Finance, Messrs. W. V. Nicholson of Erie, Pa., H. B. Seagrave of Ionia, Mich., and Eugene Dill of St. Louis, Mo., requesting by consent that the committee audit beforehand the financial report of the Secretary in order that the convention might be prepared to act on Financial Report when read. The President announced that the other Standing Committees would be appointed later and that the Convention would be called together at 12 o'clock or as soon thereafter as the Committee on Credentials was prepared to report, and announced the preliminary meeting adjourned.

AFTERNOON MEETING.

The Convention having assembled at 1:30 P. M., the President called the meeting to order and called for the report of the Committee on Credentials. The Committee reported 22 members present in person, and 160 represented by proxy. Five additional proxies were rejected by the committee for informality. The President announced that a constitutional quorum being present, the Second Annual Convention of the American Philatelic Association was open and ready for business.

Upon motion, after discussion, the proxy of Mr. G. Rosenheim was accepted. The Secretary announced the whole number of proxies as 161.

The President ordered the roll to be called and announced that only the names of those present in person would be called, such persons answering or voting for themselves and proxies, announcing the number of votes represented. The roll being called the Secretary announced 187 present in person or by proxy.

The reading of the minutes of the preceding Convention being in order, the Secretary announced that they had been published in the Official Journal. On motion of Mr. Sterling the reading was dispensed with.

The President called for the report of the Committee on Standing Rules, which was read and in substance recommended the substitution of the following order of business for that in the By-Laws (see amended By-Laws as printed):

I. Report of Committee on Credentials.—II. Roll Call.—III. Reading of Minutes.—IV. Reports of Officers and Committees.—V. Communications.—VI. Unfinished Business.—VII. New Business.—VIII. Adjournment.

Also the appointment at each Convention of the following Standing Committees: On Credentials, Finance, Rules, Library, Exchange and Purchasing Departments, Official Journal, Branch Societies, Constitution and By-Laws; each committee to consist of three members. Mr. Mekeel moved to adopt the recommendations of the report which, being seconded, Mr. Calman moved to amend by making the committee on Constitution and By-Laws consist of five members, the President to be *ex officio* chairman. The amendment being adopted, the recommendations as amended were then unanimously adopted.

Communications being in order, the President presented a communication from the Denver Stamp Collectors League, relating to the Official Journal. Referred to Committee on Official Journal, to be read with their report.

The Secretary presented a communication from the Superintendent of Exchanges, formulating rules for his department. Referred to the proper committee.

The Secretary presented a communication (printed in the August Journal) from the publishers of the *Youth's Ledger*. The offer made therein was accepted and the thanks of the Association tendered the publishers.

The Secretary presented a communication from C. W. Sparr. Read and placed on file.

The Secretary presented a communication from Haddaway Bros., of Easton, Md., asking for a full report of the Convention, list of members, etc. On the motion of Mr. Calman, the Secretary was ordered to inform the gentlemen that owing to the work it entailed upon the Secretary, the Convention cannot accept their offer.

There being no further communications, the President's address and reports of officers being in order, the President said that as he had been informed that many of the members desired to adjourn until evening he would enquire the pleasure of the Convention.

Mr. Calman suggested that one of the reports be read, and no objection being made called for the report of the Secretary. Before this report was read the President suggested that the convention, in the absence of the Vice

President should choose a chairman *pro tem.*, nominating Mr. Sterling, who was chosen; and in the absence of the International Secretary, an assistant Secretary *pro tem.*, and on the motion of Mr. Mekeel, Mr. Seagrave was chosen.

The Secretary then read his report, as follows:

SECRETARY'S REPORT, JULY 31, 1887.

Members of the American Philatelic Association.

GENTLEMEN:—In submitting my first annual report I have borne in mind the fact that you have had a printed report of the proceedings furnished you each month since our organization, and hence I will not go into further details regarding past matters, but endeavor to give a brief summing up of important transactions.

The total number of persons who participated in the organization of this Association in the early fall of last year was 260. Of this number 157 afterward became fully qualified as members; 20 sent in resignations; 82 were dropped last May, after repeated efforts to induce them to qualify; and one, Lewis Morton Hamlen was removed by death before our Association had fairly become started. Out of the 157 charter members death again selected a victim; Walter B. Platt.

At this writing (July 31) the membership is 276,—a gain of 119 over the charter membership as sifted down. 138 applications for membership have been submitted and approved; of which 119 have qualified as members; 14 have withdrawn or been dropped; and 5 have yet some time in which to qualify. But two instances of objections have arisen: the first was sustained, but as the applicant did not push his claim for admission the matter was dropped without any action. The second objection was withdrawn after some little correspondence between the interested parties. At present there are 24 applications that have been published, and the applicants will shortly be entitled to qualify.

I would suggest the advisability of some changes in the present rule regarding the amount of dues to be paid by persons who may join the Association in the extreme latter portion of each year. The present rules have caused some misunderstanding and annoyance, and have necessitated much explanation. I also think it would be well to make the payment of dues either semi-annually or annually, at the members' option; and I would further suggest the advisability of reducing the dues of non-voting members to \$1.00 a year.

A few members (20) have failed to send me application blanks filled out. It is most essential that this point should be attended to. Any matter requiring a general vote necessitates the knowing of who is entitled to vote, and if members fail to furnish me with the necessary information I am unable to certify to their vote, and consequently their vote if cast would not be counted. The few who have withheld this information would greatly oblige me by transmitting it.

The receipts and expenditures to this date have been as follows:

RECEIPTS.

From dues and applications.....	\$607 55	
From Note-Heads.....	7 45	
From <i>Am. Philatelist</i>	22 50	
		\$637 50

EXPENDITURES.

General Expenses.....	\$146 17	
Postage.....	79 50	
		\$225 67
Remitted to Treasurer.....	396 02	
Cash on hand.....	15 81	
		\$637 50

I presume the Treasurer's report will give a statement of the expenditures made by him on warrants regularly drawn. I have drawn warrants for various sums, amounting to a total of \$315.45—a little over half of which was for the *American Philatelist*, the balance being made up of the expense bills of the various officers and departments, the expenses of the Organizing Committee (their receipts were turned over entire to the Association), etc. Warrants were also drawn to cover the expenses of this office as detailed above.

The general expenses have been large this year, as everything had to be obtained to start with. Many items cover purchases that will be of service and value for some time to come. The issuing of four official circulars, and the printing of the constitution, blanks, circulars, etc., have used up considerable of our funds; and the mailing of the official circulars has largely swelled the postage account. Of circulars No. 1 and No. 2, over 1000 copies each were mailed; the postage being one cent a copy. Another year the expenses ought to be materially lessened.

Thinking it would be of some interest to know the relative strength of our Association in the various parts of the country, I have prepared the following table from the records:

NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN THE DIFFERENT STATES, ETC.

California.....	4	Forward.....	107
Colorado, (all Denver).....	7	Missouri, (St. Louis, 15).....	18
Connecticut.....	4	Montana.....	1
District of Columbia.....	3	New Hampshire.....	6
Dakota.....	5	New Jersey.....	10
Delaware.....	1	New York, (N. Y. City, 30) (Brooklyn, 10).....	63
Georgia.....	2	Ohio, (Toledo, 5) (Cleveland, 5) (Cin., 4).....	18
Illinois, (Chicago, 19).....	33	Oregon.....	2
Indiana.....	2	Pennsylvania, (Philadelphia, 11).....	21
Iowa.....	2	Rhode Island.....	4
Kansas.....	2	Tennessee.....	4
Kentucky.....	1	Texas.....	5
Maine.....	2	Wisconsin.....	5
Massachusetts, (Boston, 5).....	18	West Virginia.....	2
Maryland.....	3	Wyoming.....	1
Michigan.....	12	Canada.....	6
Minnesota.....	6	Foreign.....	3
	107		276

From this table I reduce the following classification:

East of Ohio.....	131
East from the Mississippi and including Ohio.....	76
West of the Mississippi.....	47
Southern States.....	13
Canada and Foreign.....	9
	276

With this report I present a balance sheet taken from my books at the close of the month of July.

SECRETARY'S BALANCE SHEET, JULY 31, 1887.

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Accounts Outstanding.....	\$ 7 20
L. W. Durbin, Treas.....	396 02
Cash Account.....	15 81
Expense Account.....	138 47
Postage Account.....	79 50
	\$637 00
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Am. Philatelist.....	22 50
Dues Account.....	614 50
	637 00

In conclusion, I wish to extend my thanks to all members for the assistance and co-operation they have given me in the performance of my labors; the many pleasant veins of correspondence that have been developed have done much to recompense me.

S. B. Bradt, Sec'y.

The report of the Treasurer being in order, the President announced the illness of Mr. Durbin and called for the report of Finance Committee on the financial report of the Secretary. The report of the Committee being received and read was in substance that they had examined the accounts of the Secretary in detail, and found them correct in every particular, and that they would recommend the adoption of his suggestions with regard to dues of members.

On motion of Mr. Calman, the recommendations of the report were referred to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws and the Secretary discharged from further financial responsibility as to matters covered by his report.

The International Secretary presented no report.

The report of the Librarian being in order, Mr. Stebbins made a verbal report for that officer; referred to the Committee on Library.

The report of the Superintendent of Exchanges being in order, the report was read by Mr. Calman and referred to the proper committee.

The report of the Purchasing Agent, as follows, was then presented:

Gentlemen:—The transactions of this department have been as follows during the first year of its existence: 56 members and your Treasurer deposited sums from \$1.00 to \$25.00, making an aggregate of \$346.84, of which, \$327.83 have been disbursed in purchasing new and obsolete stamps, envelopes, postal cards, and news bands, to wit: from foreign countries \$256.58, and from the United States \$25.03; for postage, money orders, postal notes, and stationery I have expended \$35.23; consequently I have now on hand a balance of \$10.99 which will be reserved for the purchase of additional new issues. The rule instructing me to charge ten per cent. above face value, the department to retain five per cent., and five per cent. to be the remuneration of the agent, could not be adhered to; as in many cases stamps had to be procured as high as 33 per cent. above face value, rings of speculators and dealers preventing us from purchasing directly from general post offices. If you insist that the five per cent. be retained for the Association, it may be done in the future when more members participate in the benefits of this department; but at the present limited membership it will not work well. The other five per cent. I shall waive; for I did not accept this position in the expectation of receiving any material reward for my labor. It will be sufficient satisfaction for me to see the system firmly established, and that thereby the time may be accelerated when collectors will no longer purchase from dealers who charge them from fifty to five hundred per cent. for new stamps.

I am glad to say that so far the members with whom I have come into official contact are, with only one exception, entirely satisfied with the results we have thus far attained; and even the gentleman who decided to close his account has no grievances except that he thinks he could have procured some stamps somewhat cheaper than I could. And the reason why certain sources of information are inaccessible to the average collector are, as I have already mentioned, the intrigues and machinations of the dealers, which to explode and to render innocuous should be the aims and objects of every economically inclined collector connected with this Association. If we all work for this end, complaints as those mentioned will soon be a thing of the past.

I am, gentlemen, yours truly,

Theo. F. Cuno, Purchasing Agent.

Referred to the Committee on Exchange and Purchasing Departments.

The report of the Counterfeit Detector not being presented the report of the Trustees was in order. The President of the Board of Trustees asked for further time.

The address of the President being in order, it was made the order for the opening of the evening meeting. The President then announced the following Committees:

Library: G. S. Wilson, Chicago; F. B. Stebbins, Adrian, Mich.; T. J. Mitchell, Chicago.
Exchange and Purchasing Dept.: H. L. Calman, New York; P. M. Wolsieffer, Chicago; E. Dill, St. Louis.

Official Journal: E. B. Sterling, Trenton; W. V. Nicholson, Erie, Pa.; W. C. Stone, Springfield, Mass.

Branch Societies: S. B. Bradford, Ottawa, Ill.; C. J. Fuesher, St. Louis; C. R. Gadsden, Chicago.

Constitution and By-Laws: The President, *ex-officio*; H. L. Calman, New York; C. H. Mekeel, St. Louis. H. B. Seagrave, Ionia, Mich.; F. B. Perry, Hyde Park, Ill.

The Secretary then stated that the Committee on Credentials had received and approved five more proxies, making a total of 166 proxies.

The Convention then adjourned until 7 P. M.

EVENING MEETING.

The Convention re-assembled at 8 P. M. The roll being called and a quorum present, a communication just received from the Librarian was read and referred to the Committee on Library. The President then read his annual address, the several parts of which were by consent referred to the appropriate Committees. (The address is printed in full at the head of this report.)

The President of the Board of Trustees then made his report. The bond of the Secretary was approved by the Convention, and the Superintendent of Exchange and the Treasurer ordered to file proper bonds as soon as possible. The other matters contained in this report were of a private nature and belong in the Black Book.

The President announced that Mr. Robert S. Hatcher, who had applied for membership, was present in the city, and with consent of the Association

the Chair would invite Mr. Hatcher to be present at the meetings of the Association.

Mr. Mekeel moved to suspend the Constitution and elect Mr. Hatcher a member, which being seconded was declared out of order by the President.

Upon motion, the Convention adjourned until 10:30 A. M., on the following day.

MORNING MEETING—TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 1887.

The Convention was called to order by the President at 11:15 o'clock; the roll being called 179 members were present in person or proxy.

The reading of the minutes, upon motion of Mr. Sterling, was dispensed with.

New business being in order, Mr. Wolsieffer moved that a committee of three be appointed, of which the President should be one, to frame some suitable resolution in regard to the invention of the Adhesive Postage Stamp; which being seconded and carried, the President asked to be excused on account of the press of other duties, and appointed Messrs. Wolsieffer, Mekeel, and Stone as such committee.

Mr. Dill, at the request of a St. Louis member, moved that the Association adopt some badge or button by which members may be known, and a committee be appointed to suggest a button and device. Seconded by Mr. Gadsden and carried. The President appointed Messrs. Dill, Nicholson, and Gadsden as such committee.

Mr. Stone moved that the Convention proceed to ballot for the purpose of selecting the place of holding the next annual convention, which was duly seconded and carried.

Mr. Calman nominated and Mr. Bradt seconded the City of Boston.

Mr. Dill nominated and Mr. Seagrave seconded the City of St. Louis.

Mr. Wilson nominated and Mr. Tower seconded the City of Erie, Penn.

Mr. Calman, in behalf of some of his proxies, nominated and Mr. Mitchell seconded the City of Philadelphia.

Mr. Stone, in behalf of some of his proxies, nominated New York.

Mr. Mekeel nominated Niagara Falls.

Mr. Wolsieffer spoke at length favoring Boston, Mr. Wilson favoring Erie, Penn.; Mr. Dill urged the advantages of St. Louis; Mr. Calman briefly stated the advantages of Boston at this time as compared with other cities. The roll being called resulted in 123 for Boston, 10 for Philadelphia, 53 for St. Louis, and 1 for New York; 187 votes being cast. The President announced that Boston was the selection of the Convention. Mr. Mekeel moved to make the selection unanimous, which was carried. Mr. Dill moved that a committee be appointed to arrange for photographing the convention. The President appointed Messrs. Dill, Nicholson, and Wolsieffer as such committee. Mr. Bradt stated that the President and Secretary had employed a stenographer to report the proceedings of the convention. On the motion of Mr. Mekeel a sum not to exceed \$20 was appropriated to pay the stenographer. The Secretary presented the application of Mr. Joseph Casey for membership, endorsed by himself, and asked action. Seconded by Mr. Seagrave. The President ruled that the application not having been published thirty days as required, any action by the Convention upon it would be unconstitutional unless objection had been made to the application. The objectors refusing to make objection at this time, the matter was passed.

Mr. Stone moved that a committee be appointed to prepare a resolution requesting the Postmaster General or other proper authority to give the consent of the department to the use of illustrations in the work about to be issued on United States Envelopes by Messrs. Bogert and Rechert. Motion seconded by Mr. Gadsden. Upon motion by Mr. Mekeel, seconded by Mr. Calman, it was laid on the table.

The Secretary read a communication from the Treasurer, as follows:

PHILADELPHIA, August 2, 1887.

To the President and Members American Philatelic Association.

Gentlemen: I submit herewith my report as Treasurer to August 1st, 1887. The report shows a cash balance in my hands of \$88.06, which I hold subject to your order. The bills for printing and circulars were paid to me as cash, and warrants were never issued for them. I regret exceedingly my inability to attend the Convention, but I am confined to the house by illness and it is not likely that I will be well enough to travel by that time.

Very truly yours,

L. W. Durbin, Treas. A. P. A.

The Secretary presented the report of the Treasurer just received, showing a cash balance of \$88.06. Total receipts, \$526.07; disbursements, \$437.94, the last warrant for \$7.49 not having been presented or paid. The report was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The report of the Library Committee was presented, recommending an appropriation of \$25 for binding and cataloguing the library, and that the Librarian be instructed to subscribe for such foreign periodicals as he does not receive for exchanges. Also, that the Librarian be authorized to use the photographs of members in his possession and belonging to the Association for the purpose of having stamp photographs prepared, the expense to be defrayed by those desiring them.

The Secretary explained the latter plan.

On the motion of Mr. Mekeel, duly seconded, the \$25 was appropriated for binding and cataloguing.

On the motion of Mr. Gadsden, seconded by Mr. Calman, \$5 was appropriated for the purpose of subscribing for such foreign journals as the Librarian cannot obtain in exchange for the Official Journal.

On motion the recommendation of the committee permitting the use of photographs for making stamp photographs was adopted, the resolution being as follows:

The Librarian shall be permitted to use the photographs of members belonging to the Association, and in the Librarian's possession, for the purpose of producing postage stamp photographs of members, and for members, the expense of such production to be defrayed by those making use of it.

Mr. Calman then presented the report of the Committee on Exchange and Purchasing Departments, relating to the Exchange Department. The recommendations of the report were adopted and incorporated in the By-Laws, and the Committee were granted leave to report on the Purchasing Department later.

On motion of Mr. Mekeel the convention adjourned until 5:30 P. M.

AFTERNOON MEETING—TUESDAY, AUGUST 9TH, 1887.

The convention was called to order at 5:45, and the roll called, 176 members being present in person or by proxy.

Mr. Calman asked leave to report further from the Committee on Exchange and Purchasing Department. Report received and action deferred.

Mr. Calman, of the Committee on the Constitution and By-Laws, then reported the amended Constitution and By-Laws as recommended by the Committee. Mr. Gadsden moved to adopt the Constitution and By-Laws as reported and to incorporate the amended rules and by-laws regarding the Exchange and Purchasing Departments, which being seconded by Mr. Stone, remarks were made by Mr. Stebbins, Mr. Calman, and Mr. Mekeel, and explanations made by the President. The roll being called the vote was unanimous and the chair announced that the amended Constitution and By Laws having received the necessary two-thirds majority, was adopted.

In the absence of Mr. Sterling, Mr. Stone then presented the report of the Committee on the Official Journal, recommending that the Association publish its own organ, provided that members will pledge themselves to take

sufficient advertising space to relieve the treasury of at least one-half the expense, and that members be given a discount on the regular advertising rates. The committee did not advise the acceptance of the proposition of the Denver League to form a stock company, but reported that nearly enough advertising had been pledged, and that the balance could easily be obtained.

Mr. Stone then read the communication of the Denver League, as follows:

DENVER, COLO., August 1st, 1887.

Hon. John K. Tiffany, Pres't A. P. A.:

DEAR SIR: We, the Denver Branch, A. P. A., desire to present as our plan for an official journal the following:

First, That a stock company be organized for the purpose of publishing a journal, the members of the A. P. A. only being allowed to hold stock. The capital stock to be placed at five hundred shares, or more if necessary, at \$1.00 each.

Second, That three directors be chosen from among the stockholders by all holding stock, who shall have the matter of publication in charge, and they be given exclusive control by the stockholders.

Third, That this Board of Directors shall choose an editor, who shall be paid such sum monthly as shall be hereafter decided.

Fourth, That advertisements and subscriptions be taken at such reasonable rates as the Board of Directors shall decide. No advertisers being excluded except such as are known to be dishonest and such as are non-philatelic.

Fifth, That such a number of pages monthly as are necessary shall be given to the Association, and that each member of the A. P. A. be placed on the list of subscribers, as long as they are members in good standing, free of charge.

Sixth, That the Board of Directors be not interested in any other publication, and that the editor be neither a dealer nor a publisher and that he hold stock in the company.

Such other matters as will come up to be hereafter decided and such changes as may be necessary to be made in above.

In our opinion this will put any danger of collapse or delay in publication out of the question and as the only certain method to prevent trouble.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

John C. Feldwisch, No. 13; Fred W. Feldwisch, No. 12; D. W. Osgood, Jr., No. 77; John T. Drysdale, No. 117; Chas. G. Woodworth, No. 237.

Mr. Mekeel moved to adopt the recommendations of the committee's report, which, being duly seconded, Mr. Calman suggested that it be amended by limiting the advertising space so that no one member or firm should be allowed to use it all; and that the proviso should be stricken out. Mr. Mekeel thought that if the recommendation were adopted the matter would go to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws to be put in shape. The President suggested that the proper course would be to move to adopt the recommendations of the Committee on the Official Journal and instruct the Committee on the Constitution to report amendments accordingly. Mr. Mekeel amended his motion as suggested. The President, putting the motion, explained its effect. Mr. Calman thought it should go to the Committee on the Constitution without the proviso. Mr. Dill thought the advertising rates should be fixed and the number of the Literary Board stated.

The President again stated that the proper course would be to amend the motion to read that the recommendation of the Committee on the Official Journal, that the Association publish its own journal under the supervision of the Literary Board, without the proviso, should be referred back to the committee, and that the committee be instructed to report such changes in the Constitution and By-Laws as were necessary to carry this into effect.

Mr. Calman made this motion and it was seconded by Mr. Mekeel. The President then put the question, but attention was called to the fact that the previous motion was pending. The President then put the question on the amendment to strike out the proviso, which being carried, the amended motion was put and carried; to the effect that the Association publish its own journal under the supervision of the Literary Board, and instructing the Committee on the Constitution to report the necessary amendments.

The order of business being finished and reports of special committees

being called for, Mr. Bradford read the report of the Committee on Branch Societies, as follows:

To the Honorable President and Members of the American Philatelic Association:

Gentlemen: Your Committee on Branch Societies beg to report as follows: That the establishment of Branch Societies in our Association provided for in Art. VIII, Sec. 1 of the Constitution will be of the greatest value is beyond doubt. We need only look to our sister society, the International of Dresden, with branches established in all parts of the world, to assure ourselves of the success we shall have. That they are necessary cannot be doubted, as through them the circulation of our exchanges and library will be facilitated, the interchange of views between members and the discussion of matters of interest and value to the Association be made easy. We already have branches in some of the larger cities, all of them in good working order. Why should not those of our members, who are not connected with these branches, combine with others in their vicinity and elect officers, appoint a Manager of Exchange, etc., whose duty it should be to conduct the correspondence between the branch and the various departments—receive and circulate the exchanges and literature and regulate the accounts of members of his branch? That there will be a saving of expense, labor, and time, all of great importance, is certain. Members who are located at remote points and unable to join branch societies in their immediate vicinity should use their best endeavors to induce others to join the Association, and thereby enhance its growth and enjoy the benefits to be derived. There are at present about thirty societies in this country, and of the majority of these one member at least is a member of this Association. Why should we not count all of these societies among our branches at our next convention. Would it not be well to offer them some inducement to join in a body? As the Association grows the formation of branches will be made more easy.

Let all the members follow the advice of our honorable President and proceed to action at once. The tree is young and vigorous, and if well cared for is bound to grow. That it may be a giant in size, with many branches under which we may all rest, is the hope and desire of this Committee.

Signed,

S. B. Bradford, C. J. Fuelscher, C. R. Gadsden.

Mr. Calman moved a vote of thanks to the committee for their very able report, which was carried.

Mr. Wolsieffer asked that the Committee on the invention of the Postage Stamp be allowed until the morning session to report.

Mr. Dill read the report of the Committee on Photographing the Convention. Mr. Stevens offered to take a group of twenty-five and furnish thirty copies for \$60. Messrs. Robinson & Roe offered to take the same group and furnish twenty-five copies for \$46, or to make the first copy for \$10 and subsequent copies for \$1.50 each. The committee recommended that the latter offer be accepted, the first copy to be paid for and to belong to the Association. After some remarks by Messrs. Dill and Stebbins, Mr. Bradt moved to lay the matter on the table; lost. Mr. Gadsden, seconded by Mr. Mekeel, moved that the offer recommended by the committee be accepted, which was carried. The President requested the Committee on Photographing the Convention to make arrangements as to time and place of taking the picture.

Mr. Dill reported from the Committee on Society Buttons, recommending as a design a round vest button of bronze with an embossed figure of Philately, seated by a globe, bearing the letters A. P. A.—similar to the design attached to the report. That they had received bids, etc. After some discussion, on the motion of Mr. Calman, the design recommended for a button was accepted and the official board authorized to ascertain the exact cost of making 100 and to have the buttons made and sold at the cost of manufacturing 100, including the die, providing that number is wanted.

The Committee on Finance reported that they had audited the Treasurer's report and found it correct.

Mr. Mekeel moved that all new members that have paid their dues between the following dates be credited as follows: between Dec. 13th and March 13th, 50 cents; from March 13th to May 1st, \$1.00; from May 1st to June 1st, \$1.50; from June 1st to the expiration of this year, 50 cents. Mr. Calman seconded, and explained that the object was to equalize the dues by quarters, as the By-Laws could not be made retro-active. Further explanations were made by Mr. Bradt and Mr. Mekeel, when the motion was put

and carried. Some discussion as to remitting the dues of members admitted the last month of the year followed, without action.

Mr. Mekeel moved that the Constitution and By-Laws as finally adopted by this convention be bound in pamphlet form, including the members' names and addresses, and a copy furnished free to each member. Mr. Bradt moved to include the President's address in the same book. Mr. Calman objected. Mr. Wolsieffer thought it customary for the complete proceedings of all conventions, including address, constitution and by-laws, etc., to be published. The President announced that he understood that the amendment was withdrawn and put the main question, which was carried.

The Secretary announced for information of the convention that the proceedings would be published in the Official Journal and electrotypes might be made at a slight expense to the Association, so that as many copies could be made as wanted, and at a moderate expense, and they would serve as a souvenir of the convention.

Mr. Calman suggested that the report of the proceedings of this convention would be very good matter for the first number of the new official journal and the difference in expense would be but about \$20.

The President suggested that the matter rested with the Literary Board. Mr. Mekeel moved to adjourn.

The President suggested action on the resignation of the *Western Philatelist* as official journal.

Mr. Calman moved to accept the resignation and that the thanks of the convention be extended to the publishers for the able manner in which the interests of the Association have been cared for by them. Seconded by Mr. Mekeel, and carried. The President stated that the resignation contained a proviso that the *Western Philatelist* would remain the official journal until arrangements for the publication of its successor were made, and that it was understood that the resignation was accepted subject to that proviso.

The President stated the items of business remaining to be done by the convention, after which the meeting adjourned until half past eleven Wednesday morning.

MORNING MEETING—WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10TH, 1887.

The convention was called to order at twenty minutes past 12 M., and the roll being called 167 members answered in person or by proxy.

The report of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws being in order, Mr. Calman reported for the committee. Mr. Stone moved that the recommendations of the report be adopted.

Mr. Wolsieffer inquired how the Official Journal was to be supported.

Mr. Calman explained that its expenses were to be paid out of the general fund. Advertisements would be pledged, as suggested by the Committee on the Official Journal. Mr. Stone thought a subscription price should be fixed. Mr. Calman suggested 50 cents as the subscription for non-members. Mr. Wolsieffer suggested \$2.00.

Mr. Dill thought if the charge were high the paper would not be taken and outsiders would not be interested. Mr. Stone thought \$2.00 too much. No similar publications charged more than \$1.20.

Mr. Calman presented his views at length, urging 50 cents as the price.

The Secretary favored a price above any existing journal and gave his reasons at length.

The President stated that he had permitted the discussion in order that the ideas of members might be arrived at, but that there was no motion pending. Mr. Calman moved that a clause be inserted in the By-Laws that subscriptions be taken from non-members at 50 cents per annum. Seconded by Mr. Mekeel. Mr. Bradt moved to amend by substituting \$1.00. Seconded by

Mr. Haskell. The roll being called the amendment was lost. The roll being again called the main amendment was carried. The roll being again called on the main question it was unanimously carried that the amendments proposed by the committee be inserted in the Constitution and By-Laws.

Mr. Wolsieffer reported from the Committee on the Invention of the Postage Stamp recommending the following resolution:

CHICAGO, August 10th, 1887.

To the American Philatelic Association:

MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN: Your committee to whom was referred the framing of a suitable resolution in relation to the invention of the adhesive postage stamp, respectfully submit the following for your consideration:

Resolved, That this Association, upon proof submitted by living witnesses, does endorse the claims made by Mr. Patrick Chalmers on behalf of his father, the late James Chalmers, as inventor of the adhesive stamp; and be it further

Resolved, That the congratulations of this Association be extended to Mr. Patrick Chalmers for the success his untiring efforts have attained in establishing beyond doubt an important historical fact; and be it still further

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to forward a copy of these resolutions to Mr. Patrick Chalmers and have the same published in the Official Journal.

P. M. Wolsieffer, C. H. Mekeel, W. C. Stone.

Mr. Bradt moved to adopt the report, Mr. Mekeel, seconding the motion, stated that some of the evidence before the committee consisted of letters from living witnesses who recollected the circumstances. The question being put, the resolution was adopted; Mr. Mitchell voting no for one of his proxies.

On the motion of Mr. Calman the President was authorized to certify to the minutes of the convention and the records of the Secretary.

On the motion of Mr. Calman the date of the meeting of the next convention was fixed for the second Monday of August, 1888.

On motion of Mr. Wolsieffer the thanks of the Association were tendered to the proprietors of the Tremont House for their kind attention.

On the motion of Mr. Calman the thanks of the Association were tendered to the Chicago Society for the magnificent manner in which they had entertained the convention.

On the motion of Mr. Calman a hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the President and Secretary, whose efforts had made the convention a success, and to all the Officers of the Association. Convention adjourned at 1 P. M.

On the call of Mr. Calman the President made a few farewell remarks.

I don't know, gentlemen, what I could say that would be appropriate to this occasion, more than has been said, and said several times over; that I think we all ought to feel thoroughly satisfied, and that our associates whom we have represented here, as well as those who have not been represented here, will be satisfied with our work. I think we are justified in congratulating ourselves upon the harmony which has characterized all our deliberations, and the results which we have achieved. I wish, and am glad of the opportunity afforded me by the call to address you again, to express to you all, each and every one of you, my own thanks for the courtesy and kindness with which you have conducted yourselves toward the chair during this convention. I wish to express my own personal thanks, and to join with them the thanks of all the members from outside the City of Chicago, to the membership of the Chicago Society, whom I wish I could make understand how much we all appreciate the efforts they have made to entertain us. I think that when we go back and tell those who sent us here of the manner in which we have been received, and of the arrangements which were made for our comfort and accommodation, and of the royal manner in which we were treated last night, there will be many who will be very sorry indeed that they did not avail themselves of the privilege of meeting with us here.

I wish to say that we from the outside of the City of Chicago are very glad indeed that we have had this opportunity of meeting the Chicago Society and its members.

I don't know that I can say any more, though perhaps I have not said enough, but as we separate I wish to bid you all God-speed, and to wish you all success in all your pursuits, and particularly in your pursuits relating to Philately, and to express the hope that all of you will come to Boston next year and bring many more with you.

S. B. Bradt, Secretary.

The above record I believe to be correct.

John K. Tiffany, President.

CONVENTION NOTES.

THE first man was Adam. According to the *Chicago Times* the first philatelist was Adam fool.

THE only New York member in attendance was the one who last year opposed having the convention in Chicago. That's the kind of an opponent we like.

THE address of Pres. Tiffany has been published in very attractive pamphlet form, and may be had of the publishers of this journal. Price, ten cents a copy.

PRES. TIFFANY returned to Avon Springs, N. Y., where he has been spending the summer, at the close of the convention; he is now sojourning at Worcester, Mass.

THE die proofs of U. S. stamps exhibited by Mr. Seagrave simply took our breath away. We never expect to see their like again. A sight of them would alone well repay for the trip to the convention.

MR. STERLING'S display of revenue stamps and proofs was a marvel of beauty and a revelation to most of those who gazed upon them. No wonder so many collectors are taking up this branch of stamp collecting.

MR. WOLSIEFFER of Chicago, has been wrongly reported in some of the garbled convention reports as having fathered the motion that St. Louis be the next place of meeting. Wollie didn't do it—'twas Mr. Dill.

MR. STONE'S report of the convention, as published by the *Philatelic Century*, shows how close an observer of the proceedings he was. The other reports, as far as seen, "cannot but make the judicious grieve."

WHEN the convention group was about to pose for their photograph, Mr. W. F. Bishop—"Bishop of La Grange"—stalked into the room like some grim specter of the past and made himself known to the assemblage.

PERHAPS the most distinguished appearing member present at the convention was the genial Mr. Fred B. Perry, of Hyde Park, Ill.; and there were those, too, who awarded the palm in this respect to Mr. Sterling. At any rate the two are a good pair to draw to.

MR. CALMAN brought with him and displayed an excellent general collection of postage stamps. Lack of space prevents us from giving it an extended notice, but there were many things in it to make a collector's mouth water. Mr. Calman also exhibited an entire sheet of 2d Mulready envelopes.

THE convention group photographed by Robinson & Roe will undoubtedly excite much comment when circulated. The proof shown is very good and all of the twenty four took exceedingly well, with perhaps two or three exceptions. The banquet of the preceding evening made itself apparent in some of the hasty toilets.

AT LAST the mooted question of what philately is has been settled. For years various writers here have been struggling with the question and have variously dubbed it anything from a craze to a science. But the *Chicago Times* plunges right into the struggle and calls stamp collecting a *profession*. That settles it; a profession let it remain.

THE management of the Tremont House has endeared itself to all stamp collectors. Not one of the visitors who attended the convention left their pleasant quarters without a feeling of gratitude toward the hotel that had so well accommodated them. Let us hope that future conventions may be equally fortunate in securing such agreeable quarters.

WE HAVE stated that all was harmony and perfect accord in the convention. There is one point, however, in which there was a great diversity of opinion. And that too over a point upon which all certainly should agree. The words philately and philatelic were pronounced in every imaginable combination, and in some cases in a manner that baffled imagination. For the benefit of harmony in this respect let us quote Webster's dictionary on this point: *phi-lat-e-ly*; *phi-lat-e-list*; and hence also, *phi-lat-e-lic*.

PHILATELISTS have no grounds for complaint about the treatment they received from the Chicago press. All the papers gave very good notices, the *Inter-Ocean* and *Daily News* giving much of their space to the convention. The former, on Aug. 10, had a well prepared editorial of nearly a column on the subject, and the latter, on the same date, giving a column article illustrated with cuts of stamps and a sketch representing Mr. Sterling exhibiting his revenue stamps. The *News* article was copied in the *Detroit Eve. Journal*. The *Tribune's* reports were the poorest and most meagre.

EXTRACTS from Chicago newspaper reports of the convention: "The subject matter that so deeply interests these gentlemen is of greater practical value than the general public has ever realized,"—*Inter-Ocean* (editorial). "This unacknowledged but painstaking profession,"—*Times*. "The peculiar craze that makes the convention possible is not stamped in colors on

the delegates' faces or even sunk in their features by dies. They look like other reasonable people. . . . Their faces are cut from the patterns of professional people, and their skins are tanned in the lawyer's or doctor's office or at the clerk's desk.—*Netes*.

THE convention settled the official journal question to the perfect satisfaction of everyone present. The Association will again publish its own journal; this time to be managed by a literary board of three, the president of the board being editor-in-chief. The new *American Philatelist* is to be a strictly first class journal; will receive advertisements from any responsible parties, and from members at one-third off from regular price—75 cents an inch. Subscriptions will be received from non-members at 50 cents a year. May it speedily get started and receive proper support; its success is assured if all the dealers in the Association will but patronize its advertising columns.

DURING the three days that the convention was in session the following named members were present at one or another of the meetings: S. B. Bradford, Ottawa, Ill.; S. B. Bradt, Chicago; H. L. Calman, New York; W. J. Clark, Chicago; E. Dill, St. Louis; C. J. Fuelscher, St. Louis; C. R. Gadsden, Chicago; L. A. Haskell, Chicago; C. E. Hutchison, Newtonville, Mass.; J. H. Huber, Chicago; W. C. Kurzweg, Watertown, Wis.; C. H. Mekeel, St. Louis, T. J. Mitchell, Chicago; H. B. Myers, Chicago; W. V. Nicholson, Erie, Pa.; J. A. Pierce, Chicago; F. B. Perry, Hyde Park, Ill.; H. B. Seagrave, Ionia, Mich.; F. B. Stebbins, Adrian, Mich.; E. B. Sterling, Trenton, N. J.; S. C. Stevens, Chicago; W. C. Stone, Springfield, Mass.; J. K. Tiffany, St. Louis, Mo.; W. S. Tower, Chicago; E. W. Voute, Chicago; G. S. Wilson, Chicago; and P. M. Wolsieffer, Chicago.

MONTHLY REPORTS.

SECRETARY'S REPORT—AUGUST, 1887.

The event of the month has of course been our second annual convention, a full report of which has been given elsewhere.

The rose has always its thorn, the sweet is always accompanied by the bitter, the brightest picture has its dark side; and as a pall upon our rejoicing over our successful meeting comes the sombre intelligence of the death of our much beloved and respected treasurer, Mr. L. W. Durbin. Up to this date I have been able to obtain no information of Mr. Durbin's last illness; I have only received the sad intelligence that he died on Saturday, August 13th.

Two members have sent in their resignations since the convention. They are Messrs. E. C. Patton, of Salem, Ore., and Max Oppenheimer, of Baltimore, Md.

The photographs of the convention group are not quite ready, but I look for them every day; a copy will be sent to every member who will remit the cost price, \$1.50. These photographs have to be paid for in advance and it takes several days before they can be finished. Therefore members wishing copies will please send the money with their order, as no order will be left with the photographer until the money has been received, and members will please not get impatient if they do not get their copies by return mail.

It will be some little time before the new constitution will be printed, so I wish to call attention to the charges affecting applications and dues. The application fee of twenty-five cents has been done away with, and no application will be published unless endorsed by or accompanied with two references in the handwriting of the persons referred to. The amount of dues remain the same, \$2.00 a year, except for those members under seventeen years of age, in which case the dues are changed to \$1.00 a year. The payment of dues can be made either in one or two payments, as preferred, but I would request all those who can do so conveniently to remit in one payment, as it materially lessens keeping the accounts. The dues for the coming year (Sept. 1, 1887 to Sept. 1, 1888) are now payable and I would request all to remit promptly.

Another change affects those members who have been added to our ranks in the last year. All who joined before June 1st paid \$2.00; those since that time, \$1.00. The year has now been divided into quarters and all those who have paid for the quarter previous to the one in which they joined will be credited fifty cents for each quarter. These credits I have not yet had time to make, but will give it my attention at the earliest opportunity. The other changes in the constitution and by-laws can await their regular publication.

Following is the list of

NEW MEMBERS.

- No. 283. BOND, F. IRVING; 263 Summer Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.
 282. BROWN, WM. P., 114 Nassau St., New York.
 279. CLARK, W. J., cor. Centre Ave. and Harrison St., Chicago, Ill.
 280. FUELSCHER, C. J., 524 Washington Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
 276. McCLELLAN, MAJOR E., Jefferson Barracks, Mo.
 284. ROBERTS, E. W., 512 Bonham St., Paris, Texas.
 278. ROSENHEIM, GEORGE, 31 and 33 Mercer St., New York.
 286. SHAYER, JOHN C., 147 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.
 285. WAITE, EDW. B., West Newton, Mass.
 277. WARNER, WM. A., 75 Second Ave., New York.
 281. WATSON, WM. M., Box 1096, Philadelphia, Pa.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP—LIST NO. II.

- BERRY, C. B. JR., Paris, Texas. Reference: C. H. Mekeel.
 BOWERS, R. L., Ottawa, Ill. References S. B. Bradford.
 BREHM, CARL, 1210 State St., Erie, Pa. Reference: W. V. Nicholson.
 CASEY, JOSEPH J., 42 East 112th St., New York. References S. B. Bradt, H. B. Seagrave.
 CAUGHREY, REED, 816 State St., Erie, Pa. References: W. V. Nicholson, Carl Brehm.
 CHANDLER, N. W., Collinsville, Ill. Reference: C. H. Mekeel.
 EVANS, ARTHUR, 622 Illinois Ave., Ottawa, Ill. Reference: S. B. Bradford.
 FARRELL, M. J., Ottawa, Ill. Reference: S. B. Bradford.
 FINNEY, R. S., 252 West 132d St., New York. Reference: R. R. Bogert.
 FUSS, FRED., 222 W. 21st St., Erie, Pa. References: W. V. Nicholson, Carl Brehm.
 GRIFFITH, C. E., Ottawa, Ill. References: T. B. Farrell, S. B. Bradford.
 HATCHER, R. S., Lafayette, Ind. References: W. V. Nicholson, S. B. Bradt.
 HOENECKE, REV. A., 781 Tenth St., Milwaukee, Wis. Reference: Jos. Rechert.
 JONES, O. D., 14 Huntington St., Utica, N. Y. Reference: W. F. Baker, *Pub. Spt. Globe*.
 KAUCHER, ROBERT, 578 N. St. Paul St., Rochester, N. Y. Reference: Jos. Rechert.
 KIRK, ROBT. H., 374 Woodward Ave., St. Paul, Minn. Reference: Capital Bank, St. Paul.
 KOEHL, WM., 113 W. 18th St., Erie, Pa. References: W. V. Nicholson, Carl Brehm.
 LYNCH, A. E., Ottawa, Ill. References: S. B. Bradford, T. B. Farrell.
 McMANUS, R. C., 102 Prospect Ave., Ottawa, Ill. Reference: S. B. Bradford.
 SWENDSEN, A. V., Gausemarkt 30-31, Hamburg, (Germany). Reference: Jos. Rechert.
 TANSEN, EMIL C. C., Waterberg, So. African Republic. Reference: Jos. Rechert.
 TYLER, ABRAM R., 332 Monroe St., Brooklyn, N. Y. References: R. W. Manier, W. W. Thomas.

The persons named in this list will be entitled to membership, if no objection is received, on October 10th.

Aug. 29, 1887.

S. B. Bradt, Secretary.

REPORT OF EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT.

The month of August was very dull, as was to be expected during the hot term, yet it kept me busy making up my accounts and rendering statements for the first three months that I had charge of this department. This mode of settlement, every three months, will prove satisfactory to all concerned, though sometimes a party may have to pay an account when at the same time he may be a creditor on sheets that are in circulation. The balance in their favor will appear on the next statement.

A great many members complain about marking prices on sheets too high, and always at full catalogue prices. I must call your special attention to this item and beg to remind that low prices take well. There are a great many members who have no duplicates at all, or such that they cannot sell them. These members have to settle with cash, and if your prices are too high they will abstain from buying. I would suggest marking your prices, according to rarity, 25 to 50 per cent. below any standard catalogue. At any rate make your prices as low as you possibly can.

In regard to entire U. S. envelopes I wish to say that better and old issues are wanted. I receive from everybody the same specimens, mostly the later issues, and I cannot get them off.

I have still to complain that some members do not write their names on back of each sheet next to amount taken off, although I stamped each sheet with this request. It gives one great trouble by omitting this.

Business done for month ending August 20, 1887:

Filled sheets received 133, amounting to	\$1,159 95
Filled covers received 15, amounting to	168 90
Sold blank sheets 436	
Sold blank covers 139	

New York, Aug. 21, 1887.

Henry Clutz, Supt.

TWO VACANCIES.

While we are all mourning the loss of our late lamented treasurer, Mr. L. W. Durbin, we cannot overlook the duty that follows that loss. Some provision must be speedily made for filling the vacancy caused by his death. The revised constitution says (Art. IV., Sec. 5):

In case of the death or resignation of any elective officer during his term of office, the Trustees are empowered to call an election, unless such vacancy shall occur within six months of the general election, in which case they will temporarily fill the vacancy created.

As an election must shortly be held it behooves us to look about and ascertain who it might seem best to nominate for the office. The Chicago members of the Association, and a number of others, have nominated Mr. H. B.

Seagrave, of Ionia, Mich.; Mr. E. B. Hanes, of Providence, R. I., has also been nominated.

Your secretary has long been desirous of being relieved of the duties pertaining to that office, and as an election has become necessary to fill one vacancy he has taken this opportunity to tender his resignation. The following has been mailed to President Tiffany:

CHICAGO, August 31, 1887.

Mr. John K. Tiffany, Pres. Am. Philatelic Ass'n:

Dear Sir: I herewith tender my resignation as General Secretary of the American Philatelic Association, and respectfully request that arrangements be made with as little delay as possible to relieve me of the duties of my office. Very truly yours,
S. B. Bradt.

Any nominations members may desire to make for either office will be published at the first opportunity, if forwarded to the secretary.

Sept. 1, 1887.

S. B. Bradt, Secretary.

A CARD.

Prior to the late convention we had never met and were compelled to act with an imperfect knowledge of each other's motives and purposes. Having profited by the opportunity of that meeting to confer fully together, we find that each was laboring under a mistaken impression. We desire, therefore, individually and together, to recall so far as we may any statements derogatory of each other made in the stamp journals, our open letters, or elsewhere, and to state that had we fully understood each other as we do now, none of those statements would have been made by either of us, and that the friendly relations that had existed between us up to the time of that misunderstanding would not have been interrupted. Now that those relations are renewed on a personal acquaintance, we trust our friends will permit the whole matter to be forgotten by all.

*John K. Tiffany,
S. B. Bradt.*

Chicago, August 7th, 1887.

THE BANQUET TO THE A. P. A.

Few indeed of those members of the American Philatelic Association who attended the convention were prepared for the surprise the Chicago Society had in store for them. During the Sunday preceding the session a local committee was industriously at work circulating among the the visitors a United States letter sheet bearing an invitation to attend a banquet tendered to the Association. This committee consisted of Messrs. G. S. Wilson, C. R. Gadsden, P. M. Wolsieffer, and J. H. Huber. President Tiffany was an early victim, and was unable to resist the invitation to preside over the festivities—he could not help it, as he was button-holed by two members, who were prepared to talk both arms off if necessary.

The hour set for the "feast of reason and flow of soul" was 9 P. M., of Tuesday, August 9th. But it was 9:30 before the assembled guests filed into the banquet hall. They were met by a line of colored skirmishers who placidly looked on while the search for each guest's proper seat at the board progressed. About thirty-five persons were ranged about the festive board. Pre-eminent among them all was President Tiffany; many remarked the resemblance between our President and the President of the United States; at any rate, Mr. Cleveland himself could not have performed the honors of the occasion with better grace. At the right of Mr. Tiffany sat Secretary Bradt, whose inclination toward bad puns could not be restrained even in such a notable gathering as this. At the left sat Mr. Sterling, better known to the Chicago press as blue beard; it was the general impression that Mr. Sterling

had parted with a portion of his beard in order to do justice to the banquet. Next to Mr. Sterling sat Mr. H. B. Myers, the gentlemanly treasurer of the Chicago Society. Next to Mr. Bradt was seated Mr. H. L. Calman, genial and witty, a man that wins friends wherever he goes.

The five gentlemen already mentioned occupied the head of the board; as we make the rounds we find seated Mr. C. R. Gadsden (Phil. Atelic), who was making sure to get his fill at a lick; and no matter what was on the tapis you could always depend that the infant Hercules would be "wid ye." Then there was the effervescent and irrepressible Mr. Wilson—bound to talk whether he said anything or not, and withal feeling mighty proud over being master of ceremonies. Mr. Mekeel was conspicuous also, ever vigilant and circumspect, always ready to say the right thing at the right time. And Mr. Seagrave,—yes he was there, and you could see nothing grave about him, but he had with him proofs of his earnestness as a philatelist. Mr. W. V. Nicholson resembled a Russian duke more than he did a boodle alderman, but probably that is because he has not yet been a city father of Erie long enough to become acclimated—he also is much worried because some namesake of his invented what turned out to be a worthless block pavement, and a sight of one of the old wooden pavements of this city had somewhat the effect of a red rag on a bull.

All the way from Springfield, Mass., came Mr. W. C. Stone, who is quiet enough to merit the title of the quaker of the banquet; as he had been lingering in this vicinity for several moons he was no longer considered a stranger by the Chicagoans, who are now sadly missing that stereotyped smile that always tarried with him. The present muster should include the "Post Master," P. M. Wolsieffer, who carries more weight than his avoirdupois would seem to indicate, and whose adhesive qualities have been well demonstrated by the stand he has taken in the Chalmers—Hill controversy.

And these are not all: there are still to be mentioned Mr. F. B. Stebbins, whose silky moustache was a source of much anxiety to him—through an oversight no moustache cups were provided; Mr. Eugene Dill, the patriarch of the party; Mr. M. A. Thompson, the dude, not yet a member of the A. P. A.; honest, straightforward Sam. B. Bradford; Mr. J. A. Pierce, the elder of the C. P. S., Mr. W. C. Kurzweg, the young Wisconsin giant; Mr. C. J. Fuescher, who managed to leave his bride for this occasion only; Mr. W. S. Tower, not towering in height, but with energies directed toward the edibles; Mr. J. H. Raymond, who consented to again become the "collectors' companion" for the nonce; Mr. R. S. Hatcher, whose strong, clearly cut features remind one forcibly of some statesman or pugilist or someone of that ilk; Mr. L. A. Haskell, always ready to oblige a friend; Mr. W. E. W. MacKinley, the young old man who'll get there if he lives long enough; Mr. W. J. Clark, who wants to dwell in the suburbs but don't; Mr. J. H. Huber, the patron of home industry—he has a collection of six thousand varieties and boasts that all were purchased in Chicago; Mr. C. E. Hutchison, the representative of our younger collectors; Mr. R. M. Woodbury, who would bury his sorrows in the flowing bowl; and Mr. B. Abraham, a new recruit, but well cooked before adjournment.

The menu was tastefully gotten up in a truly philatelic style; on the side for the guest's name a piece of red ribbon was secured in the upper right corner by a new one cent stamp, and the card also bore the postmark of the Chicago post-office, with the date and hour of the banquet.

The colored troops fought nobly under the able leadership of Col. Lewis; their first onslaught had a somewhat paralyzing effect on some of the guests, particularly those from the East, but the effects of this passed off as the heat of the fray advanced. The *casus belli* between the guests and the colored troops was as follows:

MENU.

Little Neck Clams (First Issue) on Shell,	Bouillon Soup (Watermarked).
Baked Blue Fish (Counterfeit), Wine Sauce,	
Fillet of Beef Larded, with Stuffed (Bogus) Tomatoes.	
Asparagus (Proofs).	Mashed Potato (Essays).
Fried Chicken (Surcharged), Cream Sauce.	
Frog Legs (Rouletted), Fried in Crumbs, Sauce Tartar.	
- ROMAN (Official) PUNCH.	
Broiled (Perforated) Jack Snipe on (Wove) Toast,	
Fresh Lobster Salad (Gummed).	
Dessert (des Timbophile).	(High Cut) Peaches and Cream (Laid).
	(Imperforated) Coffee.
(Bi-sectioned) Crackers.	(Provisional) Cheese.

As the feast progressed the mellowing influence of the lake water or other liquid refreshments began to be felt. In response to urgent requests to speak President Tiffany begged to be excused from making any extended remarks, and was let off in consideration of his past services; he then proposed a toast to the Chicago Philatelic Society, which was responded to by its president, Mr. Bradt. Next followed a toast to the American Philatelic Association, which Mr. Sterling responded to. Then Mr. Calman arose and toasted the President of the A. P. A. and the President of the C. P. S. Mr. Tiffany and Mr. Bradt arose and shook hands and in almost the same breath each said the other would respond for both, which "brother act" caused a laugh that so affected the secretary that he arose again and said that whatever had been said or done in the past belonged to the past and should be buried with it, and that he would assure all there would not be a tiff any more. Frequent libations were needed to revive the company after this break, but the cup is mightier than the pun and finally prevailed. A toast was proposed to Mr. L. W. Durbin, which was responded to by Mr. Myers. A telegram of greeting from the A. P. A. and C. P. S. was sent Mr. Durbin from the banquet table.

Toast now followed toast in rapid succession: The National Society, responded to by Mr. Calman; the St. Louis Society,—Mr. Mekeel; the Pomerooy Society,—Mr. Stebbins; the Erie Society,—Mr. Nicholson; Wisconsin Collectors,—Mr. Kurzweg; Michigan Philatelists,—Mr. Seagrave; Our Quaker City Friends,—Mr. Sterling; James Chalmers,—Mr. Wolsieffer; The Carrier Service,—Mr. Dill; Boston, Our Next Place of Meeting,—Mr. Stone; Our Non-voting Members,—Messrs. MacKinley and Hutchison; The Press of By-gone Days,—Mr. Fuelscher; The *Collector's Companion*,—Mr. Raymond; Chicago Collectors,—Mr. Huber; The *Curiosity World*,—Mr. Wilson; Old Time Dealers,—Mr. Pierce; Applicants,—Mr. Hatcher; and many other toasts were proposed and responded to at greater or less length; it was even proposed to toast S. Allan Taylor, but that was laid on the table with the remark that it would be better to roast him.

President Tiffany proposed a toast to the *Western Philatelist* to which Mr. Gadsden responded in a few appropriate words—"I'm wid ye." Then Mr. Bradt, with the President's permission, proposed a toast to the *Philatelic Journal of America*, to which Mr. Mekeel responded in his usual good style and in such a manner as to leave no room for doubt as to the future policy of the rival journals. This was followed by another "brother act", Mr. Bradt jumping up from his seat and approaching Mr. Mekeel with extended hand, which action was greeted with much applause.

And so it continued. Merriment and brief speechmaking reigned supreme. As the fumes of Lake Michigan began to make their power felt it was noticeable that Mr. Wilson, who had long been bottled up and who was in danger of doing himself personal injury if some vent was not found for his pent-up store of talk, tried, and was fairly successful, too, to monopolize the speech-

making from this time on. He would propose toasts and respond to them himself—sometimes being greeted with applause, sometimes with corks, one of the latter Mr. Nicholson rescued and had properly endorsed by President Tiffany; it is to be exhibited at Boston next year.

But all things must come to an end. As the wee small hours began to wax larger it dawned (not quite dawn) upon the merry-makers that it might be well to seek a little rest or else the photograph that was to be taken on the morrow—that is to say, a little later in the day—might not be as satisfactory as could be wished. So with a good night toast and a draining of glasses this event of the second annual convention became a thing of the past. As the guests were about filing out of the banquet hall the master of ceremonies, Mr. Wilson, waylaid President Tiffany and made a futile attempt to fasten an enormous bouquet in that gentleman's button-hole. Failing in th's Mr. Wilson prevailed upon Mr. Tiffany to bear aloft the floral tribute; and thus with three parting cheers and a tiger the assemblage broke up.

That the banquet was a great success goes without saying. The guests, the Chicago Society, and the management of the Tremont House all seemed to be conspiring together to make the event a memorable one; and the result is such that all who participated in it can be proud of. But hold! there was one who felt somewhat disgruntled; when the Wisconsin collectors were toasted our friend from Watertown was called upon to respond, and as some wit proposed that such a toast, responded to by a Watertown man, could only be drunk in *water*, it was accordingly so drunk. And now our friend imagines that some slight has been put on his native town. Time will heal his wounded feelings; let us commend him to that other guest who continually talks of the banquet and eternally asks, when did the band quit?

PHIL ATTENDS THE CHICAGO CONVENTION.

Mr. Editor: You will probably notice an improvement in my spelling of late. I have been going to school, and have also attended the second annual convention of the A. P. A. I won't bore you with a detailed account of the proceedings, as they will no doubt be published in full by yourself and others. There are, however, some things I noticed that may interest some if not all of your readers. The majority of those who came to the convention from out of the city, were armed to the teeth and prepared for war, but strange to say, when they struck the mild and balmy climate of Chicago, and gazed upon the innocent and serene countenance of our diabolical punster they were completely disarmed and forgot all about the horrible revelations of terrible plots that were to be made. It dawned upon their benighted senses that they had been the victims of some fearful nightmare, and when they awoke they were as happy as a lot of kids at a circus.

Two fellows from down East were so anxious to be here on time that they arrived about a month ahead. The next man to arrive was a Boodle Alderman. He got in on Saturday. I suppose he wanted to be on hand early if there was anything in it. He had some "two for a cent" pictures taken, and sent one ahead so that we might recognize him when he came. It wasn't necessary, as anybody in this part of the country can tell a boodler a mile off. Sunday morning a delegation of our fellows went out to the Cross Roads to meet the delegate from Great Scott. I guess he must have tried to beat his way, for the conductor fired him off the train and his grip after him and he had to come down to our place and go in town with the rest of us. When we got down to the hotel there was a pretty good sized crowd there; the president, patriarch, editor, and dude from the suburb at the other end of the bridge, Seagrave (no ghost) from Mich., big brother Stebbins with the Pomeroy Society in his pocket, Kurzweg (short-ways in English) from beer-

town; Wis., the boodler, two bean eaters, our own Sammy, and the kid from Ottawa, and some of the fellows from town were waiting for us. The minute I saw that crowd it made me thirsty, and strange to say I didn't get over it until they left. As soon as we had got through saying hello to everybody the President and Secretary started out on a six-day-go-as-you-please tramp up and down the hall, and the rest of us started out to interview the big buildings and see the schooners. We put in the time before dinner in this way and then after providing for the inner man started for one of the parks. After taking that in and seeing more schooners and the waterworks we got back to the hotel for supper. We then loafed around until nine o'clock, and the whole gang went to meet Blue-Beard, but he delayed the train three hours and a half so that he could get in after dark and we missed seeing him until Monday morning. Some of us were glad we missed him because we missed our train and had to take another that landed us about two miles from home and we had to tramp all around the cemetery to get home. We got there safe and didn't see any ghosts and the next morning were down in good time for the opening of the convention. I guess I must have been elected Janitor without knowing it, for I had to hustle for chairs, ring for ice water, tend door, and, what I considered a great snap, escort the young lady stenographer into the meeting room. I didn't consider it so much of an honor when I saw her—she wasn't quite 90, but no spring chicken either. I noticed, however, that some of the fellows were trying to make a mash; I won't mention names, as it might make them trouble, and I wouldn't like to do that. I won't say anything about the convention, except that it seemed to be a put up job, everything went so smooth.

The banquet Tuesday night was a daisy; the only thing that marred it was the silence of our mouth organ, who never said a word. I guess his tongue must have been tired, as he had done about all the work getting it up. I noticed, however, that some of the fellows were evidently not used to such things. One man was caught drinking from a finger bowl. The boodler tried to get away with a bottle but only got the cork. Another fellow swiped all of the cigars, and some one sneaked the cigarettes. I know who they were, but as I got my share I can't give them away. The rest of the boys didn't notice these things, and only smiled when the mouth organ walked off with all the flowers. The next morning the fellows all had their picture taken in a group and my advice is, that if you want to see a pretty looking lot of fellows you want to send the secretary \$1.50 for one of them. After the convention adjourned to meet in Beanburg next year, the fellows began to leave town and we had to hustle to see them all off. By the time we had put the boodler, who was the last to leave that night, on the train, we were pretty tired and full. One or two fellows stayed over till next day (not to sober up, because they didn't drink), and your humble servant packed his grip and made a break for the country to brace up.

All I can say is that I wish we had a convention once a week with as nice a lot of fellows in attendance. Life would be one continual round of pleasure (and beer). There has been only one thing since to mar the pleasure I feel whenever I think of the convention and association, and that is the loss of our esteemed and worthy treasurer, Mr. Durbin, by whose death the association suffers a great loss and philately an ardent champion. I hope our telegram reached him while he was yet conscious; it must have pleased him to know that he was in our thoughts at that time. I have been rather long-winded this time and will now close, with kindest regards to the fellows I met at this convention, those I expect to meet at the next, and the balance if any. Yours faithfully,

Phil. Atelic.

DEATH OF L. W. DURBIN.

"In the midst of life we are in death." Scarcely had those members of the American Philatelic Association who were in attendance at the Chicago convention reached their homes when they were confronted with the sad intelligence of the death of their much beloved and respected treasurer. Before the glad intelligence of the successful and harmonious meeting of philatelists could be proclaimed broadcast, came the melancholy tidings that another visit had been paid our Association by death's sable messenger, and that this time the one who was called upon to answer the summons was one whose loss will cause a pang to every philatelist throughout the length and breadth of this land; and not this land alone will mourn the loss, for in every civilized country on the globe, where the pursuit of stamp collecting is engaged in, will there be found those who will feel that in the death of Mr. L. W. Durbin philately has suffered a well nigh immeasurable loss.

Leonidas W. Durbin was born at Rising Sun, Ind., in 1849. At a very early age he removed to Madison, in the same state, where his school days were spent. In 1861, when but twelve years of age, the lad was appointed quartermaster's clerk to one of the Indiana regiments quartered at his town. He was transferred with his detachment to Harper's Ferry, thence to Fort Smith, Ark. After his term of service had expired he removed with his parents to St. Louis, where he completed his schooling and occupied a position in a bank. At the age of nineteen he took up his residence in Philadelphia, where he began his stamp business, in 1868, in connection with a man named Mason, a coin and stamp dealer. This connection lasted but a few months, however. Mr. Durbin then rented desk room in the office of Turner Hamilton, Esq., on Tenth St., near Chestnut, where he remained until the quarters became too contracted, when he took a room at 10 South Fifth St. He finally removed his ever increasing business to 436 Library St., in the building of the American Bank Note Company, where he built up a business the magnitude of which was only reached by his strict integrity and attention to the minutest details. Mr. Durbin in 1875 commenced the publication of the *Philatelic Monthly*, and for over twelve years it has visited collectors with unbroken regularity. His price catalogue of postage stamps, of which sixteen editions have been published, was known favorably the world over, as was his catalogue of postal cards, now in its seventh edition. Another publication was Dr. Horner's history of the stamped envelopes of the United States, a work of very great value, and now out of print.

When the organization of the American Philatelic Association was agitated Mr. Durbin was one of the first to lend his aid and influence toward effecting that organization. He was a general favorite for president of the Association, but positively refused to accept the office, and his name was withdrawn as a candidate. He was, however, elected treasurer, and he performed the duties of that office with the greatest satisfaction.

During 1886 Mr. Durbin suffered from an acute attack of bronchitis and was incapacitated from active business for nearly two months; however, he rallied from the attack, but the seeds were sown which later bore fruit. Since April 1887 he has been in poor health and been losing strength continually. Thinking to improve his failing health by a change of climate, he went early last June to the home of his parents in Kentucky,—only to return home with

health completely shattered; as he himself expressed it, he returned a "total wreck." In his weak condition he lingered along until the thirteenth of August, when he quietly "fell asleep."

In the community in which Mr. Durbin lived his death is very much regretted by the many personal friends he had made; he was a true, straightforward, upright man, and in his domestic and social relations was looked up to and beloved by all. In his business relations he occupied a truly enviable position. Among both collectors and dealers his word was as good as a bond. As an eastern dealer remarked, "We knew that when Mr. Durbin said an article was genuine there was nothing more to be said, and his name on the back of a stamp was a guarantee."

Mr. Durbin leaves a family consisting of his widow and two children,—boys of about nine or ten years of age. Nothing can completely reconcile them to the great and irreparable loss they have suffered, yet the expressions of sympathy and condolence from philatelic societies and from individuals must tend to somewhat alleviate the pangs of grief.

From the banquet given the American Philatelic Association by the Chicago Philatelic Society, on Aug. 9th, a telegram of greeting was dispatched to Mr. Durbin. It is a pleasing remembrance to those who participated in that event to know that the last moments of our treasurer's life were cheered by the knowledge that he was ever in the minds of his friends, even if he could not be with them in person.

For some months past Mr. Durbin's illness was generally known, but the serious nature of it was not dreamed of until a short time before his death. But a few days prior to that event he wrote as follows:

I am very sorry that I cannot be at the Convention. I am confined to the house by illness and do not know when I will be around. My disease is a very stubborn one, but we have the mastery of it now and I need only to obey my doctor and keep quiet and I shall get well. It certainly will be a blessing, for I have suffered for three years from it, but more especially since last March. I trust the convention will be harmonious and profitable to our Association. Please mention the cause of my absence, and express my regrets at not being present, and my best wishes for an harmonious session.

The above was dated Aug. 2, and received by the writer hereof Aug. 8. That the notice of the death received Aug. 15 was a matter of surprise as well as of deep regret, can be well imagined, as from the utterances quoted hope for his ultimate recovery could well be entertained.

On Tuesday afternoon August 16th, the funeral took place at the M. E. church. Burlington Lodge No. 22, I. O. O. F., attended in a body and performed the usual burial service. The floral emblems were many and beautiful. The Rev. Mr. Gifford in his closing remarks said: "This is a great loss to the family, a great loss to the church, and a great loss to the community. He was wise in counsel, kind in spirit, full of faithfulness to his God and the church. The fact that a man of this kind has been taken from us is the cause of this sadness and sorrow." Thus was he esteemed by those who knew him best, those with whom he came in daily contact. A large concourse of mourning friends attended these the last rites held over the remains of our departed friend, and with bowed heads and overflowing hearts beheld all that was mortal of the departed consigned to the earth.

Besides being an Odd Fellow Mr. Durbin was a Templar of Honor and Temperance, having served as Grand Worthy Templar of Pennsylvania for two years. He was a member of the M. E. church, superintendent of the Union Sabbath School, president of the Literary Aid Society, and identified with the Young Men's Christian Association,

Mr. Durbin is no more; but his memory will live as long as there are stamps to collect and men to collect them. His example is one that may be looked up to and imitated by the generations of philatelists who will follow him and us. Let the leaving of such a reputation as he has left be the object for which we all shall strive.

S. B. Bradt.

A STAMP'S HISTORY.—(CONTINUED.)

After a short ride over a rough road, in a lumbering old vehical of some sort, we arrived at a railway depot, where after being tumbled about for some time we were tossed on a train. Shortly after being thrown on the train the bag was unlocked, turned upside down, and we were all unceremoniously dumped upon the floor of the car. Even this rough treatment was somewhat of a relief, for we were allowed some breathing room and the daylight could reach us. But we were not allowed much time to enjoy ourselves. We were gathered up, sorted out, and placed in various other bags which were ranged about the car, but which luckily were not crowded quite as full as the one we had so recently quitted.

Presently I heard the click of a lock as the bag in which I was resting was closed up; and a few minutes later we were fired out of the car,—the train must have been going at the rate of thirty miles an hour, too,—and after performing innumerable involuntary somersaults our progress was checked by a carrot haired, freckled faced boy, who slung the mail bag over his shoulder and trudged lazily along toward the post-office. On arriving there the bag was emptied on the floor, all the letters sorted, and I was deposited in a little square box with glass in front of it. A moment later I was delighted beyond measure to find that my quondam friend, the old stager before alluded to, was thrust in the same box.

My new friend and myself set about to enjoy ourselves as best we could; he cheering me with the assurance that my labors were about at an end. Upon my requesting him to relate some of his experiences, he said that they varied but slightly from what my own had thus far been, except for the fact that he had escaped being canceled on his first trip. When he had reached his first destination he had narrowly escaped destruction. The party who had received the letter he was on had carelessly opened it, just missing by a hair's breadth tearing him in two, and then torn up and threw away the letter. By a lucky chance my friend escaped without injury; and after being kicked and blown about for some time he was rescued by a man who gave him a bath and started him off on his present journey. This relation caused a new fear to spring up in my breast, and I anxiously enquired what probable fate was in store for us. My friend nonchalantly replied, "O, we'll be burned up in some stove most likely; or perhaps torn up into shreds and cast to the winds—to mix up with the dust and filth of the earth, and form a part of it;" which remark did not add to my comfort.

As the horror of the situation dawned upon me we were both taken from our resting place and handed to a small boy, who placed us in his dirty pocket along with strings, marbles, a disabled jack knife, and other juvenile accumulations. A little later the boy withdrew us from our unpleasant surroundings and we found ourselves in a cosy, snug office, and were deposited on the desk of a benevolent looking old gentleman who mechanically adjusted his gold rimmed spectacles in order to examine us carefully. "Here, George," the old gentleman said, "is another letter from Cora," and with that remark gave me a fling that landed me on an adjoining desk and in front of a very fine looking young man. While this young man was gazing fondly at me I was startled by a remark made by the older man, and looked up just in time to see him toss the letter bearing my friend into the blazing fire place, and to catch the last despairing glance of my friend as he perished in the cruel and relentless flames.

My feelings after going through this experience can better be imagined than described. I was in the utmost terror of soon meeting the same fate. The young man had picked me up while the scene just described was in progress, but had paused to ask the old gentleman—father, he called him—what

annoyed him. For reply he received the laconic remark, "Another letter from that infernal idiot."

George now proceeded with the greatest care to break the seal of the letter. He lingered long over it, evidently reading it again and again; just as if he wanted to learn it by heart. When I came to remember the vision of loveliness who had placed me on the letter I vaguely imagined that it might well be some affection of the heart that caused George to linger over the letter; and for the time being I forgot my own troubles and fears in hoping that she might not turn out a heartless coquette. Presently I was carefully refolded and deposited in the young man's pocket book, where I remained in quiet and solitude until evening, when I was again brought forth, read and re-read several times over, and placed in a little sandalwood box that occupied a place on George's dresser, which he then carefully locked up, and began preparations for his night's rest.

The occurrences of this the first day of my active life, Anno Domini, 1847, had been of such a varied and exciting nature that I was utterly exhausted when the excitement was over and I felt that I had reached a place of security,—at least for the time being. I therefore abandoned myself to the rest I so much needed and sought repose before even replying to the inquiries made by the occupants of the box; for it contained many letters similar to the one I was attached too, and all bearing bearing my brothers of the postage stamp family.

I cannot tell how long I remained in a commatose state after being deposited in the sandalwood box, but finally I became conscious of an incessant buzzing about me. This noise became louder and louder until it at length fully aroused me and brought me once more to a full sensibility of where I was.

As I looked about me I discovered that the box was fairly swarming with my brother stamps; and as they perceived that I had awakened they each and all began to assail me with questions. Too dazed at first to make reply, I glanced from one to another of my interrogators and discovered that they were nearly all my own twins; however, there were some of a lighter color,—a sort of russet—and of a different appearance in other respects. These latter did not appear to have as much to say as the former; in fact, they were treated, and acted, as is they were not the former's equals socially. I afterwards learned that this was owing to one being a five cents stamp and the other a two cents stamp; which explanation was eminently satisfactory to me—for money tells, every time.

At length I recovered from my amazement and essayed to relate my story, as they all clamored for that the first thing. When I had finished one of my audience—the Elder, he was called, because he had been the longest inhabitant of the box,—assured me that I need have no more fears for my safety; that he had remained there in peace for over a year and had witnessed the arrival of his comrades, one after another, and enjoyed a comfortable, uneventful life. The Elder further said that he, and his companions also, had learned to read, and had found much enjoyment in the society of the letters which they had carried through the mails. These letters, he continued, were all from one person and signed by the single name "Cora"—the charming maiden who had affixed me on the letter and started me on my travels. They were all ardent love epistles, and that fact alone gave assurance of a long life for us; for they would undoubtedly be treasured for many years to come.

This information gave me the greatest pleasure and quieted all my fears. I therefore settled down to enjoy the ease that had overtaken me, and to become further acquainted with my newly found friends.

(To be Continued.)

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EDITORIAL CHAT.

FOR the first time in our history we come before our readers with an apology for a tardy appearance. We have always deemed it of first importance to be sharply on time with each number, and have up to this issue been successful. But this time we were obliged to depend on others to a certain extent, and that, coupled with the fact of this issue being an exceedingly large one, and beyond the limits of the type at our disposal—thus preventing our setting the entire number at once—has compelled us to appear late this month. Our subscribers need have no fears that this occurrence will be repeated, as after this issue we will once more be free from obligations to others and therefore able to make all our arrangements unhampered.

WITH this issue our connection with the American Philatelic Association, as Official Journal, will cease; the Association having accepted our resignation, offered in July, and made provisions for the publication of their own journal. The many members of the A. P. A. who were subscribers to this magazine will have the expirations of their subscriptions advanced as many months as we have held the office of Official Journal. There are, however, a few members who are not on our subscription list; these we would invite to subscribe, provided they have found us sufficiently interesting in the few months we have visited them to warrant the expenditure.

OUR business manager, Mr. C. R. Gadsden, who is also well known as a contributor, over the signature of *Phil. Atelic*, retired from the Company with the last issue. The Western Philatelic Publishing Company will therefore, in the future, consist of Messrs. S. B. Bradt and P. M. Wolsieffer; the former adding to his duties of Editor-in-chief those of managing editor; while the latter will continue, as previously, co-editor. Mr. Gadsden's interesting contributions will continue to appear as heretofore.

THIS issue without doubt contains a much greater amount of reading matter than has ever appeared in an American stamp journal. And the material is all fresh, original, and entertaining. Many collectors have withheld their subscriptions, fearing that we would follow in the footsteps of our predecessor, the *Stamp Collector*, and most other journals that have united good typography and good editing in an effort to give philatelists an acceptable representative. Let us again urge all such to come forward with their subscriptions. We have sent out many sample copies to interested parties, a list of whom we have kept; if they wish us to visit them again that wish can only be accomplished through subscribing—they will have no more free copies.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

MR. JOHN C. SHAYER, the well known numismatist of Boston, has become a member of the A. P. A.

MR. C. F. BISHOP, of New York, paid us a flying visit a few days ago on his way home from a trip to Alaska.

THE Pomeroy Philatelic Society are to have an exhibit of postage stamps at the Ohio State Fair, in Toledo, this month.

A SOCIETY is about being organized in Detroit, Mich. The secretary *pro tem.* is Mr. W. P. Crosby, care D., L. & N. Ry.

MR. GEO. H. RICHMOND has sent out a circular renouncing any connection with the promised new paper, the *Collector's Journal*.

A WORK called the *Philatelic Encyclopaedia*, compiled by W. H. Baker, Jr., is announced for publication by the Quaker City Philatelic Pub. Co.

IT is announced that the *Toronto Philatelic Journal*, which suspended publication in 1886, is to be resurrected,—the next issue to appear Oct. 1.

PUBLICATIONS announced: *Collector's World*, W. B. Hale, Williamsville, Mass.; a Philatelic Directory, Jno. M. Douglas, Jr., Middletown, Conn.

THE publishers of the *Am. Philatelic Record* have already concluded to give up the job. Another "complete file" consisting of two issues.

THE report of the committee on branch societies, read before the convention, seems to have had a good word for it from all sides. It was written by Mr. Gadsden.

MR. ROBERT S. HATCHER, whose notes on the U. S. stamps have always proved interesting contributions to our literature, will favor us with an article at an early date.

A REPRINT of Sir Rowland Hill's famous pamphlet of 1837, in which the scheme of penny postage was agitated, has been published by Cassell & Co., Limited, of London.

SOME convention reports mention Mr. W. F. Bishop, of LaGrange, Ill., as being in attendance. Mr. Bishop is not a member of the A. P. A., nor did he attend any of the meetings.

THE popular stamp dealer, Mr. Harry B. Mason, late of Washington, D. C., has removed to Boston, Mass., where he is still carrying on the stamp business at room 7, No. 403 Washington street.

THE *Albany Express* is advocating a still further reduction in letter rates, viz.: a reduction from two cents to one cent. Such a reduction would be the death knell of postal cards, without doubt.

THE twelfth sale under the management of Mr. Joseph J. Casey will take place Sept. 22. It comprises the American collection of Thomas Cunningham, Esq. The catalogue is replete with good things.

IT is stated that the Morgan and Plympton Envelope Companies have lost the new contract for stamped envelopes by the narrow margin of \$1,200, and that the Holyoke Company has been awarded the contract.

NEW papers received: *American Philatelic Record*, Binghamton, N. Y.; *The Buckeye State Collector*, Portsmouth, O.; *The Niagara Falls Philatelist*, Niagara Falls South, Ontario; *Texas Philatelic Journal*, Paris, Texas.

ONE of the Chicago collectors has developed a novelty in the way of a philatelic raffle. A collection of some fifteen hundred stamps is the subject, and tickets at 25 cents each are to be sold up to a certain date, when lots will be drawn to discover who shall be the winner of the prize.

THE proposed Canadian Philatelic Society is rapidly approaching formation. Mr. Jno. R. Hooper, the temporary secretary, writes very encouragingly of the progress thus far. Let the American philatelists give them a boost to help the good work along; you cannot belong to too many societies.

MR. NICHOLSON, of Erie, Pa., informs us that there is a society of fourteen philatelists in that city, but that it is next to impossible to get enough of them out to form a corporal's guard. Come, come, wake up and do something, our Erie friends, or else the procession will get clear by before you realize it.

PRESIDENT TIFFANY'S long promised monograph on the adhesive stamps of the United States is now ready. We trust soon to give it the extended review it merits, for it is a book no collector should be without. St. Louis; published by C. H. Mekeel; price; paper \$1.50; cloth \$2.00. Sold in Chicago by S. B. Bradt.

AN eastern delegate to the convention informed us that he had seen the June issue of the *Empire State Philatelist*. Is this a parallel case with that of the *Chicago Collector's Companion*? That journal issued numbers 4 and 5 of its second volume but never circulated them—except perhaps to advertisers, when it accompanied the bill.

THE veteran stamp dealer, Mr. Wm. P. Brown, of New York, writes us as follows: "I think I am the earliest stamp dealer now in the business in the U. S. I commenced trading in them somewhere about 1860. John Bailey was the only one I knew of at that time in the business; he is now working for the coal companies at Hoboken, N. J.

ON the Sunday night preceding the convention most of the members then in attendance went to meet Mr. Sterling at the time he should have arrived. But the train was nearly three hours late, so the crowd thinned out considerably before the arrival. There were, however, half a dozen or more in waiting when the train pulled in at midnight.

CHICAGO collectors are undergoing an exodus from the crowded and smoky city and seeking shelter in the charming suburb of Brookline (Grand Crossing post office), nine miles south of the city. Mr. Bradt has been there for several years, and this year Messrs. Gadsden, Wilson, and Wolsieffer have followed suit; while others are considering the question.

THE present postmaster of Old Bridge, N. J., was appointed in 1836 by Amos Kendall, and is the oldest postmaster in that state. He has served under fifteen different administrations.



WE publish herewith an illustration of the Northern Mutual Telegraph Stamp chronicled last month. The veteran dealer, Mr. W. P. Brown, of New York, who, by the way, is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, dealers now in the business,—discovered them and bought what remained on hand of the president of the company, Mr. Joseph Owen, of Oswego, N. Y.

PHILO'S book, the *Bluffton Stamp Society*, promised by us for publication in August, will not be ready until next month. The extraordinary amount of work entailed on the author during the past two months has prevented pushing forward the work as rapidly as anticipated.

THE Capital Stamp Co., of Portsmouth, N. H., have written the Chicago dealer, Mr. S. B. Bradt, for information about one "Willie Bell," of Norfolk, Va., who wrote the former for stamps and referred to the latter; of course the reference was unauthorized, as they might have found out if they had written before sending the stamps. As it is they mourn the loss of several dollars.

MR. L. A. JUDKINS, of Claremont, N. H., sends us the following note: "In the case of the Diamond Match company the judgment of the lower court is affirmed. The United States printed a lot of stamps for the company to be used on its boxes of matches, but by the change of law stamps were no longer needed and the company refused to pay for a lot which cost the government \$500 to print. Judgment was for the government in the sum named."

THE popular Chicago composer, Clarence R. Sidney, has favored us with a copy of his latest musical success, the *Chicago Glide Waltzes*. The set comprises four waltzes and coda, the waltzes each being named after a prominent avenue of this city. They form a delightful set and will be a welcome addition to any musical collection. Chicago: Lyon & Healy; price 60 cents. Copies may be had from the publishers of this journal, postpaid on receipt of price.

MR. MEKEEL writes us that his printers had the misfortune to "pi" a sixteen page form of the *P. F. of A.*, and in consequence thereof the August issue of that journal will be still further delayed. Mr. Mekeel, who, by the way, is taking a vacation at Sherwood, N. Y., further writes that in future he will arrange to have his journal out promptly on the first of each month, or a little before. Whew! that means three issues to be prepared before the first of next month.

OUR old friend, the *Philatelic Gazette*, of Altoona, Pa., starts out on its fourth volume in an entirely new dress. Like the *Empire State Philatelist* and the *Quaker City Philatelist* it has followed the example of the *Stamp Collector* and this magazine and discarded the old style, amateurish double-column pages,—much to its improvement in appearance. It also dons a very tasteful and appropriate cover, designed by Mr. Wm. A. Warner, Secretary of the New York Society.

IN the *Philatelic Fortnightly* of Aug. 1 is a communication signed by one "Lelex" and dated May 31, in which the resignation of this journal as "official journal" of the A. P. A. is mentioned, as well as other matters which must have occurred long after the alleged date of the before-the-convention communication. It is our private opinion that "Lelex," whoever he may be, is one of that class to which the *P. F.* consigned "Phil-Atelic," and that in his vain efforts to pose as a prophet long after the occurrences had transpired, he has rather put his foot in it.

AS WILL be seen in our advertising columns, we have made arrangements with Messrs. Hubbard Bros., of Philadelphia, by which we are enabled to offer their most excellent "Treasury of Song," either vocal or instrumental, in connection with this magazine. Either collection contains a large amount of music of the very best order, and at a price within the means of all lovers of good music. In the form of sheet music the selections contained in either volume would cost from \$50 to \$100. Mme. Patti says of the "Treasury of Song," "I find it a charming collection of lovely songs, rich in character and pleasing in variety."

THE PHILATELIC SOCIETIES.

WE shall be glad to have all societies represented in this department, and will send THE WESTERN PHILATELIST free to those regularly sending us reports of their meetings. Reports must reach us not later than the 15th of each month.

AMATEUR STAMP COLLECTORS.—Meeting of July 20th, called to order by Vice-President Tisdale. Mr. Alston Bowers was elected to membership. Next meeting at the residence of Mr. Tisdale, at Dover, on August 20, at 1:30 P. M., to be followed by a picnic in the grove on Mr. Tisdale's estate.

Needham, Mass.

W. W. Dewing, Secretary.

BLACKHAWK PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—Meeting of Sept. 3d called to order by President Harms at 8:30 p. m., with but five members present, it being a very disagreeable evening. After a short debate on various subjects, and all fully agreeing to reorganize, the election of offi-

cers took place, which resulted in the promotion of Mr. C. D. Reimers, former secretary, to President, and Mr. L. Case, secretary, (to whom all communications should be addressed, box No. 446), and the re-election of Mr. H. Copp for treasurer. The secretary and Mr. Case were appointed to draw up a new constitution. Dues were fixed at \$1.20 per year. Some odd numbers of old philatelic and amateur papers were sold at auction, bringing the moderate sum of \$2.50 to our overflowing(?) treasury. Other business was attended to, and upon motion meeting adjourned. Next meeting, Sept. 10, 1887.

Rock Island, Ill.

C. D. Reimers, Secretary.

BELLE CITY PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—Meeting of August 9th. Messrs. Meacham, Schad, Fixen, Hambricht, and Rittman were present. A number of communications were read and several collections exhibited. Next meeting, August 30.

Racine, Wis.

W. Schad, Secretary.

CHICAGO PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—Meeting of July 28th, called to order at 8 P. M., President Bradt in the chair. Present—Messrs. Bradt, Clark, Gadsden, Haskell, Myers, Pierce, Tower, Wilson, and Wolsieffer. Mr. W. C. Stone, of Springfield, Mass., and Mr. Adams, of Columbia City, Ind., were present as visitors. Mr. B. Abraham was proposed for membership and duly elected. The business of the evening was discussing the coming convention and the best method of entertaining the visitors. A banquet was finally decided upon, and the committee of arrangements appointed several meetings since were authorized to proceed with the details. A special meeting was appointed for August 4th to complete arrangements. After inspecting the collection of Mr. Myers and listening to an interesting essay on Cordova by Mr. Wilson the meeting adjourned at 10:30 P. M.

Special meeting of August 4th, President Bradt in the chair. Messrs. Abraham, Bradt, Clark, Gadsden, Huber, Perry, Pierce, Thompson, Tower, Wilson, Wolsieffer, and Woodbury were present. Mr. C. E. Hutchison, of Newtonville, Mass., also being present as a visitor. Messrs. S. Corning Judd, postmaster at Chicago, and Hon. Frank Haiton, ex Postmaster General, were elected honorary members. A reception committee for the banquet was appointed, being as follows: Messrs. Myers, Huber, and Pierce. Messrs. Clark, Gadsden, Haskell, and Wolsieffer were appointed a general reception committee to look after arriving delegates to the convention. Messrs. Wilson and Huber were appointed a committee on printing, and also instructed to select a ribbon badge for the society. Parlor H at the Tremont House was secured for the headquarters of this society during the convention. On motion of Mr. Gadsden it was decided to omit the next regular meeting, August 11th, as the convention being held that week the time of most of the members would be otherwise taken up. After viewing the magnificent collection of Mr. Huber the meeting adjourned at 10:20 P. M.

Special meeting of August 19th, held at the office of President Bradt, and called for the purpose of taking appropriate action on the death of Mr. Durbin. Meeting called to order at 12:40 P. M. Present—Messrs. Bradt, Gadsden, Haskell, Holtfodt, Pierce, Tower, Wilson, and Wolsieffer. On motion of Mr. Gadsden, seconded by Mr. Wolsieffer, a committee was appointed to draw up suitable resolutions on the death of Mr. Durbin. The following were appointed such committee: Messrs. Wolsieffer, Pierce, and Gadsden. The resolution adopted was as follows:

WHEREAS, It has pleased Divine Providence to take from our midst one who for many years has been a prominent philatelist and endeared himself to all with whom he has come in contact, be it

Resolved, That in the death of L. W. Durbin philately loses an old and valued adherent and the American Philatelic Association a respected and honored member; and, be it

Resolved, That we, as an organization and a branch of the American Philatelic Association, tender the family of the deceased our heartfelt sympathy in their great affliction; and, be it

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased, and that a copy also be furnished the philatelic press for publication.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 P. M.

Meeting of August 25th: In the absence of the president, Vice President Wolsieffer called the meeting so order at 8:20 P. M. Present—Messrs. Abraham, Gadsden, Myers, Pierce, Thompson, Wilson, and Wolsieffer. The application of Mr. E. B. Sterling for corresponding membership was approved and acted upon, Mr. Sterling being duly elected. On motion the committee of arrangements for the banquet were given further time in which to report. Letters were read from the Hon. Frank Holton and Postmaster S. Corning Judd, accepting the honorary memberships conferred upon them. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P. M. Next meeting September 8th.

Chicago, Ill.

C. R. Gadsden, Secretary.

DENVER STAMP COLLECTOR'S LEAGUE.—The meetings of June 30th and July 14th were largely devoted to making arrangements for an exhibit of stamps at the exposition to be held in September and October. At the latter meeting the old officers made their reports and the new officers were installed. The retiring president and the newly elected president each made a few appropriate remarks. (We have received no late report from this society).

Denver, Colo.

LUTHER PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—Meeting of July 15th: a quorum not being present no business was transacted. Special meeting, July 19th, several communications were read; also some interesting papers on stamps and stamp collecting. After usual auction sale meeting adjourned. Meeting of August 19th: an interesting article entitled "Why We Should Collect Revenue Stamps", was read; auction sale and exchanges consumed the balance of the time.

Luther, Mich.

W. H. Verity, Secretary.

NATIONAL PHILATELICAL SOCIETY.—Meeting of July 14th, President Rechert in the chair. A number of visitors were present. A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Henderson, also to ex President Bogert for his zeal in behalf of the society. A number of communications were received, among them a notice that this society had been elected a corresponding society of the Q. C. P. S. An offer was received from the *Youths' Ledger* to become the official journal and circulate copies free to members. Objections were made to the name of the paper; the question upon being put to a vote resulted in a tie, whereupon it was decided by the chair as not carried. Mr. H. L. Calman was appointed delegate to the A. P. A. convention. Adjourned at 10 P. M.

Meeting of August 18th, President Rechert in the chair. Mr. Wm. M. Watson was elected an active member, and Messrs. F. E. P. Lynde and A. V. Swendsen were elected corresponding members. Resolutions were adopted on the death of our late member, Mr. L. W. Durbin. Mr. Calman, delegate to the A. P. A. convention, reported in full. A committee consisting of Messrs. Mitchell, Miller, and Calman was appointed to make arrangements for the celebration of our 14th anniversary in October next. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P. M.

New York City.

Wm. A. Warner, Secretary.

NEW MILFORD PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—Meeting of August 5th called to order by Vice President Levy. The resignation of Mr. Starr was accepted with regret. As this resignation left the office of president vacant, Mr. J. W. Turrill was unanimously elected to that position. Meeting of August 12th called to order by President Turrill. Considerable business was transacted and an interesting article on locals read. Meeting of August 27th: A number of communications were read; a vote of thanks was tendered Mr. S. B. Bradt for a bundle of papers donated to the library; also to the librarian for extra services. Next meeting Sept. 9.

New Milford, Conn.

Frank E. Soule, Secretary.

OTTAWA PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—Meeting of July 1st, President Bradford in the chair. A number of visitors were present. Committee's report on renting a room for permanent quarters was read and room 3, No. 121 Jefferson St., was selected as being the most desirable. The following were then elected members: Messrs. Edward Hess, Chas. E. Griffith, Chas. F. White, Andrew E. Lynch, and L. Bowers. Moved and carried that meetings be held semi-monthly instead of monthly. Mr. C. McManus was elected librarian. Adjourned at 9 P. M. Special meeting of July 11th: President Bradford in the chair. There were present Messrs. Griffith, Lynch, Bowers, McManus, Bradford, and Farrell. Several important clauses were added to the constitution. Mr. Arthur E. Evans was elected a member. Adjourned at 10:30 P. M. Meeting of July 15th, called to order at 8:15 P. M., by President Bradford. Members present—Messrs. McManus, Griffith, White, Lynch, Bowers, Evans, Bradford, and Farrell. Moved and carried that meetings be held on Thursdays instead of Fridays. Messrs. J. W. Scott, Jos. Megaffin, Jr., and Harry Mickle were elected members.

Ottawa, Ill.

T. B. Farrell, Secretary.

QUAKER CITY PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—Meeting of July 9th, Vice-President Corfield in the chair. Present—Messrs. Chiles, Corfield, Durburow, MacCalla, Lynde, Scarlett, and Siddall. Mr. Siddall exhibited specimens of the new Siamese stamps, also a magnificent Blood's City Despatch, with dove, on original envelope. Meeting of August 13th, President Henderson in the chair. Present—Messrs. Chiles, Durburow, Henderson, MacCalla, McAllister, Lynde, Richards, Siddall, Watson, and Harvey. The circular in regard to new members, presented by the committee some time since, was discussed and adopted. A number of communications were read. An appropriation was made for the purchase of President Tiffany's book on U. S. stamps. Mr. Lynde proposed that the society have a collection of counterfeit stamps, and started it with a blank book and 30 forgeries; Mr. MacCalla contributed 150 more, and Mr. McAllister 50. Mr. Watson having announced the death of Mr. L. W. Durbin the following resolution was passed:

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to remove from our midst our beloved and honorary member, L. W. Durbin, we bow in humble submission to the divine will of Him who doeth all things well; and

WHEREAS, In the death of our fellow member we have lost a friend and brother who was ever ready to assist in any project whereby our cause would be benefited; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Quaker City Philatelic Society tender their heartfelt sympathy to his family.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to attend his funeral.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 P. M.

Philadelphia, Pa.

F. E. P. Lynde, Secretary.

ST. LOUIS PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—Meeting of July 9th was called to order by Vice President Mekeel, with the following members present: Messrs. Mekeel, Custer, Rodgers, MacGinnitie, Muennighaus, Chandler, Mucke, Lepere, and Dill. The election of officers for the ensuing year was the principle event, and resulted as follows: John K. Tiffany, President; C. H. Mekeel, Vice President; Eugene Dill, Secretary; N. W. Chandler, Treasurer; A. G. Mucke, Librarian; L. G. Custer and Dr. Louis Hauck, Executive Committee. The name of M. D. Batchelder having been proposed through a misunderstanding, was withdrawn. The Executive Committee having reported favorably on the application of Dr. E. McClellan, of the U. S. Army, stationed at Jefferson Barracks, he was unanimously elected to active membership. The Treasurer's report, showing that we closed our first year with a small surplus, was read and accepted. Communication from Pat. Chalmers read and Secretary instructed to reply. The committee on revision of constitution reported a few alterations, and asked for authority to have a new cover printed, which was granted. The committee on anniversary reported that as our President and several other members were out of the city it would be advisable to postpone our celebration until cooler weather, when our members would all be at home.

Meeting of August 13: Mr. L. G. Custer presided, and the following members were present: Messrs. Chandler, Muennighaus, Hauck, Custer, and Dill. The resignation of Mr. Paul C. Gandolfo was read and accepted. Mr. Dill, the delegate to the A. P. A. Convention, made his report, which was accepted. There being no further business, adjourned to meet Sept. 10th, at 7:30 P. M.

St. Louis, Mo.

Eugene Dill, Secretary.

SALEM PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—Meeting of July 8th, at the office of Mr. Richardson, was called to order at 8:30 P. M., there being eight present. It was moved and seconded that meetings be postponed during the summer months, until September 9th, when the next would be held at the office of Dr. Robbins, at 8:15 P. M. P. S. Johnson, the secretary, was requested to write an essay on the first stamps of the U. S., to be read at the next meeting.

Salem, Mass.

P. S. Johnson, Secretary.

RECORD OF NEW ISSUES.

We desire correspondents in all parts of the world to furnish early and accurate information concerning new issues. Dealers and others furnishing prompt notice of new issues, with specimens or minute descriptions, will receive proper acknowledgement.

ANTIGUA.—The 2½d. is now blue and the 4d. red brown.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—The 1c. of 1873 is reported rouletted.

BAVARIA.—Both the 3pf. and 5pf. cards come with date "87" at the left.

BR. BECHUANALAND.—"The Ph. R." reports the ½d and 1d wrappers and the 1d card with surcharge on two lines 7 and 14mm. long.

CASHMERE.—The ½a. of current type is printed in blue.

CEYLON.—The surcharge "15 cents" on the 12c. envelopes is now in two lines.

COCHIN CHINA.—The 30c. unpaid letter stamp is said to be surcharged for use as 20c. and 1 fr.

DANISH WEST INDIES.—The 3c. card is now on buff, and there is a 2x2c. blue on white.

FRENCH GUIANA.—In addition to the surcharges issued in December "L'U. de T." mentions three others with date "April 1887", viz: 0.05 on 2c. 1887; 0.20 on 35c. 1881, and 0.25 on 30c. Liberty.

GRENADA.—It is stated that the 1d, 6d, and 2sh. revenues have been surcharged "Postage—1d".

HOLLAND.—The 5c. and 10c. unpaid letter stamps of the new design are out.

HUNGARY.—There is a new 5kr. envelope, carmine on gray. The stamp is oval and contains the figure of value with crown and posthorn.

LABUAN.—The 4c. card now measures 121x89 mm.

PARAGUAY.—"The Ph. R." has a series of stamps of similar design as the 5c. lately reported; 1c. green, 2c. carmine, 7c. chocolate, 10c. purple, 15c. orange, 20c. pink.

PORTO RICO.—Of the 3c. card on brown we have three minor varieties in the setting up of the inscriptions.

PORTUGAL.—A new 20 reis rose was issued July 1st; effigy ¾ to right without relief; also a card with same stamp. The 500 reis is now lilac instead of black.

ROUMANIA.—The color of the unpaid letter stamps is to be changed, according to the "A. B. A."

ST. CHRISTOPHER.—New cards with head in circle have been issued; 1d. carmine on buff and 1½d. brown on buff.

SWITZERLAND.—It is said stamps are to be issued without embossing.

UNITED STATES.—Advices from Washington and New York stated that the long promised new envelopes, or at least a portion of them, may positively be looked for this month.

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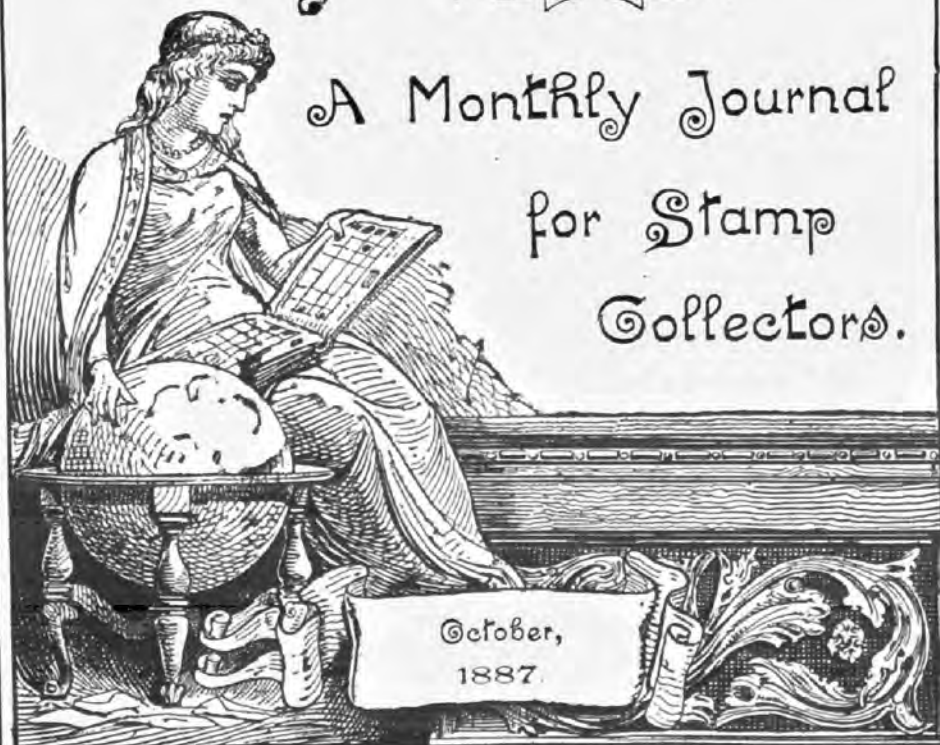
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MOUNTING ENTIRE ENVELOPES.

Ever since I began collecting entire envelopes I have been greatly puzzled in my efforts to find a feasible, practical plan for mounting them. And not myself alone, but many others are in the same predicament; for a perfect plan for mounting envelopes has not yet been made public. Such a plan should include the preserving of specimens intact, without marking, cutting, or pasting them, and also admit of each specimen being removed at pleasure, without injury to either the album or the envelope, in order that they may be handled and examined.

I am indebted to my friend Mr. W. C. Kurzweg of Watertown, Wis., for the details of the plan of mounting entire envelopes that I now lay before philatelists. During the A. P. A. convention Mr. Kurzweg unfolded this plan to me and it at once impressed me as being what philatelists had long been looking for; and upon trying the plan I came to the conclusion that it was well nigh perfect.

Nothing could be more simple; the whole story can be told in a few words. The plan merely consists of mounting pockets made of the corners of envelopes on card board, or paper if you prefer, and slipping the specimens into these pockets,—from which they can be removed and replaced at pleasure.

If the reader of this will take the trouble to clip the corners off an envelope—cut them diagonally, forming a right-angled triangle the two short sides of which will be formed of the outer edges of the envelope and be of equal length, about $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches; the third side will be the pocket;—then paste two of these corners on a piece of card board, in such a manner as to cause the two pockets to fall where they will hold the two lower corners of the specimen to be mounted. An excellent feature of the plan shows itself right here; the outer edges of the pocket you have made are perfectly square and thereby aid materially in arranging your specimens with mathematical precision. In fact there is no excuse for arranging them in any other manner.

If you will make this simple experiment you will find that you have two pockets that will securely hold an envelope, and yet from which the specimen can be removed at any time without difficulty. The different sizes can all be thus provided for by increasing or diminishing, as the case may be, the space between the pockets.

The best material for mounting the envelopes on is card or bristol board—the latter is the better,—of about three or four ply. This is kept in stock by all paper dealers, and is 22 x 28 inches in size. Other sizes are made for special purposes, but the one I mention is the only size always to be found in stock in colors. Colored board should be used, as white or a light tint soils so quickly that it is not advisable to use it. The best color I have seen is a dark maroon, but unfortunately it is almost impossible to find it at the paper dealers, as that is not a regular stock color. A magenta, or something

on that order, makes a very acceptable color; and the envelopes look much better on a dark background than on a light one.

Bristol board of three ply thickness and of the size above mentioned costs in the neighborhood of three dollars a hundred sheets. Each sheet may be cut into four sheets 11 x 14 inches,—a convenient size,—and a hundred of the smaller sheets, costing about seventy-five cents, will be sufficient to mount from six to eight hundred envelopes. For the pockets you can purchase envelopes,—white are the best, and they should be of a good quality and thickness,—and cut them up as directed. If you exercise care in purchasing a high cut, well gummed envelope you can make four pockets from each by first fastening down the flap.

In arranging the envelopes of course every one will follow his own plan. Let me tell you how I placed my October 1886 series. First come the No. 1, two 2s, and two 3s on one-half the first page; four 3s and the single No. 4 constitute the other half of the page. Here we have ten envelopes on a page, in two columns, ample space between, and a half inch space all around the outside. The bottom envelope of each column shows entire, the other four in each show about 15/8 inches and their entire length; enough to show the stamped impression and a little to spare. Should you desire to show more of each envelope you could place but four, or even three, in a column. Until you reach the No. 9s, you can readily arrange the envelopes in two columns and have sufficient blank space about them. But the 9s cannot be placed in double columns without taking up nearly all the space and leaving but very little margin. This difficulty may be overcome by placing these sizes in one column, the long way of the sheet. The official sizes can also be arranged in this manner if you desire to economize space; for my part I have placed them the short way of the sheet and four on a page. My set of the October issue, including spaces for thirteen ten-cent envelopes recently issued, making a total of eighty-one envelopes, take up just eleven pages or sheets—making an average of seven to the sheet,—and no page is at all crowded. It makes a magnificent display and one that will interest anyone; if he be not a collector, he cannot help but admire the beauty of the pages; and if he be a collector and desires to examine any specimen critically, he can remove such, examine the watermark, gum, knife, etc., and replace it without the least difficulty.

It is important that the collector have a good guide in the arrangement of a collection in the manner I have described. Horner's list is very good, but is long out of date and cannot be depended upon to list all the varieties, many having turned up since it was published. Then, too, many new issues have followed that work. The promised work of Messrs. Bogert and Rechert will undoubtedly furnish this much needed guide.

So far I have urged this plan as applied to envelopes only; why is it not fully as applicable to postal cards? They would perhaps need to be spread more, thereby taking up more space, but they certainly would show to the best possible advantage and be preserved in perfect condition.

These sheets of card board can, as they accumulate, be bound into volumes, if the owner chooses to do so. The expense would not be very great, and the collection would be kept in much better condition in a bound book than in loose sheets.

This plan commends itself to me, and I believe it will to other envelope collectors, from the fact that it is quite simple and inexpensive. For about a dollar and a half the material for mounting a collection of six or eight hundred envelopes can be obtained, while the work of mounting is not very great. I spent four hours mounting my first seventy-five envelopes, but can mount as many more in much less time, through profiting from my experience with the first lot.

I should be very glad to have envelope collectors try the plan. Perhaps there are still improvements to be made upon it. As it is I think it well worthy the attention of all.

C. R. Gadsden.

Publishers' Note. Being much impressed with the ideas given in the above article we tried the plan and found it so excellent that we are considering the advisability of issuing an album for envelopes or postal cards in accordance therewith. The main trouble is with the binding. Such an album must be bound well and strongly, and be provided with plenty of guards. The card board leaves would each have to be hinged separately on cloth, and the expense would be considerable unless a fair sized edition could be made at one time. We should be glad to hear from any of our readers interested in such an album, and should there appear to be sufficient encouragement to warrant it we will undertake its preparation.

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SUCCESSFUL PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

It is an established fact that the interchange of ideas and general philatelic knowledge by means of an association brings great benefits to those engaging in it. In settling down for the fall and winter a stamp society is one of the best means to create and keep up an interest in philately. But there are many societies started each year which after a few months disband from a lack of entertainment which would excite individual effort for the common benefit.

In all such societies, there should be a fixed order of business which should not be slurred over every time that a few wish to have an extended opportunity for exchange. "Order is nature's first law" and should be the same for every philatelic organization. A disregard for this has often been the cause of breaking up societies by destroying all efforts to interest those who seem not to be paying attention to the business of the meeting. Each one must do his share toward making the organization a success, and the interest must be kept so high as to compel attendance whenever possible. It is the design of this article to give a description and directions for various plans which would afford interest and benefit to philatelic associations.

At each meeting one member should be delegated to prepare an essay upon some philatelic subject. This ought not to be a mere abstract from an article in some stamp-paper, for the members could do just as well—perhaps better—by reading it in the original form. The essays should be gotten up from one's general philatelic knowledge, or, if some have not the inclination or ability, a selection might be read. The chronicle of new issues, together with any important notices, should also be read from the current stamp magazine.

There should also be placed in the regular order of business a time for displaying new issues and rare stamps lately obtained by the various members. Any counterfeits should be carefully scrutinized, and unknown stamps referred to a committee to establish their identity.

Among the most profitable devices is a system on the order of a spelling-match. A particular subject or the stamps of a certain country are announced beforehand for study and each member requested to prepare a set of questions covering the general philatelic points embraced by the given subject. At the meeting captains are appointed, who choose sides, and then each in turn propounds a question to the opposite side. A failure in answering compels one to drop out of the match. The last one remaining wins for his side; and also, if desirable, a prize may be awarded, generally a stamp pertaining to the subject discussed. In this manner, the entire society reaps the benefits obtained by each individual's study, and after ten or more such matches each member will have obtained a good knowledge of common philatelic points.

As a stimulus to collecting, nothing excites rivalry to such a degree as to

issue a diploma to the best collection from each stamp-issuing country. Cards as here shown

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	<i>Secretary.</i>

may be printed, and after one has been made out for each country they are certified to by the president and secretary. Each member brings his collection to the meeting and those who claim superiority in any department step forward to contest for the diploma as that department is called up. A committee is appointed to decide as to the individual merits—and I would suggest the smaller the committee the better, as there would be fewer to wrangle over disputed points. After all diplomas have been awarded, a certain fixed time should be settled upon when anyone who has augmented his collection may call to question the possession of a certain diploma and may again contest for it. In this way rivalry is produced, and those who make a few departments their specialty may strive for the superiority in their line. If it is deemed advisable a premium may be given for the largest and also the best collection owned by members of the society. This plan stimulates an eagerness for collecting and creates a rivalry which, if not carried too far, will greatly benefit the members of the organization.

There are many other ways of creating interest in the business of a meeting. Debates on topics of current interest are the chief features in some organizations; in others postage stamps are put up at auction by the members owning duplicates, while a certain per cent. of the proceeds are given to the society and is one of its sources of revenue. Still other societies have raffles for stamps bought or donated by the members,—this, however, is objectionable to many.

The increase of collectors' unions in the country marks the enthusiasm of philatelists, and, perhaps more than any other thing, enlists new participants in the pursuit. This, of course, increases the stamp trade, and so any interesting plans for conducting society meetings ought to meet with approval. Would it not be well if all the organizations should allow the societies recently formed to make use of their experience, and not suffer them to break up from a lack of means to create interest in philately.

Victor Rosewater.

STAMPS OF THE IONIAN EMPIRE.



That counterfeits exist of these three stamps, and which might mislead the beginner in Philately, is well known, yet no one who studies their stamps should be mislead to accept a counterfeit for genuine, for a little study will accustom the eye to distinguish between a well engraved stamp and a bad lithograph.

Certain peculiarities exist in the genuine which are not found in the counterfeit, and vice versa; and the genuine are all on water-marked paper, save the $\frac{1}{2}$ p., while the counterfeits are not. These pecu-

liarities I shall herein point out, by giving a description of the genuine, and then that of two counterfeits.

Emission of 1859, engraved; imperforate; colored imp. on heavy white wove paper; 19 x 22 mm. Head of Victoria in profile, sinister, in an oval the ground of which is composed of closely crossed oblique lines having the appearance of solid ground, showing white diamond openings opposite the eyebrows and nose and under the chin. The coronet on head is composed of alternate *Fleur-de-lys* and *crosses pattee*. The front *cross pattee* does not touch the top of the oval, while the Greek knot of hair does. The oval is surrounded by a buckled garter, with the following Greek inscription on it in color, "IONIKON KPATOE" (Ionikon Kratos), which means in English, "Ionian Empire." The greek knot touches the garter between the "A" and "T" of Kratos, and the "I" of Ionian is exactly on a level with the lip, and the lower part of garter is shaded. The whole on a series of white curved lines and a series of crowns for a border; finely engraved, no value expressed:

½ penny orange,
1 " red,
2 " blue,

The half-penny is not watermarked: while the one-penny is watermarked with a figure one in outline, "1", 13 mm. high; the two-penny with figure two in outline, "2."

First counterfeit: badly lithographed; imperforate, colored imp. on thin hard white wove paper; 19 x 23 mm. Not watermarked, colors bad. The letters "KP" of "KPATOE," touch each other at the bottom thus, "KP;" and the "I" of "IONIKON" is on a level with the mouth. The center oval is solid, with no white diamonds on it. The greek knot of hair touches the oval under "A" of "KPATOE" and the ornaments on the coronet are all crosses, the front cross almost touches the outer edge of garter. The neck and face are not shaded evenly, but leave white patches, which are not on the genuine.

Second counterfeit: very poorly lithographed; imperforate, colored imp. on thin white wove paper, 29 x 22 mm., not watermarked, colors good. There are very distinct lines joining all the letters at the top save the "IO" of "IONIKON," and "E" of "KPATOE," thus, "IONIKON KPATOE," and another line joining "KON" at the bottom. The "I" of "IONIKON" is like the genuine. The greek knot of hair does not touch the oval. Ground work of center oval is composed of wavy cross lines, showing white spots like the genuine. The ornaments on the coronet are all crosses, and there is no shading on face and neck;—all canceled.

That genuine canceled specimens exist there is no doubt, but they are like white black birds, *i e.*, very rare. In the twenty-five years that I have been a philatelist I have never seen one.

W. Alfred Warner.

SURPRISES IN U. S. ENVELOPES.

In a collection sent me for disposal at auction are some gems in the way of U. S. envelopes. From the increasing interest taken in U. S. envelopes, I fancy that a few points concerning the rarities to be disposed of at this sale will be of value to collectors who have not copies of my list published in *The Stamp Journal*, where some are noted. In the case of one or two envelopes the information will be new.

I have always considered that the rarest U. S. envelope was a 3c. medium note size, ruled lines, of the third issue. In all the Nesbitt series, the ladies' note, medium letter, and ordinary letter were found ruled, the ladies' note of

the first issue being considered the rarest—in fact for a long time, and until my list was published in 1879, my specimen was the only one known. The medium note, plain, is also found in all the Nesbitt series, and the size ruled was never suspected, until quite unexpectedly a specimen found its way into my collection. It cast the small 6's and 10's of 1860 into the shade,—these being considered the rarities of a collection. But collectors had the 6's and 10's who never had the ladies' note of 1853; but no other collector had ever seen or heard of the ruled medium note of 1863 until mine turned up.

When a collector has a good thing he generally likes to enjoy it himself and let his intimate friends enjoy it with him before displaying his treasure to the world at large. So in my case with these envelopes—they were freely shown, among others to Prof. Horner before he had any thought of a book on U. S. envelopes. As I was entitled to publish my own discoveries I refused him the privilege of publishing these envelopes, and consequently was the dire cause of that screed at the back of his first edition. That did not prevent a French collector from offering me \$200 for that ruled medium note of 1863, and I let it go. The mere fact of the offer was enough to convince me that the envelope was unknown in Europe; and unknown here until a few weeks before that famous sale. My publication set collectors rummaging. One morning the Boston mail brought me a letter containing an envelope, somewhat mutilated, with the modest inquiry if that was my No. 238. It was! The rummaging must have gone on, for my October sale discloses a third. The first, from my collection, unused and immaculate, is in the Ferrari collection; the second in the Vanderlip collection. Whose will claim the third?

While I was preparing my list of U. S. envelopes I had the Vanderlip collection at my elbow for a month. This had a few specimens lacking in mine; so from both the Nesbitt series was rendered complete, nothing having turned up in eight years, until a month ago, which had not a place in that list. In the third issue I listed a 3c envelope, extra letter size (the side flaps coming close up to the upper edge of the envelope), on creamy-buff, yellow-buff, and bright orange, but on paper *without* any watermark. It was stated that these envelopes had been met with canceled, and further that the Postmaster General stated positively that they were issued to the public. But what had become of them? The specimens I described were unused and on unwatermarked paper, and I could hear of no one who had a used copy. Mr. Pemberton, who was the first to make a list of U. S. envelopes, mentioned the buff envelope but not the white; he made no reference to the watermark. Mr. Freeman listed a white and buff, but simply on the authority of Mr. Pemberton, as he doubted their existence, never having seen copies. Prof. Horner also includes them in his list, whether from actual knowledge or from mere belief, must forever remain unknown. Judge of my surprise, therefore, when in arranging my October sale, I found a pair of these envelopes, white and buff, on the watermarked paper! These are two veritable additions, and the only ones thus far to be made to my list of the Nesbitt series.

For a philatelic feast this ought to be enough. But I have one more surprise.

In listing the Reay envelopes I had as I thought everything known or supposed to have been in use. In Mr. Vanderlip's collection was an early "specimen" box with word "specimen" in heavy block letters. The envelopes were of course examined very critically and it was found that the shapes of some differed from the shapes of the Reay envelopes known to be issued. Tracings were made of their shapes, but they were not listed for the reason that no specimens were known to have been issued or used. They were regarded simply as proofs. Were I to make that list over again, I should

give drawings of these strange devices and explain their province, the explanation being communicated by Mr. Tiffany while on a visit to me. The drawings are now with Mr. Tiffany, who will I trust not be long in giving this most valuable piece of news to the philatelic world, unless some one else should rob him of his discovery. And now to the point, and the latest surprise I have in U. S. envelopes, the No. 1, note size, Reay issue, from the knife used to make the note size envelope of the "specimen" box mentioned above. The envelope has passed the post, and so must have been issued. It differs from the ordinary Reay note in the great depth of the thumb hole and in the lower flap being very much rounded.

From all this it appears that there may be more surprises in U. S. envelopes. I shall not be surprised to find the 1860 6c, letter size; or the 10c, official size. In fact, there was a belief in the P. O. Department that these sizes were issued.

Joseph J. Casey.

PHIL'S REFLECTIONS ON THE GROUP.

The subjects of the A. P. A. Convention and the banquet given by the Chicago Society are somewhat stale, and like the venerable stenographer decidedly ancient, but every time I look at the group photo. on my desk it causes me to smile, and I can't help calling your attention to some of the little features I noticed, forcible reminders to me of the great time we had the night before it was taken. As long as I have that photo. I shall never forget the banquet. A great many who may secure copies will never know who all the fellows are unless they are told, and I don't know but that I might as well do it as any one else.

Of course it will be inferred that the rather stout gentleman sitting at the front and centre is our worthy President, Mr. Tiffany. You would never imagine from his face that he had been one of a right jolly party the night before, it didn't affect him that way. The fumes of the flowing wine did not go to his head, the brain was too powerful; but they must have swelled his feet—he couldn't button his shoes. Seated opposite him is our energetic Secretary, Mr. Bradt. The barber had a hard time getting him in condition, but finally succeeded, and he makes a very presentable appearance. That hand of his however has hardly recovered, it seems to be reaching for *more*.

Midway between these two is the Chairman of our Board of Trustees, Mr. Sterling, commonly called "Blue Beard." In spite of the beautiful attempt he makes to smile he looks as though he had been interviewed by a Chicago reporter; and his badge, well—that looks as though it had been in several battles. Immediately behind Mr. Bradt is our friend from New York, Mr. Henry L. Calman, who is a good looker but evidently hasn't recovered from the effects of that toast he proposed. At the left of Mr. Bradt is our friend "Quaker" Stone, from Springfield, Mass., b' gosh, with that perpetual smile,—he says its lithographed. He is one of the very few who didn't *smile* the night before.

At the right of Prest. Tiffany is Charles Haviland, Mekeel from St. Louis, Missouri, and a better fellow than many people imagine him to be. He don't look as if he wanted the earth fenced in for his benefit, but rather appears to be wondering how the convention happened to pass off so smoothly. Next to him is another good fellow from the same end of the bridge, C. J. Fuchsler, by profession a pill roller and stamp dealer,—a nice combination truly. He looks as though one of his own pills would make his head feel lighter. By his side sits the Tower (W. S.) of Chicago, with a far away, sad and dreamy look that would cause one to think he was unhappy. He is not, it is only the swelling. Next to him, on the extreme right, is "Sammy," better known as

S. B. Bradford. He didn't indulge the night before but looks sad because his principles wouldn't let him. The light spoils the good looks of his blonde countenance. Playing peek-a-boo behind him is Fred. B. Stebbins of Adrian, Mich. His moustache, which had indulged more than usual the night before, was rather troublesome, but he evidently got it in shape as it took all right. The next phiz is that of our own P. M. (Wolsieffer) who looks as though the barber had done him a good turn. He is wondering if his head will let up aching long enough for him to get through with that Chalmer's resolution. The patriarch (Eugene Dill) adjoining P. M., don't look any the worse for the hard struggle he had with the *snipe*, (straight Jack snipe, no cigars.)

Bro. J. A. Pierce, our "Kid", evidently had a grudge against Voute, on his right, as he almost succeeded in blotting him out by absorbing all the sun's rays and throwing a dense shadow on Voute's face. "Ah, there!" Kurzweg, behind Pierce, don't seem to have suffered much; he comes from a place that ought to be called Beertown instead of Watertown. Behind Prest. Tiffany stands H. B. Seagrave, one of our best men. He looks grave enough. It wasn't his place to smile that morning, he had too good a time the night before. He has one of those battle scared badges on. Almost out of sight, behind Seagrave, is C. E. Hutchison of Newtonville, Mass. *Young Hutch* in years, but *old* in manner and speech. Late hours evidently don't agree with him. Behind Blue Beard stands R. S. Hatcher, one of the bright lights of Philately. He don't look very bright now and is evidently longing for those Carpenter proofs of Sterling's,—I'm wid him. Behind Calman and a little to the right of him is "Nick the boodler" (W. V. Nicholson) There is just the faintest suspicion of a smile on Nick's face; he don't dare to smile any harder for fear it may hurt his whiskers. Next to him on the left is our friend and fellow citizen Geo. S. Wilson, who deserves a great big leather medal for keeping his mouth shut long enough to have his picture taken. Another of the old young fellows is W. E. W. McKinley of Ottawa, Ill., who stands next to Georgie; and on his right is our Janitor, L. A. Haskell, with a 4 x 9 smile. He looks better than the picture would indicate.

Did you ever see Edouin's "Fun in a Photograph Gallery?" Well, that isn't the photographer on the right. It is "Wanderer" (T. J. Mitchell.) If you don't believe it look at his foot. The only fellow I haven't described, and probably the toughest looking one of the lot, is that fellow in the background with his hand on Nick's shoulder, who is none other than

Yours in disguise,

Phil. Atelic.

A STEP FORWARD. *

It is a pleasure to chronicle the *debut* of this long and eagerly looked for philatelic literary gem; and all collectors—especially patriotic American ones,—hail its appearance with delight, not only as the latest and best product of the author, but also as the most concise and instructive compilation from the versatile pen of that thorough, conscientious, and painstaking veteran collector and connoisseur, for nearly a quarter of a century a prominent chronicler of stamp-lore, both in the English and French languages.

The contents of such a book were naturally expected to possess originality, and we are indeed gratified with the happy results achieved by Mr. Tiffany.

The work is about the duodecimo size, with more than 275 clearly printed pages, divided into 29 chapters, and is a typographical beauty, reflecting

* History of the Postage Stamps of the United States of America. By John K. Tiffany, President of the American Philatelic Association, etc., etc. Post 8 vo, 272 pages, with portrait. Cloth, \$2.00; paper, \$1.50, St. Louis, C. H. Mekeel, Publisher; Chicago, S. B. Bradt.

credit on publisher and printer as well, embracing all points of interest and latest issues up to date of going to press; and displaying the compilers excellent judgment in interspersing it with scarce obsolete departmental proclamations, rare official data of considerable value, interesting notices regarding early local and administrative impressions gleaned from old issues of the American press, all of which the student of United States stamps will highly appreciate.

Numerous brochures have appeared on this subject from time to time, but never such an exhaustive *racolta* as this; the nearest approach to it being "Les Timbres de Etats Unis," written by the same author years ago, and published by Moens of Brussels.

We cheerfully commend this monograph to the thousands of intelligent readers all over the globe, who will soon be turning its leaves in the bureaus and salons of the jurist, the scholar, the scientist, the literateur, and the merchant. And we trust ere long to see it reach many editions, as it so richly deserves.

Finally, we would refer it to the higher postal officials at Washington; hoping that by close application their mysterious and red-taped minds may be eventually enlightened; and but for whose absurd regulations this edition would be greatly enhanced in usefulness by the valuable adjuncts of illustration.

Robert S. Hatcher.

A STAMP'S HISTORY.—(CONTINUED.)

Situated as I was in such comfortable quarters life was one continual round of pleasant association with my genial companions. I soon learned to read, a knack that served me well in after years. At regular intervals the box was opened and a new arrival would be carefully placed with the rest of us. Then would follow a general session of interrogating the new-comer and initiating him into the details of our daily life. Occasionally our master and good friend George would take us all out of the box and read all the letters over. This was always a source of great delight to us and was a welcome break in our otherwise monotonous existence.

As the number of letters increased their tenor became more and more warm and affectionate. At last there came one in which Cora, the young lady we all loved so dearly, named the day on which she pledged herself to unite with George. The letter caused George to become radiant with joy, and he caressed and fondled it in a manner that made the rest of us pale with envy. After this letter others came in thick and fast for a time, and then ceased suddenly and we were left alone and undisturbed for what seemed to us an interminable period. I cannot say how long we remained unnoticed, but it must have been a year or more.

At last we were one day taken from the obscure place in which we had been thrust. Upon once more beholding the full light of day we found that our old time friend Cora was standing over us, and that it was she who had opened the box. How we did long to speak to her and offer our congratulations on the happy event of which we had been the forerunners. But this we could not do; we could only gaze fondly at her and long to express the emotions we felt.

As Cora lifted the letters from the box she remarked: "My love letters; I thought as much," and then settled down comfortably in her rocking chair and read all those letters. Yes, indeed, every one of them! and it must of taken her at least two hours to do it. When the last letter was read she sighed and said softly: "I've a good will to throw them all in the fire." A remark that convulsed all of us with fear. But immediately afterward she

said "No, perhaps George would not like it,—I'll see him first," which greatly relieved us. Cora then replaced the letters in the box and deposited it upon the table to await the arrival of Mr. George.

Imagine our feelings after these years of peace and quiet to be again harrowed by fear of being consigned to the relentless and swift-devouring flames. The discussion that followed the closing of the box partook of a solemn and funereal nature; and many were the unkind and cruel remarks passed upon the beautiful but heartless Cora. After indulging in our woeful conversation for a considerable length of time, one of our number—a sober, sensible individual who well merited the title of philosopher we had given him—interrupted with the remark "O pshaw! you are making a great ado about nothing at all. Do you suppose for a moment that George would let her destroy us? not much! or that Cora herself really desires our destruction? I say no; most emphatically no. That is in not woman's nature. If there were anything in these letters that Cora would not like to have read she would have destroyed them at once, but as she did not do so you can rest assured that we will now remain here in peace and undisturbed for years to come."

And such proved indeed to be the case. That evening, after supper, Cora again opened the box and handed us over to George. He looked at us longingly, as if we recalled some pleasant reminiscence of the past, and then glanced through the lot. While he was thus engaged we improved the opportunity to scan his features carefully and note what ravages time had wrought. But in this we were happily disappointed. He was precisely the same George as of old; possibly a trifle more matured, but still the same genial, joyous George that formerly took so much delight in reading the messages of love we bore him. When George had finished looking over the letters,—and he did not spend much time on them either,—he said "The idea of your wanting to destroy these letters. What possessed you to think of such a thing?" "Well" Cora replied, I thought they were of no use and only took up room. Now that you have me you don't need the letters." "They take up but little room," said George, "And I would not part with them for anything."

(To be Continued.)

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A VISIT TO THE QUAKER CITY.

'Twas on the morning of Sept. 14th that the "Boys in Blue" started from the "Lake City" to attend the Constitutional Centennial. We reached the "Queer City" on Thursday, as bright and balmy a day as ever was seen.

Having been granted twenty-four hours in which to amuse ourselves, our first thoughts were to hunt up the members of the "Queer City" Philatelic Society and we succeeded very well, having had the pleasure of meeting Messrs. Fitch, Durburow, Henderson, Mac Calla, and Lynde. We also had the pleasure of seeing some very fine collections of stamps; notably those of Messrs. Fitch, Durborow, Mac Calla, and a part of Mr. Lynde's collection.

Our thanks are due Mr. Mac Calla, the genial business manager of the *Quaker City Philatelist*, for the royal manner in which he entertained us, he having left his office on Saturday afternoon to show us the city; and long will we remember those "Queer City" people we called on during that afternoon and evening.

The A. P. A. Convention, and many other subjects were discussed, and it was suggested that the subject of the Chalmers-Hill controversy be debated upon, but the Q. C. P. boys thought not and so the matter was dropped.

We left Philadelphia Sunday A. M., arriving home Monday morning at four o'clock with light hearts; and long will we remember our visit to the Quaker City and its collectors.

Cork.

EDITORIAL CHAT.

THIS month we once more come before our readers free from any obligations to anyone, or to any society. As the "official journal" of any such organization as the American Philatelic Association the limits of any journal would be necessarily curtailed. Free and unbiassed criticism and expression of opinion is also prevented under such circumstances. And being now cut loose from the obligations we have been laboring under, and also with the prospect of a speedy release of our editor from the position he holds in the official board, we can once more proceed on the course we originally outlined: that of frank, candid journalism in the interest of and for the further advancement of philately.

SINCE we last appeared before our readers the American Philatelic Association has rounded its first year of existence and successfully started out on the second. It has demonstrated how greatly philatelists had been in need of just such an organization, and what can be accomplished even in its infancy. And that too in the face of dissensions—now happily laid to rest—that threatened at one time to work sad havoc in its ranks. It has now enrolled over three hundred members; and they are rapidly and promptly renewing their memberships for the coming year. The falling off in the way of resignations has been remarkably light, far lighter than could have reasonably been expected.

And why should not that membership be doubled within the next six months? There is no possible reason why it should not. If you who are a philatelist will only take the trouble to examine into the facts of the case you will soon find that you cannot continue to be a philatelist and afford to be outside of the American Philatelic Association. Let each and everyone now give this matter his or her serious attention, and let us all unite in making this society the mountain of strength and influence it was intended to be, and which it will, beyond possible doubt, sooner or later become.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

A VERY very good portrait of Mr. Davis adorns the September issue of the *Youth's Ledger*.

WE have lately seen a few Mexican stamps, five cents, current issue, printed on a paper having faint blue perpendicular lines; such as are on ruled note paper. Is this a new issue or an accident?

WE had the pleasure of a call a few days ago from Mr. H. G. Edwards of Fargo, Dak. He reports stamp collecting as not being very active in his vicinity, but hopes for a revival of interest before long.

THE society reports this month are unusually full of good things and form a very readable portion of this issue. There are a few societies who do not send us reports that we should be very glad to hear from.

WE have received notice that a new journal, to be called the *Eastern Philatelist*, will be published October 15th. Subscription price, fifteen cents a year. The Eastern Philatelic Publishing Company, Publishers, Fitchburg, Mass.

IT is with the greatest regret that we notice the decline in the old stand-by, the *Philatelic Gazette*. But a reduction in subscription price is a very bad indication indeed—especially when the original price was but twenty-five cents a year.

MR. LYMAN H. LOW, the well-known coin dealer of New York City, has become the manager of the coin department of the Scott Stamp and Coin Company, Limited, of New York. Both parties are to be congratulated upon such a happy combination.

THE winner of the stamp collection which we announced to be raffled last month was Mr. R. Koch, an employee of Messrs. A. C. McClurg & Co. of this city. The lucky number was 46.—the winner is not a collector, but it is to be hoped that his success will bring him into the fold.

WE have received a letter from Mr. G. W. von Utassy, now traveling abroad, in which he states that he expects to call on Mr. Pat. Chalmers in a short time, and promises to write up the interview and forward it to us for publication. Mr. von Utassy expects to reach home again early in October.

The new two cents envelopes are atrociously ugly. There is no doubt about that. It is officially stated that the effigy of Washington is after the celebrated statue by Houdan. If such is the case then the rest of the design is after a Hoodoo. At any rate the man who done it was not much in sympathy with his subject.

From a Springfield, Mass., daily paper we learn that Mr. Howard S. Williams, of the firm of W. C. Stone & Co., was to have become a benedict on the 27th of September. The "bright particular star" in this case was Miss Minnie S. Morgan, also of Springfield. We trust that Mr. Williams is by this time settled down in the quiet married felicity that should follow the event. We wish him "thumping luck."

In the last issue of the *Philatelic Gazette*—which, by the way, is a double number, August-September—there is the beginning of a most excellent continued article by "A. Palette" (Wm. A. Warner) in which the various technical terms in use in philately are separately taken up and defined. This is indeed something much needed. The only fault we can find with it is that more of it is not given in this number.

ONE cannot but smile at reading in many of the philatelic journals the announcement that lack of space or some other equally weak reason prevents them from publishing Pres. Tiffany's address to the A. P. A. Convention, but that they will do so in their next issue. We are waiting to see any one of them keep their word. However, they all have the President's closing remarks, and no doubt will rest content with that.

WE ARE in receipt of many requests for special rates for advertising from parties desiring to become advertising agents. The only agents we have who are authorized to make contracts for us are as follows: New York, Geo. H. Richmond, 191 Temple Court, 5 Beekman St.; Philadelphia, Wm. E. Scarlett, 1012 South Fourth St.; Chicago, C. D. Paine, 69 Dearborn St. We have no other agents, nor do we desire any at present.

How the *Q. C. P.* can place the *Philatelic Gazette* on the side of the antagonists of Mr. Chalmers' claims for the invention of the adhesive stamp is beyond our ken. On page 7, vol. 4, of the *Gazette* the following is to be found: "We have uniformly held that Mr. James Chalmers invented the adhesive stamp while Mr. Hill proposed it for use." It is our opinion that our Quaker City contemporary meant to have said *Fortnightly* instead of *Gazette*.

MR. HAROLD R. MILLER, formerly of Lima, Peru, requests us to state that he is now permanently located at Bellbrook, North Finchley, London, England; to which address all correspondence should be sent. Owing to his having been traveling about there has been much delay in his receiving correspondence directed to his old address. Mr. Miller also desires it stated that he is not now connected with *El Mercurio*, but that the journal is in the sole charge of Mr. Paz. Soldar.

THE *Philatelic Magazine* published by Mr. W. T. Bishop of La Grange, Ill., has ceased publication. The first number was issued in October, 1885; nine numbers were issued, the last being in June of this year. Mr. Bishop has retired from the stamp business entirely, but is still pushing his United States Album. The album is now in the bindery and will be ready for delivery some time this month. The stock back of numbers of the *Magazine* has been sold to Mr. S. B. Bradt of Chicago.

BROTHER HUBBARD has kept his word, as usual, and given us the *Curiosity World* as a semi-monthly. We always like to get two for one—especially of a good thing—and our welcome contemporary can always be sure of being on our exchange list. The *Curiosity World* is not a paper devoted to philately entirely, as some of the criticisms on it would seem to indicate, but is devoted to all kinds of collecting; and is about the only combined collector's journal that is worthy of attention from stamp collectors.

AGAIN we have an opportunity to note the arrival of another issue of the *Philatelic Herald*. This time it is the May number, and it reaches us in the middle of September. Let not the reader suppose that the journal is published at the antipodes, or at some point without regular postal service. Not at all. It is published at Augusta, Maine, a city that has, we believe, a postal service like that enjoyed by other cities of our Union. Mr. Jewett is consistent at least: if he will issue a May number in September he is careful to have nothing but May news in it.

ANOTHER would be philatelic paper hails from Canada and is called the *Niagara Falls Philatelist*. Its calibre can be sized up in the statement that its leading article in "Number one" had for a caption the word *Valedictory*. We presume that some acquaintance of the editor with a better understanding of the meaning of words must have pointed out the error, for it was covered with a paster bearing the word *Salutatory*. It is of quite frequent occurrence in philatelic journalism that the two words have a synonymous effect, but it is not often so frankly admitted.

THE new two-cent adhesive stamp is very pretty. The only change is in the color, which is now a delicate light green instead of the old familiar metallic red. The general appearance reminds one forcibly of the last three cents stamp. The first one of the new issue that came under our notice was brought in by Mr. Wilson of the Chicago Society; the next came from our friend "Blue Beard." We also wish to acknowledge our indebtedness to Mr. C. H. Mekeel and Mr. E. R. Aldrich for early specimens. The one sent by the latter we donated to Mr. Aldrich's "damphool" friend "Phil. Atelic."

MR. HENRY L. CALMAN, of the Scott Stamp and Coin Company, sailed for Europe on September 17th.

A CHICAGO collector has a U. S. two-cents adhesive stamp of the 1870 issue, the color of which is a very dull vermilion and entirely different from the bright vermilion which is so common. The stamp is on the original envelope and unlike any other we have ever seen.

THE *Denver Times* has an article on the D. S. C. L. Exhibit of Stamps at the Colorado Exposition. It is a very good article, but has, as usual with newspaper accounts of anything philatelic, a bad blunder. It states that the portrait of James O. S. Calmers adorned the exhibit, and also samples of his adhesive stamps which *he had sent* in to the committee.

AND now Mr. Thomas comes out with a circular replying to the one Mr. Richmond sent out in regard to the *Collector's Journal*. It is not in our province to take sides with either party; they must fight it out themselves—and let the best cause win. In the meantime the August number of the *Journal*—the first number—is out, but a copy has not been sent to us.

AS will be seen by reference to our advertising columns, we have made arrangements with the National Letter Return Association by which we are enabled to offer these most convenient and useful stamps at a merely nominal price when taken in connection with this journal. No person who does not use printed request envelopes can afford to be without these stamps.

WE have received a postal card from the "Quaker." We thought he was too hard to be affected by the allusions made in our report of the banquet last month, but even a Stone is not without feeling. This is what he said: "A 'stereotyped smile', indeed! I'm ashamed of you. Don't you know that anything that is engraved on stone is lithographed?" "The Quaker."

P. S.—"Not from the Queer City, however."

PROBABLY it is not generally known that foreign postage stamps imported into this country as articles of merchandise are dutiable. Yet such is the case. In reply to a correspondent, *Constansau's Monthly Bulletin* for September says that such are "dutiable as printed matter,—25 per cent.;" that such a decision was rendered Sept. 4, 1885, and confirmed July 28 of this year. This will add one more to the list of postal inconsistencies; for it certainly is inconsistent to tax an article as printed matter and at the same time refuse it admission in the mails as printed matter.

AND now the *Philatelic Fortnightly* has taken a change of venue and comes to us from Bellville, Ohio. It has a new publisher, but Mr. Aldrich remains editor. Don't make another such a change we beg of you. The typography is as much worse than Stanton's *Tribune* as could be imagined. It also contains the announcement that "If at the end of this quarter our support will warrant it we will change this paper into a weekly." Now pray do nothing of the kind. Anything more *weekly* than what you are now passing on an unprotected world surpasses human understanding.

JUST too late to notice in our last issue we received the sad intelligence of the death of Mrs. Dr. Ralph E. Starkweather of this city. Mrs. Starkweather was one of the leading collectors of this city and possessed an exceedingly fine collection; which was described at length in the first issue of the *Stamp Collector*. By this death philately loses one who was always a most ardent admirer of its potent charms; one who was ever ready to assist or entertain a fellow collector; one who watched with great delight the rapid advance made in the last few years. Society loses an admirable woman, and the afflicted husband a loving and affectionate wife. We extend our sympathies to Dr. Starkweather in his great bereavement.

IN the last issue of the *Keystone State Philatelist*—another combined two months issue—is a scurrilous attack on the late Chicago Convention. The assertion is made that transactions occurred which were "quickly smothered"; and that "strenuous efforts have been made to keep this quiet"; all of which is utterly false and absolutely without foundation. It is true that the Association went into secret session to receive the report of the board of trustees; but that report is open to members at all times and it will show that nothing was smothered, nor was there anything to keep quiet. The report was unanimously adopted as read and without discussion. It is only another evidence of the ill will held by the *K. S. P.* publishers against the *A. P. A.* It certainly cannot hurt the Association, and we doubt if it can even hurt its originators,—they are already knocked out far beyond any sense of delicate feeling.

AND now comes the intelligence that the banquet given to the *A. P. A.*, with all its glorious good time and the many pleasant remembrances it left with those who participated in it, was far from being perfect. The following extract from a letter from one who read about the banquet but was not there will explain itself: "Your convention was a grand success! and the banquet also, with its menu. But, oh, the toasts! Why since they gave the first dinner outside of Eden there is a toast which has never been omitted. In England it is generally followed by the words 'God bless 'em!' Even if you could not say that in Chicago you might have toasted them as 'the plague of your lives!' But to forget them utterly—alas! alas! alack-a-day! But perhaps I do you an injustice, and *sola voce* each one pledged the grey, the black, or the blue eyes he loved best?" Oh, woman! woman! at once the delight and torment of our lives! Why, oh why, did we so utterly forget you on that memorable occasion! For the saving clause interrogated in the letter we fear was acted upon by few or none of those present—surely none to our knowledge. Let this be a warning to all future philatelic banquets.

A WELL known Chicago collector has recently come into the possession of a treasure in the shape of a unique U. S. envelope. It is a two cents, number five, October issue, on amber paper; unfortunately the envelope is not entire, the back having been cut off; but the entire front remains. The peculiarity consists of a piece of quite thick pink paper, in the form of a letter V, adhering to the corner of the envelope and receiving a portion of the impression of the stamp. The paper lies on the envelope in a perpendicular direction, the point being at the top and receiving the letter A of "Postage," from which it passes on the right through the right figure two, and on the left it extends just far enough to receive the first letter of the word "two." Thus we have one-half the impression in its normal state and the other half on a piece of paper that must have accidentally slipped in when the impression was taken, the force of the latter being sufficient to hold the paper in place at the top, although it hangs loosely at the bottom, showing when raised the blank that exists on the envelope. The envelope is addressed to a Chicago business man and bears a return request.

WHAT appears to us to be an oddity or something new in Indian surcharges recently passed through the Chicago Post Office. It is the current green half anna of East India with surcharge in black in two lines.

THE PHILATELIC SOCIETIES.

We shall be glad to have all societies represented in this department, and will send THE WESTERN PHILATELIST free to those regularly sending us reports of their meetings. Reports must reach us not later than the 15th of each month.

THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

(Organized September 14, 1886.)

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With our last issue we ceased to be the official journal of this society. Previous to our appointment it had been our custom to give such news in relation to the A. P. A. as we were able to obtain, and we shall now continue the same course.

The convention decided to re-establish its own journal, the *American Philatelist*, under the supervision of a literary board of three members, the chairman of the board to be the editor-in-chief. The board of officers have unanimously appointed Mr. Robert C. H. Brock of Philadelphia as chairman of the literary board, but have not yet named his colleagues; Mr. Gadsden of Chicago and Mr. Stone of Springfield, Mass., have been suggested. Editor Brock expects to get out the first issue of the journal some time this month. The other appointive officers created by the convention (assistant counterfeit detector and assistant purchasing agents) have not yet been appointed.

The Secretary has mailed bills to all members for the full amount of dues for the year 1887-8. Payment must be made prior to November first; failure in doing so will result in the dropping of the delinquent member's name from the list of members. Although the bills are made out for the full year members are not obliged to pay more than one-half the amount now unless they choose to do so. An impression exists with some members that the dues are payable quarterly. This is a mistake caused by some of the erroneous unofficial reports of the proceedings of the convention.

Thus far the members are renewing their membership quite briskly. And but very few resignations have been sent in, probably half a dozen, and those from persons who write that they have given up collecting. The membership now numbers 305; with about twenty-five published applications and nearly as many more unpublished ones.

Another official circular can be looked for very soon. The death of our lamented Treasurer and the resignation of the Secretary render a general election necessary. There seems to be no opposition whatever to the nomination of Mr. H. B. Seagrave of Ionia, Mich., for the office of treasurer and he will be likely to receive a unanimous vote. For secretary there have been named Messrs. W. H. Lightstone of Evansville, Ind., C. R. Gadsden of Chicago, and W. V. Nicholson of Erie, Pa. Mr. Gadsden positively declines the nomination. Our choice for the office is Mr. Lightstone. He is a man something over thirty years of age, well qualified for the position, and one who has the best interests of philately firmly at heart. He is centrally located, a fact of much importance, and one greatly in his favor. He has the advantage over the present incumbent of writing a good legible hand, another point in his favor.

THE CHICAGO PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

President, S. B. BRADT; *Vice-President*, P. M. WOLSIEFFER; *Secretary*, C. R. GADSDEN, Grand Crossing, Ill.; *Treasurer*, H. B. MYERS; *Librarian*, G. S. WILSON, Grand Crossing, Ill.; *Executive Committee*, J. A. PIERCE, W. J. CLARK, L. A. HASKELL. Meetings held at Tremont House Club Room on alternate Thursdays, at eight o'clock, P. M.

OFFICIAL REPORT.

Meeting of Sept. 8th, called to order at 8:20 P. M. by Pres. Bradt. Messrs. Abraham, Bradt, Gadsden, Haskell, Myers, Wilson, and Wolsieffer were present. Minutes of previous meeting read, corrected, and approved. Mr. Rosseter Cotton was proposed for membership and elected. The committee on the banquet given by the society reported; which report was accepted and the committee given further time in which to finish its business. The exchange superintendent reported that he was about to forward a batch of exchanges and requested any member who might have additions to make to do so at once. A discussion arose as to whether members of this society who were not members of the A. P. A. would be permitted to send in exchanges with the branch. The president ruled that they would not. It was then suggested that non-members of the A. P. A. send in exchanges in the name of some member. The president also ruled that this was not to be permitted, and instructed the exchange superintendent to refuse any exchanges that he thought to be of this order. Resignations were read from Messrs. Drury and Holtfodt; on motion of Mr. Wilson action on them was deferred until next meeting. Mr. Wolsieffer read a communication from Mr. Pat. Chalmers. A Committee on Exercises was appointed as follows: Messrs. Myers, Gadsden, and Wolsieffer. After the reading of the chronicle by the Secretary the meeting adjourned at 10:25.

Meeting of Sept. 22, called to order at 8:15 P. M., by Pres. Bradt. Messrs. Abraham, Bradt, Clark, Cotton, Gadsden, Haskell, Pierce, Tower, Wilson, and Wolsieffer were present. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. Messrs. F. T. Harmon and H. E. Krausse were proposed for membership and elected. The resignations of Messrs. Drury and Holtfodt were then taken up and that of the latter accepted, the first being withdrawn. The resignation of Mr. J. W. Griffin, which had been lying on the table for some months, was taken up and accepted. The Committee on Exercises reported in favor of having the chronicle read at such meetings as immediately followed its publication each month, and in favor of reading and discussing portions of the Rev. Mr. Earee's work on forgeries at such meetings as there was no chronicle to be read. Report accepted. Motion prevailed that a committee on rules be appointed; the president appointed Messrs. Wolsieffer, Cotton, and Gadsden as such committee. The librarian reported a letter from our former member, Mr. A. E. S. Smyth, now returned to his home in England, which was accompanied by a donation of English postal cards, governmental and private. The report of the banquet committee was read and accepted and the committee continued in service. A recess was then taken during which an auction sale was held. After the recess the Committee on Exercises read an article on "Mounting Entire Envelopes" (published in this issue), which was well received and commented upon. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 P. M. Next meeting Oct. 6.

Chicago, Ill.

C. R. Gadsden, Secretary.

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AMATEUR STAMP COLLECTORS.—No quorum being present at the meeting of August 20 it was adjourned to meet Sept. 16 at the residence of Mr. S. L. Boyd; which meeting was called to order by Pres. Grover. Messrs. Grover, Tisdale, Downing, Dewing, Bowers, Boyd, and Courtenay were present. Motion prevailed that approval sheets which had lately been received without request be returned, and that in future all such be held until return postage be forwarded for them. The names of two members were dropped from the rolls for non-payment of dues. The Secretary was instructed to purchase copies of Scott's and Sterling's Catalogues. Motion prevailed that the meetings during the winter be held on the first and third Wednesday evenings of each month. Next meeting will be held at the residence of Pres. Grover.

Needham, Mass.

W. W. Dewing, Secretary.

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BLACK HAWK PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—Meeting of Sept. 10, Pres. Reimers in the chair. The new officers were installed in the presence of a full attendance. Several communications were read and considerable routine business transacted. Our ex-president, Mr. Harms, who is about leaving us to attend college at Champaign, was tendered the best wishes of all the members. Next meeting Sept. 23.

Rock Island, Ill.

M. L. Case, Secretary.

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DENVER STAMP COLLECTOR'S LEAGUE.—Meeting of Sept. 4th was called to order by President Osgood. Messrs. Lewis, Carstarphen, and Gorton being absent. Minutes of last meeting read and adopted. The Executive Committee reported progress on the Exposition Exhibit and it was decided to make an assessment of one dollar to defray all expenses thereof. A committee was appointed to draft resolutions on the death of our esteemed honorary member, Mr. L. W. Durbin, and the following was then presented and passed:

WHEREAS: It has pleased the Divine Providence, who doeth all things well, to call from our midst our honorary member Mr. L. W. Durbin, be it

Resolved, By the Denver Stamp Collector's League in session, that we bow in humble submission to His will, and be it further

Resolved, That we deeply deplore his death and that in Mr. Durbin the ranks of Philately lose one who has always occupied his position with honor and credit and that his place will be difficult to fill, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be published in the official organ of this League and that a copy be sent to the Philatelic Press of the United States.

Many of our members have been rusticated during the summer but all have now returned ready to begin the coming season. A lively interest is manifested in our exhibit in the Colorado Exposition, which is the first one ever made by a Philatelic Society in this country, and it has proved itself a great success. All communications intended for the secretary should be hereafter addressed to box 3081, and all matter for the library may be sent to C. B. Lewis, room 8, Union Block. Next meeting Sept. 17.

Denver, Colo.

H. A. Babb, Secretary.

LUTHER PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—Meeting of Sept. 2. A number of communications were read and the Secretary instructed to reply to them. Motion prevailed that a committee be appointed to examine into the relative value of philatelic publications and report at the first meeting in October. Motion prevailed that a "Good of the Order" Committee be appointed, such committee to see that suitable essays or debates be prepared for each meeting. Meeting of Sept. 16; little but routine business was transacted. It was decided to hold but one meeting each month, on the first Friday. Meeting adjourned.

Luther, Mich.

W. H. Verity, Secretary.

NATIONAL PHILATELICAL SOCIETY.—At the meeting of Sept. 8th the following resolutions was offered by Dr. Wm. H. Mitchell.

WHEREAS, We, the members of the National Philatelic Society of the City of New York, a branch of the American Philatelic Association, are desirous of doing all that lies in our power to make the next convention of the American Philatelic Association to be held in Boston in Aug., 1888, one that will not only be interesting to philatelists, but that will interest the public in philately; therefore be it

Resolved, That we the members of the National Philatelic Society, being also a branch society of the American Philatelic Association, do believe that an exhibition of a philatelic and postal nature would enhance the convention, and be it

Resolved, That the National Branch of the A. P. A. do petition the President of the A. P. A., with the consent of the Executive Board, to appoint from the branches and unattached members, as he may see fit, a suitable committee to take charge and bring to a successful termination such an exhibition; and be it also

Resolved, That this society render to such committee, when appointed, all the aid that lies in our power to make the exhibition one that will reflect credit on American Philatelists.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the President of the A. P. A. and a copy to the Quaker City Philatelist, Philatelic Journal of America, Philatelic Gazette, and Western Philatelist, and that the Philatelic Societies be notified of this action on the part of the N. P. S. and be invited to co-operate.

New York City.

Wm. A. Warner, Secretary.

NEW MILFORD PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—Meeting of Sept. 12 called to order by Pres. Turrell. Several communications were read and placed on file. Librarian's report was read and accepted. The following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, We have learned of the recent death of L. Durbin, who has occupied a position of prominence in philatelic circles; be it

Resolved, That we, as an organization, profoundly regret the sad loss philately has thus sustained and extend our sympathy to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the records of our society and published in its official reports.

The question of forming a Litchfield County, (Conn.), Philatelic Association was debated upon but action deferred until next meeting. Essays were read on the Chalmers-Hill question, after which the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, Sir Rowland Hill has long been considered the inventor of the adhesive postage stamp, and

WHEREAS, Evidence has recently been adduced by Mr. Patrick Chalmers claiming this honor for his father, Mr. James Chalmers of Dundee, Scotland; and

WHEREAS, After a careful investigation of these conflicting claims we believe Mr. James Chalmers to be the real inventor:

Therefore be it Resolved, That we, the members of the New Milford Philatelic Society, will do all in our power to advance the just claims of Mr. James Chalmers.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the records of our society and a copy of the same be sent to Mr. Patrick Chalmers of Wimbledon, Eng.

The exercises of the next meeting will consist of a discussion on the Litchfield Co. Philatelic Ass'n, by Messrs. Turrell, and Levy, and an essay on stamp papers and publications by Mr. Soule. Next meeting Sept. 23.
New Milford, Conn.

Frank E. Soule, Secretary.

OTTAWA PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—Meeting of Sept. 15 called to order at 8 P. M. Present: Bradford, McKinlay, M. J. Farrell, Griffith, McManus, and T. B. Farrell. Committee report on procuring more commodious quarters was read and it was decided that flat 2, 830 La Salle Street, should be rented. The librarian reported having several complete files of papers bound and also having received enough papers, by exchanging duplicates, to complete three more volumes, which were ordered bound. The library was reported in an excellent, flourishing condition. New quarters will be occupied Oct. first. A very pleasant meeting was passed in exchanging specimens and papers, after which the meeting adjourned. Next meeting September 29.

Ottawa, Ill.

Thos. B. Farrell, Secretary.

QUAKER CITY PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—Meeting of Sept. 10 called to order at 8 P. M. by Pres. Henderson. Messrs. Chiles, Corfield, Durburrow, Henderson, MacCalla, Lynde, Scarlett, McAllister, Richard, and Siddall were present. Messrs. Corfield and MacCalla were allotted as essayists for the next meeting. After a spirited auction sale the meeting adjourned at 9:40 P. M. Meeting of Sept. 24 called to order by Pres. Henderson. Attendance good. Mr. D. H. Miller was elected an active member. A communication was read from the N. P. S. inviting co-operation in making the next A. P. A. Convention a success. On motion it was determined to do all in our power to aid the project. Mr. MacCalla read an essay on the A. P. A., strongly urging members to join. Meeting adjourned at 10 P. M.

Philadelphia, Pa.

F. E. P. Lynde, Secretary.

RHODE ISLAND PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—At a special meeting of this society, held on the 25th ult., the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, It has seemed good to the Almighty disposer of events to remove from the walks of life our late worthy and esteemed honorary member, L. W. Durbin, and

WHEREAS, The friendly relations long held by the deceased with the members of this society render it proper that we should place upon record our appreciation of his philatelic services, and his merits as a man. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we deplore the loss of our friend L. W. Durbin, with deep feelings of regret, softened only by the confident hope that his spirit is with those who, having fought the good fight here, are enjoying perfect happiness in a better world.

Resolved, That we tender to his afflicted relatives our sincere condolence and our earnest sympathy in their affliction at the loss of one who was honorable in business, faithful in friendship, and an example to us all of an upright man.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the relatives of the deceased, and that the same be published in the reports of our transactions.

The first regular meeting of this society, after its summer vacation, was held on Monday evening, Sept. 12, at the residence of Mr. F. F. Olney, and was a most satisfactory meeting both regarding attendance and interest manifested. The committee appointed some months since to trace the present locality and condition of the plate of the Providence Postage Stamp reported progress and was enlarged and continued. Two names were proposed for membership, one active and one honorary, which were continued one month for action. Messrs. Olney's and Wood's collections were on exhibition and the members lingered to a late hour looking over the fine things therein displayed. Messrs. Hanes and Dawson also showed rarities and oddities collected since our last gathering.

Providence, R. I.

John B. Calder, Secretary.

ST. LOUIS PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—Meeting of Sept. 10th, called to order at 4 P. M. by Mr. Custer. Our president, vice-president, and several other members being out of the city we had a very poorly attended meeting, there being present only Messrs. Custer, Chandler, Muennighaus, Mucke, and Dill. Communication read from Charleston Philatelic Society requesting a copy of constitution and by-laws of the St. Louis Philatelic Society. Secretary instructed to send a copy. Resignation of Mr. W. F. MacGinnitie read and accepted. Adjourned to meet Oct. 8th at 3:30 P. M.

St. Louis, Mo.

Eugene Dill, Secretary.

RECORD OF NEW ISSUES.

We desire correspondents in all parts of the world to furnish early and accurate information concerning new issues. Dealers and others furnishing prompt notice of new issues, with specimens or minute descriptions, will receive proper acknowledgement.

AZORES.—The 20 reis stamp of Portugal now appear with the surcharge "Azores."

BOKHARA.—*Le Timbre Poste* has a communication from Teheran stating that there are three stamps in use there: 11 poul, red; 22 poul, green; 65 poul, lilac. The money of Bokhara is the Tenga, or 25 kopecs of Russia, equal to 65 poul.

COLOMBIA.—The new 2c. stamp represents Marshall Siare; the 20c. General Narinos (don Antonio); both heroes of the war of Independence. The latter was the first Dictator of Colombia, born at Bogota in 1769 and died at Cadiz about 1822. The 20c. stamp reads "Repulica" instead of "Republica."

GIBRALTAR.—A 6d. stamp similar in design to the values now in use has been issued; color, violet. There has also been issued a postal card, carmine on buff, 1 penny.

NOWANUGGER.—The *Ph. Record* states that these stamps have been re-set and issued. They are printed on thin wove colored paper, un gummed. They are 1 docra, black on lake-red; 2d. on green and yellow green; 3d. on lemon yellow.

PARAGUAY.—According to "Le Timbre Post" 2c. bands and 5c. envelopes are in use.

PAPAYAN.—The *P. J. of A.* chronicles what purports to be a provisional issue of this place. Type set, on white wove paper; border of plain lines; inscription as follows in four lines: PAPA-YAN—FRANCO, 10 Centavos—No hai Estampillas—EL ADMOR. The inscription occupies but half the space, the balance being left blank.

PORTUGAL.—In addition to the 20 reis stamp recorded last month there now appears a 25 reis of the same design; color, bright violet.

ST. THOMAS.—The *S. C. Journal* records a new provisional; the current 7c. surcharged horizontally across the centre **1 CENT** in black block letters.

VENEZUELA.—The 5c. escuelas is now lithographed instead of engraved. It is printed in pale green. The 50 bolivars of the "escuelas" series has appeared. Same type as 1880 series; color, carmine.

VICTORIA.—The 4d. registry envelope, pink, has now the words "Stamp Duty."

UNITED STATES.—The Third Asst. P. M. General has issued the following official circular: "On or about the 12th of September, 1887, the following changes in the series of ordinary postage stamps will be made:

The color of the 2 cent stamp will be green instead of the present color—metallic red.

The color of the 3 cent stamp (issues of which are still made to some of the larger post offices) will be vermilion instead of green.

About the same time the following changes will be made in the embossed stamps on stamped envelopes:

The 1-cent stamp will be printed from a new die of the head of Franklin after the bust by Caracci.

The 2-cent stamp will be green instead of metallic red, and will contain the head of Washington, from a new die, after the statue by Houdon.

The 4-cent stamp will be carmine instead of green.

The 5 cent stamp will be dark blue instead of chocolate brown, and will contain the head of Grant instead of that of Garfield.

The 30-cent stamp will be brown instead of black.

The 90-cent stamp will be purple instead of carmine.

In addition to these changes, the border around the 1, 2, 4 and 5 cent embossed stamps will be somewhat different from the borders now used, the following being a description of the new design: On the upper portion of an elliptical band, between two serrated lines, are the words "United States Postage," in white letters; on the lower portion of the band are words, in the same style of lettering, indicating the denomination, which is also shown by an Arabic numeral in a shield at the bottom. The upper and lower portions of the band are separated by an eight-pointed rosette on each side of the stamp.

The stamped envelopes will be unchanged as to colors and qualities of paper, and as to denominations and prices."

The one-cent stamp was chronicled in our July issue. The two-cent stamp made its appearance here on the 14th ult., and is very handsome in appearance. Of the new envelopes we have so far received but the two cent; No. 4½ amber, and Nos. 4½ and 5 white.

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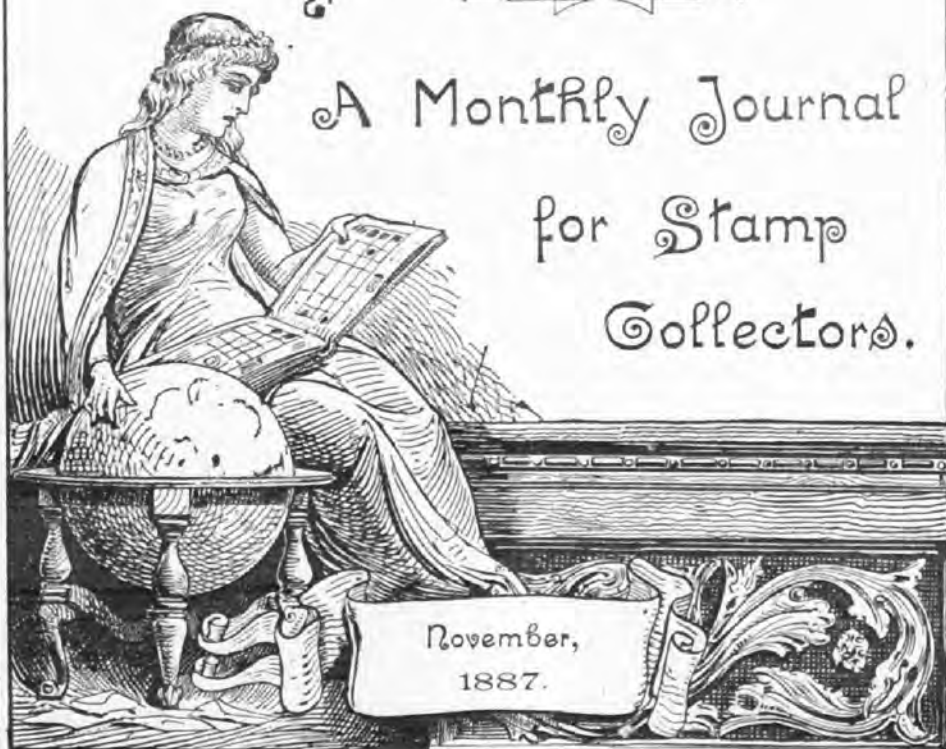
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A. CHINA.

Emission of 1878. Lithographed; color, on thin white wove paper, perforated; large rectangle; $22\frac{1}{2} \times 26$ mm.

In the center a dragon (national emblem of China) in color, in outline; in rectangle framed by solid vertical and horizontal lines, in upper corners native characters; in upper sinister¹ corner are the *Kou-won* letters, and upper dexter² the *Kiai-chou*; at the top in oblong is the word "CHINA" in solid capitals. In lower corners, numerals of value, and in oblong at bottom the word "CANDARIN" or plural "CANDARINS"; at the sides in upright oblongs in solid letters the *Kou-won*, and at top of sinister upright oblong the value in *Kou-won*. There are two dies of each value; in the first the letters, characters, and figures are very thin, and in the second they are thick. The colors vary.

No. 1.	1	Candarín	(Kou won)	yih	(one)	green,	die A.
"	2.	1	"	"	"	dark green,	die B.
"	3.	3	Candarins	"	san	(three)	vermilion, die A.
"	4.	3	"	"	"	red,	die B.
"	5.	5	"	"	ou	(five)	ochre, die A.
"	6.	5	"	"	"	yellow,	die B.

Emission of December 1st, 1885. Lithographed; color (water color) on thin white wove paper, perforated. Small rectangle, $18\frac{1}{2} \times 22\frac{1}{2}$ mm.

Similar design to first emission, but not so crude in design and workmanship. Dragon in center on a fancy ground, "CHINA" at top in white label with colored line, round ends, the *Kou-won* in upper sinister corner and *Kiai-chou* in dexter corner in color on white squares. *Kou-won* characters in vertical oblongs at sides, in color, and bordered by solid line with round ends. Value in *Kou-won* at top of sinister side, heavy numerals of value in solid color in lower corner, and the word "CANDARIN" or plural in thin white letters on solid label, round ends, at bottom. The whole framed by solid line³.

No. 7.	1	Candarín,	kou-won,	yih	(one),	pale green.
"	8.	3	Candarins,	"	san	(three) mauve.
"	9.	5	"	"	ou	(five) chrome yellow.

¹ Left.

² Right.

³ If these stamps become moistened the design will rub off.

I have found no color or die varieties of this issue as yet. The stamps are for use only in the interior, and will not carry a letter or parcel out of the empire. There are rumors that China will enter the "Union Postal Universal," and then a new and better set of stamps may be expected, perhaps equal to the first emission of Siam or the present emission of Japan.



B. SHANGHAI.

First emission, October, 1865. Lithographed in color on native paper; rectangular; imperforate. 28x30 mm. In the center a dragon and ornaments in a solid framed rectangle; in upper and lower sinister corners are native characters in *kou-won*, and in dexter corners in *kiat-chou*, or modern; at top in straight label in solid roman letters is "SHANGHAI, L. P. O." and at bottom figures of value and the money. At sinister side are the native characters for value and money in *kiat-chou*; top character is the numeral, while the same appears on the dexter side in the *kou-won*. In this issue will be found, and on all subsequent issues, in upper dexter corner, a character (*fi*), and in lower dexter corner (*ye*). These stamps come on laid, wove, quadrille, verge, and native paper; also with the word Candareen in singular and in plural and in the *roman* and *gothic* or *antique* letters.

In Gothic or Antique, White Wove Paper.

No.	1.	1	Candareen, (yih.)	top sinister character, equiv.	one, blue.
"	2.	1	"	"	" " bright blue.
"	3.	1	"	"	" " indigo.
"	4.	2	Candareens (eull)	"	" two, black.
"	5.	3	" (san)	"	" three, brown.
"	6.	4	" (sse)	"	" four, pale yellow.
"	7.	8	" (pah)	"	" eight, green.
"	8.	16	" (chihnelouk)	upper two sinister characters, equiv.	ten and six, red.

Errors having the second character sinister a figure.

No.	9.	4	Candareens (sse)	second sinister character, equiv.	four, yellow.
"	10.	8	" (pah)	"	" eight, green.

Having the money in singular without the "S."

No.	11.	1	Candareen (yih),	top sinister character, equiv.	one, blue.
"	12.	2	" (eull)	"	" two, black.
"	13.	3	" (san)	"	" three, black.
"	14.	4	" (sse)	"	" four, pale yellow.
"	15.	8	" (pah)	"	" eight, green.
"	16.	16	" (chihnelouk)	upper two sinister characters, equiv.	ten and six, orange.

Values in ordinary figures.

No.	17.	1	Candareen (yih.)	top sinister character, equiv.	one, blue.
"	18.	1	"	"	" pale blue.
"	19.	1	"	"	" slate.
"	20.	3	Candareens (san)	"	" three, brown.

Error having the figure reversed.

No. 21. 3 Candareens (san) top sinister character, equiv. three, brown.
On White Verge.

No. 22. 1 Candareen (yih) top sinister character, equiv. one, blue.
" 23. 1 " " " " " " " " pale blue.
" 24. 2 Candareens (eull) " " " " " " " " two, black.
" 25. 4 " (sse) " " " " " " " " four, yellow.

Variety having two parallel lines in place of figure at bottom.

No. 26. 2 Candareens (eull), top sinister character, equiv. two black.
Having Candareens, White Wove.

No. 27. 2 Candareens (eull), top sinister character, equiv. two, black.
" 28. 3 " (san), " " " " " " " " three, brown.
" 29. 4 " (sse) " " " " " " " " four, yellow.
" 30. 6 " (louk) " " " " " " " " six, brown.
" 31. 6 " (louk) " " " " " " " " six, orange.
" 32. 8 " (pah) " " " " " " " " eight, yell. green.
" 33. 8 " (pah) " " " " " " " " eight, lt. green.
" 34. 12 " (chih ni eull), upper two sinister characters, equiv.
ten and two, brown red.

No. 35. 12 Candareens (chih ni eull), upper two sinister characters, equiv.
ten and two, brown deep.

No. 36. 16 Candareens, (chih ne louk), upper two sinister characters, equiv.
six vermillion.

No. 37. 16 Candareens, (chih ne louk), upper two sinister characters, equiv.
ten and six rose.

Errors. 1st, I. P. O. for L. P. O.

No. 38. 3 Candareens (san), top sinister character, equiv. three, brown.
2d. CANDARFEENS.

No. 39. 3 Candareens (san), top sinister character, equiv. three, brown.
3d. 6 for 16.

No. 40. 16 Candareens (chih ne louk), upper two sinister characters, equiv.
ten and two, vermil.

On this stamp the value at sinister side reads 16 in *kiai-chou*, while at the
bottom it reads "6 CANDAREENS."

Varieties. 4th. Ordinary figures.

No. 41. 3 Candareens (san), top sinister character, equiv. three, brown.
" 42. 12 " (chih ni eull), upper two sinister characters, equiv.
ten and two, brown red.
No. 43. 16 Candareens (chih ne louk), upper two sinister characters, equiv.
ten and six, vermil.

5th. Grey, White Wove Paper.

No. 44. 2 Candareens (eull), top sinister character, equiv. two, black.

6th. Errors having parallel bars in place of figures.

No. 45. 2 Candareens (eull), top sinister character, (antique), equiv. two,
black.

No. 46. 2 Candareens (eull), top sinister character, (ordinary), equiv. two,
black.

Paper, White Wove.

No. 47. 1 Candareen (yih), top sinister character (antique), equiv. one,
blue green.

No. 48. 1 Candareen (yih), top sinister character (antique), equiv. one,
blue green.

No. 49. 2 Candareens (eull), top sinister character (error 2 bars), equiv. two, black.

Ordinary figures.

No. 50. 3 Candareens (san), top sinister character, equiv. three, black.

" 51. 4 " (sse), " " " " " br. yel.

" 52. 5 " (pah), " " " " " green yel.

Variety Without Inner Frame.

No. 53. 3 Candareens (san), top sinister character, equiv. three, brown.

Second Emission, June, 1866. Lithographed in color on white paper; perf., 13. 20x23 mm. In center in double oval on lined ground *a dragon rampant* (tho' it looks more like a half-drowned tom-cat held up by the nape of the neck), bordered by a pearly band, in rectangle; in each spandril is a convulvulus (on 2 cents), this differs in each value. In upper and lower sinister corner in white disks are characters in *kou-won*; in opposite corners in *kiai-chou*; at top in white label is "SHANGHAI L. P. O."; at bottom the numeral and "CENTS"; at sinister side is the value and money in *kiai-chou*, and on dexter side, in *kou-won*, in solid letters, bordered by a solid rectangular line.

No. 53. 2c. (eull), top sinister character, equiv. two, rose.

" 54. " " " " " " two, pale rose.

" 55. 4c. (sse) " " " " " four, bright lilac.

" 56. " " " " " " " grey lilac.

" 57. 8c. (pah) " " " " " eight, bright blue.

" 58. " " " " " " " " " "

" 59. 16c. (chih ne louk), upper two sinister characters, equiv. ten and six, yell. green.

" 60. 16c. (chih ne louk), upper two sinister characters, equiv. ten and six, yell. green.

Variety, perf. 15.

No. 61. 2c. (eull), top sinister character, equiv. two, bright rose.

Error "3" for "8."

No. 62. 8c. (pah), top sinister character, equiv. eight blue.

The *kiai-chou* character reads *eight* while the figures call for three.

Third Emission, Dec., 1869. Lithographed in color on white wove paper, similar to second emission. 20x22 mm.; perf. 15. The plural has a small "s" dexter of "CAND's."

No. 63. 1 Cand. (yih), top sinister character, equiv. one, pale brown.

No. 63a. 1 Candarin (yih), top sinister character, equiv. one, deep brown.

" 64. 1 " " " " " " " one, brown.

" 65. 3 Candarins (san), " " " " " " three, yellow.

" 66. 3 " " " " " " " orange.

" 67. 6 " (louk) " " " " " six, yellow.

" 68. 6 " " " " " " " grey.

" 69. 12 " (chih ni eull), upper two sinister characters, equiv. ten and two, olive brown.

Errors. CAND^s for CAND.

No. 70. 1 CAND^s (yih), top sinister character, equiv. one, brown.

6 for 3.

No. 71. 3 CAND^s (san), top sinister character, equiv. three, yell. brown.

This has the value in *kiai-chou* which reads 3, while the numeral at bottom is a 6.

Fourth Emission, Jan., 1873, being the stamps of 1866, surch'd obliquely (from sinister to dexter) with a new value in *roman* and *kou-won*, in color.

- No. 72. 1 Cand. bottom dexter character, (yih), equiv. one, on 4c. blue, in pale blue.
 No. 72a. 1 Cand., bottom dexter character, (yih), equiv. one, on 4c. red, in pale blue.
 No. 73. 1 Cand., bottom dexter character, (yih), equiv. one, on 4c. blue, in black.

Fifth Emission, Oct., 1873, same; perf. 12. 1st.

- No. 74. 1 Cand., bottom dexter character, (yih), equiv. one, on 2c. rose, in blue black.
 No. 75. 1 Cand., bottom dexter character, (yih), equiv. one, on 4c. lilac, in blue black.
 No. 76. 1 Cand., bottom dexter character (yih), equiv. one, on 4c. violet, in blue black.
 No. 77. 1 Cand., bottom dexter character, (yih), equiv. one, on 8c. blue, in blue black.
 No. 78. 1 Cand., bottom dexter character, (yih), equiv. one, on 16c. green, in blue black.

2d. Perf. 15.

- No. 79. 1 Cand., bottom dexter character, (yih), equiv. one, on 2c. rose, in blue black.
 No. 80. 1 Cand., bottom dexter character, (yih), equiv. one, on error 3 for 8, blue, in blue black.

3d.

- No. 81. 1 Cand., bottom dexter character, (yih), equiv. one, on 4c. lilac, in red.
 No. 82. 1 Cand., bottom dexter character, (yih), equiv. one, on 8c. blue, in red.
 No. 83. 1 Cand., bottom dexter character, (yih), equiv. one, on 16c. green, in red.

Sixth Emission, Jan., 1875, being stamps of 1866 and Dec., 1869, surch'd same as 1873, in blue.

- No. 84. 1 Cand., bottom dexter character, (yih), equiv. to one, on 6 Cand*, grey-green, 6c., in blue.
 No. 85. 1 Cand., bottom dexter character, (yih), equiv. to one, on 12 Cand*, olive brown, 6c. in blue.
 No. 86. 3 Cands., bottom dexter character, (san), equiv. to three, on 2c. rose.
 No. 87. 3 Cands., bottom dexter character, (san), equiv. to three, on 16c. green.

Seventh Emission, July, 1875. Similar to preceding; lithographed in color on colored paper. The 1 Cand. is 22x23 mm., and 3 Cand* is 20x23 mm., p. 15.

- No. 88. 1 Cand., top sinister character, (yih), equiv. to one, yellow on yellow.

- No. 89. 1 Cand., top sinister character, (yih), equiv. to one, yel. on saffron.

- No. 90. 3 Cands., top sinister character, (san), equiv. to three carm. on rose.

Eighth Emission, Feb. 1, 1876. Litho. on white paper, same design, perf. 15. 20x23 mm.

- No. 91. 1 Cand., top sinister character, (yih), equiv. to one, yellow.
 " 92. 3 Cands., " " " (san), " " three, rose.
 " 93. 3 " " " " " " three, carmine.
 " 94. 6 " " " " (louk), " " six, yell. green.
 " 95. 9 " " " " (kieou) " " nine, clear blue.
 " 96. 12 " " " " (chih ni eull), equiv. to ten and two, bistre.

W. Alfred Warner.

(To be continued.)

NOTES FOR U. S. PHILATELISTS.

This grateful Republic has immortalized the features of fifteen of her illustrious sons by placing them on the postage stamps of the nation; viz., seven Presidents, three Secretaries of State, one Secretary of War, one Secretary of the Treasury, one Postmaster General, one Major General and a Commodore.

It is to be regretted that the most complete and valuable collections of fiscal stamps of all issues are so far owned in Europe. Americans should realize this fact, and endeavor to keep the choicest varieties of their own government within its borders.

His Imperial Highness, the young Prince Pedro Louis Phillip, grandson of Don Pedro II., and future heir apparent to the throne of Brazil, has made formal request of the present American Postmaster General (through the Brazilian minister at Washington), for a set of U. S. postage stamps; and our highest postal functionary has complied with the august collector's wishes and forwarded to him, through the same channels, a complete selection of the current adhesive postage stamps and embossed envelopes of this country.

On the 13th of last June the U. S. Treasury issued to the public a series of eight stamps for the New York Custom House. They were chronicled in the July issue of this magazine. The collector of the port of N. Y., informs me that these stamps are used in payment of fees which attach to Custom House documents, such as permits to land for immediate consumption or to place in bonded warehouses merchandise arriving at New York from foreign ports; permits to withdraw merchandise from bonded warehouses either for consumption or for transportation to other ports or countries; bonds to produce upon call imported goods delivered to the owner, consignee, or agent, and which may be subsequently needed for examination by the appraiser; warehousing, transportation, and export bonds, etc. They are canceled and attached to the documents when presented at the cashier's office for its check. Previous to the issuing of these stamps fees were paid in cash and were a source of annoyance to merchants, brokers, and officials. They were devised to serve the convenience of everybody concerned, and have not failed to meet expectations.

Considerable doubt has heretofore existed in the minds of most collectors, as to whether certain postage stamps of the Confederate Government were officially perforated. The following communication from the ex-Postmaster General of the Confederacy, while not proving the question, is printed on account of its interesting character:

PALESTINE, TEXAS, August 24, 1887.

Mr. Robert S. Hatcher:

DEAR SIR.—Your letter of Aug., 20th., is before me, making enquiry about perforated postage stamps and a machine for making them for the Confederate Government.

During the war I sent to England and purchased dies, plates and a machine for making perforated postage stamps; and had them brought to the Confederacy along with a considerable lot of manufactured stamps, stationery, etc. I do not remember whether we manufactured additional stamps after receiving this material or not; nor do I remember from whom these things were purchased. Very respectfully,

John H. Reagan.

Since receiving the above, I have obtained an authentic perforated 10 cent blue stamp of the Confederacy on an entire envelope, canceled at a Virginia town, bearing date of month and day, but unfortunately not the year. This is however positive proof that the imported perforating machines were used. The perforating on the stamp mentioned is very poorly executed.

I am reliably informed that other denominations of the Confederate issues were also officially perforated.

To the Hon. Lysander Spooner of Boston, who died there a few weeks past, should probably be accorded, more than to any one else, the credit of compelling the U. S. Government to put forth its second issue of postage stamps of various denominations (none of which, except the five and ten cents, had hitherto appeared) in 1851. For several years previous to that time Mr. Spooner had, while at the head of the *American Letter Mail Co.*, waged a ceaseless warfare with the postal department through his system of cheap mail transportation from Boston to Baltimore, carrying letters so much cheaper than the Government that the Federal authorities finally found it wise to reduce its rates accordingly, and thereupon inaugurated a new and uniform fee of three cents for all distances of three thousand miles and under.

Mr. W. E. McNish, the Confederate Postmaster of Nashville, is now residing in a suburb of the Rock City, and, though a genial man, is still an out and out rebel, and thinks the United States Government a great failure. He was appointed Federal Postmaster of the city by Abraham Lincoln, and at the outbreak of the Rebellion, after nailing up all the U. S. mail boxes in the Tennessee capital, and otherwise crippling the progressive postal administration of Montgomery Blair, he was commissioned the Confederacy's postmaster at the same place by Jefferson Davis, and while drawing his salary (in currency worth four cents on the dollar) as an official of the embryo Republic, he issued, to facilitate the business of the local office, the set of four — now famous — provisional stamps bearing his name.

Thousands of misdirected and otherwise damaged uncanceled stamped envelopes, which have been redeemed at face value at the various post-offices throughout the land, are forwarded at regular intervals to the department at Washington, where they are all rendered worthless by being placed in a small hand-machine, resembling a plug-tobacco cutter, where in piles of a hundred or more the upper right hand corners are cut off, leaving the embossed stamp severed through its centre. When mutilated they are hauled in sacks by the wagon load to the shop of an extensive junk-dealer, having the contract for their purchase, where the different qualities of paper are sorted out and shipped in bales to New England mills for re-manufacture. The same contractor handles enormous quantities of unclaimed correspondence from the Dead Letter office, and under heavy bonds is forbidden to allow such matter to fall into private hands before being reduced to pulp.

The two last varieties of U. S. postal cards were designed at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. They are printed in sheets of forty each.

A lack of originality is displayed in the work on the new oleomargarine stamp, as the identical vignette did service on a series of tobacco stamps fifteen years ago. The Special Tax varieties however, bear an elaborate view of the Treasury.

A prominent collector of U. S. revenues has made these pertinent remarks in regard to the collecting of certain varieties in pairs: "A pair shows conclusively that the stamps were rouletted, imperforate, or perforate, and does it as well as one hundred unsevered stamps could. This fact demonstrated, there is no further use in a collection of blocks of unsevered stamps; you tie money up in them, that will help you elsewhere."

The cent red Seabury and Johnson medicine stamp, catalogued by dealers a year or two ago at \$5.00, and now at \$15.00, recently brought a cash price of \$40.00.

Robert S. Hatcher.

AN INTERVIEW WITH MR. CHALMERS.

Before leaving the continent I received an invitation to call on Mr. Patrick Chalmers and take tea with him on the 26th of September, but, unfortunately, I did not reach London until the 27th. So on my arrival I wrote him that I would call at 3 o'clock on the afternoon of the 29th.

Starting from Waterloo station I reached Wimbledon shortly before three o'clock, and wended my way to No. 1 Mayfield Road, the homelike residence of Mr Chalmers. In response to my ring at the bell a waiting maid appeared at the door and ushered me into the parlor, where I rather nervously awaited the appearance of Mr. Chalmers. But my nervousness was immediately dispelled upon his appearance; before me stood a gentleman of about seventy years of age, with gray hair and Scotch side whiskers, and with one of the kindest faces I think I ever beheld.

After talking about my summer's journey and various unimportant matters we came to the subject uppermost in both our minds,—the inventor of the adhesive postage stamp. In the course of the conversation that ensued Mr. Chalmers declared that he held the warmest feeling for all Americans; that their cordial and hearty support and their firm and fearless expression of opinion had greatly endeared them to him—so different in this latter respect from his own countrymen. Upon my asking him why it was that most of the English people were not of his opinion in regard to the invention, he replied: "You might as well try to convince an Englishman that the Duke of Wellington lost the battle of Waterloo, as to convince him that Sir Rowland Hill did not invent the adhesive postage stamp, for the simple reason that the English are so old fashioned in their notions that they will never believe anything that their fathers did not believe in."

After partaking of a repast of wine and cake Mr. Chalmers introduced me to his wife and daughters, at the same time expressing his regret that I had been unable to be with them on the day originally set for my visit, as preparations had been made for my entertainment at that time. I was then ushered into another room and shown a large portrait of his father and also one of himself. But imagine my surprise at finding displayed in the same room photographs of Messrs. Bradt, Gadsden, Stebbins, and Sterling.

After partaking of more wine and toasting each other, I took leave of the family and started for the station, accompanied by Mr. Chalmers,—who insisted upon seeing me off. While waiting for the train some remark I made led Mr. Chalmers to say that I was the first American he had ever met. So when I settled down in the train, after a hearty good bye from my host, I ruminated over my good fortune in having the honor to be the first American who has ever called on Mr. Pat. Chalmers, son of the inventor of the adhesive postage stamp.

G. W. von Utassy.

THE rapid progress Mr. Chalmers is making in his efforts to put down a fallacy and establish a truth is becoming daily more and more apparant. Late advices inform us that the "*Societe Internationale de Timbrologie*," of Paris, has elected Patrick Chalmers an honorary member of that society; and, further, that Germany has been giving the matter much attention—with of course a favorable result to Mr. Chalmers' cause.

The descendent of Sir Rowland Hill, Mr. Pearson Hill, has at last become alive to the fact that indifference on his part to the claims of Mr. Chalmers will no longer do, and has, we understand, at last issued some kind of a reply. Had Mr. Hill taken that stand at the outset he would have stood a far better chance of success than now, as it will take just as much labor—or more—to turn back the tide of public opinion as it did to start it.

Editor.

EDITORIAL CHAT.

THE Chicago printers are out on a strike. What has that to do with Philately? This much. It prevented this issue of THE WESTERN PHILATELIST from being mailed on the first of the month; it also prevented us giving our readers much that we had expected to give them in this issue.

JUST now a subject of great moment is before philatelists. In the official schedule of U. S. envelopes issued last October the 10c., 30c., and 90c. values do not appear; but there is a clause which says such envelopes will be furnished when specially ordered in quantities of one thousand or more. Certain parties have taken advantage of this clause, and the result follows that we have some twenty or more varieties of the 10c. envelopes, and the higher values in proportion. Next month we shall have more to say on this subject; in the meantime our advice is to *let these envelopes alone.*

THE EFFECTUAL CANCELATION OF POSTAGE AND REVENUE STAMPS.

The subjoined editorial, with the above title, appeared in the *National Republican* of Washington, D. C., Abraham Lincoln's organ, June 21, 1865; and besides showing how important the subject was considered in the third year of the working of the office of the Internal Revenue, is doubly interesting as most of the files of this paper were destroyed by fire at the office of publication a few years past. This article is taken from a rare and perhaps unique of file the first republican newspaper, belonging to the writer.

"We have reason to believe that a solution of this vexed question is about to be reached, not by a brilliant discovery nor any of the far fetched contrivances which the desperation of invention has suggested, but by one of those happy ideas which often solve the most complex and difficult problems in the arts and sciences.

"This idea simply consists in reversing the rule which has hitherto prevailed in regard to the use of inks for canceling purposes. Hitherto it has been the uniform practice to cancel postage and revenue stamps with inks of a different color, and consequently of a different chemical character from those in which the engravings upon them were printed. The object has been to render cancelation conspicuous, but the effect has been to render it possible to tamper with it by discovering and applying chemicals which would extract the canceling without affecting the printing inks upon the stamps, a possibility which has been developed into an actuality in all the countries into which these stamps have been introduced.

"This defect of the present system it is proposed to cure by printing and canceling stamps not only with inks of the same colors, but of the same chemical composition; in other words, with the same inks, and to render cancelation distinct by throwing the engraving upon the stamp more in relief than has heretofore been the practice. By this means it is claimed that it will be impossible to remove the cancelation without obliterating or defacing the stamp and thus rendering it unfit for second use or sale. The chemical which is the master of the ink thus used, it is held, is equally the master of the different impressions made with it, whether by the engraver's type or by the canceling instrument, and that therefore it is only necessary to make the latter impressions over the former when the destruction of the stamp is irrevocably accomplished."

"The correctness of these theories is verified by experiments on the cancelation of stamps which we cannot, consistently with our regard for the public interests, describe in these columns. They will no doubt be respected before the proper officers of the Government in connection with the proposed change, and until then we forbear comment. We think that they will demonstrate the expediency, if not necessity, of an immediate change of the present system, whatever may be the substitute. But the adoption of the modification proposed had the advantage of retaining the machinery and routine now employed in this operation to a greater extent than any other. It may be adopted by the post office without any other change than that of requiring postmasters to purchase their canceling inks of a government contractor, as formerly, instead of the retail dealers, the same as they are now required to purchase their canceling instruments and other material used in this branch of the service. It might also be expedient to print all the postage stamps in the same ink. Otherwise no change or additional expense is involved."

"But these are questions of detail with which the present enlightened and able Postmaster General, aided by his go ahead Third Assistant, to whom the country is already indebted for several valuable postal reforms will know how to deal."

"The application of this principle to the revenue stamp is more difficult, because the Secretary of the Treasury has not the control of the cancelation. But whether these difficulties may not be surmounted is a matter for the grave consideration of the proper functionaries of that department. In any event, the present system must be abandoned, or the public revenue will be subjected to heavy loss. We understand that the suggestions and plan mentioned in the above have been donated to the government."

Robert S. Hatch.

the vacancy in the office of librarian at present. As the president offered to take charge of the library and put it in such shape that it might be of some service he was authorized by the society to do so. Messrs. Robert S. Hatcher and J. M. Hubbard were elected corresponding members. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 P. M. Next meeting Nov. 3.

Chicago, Ill.

C. R. Gadsden, Secretary.

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OFFICIAL REPORT.

A special meeting of the National Philatelic Society of New York City was held at its rooms on Wednesday evening, Oct. 5th, 1887, for the purpose of welcoming John K. Tiffany, President of the A. P. A. to New York. The following invitation was sent to all A. P. A. and N. P. S. members in New York and vicinity:

NEW YORK, Oct. 1st, 1887.

Dear Sir:—You are respectfully invited to attend a special meeting to be held on Wednesday, Oct. 5th, at 8 P. M., at the Manhattan Cafe, 156 2d Ave., second floor (back), for the purpose of welcoming Mr. John K. Tiffany of St. Louis, President of the American Philatelic Association. Trusting that all members will respond, we are

Yours Respectfully,

JOSEPH RECHERT, *President.*
R. WUESTHOFF, *Vice-President.*

WM. A. WARNER, *Secretary.*

R. R. BOGERT,

Executive Committee.

H. NELSON TERRETT,

CHAUNCEY S. S. MILLER,

The Staten Island P. S. was also invited. President Rechert occupied the chair. Meeting called at 8:25 P. M. The following N. P. S. members present: Bogert, Terrett, Wuesthoff, Rechert, Selgsberg, Edwards, Mitchell, Miller, Neefus, Rosenheim, Cuno, Aue, G. B. Calman, Levick, Rich, and Warner. A. P. A. members: Sheridan, White, Witt, Thomas, Tiffany, Mucke, and Hoffman. S. I. P. S.: Dejonge, Clotz, Kaufman and Adenaw. President Rechert opened the meeting by an address, welcoming Mr. Tiffany, on behalf the N. P. S. and guests, and introducing Mr. Tiffany, who responded, in the following address:

"I am very glad, gentlemen, to have an opportunity to meet so many of you here to night, and especially because I have always found that stamp collectors as a rule are much more agreeable the more you know them, and that they generally appear better on personal acquaintance than they seem from their correspondence, or than you learn of them from others, or from what they write. I am therefore glad to know you all,—because I think that hereafter whenever it shall be my duty or privilege to address you personally or officially, I shall feel that I am addressing friends. And then knowing you, I take it to be an evidence that the era of good feeling which was inaugurated at Chicago—an inauguration that meant much to Philately—will extend all over the country. I have had abundant proof that the convention accomplished a good deal for stamp collectors everywhere. In the few remarks which I was permitted to make at that time, I had occasion to review somewhat the history of stamp-collecting in the United States. And to go back to the time when it was not exactly respectable to be a stamp-collector, and to come down to the present time and to be able to say that *it is respectable.* (Applause). I remember very well, for I have been a collector some 28 or 29 years, when any person who was anxious to get some stamp, slunk into a little back office and out again as soon as he could. (Laughter). For the few days when we were at Chicago, we were not only entertained very pleasantly, but we found that we were received with respect and treated very cordially by the *press* and the proprietors of the hotels. And we found our work crowned with success. Since the Chicago Convention, I have found that everywhere the movement is progressing and accurate knowledge of us increasing. I have found a deeper interest taken in collecting as far as I have gone. I hope and feel sure that whatever differences of opinion may have sprung up in our society are now all wiped out, and that we can go on and do good work. I hope that every member whenever he may be a little dissatisfied will abstain from spreading dissensions and interfering with good work. We now number some 287, and since the convention there have been some 50 applications for membership to the Association. We ought to increase rapidly, and each of us must help in that direction. We are now about to re-establish the Official Journal of the Association. We have selected as *chief* editor Mr. Brock of Philadelphia. The gentleman who takes this place is doubtless known to some of you, and we believe he will prove efficient. Now let us see what we can do to make the journal a representative paper. I want every member to aid us whenever and however he can. I don't know that it is worth while to take up your time any longer; but I want to thank you heartily for this splendid reception." (Prolonged applause).

Reported by C. S. S. MILLER

Dr. Wm. H. Mitchell replied to Mr. Tiffany's address, with a short speech, and moved that Mr. John K. Tiffany be elected an *honorary* member of the N. P. S., and be tendered the Chair for the evening. Seconded by Messrs. Miller and Warner, was put to vote and carried unani-

mously. Mr. H. Freeman Neefus also delivered an address, complimenting Mr. Tiffany on his work, and comparing it to Appleton's Encyclopædia, tho' not so large, but equally as efficient. Mr. Dejonge of the S. I. P. S. also delivered an address, and ended by proposing "three cheers for Mr. Tiffany" which were given with a will. Mr. Neefus threw in the "tiger." Mr. Chauncey S. S. Miller delivered a somewhat witty address in which he remarked that he heard Mr. Tiffany was to be present, and as he did not know but what it might be the jeweler, he thought he would be present for the presents, but when he found it was John K. Tiffany of Chicago, he came so that he might get some news (for the *Star*) of the Chicago Anarchists, etc. A collation was served, and all philatelists present collected what they could of the rarities, and stowed them away for safe keeping. Meeting adjourned at a late hour, to meet on Thursday, Oct. 13th at 7:30 P. M., when all will be welcome.

Regular monthly meeting was held at the rooms on Thursday, Oct. 13th. Meeting called at 8 P. M. President Rechert occupied the Chair; following present: Rechert, Terrett, Miller, Wuesthoff, Krebs, Aue, and Warner, and Mr. Hoffman as a visitor. Reading and approval of minutes of meeting Sept. 8th, and special meeting Oct. 15th. Mr. Fernand Donnes, of Antwerp, Belgium, was proposed by Mr. Warner as a corresponding member, was referred to the Executive Committee, who reported favorably thereon, and was elected. It was moved and seconded that the Society's Bulletin, Nos. 1, 2, and 3 be distributed among the members, which was left till next meeting for discussion. The Secretary was instructed to find out how many there were, and report at next meeting. The Anniversary Committee reported progress. It was proposed to change the meeting nights from 2d and 4th to 1st and 3d Thursdays, to be discussed at next meeting. Secretary to notify members. It was moved, seconded and carried, that the Executive Committee furnish the Secretary with a Hectograph, limited to \$4.00. Mr. Bogert wished to be relieved from publishing the minutes, and Mr. Bradt offering to publish them in full, it was moved by Mr. Warner that "*The Western Philatelist*" be the Official Organ of the Society. Seconded by Mr. Miller and carried *unanimously*. Moved, seconded and carried, that the Society pay for the *Collation* given at the special meeting, Oct. 5th, amounting to \$112.25. Moved, seconded and carried that Mr. Vilas be thanked for the three books sent to the Society, *i. e.*, Postal Laws and Regulations, 1887, Postmaster General's Report for 1885 and 1886. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P. M.

New York City,

W. H. Warner, Secretary.

CANADIAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.—Philately is just now booming in Canada and for the past three months the more advanced collectors have been forming a Canadian Philatelic Association, of which the Governor-General is likely to be Honorary Patron. The Society is composed principally of the older philatelists, and ladies are admitted on the same footing as other members. Quite a number of prominent U. S. collectors have already joined. One of the leading planks in this new Association will be to combat frauds in philately both on the dealer's and collector's side, and to prosecute any who deal in bogus stamps. The election for officers for the ensuing year will be held shortly. We would advise all lovers of the "Science of Philately" to join this Society by sending in their names and addresses to Mr. John R. Hooper, Secretary pro-tem, 124 Slater St., Ottawa, Canada.

CHARLESTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—Meeting of Oct. 15th called to order at 8:30 P. M. Present, Messrs. Mensing, Klinck, Triest, and Luhn. A list of the collectors of this city was made up and efforts undertaken to bring them into the Society. The name of Frank Cogswell was dropped from the roll. A committee was appointed to draft a new constitution and by laws. Adjourned at 9:30 P. M.

Charleston, S. C.

Gustave J. Luhn, Jr., Secretary.

DENVER STAMP COLLECTORS LEAGUE.—Meeting of Oct. 1st called to order at 8 P. M., by President Osgood. Mr. Woodruff reported in behalf of the exchange department of the Society. Motion prevailed that a committee be appointed to make over the constitution and receive bids for printing it. As a subject for debate the following was selected:

"Resolved, That we discourage the collection of entire envelopes."

In reply to many requests for copies of our Constitution we wish to state that it is now in the hands of a committee for the purpose of making some needed improvements. It will shortly be issued and copies will be sent to those desiring it. The League is indebted to Mr. E. R. Aldrich for copies of the "*Philatelic Annual*."

Denver, Colo.

H. A. Babb, Secretary.

LUTHER PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—Meeting of Oct. 7th called to order at 7:30 P. M. A communication was read, and ordered filed, denouncing a stated collector as a swindler. The Committee upon Literature reported as follows: 1st, *Philatelic Journal of America*; 2d, *Western Philatelist*; 3d, *Figaro*; 4th, *Q. C. Philatelist*; 5th, *Philatelic Gazette*; 6th, *Halifax Philatelist*.

Luther, Mich.

W. H. Verity, Secretary.

NEW MILFORD PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—Meeting of Oct. 11 called to order by President Turrill. Several communications were read, among them one from Mr. Pat, Chalmers. Mr. Frederic W. Cone, of Litchfield, Conn., was unanimously elected an honorary member of this Society. The special committee on Litchfield County Philatelic Association reported progress. The old board of officers were re-elected for the ensuing year. The debate on the question whether blank albums are better than printed ones was decided in the negative. The following exercises were selected for next meeting. Essays on U. S. Stamps as a specialty, approval sheet business and engraving. Meeting adjourned. Meeting of Oct. 21 called to order by President Turrill. Several communications were read. Librarian's report accepted. Very interesting articles were read on U. S. Stamps as a specialty, approval sheet business, engraving and U. S. telegraph stamps. Exercises for next meeting, articles on the most practicable way for a stamp dealer to carry on his business, and the 1857 and 1869 issues of U. S. stamps. Meeting adjourned.

New Milford, Conn.

F. E. Soule, Secretary.

QUAKER CITY PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—Meeting of Oct. 8th called to order at 8:10 P. M., by the President. Messrs. Chiles, Henderson, MacCalla, Siddall, Lynde, McAllister, Gallagher, and Miller were present. Resignation of Mr. A. W. Robinson read and accepted with regret. Readings were delivered by Messrs. McAllister, Siddall, and Lynde, and the thanks of the Society tendered therefor. Adjourned at 9:40 P. M. Meeting of Oct. 22d called to order at 8:10 P. M. by the President. Messrs. Corfield, Henderson, MacCalla, Siddall, Lynde, Scarlett, Richards, Von Utassy, and Miller were present. Treasurer's report received and showed our finances to be in a flourishing condition. Essays were delivered by Messrs. Corfield, Siddall, Lynde, and Henderson, and a vote of thanks tendered them. Adjournment at 9:45 P. M.

Philadelphia, Pa.

F. E. P. Lynde, Secretary.

SALEM PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—The fourth meeting was held at the office of Dr. Robbins. An essay was read by P. S. Johnson. A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Bates for printing copies of the Constitution. It was moved and carried that the Secretary keep a book for the purpose of copying the essays read at the meetings of the Society. Also for the Secretary to examine the different stamp papers and to subscribe to two or more of the best. The fifth meeting was held at Dr. Robbins' office instead of Mr. Richardson's, as stated. \$1.00 was appropriated for subscriptions to philatelic papers. The essay which was to have been read by Dr. Robbins was postponed until the next meeting, the same to be held at Mr. Richardson's office, Oct. 7th. The meeting was then adjourned.

Salem, Mass.

P. S. Johnson, Secretary.

NEW YORK NOTES.

THE stamp cuts belonging to the Scott Stamp and Coin Co., of this city, have been seized by Secret Service officials. The reason of this is that while some of their cuts were going through the mail they were opened at the Post-Office and confiscated by an official who understood the law as meaning that it was illegal to have cuts of stamps made or in one's possession. Then officers went to the office of the Scott Co. and stopped the sale of all albums, etc., containing cuts. The Scott Co. announce that their new catalogue will not be issued with cuts, but that they will be supplied as soon as the officials are satisfied that it is not illegal to make cuts of foreign stamps.

ON Wednesday evening, October 5th, a reception was given at the Manhattan Cafe to Mr. John K. Tiffany, Pres't of the A. P. A., by the National Philatelic Society. About twenty-five philatetists were present from New York and vicinity. Pres't Rechert, of the N. P. S., presided. After being introduced by Mr. Rechert, Mr. Tiffany delivered a short address, and Messrs. Neefus, Dejonge, Miller, and Mitchell responded. The meeting closed with a collation which all present greatly enjoyed.

ON September 22 Mr. Joseph J. Casey held his twelfth auction sale of stamps. The sale comprised the American collection of Thos. Cunningham Esq., and was largely attended. Following are a few of the prizes realized:

Complete set of die proofs in green on India paper, proprietary stamps, containing about 400 pieces, was bought by Mr. Sterling for \$122 00; Medicine Stamp, old paper, D. S. Barnes 4c. red, \$8.60; 6c 1st issue propuetary, red, \$10; New Haven 5c, blue on white, red signature, authenticated reprint, \$8; St. Louis 5c, Die A, used, \$55; St. Louis 10c, Die A, used, \$41; Charleston, Honour's City Post, Paid, 2c. used on envelope, \$8; Charleston, Kingman's City Post, Paid 2c, used, on envelope, 25; U. S., '51, 24c, unused, imp., \$7.25; U. S., '69, 90c, unused, grilled, \$5.10; U. S., \$5 State, unused, \$6.25; U. S., \$10 State, unused, \$7.60; U. S., \$20 State, unused, \$10.15; U. S., '65, 5c periodical, blue border, \$5; U. S., '75, \$12 periodical unused, \$13.

Envelopes cut square—'57, 4c, on white, \$5; '57, 4c, on buff, \$5.

Entire U. S. envelopes—'53, 3c note (Horner $\frac{3}{4}$), used, \$10; '53, 3c letter, white (H. 4), used,

'57, 30; '53, 3c letter buff (H. 5), used \$7; '53, 10c narrow label on white, used, with W. F. & Co.'s frank in red, (H. 22), \$5; '53, 10c narrow label on white, used, without frank (H. 221), \$5 25; '57, 4c letter, white, unused (H. 40), \$10; '57, 4c, another, \$9.50; '57, 4c letter, buff, unused (H. 41), \$8.

On October 13 Mr. Ed. Frossard held his 73d sale at Leavitt's, which was very largely attended. The lots offered were all coins or books with the exception of four lots of Mulready envelopes, two of which were entire sheets. Following are the prices realized for the latter:

Entire unsevered sheet 2d Mulready wrappers, used, \$27.25; entire unsevered sheet 2d Mulready envelopes unused, \$28.25.

On the evening of the same day Mr. Casey held his 13th sale of stamps. The catalogue included the collection of Geo. B. Mason, Esq., and a fine collection of fractional currency. The attendance was very small, there being scarcely ten buyers present; and although 654 lots were sold the sale was concluded by 9:20 P. M. Following are the prices realized:

Buenos Ayres, 3 pesos, green, used, fine, \$13; Buenos Ayres, 4 pesos, brown, unused, \$9.25; Buenos Ayres, 4 pesos, red, used, fine, \$35; Buenos Ayres, 5 pesos, yellow brown, fine, used, \$28; Peru, media peso, yellow, unused, \$16; Uruguay, '77, 1 p., blue coat of arms, small reversed India proof, \$5; Complete set of private proprietary U. S. stamps, die proofs on India Paper, lots 227 to 367 inclusive, printed in black, bought by Mr. Sterling, \$205.

U. S. Entire Envelopes—'53, note, 3c, used, (H. 34), \$11.30; '53, 3c, letter, buff, used, (H. 5), \$6; '53, 3c, K ends, front only of envelope, on white, \$7; '65, 3c, medium letter, used, ruled, (H. 52 3/4), \$25; '63, 3c, extra letter, pair on white and buff, used, (H. 67 and 68), each, \$7; '70, 3c, note, white, rare shape, used, \$15.

C. F. Bishop.

KANSAS NOTES.

It was the pleasure of the writer during the past month, to form the acquaintance of the only member at present, aside from himself, in the State of Kansas. He also met one of the Missouri members, as well as several philatelists who have not yet joined the A. P. A.

At Topeka I found W. Q. Church, an old time friend and philatelist. After talking stamps and explaining the advantages in being an A. P. A. member, I left him at 1 A. M., with the promise to become one of us in the near future.

In Kansas City I found W. J. Parrish at the Union Stock Yards, where he was engaged in laying a new water works system. Mr. Parrish spent the evening with me at my hotel, looking over stamps and discussing A. P. A. matters. Mr. Parrish is about 50 years of age, and has the interests of Philately firmly at heart.

From Kansas City I went down to Fort Scott to see Mr. H. A. Malin, the other A. P. A. member of the state. Mr. Malin is a young man twenty years of age, and holds a position of trust in the Bank of Fort Scott. Upon a pressing invitation from him and his parents I spent two days at their beautiful home in the western part of the city, where I was entertained royally. His collection is mounted in one of Scott's \$5 albums and contains some twenty-five hundred varieties. He also has one of the Photos of the late convention, they are a fine looking set of fellows, and thanks to "Phil" we were enabled to know who each one was.

Before closing let me say that should any of the members be in this part of the state at any time, I should be glad to have them call, and shall take pleasure in entertaining them to the best of my ability.

C. W. Sparr.

CORRESPONDENCE.

NEW YORK, Oct. 13, 1887.

S. B. BRADT, ESQ.:

Dear Sir:—At a regular meeting of the N. P. S., held on Oct. 13, on motion of the Secretary that *The Western Philatelist* be chosen as the Official Organ of the National Philatetical Society of New York City, and which motion was seconded by Mr. Chauncey S. S. Miller, was put to vote and carried *unanimously*. The minutes and names of members will be sent next week.

Very truly,

Wm. A. Warner, Secretary.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17, 1887.

S. B. BRADT, ESQ.:

Dear Sir:—In reply to yours of the 15th would say that we have no objection to your publishing the matter referred to. The case in a nutshell is as follows: Mr. G. R. Calman had given instructions to one of his correspondents abroad to always send him electros of new issues, etc., and they were sent to him regularly every month. In the beginning of September a small lot shipped to him was stopped in the Postoffice, and turned over to the Secret Service Bureau. Upon explanation for what use they were to be put to the authorities here warned us not to sell any catalogues or albums until the matter could be definitely settled in Washington. In the meanwhile our attorney went to Washington and obtained permission to sell what we have on

hand, but we cannot make use of any electro types or plates, until the final decision of the department. The question hinges upon the construction of the law, whether or not the cuts can be considered as counterfeits, and there is but little doubt, but that we will be prevented from using any more cuts, unless we get special permission from each and every government, which is probably impossible. At the same time there is a law preventing the importation of any copies, impressions, etc. of foreign *Securitees* if the government decides that stamps come under the head of securities, it will be unlawful to bring any albums, or catalogues with cuts into the country.

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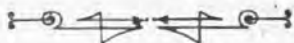
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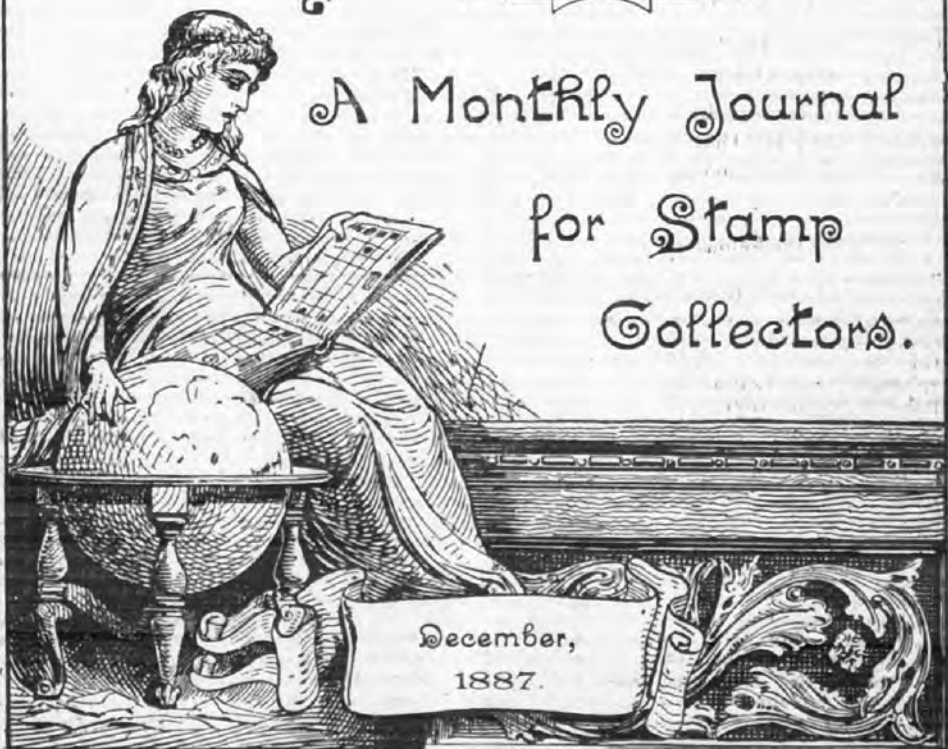
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It is not often that such a state of affairs exists with the issues of our own government—yet such is the case now under discussion. For some months past the chronicles have noted various sizes, colors, etc., of U. S. Envelopes of the values of ten, thirty, and ninety cents—all with the watermark of October, 1886, the monogram U. S. This surprised many collectors, as the belief was general that the issue of denominations above the five cent value had been discontinued. And in fact the issue of such values had been discontinued, in a general sense; none of them appearing in the latest official schedules. But in circular No. 3337, to postmasters, the following appears:

The standard denominations in the schedule will be 1, 2, 4, and 5 cents, there having been very little demand for the 10, 30, and 90 cent envelopes in the present series. Envelopes of any size and quality in the new schedule will, however, be furnished in the denominations of 10, 30, or 90 cents when ordered in lots of not less than 1,000 in each case. As envelopes of these latter denominations are not likely to be in such general demand as to justify keeping them in stock, postmasters will order them only when desired to do so by a customer, and in such cases payment should be exacted in advance, the same as for special request envelopes.

At first this passed unnoticed, but at last it presumably caught the eye of some speculative dealer, with the result now known to many of us. First, ten-cent envelopes were ordered; then the changes were rung on most of the combinations that could be made, until we now have at least *twenty-three varieties* of this ten-cent envelope. This scheme proving successful the same game was played with the thirty and ninety cent values, and various combinations produced therein. But in these two cases the number of varieties is less—most likely because of the amount of money necessary to carry on the deal. As a specimen of the exorbitant prices asked for these made-to-order productions let me give some prices which a dealer quoted:

5 cents.	Second quality	No. 5,	the 2 for		\$10 00
30 "	"	"	"	4½, " " "	6 00
30 "	Third	"	"	3, " " "	6 00
30 "	First	"	"	7, " " "	5 00
30 "	Second	"	"	7, " " "	5 00
30 "	Third	"	"	9, " " "	5 00
90 "	"	"	"	7, " " "	10 00
90 "	Second	"	"	9, " " "	10 00

These were offered early in October. It will be noticed that even the five-cent envelopes were made to play a part in this deal to multiply varieties and beguile money from the collector; two envelopes not in the official schedule, buff and blue paper, were somehow worked in, and we have presented to our view the spectacle of five cent envelopes that were never circulated—never

made for circulation—offered to collectors at one hundred times their value!

Early in June last a number of varieties of the ten cent envelopes were offered to the writer hereof at fifteen cents each; and to the offer was added the following suggestive sentence: "Will offer you many more sizes and papers in a few days." Perhaps, had I gone into the pool, I might now regard the whole thing as a benefit to collectors, in that it provides something for them to spend their money for, but as I did not do so I am perfectly free from any personal interest in the matter. And if I was interested I think even then I would follow the steps of a friend of mine, also a dealer, who has a stock of these envelopes but will not push them—on the contrary, advises collectors to *have nothing to do with them.*

In order to get as near the truth of the matter as possible I pursued investigations at headquarters in Washington, learned where the envelopes had been issued, etc. It is unnecessary here to state just the result of these investigations. It is not the object of this article to reflect on any individual or number of individuals, but to show these envelopes in their true light.

As evidence of the utter uselessness of these envelopes what better illustration need be given than to call attention to the manufacture (it cannot be called an *issue*) of 30cent envelopes in number three size;—or ninety cent in *third* quality paper? Then, too, the number of varieties of these values is of itself enough to show that they were not issued for *use* but for *speculation*. Why, of the ten cent value, of which the schedule says there is not sufficient demand to warrant their being made except on special order, there are more varieties than of the four and five cent values put together that are in the official schedule. Were all these varieties made for *use*? Rather say they were made because certain parties thought they had discovered an opportunity to make a "corner" and "squeeze" collectors.

But will they succeed with this barefaced scheme? Judging from the drift of opinion, as far as we can gather it, they will *not*. From individuals we have had innumerable denunciations, and now the St. Louis Philatelic Society, at its meeting of November 12th, after duly considering the matter, passed resolutions condemning these productions, classing them as "speculative issues, and of no philatelic value whatever," and resolving further that they "recommend all collectors not to countenance the collection or sale of any such envelopes, obtained for mere speculative purposes." It is likely that the Chicago Philatelic Society will endorse and second these resolutions at its next meeting, a committee having been appointed to investigate the matter; and it is to be hoped that all who have the love of philately at heart and who wish it to be untainted with jobbery will follow suit.

A surprising feature of this case is the blindness with which its manipulators have entered upon it. It is an apt illustration of the fable of the goose that laid the golden eggs. Collecting envelopes was fast gaining ground and fresh followers were daily being added to the ranks. These in themselves offered a fair field to the dealers. But no, the daily golden egg would not suffice; they must kill the goose and get all the eggs at once. That is just the way the matter stands, precisely; when collectors find that varieties can be multiplied to any desired extent, provided one, or a clique, can order them in sufficient quantities, they will cease to collect them entirely.

But the study of entire envelopes is a very pleasant and entrancing one and we do not wish to see it abused or discontinued. Let us put down the foot squarely, *now*, and say we will have nothing to do with productions of the speculative class. Let each and all refuse to have them at any price—even as a gift; then such jobbery will be effectually squelched, and it will be unlikely that any one will again have the temerity to attempt such a deal. Let the collector refuse to have anything to do with the envelopes, and let the manipulators keep them, is the best advice I have to offer.

S. B. Bradt.

EMISSIONS OF CHINA, SHANGHAI, COREA, AND JAPAN.—(Cont'd.)

Ninth Emission, March, 1877. Stamps of 1875 and '76; surch'd "CANDA-REEN" in color.

- No. 97. 1 Cands., bottom dexter character (yih), equiv. to one, on 3 cands., '75, rose on rose, in blue.
 No. 97. 1 Cands., bottom dexter character (yih), equiv. to one, on 3 cands., '75, rose, in blue.
 No. 99. 1 Cands., bottom dexter character (yih), equiv. to one, on 6 cands., '76, green, in blue.
 No. 100. 1 Cands., bottom dexter characters (yih), equiv. to one, on 9 cands., '76, blue, in blue.
 No. 101. 1 Cands., bottom dexter character (yih), equiv. to one, on 12 cands., '76, bistre, in blue.
 No. 102. 1 Cands., bottom dexter character (yih), equiv. to one, on 12 cands., '76, bistre, in red.

Tenth Emission, April 14, 1877. Lithographed in color on white paper. Perf. $15 \times 11\frac{1}{2}$, same design as 1866 emission 23×20 m., but money in CASH values, and money at sinister side in *kuai-chou*. Same at dexter side in *kou won*. *Convulvulus* in spandrels; *dragon* in double oval in center on vertical lined ground.

- No. 103. 20 Cash, two upper sinister characters (chih ni eull), equiv. 20, blue, lilac.
 No. 104. 20 Cash, two upper sinister characters (eull ni chih), equiv. to twenty (2×10), mauve.
 No. 105. 20 Cash, two upper sinister characters (eull ni chih), equiv. to twenty (2×10), mauve, bright.
 No. 106. 20 Cash, two upper sinister characters (eull ni chih), equiv. to twenty (2×10), ultramarine.
 Dragon in oval, oblique (dexter) lined ground; *trefoil* in solid spandrels; inscription in white labels with *Mooresque* ends.

No. 107. 40 Cash, two upper sinister characters (sse ni chih), equiv. to forty (4×10), carmine.

Dragon in octagon, oblique (sinister) lined ground, fancy ornament in solid spandrels, inscriptions in straight labels, square ends.

No. 108. 60 Cash, two upper sinister characters (louk ni chih), equiv. to sixty (6×10), green.

Dragon in rectangle, horizontal lined ground, Greek ornaments in spandrels, stamps bordered by pearled frame, inscription in straight labels.

- No. 109. 80 Cash, two upper sinister characters (pah ni chih), equiv. to eighty (8×10), blue.
 No. 110. 100 Cash, two upper sinister characters (peh), equiv. to one hundred, bistre.

Eleventh Emission, 1879. Variety in color.

No. 111. 20 Cash, upper two sinister char. (eull ni chih), equiv. to twenty, red violet.

Twelfth Emission, July, 1879, same surch'd with new value in blue, perf. 5.

No. 112. 20 Cash, sinister char. (eull ni chih), equiv. to twenty, on 40c. in blue.
 No. 113. 60 Cash, sinister char. (louk ni chih), equiv. to sixty, on 80c. in blue.
 No. 114. 60 Cash, sinister char. (louk ni chih), equiv. to sixty, on 100c. in blue.

Thirteenth Emission, 1884, same as 1877. Change of color.

- No. 115. 20 Cash, upper two sinister char. (eull ni chih), equiv. to twenty, green.
- No. 116. 20 Cash, upper two sinister char. (eull ni chih), equiv. to twenty, lt. green.
- No. 117. 60 Cash, upper two sinister char. (louk ni chih), equiv. to sixty, violet.
- No. 118. 60 Cash, upper two sinister char. (louk ni chih), equiv. to sixty, mauve.
- No. 119. 60 Cash, upper two sinister char. (louk ni chih), equiv. to sixty, lilac.
- Fourteenth Emission, 1885, stamps of 1877, surch'd in color.
- No. 120. 20 Cash, sinister char. (eull ni chih), equiv. to twenty, on 40c. in blue.
- No. 121. 60 Cash, sinister char. (louk ni chih), equiv. to sixty, on 80c. in blue.
- No. 122. 60 Cash, sinister char. (louk ni chih), equiv. to sixty, on 100c. in blue.
- Fifteenth Emission, 1885, same as 1887, completion of series.
- No. 123. 40 Cash, two upper sinister char. (sse ni chih), equiv. to forty, red.
- No. 124. 80 Cash, two upper sinister char. (pah ni chih), equiv. to eighty, flesh.
- No. 125. 100 Cash, two upper sinister char. (peh ni chih), equiv. to one-hundred, yellow.
- Sixteenth Emission, 1886, stamps of 1885, surch'd in color; oblique.
- No. 126. 40 Cash, sinister char. (dexter to sinister) (sse ni chih), equiv. to forty, in blue, oblique.
- No. 127. 40 Cash, sinister char. in straight line, (sse ni chih), equiv. to forty, in blue.
- No. 128. 60 Cash, sinister char. (louk ni chih), equiv. to sixty, in blue.
- Seventeenth Emission, same as 1885; change of color.
- No. 129. 40 Cash, upper sinister char. (sse ni chih), equiv. to forty, blue.

C. COREA.

First Emission, 1884. Lithographed in color on white paper, 23x26 mm., perf, 9½, having the arms of *Corea* in center in white disk, ornamental spandrels, value in upper sinister, and *mon* in upper dexter corner, in *Corean*, on solid disks; 5 in lower sinister and *MN* in lower dexter corner in solid disks in *Roman*. At top in solid label, covered ends, is "Corean Post" in *kou-won* or antique. At bottom the same in *Corean*. At sides is the value in *kiai-chou* and *won* under it in solid upright labels.

No. 1. 5 mon., vermilion, upper character (ou) at sides, equiv. to five.

Similar, bearing the arms on white disk in center, surrounded by parallel lined circles, at the top of which is *Corean Post* in *kou-won*. At bottom same in *Corean* in solid letters, bordered by a white ring; in upper *Corean* characters; in lower dexter the *kou-won* for 10 (chih); at top in white *Roman* letters "COREAN;" at sides "POST;" at bottom "10M8," solid ground.

No. 2. 10 mon., bottom dexter character (chih), equiv. to ten, blue.

Second Emission, 1885, same; arms in center bordered by solid circle, with "Corean Post" at top, and value at bottom in *kou-won-chou*, surrounded by fancy border, "Corean Post" at top, in *Corean*; in *Roman* at bottom on solid ground; numerals in upper corner in white octagons, and "25" in lower sinister; "M" in dexter corner.

W. Alfred Warner.

(To be continued.)

PROGRESSIVE PHILATELY.

MR. EDITOR:

It is astonishing, when studied in a scientific manner, how many varieties of our commoner stamps may be found.

Mr. P. Philkins, of our society, studies them scientifically. About three months ago he invested in a microscope, since which time his collection has increased from about seventeen hundred to thirty-one hundred varieties, and all the money he has expended has been thirty-six cents for two thousand and mixed stamps.

At our last meeting he said he had discovered a variation of from twenty-eight to sixty-three freckles in the triangle formed by the *Corrugator supercilii*, the insertion of the *levator labii superioris et alaeque nasi* and lobe of left ear, on the face of Franklin in our common one cent stamp; and this with only a $\frac{3}{4}$ inch objective and A eye-piece. He has now thirty four varieties of this one stamp. In this thorough manner he will take up the U. S. issues *ad seriatum*, and when his investigations are completed will issue a monograph on the subject, and follow it by a new series of stamp albums for our governmental issues.

Our Secretary, Mr. Christopher Rank, in a paper read at the last meeting of our society, called attention to many little things which have evidently escaped the attention of Scott, Sterling, and other cataloguers. 'Tis too long to reproduce entire, but a few items should be generally known. In the U. S. 1869 three cent adhesive there is quite a variation in the density of the smoke issuing from the smoke-stack of the engine. Until Philkins investigates further with his microscope Mr. C. Rank has made only two varieties, which he thus distinguishes: the one in which the smoke is heavy and black, 1869 3 cent, *coal* used for fuel; the other, smoke light, 1869 3 cent, *wood* used for fuel. In the stamps of Bulgaria there is some variation in the number of stripes around the lion's tail, also in the width of the stripes. He protested against calling the *moon* in the stamps of Peru and Persia, the sun, as it is usually done. "Who ever heard of the man in the sun?" he asked. He had never heard it noted that the Prince of Sirmoor was cross-eyed, as represented on the stamps of that Indian State. Also the eyes of King Kamehameha IV, of Haiwii, are evidently "*cut bias*."

Gabriel Toots, of our society, collects entire envelopes. It set him in a terrible rage when he read, the other day, in some obscure journal, a suggestion from some insignificant collector, a school-boy probably with a few dozen stamps, that such collectors collected "stationary."

Well, as I said before, he collects entire envelopes; knows all about Horner, Reay, dies, watermarks, number, gum, etc., etc., etc. He collects stamped envelopes, stamps on the original envelopes, original envelopes with the stamps used, and unused envelopes without any stamps; and has a bureau full of them, all different.

He came across a unique specimen the other day and brought his prize to the last session of the society. The envelope was an ordinary one, and an ordinary collector would have noticed nothing out of the way. But the quick eye of Mr. Toots had detected a trace of coloring along the seal, and the sense of smell had seconded the motion.

When our President, after examining it carefully, asked, "Where the variety came in?" Toots responded, "A variety of gum, by gum!" and he smiled patronizingly, and proceeded to open the seal by placing a damp blotter over the back of the envelope. He has a way of testing the gum peculiar to himself. Most gum is neutral in reaction and non-irritating, and his first test was to apply a little of the moistened gum on the tip of his finger to the conjunctiva of his eye, that being an exceedingly sensitive tissue the slightest

variation could be readily observed; at this time it was probably done from force of habit—anyhow it was done. He didn't say "by gum!" it was a worse word and one not allowed in our society. He jumped four feet, yelled "fire" twice, then ran and plunged his head into the water bucket and held it there until we feared he would drown. A doctor visited him thirteen times, and he wore his eye in a sling five days.

One day while we visited him in his dark room, he had us carefully enclose the envelope to the Post Master General, with a note giving particulars and asking for information for the great science of Philately.

One of the first epistles he was able to read, ran as follows:

Gabriel Toots, Esq.:

"DEAR SIR.—In reply to your favor of 28th ultimo, I have the honor to suggest that the enclosed envelope was probably moistened and sealed by a tobacco chewer. I am yours very respectfully,

A. D. Hazen, Third Assistant P. M. General."

There has been some discussion in our society pro and con in the Chalmers-Hill matter, but to no purpose. None of our members were willing to believe that the country that boasts the champion croquet and lawn tennis players, the Volunteer, and John L. Sullivan. The country that invented the steamship, the telegraph, the telephone, and the chestnut bell; could have possibly failed to discover the postage stamp, and consequently the hasty conclusions of our sister societies should be taken *cum salis grano*.

A committee was appointed to interview some of our oldest inhabitants, which met with remarkable success.

Sam Washington, a very aged colored individual was the subject of the first interview. He told a straight story, and one that sent conviction to the hearts of the committee. He was born in West Africa about a hundred and twenty years ago; was caught by Pinkerton's men with his whole family, excepting his mother (who proved an alibi), and brought to this country. He was sold to the Washington family, and became the General's body servant. He is the last one surviving. He well remembers while the General was *licking* the British at Valley Forge, of *licking* the stamps for Washington's letters, and taking them to the post office at the Forge. He corresponded regularly with his mother in Senegambia, and always prepaid his postage in stamps.

Adam Von Bloom was next called on. He is now over one hundred years old and been blind nineteen years. Was born in New York City of Dutch ancestry. He says New York was not near as large then as now. He remembers well when Washington was president.

When asked if postage stamps were in use at that time he seemed surprised at the question and promptly responded. "Of course they were, I had a collection of my own." Was one of the charter members of the Manhattan Philatelic Society, organized in 1794. Remembers distinctly that J. J. Casey, J. W. Scott, and Wm. P. Brown were members, and he used to often swap stamps with them. F. Trifet and S. Allan Taylor were corresponding members from Boston. They used to get a good many rare stamps from Taylor. It was a long time before the boys got onto his game, and they ever after gave him the cold shoulder.

But why continue. Our society has demonstrated two things conclusively, viz.:

1. That there is abundant proof at hand that stamps for postage were first used in our own country.
2. That our sister societies of brothers have shown a lack of patriotism in being too prone to honor the British.

We confidently expect now to hear less of Chalmers, Hill, and other foreigners, and credit given to whom it is due. The committee was continued with power to send for persons and papers.

I have lately received an official document from His Excellency, King

Mwanga. He has lately seen some of the stamps from Milosis and Congo, and is desirous of having some for Uganda, and chides me in being dirillect to duty in allowing these petty powers to get ahead of the great kingdom of Uganda in such matters.

In his communication he encloses me a letter he has received from a prominent Eastern dealer of this country, offering to furnish designs, engraving, and printing for a set of 25 different stamps, besides a large variety of errors and surcharges, perforate and imperforate, all at his own expense, if the king would go "*halvers*" with him in the division of the stamps. He enclosed references from persons in authority in Peru and South African Republic.

This offer has much pleased His Majesty, and he directs me to immediately negotiate with aforesaid dealer, accepting his offer, with this proviso: The number of designs to be increased to fifty, and the king to furnish or suggest the designs, a few of which are herein mentioned.

On five of these the features of the king must appear; on five more the portraits of five of his chief advisers must appear, one of whom he flatters me in naming must the Hon. Q. K. Quebob. Six more must contain quiet domestic scenes, and here the able diplomat shows his familiarity with "Stomach Bitters" ads. by adopting the idea, if not the original design, "BEFORE TAKING" and "AFTER TAKING." I cannot forbear giving you a description of his rude but unique design.

Scene—a Central African sunset; lake in distance; woods to right; a few circular huts to left. 'A long, lank, *decolette* savage in close but active chase of a portly white man in stovepipe hat and Prince Albert coat in the foreground. Color, blue; 20 Couries, in dialect. The other, same view; white man gone, but a portly savage, with a stovepipe hat and long coat, sits contentedly in foreground gnawing a long bone. Color, red; 25 Couries, in dialect.

These are allegorical and illustrate the capability of the Ugandas to take in a higher civilization. Six more of the stamps must contain war scenes, and the balance will be embellished with the portraits of the twenty-eight best looking of His Majesty's eight hundred and eighty-one wives.

Faternally,

Q. K. Quebob, M.D., Ph.D.

Member of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Philatelists.

Corresponding Member of the Society for the Encouragement of Surcharges, Mauritius.

Also Timbrophilist Extraordinary to His Majesty, King Mwanga, of Uganda.

A STAMP'S HISTORY.—(CONTINUED.)

That settled it. We were carefully replaced in our box and put back in our old resting place, there to remain undisturbed for many, many years. For it was not until the year 1886 that we were again brought forth into the light of day. And then under the following circumstances:

One day the box we had so long quietly rested in was roughly picked up and rudely opened. What was our surprise to find that the person who had opened the box was neither George nor Cora, but a young lad of about sixteen years of age. A bright looking boy, too, and bore a strong resemblance to our mistress, Cora. As he examined us he shouted "Hurrah," and crammed us in his pocket and hustled off.

This kind of treatment was entirely unexpected, and not at all welcome. To have the peace and quiet of years thus suddenly and violently broken in upon was a serious matter for us. And how was it all to end? What dangers were we now to be confronted with? Alas, we knew not!

The boy rushed off with us at a breakneck pace, shouting at every step. He finally landed in a room occupied by a very pleasant middle aged lady, whose face appeared strangely familiar to us.

"My son," chided the lady; and the minute she spoke we recognized her. It was none other than Cora. "How many times have I spoken to you about entering the room so boisterously. But let me see what you have there. Where did you get these?"

"Oh, up in the closet," was the reply. "They're nothing but some old letters. You'll let me have them, won't you? Now, please do."

Cora took the letters and at a glance saw what they were. "Nothing but old letters, indeed! No, my son, these are something more than old letters, and are treasured highly by your father. But what do you want them for? Why are you so eager for them? They can be of no use to you.

"Oh yes, they are of use to me. I can trade them for Trinidads, and Egypts, and Badens, and Turkeys, and,—and lots of others. O, please give them to me?" This the boy says very pleadingly.

"Why Phillip, are you out of your senses?" the mother asked. "What can you mean with your Trinidads, and bad ones, and mercy only knows what else? And then the idea of your wanting to trade your mother's—I mean your father's letters! Pray explain yourself."

"It's not the letters I want, it's the stamps; for my collection, you know. There's lots of the first five centers and ten centers, and they're hard to get, and I can trade them to the other boys and get lots of stamps for them."

"Oh, I understand now," Cora replied. "But you must know that your father thinks a great deal of these letters. I doubt if he will ever let you remove the stamps. In fact he will be much more likely to give you a scolding for meddling with them."

"I'll risk the scolding if there's any chance to get the stamps," and then Phillip added, "I guess my father thinks more of me than he does of the nasty old letters."

"Well, perhaps he does," said his mother, "and perhaps too, he thinks more of these nasty old letters, as you call them, than you have any idea of. At any rate we will let them remain here on my table until he comes home."

(To be continued.)

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

ANOTHER *Michigan Philatelist* is announced, — Smith and Forbes, Belleville, Mich.

THERE will be a national convention of third and fourth class postmasters held in Washington December 13.

MR. EUGENE DILL, Secretary of the St. Louis Philatelic society, has assumed the management of Mr. M. D. Batchelder's stamp business.

Our thanks are due Mr. W. C. Kurzweg for a specimen of a No. 4½ envelope, 2c. on white paper, October, 1886 issue, without the usual diagonal lines in the watermark.

WILL somebody tell us how it is that Mr. Sterling manipulates newspaper men? We will soon have to start a new volume of newspaper clippings relating solely to Mr. S. if the reporters do not stop interviewing him.

THE organization of a philatelic society in Canada has caused a general awakening there in stamp circles. The *Toronto Philatelic Journal*, which was supposed to have died about a year and a half ago has come to life again.

THERE is a watermark to be found in some of the official envelopes that we have never seen in the regular issues. It consists of the letters P O D only, the centre one being about double the size of the others, and the latter being woven into it on each side. It is much smaller than any of the other watermarks.

A CURIOSITY has been sent us for inspection by Mr. C. W. Sparr; it is a double envelope, 1 cent on white, size 3, October '86 issue. Two sheets of paper evidently received the impression at the same time — the outer one being in color, the inner one an albino — and were afterwards folded and gummed together.

ACCORDING to the Chicago *Herald* the people of this country have, during the last twelve months, put their tongues out nearly two billion times to moisten the stamps affixed to the many billions of letters, papers, etc., carried by the government. "And yet forty five years ago there wasn't a postage stamp in the United States."

PRETTY Much of a Muchness.—“Did you know that Algernon Fitzroy is a connoisseur in philately?” asked the high-school girl. “No, I didn’t,” replied Amy; “but I knew he was a crank on collecting postage stamps.”—*Pittsburgh Chronicle*.

SALVADOR has requested the Post Office Department of the U. S. to enter into a parcel post convention, similar in effect to the parcel post convention between the U. S. and Jamaica, except a reduction of the weight from eleven to seven pounds.

FROM a recent issue of the Erie, Pa., *Herald* we learn that our aldermanic collector of that city is trying to get the city fathers to regulate the produce dealers. We trust there will be enough “boodle” in it to enable our friend to complete his fine collection.

THE set of eighty War Department envelopes advertised by Mr. Shindell, is something entirely out of the ordinary. There are but few collectors who can show that number of varieties in these envelopes, and we predict that the lot will find a speedy purchaser, albeit it takes a long purse to reach them.

THE first foreign journal, in English, to give credit to America for the rapid advances made in organizing philately is Vinden’s *Philatelic Monthly*, Sydney, N. S. W. At least it is the first notice that has come under our observation. Our British brethren seem loath to notice us, but the *Stamp Collector’s Journal*, in its October issue, comes to our support in a praiseworthy manner. It certainly gives us a fair hearing.

MR. PAT. CHALMERS has issued a pamphlet entitled “The American Philatelic Association and the Adhesive Postage Stamp.” It is of course published to spread broadcast the report of the action taken by the A. P. A. in support of James Chalmers as the inventor of the adhesive postage stamp. It is of much intrinsic value to all philatelists by reason of the admirable remarks about stamp collecting and our association; which are all the more welcome coming as they do from one who is not a stamp collector himself.

A NEW postal note has been in circulation for some little time. It is engraved by the American Bank Note Co.,—the former one being the work of the Homer Lee Bank Note Co. The general design is the same as the old one, and the casual observer is not likely to note the change. The strongest point of difference is on the reverse side, where the shield is printed in blue—the lettering being in relief. The coupons have scroll work on the back. These notes have printed on them “Payable at any money order office.”

PUBLICATIONS of a philatelic nature are on the increase (or are booming). We have before us a set of waltzes called the Philatelic Waltzes, by Prof. Hans C. Warner, one of Chicago’s promising composers. It is dedicated to our own Post Master (P. M.) Wolsieffer. The title page is embellished by six cuts of postage stamps, and on the first page of music we find two more. The music is good and will make a valuable addition to any musical portfolio. Mr. Warner came into our office one day and wanted a name for his new waltzes. We gave it to him and he remembered us in the dedication. It is published by the well-known house of Lyon & Healy, price, 60 cents. Copies can be procured of S. B. Bradt, Chicago.

NEW YORK NOTES.

The Treasury department has formally decided to allow the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. to employ electrotypes of foreign stamps only, in illustrating their catalogues and albums. The decision was not rendered till after their new catalogue had been printed and after arrangements had been made for printing the cuts abroad. It is to be expected that the law against using cuts of U. S. stamps will be vigorously enforced in the future.

On Friday, December 9th, Messrs. R. R. Bogert & Co. will hold their 3d auction sale at the rooms of Geo. A. Leavitt & Co., 787 Broadway. 563 lots will be offered of stamps and envelopes. Although there are no great rarities in the collection there are many very good stamps and almost every collector will find something he may want.

No little surprise has been created by the announcement that Mr. E. B. Sterling had decided to sell his famous collection at auction. Some of the rarities have already been disposed of at private sale, but some fine things remain. His postage and envelope collection will be sold at auction on Tuesday, December 20th, beginning at 7 p. m., by Geo. A. Leavitt & Co., 787 Broadway, under the auspices of Mr. Ed. Frossard. Among the lots to be sold will be a pair of St. Louis 5x10c., a very fine lot of New York, 1843-45, many rarities such as are described in Mr. Tiffany’s book, and no end of oddities, blocks, and pairs. The 30c. 1869, with reversed shield, will also be offered. This stamp is, I think, a unique specimen, and its history may be of interest. It was found by a young man named Bryant in a collection he purchased for 50 cents some years ago; he sold it to Mr. Henry Collin, then of Nassau street, for \$35.00, in the spring of 1885. From him it went to the Sanford collection for a consideration, rumor has it, of \$50.00; when the latter collection was sold in April, 1886, Mr. Sterling secured it for \$35. Mr. Sterling’s revenue stamps will probably be sold in January. They include among other rarities a \$500.00 Revenue of the second issue. This stamp, of which but 505 were made, is excessively rare, and I know of but two others in the hands of philatelists; one of these was sold for \$97.50 in Mr. Casey’s 4th sale, on May 4th, 1886, and the other is in the possession of Mr. R. R. Bogert, of this city.

At the meeting of the National Philatelic Society of Nov. 23d Mr. Bogert offered a resolution that the N. P. S. protest strongly against the U. S. government again reprinting their old stamps, rumors to that effect having been heard. The resolution was passed unanimously and ordered to be printed and copies sent to the New York daily papers and the philatelic press.

Mr. Wuesthoff presented a resolution that the "N. P. S.," declare the 10, 30, and 90c. envelopes worthy of being collected. Mr. Bogert showed specimens of the 5c. No. 5, blue and buff, and the 30c. No. 7, amber, which had been used for postage. After a motion to lay on table had been lost an excited debate followed. When the question was put it was carried by a vote of 7 to 4.

Cortlandt F. Bishop.

THE PHILATELIC SOCIETIES.

OFFICIAL REPORTS.

THE CHICAGO PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

(Meetings held on alternate Thursdays, at the Tremont House.)

Meeting of November 2 called to order at 8 P. M., the President in the chair. Present: Messrs. Abraham, Bradt, Cotton, Gadsden, Haskell, Krausse, Pierce, Thompson, and Wolsieffer. A communication was read from Mr. H. B. Myers and elicited much applause. Resignation of Mr. L. H. Drury read and accepted. Mr. C. H. Hanson was elected an active member. Meeting adjourned at 9:50. Meeting of November 16, called to order at 8:10 P. M., the President in the chair. Present: Messrs. Abraham, Bradt, Cotton, Gadsden, Hanson, Haskell, Krausse, Myers, Pierce, Thompson, Tower, and Wolsieffer, — and as visitors, Messrs. Peeke and McKinlay. A number of communications and committee reports were read and acted upon. Mr. E. K. Aldrich, of Benson, Minn., and Mr. W. C. Kurzweg, of Watertown, Wis., were elected corresponding members. Action was taken on the proposed change in the constitution; also some new by-laws were adopted. The effect of these changes is to make all active members A. P. A. members. The Vice President being in the chair, Mr. Bradt made a few remarks in reference to the high value envelopes lately put upon the market, and moved that a committee be appointed to investigate them. Motion prevailed and Messrs. Bradt, Haskell, and Abraham appointed such committee. Meeting adjourned at 10 P. M. Next meeting Dec. 1st.

C. R. Gadsden, Secretary.

NATIONAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

(Meetings held on first and third Wednesdays of each month at 156 Second Avenue, New York City.)

Regular semi-monthly meeting held at its rooms on Thursday, October 27th. President Rechert occupied the chair. Meeting called at 8:20 P. M. Messrs. Collin, Wuesthoff, Seligsberg, Terrett, Bogert, Rechert, Miller, Mitchell, G. Calman, and Warner were present. Reading and approval of minutes of previous meeting. Received communications from West. Philatelic Pub. Co., and Vienna Soc. It was moved and carried, that the Society's Bulletins be given to all members in good standing (who do not possess them). Anniversary committee reported that a dinner could be given by the Society. It was moved and seconded that the report be accepted for the present. Carried. Moved by Mr. Collin that the committee make all arrangements. Seconded and carried. It was moved and carried, that the meeting night be changed from 2d and 4th Thursday to 1st and 3d Wednesday, to go into effect in December. Dr. Mitchell read an essay on History. Moved and carried that Dr. Mitchell be thanked for his able essay. Meeting adjourned at 10 P. M.

New York City.

W. H. Warner, Secretary.

N. B. Will publishers of Philatelic paper (American and Foreign) please send the same to the Librarian, Mr. J. S. Rich, 50 W. 38th street, New York City?

DETROIT PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

A preliminary meeting for organization was held at Hotel Benedict October 27, 1887. Present, Messrs. Beck, Crittenden, Crosby, Grummund, Heath, and Scott. Mr. Grummund proxy for Mr. Sartwell. Messrs. Beck and Crosby, committee to draw up constitution, presented their work, and with a few amendments the constitution was adopted. The election of officers was by ballot and resulted in the following: H. C. BECK, *President*; T. J. HEATH, *Vice-President*; W. P. CROSBY, *Secretary*; E. J. SCOTT, *Treasurer*; STEVEN GRUMMUND, *Librarian*. The President made no appointments for executive committee. Initiation fees were collected and amounted to \$3.50 in the treasury. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 P. M., after which exchanges were made until 11:30. Meeting of November 16 (postponed from November 9). President Beck called the meeting to order at 8:15 P. M. Present: Messrs. Beck, Crosby, Crittenden, Grummund, and Sartwell. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved with the following change, viz: that Scott's standard catalogue be inserted in place of Bogart's as standard of exchange. Motion prevailed that each member subscribe to a philatelic paper and dedicate it to the Library, each paper to be different. Mr. R. S. Linn, Mr. J. T. Beeder, and Mr. F. X. Monnier were elected members unanimously. The question of joining the A. P. A. as a branch was brought up and an interesting discussion followed, some being in favor

of it, and others not. It was finally decided to keep independent. It was moved, seconded, and carried that THE WESTERN PHILATELIST be the official organ of this society. Subscriptions and names to be sent in a couple of weeks. Resolutions were passed acknowledging James Chalmers to have been the inventor of the adhesive postage stamp. The secretary was authorized to forward copy of resolutions to his son, Patrick Chalmers, at Wimbledon. A few exchanges were made. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 P. M., to meet November 26, at 4:30 P. M., at Hotel Benedict.

Detroit, Mich.

W. P. Crosby, Secretary.

SOCIETY GOSSIP.

In the future we will only give detailed reports of the proceedings of those societies whom we represent as official journal. We shall, however, give such news of the doings of the various societies as we shall be able to obtain.

FROM the Chicago *Herald* of November 23d, we glean the intelligence that a new society has been formed in this city. This new society must be made up of persons unknown in our ranks, as the only notice we had of it, before or since the meeting, was from the daily paper.

THE Lansing (Mich.) society has again resumed its meetings.

THE New Milford (Conn.) society is soon to celebrate its second anniversary by giving a supper.

THE Staten Island society has met with a loss in the death of Mr. Hermann Garbe. The Secretary has been ordered to prepare and circulate a petition asking that the Postmaster General to have prepared and placed on sale at the New York postoffice, or elsewhere, full sets of U. S. envelopes, including everything authorized or permitted.

THE St. Louis society have passed resolutions denouncing the 5c., 10c., 30c., and 90c. U. S. envelopes recently offered at exorbitant prices. They class them as "speculative issues," and "of no philatelic value."

RECORD OF NEW ISSUES.

We desire correspondents in all parts of the world to furnish early and accurate information concerning new issues. Dealers and others furnishing prompt notice of new issues, with specimens or minute descriptions, will receive proper acknowledgement.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—The 24-cent perforated is surcharged "Official" in black.

AUSTRIA.—Pneumatic cards and envelopes have been issued with the current stamp. 15 cent, gray and black. The envelope is white and the card rose colored.

AZORES. 25r. and 500r., both lilac, have appeared, with small surcharge.

BR. BECHUANALAND.—We have received some new stamps from here, which consist of the patent stamp of Great Britain, 1877, with "British—Bechuanaland—Postage and Revenue," in three lines in place of the word "Patent," and surcharged in black. 1d., 3d., 6d., lilac; watermark an orb, and 1sh., green, watermarked V, R.

CANADA.—It is reported that the stamp on the Post Card is now inscribed "Post Card" instead of "Postage."

CEYLON.—The 6c. card is surcharged "2½-cents," and the inscription "The price is Three Cents, including the card." The *I. B. J.* mentions a 5c. envelope, same type as the 4c. Blue on white laid paper, 140x78 mm.

COLOMBIA.—There is 2x2c. card, with stamp inscribed "Republica de Colombia."

CONGO FREE STATE.—Some of the new stamps have been issued; 50c, chocolate and 1 franc, lilac.

COSTA RICA.—The new 10c. is surcharged "official."

DANISH W. I.—We have a 3c. card on white, inscribed "Verdens post foreningen—(Union Postale Universelle.)—Danck Vestindien (Antilles Deonoises.)—Brevkort.—(Carte Postale.)—Paa deome, etc."

DENMARK.—Since August the 10 ore cards have "Danmark—Brevkort (carte postale)" instead of "Brevkort fra Danmark." The 5, 5x5 and 10x10 ore will be changed in a similar manner.

DUTCH INDIES.—The 5c. green has been issued with figure of value in center.

FARIDKOT.—We have seen the ¼ a. card, and it has the arms surcharged in black, instead of brown.

FRANCE.—The 15c. letter card, blue on gray, has been surcharged "Vendue 5 Centimes." It contains printed advertisements.

GERMAN EMPIRE.—The 5x5 pf. card now has "Dae Angebogene Karte, etc." in four lines.

INDIA.—The 1 Rupee is surcharged "On H M S."

GWALIOR.—The 2a. stamp has the surcharge in two lines at the foot in black.

HONDURUS.—Mr. Warner informs us that a new set of stamps is in preparation; values, $\frac{1}{2}$ c. to 2p. The same authority reports several of the 1884 set on pink paper.

JHALAWAR.—We see a stamp of the value of 1 Parsa, green, has been issued. In the center is a mythological being surrounded by native inscriptions in an oval foreground.

LUXEMBURG.—The 5c. card has error "uur" instead of "nur."

MACAO.—We have received the 100 reis surcharged in black in two lines "5—Reis," and the 200 reis similarly surcharged "10—Reis." The 80 reis on 100 reis comes with and without accent on the "e."

MARTINIQUE.—The unpaid letter stamps are surcharged diagonally "Martinique." This may be only a cancelation.

MAURITIUS.—From *Le Timbre Poste* we learn that the 13c. has been surcharged in red "2 cents," and was for sale for four hours on the 6th July. 2,400 stamps were made, 40 of which were used and the remainder were bought up by collectors.

MEXICO.—Mr. Bishop has sent us the 10c. envelope (W. F. & Co.) with stamp in carmine instead of lilac. We have seen some of the current adhesives printed on common writing paper with blue lines and very bad perforations. The official stamp is now olive brown.

NATAL.—There is a new 2d., gray green.

NEVIS.—The new $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. card has head in circle.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—We are indebted to Mr. H. L. Hart for specimens of the new $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and 1d. stamps. The $\frac{1}{2}$ d. is a small square stamp, and the design is a Newfoundland dog's head in center within a circle; "Newfoundland" above, "Half— $\frac{1}{2}$ —Cent" below; color, vermilion. The 1d. is from the old die, but printed in green. Mr. Bishop writes that a new ten cent stamp will follow shortly.

NEW REPUBLIC.—We hear of 6d., 9d. and 1sh., violet on straw.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—The 1x1d. card comes on white. Mayor Evans writes to the *P. R.* that a few sheets of the 2d. were issued with red surcharge "O S," but the 9d. and 10d. were only issued with black surcharge. Mayor Evans has an 8d. laureated in which the leaves at the right of "South" are missing. We have seen the 1d. envelope on blue laid paper.

NORWAY.—There are three new stamps of Tromsø, with deer in a circle, printed in two colors, 2 ore, blue and red; 5 ore, red-brown and blue; 8 ore, green and red.

PARAGUAY.—The new envelope is 5c., blue, on cream laid, 152x83 mm., and the band 2c., red on manilla, 236x160 mm. Stamps of current type.

PORTUGAL.—The new 20x20 reis card is issued, carmine on pale buff. Form 3.

PERU.—The *I. B. J.* notes the "5x5c. card with lilac sun and large figure "5." Mr. Corwin has the 50c. of 1874 with the red surcharge "Arequipa" in double circle.

PORTUGAL.—The 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ reis is reported in brown.

PORTUGUESE INDIA.—The 1 tanga post card of 1885, comes surcharged in red, "3 Reis."

POUNTCHE.—Mr. V. Gurdji writes: "I have just received from Calcutta, E. I., 5 varieties of Pountche similar to the issue of 1884; $\frac{1}{4}$ a. red on blue paper and a set of the similar issue of 1885; $\frac{1}{4}$ a. vermilion on yellow paper; 1a. dark lake on greenish paper; 2a. carmine on white paper, and 4a. lake on yellow paper.

ST. LUCIA.—We see the 6d. in lilac and blue, and the 1sh. in lilac and carmine.

SALVADOR.—The envelopes are of two sizes, at least the 11c., and the paper is white on the outside and various colors inside. 500,000 stamps of the value of 5c. have been ordered in New York, probably same design as the 3c.

SANTANDER.—The new stamp inscribed "Republica de Colombia" is of the first issue, and has also "Departamento de Santander."

SENEGAL.—The 20c. has been surcharged for use as 5c., 10c., or 15c.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—*Der Philatelist* gives the colors of high values as follows: 10sh. green; 15sh. brown orange; £1, blue; £2, brown red; £3, olive green; £4, yellow; £5, gray; £10, bronze; £15, silver; £20, violet.

SWEDEN.—*Le Timbre Poste* illustrates an official card, blue on white, having circular stamp in upper right corner, inscribed "Sveriges Statibanor," and three crowns in the center.

SWITZERLAND.—Both the 5x5c. and 10x10c. cards are of Form 2.

UNITED STATES.—Mr. Rechert has sent us a new variety of the 2c. letter sheet. In the upper left corner is "Series 1;" it bears the watermark "U S," but of a different style from the one in the envelopes, being larger and formed of square block letters. Mr. Warner informs us that a reply card and a reply letter sheet are to be issued soon.

VICTORIA.—The 6d. orange, with "Postage-Stamp" at sides, rouletted, used in 1858, has been discovered. The 1d. post card now bears an inscription indicating that it can be sent to New S. Wales, etc., without additional charge.

VIRGIN ISLANDS.—The 4d. is now printed in vermilion on white paper, and the $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. card, brown on buff, has the head of the Queen in a circle.

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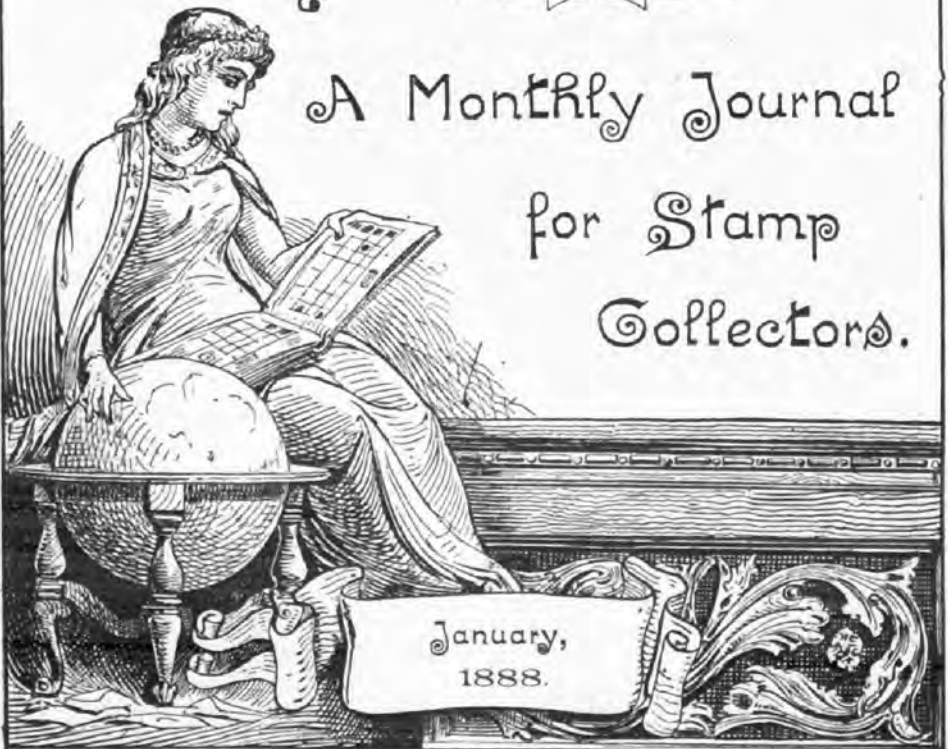


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The printing on the second emission gives an idea as to how the line was conducted. The envelopes, which were on sale at ticket offices, were mailed and went to Mr. Clarke at Sidney on the government lines, by reason of the regular stamp impressed on the paper. There they were turned over to the local company and forwarded to their destinations by the private stage route. Return letters were sent in the same way. These letters also served to advertise the stage line, which did quite a business during the Black Hills excitement. This soon wore off however and the mining towns collapsed. Therefore this letter express was discontinued, and earned no more than its name indicates, Centennial Express.

These stamps ought to have a place in the regular catalogues since they are especially interesting by reason of their history as here related. The second issue consisted of not more than five hundred specimens and is almost as desirable as the first. Few collectors have specimens in their collections and it is doubtful whether they can be obtained. Those who are supplied have reason to consider them among their rarities.

Victor Rosewater.

THE QUEEN'S HEAD.*

From across the water there comes to us a book with the above title that most assuredly deserves a place in the philatelist's library. To be sure the book does not relate to the collecting of stamps; but the philatelist is something more than a mere collector,—he is a student of all matters pertaining to the bits of paper he treasures so fondly. And all students of philately will find something to interest, amuse, or instruct them in this unpretentious little volume which the Scottish post-office officials have prepared for the public. The contents of the book are as varied as can be imagined; prose and poetry: wit, humor, and pathos; postal history and postal absurdities; all combine to make a volume that cannot fail to interest any reader.

But the most important fact in regard to this publication is the unmistakable recognition it gives to James Chalmers "for having invented that invaluable little article, the 'Queen's Head.'" In an article which bears the same title as the volume under consideration, and which is written by a post-office official, Mr. John Macintyre, Jr., a brief outline is given of the progress of the postal system during the last fifty years. In this sketch the Chalmers-Hill controversy is handled with remarkable skill and impartiality, with the result of accrediting Mr. Chalmers with honor so properly due him. This recognition, coming as it does from the royal post office, goes to show that the government authorities are at last awakening to the situation, and that at last our insular neighbors are giving honor to whom honor is due. In the same article stamp collecting is alluded to as an interesting and instructive pursuit.

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EMISSIONS OF CHINA, SHANGHAI, COREA, AND JAPAN.—(Cont'd.)

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No. 3. 25 mon., three characters in center (eull ni chih and ou), equiv. twenty-five, orange.

Arms at top, *Kou-won* inscription under it in long solid oval; *kou-won* character at sides in long solid ovals; fancy border, "Corean Post" in *Corean* at top and *Roman* at bottom on solid ground. Corean characters in white disks in corners, "50" in lower sinister, and "M" in lower dexter corner, ornamented by scrolls.

No. 4. 50 mon., upper two characters at sides (ou ni chih) equiv. to fifty, green.

Arms in center on white disk, surrounded by a pink or flesh circular band having an inscription at top and bottom in blue; "Corean Post" at top in *Corean*, and at bottom in *Roman*; flesh on blue. Corean characters in white in blue disk at top, and "100" at sinister and M at dexter disk at bottom; ornamented by fancy leaves and flowers in flesh color.

No. 5. 100 mon. (peh), equiv. to one hundred, blue and flesh.

The 25, 50, and 100 mon. were never issued. The rebellion having broken out between the progressive and non-progressive parties put a stop to all postal progress.



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D. JAPAN.

An article appeared in the August *Tiny Collector* in which the writer says: "And the Japanese with their delicate *tea leaves*." Now the writer can not be well up in Botany or he would know the difference between the national flower of Japan (a Chrysanthemum and its branches) and a tea plant. This article will explain the heraldic devices found on these stamps.

First Emission, 1871, is lithographed on thin, yellowish, rice paper; perforate; 22x20 mm. In the center is the value in *Kiai-hing*, the character under it is *mon.* (the ancient name of the money), and the top character *sen* or *zen* (the present name of money). Surrounding these characters, at sides, are two dragons rampant, facing each other, with tails crossed at bottom; these are bordered by a fancy diamond border, and this by an outer border of Greek pattern. There being *forty varieties* of each.

No. 1. 48 mon. (value in center) *si syn hati*, equiv. to forty-eight; brown.

No. 2. 100 mon. (value in center) *hiaku*, equiv. to one hundred; blue.

No. 3. 200 mon. (value in center) *ni-hiaku*, equiv. to two hundred; red.

No. 4. 500 mon. (value in center) *go-hiaku*, equiv. to five hundred; green.

Second Emission, 1872, is lithographed in color on same paper, perforated 11½, 20x22 mm. These differ from the preceding in that there are but two characters in center; the top being the value in the antique (*Kou-won*), while the bottom character is the money in the *Kiai-hing* (*Sen* or *Zen*). The value on numbers 6 and 7 is in the antique, while on numbers 5 and 8 it is in the

NUMERALS IN KIAI-HING.

Kiai-Chou.	Kou-won.	Var. of form.	Value.	Chinese.	Japanese.
半		半	½	pan.	han.
一	壹		1.	yih.	iti.
二	貳		2.	eull.	ni.
三	參		3.	san.	san.
四	肆	四 四 <small>四</small>	4.	sse.	si.
五	伍	五	5.	ou.	go.
六	陸	六	6.	louk.	voku.
七	柒		7.	tsih.	siti.
八	捌		8.	pah.	hati.
九	久		9.	kreou.	ku.
十	拾	+	10.	chih.	zyn.
百	首		100.	peh.	hiaku.
千	阡		1,000.	tsien.	sen.
萬	万		10,000	wan.	man.

modern. The design is the same, save that the tails of the dragons touch the diamond border at bottom. Forty varieties of each.

No. 5. $\frac{1}{2}$ sen. (top character) *han*, equiv. to one-half; brown.

No. 6. 1 sen. (top character) *iti*, equiv. to one; blue.

No. 7. 2 sen. (top character) *ni*, equiv. to two; red.

No. 8. 5 sen. (top character) *go*, equiv. to five; green.

Third Emission, 1872 (and second of that date), is lithographed in color on thin, yellowish, native paper, perforated 11. No. 9 measures 19x21; Nos. 11 and 12, 20x22; and No. 13 and 14, 23x25 mm; fectangular. In the center at top is a full blown Chrysanthemum with branches crossed, enclosing an inscription in the *Kiai-hing*; in each corner is an ornament; at top, in white label, are the Arabic numerals of value and *sen* in *Kiai-hing*; in each corner is a heraldic rose. The 20 sen differs in having a circular band in center, extending from chrysanthemum at the top to leaves of same at bottom. Forty varieties of each.

No. 9. $\frac{1}{2}$ sen. (top character at sides) *han*, equiv. to one-half; brown.

No. 10. 1 sen. (top character at sides) *iti*, equiv. to one; blue.

No. 11. 2 sen. (top character at sides) *ni*, equiv. to two; vermillion.

No. 12. 2 sen. (top character at sides) *ni*, equiv. to two; red-orange.

No. 13. 20 sen. (upper two char. at sides) *ni zyn*, equiv. to twenty; violet.

No. 14. 30 sen. (upper two char. at sides) *san zyn*, equiv. to thirty; slate.

The second character in center is *Sen* or *Zeni*; that at middle of branches in *li-chou*, *Iu-ben kit-te*, *i. e.*, "Post stamp."

Fourth Emission, 1873, lithographed, same designs, perforated. Forty varieties.

No. 15. 2 sen. (top character at sides) *ni*, equiv. to two; yellow.

No. 16. 4 sen. (top character at sides) *si*, equiv. to four; rose.

Fifth Emission, 1874, lithographed in color, same design, save there are syllabic characters at bottom of branches, and on 20 sen on circular band; forty varieties; same size as third emission.

No. 17. $\frac{1}{2}$ sen. (top character at sides) *han*, equiv. to one-half; brown.

No. 18. 10 sen. (top character at sides) *zyn*, equiv. to ten; green.

No. 19. 20 sen. (upper two characters at sides) *ni*, equiv. to twenty; violet.

No. 20. 30 sen. (upper two char. at sides) *san*, equiv. to thirty; brown.

Sixth Emission (first of 1875), lithographed, same design save there are no syllabic characters at bottom of branches.

No. 21. 1 sen. (top characters at sides) *iti*, equiv. to one; brown.

No. 22. 4 sen. (top characters at sides) *si*, equiv. to four; green.

Seventh Emission, 1875 (2d of 1875), same design, lithographed, with syllabics at bottom. Forty varieties.

No. 23. $\frac{1}{2}$ sen. (top character at sides) *han*, equiv. to one-half; gray.

No. 24. $\frac{1}{2}$ sen. (top character at sides) *han*, equiv. to one-half; slate.

No. 25. 1 sen. (top character at sides) *iti*, equiv. to one; brown.

No. 26. 1 sen. (top character at sides) *iti*, equiv. to one; blue.

No. 27. 2 sen. (top character at sides) *ni*, equiv. to two; yellow.

No. 28. 4 sen. (top character at sides) *si*, equiv. to four; rose.

No. 29. 10 sen. (top character at sides) *zyn*, equiv. to ten; green.

No. 30. 10 sen. (top character at sides) *zyn*, equiv. to ten; blue.

(The 10 sen. is same design as 10 sen. of 1874.)

No. 31. 20 sen. (upper two char. at sides) *ni*, equiv. to twenty; rose.

No. 32. 30 sen. (upper two char. at sides) *san*, equiv. to thirty; violet.

W. Alfred Warner.

(To be continued.)

THE THIRTEENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL PHILATELICAL SOCIETY OF NEW YORK CITY.

The dinner commemorating the thirteenth anniversary of the founding of the National Philatelic Society was held at Morelli's on Wednesday, December 7th, at 8 p. m. The meeting was called to order by President Rechert. A motion was made by Mr. H. L. Calman "that the rules be suspended, and the society and guests proceed to the business of the night:" seconded and carried.

The table was laid for forty-one guests, in the form of a 'T.' The menu was tastefully designed and embraced everything imaginable that might delight and refresh the inner man. These menus were laid at each plate, with a button hole bouquet. At the head of the table stood a miniature lamp post with a letter box on it. The lamp, which was lighted, was loaned by Stratten & Storms, and was used by the society and its guests to light the "weed that brings comfort and bliss."

At the head of the table sat President Joseph Rechert, Chairman of Committee Mr. Chauncey S. S. Miller, and Ex-Prest. R. R. Bogert. At the left sat Messrs. E. B. Sterling, A. Davison, Treas. H. L. Calman, R. C. H. Brock, Wm. H. Mitchell, D. D. S., J. Adenaw, H. N. Terrett, Vice-Prest. R. Wuesthoff, A. Dejonge, H. Clotz, Henry Collin, C. Witt, Paul Lazarus, A. Collin, and Wm. Seligsberg. On the right sat Librarian J. S. Rich, Wm. A. MacCalla, F. E. P. Lynde, Sect. Wm. A. Warner, Gustav Aue, Jacques Krebs, A. M. Wright, Geo. Rosenheim, Julius Herzog, Oscar Dejonge, Robt. R. Bauer, Dr. A. von Düring, G. B. Calman, and Max Meyenberg.

The secretary read letters from the Hon. Wm. F. Vilas, P. M. Gen'l, Hon. H. G. Pearson, and Prest. J. K. Tiffany. Letters were also received from the various societies and a number of individuals. President Tiffany's letter was as follows:

"ST. LOUIS, Nov. 30th, 1887.

MESSRS. CHAUNCEY S. S. MILLER, G. B. CALMAN, WM. H. MITCHELL, D. D. S., Committee.

"Gentlemen:—Your favor in behalf of the National Philatelic Society urging me to attend the dinner to be given on Wednesday, Dec. 7th, to commemorate the thirteenth anniversary of the founding of the National Philatelic Society of New York, and respond to the toast "The A. P. A." presents a great temptation to me to leave my duties here and meet you again, but I can find no reasonable excuse to do so, and am compelled to ask you to excuse me. My regret is the greater because I have so recently experienced your hospitality and because the warm welcome you then gave me is stamped on my memory long to remain uncancelled, and because your invitation is a fresh proof that our essay in founding the A. P. A., to cultivate a feeling of friendship among Philatelists, will soon be universally current and envelope American collectors.

"These invitations which you have posted to the members of other branches of the A. P. A. to join you in examining the plates on your table that evening cannot fail to procure impressions that will continue to be circulated and cherished, not only by those who receive them, but by the whole body of the A. P. A. So that when new issues are presented for our consideration, and post cards are sent out for our votes from time to time, they will be received in an ever growing kindlier spirit, and bear the surcharge of an increasing good will. I congratulate you on the celebration of your thirteenth anniversary. When your society was christened the National I suspect that its interests were only local, but to-day they have grown to be American as a branch of the A. P. A. That you have held together for thirteen years proves the adhesive character of your organization, and is full of encouragement for the whole series of Stamp Collector's unions that have followed the example of the first essay, The National Philatelic Society of New York.

"May your ranks never be separated by the perforation of dissensions. May the roulettes of misfortune never impress its ragged edges upon any of your undertakings. May your lines all be engraved in *taille douce*. Your horizon be ever the very vermilion of your *Color Chart*, and your zenith the *sky-blue* of your favorite catalogues. May the albums of your memories be filled with ever new proofs that the A. P. A. envelopes all her branches with an increasing "feeling of friendship," affiliates all "members of similar societies," helps to "increase the knowledge of Philately" by tearing off the wrappers of ignorance concerning our favorite pursuit, and showing the world the real character of the true *American Philatelist*.

"So far as the president of the A. P. A. may, let me send you the greetings and congratulations of the Association with my own and officially propose the health of the National Philatelic Society, which I will promise to drink in spirit with all of you, though in appearance alone at my own table here, at precisely 6:30 P. M., on Wednesday, December 7th, 1887.

"Yours philatelically,

John K. Tiffany.

President A. P. A., and Hon. Mem. N. P. S."

Toasts were now in order, and Mr. Robert R. Bogert responded to "The Society's Past," in which he gave a history of the founding of the society thirteen years ago. President Joseph Rechert responded to "The Society's Present and Future." Mr. E. B. Sterling responded to "The A. P. A.—(A lusty infant, the pride of its progenitors, and joy of its founders,)" Wm. H. Mitchell, D. D. S., read the following original poem to Phi-la te-lia:

PHILATELIA.

What can I say at such a time as this?
 Poor words of mine would surely come amiss,
 For satellites when bright they twinkle are
 Too oft mistaken for a planet star.
 And our fair moon whose beams illumine the night
 Can only shine by a reflected light;
 Look not to me for eloquence or wit,
 E'en tho' at Phi-la-te-lia's feet I sit.
 For Philatelia is our goddess mild;
 Sister of Numis,—Ceres' gentle child.
 And this fair goddess has her temple shrines
 As well established as in mythic times,
 For mythic gods and goddesses hold sway,
 O'er hearts of men, e'en to this late day.
 Her sway is not confined to classic lands
 But all the world *she* leads with mystic bands.
 So once when she has gained her captive's heart,
 Her willing devotee will ne'er depart;
 But oft unto her temples will repair,
 Weary with toil, he finds contentment there.
 Her oldest temple in this land is known—
 This rolling sphere—around in every zone.
 When kindred hearts have watched with hope and fear
 Its intermitant building year by year,
 Until we now its fair proportions see,
 Behold its grace—admire its symetry.
 Oft to its courts our willing feet have turned
 Where thirteen years her altar fires have burned,
 So dim at times that in the ashes dark,
 We thought the flame extinct—but on the spark
 The oil of Hope by some "unknown" was poured
 Until the curling smoke rose heavenward,
 And sister cities wondering as they saw
 The sign of hope arising from afar,
 New courage took,—and as they wrought we see
 New Temples rising to Philatelia.
 And o'er the land as East and West we look,
 New Temples mark the course our Goddess took.
 Thus we have much to hope and naught to fear,
 In entering upon another year.
 And now as we are gathered round our festive board,
 Our friends are with us or send word
 Of those from far, and we rejoice
 To read the message,—if not to hear the voice.
 Some leaving their pleasant homes have made their way
 From the golden island, down our land-locked bay.
 And lastly how glad we greet them.
 Our Friend—the Quakers from the woods of Penn.
 And now All Hail Philatelia we greet!
 Thee and the *golden future* as is meet,
 On this our Natal Day.
 "Sail on nor fear to breast the sea"
 In thy triumphant argosy!
 "Our hearts, our hopes are all with thee,"
 Oh! well beloved Philatelia.
 Our hearts, our hopes, our prayers, our tears,
 Our faith triumphant o'er our fears
 Are all with thee—are all with thee,
 Philatelia.

Mr. H. L. Calman responded to Philately; Mr. F. E. P. Lynde responded to Our Guests; Mr. R. C. H. Brock to the *American Philatelist*; Mr. A. Dejonge to the Staten Island Philatelic Society; Mr. A. Davison to the Philatelic Press, and Mr. William Seligsburg to the Infant of the N. P. S. The Staten Island, Quaker City Philatelic Societies and A. P. A. were well represented, as were several philatelic papers and Int. Phil. Verein.

Wm. A. Warner, Sect. N. P. S.

EDITORIAL CHAT.

WITH this issue we start off on our second year of publication. We feel that the twelve numbers published in the past year will speak for us better than we can undertake to speak for ourselves, and therefore we refrain from further mention of the subject.

Nor without disapproval have we noticed the growing tendency on the part of the leading stamp journals to furnish their readers more advertisements than reading matter. And this remark reflects against ourselves as well as our fellow publishers. For this reason we have, after careful consideration, determined to advance our advertising rates to a point that cannot fail to reduce the bulk of our advertising and permit us to come before our readers as a journal to be read and not as a monthly bulletin of dealers' specialties. Our new rates (which will be found in our advertising columns) are such as will insure the stability of our advertisers,—for the multitude of amateur dealers who fill the columns of low-rate papers will not be apt to patronize us. Then, too, the advertisers who remain with us will receive extra benefit from the fact that they will have less competition in our columns, and also from the fact that the fewer the advertisements the better will be the chance of their's being seen and read.

ANOTHER change on our part will be the discontinuance of the exchange department. We find that there are but very few of our readers who care to avail themselves of the opportunities therein presented and we feel that good reading matter will be preferable to most of our subscribers. We have made a feature of giving full reports of all philatelic societies, but their number is now so great that we feel compelled to limit these reports to the three societies whom we represent as official journal. We will however give brief notes of any interesting proceedings of the various societies as they come to our knowledge. We wish to extend our thanks to the various secretaries who have so kindly supplied us with reports in the past, and we trust they will continue to furnish us any important facts that may transpire.

SUBSCRIBERS are what every journal is looking for. And now that we have placed ourselves in a position that will not afford a large advertising support we feel so much the more the need of subscribers. We are now to be essentially a subscribers' journal, and as such we desire the support of every individual who desires to see such a journal prosper. We trust that the near future will show an appreciation of our work by a large increase in our subscription list.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

ANOTHER new paper is the *Charleston Philatelist*. G. J. Luhn, Jr., Charleston, S. C.

FROM Mr. von Utassy we learn that the *Germantown Philatelist* is shortly to be reissued.

IT is reported that the *North Star Philatelist* is about to be reissued under the management of Geo. W. Achard.

THE *Keystone State Philatelist* has given up the struggle; the *Quaker City Philatelist* assumes the subscription list.

A NEW candidate for subscriptions and advertisements is the *Eastern Philatelist*. Fitchburg, Mass., Goodrich & Trask; eight pages; fifteen cents a year.

THE National Philatelic Society of New York city, have circulated pretty generally circulars embodying the resolutions recently passed by them. The resolutions are printed in the official report in this journal.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND'S attention has been called to an old postal law, enacted in 1879, prohibiting the use of advertisements on the wrappers of fourth-class mail matter. The law is very unpopular among business men, and until recently had never been enforced.

VERONA JARBEAU, comedienne, has adopted a novel show bill. It is a large envelope addressed to herself. The stamp is a framework, in imitation of the present two cent issue; surrounding her own picture, and instead of the usual inscription, there is "Verona Jarbeau" and "Starlight"—the name of her play.

WE have received from Mr. C. F. Bishop, of New York, several oddities in the last series of U. S. envelopes. There is a No. 9 oriental buff 2c. with the stamp impressed on the reverse, on the lower flap, then there is an albino on the large baronial size, and an albino and full impression on another specimen of the same size. At the rate these oddities are being turned out they bid fair to soon become common.

IN regard to the 3c. vermilion adhesive the following may be of interest: "Washington, D. C., Oct. 24th, 1887.—Respectfully returned with the information that postage stamps of 3 cent denomination are furnished to postmasters at the larger postoffices for use in making up special amounts of postage on mail matter. Special requisitions are required for these stamps. H. R. Harris, 3d Asst. P. M. Gen."

IN the annual report of the Third Asst. P. M. Gen'l is a recommendation that the present system of prepayment of second class mail be abolished and that payment in stamps affixed to each parcel be substituted. It also recommends that stamps of the values of from one-eighth to one cent be prepared for that purpose. However good the suggestions may be we doubt very much their acceptance, as the present plan works very well and the one proposed would entail a vast additional expense upon all large publishers of periodicals.

CHICAGO is a great place for philatelic societies. In the latter part of December a new one, the "Philatelic Mercantile Association," was organized. This society is composed of dealers only, and was formed for the purpose of establishing a bureau of information respecting the frauds and bad debtors that dealers cannot entirely avoid. Messrs. Bradt, Pierce, Thompson & Hanson, Tower, and Stevens & Co., are already interested, and it is hoped that the society may be made national in its membership and workings in the near future.

THAT the *American Philatelist* under its new management is a decided success goes without saying. The December number could not but delight the most invidious critic. And that this success has been achieved by the personal efforts and "push" of the Literary Board is also a fact. When the A. P. A. selected Mr. Brock for editor-in-chief they found the right man for the place; and the assistants, Messrs. Stone and McAllister, could not have been bettered. Those philatelists who will not join the A. P. A. should subscribe at once,—the price is but fifty cents a year.

ONE of the largest deals in rare stamps which has been made for some time was consummated December 15; 720 stamps of the first issue of Brazil were sold for the enormous sum of \$300, or nearly 45c. apiece. These stamps had been personally collected by Mr. James Stewart in Brazil at the time of their issue, and had been carefully preserved all these years. The purchaser was Mr. G. B. Calman, the well-known New York dealer. The stamps sold were apportioned thus: Fifty sets of the first issue; fifty each of the denominations 10, 30, 60, 90, 180, and 300, of the second issue, and 10, 60, 90, and 180 of the third issue; also 20 of the 600 value, second issue. This transaction throws upon the market a good number of some very rare stamps that are seldom seen except in large collections.—V. R.

THE PHILATELIC SOCIETIES.

OFFICIAL REPORTS.

THE CHICAGO PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

(Meetings held on alternate Thursdays, at the Tremont House.)

Meeting of Dec. 1st called to order at 8 P. M., the President in the chair. Present: Messrs. Bradt, Gadsden, Hanson, Haskell, Pierce, Tower, and Wolsieffer. The committee appointed at the previous meeting to examine into the merits of the 10, 30, and 90 cent U. S. Envelopes recently issued reported in favor of endorsing the resolutions of the St. Louis Society, which classed the envelopes as "speculative issues" and "of no philatelic value." On motion of Mr. Tower, seconded by Mr. Hanson, the report of the committee was adopted—there being but one dissenting voice. Mr. W. H. McDonald was elected an active member, and Messrs. Wm. A. Warner and H. S. Williams passive members. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 P. M. Meeting of Dec. 15th called to order at 8:10 P. M., the President in the chair. Present: Messrs. Abraham, Bradt, Cotton, Gadsden, Hanson, Haskell, McDonald, Pierce, Thompson, Tower, and Wolsieffer. A number of Committee reports and communications were received and acted upon. An interesting discussion in regard to reprints took place. Mr. J. W. Stark was elected an active member. The next meeting being the occasion of our annual election a committee of three, Messrs. Thompson, Haskell, and Wolsieffer, was elected to prepare a ticket. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 P. M. Next meeting Dec. 29th.

Chicago, Ill.

C. R. Gadsden, Secretary.

NATIONAL PHILATELICAL SOCIETY.

Meeting of Nov. 10th. President Rechert occupied the chair. Following members present: Rechert, Wuesthoff, Mitchell, Terrett, Hunter, Miller, Collin, Aue, and Warner. Meeting called at 8:15 P. M. Mr. Louis Strauss was proposed by Mr. Bogert as an active member, and was unanimously elected. Anniversary committee reported progress. Received a communication from Mr. Tiffany. Moved by Mr. Miller that the librarian purchase a scrap book. Seconded and carried. Moved and carried that as the next meeting falls on Thanksgiving, to hold the same on Wednesday night, Nov. 23d. Mr. Rechert exhibited the 3c. vermilion U. S. postage, Sept. 1887, and presented one to each member present. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 P. M. Meeting of Nov. 23d.—President Rechert occupied the chair. Following members were present: Collin, Aue, Bogert, Seligsberg, Wuesthoff, Henry L. and G. B. Calman, Terrett, Miller, Rechert, Mitchell, and Warner. Meeting called at 8:15 P. M. The following resolution was offered by Mr. Bogert, seconded by Mr. Calman, and carried unanimously:

WHEREAS, It is reported that certain stamp dealers and others have petitioned the United States post office department to reprint some of the obsolete postal issues; and

WHEREAS, This reprinting and reproducing (being ostensibly for the aid of collectors) is entirely uncalled-for by any philatelic student worthy of the name, but can only result mischievously, and to the detriment of those engaged in preserving specimens of rare and obsolete stamps and envelopes; and

WHEREAS, Such reprinting would lower the United States to the level of such governments as Antioquia, Baden, Bergedorf, Roman States, etc., whose officials have adopted this scheme of increasing their revenues; and

WHEREAS, This Society put itself on record against the reprinting of obsolete issues on the 19th of May, 1875, at the time of the first reprinting of the U. S. Stamps; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the National Philatelic Society strongly protest against all reprinting by the U. S. P. Department as tending to throw discredit on collections already formed, and as destroying the interest and pleasure which all true collectors feel in gathering the postage stamps of the different governments.

A committee was appointed by the chair, consisting of Mr. R. K. Bogert and Dr. Wm. H. Mitchell, to have these resolutions printed and sent to the daily papers, the philatelic press, the Post Master General, and Postmaster of New York. The following resolutions were offered by Mr. Wuesthoff:

WHEREAS, There seems to be a difference of opinion among collectors with regard to the status of the 10c., 30c., and 90c. envelopes of the U. S. of the issue of Oct., 1866; and

WHEREAS, One of the main objects of this Society is, "The procuring and dissemination of knowledge in relation to the Postage Stamps of all nations;" and

WHEREAS, After careful and impartial consideration of the argument, both in favor and against the said envelopes, it is evident, beyond question, that they are as legitimate as any envelope ever issued by the United States; therefore be it

Resolved, That the National Philatelic Society (although deprecating the issue of many of the smaller sizes) consider that the said envelopes are worthy of a place in all collections of U. S. envelopes, both entire and cut.

Seconded by Dr. Mitchell. Moved by Dr. Mitchell that these resolutions be laid on the table. Seconded by Mr. Terrett. Was put to vote, resulting in four for affirmative (Messrs. Terrett, Mitchell, Aue, and Warner), eight for negative (Messrs. Collin, Bogert, Seligsberg, Wuesthoff,

G. B. and H. L. Calman, Miller, Rechert). The resolution was carried. Dr. Mitchell informed the Society that in the Post Master General's report for 1861, was a notice by Post Office Department offering to print stamps on any envelopes brought there. Resolutions were offered by Dr. Mitchell relating to color charts which were to be sent to all American and Foreign Philatelic papers. Seconded and carried. Annual election to take place December 21st, 1887. Mr. H. L. Calman exhibited several novelties among which were a new 10c. Uruguay, pale purple; 3c. Mexican, vermilion (type of 1886); ½c. Newfoundland, lake (square); 1c. C. C. 78; 10p. Transvaal, bistre; and some imperf. 1p. St. Helena; and Confed. Locals; Macon 10c. (two 5c.); Salem, Statesville, Lenior 5c; New York, 1842, 3c., buff, and Priest's Despatch, N. Y. Locals. Anniversary committee reported that the dinner would take place on Dec. 7th, at 7 P. M., at Morelli's. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 P. M.

W. A. Warner, Secretary.

DETROIT PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Meeting of Nov. 26 called to order at 4:45 P. M., with the following members present, viz.: Beck, Crittenden, Crosby, Grummund, Monnier, Beeder, and Sartwell. Mr. Beck was elected a committee of one to get information as to cost of badges for members, also to ascertain cost of printed letter heads for the Society's use. An appropriation was made to subscribe to the official organ, the WESTERN PHILATELIST, a copy for each member. An appropriation was also made for Secretary's supplies. Mr. Crittenden was appointed Chairman, and Crosby Secretary of the Executive Committee. After further business and exchanges, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 P. M. Special meeting Dec. 7th, called for the purpose of comparing collections with outside collectors. Following were present: H. B. Seagrave (Ionia), Messrs. Kline, Bishop, and Parker (Toledo), Mr. Soper (Ypsilanti), Mr. Heath (Monroe), and the D. P. S. members. Mr. Seagrave's collection of U. S. stamps was the attractive feature of the meeting. The "Pomeronians" also showed very good collections. These meetings will be held occasionally. All collectors are invited to attend.

Detroit, Mich.

W. P. Crosby, Secretary.

RECORD OF NEW ISSUES.

We desire correspondents in all parts of the world to furnish early and accurate information concerning new issues. Dealers and others furnishing prompt notice of new issues, with specimens or minute descriptions, will receive proper acknowledgment.

BR, BECHUANALAND.—The following have been issued of the same types as those lately described: 2d., 4d., lilac; 2s., 2s. 6d., 5s., 10s., green. Also the following issues of Great Britain, surcharged in black: adhesive ½d., vermilion, post-card 1d., wrappers ½d. and 1d., and registry envelope 2d., three sizes.

BRAZIL.—There is a new 50 reis letter card. Head on horizontally lined ground.

BULGARIA.—The 5 st. card now has "Pischenska" instead of "Otbopeho."

CANADA.—It has been reported that the plate of the 2c. stamp has been re-engraved. The stamp on the reply paid card has been slightly altered.

CEYLON.—Mr. Rusbridge has sent us the new 15c. stamp. It resembles the 25c. and 28c. and is also green (c c 37). The *P. J. of A.* says there will be two new surcharges—2c. on 4c. and 20c. on (?)

DUTCH INDIES.—The numeral on the 1c. stamp is now italic.

FARIDKOT.—The *Ph. R.* reports a new issue of the second type, in black as well as blue, and the *I. B. J.* has the third type in vermilion.

FRENCH COLONIES.—*Der Ph.* reports a letter card, 25c. black on rose.

HAYTI.—A new series has just been issued; we have seen only the 1c., 2c., and 5c. They bear the portrait of the president in an oval, with "Haiti" above and value below, both in figures and letters. In the two upper corners are also the figures of value, 1c. lake (c. c. 134); 2c. lilac (c. c. 68); 5c. green (c. c. 27). White paper, no watermark, perf. 14.

HOLLAND.—Letter cards are reported.

HONDURAS.—New stamps are to be issued January 1, from ½c. to 2 pesos.

HUNGARY.—The 3kr. letter card is now green on gray.

LAGOS.—The 1½d. card now measures 138x88, and there is a 1½ x 1½d. card, red brown on buff.

MEXICO.—The 3c. and 10c. are now red.

NEPAUL.—There is a native post card 3½ pies, black and red on pale brown, thick paper.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—The 3c. is now brown (c. c. 80), the 10c. black, and of a new design, similar to the 13c.

NEW ZEALAND.—There is an official stamp, without value, black on white. A crown and the words "Postage Free" are in a rectangular Greek frame.

ROUMANIA.—The unpaid letter stamps are now green, at least the 10 bani.

ST. LUCIA.—There are two bands— $\frac{1}{2}$ d. dark green, and 1d. carmine, both on buff paper. The stamp has head in circle.

SWEDEN.—We hear of wrappers and letter cards.

TOLIMA.—The 5c. comas in five or six shades, and the 50c. green is in two types, differing in the figures in the angles.

UNITED STATES.—We have received an envelope of the July 1884 issue, size $4\frac{1}{2}$, white paper, with the stamp printed in lake (c. c. 135).

URUGUAY.—There is a new 10c. stamp with numeral in the centre in a circle and "Diez" four times repeated, "Republica Oriental" above and "Del Uruguay" below; violet on white; rouletted.

VENEZUELA.—The 25c. brown (Correos) and 25c. orange (Escuelas) are now lithographed.

STAMP LITERATURE.

Quite a number of publications have reached our desk in the last few weeks. Among the earliest of these is *The Cyclopaedia of Philately* (1); compiled by W. H. Baker, Jr. This is a handy little volume for young collectors and will serve a good turn in instructing the many who need just such a hand-book. It consists of an alphabetical list of the inscriptions that exist upon stamps, together with a reference to the country or countries using each term. It also gives a list of the various countries that have issued postage stamps, with statistics, etc., including date of first issue.

From across the briny deep comes a diminutive sixteen-page "annual" entitled *Topsy-Turvy* (2); a poem by J. W. Palmer, the only man (in his own opinion) who detests forged stamps, or who has done anything toward their suppression. Mr. Palmer evidently has an exceedingly good opinion of himself, as the following quotation will show:

"No man snatched the wreath of fame
From the brow of him who had won the same—
Genius had no such tormentor;
And JAMES CHALMERS held an honored place
In all men's mind, as the friend of his race—
The Adhesive Stamp Inventor.

"And there upon the scroll of fame
Was writ—in small—another name,
Coming later;
A generation after Chalmers
Came the world renown of 'Palmer's'—
The Forgery Exterminator."

The above will suffice as an illustration. The entire poem is replete with self glorification.

Mr. C. H. Nunn has favored us with several pamphlets which deserve a place in the philatelist's library. The most important of these is Wears' monograph on the *Mulready Envelope* (3), which gives a full and interesting account of the history of this much-prized curiosity. *The Study of Philately* (4) is a reprint from the *Stamp Collector's Journal*, and is an analytical and historical sketch of the 1869 issue of United States adhesives. *The Stamp Dealers of Great Britain* (5), and *How to Deal in Foreign Stamps* (6), each serve a purpose, and are useful in their way.

Latest from the press comes "Philo's" *The Bluffton Stamp Society* (7). This book purports to give, in a natural, readable manner, the doings of a juvenile philatelic society. A number of meetings and the characters of the various members are described in a pleasing way which cannot fail to secure the attention of the reader.

The publication of the 49th edition of *Scott's Postage and Revenue Catalogue* (8) was materially delayed through governmental interference in regard to the cuts of stamps. Now it reaches us, but without illustrations. However, the publishers state that a second part, containing the illustrations, is in press and will be ready shortly. The catalogue is neatly gotten up and leaves but little to desire. Many stamps have advanced in price—notably the United States—while others have declined. It is the most complete catalogue we have, giving as it does United States stamps of all kinds,—adhesive, envelope, revenue, and proprietary, and all foreign postage stamps, both adhesive and envelope.

It is a considerable length of time since Mr. W. F. Bishop, of LaGrange, Ill., announced the publication of an album expressly for United States postage stamps (9) only. The album has been ready for some time, but its originator having retired from philatelic circles it was not placed on the market. Mr. Bishop recently sold the edition, copyright, etc., and the new publishers have brought the album out. It consists of 120 pages, $6\frac{1}{2} \times 9\frac{1}{2}$ inches, and contains spaces for all government locals, adhesives, and cut envelopes. Each issue is accorded a separate page and liberal margins are allowed. It would appear that Sterling's Catalogue had been closely followed in the arrangement, as varieties are well provided for. The album is excellently printed on fine paper.

(1) *The Cyclopaedia of Philately*, compiled by W. H. Baker, Jr., 16mo., 61 pages; cloth, 25c.; paper, 10c. Philadelphia: Quaker City Phil. Pub. Co. (2) *Topsy Turvy*. By J. W. Palmer. 32mo., 16 pages; paper, 1d. London: J. W. Palmer. (3) *The History of the Mulready Envelope*. By T. Martin Wears. 12mo., 46 pages; paper, 7d. Bury S. Edmunds, Eng.: C. H. Nunn. (4) *The Study of Philately*. By Arthur J. Palethorpe. 12mo., 30 pages; paper, 6d. Bury S. Edmunds; C. H. Nunn. (5) *The Stamp Dealers of Great Britain*. 12mo., 23 pages; paper, 5d. Bury S. Edmunds; C. H. Nunn. (6) *How to Deal in Foreign Stamps*. By J. H. Lacy. 12mo., 14 pages; paper, 4d. Bury S. Edmunds; C. H. Nunn. (7) *The Bluffton Stamp Society*. By Philo. 16mo., 81 pages; cloth, 50c. Chicago: Western Philatelic Pub. Co. (8) *Scott's Postage and Revenue Catalogue*; 49th edition: 8vo., 103 pages; paper, 25c. New York: Scott Stamp and Coin Co., Limited. (9) *The National Philatelic Album*. Compiled by W. F. Bishop. Size $6\frac{1}{2} \times 9\frac{1}{2}$ inches; 120 pages; cloth, \$1.25; gilt edges, \$1.50. Chicago: Western Philatelic Pub. Co.

NEW YORK NOTES.

I have heard on excellent authority that the 1 sh. Mauritius envelope, which the Scott Stamp and Coin Company purchased at Casey's eighth sale for \$50, and which Mr. Casey bought for \$12 at a sale in 1883, has been finally sold for \$135.

The New York branch of the A. P. A. has a feature which the other branches might adopt with profit. After the sheets and covers belonging to the branch are returned by the exchange superintendent they are circulated among the members by the assistant manager, so that many more stamps are sold than would otherwise be the case.

Mr. Casey has a sale in preparation; the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. will probably have one about January 15th; and R. R. Bogert & Co. will have a two night's sale some time in January, which will include such rarities as the 1 Franc, vermilion, France, 1849, a fine lot of Sidney views, 10c. Columbia, 1862, U. S. Horseman 1c. red, etc.

The remainder of the Sterling collection, consisting of Document Stamps complete, 1c. to \$500.00, Match, Medicine, and Playing Card Stamps, the latter being complete, State Revenues, License Stamps, Albinos, and entire Envelopes, will be sold by Messrs. Geo. A. Leavitt & Co., January 26th and 27th. In addition to the regular document stamps there are many blocks, double perforations, and other oddities such as are described in Sterling's catalogue.

A false impression seems to prevail that the colors of the 4, 5, 30, and 90c. U. S. adhesives were changed at the same time as the envelopes. Several stamp journals have chronicled them, and one over zealous dealer has priced them in a recent catalogue. Such, however, is not the case, as the following note in reply to a query concerning the change of color of the 4, 5, 30 and 90c. adhesives will show:

"WASHINGTON, Nov. 29, 1887

"Respectfully returned, with the information that the department does not contemplate making any immediate change in the colors of the referred to denominations of postage stamps that are now issued. The public will be duly informed of any change that may be made in the colors, etc., of stamps of the present issue.

H. R. Harris, Third Asst. P. M. Gen.

On the evening of December 9, R. R. Bogert & Co. held their third sale at the Leavitt auction rooms. The attendance was very large, about forty-five buyers being present. Following are some of the prices realized: Great Britain £5, torn, \$2.05; U. S. of Colombia, 1878, 26c, green on white, \$2.05; U. S. Providence, 5 cents, unused, \$2.10; 1857, 5c., red brown, with projections, perforated, \$2.30; State, \$20, proof, perforated, \$2.25; 5c. on blue, Garfield, cut square, \$2.10; document, 1871, \$25, \$3.80, \$50, \$4.20; 1872, \$20, three in various degrees of condition, \$4.10, \$3.50, \$3.10 each; Entire envelopes - 3c., letter, 1853, die 1 on white, H4, \$6; 3c., die 2-A, letter, on white, 1853, with rare wmk. H6, \$2.50; Oct., 1886, 5c, size 5, on blue and buff, \$4 each; same issue, 30c., size 7, on amber, buff, blue, \$2.25 each; same, 90c. on manila, size 7, \$3.00; collection of 600 stamps, \$5.00. Total for the 563 lots, \$409.

On the evening of December 20th part 1 of the Sterling collection of U. S. postage and revenue stamps was sold at Leavitt's auction rooms. The attendance was very large, over fifty persons being present. The bidding was rather slow, although spirited at times, the sale being concluded at 10:45 p. m. Following are a few of the prices obtained: Lot No. 9, Letter sheet stamped Brattleboro, Vt., Jan. 16, and the figure 5 in red, went to "O. K." for \$50.00; a photograph of a sheet of Brattleboro stamps, \$5.00; New Haven, 5c., red impression, black signature, \$13.00; the entire sheet of Providence was secured by a person who imagined he had purchased it for \$3.15, and on being resold was bought by Mr. G. B. Calman for \$36.00, who also captured the St. Louis 5c. die C, for \$36.00, and the St. Louis 10c. die C, for \$29.00. The unused strip of four 10c. 1847, brought \$7.80. Mr. Sterling paid \$22.00 for one, and \$21.00 for another pair of 24c. 1851, imperforate; also \$30.00 for the unsevered pair of 30c. of the same issue. The 5c. orange brown, 1861, sold for \$5.05; the 3c. 1867, with grill covering stamp, was \$8.00; a set unused of the 1869 grilled issue was sold for \$10.00. Then Mr. Thorne bought the 1869, 30c. reversed shield for \$35.00. The high value State Dept. sold as follows, \$5.00, \$8.50; \$10.00, \$9.00; \$20.00, \$12.00; a Merchant's Tel. Line, black on red, sold for \$5.10; of cut U. S. Envelopes the 1860 4c. die 1, on buff, brought \$8.00, and the die 2, \$8.50. Entire Envelopes, H1 1/2, used, \$5.25; 3c. 1879, size 5, die C, printed address, \$10.50; 2c. Kellogg die in red, size 2, on blue, \$6.25, same, wrapper, \$5.50. The U. S. Envelopes used as an advertising medium sold at an average of 50 cts. each. 1870, 2c. wrapper, with S. Allan Taylor's advertisement' bringing \$1.60. Total for 589 lots, \$1105.84.

Cortlandt F. Bishop,

The present administration is anxious to have the letter-sheets in general use throughout the country, and in order to induce the public to patronize them more freely the postal member of Cleveland's cabinet has, for the past three months, caused the following notice to be inserted in the *Official Postal Guide*: To afford the public at every place of any considerable population the opportunity to readily purchase stamped letter-sheet envelopes (the supply of which has heretofore been limited to first and second class post offices), and thus to enable the Department to make an exhaustive test of their utility and convenience, it has been decided to furnish them hereafter to all presidential offices the postmasters at which may at any time make requisition for them.

CORRESPONDENCE.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 21, 1887.

To the Editor of the *Western Philatelist*: I would like a small space in your columns in which to "remark a few remarks" in regard to these so-called quasi-official, non-philatelic, proof and essay 10, 30, and 90 cent envelopes, which our great and good Uncle Samuel has been so indiscreet as to inflict upon us. In my own limited field of action I know of four business houses who have received these envelopes for business purposes in the usual form and manner prescribed by the P. O. Department. I myself have used quite a number of them in my foreign correspondence, also for registered letters. What will be the surprise of the parties who receive these stamps by regular course of mail to learn that they are proofs, essays, non-philatelic, and not collectable. I pause for a reply. The old Briton king, Canute, placed his chair by the seaside and commanded the tide to cease rising, but a few moments later he cut a ridiculous figure in his scramble for dry land. The St. Louis Philatelic Society has passed resolutions denouncing these interesting envelopes. It reminds me of the African Debating Club, which decided that "the earth be flat." You may not like the price of these envelopes, boys, I don't myself; we may not approve of the methods of some dealers; say this, then, and not bring ridicule upon yourselves by thinking that a set of resolutions will depostalize a regular issue of U. S. stamps. Do not bring contempt upon us by running to Washington with your whims. The less you trouble the P. O. Department with such matters the better it will be for philately. At present our Goddess Philatelia is a very good looking girl, but a little more of this boy's play and you will think she has swallowed a dose of "tough on rats."

Yours truly,

E. B. Hanes.

[It is our opinion that it will require something more than sarcasm such as the above to change the opinions of the many who have protested against this envelope matter.—*Editor*.]

In the latter part of September a west-bound express train on the Fort Wayne Railway ran into the mail car of an east bound express train, the collision resulting in the destruction of nine sacks of registered mail. As the government gives no satisfaction for registered matter, excepting to tell you how it was lost or destroyed, in case such an event occurs, we have here an instance in which there will be many and perhaps considerable personal losses from those who put their faith in Uncle Sam, and their dimes in his pocket, for—nothing.



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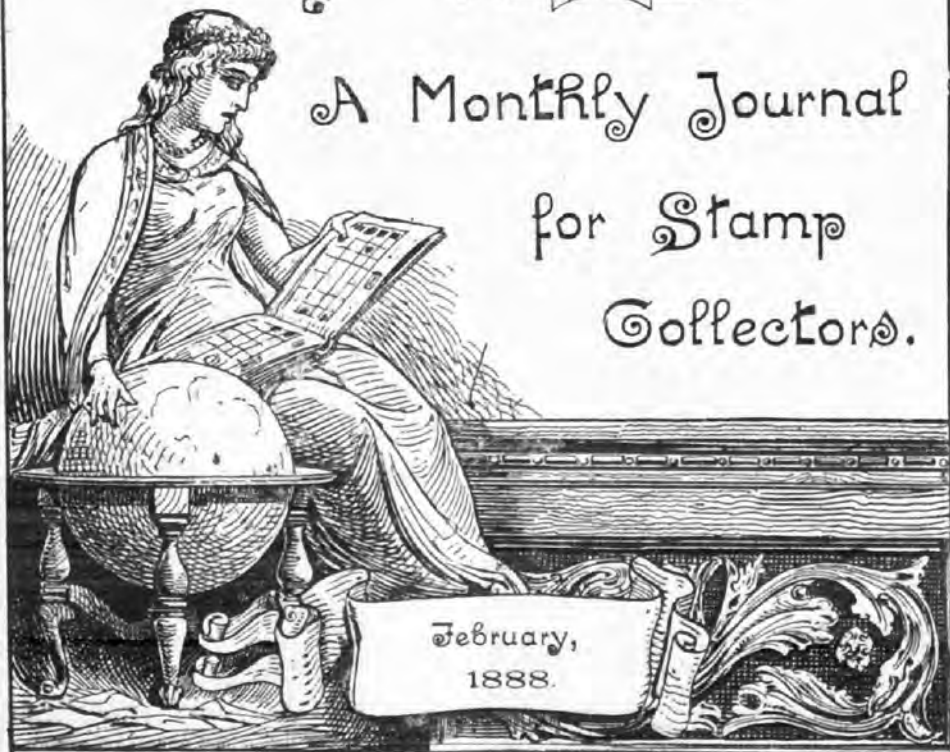
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that many of these 10, 30, and 90c. envelopes must have been made for business purposes, I give the following statistics taken from the Third Assistant Postmaster General's report for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1887; number of 10, 30, and 90c. envelopes made during fiscal year:

	10c.	
Quarter ending December 31st, 1886.....		3,000
“ “ March 31st, 1887.....		3,000
“ “ June 30th, 1887.....		17,000
	30c.	28,000
Quarter ending June 30th, 1887.....		1,000
	90c.	
Quarter ending June 30th, 1887.....		1,000

I know of twenty-three kinds of 10c. on the market, all but one of these are on sizes which allow two colors to each quality. This makes 11,000, and adding 1,000 for the other variety we have 12,000 which is a liberal estimate, as I know of two cases in which dealers by ordering 1,000 received four kinds. 12 from 23 leaves 11. Where are those 11,000? Must they not have been made for business firms. I purchased at Wells, Fargo & Co's office in San Francisco last August, some 10c. size 7 first quality, with their usual frank, and I know of several firms that use them for postage. Could they be available for postage if they are proofs as one writer declares? I think not. It is to be noted that the foregoing table does not include issues after July 1st, and therefore not the "Syndicate" set. I have heard that a firm is using black 30's for postage but I have not discovered the parties as yet.

Someone has said that these envelopes are not collectable because they could be had in an unlimited number of combinations like those of Great Britain, German Empire, and Bavaria. This is not so, as the number of varieties of each denomination is limited to 41, being one of each size, color, and quality on the schedule.

So far I have said nothing about the 5c. envelopes second quality, size 5. These were included in the order at the suggestion of a friend of one of the members, and were made either on account of the large amount ordered, or else by mistake; the Post Office Department claims that the latter is the reason. The "syndicate" bought them at a good price from that collector. Since they are available for postage, I class them as errors.

Although from the minutes the Secretary does not appear to have seen me, I was present as a visitor at the meeting of the National Philatelic Society at which the resolution endorsing these envelopes was passed; the gentleman who offered it collects envelopes in no shape and therefore was unprejudiced; I think there would have been but one vote against the motion had not a certain member gone around the room soliciting votes. None of the other societies passed resolutions until they found that it was getting too expensive to obtain complete sets of these envelopes.

I have endeavored to show that these envelopes are collectable and that the kickers object almost without exception on account of the price of those offered by the "syndicate." They almost all buy the brown 30's because they can be had for 50 cents each, and I have heard many complain because the purple 90c. has not been ordered. I do not believe that these dealers would have engaged in the scheme if they did not consider it legitimate. I am personally acquainted with three of the four, and they are all perfectly reliable. The method of obtaining the envelopes was well known, having been published openly in the *American Philatelist*, and the opportunity was open to all. I have written this without being asked or desired to do so by any of the "syndicate" but simply because I wished to place the facts in their true light.

Cortlandt F. Bishop.

EMISSIONS OF CHINA, SHANGHAI, COREA, AND JAPAN.—(Cont'd.)

D. JAPAN (Continued).

Eight Emission, 1875 (3d of 1875), lithographed in color on white paper, perforated 11, 20x23 mm; 40 varieties. In center a full blown Chrysanthemum, above and below it are Chrysanthemum leaves and the word *Katakana*, *i. e.*, for 6 sen; this is surrounded by a buckled garter, bearing "6 sen" at top and bottom; at sides is the value and money in *Kiai hing*.

No. 33. 6 sen. (top character at sides) *voku*, equiv. to six; orange.

No. 34. 6 sen. (top character at sides) *voku*, equiv. to six; brown.

Ninth Emission, 1875 (4th of 1875), same as 1st emission of 1875 save that there are no syllabic characters at bottom, and Chrysanthemum branches are tied with a bow of ribbons. Forty varieties.

No. 35. 1 sen. (top characters at side) *iti*, equiv. to one; brown.

No. 36. 2 sen. (top characters at sides) *ni*, equiv. to two; yellow.

Tenth Emission, 1875 (5th of 1875), commonly termed the Bird Series, lithographed on white paper; perforated 11; 19½x22½ mm. In the center is a fowl, in circle, around this is a white circular band on which at top and bottom is the value in Roman, and at sides in *Kiai-hing-chow*. At top on white covered label in *Kiai-hing*, "In-bon-kit-te" "Post Stamp" and full blown Chrysanthemum. Forty varieties.

No. 37. 12 sen. (characters at sides) *zyn ni sen*, equiv. to twelve; rose (peacock).

No. 38. 15 sen. (characters at sides) *zyn go sen*, equiv. to fifteen; lilac (pheasant).

No. 39. 45 sen. (characters on sides) *si zyn go sen*, equiv. to forty-five; carmine (eagle).

Eleventh Emission, 1876, lithographed on white paper, perforated 11; 20x23mm. Similar design to 33 save that there are Chrysanthemum branches in center oval and on garter at top three antique values, 1, 2, and 4 sen; at bottom of garter "5 sen." Forty varieties.

No. 40. 5 sen. (characters at sides) *go sen*, equiv. to five; green.

Twelfth Emission, 1876 (2d of 1876), engraved in color on white paper; perforated 9; 20x28 mm. In the center on solid disk in white is the value in *Kou-wou* and under it the money; above this on a diagonal cross lined oval is a full blown Chrysanthemum, and at the bottom a bunch of Chrysanthemum leaves; around this is a solid oval band; at the top are seven characters in *Kiai-hing* in white. "Tai Nippon tei koku iu bon" *i. e.* "Post stamp of the Grand Empire of Japan." Below in white letters "IMPERIAL JAPANESE POST;" numerals in upper sinister and lower dexter corner, and letter of money in opposite corners.

No. 41. 5 rin. (center character) *go rin*, equiv. to five; slate.

No. 42. 1 sen. (center character) *iti sen*, equiv. to one; black.

No. 43. 2 sen. (center character) *ni sen*, equiv. to two; bistre.

Same except the oval bears two Chrysanthemum branches on solid field.

No. 44. 4 sen. (center character) *si sen* equiv. to four; green.

Chrysanthemum, branches, and star in solid oval, bordered by a white band; same inscription at top, and value and money in *kiai-hing-chou* at bottom. "JAPANESE EMPIRE" at top of stamp, "POST" at sides, "FIVE SEN" in white letters on solid labels at bottom, winged worlds in spandrels, "s & v" in color in white disks in upper corners, and "v & s" in lower.

No. 45. 5 sen. (dexter character) *go sen*, equiv to five; brown.

Thirteenth Emission, 1877, same design as above, save the 15, 20, 30, and 45 sen., which have the ball, chrysanthemum, and branches in center oval surrounded by solid band bearing same inscription as above, money and

value below, "IMPERIAL POST" at top sinister corner, "JAPANESE POST" at top dexter corner, numeral in disk in lower, "SEN" on white label at bottom.

- No. 46. 6 sen. (dexter character) *voku sen*, equiv. to six; orange.
 No. 47. 10 sen. (dexter character) *zyn sen*, equiv. to ten; blue.
 No. 48. 12 sen. (dexter character) *zyn ni sen*, equiv. to twelve; rose.
 No. 49. 15 sen. (dexter and middle char.) *zyn go sen*, equiv. to fifteen; grn.
 No. 50. 20 sen. (dexter and middle character) *ni zyn sen*, equiv. to twenty; deep blue.
 No. 51. 30 sen. (dexter and middle character) *san zyn sen*, equiv. to thirty; violet.
 No. 52. 45 sen. (dexter and middle character) *si zyn go sen*, equiv. to forty-five; carmine.

Fourteenth Emission, 1878, design as No. 46, engraved and perforated.

- No. 53. 8 sen. (dexter character) *hati sen*, equiv. to eight; puce.

Fifteenth Emission, 1879, same design as Nos. 41 and 52.

- No. 54. 5 rin. (center character) *go rin*, equiv. to five; bistre.
 No. 55. 5 rin. (center character) *go rin*, equiv. to five; umber.
 No. 56. 5 rin. (center character) *go rin*, equiv. to five; blue slate.
 No. 57. 50 sen. (dexter and middle char.) *go zyn sen*, equiv. to fifty; carm.

Sixteenth Emission, 1880, same design as Nos. 42-43 (change of color).

- No. 58. 1 sen. (center character) *iti sen*, equiv. to one; maroon.
 No. 59. 2 sen. (center character) *ni sen*, equiv. to two; violet.
 No. 60. 3 sen. (center character) *san sen*, equiv. to three; yellow.

Seventeenth Emission, design as Nos. 42, 43, and 45, "Union Postal Univ."

- No. 61. 1 sen. (center character) *iti sen*, equiv. to one; green.
 No. 62. 2 sen. (center character) *ni sen*, equiv. to two; rose.
 No. 63. 5 sen. (dexter character) *go sen*, equiv. to five; blue.

ENVELOPES AND SACKS.

First Emission, 1875, same as issue of 1875. The four characters in center enclosed by Chrysanthemum branches are *Iu-bon kit-ti* (Post Stamp) in *Kiai-hing-chou*. The stamp being in the upper left corner, which as the envelope is addressed vertically, brings it in the upper right. Forty var.

- No. 1. Envelopes. 1 sen. (upper characters at sides) *iti sen*, equiv. to one; blue on white paper.
 No. 2. Envelopes. 2 sen. (upper characters at sides) *ni sen*, equiv. to two; yellow on white paper.
 No. 3. Envelopes. 4 sen. (upper characters at sides) *si sen*, equiv. to four; rose on white paper.

Sacks are long and slim, being about $1\frac{1}{2} \times 5$ inches.

- No. 4. Sacks. 2 sen. (upper characters at sides) *ni sen*, equiv. to two; yellow on white paper.
 No. 5. Sacks. 4 sen. (upper characters at sides) *si sen*, equiv. to four; rose on white paper.
 No. 6. Sacks. (Design of 1875) 6 sen. (upper characters at sides) *voku sen*, equiv. to six; violet on white paper.

Second Emission, 1876, same save that they have syllabic characters at bottom of branches,—the six being of the design of 5 sen. orange. The legend in *Kiai-hing-chou* is *Iu-bon fou-hi*. "Envelope of Post." Forty var.

- No. 7. Envelopes. 1 sen. (upper characters at sides) *iti sen*, equiv. to one; blue on white paper.
 No. 8. Envelopes. 2 sen. (upper characters at sides) *ni sen*, equiv. to two; yellow on white paper.
 No. 9. Envelopes. 4 sen. (upper characters at sides) *si sen*, equiv. to four; rose on white paper.

- No. 10. Sacks. 2 sen. (upper characters at sides) *ni sen*, equiv. to two; yellow on white paper.
- No. 11. Sacks. 4 sen. (upper characters at sides) *si sen*, equiv. to four; rose on white paper.
- No. 12. Sacks. 6 sen. (upper characters at sides) *roku sen*, equiv. to six; violet on white paper.

Third Emission, 1877, engraved in color on white paper, value and money in white on solid disk in center, over this at top a full-blown Chrysanthemum, at bottom a branch of leaves of same on diagonal lined oval; around this a solid oval band having seven characters at top in *Kiai-hing*, *Tai Nippon tii koku iu-bon*, Post Stamp of the grand empire of Japan, at bottom in Roman "IMPERIAL JAPANESE POST;" numeral "2" at sinister side and "S" at dexter side on white disks; the whole surrounded by fancy scollops of curved lines.

No. 13. 2 sen. (top center character) *ni sen*; equiv. to two; olive on white.

BANDS FOR JOURNALS.

First Emission, 1876, lithographed on rice paper, in color, Chrysanthemum at top, branches of same at sides, enclosing value in antique character in *ta-tchouen*; all bordered by an oval ring in solid color.

No. 1. 2 rin. (center characters) *ni rin, go mau*, equiv. to two rin, 5 mau; vermilion, center characters "Sen boun tai si," "Band for Newspapers and Journals."

Second Emission, 1878, similar, but more distinct; inscription same, on rice paper.

No. 2. 2 rin. (center characters) *ni rin, go mau*, equiv. to two rin, five mau; vermilion.

Third Emission, 1882, finely lithographed on white paper, in color; legend in center in *ta-tchouen*, over it the value in *kiai-hing-chou*; Chrysanthemum branches at sides and flower at top.

No. 3. 2 rin. (top character dexter) *ni rin*, equiv. to two; vermilion.

Fourth Emission, engraved in color on rice paper; an oval crossed in center by a white fancy end tablet bearing the legend in antique, *ta-tchouen*; above this, on upper half of solid center oval, is the value and money in *kou-won*, and two scrolls in white; in lower half is *1S* and scrolls in same; a white rim surrounds this and a solid band on which at top is the Chrysanthemum and inscription in *Kiai-hing* in six characters. *Tai Nippon tii koku iu-bon* "Post stamp of the great Empire of Japan," below in Roman, IMPERIAL JAPANESE POST; all surrounded by twelve scollops of curved lines.

No. 4. 1 sen. (top character) *iti sen*, equiv. to one; blue.

OFFICIAL BANDS,

First Emission, 1871, lithographed in color on rice paper; in the center are six characters in *Kai-hing*, "*Oho-kura syan, So-zei ryau*," tr. "Minister of Finances. Bureau of Contributions;" and *Teppau zu-yo*, tr. "Manufacturer of Arms;" all surrounded by border of scrolls; square, small.

No. 1. (No value); vermilion.

Second Emission, 1885, lithographed on heavy manila, having inscription in the antique, *ta-tchouen*, in center and at dexter sides, and in *Kou-won* at sinister side, meaning "band of the Imperial Geographical Society of Japan;" all surrounded by oval Greek border and solid ring.

No. 2, No value; vermilion.

W. Alfred Warner.

A PHILATELIST'S MORNING AT HARVARD.

Having noticed in previous visits to Memorial Hall, at Cambridge, Mass., a bust of Washington marked "Houdon," it occurred to me, when this last issue of United States stamps appeared, to compare the portraits of Washington on the stamps and envelopes of that and other issues with that bust, and to see how good a likeness it is that philatelists treasure in their albums, and that the rest of the world handle and destroy by thousands every day. So one fine morning I gathered together uncanceled copies of the two-cent green stamp and envelope, a three-cent green stamped envelope, a two-cent brown ditto, a trial die proof in green, India paper, of the three-cent justice department, and ordinary cardboard proofs of the three-cent 1851, 1861, and 1870 issues of postage stamps, and taking the horse cars for Cambridge rolled away, down hill, over the river Charles, gleaming in the bright sunlight as it poured over its dam like a stream of molten silver, past the great cemetery of Mount Auburn, where Longfellow lies buried, past the "Washington elm" on one side of the car and the common on the other, where stands the Soldiers' Monument with three old cannon at its base,—revolutionary relics bearing on the top the monogram "G. R.," and where a shivering crowd of men and boys were preparing for a game of football.

I alighted, and after a short walk reached the Memorial Building—a handsome brick structure, with a tower which can be seen from all the circumjacent country for a considerable distance. The visitor enters a long hall running the width of the building and ranged round with marble tablets on which are inscribed the names of the graduates and students of the University who fell in the Civil War, and to whose memory the building is erected; while on the walls above these tablets are Latin sentences appropriate to the place.

Entering the dining hall, the second bust upon the left-hand wall is the Houdon's Washington, and, laying my stamps one at a time on a convenient shelf, I proceeded to note the points of resemblance between them and the bust and *vice versa*.

First, the three envelopes. Of these the best likeness, by far, is found upon the two-cent green, lately issued, which most of our journals have seen fit to revile and condemn. The lines of the bust are followed very closely in this profile except where the nose and lip join, and in that the ear is almost covered by the hair. In this respect the bust is copied more exactly in the three-cent. The two-cent green also shows lines extending downward from the ear to the neck, which are found on the bust but not on other two envelopes. The general likeness on the three-cent envelope is very poor, the nose is sharper and not straight and does not stand out so prominently from the eye as in the bust. The lines of the mouth, chin, neck, and hair follow closely those of the sculpture. There is but little difference between the profiles in the three-cent and two-cent 1884 issue, and the chief points are the same. In the general cast of features of neither is there a very recognizable likeness to those in the marble.

In adhesives the first I took were the three-cent green 1870, a proof, and the two-cent green 1887, new from the postoffice. Of these the likeness is better in the three-cent; in this the nose, mouth, chin, and neck are exactly like those of the bust, in which, however, the eye is larger and more open and the hair is not short and somewhat curly as in the three-cent, but is long, flowing, and full, and leaves exposed nearly all the lower half of the ear, almost exactly as shown in the two-cent stamp. In this latter the eye and hair are better than the other features, and, to follow the sculpture, the division should be more marked, as in the three-cent, where the hair rises from the brow,—which, however, is in no way rugged.

Of the rest there is but little to be said. The portrait in the three-cent Justice proof is almost exactly like that of the three-cent postage, if anything a little better. Of the three-cent stamps of the 1851 and 1861 issue of postage, the former bears the strongest likeness to the original of any I have noted here; there are no points of difference between the two to be noted. On the latter is the worst likeness of any of the portraits on the postage stamps above noticed; there are almost no points of actual resemblance between it and the original bust to be noted. Having finished my task, which was more pleasurable than laborious, I retraced my steps to the common, reaching it just in time to see a goal kicked in the exciting game of football that was being played, passed by the Soldiers' Monument bearing at its summit the figure of a Union volunteer, and below the national, state, and city arms, and crossed to the "Washington elm", beside which I waited for the car, and was soon far away from the scenes of my morning's labors, with the satisfaction of knowing something more than I did before I set out. And my satisfaction will be still greater if my poor attempt will move other collectors to compare the portraits on our stamps with statues or paintings that may be in their vicinity. The greater part of the statues from which the stamp portraits are taken are in public galleries or buildings easy of access to neighboring philatelists. The Cerrachi bust of Franklin, from which is the portrait on the one-cent stamp, is, or was, in New York; the bust of Jackson, from which is the head on the four-cent, is in the capitol at Nashville; the Houdon (which, by the way, is a word which most of the printers of our philatelic papers seem to be unable to get right,—in setting up the last official notice of the P. O. department two of the leading journals come to us with it "Hovdon" and "Hondon," respectively, and the *W. P.* was the first I saw that had it correctly),—let's see—what was I saying?—oh!—the Houdon statue of Washington is in the capitol at Richmond.

Charles E. Hutchison.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

THE *Springfield Republican* is devoting considerable space to philatelic notes.

THE sale of Brazilian stamps noted in our last issue was not made to Mr. Calman as stated, but to another eastern dealer.

FROM MR. W. H. Warner we learn that a counterfeit 2 para (newspaper stamp) has been discovered in use in Constantinople.

MR. T. C. WATKINS is preparing for publication a volume entitled "Selections of Philatelic Poetry." It promises to be illustrated and accompanied by notes.

A NEW local reaches us from La Hoyt, Iowa,—"*Richwood's Dispatch—Paid Stamp—To and from P. O.*" Design, a carrier pigeon, surrounded by lettering as above, all within a scroll frame; color, red.

MR. THOMAS CHUBBUCK, the engraver of the celebrated Brattleboro stamp, died at his home in Springfield, Mass., on Jan. 10th. Although not a philatelist his name is well known with such the world over.

THE recent election held by the Am. Philatelic Association resulted in the election of H. B. Seagrave for Treasurer, and the passage of the constitutional amendments. The association now has 400 members.

WE received a pleasant call the other day from Mr. Victor Rosewater, whose contributions to this journal our readers are familiar with. Mr. Rosewater was on his way to Washington, where he expects to remain for some time. We can expect some good things from him during his sojourn at the capital.

E. B. STERLING, the well known stamp collector, has just consummated the largest deal of postage and revenue stamps ever made in this country. Mr. H. E. Deats, of Flemington, has purchased the collection from him, with its paper currency, coins, medals, and other specimens, for the sum of \$7,000. Mr. Sterling has been engaged for years in completing this rare collection. He is at present holding sales of rare stamps monthly, in New York city, and will realize at least \$5,000 during the winter from these sales.—*Trenton Times.*

WE are indebted to the Weaver Mailing Envelope and Box Co. for a neatly printed copy of the new postal law. This law enacts that second class matter may contain written or printed words referring to subscriptions, and that "upon the wrapper or envelope of third-class matter may be printed any matter mailable as third-class," etc.

MR. MEKEEL informs us that the *Philatelic Journal of America* has been disposed of to a stock company. Mr. Mekeel still holds a controlling interest, but his business affairs will not permit him to give the time necessary to the journal. Mr. N. W. Chandler is the secretary of the new company, and Mr. Eugene Dill is also associated with it. And this leads us to remark that our contemporary has just successfully terminated its third volume.

A CONTRIBUTOR to one of our contemporaries notes the publication of President Tiffany's address before the A. P. A convention and states that we are now giving the pamphlet away as a premium. This is an error. If you want the pamphlet the only way to get it is to send ten cents for it. We did offer it as a premium in the month of December, but the offer was good for that month only. This month we offer (see advertisement) a sixty-cent piece of sheet music, but it does not follow that we are giving the music away,—the offer is good for this month only.

THE New York *Sun* seems to be greatly worried over the 2c. stamp—"the crude, pale, cold, sickly, humiliating, green stamp," as it is called in a recent editorial. But why all this fuss? Why charge the present administration with the infliction of the color of the Emerald Isle on the stamp most commonly used? Did not the previous administration set the fashion by adopting this despised green for the stamp that formerly occupied the place the 2c. stamp now occupies? Sure enough the old green stamp was a 3c. value, but the 2c. of to day is its lineal successor and serves the same purpose. Let well enough alone.

THE PHILATELIC SOCIETIES.

OFFICIAL REPORTS.

THE CHICAGO PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

(Meetings held on alternate Thursdays, at the Tremont House.)

Meeting of Dec. 29th called to order by President Bradt at 8:10 P. M. Present: Messrs. Abraham, Bradt, Clark, Cotton, Gadsden, Hanson, Haskell, McDonald, Pierce, Start, Thompson, and Tower. A number of communications and reports were received. The committee on nominations reported a ticket, which was received with general acceptance. The chair requested that if any further nominations were desirable they be now presented. There being none such the chair announced that if there was no objection a recess of fifteen minutes would be taken in order that all might be fully prepared for the election that was to follow. Upon the meeting being again called to order the principal business of the evening, the annual election of officers, was taken up, resulting as follows: President, Harry B. Myers; Vice-President, C. R. Gadsden; Secretary, M. A. Thompson; Treasurer, L. A. Haskell; Librarian, S. B. Bradt; Executive Committee, Messrs. Hanson, Pierce, and Tower. Upon motion of Mr. W. S. Tower the election was made unanimous. Mr. C. H. Harridan was elected an active member, and Mr. Alfred Dawson a passive member. Before adjourning the outgoing President made a few remarks and the Secretary read a detailed report of the society's origin and progress. Meeting adjourned at 10:10.

Meeting of Jan. 10th called to order at 8:10 P. M. by the ex-President. Present: Messrs. Abraham, Bradt, Cotton, Gadsden, Gilbert, Harridan, Haskell, McDonald, Myers, Pierce, Start, Tower, and Wolsieffer. After the reading and approval of the minutes of previous meeting, such of the newly elected officers as were present were installed in office. Mr. Bradt's resignation of the office of Librarian was read and accepted. Mr. Tower and Mr. Pierce then offered their resignations as members of the Executive Committee and they were accepted. By request the membership of Mr. F. B. Perry was changed from active to passive and that of Mr. F. F. Gilbert from passive to active. Mr. Bradt then moved that the following be adopted as a by-law of the society: "No person engaged in the buying and selling of stamps shall be eligible for office in this society; and no person belonging to any similar local organization shall hold office in this society." Seconded by Mr. Haskell, and carried unanimously. Moved by Mr. Bradt that the by law just passed be submitted as a constitutional amendment; seconded by Mr. Tower, and carried unanimously. A resolution was presented and adopted extending the hand of fellowship to the new Philatelic Mercantile Association. A number of new committees were appointed. Mr. Rosseter Cotton was appointed Exchange Superintendent. Mr. B. Abraham was elected to the office of Librarian, and Messrs. McDonald and Wolsieffer as members of the Executive Committee. Meeting adjourned at 10:20 P. M. Next meeting January 26th.

Chicago, Ill.

C. R. Gadsden, Secretary.

NATIONAL PHILATELICAL SOCIETY.

Meeting of Dec. 21st, 1887. President Rechert occupied the chair. Meeting called at 8:05 P. M. Following members present: Rechert, Strauss, Mitchell, Bogert, Aue, Calman, Gregory, Miller, Terrett, Collin, Meyenberg, and Warner. Received the report of Anniversary Commit-

tee. Moved by Mr. Calman that the report be accepted, and the committee be discharged with thanks. Seconded and carried. Received communication from the Comstock Association of Philatelic endorsing Mr. Bogert's resolution (against reprinting). Received invitation to Anniversary Dinner of Briefmarken Club of Hanover. Received By-Laws from Siessen Verein. Letter from Dr. Diego de la Slave, Barcelona, Spain. Mr. Aue offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Certain stamp dealers have availed themselves of the provision attached to circulars to postmasters (form 3337) permitting postmasters to order U. S. stamped envelopes "when desired to do so by a customer," of any size and quality in the denominations of 10c., 30c., and 90c., when ordered in lots of not less than 1000 in each case, and have ordered for speculative purposes a large number of varieties in size, color, and quality of paper of these values, and have also succeeded in obtaining envelopes of the value of 5c. not in the regular schedule or in the above mentioned permission, and are now offering the same for sale to collectors at exorbitant prices (the 5c. and 90c. at \$5.00 each); now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That such practices are detrimental to the best interests of stamp collectors, and have a tendency to discourage the collection of the regularly issued envelopes; and be it further

Resolved, That the National Philatelic Society of New York City will class such envelopes as speculative issue, and of no philatelic value whatever; and be it further

Resolved, That we recommend all collectors not to countenance the collection or sale of any such envelopes obtained for mere speculative purposes. And that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the editors of the *Am. Philatelist*, *WESTERN PHILATELIST*, *Philatelic Journal of America*, *The Stamp*, *Quaker City Philatelist*, *Figaro*, *Philatelic Record*, *Le Timbre Post*, and *Der Philatelist*, with the request to publish the same, and that a marked copy of the Official Journal of the Society be sent to the Third Ass't P. M. and P. M. Gen'l.

Seconded by Mr. Terrett. It was moved by Mr. Aue that the action of last meeting be reconsidered. Seconded. Vote a tie. Decided by the chair not carried. Moved that the resolution be put to vote, which also resulted in a tie; decided by the chair as not carried. Moved by Mr. Calman that the deficit of the dinner be raised by subscription. Seconded and carried. Moved by Dr. Mitchell that two copies of Color Chart, Bulletins Nos. 1, 2, and 3, and two files of National Philatelist be presented to the library of the A. P. A. Seconded and carried. A list of delinquents who had been notified and had not responded was read by Mr. Calman. The Secretary was authorized to notify them; if after two weeks no answer was received their names would be published in the minutes. The following officers were elected for the year 1888: Mr. Joseph Rechert, President; Mr. R. Wuesthoff, Vice-President; Mr. Wm. A. Warner, Secretary, 75 Second Ave., New York City; Mr. Gustave Aue, Librarian, P. O. Box 3487, New York City; Mr. Henry L. Calman, Treasurer, 721 Broadway, New York City; Messrs. R. R. Bogert, C. S. S. Miller, H. N. Terrett, Executive Committee. Mr. H. L. Calman and Dr. Wm. H. Mitchell were appointed essayists for next meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10 P. M. Meeting of Jan. 18th, called to order at 7:50 P. M. President Rechert occupied the chair. Following members present: H. L. Calman, Wuesthoff, Aue, Terrett, and Warner. Reading and approval of minutes of last meeting. The following members were proposed: Mr. C. B. Corwin, 118 Chambers St., N. Y. C., Mr. R. S. Finney, 252 W. 132d St., N. Y. C., Mr. L. G. Morton, 462 Jefferson Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., as active members by Mr. R. R. Bogert; and Mr. N. Ostrand, Helsingborg, Sweden, by Mr. Warner as a corresponding member. Two of the Executive Board being absent, and as three of the candidates were proposed by one of the Board, it was moved by Mr. Calman "that the rules be suspended and that we act on the names as the whole." Seconded and carried, each name being voted on separately, and they were unanimously elected. Received from Mr. Fred Mongeri, Constantinople, (corresponding member), a copy of his work, "Croissant Toughera" (Arms of the Ottoman Empire), which he presented to the Society through Mr. Warner. Moved, seconded and carried, that a vote of thanks be officially tendered to Mr. Mongeri for his valuable book. Moved, seconded, and carried, that we expend not more than \$17.50 for a numbering machine (to number Color Charts). Moved by Mr. Calman, that on and after July 1st, 1888, the dues of active members be reduced to \$2.00 per year, payable semi-annually; and the dues of corresponding members be \$1.00 per year, payable annually in advance; and that the subscription of life members remain the same as at present, *i. e.*, \$20.00; thirty days notice of this amendment to be given. Received letters of resignation from Mr. V. Gurdji, Mr. W. P. Crosby, and Mr. C. S. S. Miller. Moved, seconded, and carried that the resignations of Messrs. Gurdji and Crosby be accepted, with regrets, and that the Secretary write to Mr. Miller asking him to rescind his resignation. Mr. Warner exhibited a new French 15c. envelope with the stamp in left-hand corner, a 1c. U. S. (1883 re-cut) blue, surcharged "Postage Due" in purple letters 3mm high. Meeting adjourned at 9 P. M.

N. B.—The Society will sell its Color Chart (colors numbered) to all members of American and Foreign Philatelic Societies for 50c. per copy and postage (3c). Remit to the Secretary, 75 Second Ave., by postal note or P. O. order on Station D, New York City.

New York City. *Wm. A. Warner, Secretary.*

DETROIT PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Meeting of Dec. 21st. Present: Messrs. Beck, Crittenden, Crosby, Grummund, and Reeder. Minutes of previous meeting read and accepted. Reports of committees laid over until next meeting. Application for membership received from F. C. Soper (Ypsilanti), and he was elected. Resignation of J. E. Scott was accepted with regrets. Motion prevailed that this

society endorse the resolutions of the St. Louis society in regard to the high value, speculative envelopes, being in substance as follows, viz.: Certain stamp dealers have ordered envelopes of 10c., 30c., and 90c. denominations, not issued for general postal use, and are offering them for sale at exorbitant prices; be it *Resolved*, That the Detroit Philatelic Society classes these as speculative issues; and be it further *Resolved*, That we advise all collectors not to countenance the collection or sale of any such envelopes. After further business the meeting adjourned at 9:15 P. M.

Detroit, Mich.

W. P. Crosby, Secretary.

SOCIETY CHAT.

THERE is a society at Lockport, N. Y. Mr. Guy A. Camp is the secretary.

AT the request of the "Amateur Stamp Collectors," Needham, Mass., we publish their list of officers, which is as follows: President, S. M. Grover; Vice President, W. T. Tisdale; Secretary, W. W. Dewing; Treasurer, H. S. Whittemore.

FROM Mr. C. W. Pearl, of Lawrence, Mass., we learn that there is soon to be a society formed in that place.

MESSRS. Mitchell, Bixby, and Woodworth are a committee on the organization of a Dealers' Protective Association. They report a temporary organization, with Mr. T. J. Mitchell as Secretary—address 263 West Lake St. This society should not be confounded with the Philatelic Mercantile Association recently organized here.

THE Philatelic Mercantile Association, the formation of which was announced by us last month, has now assumed permanent proportions. The following officers were elected for this year: President, S. B. Bradt; Vice-President, W. S. Tower; Secretary, C. H. Hansen; Treasurer, J. A. Pierce; Executive Board, T. J. Mitchell, W. H. Peeke, Jr., and S. C. Stevens. Meetings will be held monthly and a private bulletin will be issued to members only. For information address C. H. Hanson, Box 505, Chicago.

NEW YORK NOTES.

R. R. Bogert & Co.'s fifth sale will take place probably in the latter part of February, and includes a fine collection of unused stamps. Several other sales are in preparation.

On February 1st next the publication of the "American Journal of Philately," Scott's old paper is to be resumed. It had in 1873 a circulation of some 5,000 copies, and when it suspended in 1878 it was the leading philatelic periodical in the United States. It will have difficulty in recovering its former position.

R. R. Bogert & Co. held their fourth auction sale at Leavitt's on the evenings of January 12th and 13th. Lots 1 to 585 were sold on the first night, the sale being concluded at 10:25, and the remainder, consisting of 528 lots, the next night from 7:30 to 9:50 P. M. Some of the stamps catalogued must have been rare as they came from such countries as British Guinea, Bermuda, Servia, and St. Vincent. About fifty persons were present the first night and over forty the second. Following are some of the prices: British Guiana, 1853, 1c., red, used, \$3.10; Ceylon, 1872, 2sh., official, \$6.00; France, 1849, 1fr., vermilion, used, \$9.00; Great Britain, 1880, 2sh., red brown, very fine, used, \$2.50; Newfoundland, 1857, 4d., vermilion, used, \$3.30; Newfoundland, 1856, 1/2d., vermilion, used, \$5.25; New South Wales, 1850, 2d., blue, with clouds, fine, used, \$3.80; Spain, 1869, 19 cuartos, brown, \$2.20; St. Helena, 5sh., orange, unused, \$2.10; U. S. of Colombia, 1862, 10c., blue, \$2.80; U. S. of Colombia, 1863, 50c., unused, \$3.05; United States—Providence, 5c., \$2.05; Horseman Carrier, 1c. red, used, \$6.00; 5c. brown unperforated, 1856, \$2.25; 5c., 1857, strip of three with projections, used, \$4.05; same, red brown, \$2.75; 1869, 90c., used, \$2.60; 1869, 90c., unused, reprint, \$3.10; newspaper, 1865, 5c. blue border, \$2.80; another, \$2.75; seal, post obitum, \$3.50; state, \$2, unused, \$2.55; entire envelope, 24c., on white, size 7, 1870, \$2.30. Cut envelopes—1853, 3c., K die, on buff, used, \$3.00; 1853, 10c., narrow label on white, \$5.75; 1875, 24c. on cream, \$2.75; 30c., black on cream, \$2.30; 30c., black on blue, manila and amberman., each \$2.25; 90c., red on amber manila and manila, each \$4.50; collection of 1,000 stamps, \$5.25; total for 1,114 lots, \$990.00.

On January 13th the Scott Stamp and Coin Co. held their 32d sale at Bang's rooms, 732 Broadway. The sale was remarkable as the finest one night sale that has ever been held in this city. About forty philatelists were present and the bidding was spirited throughout. So many high priced stamps were sold that the sale was not over till 10:45 o'clock. The contest of the evening was over the Brattleboro, the finest specimen of this rare stamp in existence. The sale of this was postponed till after lot 295. It was started for \$190 and ran up at \$5 a time to \$220 when Mr. Sterling put in a bid of \$225, and then Mr. Bogert stepped in and secured it for \$226. The latter gentleman was by far the heaviest buyer present, about \$500 worth being knocked down to him. Following are some of the prices realized: United States—Periodical, 1875, \$9, \$7.20; same, \$12, \$7.25; same, \$24, \$10.25; same, \$36, \$15.50; same, \$48, \$21.00; same, \$60, \$26.00, (the last six bought by Mr. G. Calman); Brattleboro, 5c., superb specimen, sold to Mr. Bogert, \$226.00; New York, 3c. buff, unused, same buyer, \$86.00; New Haven, 5c., red, reprint, signed, \$16.00; New York, 3c., blue wove paper, fine, \$10.25; Providence, 1846, 10c.,

\$8.00; St. Louis, 1845, 10c., die A, used, to Scott Co., \$35.00; same, die B, slightly damaged, used, sold to Mr. Sterling, \$16.50; same, die C, fine, to Scott Co., \$40.00; Carrier stamp, 1c., rose, unused, \$7.50; Carrier Horseman, 1c., red, short rays, used, \$10.00; state dep't, \$10, used, \$7.50; state dep't, \$20, unused, \$12.10; Confederate, Mobile, 2c., black, fine, used, bought by Scott Co., \$50.50. Foreign—Bolivia, 10c., 1867, brown, used, \$7.00; Bolivia, 1868, 50c., blue, used, \$8.05; Bolivia, 1868, 500, 9 stars, unused, \$8.05; Bolivia, 1871, 500, 11 stars, unused, fine, bought by Scott Co., \$24.00; British Guiana, 1850, 12c., dark blue, cut to shape, used, \$14.50; British Guiana, 1856, 4c., magenta, used, fine, bought by Mr. Thome, \$41.00; Buenos Ayres, tres pesos, green, fine, used, \$8.25; Mauritius, 1858, 4p., green, trimmed, used, \$7.00; Natal, 1p., buff, 1857, used, \$7.30; Natal, 1857, 9p., blue, very fine, \$26.00; Natal, 1sh., buff, slight tear in crown, \$8.10; Newfoundland, 6½p., vermilion, used, \$8.75; Newfoundland, 1sh., orange vermilion, very fine, used, bought by Mr. Bugert, \$25.00; Peru, medio peso, 1859, yellow, fine, \$8.50; Phillipine Islands, 1854, 5c., vermilion, used, \$8.25; Roumania, 1858, 54 paras, blue on green, used, on original letter, bought by Mr. G. Calman, \$20.00; Switzerland, Geneva, 1843, 10c., damaged, used, \$11.00; Tuscany, 1853, 9 crazie, violet, white paper, used, \$10.50; Two Sicilies, 1860, ½ tornese, blue cross, used, and fine, \$7.20; U. S. of Colombia, 1862, 1 peso, lilac, used, \$7.05; U. S. of Colombia, Bolivar, 10c., green, 1863, used, fine, \$14.25. Total for the 613 lots, about \$1,990.00. Besides the above there were a large number of stamps that sold at over \$5 each.

Casey's 14th sale took place on January 19th and 20th. As Buckens' rooms were used for another purpose the sale took place at Ortgies'. The catalogue included the Suffolk collection and a few entire envelopes and post cards. The greater part of this was the collection of Mr. Alman, of Brooklyn. 654 lots were sold before 10 o'clock the first night, and 589 in the same time the next evening. About twenty persons were present each evening, but the bidding was without spirit, many lots being knocked down at the first bid. Following are some of the higher prices realized: Canada, 1851, 7½c, used, \$4.75; Ceylon, 1857, 1sh, 9p., \$3.00; Fernando Po, '68, 20c., used, \$4.00; Great Britain, £5, damaged, \$4.00; Newfoundland, '57, 1sh., vermilion, damaged, \$12.50; N. S. Wales, Sydney, 1p., used, \$6.45; U. S., 6c. proprietary, damaged, \$6.00; set of executive, unused, \$6.80; state, \$5, unused, \$5.50; sta e, \$10, unused, \$7.00; Carrier, Franklin, supposed used original, \$5; Spain, '52, 2r., pale red, used, \$10.00; Spain, '53, 2r., bright red, used, \$9.50; Spain, '53, 1c., bronze, used, \$4.00; St. Vincent, "one penny," on 6p. green, \$3.55; U. S. Colonial tax stamp, issued under the stamp act of 1765, \$20.00; Reay 10c. entire envelope, war dep't, with specimen, \$8.25; set of 445 uncancelled dep't envelopes, \$17.80; collection of 1,300 stamps, \$4.50. The post-cards sold from 2½ to 11c. each, and the essays went for 3 to 25c. apiece. Lot 1177, U. S. 5c. blue border periodical, was withdrawn, as it was counterfeit.

Cortlandt F. Bishop.

RECORD OF NEW ISSUES.

We desire correspondents in all parts of the world to furnish early and accurate information concerning new issues. Dealers and others furnishing prompt notice of new issues, with specimens or minute descriptions, will receive proper acknowledgment.

AUSTRIA.—The 20 kr. is to be changed to brown, and the 5s. is surcharged 15 para

COLOMBIA.—*Le Timbre Poste* illustrates several new designs of the official cubiertas, and we have received of the new issue with map a 1c. black on green.

CONGO FREE STATE.—Both the new and the old 5 fr. are surcharged in two lines—"Colis Postaux—F. 3.50"—in dark blue.

COSTA RICA.—The new 5c. is surcharged "Oficial".

CUBA.—We have two new stamps of current type, headed "Cuba-Impresos"; value, 2 mills and 2½ mills, both black.

DENMARK.—The 5c. card with inscriptions in Danish and French was issued Nov. 25.

EGYPT.—The piastre is now equal to 10 digiemes, and the following novelties have been issued: 1m., brown; 2m., green; 5m., red; 1 pi., blue; 2 pi., yellow; 5 pi., gray; post-cards, 5m., brown; 5x5m., red; envelope, 1 piastre.

FRENCH COLONIES.—There is a 15c. letter card, blue on gray.

GAMBIERS.—These islands, under the protectorate of France since 1884, have commenced to surcharge the French Colony stamps.

HAYTI.—We have the new 3c. blue (C. C. 44).

MACAO.—The fiscal stamps have had the top and bottom labels taken off and been surcharged in red, to do duty as 5, 10, or 40 reis.

PERAK.—The 2c. rose of Straits Settlements is surcharged on black in three lines—"1-cent—Perak", capital letters.

ST. CHRISTOPHER.—*Le Timbre Poste* reports cards of 1x1d., carmine, and 1½x1½d., brown on buff. They are perforated at the top, and have the head of the Queen in a circle.

TURKEY.—It is reported the stamps will be changed in March.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of The Western Philatelist:

DEAR SIR: In addition to the U. S. envelopes with advertising band around stamp, mentioned in "Philo's" article in No. 2 of your valuable magazine, I have recently obtained three other varieties which I will now describe for the benefit of your readers.

The first is a 6c. official on white, U. S. P. O. D. wm'k (Horner 357), with N. F. Seebeck's circular adv. in deep blue.

The next is a size 4½, 2c., vermilion, die C, fawn paper, "Star" wm'k. (H. 645) with the same adv. as the former, and in the same color.

Last of all I have a 2c. brown Reay wrapper (H. 218). Around the stamp, with a space about 2m. in width intervening, there is a circular band 5m. in width, with "S. Allan Taylor" above and "Boston" below, in letters the color of the stamp. Between the inscriptions there is fancy scroll work of small diamonds. This wrapper, the only specimen I have ever heard of, came from Mr. Sterling's collection and was purchased by him at Scott's 31st sale last May. Whether it was really used by Taylor or made as a joke by some one after he became notorious, I cannot say. I shall be glad to receive any information concerning it.

I do not consider the above all the additions to "Philo's" list that can be made, but they are all the other varieties that I have been able to obtain. Yours respectfully,

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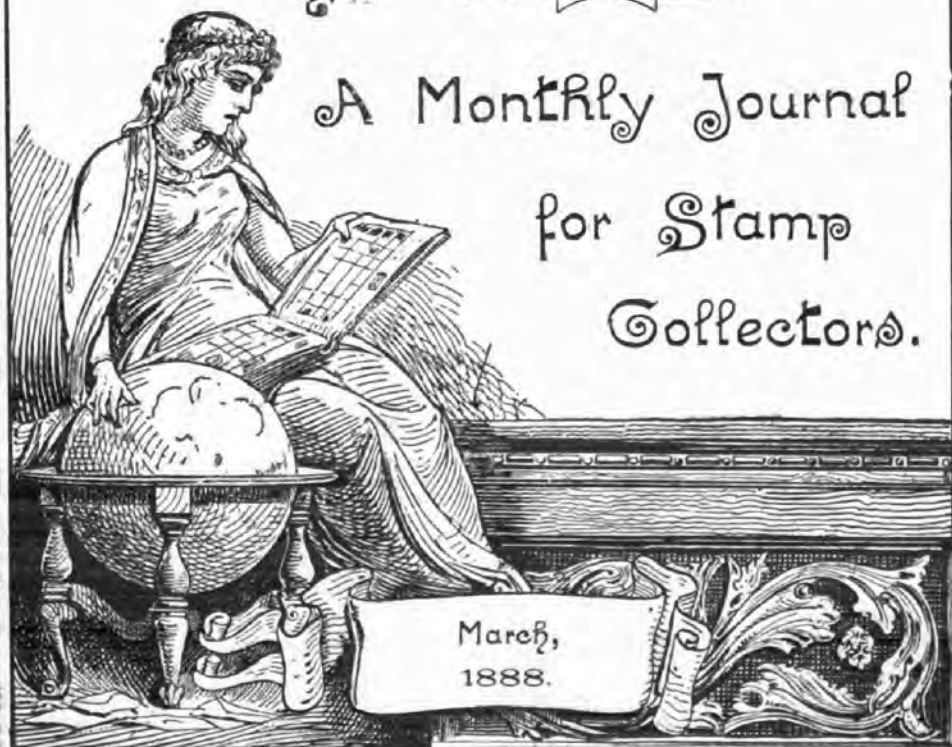
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It was the good fortune of the writer hereof to pay a visit, early in the month just passed, to Mr. H. B. Seagrave, of Ionia, Mich., whose fame as a philatelist is generally well known, and whose talents as an author are familiar to all readers of this journal.

Mr. Seagrave had just been elected Treasurer of the American Philatelic Association, and I had been attending to the duties of that office during the vacancy that had existed for several months past. So, as I had promised Mr. Seagrave, during the convention last summer, to pay him a visit, and as the transfer of the office could be much better accomplished in person than by letter, I determined to take a short vacation.

A ride of about twelve hours, covering something over six hundred miles of territory, brought me to Ionia at about ten o'clock at night. There I found Mr. Seagrave awaiting me, and after a hearty hand-shaking and a cordial greeting I was hustled into his cutter and driven rapidly to his house. There I was introduced to Mrs. Seagrave and made to partake of a repast they had provided in spite of the lateness of the hour. Until after midnight we were engaged in talking over matters in general—also in taking glimpses of the elegant stamp collection of my host.

In the morning we took a long walk about the town—a tour that I enjoyed to the utmost, as I devote but little time to such pursuits. Ionia is an exceedingly picturesque place. It is located in a valley, and surrounded by high and in many instances very steep hills. It is, in fact, a sort of hole in the ground—having the appearance that would result from a large scoop full of earth being removed. The business portion of the town has about the same appearance as the majority of such places; but the residences are much above the average. Then, too, many of the residences stand on the sides of the hills and their terraced lawns add greatly to the general effect.

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A VISIT TO MR. SEAGRAVE.

It was the good fortune of the writer hereof to pay a visit, early in the month just passed, to Mr. H. B. Seagrave, of Ionia, Mich., whose fame as a philatelist is generally well known, and whose talents as an author are familiar to all readers of this journal.

Mr. Seagrave had just been elected Treasurer of the American Philatelic Association, and I had been attending to the duties of that office during the vacancy that had existed for several months past. So, as I had promised Mr. Seagrave, during the convention last summer, to pay him a visit, and as the transfer of the office could be much better accomplished in person than by letter, I determined to take a short vacation.

A ride of about twelve hours, covering something over six hundred miles of territory, brought me to Ionia at about ten o'clock at night. There I found Mr. Seagrave awaiting me, and after a hearty hand-shaking and a cordial greeting I was hustled into his cutter and driven rapidly to his house. There I was introduced to Mrs. Seagrave and made to partake of a repast they had provided in spite of the lateness of the hour. Until after midnight we were engaged in talking over matters in general—also in taking glimpses of the elegant stamp collection of my host.

In the morning we took a long walk about the town—a tour that I enjoyed to the utmost, as I devote but little time to such pursuits. Ionia is an exceedingly picturesque place. It is located in a valley, and surrounded by high and in many instances very steep hills. It is, in fact, a sort of hole in the ground—having the appearance that would result from a large scoop-full of earth being removed. The business portion of the town has about the same appearance as the majority of such places; but the residences are much above the average. Then, too, many of the residences stand on the sides of the hills and their terraced lawns add greatly to the general effect.

After a rest and a hearty dinner my host drove me to his office. Mr. Seagrave is storekeeper for the D., L. & N. Railroad. That is, through his office all the supplies and material used by the road are furnished. The building in which he is located adjoins the road's repair shops, and is filled with a motley collection of articles used by the road. Mr. Seagrave had brought his collection with him, and now he proceeded to exhibit it. The upper portion of the building is all in one apartment, and through the center of this extends a counter about eighty feet long and five feet wide. After unrolling a bolt of canvas over the counter my host proceeded to spread his treasures thereon.

But right here you must be informed how this collection is arranged. The stamps are all hinged upon sheets of ledger paper, about $7\frac{1}{2} \times 12$ inches in size and set off with a tasteful lithographed border. Ample room is allowed for everything—that bane of the ready-made album, crowding, being conspicuous by its absence. If you should ask me how many of these sheets it takes to hold the collection I would hardly dare to even hazard a guess, but

that counter was covered again and again—I could not say how many times—and yet Mr. Seagrave has but commenced to mount his stamps. So far he has mounted his United States stamps, entire, and the foreign stamps in alphabetical order to about Canada, I believe. The balance of the collection still remains in the albums that originally held it.

I doubt if any other person can display the riches in our own stamps that Mr. Seagrave can. First of all is the set of original die proofs, in their proper colors, of all the adhesive stamps issued by the government—with the exception of the five and ten cent of 1849. This unique set is the one that Mr. Seagrave bought at a New York auction sale about a year ago. He made the trip to New York on purpose to attend the sale and purchase these proofs; and although they cost him a good round sum there is little doubt but that he could dispose of them at any time at a good profit. These proofs are upon India paper, and mounted upon plate paper about six by nine inches in size. They are supposed to be the original proofs submitted to the government.

In the same class may be considered a number of other proofs,—various impressions in most any color but the proper one; medallion heads of the different stamps,—these, too, in various colors; several sets of the postage due stamps in different colors, etc., etc.

In addition to the die proofs Mr. Seagrave has all the adhesives in ordinary India-proof condition, and nearly all in card-board proof. Of the regularly issued adhesives we here find everything in uncanceled condition, and all save the \$10 and \$20 State Department in canceled condition.

The average owner of a large collection is usually happy and content in the possession of *one* complete set of our adhesives; here is Mr. Seagrave glorying in from *four to five* complete sets, and still he is not happy, he wants the \$10 and \$20 State *used*.

After feasting my eyes on this magnificent display of United States stamps I was in not exactly the best condition to critically examine the remainder of the collection. The fine specimen of the Baton Rouge local induced me to pause, but the foreign stamps seemed to have lost much of their attractiveness. We remained in the building and examined the stamps until dusk, when the collection was gathered up and we wended our way back to Mr. Seagrave's home. During the evening I enjoyed poring over that portion of the collection that remained in the albums.

That I had a most enjoyable time will be readily inferred by the reader. That Mr. Seagrave is a host par excellence I am ready to testify at any time. And it must be a good healthy place to live in, for I got upon the scales the second day I was there and I actually weighed six and one-half pounds more than I have been known to weigh for the last four years. Perhaps this may have been attributable to the way I was fed—had I been in a cannibal country I should have had suspicions of being fed for slaughtering. At any rate it did me good, and I guess it may perhaps have started me off on an improved state of health, for my friends say to-day that I am looking better and fleshier than I have for years.

But at last the time came for parting. Mr. Seagrave and his amiable wife tried their utmost to induce me to prolong my visit, but much as I should have delighted in so doing I could not. So the farewells were said, promises made of other visits, and soon I found myself on the road for the twelve-hour ride home. And if any of my readers desire to meet an earnest, thoughtful worker in our field, and one who knows how to entertain to perfection and make his guest perfectly at home while with him; to any such let me recommend a visit to our Treasurer, Mr. H. B. Seagrave.

S. B. Bradt.

A NOVEL SWINDLING SCHEME.

Ever since the handling of postage stamps became a lucrative business the minds of unscrupulous persons have been getting up schemes by which the unwary collector might be imposed upon. All have seen or heard of some of the various counterfeits in postage stamps. This business has been studied from the rough representation of a stamp to the alteration in small details of some genuine specimen. There are those who change the color by various chemicals; cut down the perforated edges; invent or alter surcharges. But up to this time no successful imitation of the grill found on many issues of this country has been announced. However, the writer of this article lately came across a scheme of this description.

If any one will trouble himself to look at the difference in value between the grilled and ungrilled specimens of the 1861 and 1870 issues of our country he will see how much could be obtained by a successful imitation of that peculiarity. The following is a sample taken from Scott's 49th catalogue:

1861	Plain.	Grilled.	1870	Plain.	Grilled.
1.....	\$.01	\$.10	1.....	\$.01	\$.25
2.....	.03	.05	2.....	.01	.10
3.....	.01	.02	3.....	.01	.10
5.....	.15	.50	6.....	.01	*.50
10.....	.02	.10	7.....	.25	*.50
12.....	.10	.30	10.....	.01	*1.00
15.....	.15	.15	12.....	.08	*2.00
24.....	.15	.75	15.....	.02	*.50
30.....	.35	1.00	24.....	.35	*3.50
90.....	1.00	3.00	30.....	.03	*1.50
			90.....	.08	*2.00

The prices marked with an asterisk (*) are taken from Sterling's catalogue, they not being priced by the Scott Company.

The value would be enhanced in some instances as much as one or two dollars. This was seen by a bright but unscrupulous collector, who immediately decided to profit by it. He had been an apprenticed machinist, so that he was enabled to carry out his plans personally.

A steel plate was cut into so as to form a grooved design the shape and size of a genuine grill. Of course several must have been made to correspond with the varying sizes in different issues. On this a stamp of the desired kind was laid, after it had been well soaked, and it was then impressed with the steel die. After being dried the specimens presented such an appearance of genuineness that they could not be detected by the average philatelist. Then these stamps could be pasted on the original envelope again, and in that manner, since it would correspond with the postmark, further deceive the unsuspecting philatelist. Of course, the operator was required to exercise great judgment in putting the exact size on the right specimen, but none have come to notice that were not correct in this particular.

The writer, however, assures his readers that the operation of this scheme has already been discontinued by its inventor. But they cannot be admonished too much to exercise great care in the collection of embossed stamps. They can see how easily they can be deceived and how great an incentive is given to the unprincipled to make use of the opportunity.

Victor Rosewater.

DURING the year 1887 eleven and a half tons of postage stamps—nearly one hundred and seventy million—were sold at the New York post-office.

THE Indianapolis post-office recently unearthed five letters and a postal card that had been mailed seven years ago and remained undelivered. In repairing a mail pouch these were found to have been lodged inside.

EDITORIAL CHAT.

WITH this issue a large number of subscriptions run out. They are almost entirely those of members of the American Philatelic Association and we trust that each and all will be renewed without delay. It will be remembered that for three months last summer we were the official journal of the A. P. A., and that on that account the subscriptions of all members were extended for three months, thus causing their subscriptions to expire with this instead of the December issue.

SINCE our last number was prepared we have removed our office from the quarters occupied for the last year. Correspondents will please note our change of address. Visitors in the city bear in mind that they can at any time be put in personal communication with us by calling upon our Chicago agents, Messrs. Stevens & Co., room 15, number 69 Dearborn street. These gentlemen will carry a full line of our publications, including current numbers of this journal; they will also receive subscriptions and advertisements.

MEMBERS of the A. P. A. should bear in mind that the time is rapidly drawing near when the second election of officers is to take place. Let the matter be carefully and thoroughly canvassed and the right men selected to guide the Association to continued success and prosperity. Do not think it too early now to begin casting about for candidates; the time is growing short and "great bodies move slowly."

OUR columns are beginning to show the effects of the policy we outlined at the commencement of our present volume. When we adopted our present exceptionally high advertising rates—exceptionally high for a philatelic journal—the knowing ones prophesied that we would not sustain those rates, or that if we did we would have no advertisers. We started this journal in the interest of collectors, we have always tried our utmost to look after the interests of collectors, and we shall hold this as a collectors' journal to the end. And we do not think their interests are best attended by serving them monthly with a dish one-half to four-fifths advertisements. Our readers want reading matter, and we propose to give it them. We want subscribers, and we propose to get them if the results of our labor merit it. We also want a limited amount of advertising, at our rates and for cash—none other need apply. We cannot but feel rejoiced at the manner in which many of our old advertisers have renewed contracts at our advanced rates, and we hope to show them that a small advertisement with us means more than a large one with journals that have more advertising than reading matter. Our readers can help us in this respect by always mentioning us when replying to our advertisers, and time will show whether our predictions are well-founded.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

FROM Washington comes a new paper, the *National Philatelist*; Fred. McC. Smith, publisher, W. F. JILLSON, of Pittsfield, Mass., announces the publication of the *American Philatelic Magazine*.

WE are indebted to Mr. E. T. Herdman for a copy of his monograph on Berwick: Its Monasteries and Churches.

MR. CASEY informs us that the set of Executives in his 14th sale went for \$7.30,—not for \$6.80 as our types made it. He also informs us that the entire sale realized \$1,535.00.

AN announcement is sent us by Mr. F. R. Gillett, of Freeport, Kas., that he will have ready in March a publication entitled "A Power that Moves the World." It will comprise a brief treatise on stamps and kindred matter.

WE are in receipt of the menu of the Quaker City Philatelic Society's third anniversary banquet and we must say that it is gotten up with exquisite taste. The address side has a design embracing fac-similes of different Blood's locals, original wrapper and all, and is printed in effective tints; in the corner is a Thronthiem stamp.

A QUEER combination is effected by the Messrs. Senf Bros.' *Briefmarken Journal*. For years the head of the title-page has been adorned with the portrait of Sir Rowland Hill; but now we have a dual presentation,—Mr. Hill remains there still, but in company with the man who invented the adhesive stamp, Mr. James Chalmers.

MR. MEKEEL favored our city with a visit during the past month and we had a very pleasant chat with him. He came here to look after some personal matters and did not forget to look after his old-time friends. Mr. Mekeel expressed himself as extremely well pleased with the new arrangement of his journal, and relieved at having a more even distribution of the labor involved therein.

MR. WILL J. MORGAN, of New Orleans, announces the publication of the *Stamp Collector's Journal* on March 15th. He claims that it will rank at the top round, that ten thousand copies will be circulated,—in fact all that the publishers of the ill-fated *Stamp Collector* promised. We trust that such may be the case, although experience has made us somewhat of a doubting Thomas in such cases.

MR. HARRY B. MYERS, the popular and much esteemed president of the Chicago Philatelic Society, has been compelled to go to California for his health. Mr. Myers has been in very poor health for a long time but would not give up, but at last he had to succumb. He takes with him the best wishes of a large circle of friends, whose earnest hope is that the climate of California will give him that relief for which he is seeking.

AND now the Durbin Stamp Co. have finally settled down to business under the firm name of Durbin & Hanes. Mrs. Durbin retains her interest in the business, and the many philatelists who admired the late Mr. Durbin will rejoice thereat. Mr. E. B. Hanes is too well known to need any word of ours in his behalf. May the business increase and prosper under this management as it did of old, is the best wish we can make them.

OUR young contributor, Mr. Victor Rosewater, is receiving considerable commendation from the daily press for his literary efforts. The *Omaha Bee* reprinted entirely his article on "Clarke's Centennial Express," published in the January *WESTERN PHILATELIST*, and the *Omaha Excelsior* commends the same article and adds, "It reveals how thoroughly the correct journalistic discernment between what is news and what is not news is developing in the junior Rosewater."

FOR a long time we have rather had the better of our Canadian brethren in that it would cost us but two cents to send them a letter while it would cost them three cents to write to us. And we still enjoy the same benefit. But now there is an opportunity to get back at us on fourth rate matter (merchandise). An international parcels-post treaty has been signed, and will go into effect March 1st, under which fourth class mail will be sent from one country into the other at the rate prevailing in the country where it is mailed. As the Canadian has to pay but four cents a pound and we have to pay sixteen this is getting even indeed.

WE were shown by Messrs. Edwards, Peeke & Co., the well-known stampdealers of this city, a rare selection of Mexican surcharges. We say rare because they could hardly be termed well-done. There was the 1874 25c., both thick and thin papers, surcharged "SERVICIO OFFICIAL" in two perpendicular lines; the 10c. 1884, surcharged "1885—5—centavos," in three lines; the 5c. 1885, surcharged "Official" at bottom; the 10c. 1886, surcharged "1886—5—centavos," in three lines; and last of all a 10c. 1884 cut in half diagonally and surcharged "CORREO—5—1885," in three lines. The portion of the work we referred to as not being well-done was the surcharging, which seemed to be uniformly on top of the cancellation.

WORK on the "American Philatelic Press Directory" is now well under way and advance orders are solicited. Price 25 cents. It will be much more elaborate than the 1887 edition, and will contain, in addition to the complete list of all American philatelic publications, a supplementary list, as complete as it is possible to make it, of European papers. Also interesting articles on early American papers, as well as other features of interest. Those who order at once will have their names given in the "Personal Directory," which will be one of the features of the work. Write out what you want, not exceeding eight words beside name and address for each copy ordered. Address, Geo. H. Richmond, 5 Beekman St., N. Y.; P. O. Box 3259.

RECORD OF NEW ISSUES.

We desire correspondents in all parts of the world to furnish early and accurate information concerning new issues. Dealers and others furnishing prompt notice of new issues, with specimens or minute descriptions, will receive proper acknowledgement.

ANTIOQUIA.—The 5c. is now red on pale green.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—Messrs. Edwards, Peeke & Co. have shown us specimens of a new issue, as follows: ½c., blue, design similar to the 2c., but with new portrait; 5c., rose, same design as 8c. of 1877; 10c., brown, design same as 10c., 1878, but with new portrait; 15c., ochre, same as 15c. of 1867. These stamps are all lithographed.

BAVARIA.—The current stamps are perforated 15 instead of 12, and it is intended to issue stamps of 30 and 40 pf.

BRITISH HONDURAS.—Surcharged stamps have appeared,—2c. on 6d., 3c. on 3d., 10c. on 4d., 20c. on 6d., 50c. on 1sh.

BRITISH NORTH BORNEO.—There is a 5c. gray.

CUBA.—The 2½c. is red brown; 10c., blue; 20c., lilac.

FRENCH GUIANA.—Mr. C. F. Bishop informs us that he has just received a new provisional 30c. brown of 1872 issue, French Colonies, surcharged in black, in three lines, as follows: "Dec. 1886—Guy. Franc.—5c."

HONDURAS.—The new stamps are to be made by a German dealer, it is said.

MAURITIUS.—The 6c. card has been surcharged to do duty as 2 cents.

MEXICO.—The 4c. is vermilion as well as the 3c. and 10c. already reported.

MONTENEGRO.—Four post cards have been issued—2 and 2x2n., carmine on buff; and 3n and 3x3n., black on gray.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—There is a new card,—1d., red on white, 15x84 mm., without frame.

PERSIA.—All the envelopes and bands issued by the post office bear a black surcharge. The others were obtained in some way from the printer.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.—There are new stamps,—1c., green; 5c., slate blue; 6c., brown; 8c., brown.

SANTANDER.—Of the new type there is a 5c. vermilion.

SENEGAL.—We hear of the 5c. on 30c., and 10c. on 4c.

TOLIMA.—There are three new stamps, inscribed "Departamento del Tolima," 5c., vermilion; 10c., green; 50c., blue.

UNITED STATES.—The 30c. brown is out. We have seen the 2c. envelope of September 1887 printed in gray, and of a slightly different type from the ordinary one. There are 72 points in the outer rim instead of 67. We believe this to be the first die made, which was rejected by the government. Ten cent envelopes, size 9, on white and amber, have appeared.

URUGUAY.—The 5c. is again blue (c.c. 42); 7c., orange; 20c., brown; 25c., vermilion, and there is another new 10c. lilac, with arms in the center and "Republica Oriental" in a curve above; figures of value are at the sides, and "Uruguay—10—centissimos" below in three lines.

THE PHILATELIC SOCIETIES.

OFFICIAL REPORTS.

THE CHICAGO PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

(Meetings held on alternate Thursdays, at the Tremont House.)

Meeting of January 26th called to order at 8:20 P. M. by Vice President Gadsden, Mr. Myers being absent through sickness. Present: Messrs. Abraham, Bradt, Cotton, Gadsden, Gilbert, Hanson, Haskell, McDonald, Pierce, Thompson, Tower, and Wolsieffer. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. Mr. Abraham resigned the office of Librarian, and the resignation was accepted. Messrs. W. C. Stone, A. L. Holman, and T. F. Nelson were proposed for membership and elected,—the first a passive member, the two last active. A committee was appointed to investigate the matter of the formation of a second A. P. A. branch in this city. A committee was also appointed to confer with the Chalmers Society. On motion the exchange manager was empowered to appoint such assistants as he might deem necessary. Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer was elected Librarian. Mr. Bradt offered the following as a by-law of the society: "Any member of the A. P. A. residing in Chicago or its suburbs may participate in the exchange equally with members of this society." Carried and made by-law 10. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 P. M.

Meeting of February 9th called to order at 8:10 P. M. by the Secretary, both the President and Vice President being absent. Mr. Cotton was elected chairman. Present: Messrs. Abraham, Bradt, Cotton, Gilbert, Hanson, Haskell, Holman, Pierce, Start, and Thompson. The committee appointed to confer with the Chalmers Society reported no action, and the reasons therefor, and was discharged. Motion prevailed that the Secretary notify the Chalmers Society and all local A. P. A. members that they could participate in the exchange equally with members of this society. Meeting adjourned at 9 P. M.

Meeting of February 23d called to order by the Vice-President at 8 P. M. Present: Messrs. Abraham, Bradt, Cotton, Gadsden, Gilbert, Hanson, Haskell, McDonald, Thompson, Tower, and Wolsieffer. A letter was read from President Harry B. Myers in which he stated that he was compelled to go to California for his health and therefore offered his resignation. On motion the resignation was accepted with regret, and Mr. Myers' membership changed from active to passive. Resignation of Mr. Krausse read and accepted. Action on the proposed amendment to the constitution was deferred until the next meeting, as was likewise the election of President

to fill vacancy. The Secretary was instructed to make certain changes in the by-law governing auction sales and submit same for action at the next meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P. M. Next meeting March 8th.

P. O. Box 505, Chicago, Ill.

M. A. Thompson, Secretary.

NEW YORK NOTES.

PART two of the Sterling collection was sold at Leavitt's Galleries on January 26th and 27th, from 7 till 9:20 each evening. Lots 1 to 581 composed the first night's sale and lots 582 to 1107 the second. As the catalogue consisted almost entirely of revenue stamps the attendance was not very large. About twenty persons were present each evening. Some stamps sold low, while others went for more than their catalogue price. Something seemed to have struck the entire U. S. 2c stamped envelopes of the October, November, and Kellogg dies, as lots of them containing about twenty pieces sold for from 12c. to 15c. each, while a set of 68 entire envelopes Sept. 1857, sold for 12c. each, or \$8 16 the set. Mr. Sterling had a standing bid of 40c. each on all the oddities in entire envelopes and they were sold for from 40 to 90c. each, till the albinos were reached; as nobody seemed to want them they were bunched and knocked down for 40c each. There was little bidding on the State Revenues; most of them were secured by the Scott Co., or by Mr. Gregory, at prices varying from 6c. to \$6.10 each. The first issue documents with double perforations did not sell well; they brought from 1½ to 6c. each, up to the 5c. values. The remainder were bunched and knocked down for 3c. each. Those of the second and third issues however sold better, bringing from 10 to 40c. each, those which had been perforated with a sewing-machine going for 75c. apiece. Below are some of the prices realized, with the names of purchasers of the great rarities:

ODDITIES IN ENTIRE ENVELOPES.

Canada stamped impression on buff env.	
Knife C.....	\$2.00
Same, Knife D.....	2.10
1857, 1c. wrapper, gum on wrong end....	3.75
1875, 5c. Taylor on blue paper, size 2 ¼.	
no wmk.....	3.10
California—State revenue, \$45, purple....	6.10

DOCUMENT STAMPS—FIRST ISSUE.

\$200 imperforate.....	9.30
\$200 partly perforate.....	8.00
6c. proprietary, original gum, perforate....	10.25
\$20 probate of will, orange.....	20.25
\$20 do, color chemically changed to br.....	13.50
\$200 perforated, unused, original gum;	
Mr. Adenaw.....	20.00
\$200 perforated, used.....	11.25

DOCUMENT STAMPS—SECOND ISSUE.

\$20, pink paper.....	6.00
\$200, violet paper, fine.....	10.00
\$500, violet paper, very fine.....	57.50

PROPRIETARY—SECOND ISSUE.

\$1, green.....	7.00
\$5, green, unused, very fine, original gum.....	13.50

INVERTED MEDALLIONS.

1c, second series, document.....	5.50
2c, " " " ".....	3.75
10c, " " " " unused.....	7.00
25c, " " " ".....	4.25
50c, " " " " unused.....	5.00

PART three of the Sterling collection was sold at Leavitt's rooms on February 16th, at 7 P. M. 525 lots were offered and the sale was over by 9:45 P. M. About thirty persons were present. Mr. Sterling for some reason was absent, his bids being executed by the auctioneer. The bidding was lively most of the time and very good prices were realized throughout. Below are all prices of \$5 and over obtained, with the names of the buyers of the great rarities:

MATCH STAMPS—OLD PAPER.

Brown & Durling, 1c, black, very fine;	
Scott Co.....	\$20.25
Byam, Carlton & Co., 1c, blk on white,	
two heads to left.....	8.25
Chicago Match Co., 1c, black.....	5.00
W. E. Doolittle, 1c, blue.....	5.00
T. Gorman & Bro., 1c, black, mended.....	5.50
Jock & Wilder, 1c, red, fine; Mr. Burger.....	26.00
J. J. Macklin & Co., 1c, blk.; Scott Co.....	20.00

INVERTED MEDALLIONS.

\$1, second series, document.....	\$6.00
5c, " " " " Mr. Adenaw.....	10.25
2c, third series.....	2.50
5c, " ".....	5.00
1c, second series, proprietary.....	4.50
Collection of 267 license stamps.....	18.60

MATCH STAMPS—OLD PAPER.

D. S. Barnes, 4c, verm., perf. at top only.....	5.50
N. Bazin, 2c, blue; Scott Co.....	10.50
Bennet, Pieters & Co., 6c.....	7.75
P. H. Drake & Co., 2c, blk., original gum.....	10.50
Fleming Bros, 2c, blk., liver pill, damaged.....	9.75
J. T. Husband, 2c, violet, very fine; Mr.	
Wells.....	18.00
D. Jayne & Son, 1c, blue, perforated.....	5.00
D. Jayne & Son, 4c, green.....	5.50
J. B. Kelly & Co., 4c, blk., uncut; Scott Co.....	12.00
J. Lippman & Bro., 4c, blue, orig. gum.....	8.25
T. W. Mardsen, 2c, bl. dgd.; Mr. Burger.....	12.25
Mercado & Scully, 2c, black.....	9.00
J. Swaim, 8c, uncut.....	7.00
U. S. Prop. Med. Co., 6c, blk.; Scott Co.....	10.50
Silk Paper—J. Lippman & Bro., 4c, blue.....	5.20
Pink Paper—Brown's Jamaica Ginger.....	5.25
" Dr. C. C. Moore, 2c, blk., orig. gum.....	5.80
Watermark Paper—Seabury & Johnson,	
1c, lake, original gum; Mr. Terret.....	15.00

Total for 1107 lots, about..... \$1,374.00

Pierce Match Co., 1c, green; Scott Co.....	\$18.00
Wise & Co., 1c, black.....	6.00
Ziseman, Griesheim & Co., 1c, green.....	8.00
Silk Paper—D. Burnhams & Co., 1c,	
black; Scott Co.....	10.25
" Greenleaf & Co., 5c, orange.....	5.25
" New York Match Co., 5c,	
blue, torn in two.....	6.00
Watermark Paper—B. Bendel & Co.,	
1c, brown; Scott Co.....	10.00

tral City, and Custer City were the principal points. The line was a success in the distribution of news, but not in the financial point. All mail that was not called for was promptly returned to the Dead-Letter Office, different in this respect from all mail that was carried into the Hills by other parties. I also instructed my agents to answer all communications in regard to friends that were inquired for.

The larger proportion of postage in mining camps was paid for with gold dust, and many times it would take hours for a man to reach and inquire for mail.

At first all mail was carried by the ponies. Between Sidney and Camp Clarke there was but one ranch; between Camp Clarke, 50 miles, and Ft. Robinson, 7 miles, there was but one, and between Ft. Robinson and Custer City, a distance of 80 miles, there was none. The distance from Camp Clarke north was in Indian country, and the Sioux and Cheyennes were very hostile. My men were men of courage and daring, realizing that they had no assurance of life.

Later in the season, when the mail and express got very large, I contracted with March & Stevenson to put on a stage service, paying them \$4,000 annually to carry my mails from Sidney to Ft. Robinson. Later we succeeded in inducing the government to put on mail service to the Hills. They first put same on via Cheyenne and Ft. Laramie, with an expense of from \$80,000 to \$90,000 annually, later via Sidney, at an expense of from \$17,000 to \$18,000, if I remember correctly.

I established a wholesale grocery and provision and outfitting house at Sidney, also at Dead-wood. This made Sidney the short route and a success was attained which could not have been reached readily without my pony express.

There was a large number of Centennials distributed (many thousands) and but few are left. At the time I started express I was a resident of Bellevue, ten miles south of Omaha, for over twenty years, and never a resident of Omaha. I hand you envelope with this, and should be pleased to receive copy of your paper.

Very truly,

H. T. Clarke.

THE SPECULATIVE ENVELOPES.

WOODSIDE, LONG ISLAND, February 20, 1888.

To the Editor of The Western Philatelist:

DEAR SIR: My original intentions were to remain quiet, preferring to let abler heads than myself settle the controversy, but seeing the first two pages of your February issue devoted to an article, portions of which are well calculated to deceive those who are unacquainted with the true facts in relation to the National Philatetical Society's resolution indorsing the speculative envelopes, I desire to throw what light I can upon the subject.

At the meetings of the society when the resolution was passed and motion made to reconsider, the "syndicate" had full sway, thus enabling them to do about as they pleased, with the results as already known.

Quoting from the above mentioned article the writer says: "I think there would have been but one vote against the motion had not a certain member gone around the room soliciting votes," this I believe to be a willful perversion of the truth, and as I was the only member, to my knowledge, who went "around the room," I presume he refers to me; but unfortunately for his assertion it was not to solicit votes, but to simply lay the facts before those whom I had before heard speak against the envelopes, they having had no time to weigh the import of the resolution; and had there been a good attendance of collecting members the obnoxious resolution would not have been passed.

The howl against reprinting U. S. stamps was another dodge of the "pool," the reason for which was, that having got word that a certain party was attempting to have only the high value speculative envelopes reprinted and placed on sale at the post office, something must be done, or else their little "spec" would vanish into thin air, hence the resolution against reprinting. Oh! yes, gentlemen, let the "doctors" combine, form pools, syndicates, trusts, or whatever you like, and the "patients" quietly swallow the dose given them, we will then have smooth times, even though the medicine kills the patient.

Yours very truly,

H. N. Terrett.

THE RICHWOODS LOCAL.

Editor Western Philatelist:

I see mention of the new local (which is in use here) in No. 2 *W. P.* Perhaps you would like to know something of its history. It first started as Jay's Dispatch, but after a short time the proprietor sold out to a cousin of his, who now runs it as the Richwoods Dispatch. Two varieties are in use,—the red on white is used to the post office, and the red on brown from the post office. Parties living on his route are supplied with stamped envelopes at \$1.30 per hundred (sample enclosed); the proprietor charges one cent for each piece of mail carried to and from the postoffice. Richwoods is a very thickly settled place with no post office, and a great many of the farmers have a heavy mail, and as the nearest post office (La Hoyt) is three miles distant they prefer to give one cent and have their mail brought to them. The proprietor also carries to Mount Pleasant, which is only a short distance farther from La Hoyt. Unused specimens of this local will be very scarce, as the proprietor will not allow unused specimens to leave his possession. I have already sent over 100 letters through this post.

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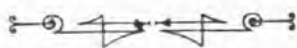
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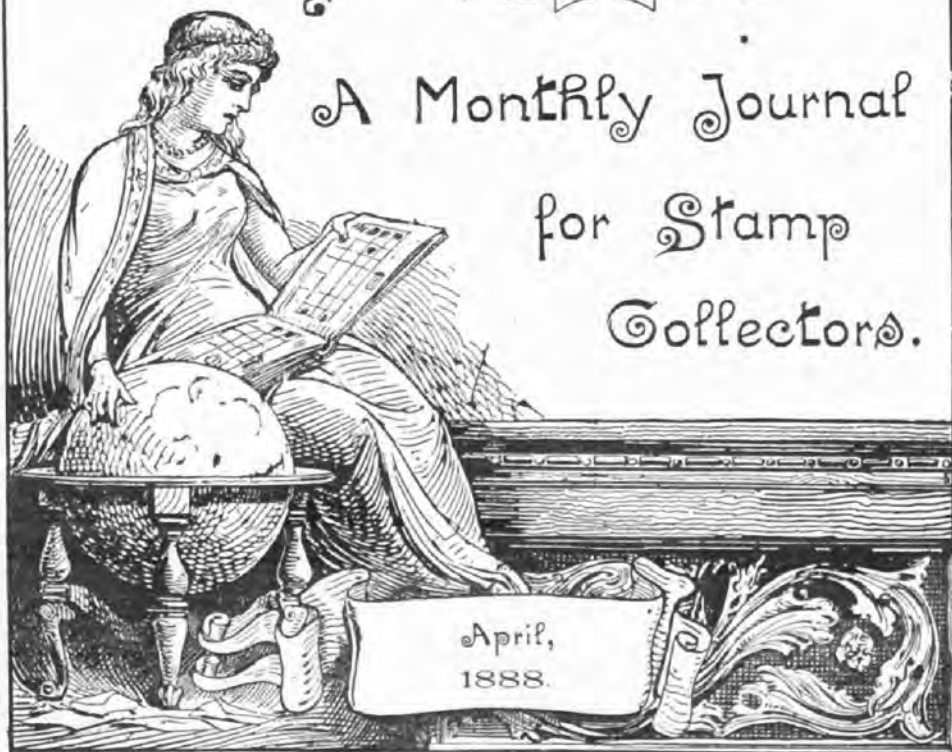


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In many cases will be found the exact dates at which the designs of the stamps were approved by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, and as they were issued immediately thereafter, this will settle all controversy regarding the first appearance of many varieties.

The match firms are given below, the cities (which include twenty different states) being arranged alphabetically:

- Akron, Ohio.*—Akron Match Co., December 1, 1869.
Ashburnham, Mass.—E. T. Russell, December 11, 1865.
Baltimore, Md.—Alexander's Matches (T. H. Alexander & Co.)
 Excelsior Waterproof Match (Chas. Donnelly), January 29, 1867.
 Maryland Match Co. (Tittlebaum, Macklin & Co.)
Boston, Mass.—Byam, Carleton & Co., May 17, 1866.
 G. Farr & Co., January 19, 1864.
 W. S. Kyle, March 9, 1865
 Leeds, Robinson & Co.
 A. Messinger, October 20, 1875.
 Reed & Thompson, January 29, 1878.
 Union Safety Match Co.
Burlington, Iowa.—D. Burhans & Co., 1870.
Chicago, Ill.—Chicago Match Co.
 Henry A. Clark.
 Gardner, Beer & Co., November 9, 1877.
 Griggs & Goodwill.
 Charles S. Hale, November 24, 1877.
 L. G. Hunt,
 Pierce Match Co.
Cleveland, Ohio.—American Match Co. (portrait) 1 ct., June 24, 1869; 3 cts., March, 6, 1869.
 Bousfield & Poole, 1 ct., May 7, 1867; 3 cts., May 13, 1867.
Clinton, Iowa.—L. W. Buck & Co., June 14, 1870.
Covington, Ky.—Jock & Wilder.
Detroit, Mich.—D. M. Richardson, 3 cts. blue, September 22, 1864.
 Richardson Match Co., December 8, 1875.
 Schmitt & Schmittiel.
 Union Match Co.
East Stroudsburg, Pa.—W. E. Henry & Co., 1 ct. red, January 5, 1881
Eric, Pa.—American Fusee Company.
Frankfort, N. Y.—Wm. Gates (three 1 ct. stamps), September 3, 1877.
 Wm. Gates' Sons, 1 ct., September 4, 1877.
Glenbeulah, Wis.—Crown Match Co.
Hayesville, Ohio.—W. E. Doolittle, January 23, 1866.
Hudson City, N. J.—Henning & Bonhack, May 8, 1868.
Kenosha, Wis.—Park City Match Co., February 28, 1865.
Middlebury, Ohio.—Geo. & O. C. Barber, September 22, 1864.
 Barber Match Co., 3 cts., September 13, 1865.
 Barber & Peckham, 3 cts., December 20, 1865; 1 ct., January 23, 1866.
Milwaukee, Wis.—Barber, Jones & Co.
 Greenleaf & Co., October 1, 1864.
 Kirby & Sons, October 27, 1875.
Minneapolis, Minn.—Boutell & Maynard.
Newark, N. J.—Alex. Underwood & Co.
New Orleans, La.—L. Frank, February 12, 1876.
New York, N. Y.—Arnold & Co.
 Bauer & Beudel, August 21, 1868.
 H. & M. Bentz, October 12, 1864.
 Bock, Schneider & Co.
 Charles Busch, April 14, 1880.
 Cramer & Kemp, blue, March 15, 1866.
 B. & H. D. Howard.
 Lacour's Matches (G. W. Gaffit & Co.), June 7, 1867.
 John Lochr, June 18, 1876.
 Joseph Lochr, October 16, 1875.
 National Match Co., November 29, 1879.
 New York Match Co., October 18, 1869.
 N. Y. Match Co., July 3, 1869.
 H. & W. Roeber.
 William Roeber, October 16, 1875.
 Standard Match Co.
 Wise & Co.

- Ogdensburg, N. Y.*—E. B. Eddy, Nov. 29, 1880.
Orono, Me.—Allen & Powers, January 13, 1876.
 Orono Match Co.
Oshkosh, Wis.—Jas. L. Clark.
 W. D. Curtis, June 13, 1865.
Peoria, Ill.—John J. Macklin & Co.
Philadelphia, Pa.—J. J. Allen's Sons, March 7, 1882.
 Penn Match Co. Limited, October 10, 1881.
 E. K. Smith, November 19, 1875.
 F. Zaiss & Co.
Pittsburg, Pa.—G. W. H. Davis, black, October 18, 1875.
 Griggs & Scott.
Portland, Me.—Star Match Corporation, October 4, 1867.
Portland, Ore.—Wm. Bond & Co., green, August 6, 1877.
Reading, Pa.—Reading Match Co. (H. Brooking), January 28, 1880
Richmond, Va.—A. Goldback & Co., October, 1875.
 A. Goldback, later.
Rock Island, Ill.—American Match Co., 3 cts., green.
St. Louis, Mo.—Thos. Allen, March 9, 1865.
 Alligator Match Co., January 3, 1880.
 Cardinal Match Co. (Adam Bard).
 Aug. Eichele, May 31, 1865.
 P. Eichele & Co., August 2, 1866.
 Eichele & Co., January 10, 1870.
 F. Mansfield & Co., October 22, 1875.
 Zisemann, Griesheim & Co.
Somerville, Mass.—D. F. Hutchinson Jr., October 4, 1881.
San Francisco, Cal.—B. Bendel & Co.
 H. Bendel, May 2, 1877.
 N. & C. (Neubauer & Co.)
 San Francisco Percussion Match Co.
Stillwater, Minn.—Cannon Match Co., November 23, 1877.
Syracuse, N. Y.—Excelsior Match Co.
 R. C. & W. (Ryder, Crouse & Welch), October 10, 1881.
 H. Stanton.
Trenton, N. J.—H. Leigh, January 27, 1881.
 Leigh & Palmer, June 28, 1876.
 Trenton Match Co.
Troy, N. Y.—V. R. Powell.
Utica, N. Y.—Jas. Eaton.
Wadsworth, Ohio.—Brown & Durling, green, May 16, 1865.
Wallingford, Conn.—B. & N. (Brocket & Newton).
 F. E. C. (Frank E. Clark), April 12, 1870.
 Clark Match Co., February 7, 1876.
 P. T. Ives, 1 ct., December 31, 1875.
 P. T. Ives (Ives' Matches) May 10, 1867.
 P. T. Ives, 8 cts., November 22, 1864.
 F. P. Newton, July 11, 1877.
Washington, Conn.—Washington Match Co.
Watertown, N. Y.—Excelsior Match Co.
West Cheshire, Conn.—A. B. & S. (A. Beecher & Son), December, 2, 1864.
 Bagley & Dunham, October 22, 1878.
 Bowers & Dunham, July 10, 1880.
 E. P. Dunham, June 13, 1881.
 Ives & Judd, October 23, 1875.
 Ives & Judd Match Co., September 6, 1882.
 E. R. T. (E. R. Tyler), September 18, 1866.
West Haven, Conn.—The J. G. Hotchkiss Match Co.
Westville, Conn.—T. Gorman & Bro.
 Thomas Gorman, October, 1875.
Wilmington, Del.—Bent & Lea, July 22, 1870.
 Swift & Courtney.
 Swift, Courtney & Beecher Co. (with S. C. B. C.), December 20, 1875
 Wilmington Parlor Match Co.
York, Pa.—J. W. Eisenhart, December 13, 1875.

Robert S. Hatcher.

A STAMP'S HISTORY.--(Continued.)

And there upon the table we were deposited, with ample time to consider this new phase in our career before the eventful time should come in which our old friend George was to decide our fate. And again did we go through all the tortures of doubt and fear; to be again assured by our philosophical friend that things might not be so bad as we imagined; that at any rate we should keep up our courage and not despair. "Did you not hear the lad say," asked the elder, "that he wanted to trade us off for other stamps? That remark put an idea into my head. We are evidently of some value, and therefore not to be ruthlessly destroyed. And what did he mean by his allusion to his collection of stamps? This of course I cannot answer, but I have a vague suspicion that we are about to enter upon a career of adventure and commingling with life that will cast far into the shade the humdrum experiences of our existence thus far. At any rate I say, 'sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof,'" and with this scriptural injunction the sage once more relapsed into silence.

Much comforted by the assurance given us in these words, we settled down calmly and quietly to abide our fate and await what the future had in store. When at length Phillip's father, our old friend George, opened the box and brought us forth into the gas-light we were not without certain misgivings as to what the outcome of all this would be. However, when we beheld the kindly features of our old friend we were in a measure reassured and felt that he would hardly allow the lad to disturb us.

"Now, my son, what is it about these letters?" George inquired. "Your mother tells me something about your wanting to carry off the entire lot. Of what use are they to you, let me ask?"

"Why, father," spoke up the youngster, "don't you know anything about stamp collecting? Didn't you ever collect stamps when you were a boy?"

"No, Phillip, I must plead ignorance in this case. It is something I do not understand. Please explain it to me."

"Well," Phillip began, "You know that all the different countries all over the world use postage stamps, and there are lots and lots of different ones. Now many of the boys I know are making collections of all the different kinds they can get. I know one boy who has over six hundred."

"Oh, yes, I see," interrupted the father, "you are trying to get as many as that boy. I suppose this is something like collecting buttons, or business cards, or something of that nature. Harmless enough in itself, but of no use whatever."

"Now, father," and Phillip spoke so reproachfully that his father feared he had hurt the feelings of his over sensitive child, "you surely do not mean that. If you knew more about stamp collecting you certainly would not say it was of no use. Why you know that I never could bear to study geography at all, but in the last few months, ever since I commenced gathering up postage stamps, I have taken an interest in it on account of having stamps from the different countries; and now it is no task at all for me to study it. I always have my lessons and stand well in my class."

"Yes, Phillip is right there," his mother remarked, "I well remember the difficulty he used to have with his geography lessons, and I have often wondered how it was that he so suddenly took an interest in the study, and that the former hard task had all at once become an easy one."

"It's all owing to the postage stamps," continued Phillip. "Whenever I get a new stamp I first find out what country it came from, and then, if I do not know already, I hunt the country up on the map and see what other countries are near it."

"Very well, my son," said George, "I guess you have proven to my satisfaction that I spoke thoughtlessly when I termed your stamp collecting useless. I can readily see how it might be of service to you in illustrating, as it were, your studies. But what about these old letters? The stamps on them are not foreign. They are all stamps of our own country; so old, in fact, that I had forgotten we had ever had any such. They surely cannot be of any service to you,—they will not help you to learn geography."

"Now, father," Phillip spoke up, "you are mistaken again. These old stamps certainly are of use to me, and I didn't say I wanted them to study geography with. I said that since I began collecting stamps my geography lessons had become interesting and easy on account of the stamps. But the stamps are interesting to me for their own sake,—yes, and useful too. These early issues of our own stamps are real scarce and hard to get. I never saw but two of them before. Now do please let me have them."

And Phillip said this so pleadingly that we all felt sure George could not refuse him. But for our part we began to feel that we would be safe with the boy. In fact, we began to yearn somewhat for the life of adventure we felt sure would follow.

"Well, Phillip, I guess I shall have to do as you wish," and George picked up one of the letters as he spoke. That letter was the one I had been with for years, and as George gently and carefully removed me from it I could not forbear a pang of sorrow at parting with my old friend. A hurried farewell was uttered, and the next instant Phillip was made happy by being my possessor. For a moment the boy gazed upon me with eyes that beamed with pleasure; the next minute he turned to his father, who was replacing the letters in the box, and said:

"Why, father, is this all? I thought you were going to give me all of them."

"All of them!" ejaculated George. "All of them! Why, you little glut-ton, what do you want of so many?"

"You see," answered Phillip. "None of the boys that I know have got these and they all want them—oh, ever so much. Now, if you'll only let me have them I can get lots and lots of stamps in exchange that I haven't got in my collection."

"Well, well, I see you are a genuine Yankee," said his father. "Only sixteen, and already commencing to make trades. You'll be in business before you know it. But let me see, there must be a hundred of these letters and it will take most of my evening to remove the stamps."

"Never mind, I'll do that," spoke up Phillip.

"Oh, no, my son, I prefer to do that myself. I fear your zeal in stamp collecting might lead you to injure some of the letters. I'll take care of that part and you and your mother can look on." After so speaking, George proceeded leisurely and carefully to remove all the stamps from the letters, carefully replacing the latter in the box. Phillip and Cora were interested spectators, the former keeping up a running talk about stamps while his father was at work.

And what was to become of me? Phillip had placed me on the table close by, and there I lay and watched the removal of my friends. As they were taken from the letters they were piled up beside George, and I fell to wondering whether I would meet them again or be consigned to Phillip's collection.

Phillip soon tired of watching his father remove the stamps, and after shifting about uneasily for a few minutes disappeared, only to return almost immediately with a small square book under his arm, and which he deposited in his mother's lap for her examination.

Philo.

[To be continued.]

EDITORIAL CHAT.

OUR suggestion last month as to the advisability of opening at once the campaign of the American Philatelic Association election has evidently not been without results. From every quarter suggestions have poured in and invariably with the same candidates for three of the offices.

For President, Treasurer, and International Secretary all seem to be unanimous in the opinion that Messrs. Tiffany, Seagrave, and Rechert should be re-elected. But two suggestions have reached us concerning the Vice-President, and the same number in reference to the General Secretary.

The first ticket put in the field is that of the Chicago Philatelic Society, and is as follows:

For President: John K. Tiffany, St. Louis, Mo.

For Vice-President: Robert C. H. Brock, Philadelphia, Pa.

For Secretary: Samuel B. Bradford, Ottawa, Ill.

For Treasurer: Herman B. Seagrave, Ionia, Mich.

For International Secretary: Joseph Rechert, Hoboken, N. J.

It is our opinion that a better ticket could not well be devised. The three officers proposed for re-election have served the association well and faithfully, and now understand its workings better than any new men possibly could. Their re-election is absolutely certain.

Mr. Brock has made for himself a reputation that any man should well feel proud of. Taking up a journal that had proved a failure and a disgrace to the association; that had become a by-word with philatelists everywhere; he has made the *American Philatelist* the peer of any publication of its nature that is now or ever has been published. We should like much to see him in charge of the official journal, but that is asking rather too much. Having placed the journal where it is, it can now be carried on without his personal supervision, and he should receive the honor that he is so well entitled to.

Mr. Bradford is a man not so well known to the majority of members, although all who were in attendance at the Chicago convention will recall with pleasure the manly though unassuming part he took in its deliberations. He is essentially what the office requires—a worker; and being master of his own time can give the duties the attention that they require. He is a charter member and was one of the first to respond to the call for organization sent out two years ago. He has worked hard and faithfully for the association and philately, and has succeeded in organizing a society of twenty members in his city. Mr. Bradford is about twenty-three years of age, is President of the Ottawa Society, and has been a corresponding member of the Chicago Society from its inception.

That this ticket may have the hearty endorsement and support of the other branches and the members at large is our most earnest wish; that it will be elected by a large majority is our firm hope and belief.

WE must congratulate our Canadian brethren upon the successful organization of the Canadian Philatelic Association. The election recently held has placed the association's future in the hands of good men, and with its splendid start of one hundred and eight members it bids fair to soon become a power. May it flourish and prosper as has its prototype, the American Philatelic Society.

OF this issue we send out an extra large number of sample copies. We trust that those who receive them will show their appreciation of our efforts by sending in their subscriptions. We are endeavoring to make our journal one essentially for collectors, and must depend largely upon subscriptions for the sinews of war. Do not wait, but send in your subscription *now*.

CURRENT PUBLICATIONS.

NONE of our exchanges excell the *American Philatelist*. The March number contains twenty-four pages of very readable matter. Prest. Tiffany's List of Foreign Envelopes is continued, as is also Mr. Watkin's article on Queer and Rare Stamps. Mr. Stone commences an interesting account of the Postage Stamps of the French Colonies, and Mr. Hutchison a History of the Issue of U. S. Internal Revenue stamps, and be it understood that this latter is a history of the issue, not the stamps, and an extremely valuable paper it is. The New Issues department is most gratifying, and too much praise cannot be given its editor for his able management. In fact too much praise cannot be given the entire literary board for their successful efforts in producing a journal so eminently satisfactory in all respects.

AN old acquaintance comes back to us in the publication of the *American Journal of Philately*. It is somewhat altered in style and dress, but largely to its improvement. Two numbers, February and March, have reached us since our last issue, and they contain much matter of general interest. A new edition of Mr. J. W. Scott's "Revised List" is commenced, and that alone is well worth the subscription price. Another feature is the "Addenda to Stamp Catalogue," which is published as a record of new issues and is priced and well illustrated. The subscription price is fifty cents a year. We notice that Mr. Scott, who has been dormant for some years, bobs up serenely as the editor. The advertising rates lead us to believe that we are quite modest, while many thought us rather high. The cover, which was designed by Mr. Warner, is exceedingly good, and, which is of equal importance, well printed.

SEVERAL new periodicals greet us this month, foremost among which is the *American Philatelic Magazine* (February). W. F. Jillson, publisher, Pittsfield, Mass. Its appearance is quite prepossessing, and if proper exertion is made to produce more originality in its columns it may rank well. . . . The *Canadian Philatelist* (January) we expect is the offspring of the late *Niagara Falls Philatelist*. . . . The defunct *Germanstown Philatelist* is revived under the name of the *Philadelphia Philatelist* (February), with Mr. von Utassy at the helm. . . . The *Philatelic News* (February and March), hailing from Cambridgeboro', Pa., is quite a youthful effort. . . . The *Collectors' Advocate* (January) comes from Cincinnati, and is devoted to all branches of collecting—this is, all that can be gotten into eight small pages, advertisements included. . . . The *National Philatelist* (February) is a new one from Washington; eight pages.

THE March issue of the *Philatelic Journal of America* contains twelve pages of Major Evans' Catalogue, outside of which there is little to interest one except the illustrations of the proposed new postage stamps for New South Wales. . . . The *Toronto Philatelic Journal* (February) has a portrait of Mr. J. R. Hooper, the official reports of the Canadian Association (it having been elected official journal), and other matter relating to the recent election. . . . The *Quaker City Philatelist* (March) has a meager supply of reading matter and is wasteful to the extent of a page and a half given to some—well, rot; that's about the only term that will express our opinion of the stuff. . . . The *Youths' Ledger* for March is unusually good. A portrait of Mr. E. R. Aldrich adorns it and President Tiffany commences an article explaining the way to distinguish the various dies of the U. S. envelopes, an important and much needed article and from the right source. Other articles go to make up a number that ought to call the blush to the cheeks of some editors of strictly philatelic journals.

THE London *Philatelic Record* begins its tenth volume with its February issue. Its faultless typography and neat appearance make it a most welcome visitor. Following its usual custom it gives the "Philatelic Gains of 1887," or list of new issues for the past year;—that youthful writer who recently attempted such a list for an American publication must feel as though he had endeavored to move a mountain with a hand-spike in his effort to produce a similar list. . . . *Bric-a-Brac*, also from across the water, has the usual amount of Mr. Palmer in its March issue. . . . The *Philatelic Advertiser* (February), another English contemporary, is a new venture circulated free to the trade, and to collectors at 37 cents a year. It is well worth the money. . . . *Vindens Philatelic Monthly* (February) is a neat twelve-page journal from Sydney, New South Wales. It has a portrait of Dr. Andrew Houston, a prominent Australian collector, and much matter of interest.

IN its new dress the *International Philatelic Advertiser* (February) presents a much improved appearance. Society reports form the most interesting portion of its contents. Too much space is wasted in headings and blank paper. . . . In January the *Manhattan Journal* appeared as the successor of and apologizer for the much talked about *Empire State Philatelist*. Numbers 3 and 4, for February—it is published fortnightly—are before us and contain little of note save the fact that it cribbs one of Lieut. Partello's very readable articles and claps a new title on it. . . . The March issue of *The Stamp* contains a very good portrait of Robert C. H. Brock and a brief description of his rich philatelic possessions. This journal has evidently discovered wherein lay the "amateur" appearance of its old dress, for with this issue, which commences its third volume, it has taken on a new and quite professional appearing dress. Here is another case where too much space is given over to blank paper,—learn to condense, boys. There is little or nothing of general interest in the number aside from the first article, although it is perhaps full of interest to its local readers. . . . Another western paper is the *Hawkeye State Collector* (March) which will no doubt please the youthful collectors. . . . The *International Collector*

(January), from the Pacific Coast, is mainly devoted to other branches than stamp collecting. . . . The *Philatelic Review* (January and February), Rock Island, Ill., is something of an "occasional," but the occasions seem to be quite far apart.

SHOULD we be asked to name a paper that everyone thinks well of, that does not consider itself the "best," and is modest, unassuming, and worth having, we should unhesitatingly pronounce upon the *Philatelic Gazette*. For evenness of style and amount of matter we do not know of its equal. It is never uninteresting; it never makes "spurts" to accomplish the phenomenal; it pursues its way with a precision and regularity that are refreshing in stamp journalism. In the February number the Manual of Philately is continued, the envelope question is discussed, and these with other matter go to make up its usual average. . . . The *Witch City Philatelist* (February) contains the startling editorial announcement that it would in future exchange with no journal that would not exchange two copies. We subscribed—it was cheaper.

THE *Halifax Philatelist* for February contains more than its usual amount of reading, and very good reading too. . . . *Plain Talk* (February) has but little to interest the philatelist. . . . The *Mohawk Standard* likewise has but little of interest for us, though much for the general collector. . . . The *Figaro* (February) is to be congratulated upon having finished its first volume. A full page portrait of Mr. Joseph J. Casey faces the title page. Outside of the article relating to Mr. Casey there is little to interest a peaceful reader. Would that our youthful friend, the editor, could realize that the journalist's mission is not accomplished by means of acrimonious discussions and unseemly personalities. . . . The *Collectors' World* (February) is looking for German readers evidently; however, that suits us, we don't have to read it. . . . *One Dime* is a diminutive specimen of a journal and came in from Indiana. For a wonder it is devoted to philately only; most of the smaller publications want to embrace everything.

THE *Briefmarken Journal* (March 3d) contains in addition to the usual amount of interesting correspondence and illustrated list of new issues an article by Dr. Moschkau on Dr. Diena's contemplated bibliography of philatelic publications; also an article on German local posts. . . . *Der Philatelist* (March 1st) has the official reports of the Dresden Society and articles on the Geneva stamp, collecting entire envelopes, and the values of various postage stamps. . . . We are also in receipt of the *Nederlandsch Tijdschrift voor Postzegelkunde*, Amsterdam.

THE *Eastern Philatelist* (March) has articles on Post Card and Philatelic Papers; also a goodly quantity of notes. . . . The *Badger State Philatelist* (March) opens with a serial story by "Era" (E. R. Aldrich) and promises to therein discuss the speculative envelopes next month. . . . Chas. I. Barnard, Taunton, Mass., promises to produce a new journal shortly. . . . The *Kentucky Stamp Magazine* is announced from Covington, Ky.

FROM Mr. Pat. Chalmers we have received a couple of circulars that present his case in a concise and comprehensive manner. This is just what was needed. Many failed to give his pamphlets consideration because they took considerable time to peruse; this brief summary will do away with that excuse and lead to a full understanding of the case. . . . Mr. H. A. Babb has published a directory of Stamp Dealers of the United States. It is purely a directory, giving the names and addresses of over a hundred dealers. . . . "A Power that Moves the World" is the title of a little pamphlet published by F. R. Gillett, Freeport, Kas. By using the shears liberally, although no credit is given, the pamphlet has been made quite readable. Price, 10 cents.

A WANT long felt is supplied by the publication of President Tiffany's "Stamp Collector's Library Companion." This work, although cheap in price, is of much importance, and the name of its author makes it at once a standard on the subject embraced. It is a list of all philatelic periodicals issued in the United States up to the first of this year, and is arranged in tabular form, giving: first, the number intended to designate the paper named; second, the name of the paper; third, the number of actual issues published; fourth, the name of the publisher; fifth, the place of publication; sixth, the number of issues as numbered by the publisher; and last, the dates on which the paper began and ceased publication. Opposite pages are ruled for checking or for making memoranda. The list comprises twenty four pages 8x9 inches, paper cover, and sells for 15 cents a copy, or \$1.50 a dozen. The collector of stamp papers cannot get along without it.

ALL our readers are familiar with Mr. Warner's "Emissions of China, Shanghai, Corea, and Japan, which was published in serial form in this journal. It has now been brought out in pamphlet form, uniform with President Tiffany's address, and at the same price—ten cents. It is a valuable and reliable guide in the collection and arrangement of these interesting stamps and should be in the possession of every collector.

As a considerable demand has sprung up abroad for our magazine and other publications we have made arrangements whereby these may be had and subscriptions and advertisements left by some of our European patrons. The following are our duly authorized agents: David Steiner, Galatz, Roumania; E. R. Kripner, Freiberg, Saxony; Eduard Heim, II Blumauer-gasse, Wien, Austria. Others will be added to the list as occasion requires. Our publications may also be found on sale in the various cities of this country by the following: Stevens & Co., 69 Dearborn St., Chicago; Krebs Bros., 81 Nassau St., New York; Durbin & Hanes, Philadelphia; W. B. Clarke & Carruth, 17 Hawley St., Boston; Morgan & Des Forges, 25 Carondelet St., and W. A. Reese, 47 Baronne St., New Orleans; C. D. Whitall & Co., 125 Nicollet Ave., Minneapolis.

THE CHICAGO PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

(Official Report—Meetings held on alternate Thursdays, at the Tremont House.)

Meeting of March 8th called to order at 8:20 P. M. by the Vice-President. Present: Messrs. Abraham, Bradt, Clark, Cotton, Gadsden, Gilbert, Haskell, McDonald, Pierce, Tower, and Wolsieffer. The secretary not being present the reading of the minutes was dispensed with and Mr. McDonald appointed secretary *pro tem*. A communication was read from the publishers of the WESTERN PHILATELIST advising the society that in future they would not mail copies free to members. Communication filed. By law No. 14 was made an amendment to the constitution. There being a vacancy to fill in the office of President an election was held, resulting in the choice of Mr. C. R. Gadsden. Mr. W. H. McDonald was then elected Vice-President. For the first time in some months an auction sale was held. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 P. M.

Meeting of March 22d called to order by President Gadsden at 8:05 P. M. Present: Messrs. Abraham, Bradt, Gadsden, Gilbert, Haskell, Hellwig, McDonald, Pierce, and Wolsieffer. The secretary being again absent, Mr. Abraham was appointed secretary *pro tem*. Various reports were received and disposed of. Upon motion the meeting went into committee of the whole to consider the most advisable nominations to make for A. P. A. officers. At the close of the committee meeting the following nominations were made and unanimously adopted:

For President—John K. Tiffany, St. Louis, Mo.

For Vice-President—Robert C. H. Brock, Philadelphia, Pa.

For Secretary—Samuel B. Bradford, Ottawa, Ill.

For Treasurer—Herman B. Seagrave, Ionia, Mich.

For International Secretary—Joseph Rechert, Hoboken, N. J.

The ticket was received with great satisfaction. After an auction sale the meeting adjourned at 10 P. M. Next meeting April 5, at the Tremont House.

B. Abraham, Sec'y *pro tem*.

RECORD OF NEW ISSUES.

We desire correspondents in all parts of the world to furnish early and accurate information concerning new issues. Dealers and others furnishing prompt notice of new issues, with specimens or minute descriptions, will receive proper acknowledgement.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—Last month we recorded the receipt of the new ½, 5, 10 and 15c. stamps. From the *Philatelic Record* we quote the following: "The tariff for the interior has been modified, and the postal rate for local letters reduced. The new series according to information gathered from a journal of the country, will consist of the following, the portraits constituting a little history in themselves:

2 mils de peso, portrait of General Lopez, killed 1870.

½ centavo, blue, portrait of General Urquiza, murdered 1870.

2 centavos, blue, portrait of Dr. Dirqui, President 1860.

3 centavos, blue, portrait of General Mitre, conqueror of Urquiza.

5 centavos, carmine, portrait of Don B. Rivadavia, first President.

6 centavos, carmine, portrait of Col. D. F. Sarmienta, President 1868.

10 centavos, brown, portrait of Dr. N. Arellaneda, President 1874.

15 centavos, orange-yellow, portrait of General Jose San-Martino.

20 centavos, orange-yellow, portrait of General Roca.

25 centavos, orange yellow.

30 centavos, orange yellow, portrait of Col. Dorrego.

40 centavos, orange-yellow, portrait of Dr. Moreno.

50 centavos, orange-yellow, portrait of General Paz.

1 peso, portrait of Dr. Velaz Sarsfield.

"The post cards are to bear the portrait of the present President, Dr. Miguel Juarez Celman. Envelopes of the values of 5, 10 and 15c. are also to be issued, with heads corresponding with the adhesive stamps. A wrapper of 4c. is to bear the head of Gen. Lopez."

In addition to those we have recorded the following have been received:

Adhesives: 3c., green; 6c., red.

Envelopes: 5c., carmine; 10c., brown, white laid paper.

Letter card: 2c., blue.

AUSTRIA.—The 15 on 5 soldi lately reported has not been issued.

BRITISH BECHUANALAND.—We should have stated that the registry envelope was changed by canceling the original value and printing a new value below. There are now:

Adhesives: £1, green; £5, green.

Registration Envelopes: FOUR on 2d. stamps of the same type as the 1sh.

BRITISH HONDURAS.—The ½d. card has been surcharged.

Post Card: ½d. on 5 cents.

BULGARIA.—A new series will be issued soon. Head of Prince Ferdinand in oval, the Bulgarian lions at the sides, and numerals of value in all the corners.

COLOMBIA.—The heading of the current cubierta has been changed to read, "Republica de Colombia."

FRENCH COLONIES.—The 15c. letter card exists on both blue and gray-card.

FRENCH GUIANA.—Through an error we last month recorded the surcharged 5c. as "Dec. 1886." It should have been "Dec. 1887."

GAMBIERS.—The French Colonial stamps said to have been surcharged for use in these islands are now pronounced fabrications.

HUNGARY.—The 5kr. letter card is now carmine on gray.

HYDERABAD.—The ½d. envelope stamp is now printed in orange-yellow.

MEXICO.—*Der Philatelist* notes the 5c. stamp in gray-green. The *Record* notes an official envelope, 140x106 mm., with "Servicio Postal" in brown-red script on the front and the Mexican arms in a circle of 4 mm. diameter in left upper corner; "Republica Mexicana" above all in the same tint.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—The *Record* reports that in December last a quantity of the current 2d. stamps were run off on "duty stamp paper." The paper is said to be old and somewhat rotten, and but few of the stamps are perfect.

Adhesive: 2d., blue, watermark N.S.W., on duty stamp paper.

PERSIA.—The following have appeared with the surcharge "Official" and a figure in black; also, the 1c. has been seen in the color of the 5c., surcharged "5":

Adhesives—Official: 3 on 5sh., green; 6 on 50c. of 1882; 8 on 50c. of 1886.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.—Another surcharge, in oval "UNION GRAL POSTAL—8 CENT—HABILIDAD".

Adhesive: 8c. on 2 4 8, blue.

ROUMANIA.—Changes in color have taken place in the unpaid letter stamps:

Adhesives: 5 bani, green; 30 bani, green.

SHANGHAI.—New surcharges: Adhesives—"20 cash" on 40c. and 80c.

STELLAND.—A correspondent of the *Record* reports a surcharge of which the postmaster at Vryburg informed him that "only eighty-four were issued or printed:"

Adhesive: "Two" on 4d. blue, in lake red.

TURKEY.—Mr. Warner sends us the following, clipped from a Turkish newspaper: "A communication of the Administration of Posts and Telegraph informs the public that, as the colors of the Ottoman postage stamps are soon to be changed in virtue of an imperial decree, the new stamps will be put in circulation on the 13th of March next. The changes are as follows:

5 paras, ground light yellow; inscript green.

2 piastres; blue and purple.

5 pi, white and walnut.

20 pi, dark yellow and red.

The 10 and 20 pa, and 1 pi do not change.

Unpaid letter stamps, 20, 40 and 2 pi, white and black.

UNITED STATES.—The new 5c. stamps were placed on sale in this city on the 14th ult. Mr. Dawson reported them as in the Providence office on the 13th ult. Contrary to general expectation the portrait remains unchanged. The variety in the 2c. envelope die, reported last month, has been found in green, and on white and amber papers:

Adhesive: 5 cent, indigo blue.

Envelopes: Die A, 2c., green, white and amber paper.

URUGUAY.—The new 2c. post card is blue on white; inscription "Union Postale Universel," with "Tarjeta" on a scroll crossing the top of the U of Union.

VENEZUELA.—The 10c. noted in 1882 has at last been issued and is red. The 25c. Escuelas has been lithographed a second time and is rouletted. The 1 bolivar Escuelas is also lithographed, and perforated 11.

THE Dealers' Protective Association that has been in course of organization for months past under the able supervision of Messrs. Mitchell, Woodworth, and Bixby has now assumed definite proportions. A vote for officers for this year has been called for and by this time is about closed. In our next issue we will announce the result and give further particulars. In this connection we must say that we fail to comprehend Mr. Mekeel's efforts to form a second society of the same nature. One surely should suffice; yet Mr. Mekeel has sent out to dealers circular letters embodying much the same principles as have been laid out by the D. P. A., and asking all dealers to help organize that society. This is apt to lead to a confusion of ideas and can result in no good. Do not attempt to rob the old committee of the honor which is their due and the success that is now coming to crown their labors of the past twelve months or more.

THE Canadian Philatelic Association has completed its permanent organization. One hundred and eight members have been enrolled, many of whom are from the United States. The officers for 1888 are: Pres. H. F. Ketcheson; Sec'y. J. A. Leighton; Treas., H. L. Hart; Lib'n, George Walker; Exchange Supt., F. J. Grenny.

from the collections of Messrs. Shorthouse & Phillips, of England. Among the rarities are U. S. of Colombia nearly complete; U. S. periodicals, used, complete; Sidney views in pairs, and on original letters; Nova Scotia and New Brunswick shillings; Peru, medio peso, red; Spain, 1853, 2 reales; lot of Kashmir; and entire provisional German envelopes, etc. A report of the sale will be in the May number of this paper. R. R. Bogert & Co. will hold their 6th sale about the same time.

New York, March 22, 1888.

Cortlandt F. Bishop.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE DUTY ON POSTAGE STAMPS.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 10th, 1888.

MR. EDITOR—*Dear Sir:* I have a question to place before your readers that I consider of great importance for all philatelists' consideration, and that is, "Ought stamps imported from foreign countries to be dutiable?"

I suppose that most of your subscribers are aware that a Baltimore dealer has had his mail held and, I believe, made to pay duty; and that of late things, philatelically speaking, are also assuming a complicated state of affairs in San Francisco. Now I am convinced that there is a law to the effect that all used and unused stamps imported from foreign countries are subject to 25 per cent. duty at the present time; but why is this law not made general and only partially put in execution? Why should we be made to pay a tax of 25 per cent. duty on foreign stamps which have only a fictitious value, when foreign coins which have immediate marketable value are free of duty? when it is almost an impossibility to get any fire insurance on a stock of stamps, owing to the great difficulty of adjusting? and lastly, when the new ruling mentions that stamps are dutiable as printed matter (such a decision having been established in July last), and at the same time the government rejects the identical stamps admittance in the mails as printed matter?

Does not this add one more to the list of postal absurdities?

Yours respectfully,

E. F. Gambs.

THOSE ENVELOPES AGAIN.

EDITOR WESTERN PHILATELIST: I notice in your February number an article entitled "That Quasi Official Issue," and therein the statement that "so little had been said in favor of the recently issued 10, 30, and 90 cent U. S. envelopes." The inference is that there is very little to say in favor of them.

We think the following points may be noticed with profit by all. The apparent leader in discountenancing them was the St. Louis Society, which we believe is composed very largely of advanced collectors. It includes in its ranks President Tiffany and also others of whom it cannot be said they are opposed to these envelopes on account of price, as they are amply able to indulge in these luxuries.

The lead in favor of these envelopes is seen in the National Philatelic Society, and even this society (in expressing the voice of the collector element) would, in their meeting of Dec. 21st last, have followed the footsteps of the St. Louis Society but for the fact that the deciding voice was a dealer in the person of the chairman.

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It seems that I took too much for granted and that all my readers did not understand the meaning of the above illustration. Well, it is the signature of the ex-Sultan of Turkey, Abdul Aziz, and appears on the first issue of Turkish stamps.

Last month I ran across a man who for years had been a collector of all kinds of postage stamps, and always a liberal buyer of rarities. But he had come to the conclusion that it was too big a job to collect everything, and resolved to adopt a specialty. So he sold me all of his elegant collection except the U. S. issues and now he hopes to reach a certain degree of completeness in what he has left.

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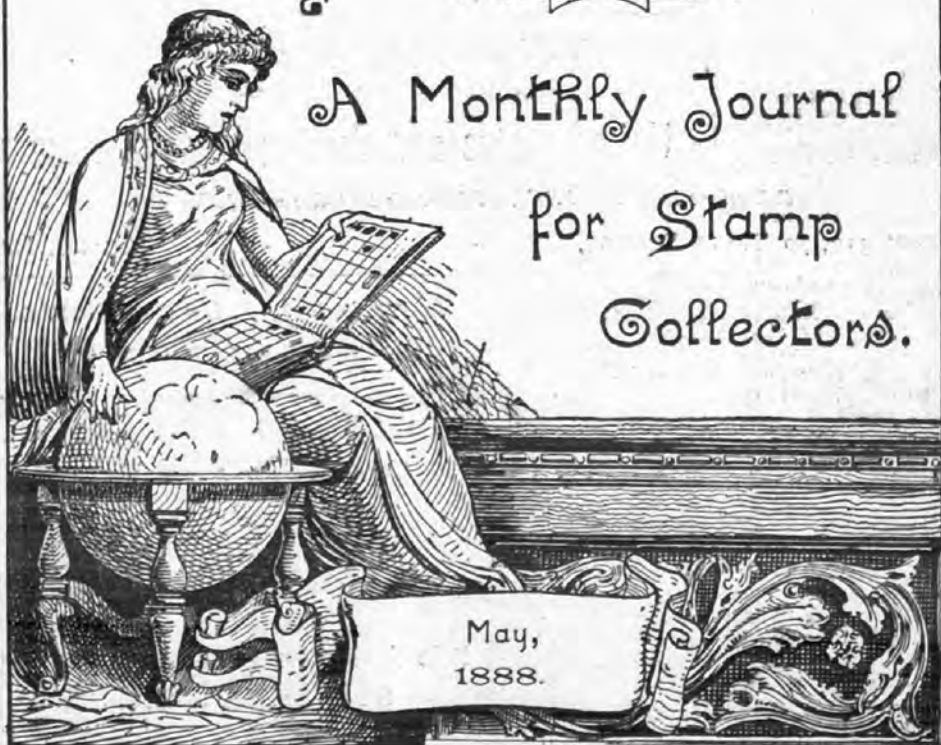


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In order that our readers may become better acquainted with our favorite candidate we present with this issue a portrait of Mr. Bradford. As will be seen he is a young man,—about twenty-three years of age. He is unmarried and engaged in the coal business at Ottawa, Ill. All who met him at the Chicago convention of last year will not fail to give him their votes and hearty support. We trust sincerely that he will be elected, for that will insure the Association a Secretary who will perform his duties with honor to both it and himself.

A LETTER FROM MR. CHALMERS.

WIMBLEDON, March 19th, 1888.

MY DEAR MR. BRADT:

With reference to the remark in your favor of the 3d inst. just to hand, that the resolutions with which I have been favored by the A. P. A. are likely to come up again for reconsideration, permit me to refer you to what I have stated at the conclusion of my late circular, entitled "Explanations," to the effect that it would be doing injustice to leading philatelists now being thus privately manipulated by Mr. Pearson Hill, to suppose that these gentlemen will give effect to any such secret representations, and thus become the mouthpiece of one who is not prepared openly to speak out for himself.

To such attempts my reply shortly is, "Publish your case if you have one,"—a reply which not alone the A. P. A. as a body will re-echo and support me in, but which every member will be found to insist upon.

And if Mr. Pearson Hill is at length openly to favor us with his case, it is to be hoped he will tell us, "When did Sir Rowland Hill invent the adhesive stamp for postage purposes, and what proofs can you bring forward he ever did so?" Also, "When did he first propose to adapt this stamp for the purpose of carrying out in practice the penny postage scheme?"

Permit me to state some further points which it will be necessary for Mr. Pearson Hill to deal with before he can have the smallest chance of persuading philatelists who have looked into this matter that his father was the originator of the adhesive postage stamp.

First. Let Mr. Pearson Hill explain how it comes that in none of his writings does Sir Rowland Hill make any reference whatever to the provisions of the fifth report of the Commissioners of Postoffice Inquiry, embodying the identical principles and figures of his subsequent penny postage scheme put forward as of his own conception; while there is, moreover, the clearest evidence, official and otherwise, that uniform penny postage had been urged upon the government prior to 1837 by the postal reformers of the period, in whose circle was included the elder brother of Mr. Rowland Hill the assumed and supposed inventor.

Second. Let Mr. Pearson Hill explain why no notice has been taken by Sir Rowland Hill in his "History of Penny Postage," of the remarkable scene in both Houses of Parliament on the introduction of the Penny Postage Bill in July, 1839, on which occasion the plan of Mr. Rowland Hill was officially declared to be that "an impressed stamped cover was absolutely to be used in all cases." Also, why no notice is taken in this "History," of the dilemma of the government and of the House for a practical plan until relieved by the proposal of Mr. Wallace in the Commons, and of Lord Ashburton in the Lords, in favor of an adhesive stamp? And will Mr. Pearson Hill reconcile these proceedings, thus wholly ignored by Sir Rowland Hill,

with the theory set up that the adoption of the adhesive stamp formed part and parcel of the original proposals of Mr. Rowland Hill in 1837?

Third. Let Mr. Pearson Hill set aside, if he can, this conclusive proof just named, and the further proofs I have given in the preface to second edition of "The Adhesive Postage Stamp in America, France, and Germany," showing that the adoption of this stamp for the purpose of carrying out the scheme in practice formed no part of the original proposals or intention of Sir Rowland Hill.

Fourth. Let Mr. Pearson Hill restore to the Treasury the official correspondence betwixt our respective fathers, so that same may be available for my inspection equally with his own. I am prepared to show to the philatelic world, if called upon, why nothing short of a perusal of the originals in their entirety, and not alone such copy or extract as Mr. Pearson Hill may think proper to furnish, can be accepted.

Fifth. Let Mr. Pearson Hill say if it is not the case that he himself drew up or sanctioned a recent anonymous publication, entitled "The Postoffice Fifty Years Ago," extolling the services of Sir Rowland Hill, and in which no notice whatever has been taken of the above points as respects the stamp. I am only pointed to as a "mere lunatic." And will he further explain how it happened that since the very opening of this controversy I have been repeatedly represented in the press as a person "claiming the invention of the penny postage *scheme* for his father," a style of controversy, you will admit, which will virtually abandon the case in my favor.

Such are a few of the points requiring to be met by Mr. Pearson Hill, and this, I am satisfied, before the members of the American Philatelic Association will consent to reconsider the Chicago resolution of 1887. Not to be met, moreover, through any mouthpiece or substitute, but face to face with me whom he has hitherto affected to despise; and Americans will indeed have changed their principles if, in this case, mere inherited wealth and honors are to be looked upon as a passport to immunity from rules and obligations incumbent upon men in general.

I may add that the Paris Society have scouted Mr. P. Hill's private documents, and from now reading the German press you can see a similar result may there be looked for.

I remain, dear sir, yours faithfully,

Pat. Chalmers.

EDITORIAL CHAT.

It devolves upon us this month to deliver a funeral sermon to our readers. By the time this issue reaches our subscribers THE WESTERN PHILATELIST will have breathed its last. Though young, the deceased was in the best of health and its death will be a surprise to its many friends and well wishers.

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It was with some hesitancy that the second year was begun. It was finally undertaken with the intention to discover whether the prestige of the first

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1869, 90c, unused and grilled.....	5.00
Navy, 90c, used, printed double at left..	5.75
State, \$2, unused.....	2.65
U. S. ENTIRE ENVELOPES.	
2c, die D, wrapper, unused.....	7.00
5c, Garfield, blue, No. 3, "star", unused	2.50
5c, Garfield, fawn, No. 7, unused.....	2.50
U. S. CUT ENVELOPES.	
1860, 4c, on buff, unused.....	4.75
1861, 3c, pink on orange, unused.....	3.00
1870, 10c, black on white, unused.....	3.40
1870, 90c, on amber, unused.....	2.65
1870, 90c, on cream, unused.....	3.10

THE Scott Stamp and Coin Co. held their 66th sale, at Bangs', on the evenings of April 23d and 24th, from 7:30 till 10:30 each evening. Lots 1 to 595 were sold the first night and lots 596 to 1160 the second. The catalogue included the collection of Mr. S. P. Kellogg and a lot of scarce stamps belonging to Mr. Phillips, of England, and others. A rather remarkable feature of the sale was that nearly every stamp brought at least its catalogue value, while some sold for twenty-five and even fifty per cent. above. The attendance on the first evening was about forty, but, while it fell off to about twenty the second night, high prices continued. Among those on hand during the sale, were Messrs. Alman, Bogert, Burger, G. Calman, H. Calman, Collin, Corwin, Kellogg, Seeligsberg, Thorne, Vreeland, and others. Below will be found some of the prices realized. The post-cards brought from 3 to 9 cents apiece:

UNITED STATES.	
1849, Carrier Stamp, 1c, rose, used....	\$6.75
1851, Carrier Stamp, head of Franklin, used, probably an original.....	5.00
Newspaper and periodical—	
1875, \$ 9, punched; Mr. Burger.....	7.00
1875, \$12, " " " ".....	8.25
1875, \$24, " " " ".....	10.50
1875, \$36, " " " ".....	13.00
1875, \$48, " " " ".....	17.50
1875, \$60, " " Scott Co.....	19.50
Cut envelopes, 1860, 4c on white, unused	5.25
" " " " 1860, 4c " " " "	6.25
" " " " 1860, 4c on buff " " "	5.25
Document Stamps—	
First, 6c, prop., unused, orig. gum.....	11.25
" \$200, unperforated.....	10.10
Second, \$200; Scott Co.....	18.00
" \$5,000, proof.....	43.00

FOREIGN POSTAGE.

(Used unless otherwise stated.)

Buenos Ayres, 1858, cuatro reales, br....	\$6.25
Cape of Good Hope, 1879, 3 on 4p., blue, error, THE.EE.....	5.50
Finland, cut env., 1850, 10 kop., blue paper; Scott Co.....	21.00
Fr. Colonies, St. Pierre & M., 5 on 2c, brown, inverted.....	5.00
New Brunswick, 1 sh., vio.; Mr. Burger.....	20.75

1879, 2c, on white, die D, used.....	\$5.00
War, 1875, 10c, on white, unused.....	3.55

U. S. DOCUMENT STAMPS.

\$20 probate of will, perf.; Mr. Hencken.....	13.25
\$20 " " " " Mr. Bogert.....	11.25
\$20 " " " " Mr. Sterling.....	11.00
\$20 " " " " Mr. Sterling.....	10.00

(The above four stamps showed each a line of stitches.)

Second series, \$25, patched.....	3.25
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PLAYING CARD STAMP.

C. Goodall, 5c, black, old paper.....	5.60
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ALBUMS.

Large 4to, morocco, Mr. Sterling's private album.....	9.00
Square, 8vo, morocco, pages removed..	01

Total for 326 lots\$816.69

New South Wales, 1850, Sydney view, 1p, red, no clouds, unsevered pair....	11.50
Another, single, orange red, specimen..	6.30
Same, red on blue, with clouds, unsevered pair..	11.20
" " " " no clouds, specimen..	5.60
Nova Scotia, 1sh, mauve; Mr. Burger.....	21.50
Peru, medio peso, 1858, red, minute clip on corner; Scott Co.....	52.00
Phillipine Islands, 1854, 1 r, blue.....	5.00
Poland, env., 1858, 1½k, ins, below, unused	5.00
Portugal, 1853, 100 r, lilac, (Dona Maria)	7.60
Russia, cut env., 1848, wide tail, 20k blue	5.00
" " " " 1880, 7 on 20k, unused	8.00
Spain, 1852, 2 reales, red, heavily cane,	7.50
" " " " 1853, 2 reales, fine.....	18.00
Tuscany, 1852, 60 crazie, red, fine.....	16.00
" " " " 1853, 9 crazie, violet, fine.....	11.00
U. S. of Colombia, 1861, 2½c, black.....	6.00
" " " " 1861, 2½c, " ".....	5.50
" " " " 1862, 10c, light blue.....	6.00
" " " " 1862, 10c, blue.....	5.00
U. S. of Colombia, 1862, 20c, red fine; Mr. Burger.....	23.50
U. S. of Colombia, 1861, 1 peso, lilac on bluish.....	13.00
Entire envelope, Mecklenburg Schwerin, large ins, 1856, 5s blue.....	5.50

Total for 1,160 lots, about.....\$2,507.00

THE first regular meeting of the American Philatelic Exchange was held at the rooms of the National Philatelic Society, on Wednesday, March 28. Ten dealers and two collectors were present. At 7:45 P. M., President Krebs called the meeting to order and introduced Mr. A. M.

Wright, the Secretary, who made an address enumerating the benefits of the Exchange and stating what it proposed to do. Then a number of wholesale lots of stamps were put up for sale. About \$10 worth of these were sold. At about 10 P. M. the meeting adjourned to meet April 4th, and thereafter every Wednesday evening. It is proposed to support the Exchange by \$1 annual dues from each member and a tax of 5 per cent. on all stamps sold. There is a by-law of the Exchange, which provides that not less than two specimens of any stamp valued at less than \$5, can be offered. This will undoubtedly keep collectors from joining, and if they are desired the by law should be modified at once. The Exchange is without doubt a good thing for dealers.

Cortlandt F. Bishop.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

WE ARE indebted to Messrs. Stanley, Gibbons & Co., for a copy of the second supplement to Major Evans' Philatelic Handbook. The work itself is invaluable to collectors, and the supplements, giving the new issues of each year, enable one to keep up with the times.

THE House Committee will report favorably a bill extending the limit of mail matter from four pounds to eight. This will give general satisfaction to merchants and all who have goods to transport long distances where the express charges would almost prohibit their transportation.

A DIRECTORY that promises to be of some practical use is in preparation by Mr. C. A. Townsend, of Akron, Ohio. The information it proposes to give is as follows: Collectors' names and addresses; size of each collection; whether general or specialty collectors; what societies, if any, they may be members of.

TO THE delight of the P. O. Department the special delivery system has at length proved a success. The reports show a marked increase in the business, and a prominent official claims that now "it is a pronounced success, and its best feature is that the government cannot lose a cent, for if no letters are delivered no expense is incurred."

THOSE who attended the Chicago convention will not fail to remember the young Wisconsin giant, *alias* W. C. Kurzweg. He came down to see his Chicago friends once more and the attractions of our western metropolis proved too much for him; the "gang" placed a good position in his way and he decided to remain here. Chicago is a good town for philatelists, even if it does bear a rather hard name when its ventures in the way of stamp papers are considered.

WE copy the following from the *Dundee Advertiser of March 30th*: On Wednesday, at a meeting of the property committee of the Dundee Town Council, a letter was read from Mr. Patrick Chalmers, London, requesting liberty to put up a new headstone over the grave of his father in the Howff. He also wished to inscribe upon the stone a statement that his father was the inventor of the penny adhesive postage stamp. It was agreed to grant the request.

WHEN the postmaster at Richmond, Va., locked up his safe the other night, he didn't notice that the office cat was inside. The cat herself hardly noticed the oversight, either, for she was too busy. One would naturally think that she would have been dreadfully lonesome during the long night watches, but she wasn't. When the postmaster opened the safe next morning he found the cat purring over a litter of four kittens, which were cozily nestling in a bed of \$500 worth of postage stamps.—*Chicago Herald.*

IN one of the windows of the Chicago music firm of Lyon & Healy is displayed a remarkable oil painting. The philatelic interest centers in the novel way in which the author has attached his signature. In one corner is a representation of an envelope addressed to "W. M. Harnett, 28 E. 14th st., New York City," and bearing a 25 centime stamp and a postmark. The painting is "The Old Violin," and is marvelously natural; the envelope, stamp, and postmark look as real as if inserted in instead of being painted upon the canvas.

THERE is a quaint bit of postal humor in the following: A postmaster in a small Mississippi village wrote the postmaster general and requested that his office be discontinued. He stated that his neighbors, who were wool growers, became distrustful of his rabbit dog and that "it turned up missing. So I am left here without the means of sustenance. So if you expect me to get up nights for the train you will have to forward at once some pork and beans, or some other nourishment, or a new postmaster will have to be appointed." In postscript he added: "Mr. ——— wants me to split him some rails if I can get rid of this office, so hurry up the grub or the discharge." It is needless to add that the office was discontinued.

WE have received many complimentary notices upon our essay in book publishing, but the following notice from a non-philatelic paper,—the *National Baptist*, Philadelphia,—is worthy of reproducing as a matter of general interest: "Stamp collecting is a very useful or a very useless pursuit, according to the method and aim and spirit of it. If it is but an amusement there is but little in it and it soon grows wearisome; but if one takes occasion to locate the stamps and link them with history and geography, one may find in the pursuit an endless source of entertainment and information. It is the object of this little story to show the right way of collecting. Its spirit and moral are excellent, and it is worthy of all commendation."

CORRESPONDENCE.

HOPKINSVILLE, KY., April 2, 1888.

Mr. S. B. Bradt, Editor of "Western Philatelist," Chicago, Ill.

DEAR SIR: Perhaps this letter will surprise you. I am an unknown and small collector, but I am an ardent philatelist, and only regret that I have little time and less money to devote to my "favorite hobby." What I am about to say is not "taffy," nor from any interested motive, but an honest opinion. I have noticed in several journals of late a disposition to belittle THE WESTERN PHILATELIST. I have subscribed for quite a number of philatelic journals this year, and none that I receive affords me more pleasure than THE WESTERN PHILATELIST. I learn a good many things from its columns that I never heard of before. This doubtless is due to my dense ignorance, still, that much is added to my fund of information. Most of all, I admire the mild criticisms of the W. P. on its contemporaries. It does not sail in, utterly regardless of another editor's feelings and with ruthless pen score them, as if with hot irons, for their shortcomings that are the common lot of all humanity. I wish the W. P. would write an article upon this particular subject. When a brother editor fails, no matter how small and feeble his effort may have been, still give him credit for having done something for our science, and do not treat his failure as a huge joke and heap abuse upon him for not having given subscribers twelve numbers or whatever may have been promised. But if he be worthy, rather express regret at his failure and wish him future success and a better financial insight into his next undertaking. Let us all remember that charity is the greatest of them all. I would like to see you embody this in an editorial, and hoping you will not think I presume in writing the above, I remain, yours philatelically,

G. W. Campbell, A. P. A.

THE A. P. A. ELECTION.

CAMP PILOT-BUTTE, ROCK SPRINGS, WYO., April 11, 1888.

Editor Western Philatelist.

DEAR SIR: In regard to election of new officers for the A. P. A., I have it from good authority that Mr. Brock does not desire to be Vice-President. I imagine he prefers to continue to make the *American Philatelist* a first-class journal. He certainly is the right man in the right place, and I think he ought to be kept there as long as he will supervise it; until he resigns its helm I vote for retaining him there. When you get a good thing keep it. So I think with the International Secretaryship. Mr. Rechert is widely known through Europe and I think it's a pity to change the incumbent unless he asks to be relieved. Too frequent changes mixes up the business of any association and I vote to re elect every one of the old officers unless they resign or there is some definite reason for a change. Rotation in office is not beneficial, unless the incumbent is inefficient, then put him out and get the right man and keep him there until he asks to be relieved. I don't think "dealers" ought to be officers, but in some places their time is more at the disposal of the Society than any amateur could devote, and they are better known in the philatelic world. Still if they now hold offices to which they have been duly elected, and give satisfaction, I for one will not vote to "turn them out," so long as they perform their duties properly, or until they resign.

Yours fraternally,

Member A. P. A.

MR. BROCK DECLINES.

To the Editor of the Western Philatelist:

DEAR SIR: Will you permit me through the columns of your paper to thank the members of the Chicago and Chalmers Societies, and others, who have suggested my name as a candidate for the Vice-Presidency of the American Philatelic Association? While I fully appreciate the honor conferred by their action, I regret that after having given the subject full and careful consideration I feel that it will be impossible for me to accept the nomination. At the same time, if you will allow me, I would urge upon my friends the advisability and advantage to the Association of nominating for the office Mr. W. C. Van Derlip, of Boston, whom the majority already favor.

Yours respectfully,

Robert C. H. Brock.

NATIONAL STAMP DEALERS PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION.

DECATUR, ILLINOIS, April 19, 1888.

Editor Western Philatelist:

The following is the result of the ballot for officers of the National Stamp Dealers' Protective Association:

President—T. J. Mitchell, 16; scattering, 4.

Vice President—C. F. Rothfuchs, 16; scattering, 4.

Secretary—C. G. Woodworth, 19; scattering, 1.

Purchasing Secretary—W. v. d. Wettern, Jr., 19; scattering, 1.

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Trustees—J. S. Bixby, 18; S. B. Bradt, 15; C. J. Fuelscher, 6; R. R. Bogert, 3; C. H. Mekeel, 6; E. T. Parker, 1; W. F. Greany, 4; E. F. Gambs, 1; Alvah Davison, 2; C. G. Woodworth, 1; H. A. Reuss, 1.

Messrs. Bixby and Bradt are elected to first and second places on Board of Trustees, respectively. As no one received a majority of the votes cast for third place, President elect Mitchell will, no doubt, call an election to fill this vacancy at an early date.

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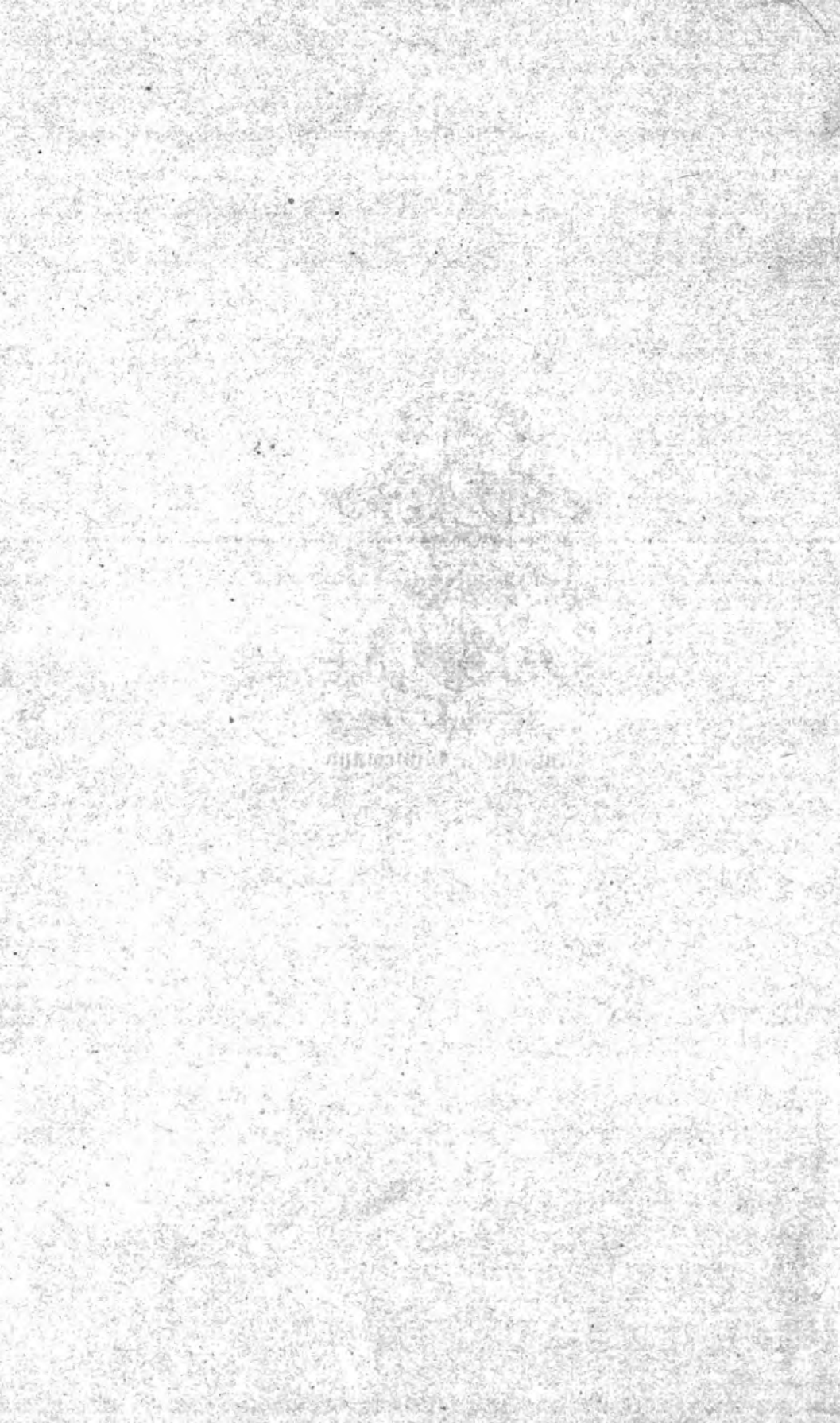
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