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GETTYSBURG.

The Mecca of the S. of P. This Year.

Gettysburg is located about thirty miles south of Harrisburg, fifty miles northwest of Baltimore and one hundred and thirty miles southwest of Philadelphia, and is undoubtedly the most interesting point in the United States for the tourist, either soldier or citizen, to visit. In almost every portion of our great country the traveler can find grand scenery, majestic mountains, beautiful lakes, and beyond description, the beautiful handiwork of our Creator, in mighty ocean, sublime caverns, and impressive landscape. There is but one Gettsburg. Here two hundred thousand men met to decide, in the words of the lamented Lincoln, "That this nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom, and that the government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth." Here sixty thousand men shed their blood, or laid down their lives to make the scene of Appomattox possible. Here, as in a great amphitheatre, met the great armies of the north and south, and the decissive battle of the war was fought. One can now stand on the parapet, thrown up by the 11th Corps, on Cemetery Hill, the spot where its gallant defenders, with stones from the wall, bravely defended their guns; at the angle where Pickett's men, led by Garnet, Kemper and Armistead, went into their death; or on Little Round Top, and look across to the Peach Orchard, Wheat Field and Devil's Den, names all, now as famous as Waterloo or Marathon.

The battlefield is now a National Park under control of the United States government, who have greatly beautified the grounds, erected four large iron towers in various parts of the field for observation purposes and are now macadamizing the avenues over the entire field, when completed there will be over one hundred miles of the finest driveway in the world.

Gettysburg is the most elaborately and accurately marked battleground in the world and can truly claim to be the Monumental Battlefield, as it contains more monuments and memorials than all the other battlefields in the world combined. More than one thousand markers and about five hundred monuments, made of granite, bronze and marble, costing from $1000 to $125,000 each, and representing a total cost of over three million dollars can be found on the field.

The principle objects of interests are the National Cemetery occupying seventeen acres adjoining the citizen's cemetery containing the remains of the Union soldiers who fell in the battle, the National Monument and the enormous New York State monument, 125 feet high. Near the entrance of the National Cemetery stands the semi-colossal bronze statue of General Reynolds, which was made from cannon donated by the State of Pennsylvania. Seminary Ridge the scene of the first days fight, the earthworks on Cemetery Hill and the long line of monuments on Cemetery Ridge, the bullet scarred trees on Culp's Hill, the observatory on the summit of Big Round top from which a view of the 2nd and 3rd days fight can be had, the beautiful picnic grounds on Little Round Top; the enormous bullet marked boulders at Devil's Den, the Whirlpool of Death, the Bloody Angle, Peach Orchard, etc. The Katalysine Springs, one mile west of Gettysburg, near the first days fight, have acquired a great reputation for their medicinal qualities. It resembles the celebrated Vichy water and said to be a positive cure for gout, rheumatism, dyspepsia and kidney affections.

The railroad fare to Gettysburg is very cheap as all the eastern railroads sell Summer Excursion tickets to and from Gettysburg at exceeding low rates for the round trip. Such tickets are good to return until Oct. 31st. Rountrip from Harrisburg is $2; Baltimore, $3; Philadelphia $6; New York $9.65; Pittsburg $11.95. Other places at proportionate rates. To find the exact cost ask your local agent the cost of a Summer Excursion ticket to Gettysburg and return.

Hotel accommodations are ample and very good. The largest and one of the finest is the new Hotel Gettysburg, located on Centre Square, in which the Sons of Philatelia will hold their fifth annual convention on August 4th and 5th, 1896.



HOTEL GETTYSBURG.

IN WHICH THE FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE S. OF P. WILL BE HELD, AUGUST 4 AND 5, 1896.

How I Became A Collector.

I have been asked by several philatelists how I became a collector.

I began in this way:—One day my friend and I were sitting on an old bench under an apple tree near an old barn telling stories, etc., as boys of our age would do.

Fred's grandfather, Mr. W——, did not not like to have us go up in the haymow of the barn because he had some of his things up there. His wife called them "trash". Kowing that Mr. W—— was not at home, Fred proposed we should see what was in there. So we went in and found several boxes; on closer examination we found that two of them contained old letters.

We were both "taken up" with the stamps. I had heard something about stamp collecting at school and told Fred.

When Mr. W—— came home we were both in the barn yet; as we made much noise he came to see what it was. When he came up we told him of our discovery and he gave us the stamps and told us we must not go up there.

We obtained old blank books and put all the 1 cent stamps on one page, the 2 cent on another, etc., postage and revenues, both.

We found somewhat over three hundred stamps including envelope and revenues. Fred soon grew weary of stamps and gave his to me. I went on ransacking every place for stamps, but

all of a sudden stopped and laid my collection aside, not seeing it for nearly a year.

Then one winter evening I was reading a story paper and seeing an advertisement which read as follows: "50 var. Foreign stamps including Mexico, Ceylon, Natal, etc. 25c." I sent for it, but when it came—what came with it? Approval sheets.I then bought several other packets of different dealers and in a few days received a Philatelic paper. Dealers and publishers kept on sending price lists and papers until I subscribed for several, sent for sheets, and thus I became a collector. F. H. P.

Through Musty Papers.

Some years ago, when the writer was attending college—a period of life during which formative impressions are made and are most lasting—chance or Providence, *or* friend Miller (he who answers to number 1, though I am told there are now *three*) sent me a *small printed sheet*, folded about three times and inclosed in an envelope, in order to insure against loss in transit, I presume.

Upon the outer front cover was printed the title "THE AMERICAN COLLECTOR." I do not now remember the exact size, or contents, of this miniature magazine. One characteristic impressed me though, and that was the aesthetic taste shown in the color of the cover, *yellow*.

My first impression was, that it was intended as a joke, perhaps, or at most the rather ingenious display of the thriftiness of some youngster who would be a follower in the footsteps of those much talked of "self-made" men, whose careers began with the printing press. A ten-minute perusal of this baby paper impressed me with the fact that its evidently youthful editor had energy and push, even if he had no brains, though these latter became evident later. Further reflection and some correspondence placed me on the roll of membership of of the Sons of Philatelia. This, in a vague way, was the beginning of my interest in old stamps,—"foolishness," as my revered teacher in Archeology recently stated, though he was careful to obtain a complete set of the Columbian Issue, as "mementoes of the occasion."

But has this to do with "Musty Papers?" Not at all, kind reader, be assured. It is merely a pleasant digression and at the same time a timid approach to "old things." Our illustrious poet and philatelist, Greene, you know, not infrequently spins verses out of less pretentious subjects. No offense meant to Mr. G., but we have a feeling akin somewhat to Dante in his wanderings in Hades when he met Virgil, he evidently "felt more at home."

Possessed of the stamp "craze," and having looked over letters of unspeakable value among the household archives, it occurred to me that possibly I might make a "find" in larger and more promising fields. As every collector of any pretense to energy has experienced, "finds" are not made every day, nor are the rewards of any effort ever sufficiently or adequately realized. In consequence many a disappointment was my only recompense. Old stamps were kindly sent to me from various places; but though "old" yet many of them possessed no philatelic value. Several really good and valuable specimens were thus acquired. In most cases the intentions and good will of the senders were more to be desired than the stamps or their value in money.

Having exhausted the field of personal solicitation, it occurred to me that the valuable records in the archives of the literary societies might furnish a field for original exploration. The suggestion was acted upon immediately, and the search for the much prized bits of engraved or printed paper begun. It was more tedious and wearisome than was originally imagined. Documents and correspondence for nearly sixty years had accumulated. Much of this material was labeled as to character. But large packages were marked miscellaneous. These might or might not contain a "find." For a long time no *stamps* were found, yet many interesting documents, such as letters from distinguished men now long since dead—some of them forgotten, too,—were found. Letters from presidents, who had been elected honorary members, United States Senators and others, whose hopes were presidentialward, and who died in that hope.

One day, my perseverence lasted for a week, coming upon a packet of letters dated 1847 I thought that I should certainly secure fame *and wealth* in that package. For the time being I believe I should have preferred rather that bundle than have been the writer of any single letter, or have possessed his fame, that was in it, though a number of them were from the most distinguished men of that period. One can almost believe that the raptures of a single moment may compensate for the disappointments and sorrows of a life time! Perhaps I express myself too strongly, nevertheless this was a supreme moment and distinctly do I remember it. I wonder if this moment comes to all collectors! A touch of sorrow may make the whole world akin, but does an individual triumph always or *ever* excite universal sympathy? It is said that the whole world loves a lover (which is doubtful), yet I'm perfectly sure that there are persons who have had green *envy* in their natures—such as have been unsuccessful or unfortunate suitors. So with the philatelist. He is human like other mortals, he is weak like other sinners.

But to my subject. The short of it is that *one* stamp was the reward of my expectations and hopes. Dark despair now replaced bright hope, yet not entirely so, for this single specimen was of value. It was not in my collection, and what collector does not rejoice even in filling one space! He does not have the genuine fever unless he feels that some satisfaction, even if one stamp only is the cause, has been the result of his efforts. This solitary was a D. O. Blood & Co., City Dispatch, Paid, with the double outer circle, now catalogue by Scott (55th edition) as L 27, no. 1540. The specimen is "fine," and is on the original envelope, or rather folded paper, since this was previous to the general introduction of the envelope. I still possess this stamp, and cherish it as my first "find." This letter is dated *Philad. Pa.*

But it was figuratively heart breaking to see letters dated,N. Y., Boston, Phila., St. Louis and elsewhere whose stamps had been torn off by the hand of ruthless vandal. It was evident that they had been removed merely for the sake of destroying them, as numerous pieces were found among the letters and even small fragments were sticking to the originally folded paper. There must have been several of Barr's Dispatch, as sufficient evidence was given of at least two. Further researches disclosed the fact also that an experienced hand had been among the records. Some specimens had been carefully removed. It was evident, too, that they had been taken off twentyfive or thirty years back, for there were some not removed which at that time were common.

Sometime after this search I had occasion to go to the library of the other society. At the time the registrar was rearranging the records and throwing into the waste-basket superfluous and worthless material, as he thought, and had burnt most of it. My companion in walking past the coal hod, noticed what he thought a stamp upon an old piece of paper. It proved to be a Penny Post, (Scotts 55th) No. 290 A 24. Inquiry revealed the fact that he had seen a dozen or more of them—every one of them burt by this young man, blissfully ignorant of their value. Other valuable general issues were said to have been destroyed. As these societies carried on a large general and official correspondence there must have been a great number now rare and valuable stamps in these archives. What a loss to the societies and to the philatelic world in general! If collecting small bits of engraved printed paper is a "crazy fad," as some would have it, then it seems to me thas these utilitarian criers of our times are acting senselessly in not at least acquiring the knowledge of their *market* value if they can't appreciate their philatelic worth. And this is where the critics blunder. They cannot mark the distinction between collecting for *pleasurable*

profit, and for money profit. They cannot see the difference unless it is shown in their bank account.

The Professor whom I have quoted in the fore part of this article as collecting "mementoes of the occasion," finally confessed it as "wonderful" when shown the list price of his Columbian Issue. It actually increased his interest in them. And this brings to my mind the question, why do people collect stamps? The answer to this question is the same as the answer to the questions, why do people collect china, old armour, old books, pottery, coins, etc? Surely not for their intrinsic value, since these bits of material are relatively of little value. But I think and believe that the idea of collecting antiquated and curious things lies deep in the nature of man. Man loves adornment. It is an innate principle. Likewise is it in the constitution of man to worship, adore and reverence a diety. He may kneel before the beautiful or it may be, the ugly. Man was thus originally, and he has not wholly transcended and elimited this idea from his constitntion. Thus by the association of these ideas—of the infinite with the finite—he comes to place a degree of value upon the intrinsically valueless.

Deity is beyond value; we cannot apply scarcity or fulness, speaking materially, to the term. All other things are relatively plentiful or not, and just in the degree in which they are, so in like degree do they become objects of interest, and may be of commercial value. It is the association of the idea of infinite value with that of relative value, which make a bit of paper be estimated beyond its intrinsic value. This is my opinion of the idea in collecting.

I have more than taken allotted space. "Musty Papers" have been almost forgotten. Let us have some more opinions on this subject, which is to my mind of more importance than the mere differentia of color to a minute degree which may determine whether a stamp shall be catalogued at one cent or six dollars. E. E. WEAVER.

Bermuda Offical Stamps.

BY R. M. MILLER.

I noticed in *Philatelia* for April 11th that Bermuda had issued an official stamp for the use of the general in command of the English forces to frank official letters, being placed on the envelope the same as an ordinary postage stamp. The stamps were said to come in sheets and have the words "On Official Service" printed on each stamp.

Being somewhat of a specialist in Bermuda stamps I wrote to Mr. V. O. Brown, who is a member of the Sons of Philatelia and postmaster of the city of St. Georges, Bermuda, requesting him to send me specimens and give me all the data about them possible.

Following is the answer I received:

DERBY, ENG., June 28, 1896.

DEAR SIR:

Your letter to me has been forwarded to England where I am spending a few months.

Re the new stamps, your information is news to me as no such stamps were ever issued or to my knowledge would be issued. The present custom is that a regular soldier or seaman has the privilege of sending his letters to England for one penny, providing his commanding officer writes his name or initials in the bottom left hand corner. This privilege is admitted from any of the British Colonies. I will write home concerning the matter and will give you any further information I can obtain.

Bermuda sadly needs five pence and two shilling three pence stamps and I shall advocate for them strenuously on my return home.

Yours respectfully,

V. O. BROWN.



MR. A. F. WICKS.

Mr. A. F. Wicks, the subject of this month's sketch, is a native of London, Canada, where he now resides. He commenced collecting many years ago, when a boy, and finally lost his interest in the pursuit, until about 4 years ago, when he acquired a quantity of valuable stamps, thus reviving his interest and he is now one of the Godess Philatelia's most devoted followers. He is at present a superintendent in the M. C. R. freight sheds at London and he devotes the greater portion of his spare time to stamp collecting and dealing. Mr. Wicks is possessed of a good tenor voice and is one of the leading members of the London Amateur Operatic Association and always takes one of the principal roles at their performances. He is an all-round jolly-good-fellow, member of the Sons of Philatelia and is quite a favorite among his friends. L. M. S.

S. of P. Notes.

The Fifth Annual Convention of the Sons of Philatelia will be held August 4 and 5, in the double parlors of Hotel Gettysburg, Gettysburg, Pa. A large gathering is assured and it is expected to be the most successful Philatelic Convention ever held. The famous Battle-field is a great attraction and special arrangements have been made with Capt. Jas. T. Long, the wellknown guide and delineator to take the members over the *entire* field and explain all the points of interest. Capt. Long is acknowledged to be the best guide for this renowned battle ground, and was selected as guide for the visit of the Corps Commanders and Chief of Staff with the Count of Paris, October, 1890.

A photograph will be taken on some prominent portion of the field of all the members on Wednesday and in the evening a banquet will be held in Hotel Gettysburg.

Among the number of prominent members who will be present will be Pres. Luhn; Vice-Pres. Thomas; Sec'y Miller; Treas. Messer; Int. Sec'y Russell; Libr. Townly; Auc. Mgr Kelland; Trustees Parks, Ward and Dunkhorst; ex-Pres. Bartlett; Eben S. Martin, publisher of the Official Journal; ex-Chairman of Trustees Spooner, C. W. Kissinger, J. Arthur Wainwright; ex-Ex. Supt. Emmert; ex-Trustee Spooner; Edw. C. Biggar, Wm. L. Richard and about 50 others.

Members who cannot attend the Convention should not fail to send their proxy to some member who will attend. This is something of importance and every member should see to it.

Your proxy can vote on every question for you except for new officers. You must mark and seal your own ballot.

Ballots for the election of officers were sent to every paid up member on July 4. Members who are in arrears will receive a ballot as soon as they remit their dues.

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OUR next number will contain a full report of the S. of P. Convention which will be held August 4th and 5th at Gettysburg, Pa. Ye editor will be in attendance and hopes to make many new acquaintances.

THE favorite topic of the day is conventions and philatelic politics. Almost every paper devotes considerable space to the subject and we desire to say if you have never attended a philatelic convention, you should go this year, and meet your brother "cranks" as some are wont to call us.

TALKING about philatelic politics just reminds us that we noticed a very lengthy article by J. Henry Thomas in the March *Pennsy* lauding Roy F. Greene and advocating him for the next presidency of the P. S. of A. The author states that he will vouch for everything that G. does. If he would only have said he would vouch for everything Roy F. Greene *has done*, then we would ask Mr. Thomas to return the S. of P. Library of some 4000 pieces which is still in Greene's possession or remit its value.

After the S. of P. convention in Chicago in 1893, Greene resigned as Librarian which office he held in the S. of P. and also sent in his resignation as a member. His resignation as Librarian was accepted but his resignation as a member was not accepted until he turned over the S. of P. library to his successor, this up to the present time he has refused to do although he has been repeatedly requested to do so.

P. S. of A. members do you think this kind of a man will make your society a model President?

MR. J. C. MILLER, of Coal Valley, has our thanks for a copy of the Pittsburg *Commercial Gazette* of June 20th containing a half column article about the Twin City Philatelic Society and Pittsburg philatelists. It gave a complete list of the members of the Twin City Society and some of their largest collections.

The article is well written and evidently the work of a Twin City philatelist.

A STRONG effort is being made by some of the prominent dealers and collectors in New York City to form a society of one hundred members who will each contribute $25 each toward securing a number of rooms and have them modestly furnished for the purpose of holding auction sales, lectures, etc., and having a common meeting place where philatelists from all parts of the country could find their fellow collectors in the city.

We trust it will prove successful as there are good men at the head of it. The committee appointed consists of J. W. Scott, Chairman; J. M. Andreini, Secretary; Wm. Herrick, John N. Luff and Chas. Gregory.

Later—We are informed that half the amount is already subscribed in New York City but very little support has been received from other cities.

THE corner on the Columbian stamps is broken. The $2.00 ones unused are offered at face and some speculators who wished to sell out quickly offered them at a discount. The $1.00 has dropped to $5.00.

A. A. THOMPSON, of Laconia, N. H., who was arrested for securing stamps from dealers and not paying for same plead guilty. Sentence was deferred for same as it was shown that he had no intention of defrauding and promised to pay all his creditors as soon as possible. Thompson was young and thought like Ivy L. Lee that any person could run a stamp business. His mother, being a poor widow, helped Thompson considerable.

WE are in receipt of a copy of J. M. Bartels & Co.'s complete Price Catalogue and Reference List of the Plate Numbers of the U. S. Adhesive Postage Stamps issued from 1847 to 1896. It is very complete and right up to date. The price of the work we think is a little high, 50¢.

THE latest craze is the collecting of Posters and from what we are able to learn, it has many devotees, among them is Will M. Clemens who has issued a paper in the interest of posters. Mr. Clemens was once a philatelist of note and published *The Old Curiosity Shop* in the 80's.

MR. C. W. LAWTON, of Patterson's Mills, Pa., informs me that the July issue of his *Pennsylvania Stamp* will be printed on red, white and blue paper and contain the portraits of quite a number of prominent philatelists. After the July No. it will be discontinued until Dec. 1, when Mr. L. will print it himself.

REV. THOS. E. GREEN, rector of Christ Church, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, who made a prayer before the Chicago Democratic Convention, is an ardent philatelist.

J. F. DODGE, of Windsor, Conn., has gone up into the hills of New Hampshire for several weeks on account of his health. He states that there will be no June issue of the *Columbian Philatelist* and the July number will not be out before August first.

L. G. DORPAT, H. D. Ruehlman, and several others are compiling a Wisconsin Philatelic Blue Book. Mr. Dorpat is doing the literary work while Mr. Ruehlman has charge of the business end of the matter.

UNTIL quite recently there were a number of the old green shilling stamps on sale at several of the Bermuda Post Offices, but they are all bought up now and will be held until there is a change in the throne of England when they are expected to rise in value.

The Philatelic Press.

The *Rocky Mountain Stamp* issued a patriotic number for July, printed in red and blue ink on fine white paper. The contents as usual are of the highest order. Typographically it is the model of perfection.

Crawford Capen commenced "A Descriptive Catalogue of the United States Postage Stamps" in the June *Post Office* and illustrates it with cuts of U. S. stamps which have a heavy white line across the centre.

The *Pennsylvania Philatelist*, for June is devoted wholly to Philatelic politics; contains a half-tone portrait and biography, who is K's choice for Vice-Pres. P. S. of A., of Peter J. Kranz. D. J. Mc Dermott gives his reasons why Kissinger should be elected Pres. of the S. of P. and Sec'y of the A. P. A. K's editorials occupy almost five pages.

Another paper devoted to Philatelic politics is the June *International Philatelist*. Beardsley is giving Kissinger and his friends a big dose of the same kind of medicine they gave the S. of P. a few years ago.

The *Boston Philatelist* is a new paper published by E. B. Horn, Jr., 11 Greenwich Park, Boston, Mass. Vol. 1, No. 1, dated May contains 8 pages filled with notes from different cities.

The first number of the new series of the *Michigan Philatelist* published by John C. Brassington & Co., Hart, Mich., has appeared. It consists of 12 pages and cover. Gordon C. Corbaley contributes the principal article, "Some Dealers of the Eighties and Today."

The *Monthly Observer*, an amateur paper from Myerstown, Pa., devotes considerable space to Philatelic notes and an auction Sale of Philatelic papers.

The *Dixie Philatelist* for July is a great improvement over last number, in contents, make up and quality of paper.

Conventions.

The American Philatelic Association will hold their Eleventh Annual Convention in the Hotel LaFayette, Minnetonka Beach, Minn., Aug. 13, 14 and 15, 1896. From present appearances it will be very tame compared with last years convention at Clayton.

The Convention of the Philatelic Sons of America which is to be held immediately after the adjournment of the A. P. A., will be the stormiest convention held this year. Strife is rife. The western members are trying to down Kissinger, whose word is law. A split is inevitable unless Kissinger should withdraw from the fight.

The Queen City Philatelic Society, of Denver, will hold their annual meet this year at Colorado Springs, Colo., Sept. 10.

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	*15c blue	.20	.10
1888	20c green	.10	.06
1890	40c olive	.10	.05
——	50c orange	.15	.08
1892	2c l. blue	.40	.30
	5c d. blue	.40	.30
1890	10c red (S 130)	.75	.20
	40c blue (S 131)	1.50	.35
ANTIGUA.			
*½p green		08	06
*1p red		12	08
2½p blue		25	18
4p brown		50	37
BARBADOES.			
1882,	½p green	04	02
	2½p blue	08	05
	* 3p mauve	25	20
	4p brown	08	06
1892	*½p on 4p	18	12
	5p olive	15	10
	* 6p.m. and red	25	19
	* 8p. or. and blue	35	28
	*10p.g. and red	40	30
	*20 6p. sl. and orange	1 25	90
1893	½ on 1p envelope	12	07
BELGIUM.			
1863, 40c carmine		15	09
1865, 1f London p		1 00	60
1866, 1p Belgium p		75	50
	30c brown	06	04
	40c rose	06	04
1870, 1fr violet		06	05
1886, 35c v. brown		04	02
1886, 91 2fr violet		25	12
1893, 2fr lilac		25	10
BERMUDA.			
1884, 2p blue		12	10
1884-93,	½p green	03	02
	2p br. violet	06	04
	2½p blue	04	03
	3p gray	12	10
BOLIVIA.			
1894 20c blue		08	04
	50c v. brown	30	15
	100c flesh	75	35
BOSNIA.			
1879, 25 n. violet		08	04
BRAZIL.			
1844-6, 10r black		25	18
1850, 30r black		05	04
	60r black	04	03
*1854, 30r blue		40	20
1894, *100r.r. and black		10	06
	*200r. o. and black	20	12
	*300r. gr. and black	30	18
	*500r. bl. and black	40	25
	1000r gr. and violet	20	12
Newspaper, 1889			
	*300r. yellow	40	20
	*200r black	25	15
Unpaids, *18-9.			
	100r carmine	15	08
1890, 50r olive		06	04
	200r mauve	15	08
	*300r green	25	18
Wrappers, 1889, *40r blue		08	04
	*60r brown	12	07
1893, 20r green		04	02
BR. GUIANA.			
1882, 8c rose		12	08
1889, 2c m. and black		25	15
1889-91, 14c m. and gray		06	04
	48c m. and red	35	20
	72c m. and bistre	40	28
	96c m. and carm	40	25
BR. HONDURAS.			
1888, 3c on 3p		12	09
1891, *5c on 3p		12	09
BULGARIA.			
1879 1fr. bl. and red		40	30
1882, 30c bl. and green		05	03
	50c p. and pink	05	04
1889, 30c brown		06	04
	50c blue	10	06
	1 l. orange red	12	08
1892, 1c on 30c		08	04
Unpaids, 1887, 5s orange,		05	03
	25s crimson	10	06
	50s blue	30	22
1895, 5s re-engraved		15	05
	25s "	—	10
CANADA.			
1852, 3p red		35	25
1859, 1c pink		12	09
	5c vermilion	06	04
1892, 20c vermilion		15	11
	50c blue	35	25
Registered, 2c orange		05	03
	2c vermilion	25	10
CEYLON.			
1886, 28c slate		06	04
1887, 1r. 12c red brown,		50	35
1893, 30c m. and red		08	05
1895, 5c official		—	05
	15c "	—	10
DANISH WEST INDIA.			
1873-9, *7c l. and orange		35	30
	50c mauve	75	60
1895, *10 and 50c		25	18
DOMINICA.			
1883-90, *½p green		08	06
	*1p carmine	12	08
	*2½p blue	35	27
	*4p gray	60	45
ECUADOR.			
1872, *1p rose		10	05
1892-3, 5c on 5s purple		20	10
	5c on 1s blue	20	10
	5c on 50c maroon	20	10
	5c on 5s carmine	20	10
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	25c blue	05	04
1853-60, 20c blue, greenish		1 00	75
	80c rose	06	04
GAMBIA.			
1876, 2½p, blue		06	05
GOLD COAST.			
1884-91, 2p gray		04	03
	2½p blue and orange	04	03
	3p olive	15	10
	6p orange	12	08
	1s violet	25	17
	2s brown	60	35
GREAT BRITAIN.			
1847, 1s green(cut)		25	10
1856, 6p lilac		08	05
	1s, green	25	10
1862, 1s, green		20	10
1865, 1s green		20	10
1867, 1s green		15	07
1891, 2½p official		60	30
GREAT BRITAIN LEVANT.			
1887, 40p violet		04	02
	80p l. and blue	08	04
GRENADA.			
1883, 2½p blue		08	05
1892, 1p unpaid		10	05
	2p "	12	08
	3p "	20	12
*Env. 1887, 2p		15	08
*Wrappers, complete set		34	20
GUATEMALA.			
1878, *½s green		08	04
	* 1s violet	15	08
1879, *½s br. and green		12	06
1882, *20cy green		12	08
1886, 20c green		08	05
	25c orange	12	06
	50c green	15	10
1886, *1c on 2c		08	04
1887, 10c		05	03
1894, 2c on 100c		08	05
	6c on 1, 50c	15	09
	10c on 200c	25	15
1895, 1c on 5c		05	03
HANKOW.			
1894, *1c rose		06	03
	*5c green	10	05
	10c carmine	20	10
	20c blue	40	20
	30c red	60	30

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It must be taken for granted that all collectors have albums (or a substitute) in which they *hinge* their choice bits of paper commonly called "stamps".

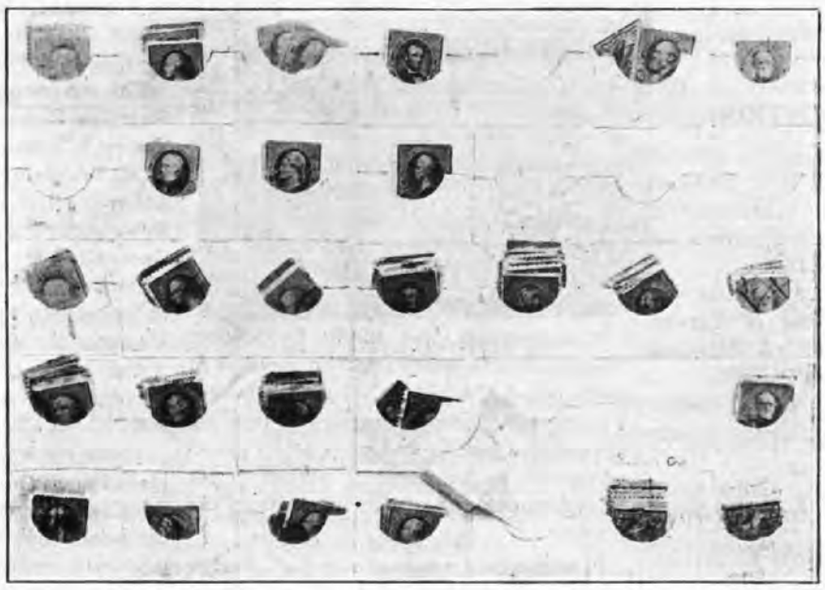
Next in importance to this album, containing as it does the cherished stamps of many a research, bargain and sacrifice you should hold in the highest esteem, your "Duplicate Stamp Album." And Why?

Some of my readers may look upon their duplicates as being of little importance in point of worth. Perhaps they are. Yet, no matter how few there are or how valueless they may be; prize them. They are the nucleus of what some day can be the means of enriching your collection without the outlay of money.

I do not like the idea of having to exchange Uncle Sam's choice gold for every stamp that goes into the collection. The idea of exchanging stamps is one of the sweetest of the pursuits of Philatelia. Exchange honestly. Drive a bargain when you can. Be shrewd. Be keen, but don't be dishonest. Don't use your knowledge of the value of stamps and your business sagacity to defraud or cheat one less versed in the "ways" than you are. Just here, is one of the stumbling blocks of our beloved pursuit. We all seem to like to get something for nothing. To take in exchange from one who doesn't know the difference, an embossed stamp valued at $25.00 when an unembossed valued at 75 cents was intended or an imperforate at the value of a perf. etc. This is not right, it is dishonest. But it is a dealing in which we are all liable to fall unless we guard ourselves against it.

From the few words I have said, from what we all know and from what your judgment will lead you to believe, we will take it for granted that a Duplicate Stamp Album is a neccessity to every Collector.

Before I describe how to make one let me say a word as to its use. Keep it perfectly clean, handle your stamps gently, use a pair of nippers or a knife blade in picking them up so that you do not soil or tear them.



A page from Paul W. Gardner's Duplicate Album.

Beware of thumb marks and all signs of uncleanness. They are dangerous to your life as a Philatelist and to the lives of your stamps. An unclean or torn stamp (unless very valuable) is a disgrace. Don't have them. In making your Duplicate Stamp Album (you will prize it more if you make it than if you buy it) you will have to use your own judgment to a large extent, but can follow the few general principles here given.

First select two heavy pieces of paste board any size you desire, for the cover of your album. If you can procure some paper cloth to use in covering your album, do so, if not either paper or cloth will answer. Cut a piece of cloth or paper cloth about an inch longer than the width of your paste-board, and at least 3 inches in width to use in binding the back of your book.

Find how thick you intend having your book and glue the cloth to the boards which you have placed with the ends together. Leaving the space between the boards that you desire for the width of your book. Turn in the ends of your cloth and paste them down. Then cover the outside of the cover with paper cloth, using glue.

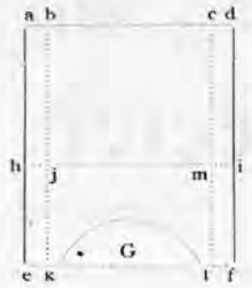
The leaves of your book should be of heavy white paper or better still bristle board. Cut them a little narrower than your cover and ½ inch shorter. Cut strips of paste board the width of your leaves and ½ inch wide. Have the strips of paste board about three times the thickness of your leaves.

Paste them close to the ends of your leaves with white muslin. This will form a hinge which will allow the leaves of your album to open flat either way and the cloth will make a good foundation to sew the leaves together.

Rule your leaves off in squares 1⅛ inch on a side.

Make your pockets in which to put the stamps, out of heavy white paper. Rule the paper off first in squares 2 by 2½ inches.

Then make other rulings as illustrated.



a to e 2½ inches.
e to f 2 inches.
a to b ¼ inch.
e to h 1 inch.
Cut out squares as a, e, f, d.
Cut out the pieces marked as in a, h, j, b.
If you have a gun wad cutter used it in cuttting out g.
Fold at line h—i.
Fold over the little flaps h e — k j and paste down and you have your pocket ready to be pasted with starch paste in squares marked on the leaves of your album.
Sew your leaves together and fasten them into your cover. Paste clean paper on the inside of your cover so as to cover up all rough edges and your album is completed.

PAUL W. GARDNER.

S. OF P. CONVENTION.

The convention was called to order at 11.30 by Vice President B. P. Thomas, President Luhn not being in attendance, Rev. W. A. Carver offering prayer for guidance in their deliberations.

The Committee on Credentials was then appointed consisting of Carver, Kantner and Dodge, and on Standing Rules Kline, Emmert and Russell.

Reports of Secretary and Treasurer were then read, showing that the society was in good condition.

Adjourned to 2.15 p. m. Called to order at 2.15 p. m. Committee on credentials not being ready to report adjourned to 3 p. m.

Called together at 3 p. m., adjourned to 3.30 p. m. for same reason.

Called to order at 3.30 p. m. Reports of International Secretary, Librarian, Sales Superintendent and Auction Manager were read and the following committees appointed. Finance: Emmert, C. R. Miller and Mrs. R. M. Miller. Library: Dodge, Kissinger and Sowers. Sales and Purchasing Depts.: Russell, Kline and Dodge. Official Journal: Kissinger, Carver and Haldeman. By Laws: Thomas, Sowers, Kissinger, Emmert and R. M. Miller.

Report of Committee on Standing Rules accepted. Adjournment taken until 6.30 p. m.

Called to order at 6.30. Report of committee on credentials with results of election. The vote was as follows. President: B. P. Thomas 234, C. W. Kissinger 65. Vice President: J. E. Zahn 102, Edw. C. Beggar 48, Leon G. Young 56, Joe. F. Beard 83. Secretary: R. M. Miller 296, John Holt 5. Treasurer: P. L. Messer 256, Wm. B. Hopson 41. International Secretary: R. J. Russell 139, Herbert Clark 51, A. F. Little 26, E. S. Martin 79. Librarian: F. M. Townley 184, H. C. Beardsley 110. Superintendent of Sales: Chas. E. Shaw 254, E. A. Stigeler 42. Auction Manager: E. L. Kelland 207, F. L. Van Dermark 86. Purchasing Agent: Leon G. Lambert 175, J. F. Dodge 119. Counterfeit Detector: F. Noyes 150, Georges Carion, 142. Attorney: J. A. Wainwright 185, Chas. F. Bridge 103. Trustees: H. A. Parks 186, W. F. Ward 159, H. F. Dunkhorst 181, J. M. Bartels 106, T. L. W. Porte 88, R. S. Appleton 91, T. O. McCarthy 82. E. L. Kelland having declined the nomination as Auction Manager, F. L. Van Dermark was declared elected to that office. Reports of commitees on Library and Sales Department read and accepted. Committee on Official Journal recommended the *Pennsylvania Philatelist* as official organ. Laid on the table until next session.

Report of finance committee accepted. A committee on obituaries was appointed consisting of Russell, Kline and Carver. Here an adjournment was taken until 10.30 p. m. and many of the members enjoyed a trolley ride over the battle fields. Called to order at 10.30 p.m.

French's philatelic button was not adopted. Motion carried that the Society have a stamp collection, two stamps having been sent by J. A. Wainwright as a starter.

A suggestion was made by Robert Wagner that applications be printed in French and German. No action taken. The Secretary was authorized to procure application blanks and such other printed matter as he deemed necessary for the advancement of the interests of the Society.

A suggestion was made by J. F. Dodge that the age and occupation of applicants be printed in the official Journal, and that the Secretary require applicants when under 18 years of age to furnish as second reference parent or guardian. A motion was made to this effect and unanimously carried.

The attorney was instructed to secure the return of the library from Roy F. Greene or in lieu thereof to collect from him the sum of $100, which was considered a low valuation for the same. The matter of official Journal was taken up. Motion made by Mr. Kissinger to make the *Pennsylvania Philatelist* official was lost. Nashville was selected as the next convention seat. Adjourned at 11.50 p. m. to next day subject to call of president.

At 8 a. m. August 5th the members found a commodious borge awaiting them and under the guidance of the famous guide and delineator, Capt. Jas. T. Long, made a complete tour of the battle field, every movement of either army being carefully explained by the guide. At several points en route the membership group was photographed. The members returned 3.30 p. m. having greatly enjoyed the scenery, the monuments and relics and the kind offices and eloquence of Capt. Long.

At 4.10 the convention was again called to order. Report of committee on obituaries read and accepted. Messrs. H. and D. K. Miller, proprietors of the Hotel Gettysburg, and Capt. Jas. T. Long, the guide, were accorded a unanimous vote of thanks for their kindness, attention and hospitality. Dr. Frank Kline was given a vote of thanks for his inimitable photograph imitation. Humorous speeches by several of the memcers followed and at 4.30 P. M., the convention adjourned to meet upon the call of the president at Nashville in 1897.

From the A. P A. Convention.

MINNETONKA BEACH, Aug. 11, '96.

Pres. Tiffany was unable to be present so Treasurer Chandler presided. H. E. Deats, Chas. Beamish and C. E. Severn composed the committee on credentials.

The other committees are as follows: Standing Rules: H. S. Swenson, W. R. Young, L.T. Brodstone. Official circular: H. C. Beardsley, N. H. Withee, G. W. Achard. Branch Societies: F. Michael, Edw. Stebbins, Lewis Robie. Finance: Geo. Gregory, G. D. Mekeel, F. H. Friend. Sales and Purchasing Dept.: J. F. Beard, M. Morganthau, B. S. Ross. Library: E. R. Aldrich, O. K. Carstarphen, N. H. Withee. By-Laws: H. G. Smith, A. W. Batchelder, Henry Gremmel, N. W. Chandler, C. H. Mekeel.

There were about 50 persons present including visitors. This afternoon C. W. Kissinger withdrew his name as a candidate for Director, and stated that he would accept no office.

The members will visit Minneapolis and St. Paul on Wednesday afternoon and have an excursion on Thursday.

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Convention Notes.

BY ONE WHO WAS THERE.

"Doc" Russell felt the heat considerably and employed two waiters to fan him.

Kissinger wouldn't vote for Gettysburg again because he had to pay 8 cents per glass for milk. He says if it isn't cheaper at the P. S. of A. meet at Atlantic City, he will drink sea water.

Dodge was overjoyed at the discovery that egg-milk shake was only 5 cents a glass. He kept the shaker busy, but took no *nutmeg* in his.

The other members tried to work up a conspiracy with a barber to remove "Bob" Millers side whiskers, but "Bob" couldn't be induced to go within a block of a striped sign.

One of our members lost a cuff button, which was found at the residence of one of the citizens. The button was found by the young lady's father, who desires the owner to call for it, but the latter does not seem *inclined* to heed the request.

"Pap" Kantner was especially pleased with his visit to Gettysburg. When he returns to the Dickinson Law School at Carlisle, Pa., we learn that several young ladies will "chip in" to pay for his season ticket to Gettysburg.

"Billy" Emmert made many of the members weary in his search for medicine trade marks, shoe lables, etc.

One of the chamber maids struck for more wages, declaring that those Reading members made her a great deal of work by remaining in bed until 10 a. m.

Rev. Carver displayed a huge counterfeit of the 3c proprietary.

Thomas blushingly accepted the honors of his office, but says if the members can stand the ordeal for one year, he will not inflict on them another misfortune like this.

Haldeman will drink no more ginger ale. It is so easy for Kissinger to hypnotize him after drinking a glass.

"Where Did You Find It ?"

Stamps are sometimes found in queer places and under odd circumstances. It would make interesting reading, if collectors would write up their experiences in this respect, and I offer the following to begin with.

Among the furnishings of the parsonage we now occupy there was an old mattress that we concluded had done service long enough, and I carried it to the stable and emptied it of its contents of straw. This straw I used to bed my horse, and one evening as I threw some of it under my horse, I noticed a blueish piece of paper, and picking it up, found it to be a one cent blue match stamp. It was still attached to the original cover of the box that had held the matches. I do not think it is catalogued in Scott's 56th. so I will further describe it.

It contains the head of Franklin in an oval, facing to the right. There is a figure one in the upper corners, and between them the words "One cent," and under that "U. S. Interval Rev." Under the picture in larger letters on a wavy label is the word "Matches."

Queer stamp, queer place to find it; wasn't it? I think the maker of the mattress was the Ball Bros. of Harrisburg.

Now, another queer thing—possibly a coincidence. In 1890 I witnessed the burning of that firm's foctory, while on a business visit to McFarland's printery on Allison's Hill. Whether anything more of a queer nature is to transpire in connection with that stamp, I am not able to say, I still have it.

W. A. CARVER.

[The stamp referred to is listed by Scott's 56th. as No. 2526.—EDITOR.

Mr. John F. Seybold.

Mr. John F. Seybold is one of the leading business men of Syracuse, N. Y., and is the fortunate possessor of one of the finest collections in America, containing, as it does, more than 20,000 varieties, amongst which are many of the very greatest rarities, many of which are almost unobtainable at the present time. He became interested in stamp collecting about 24 years ago and by patience, and the investment of his spare cash he accumulated his present magnificent collection. It was his good fortune to commence collecting, when the stamps, now rare, were quite cheap and plentiful, and it must afford him great pleasure to compare the prices he bought at with the present prices, for stamps that he bought for a few cents each are now selling way up in the dollars. His collection of U. S. is entirely complete, as is also his collection of the very rare Swiss Cantonals, of which he has all on the original letters.



JOHN F. SEYBOLD.

He is engaged in the retail dry goods business, and after business hours, his collection has always been his chief delight, and he says that, as he grows older, his pleasure in stamp collecting seems to increase. L. M. S.



S. of P. Notes.

While the Fifth Annual Convention of the S. of P. at Gettysburg, was not so largely attended as expected it proved a great success and the best of fellowship prevailed throughout. Among the members present was Benj. P. Thomas, Pemberton, N. J., J. F. Dodge, Windsor, Conn., R. M. Miller and Mrs. Miller, of Piney Creek, Md., C. W. Kissinger, H.F. Kantner and Dr. Frank Kline, of Reading, Pa., Dr. R. J. Russell, of Hanover, Pa., Rev. W. A. Carver, of Dillsburg, Pa., W. H. Emmert, of New Oxford, Pa., T. H. Gafford, Jr., Church Hill, Md., and many others. Of all the members present only one, Merrill C. Haldeman, of Thompsontown, Pa., was under 21 years of age, but that did not prevent him from enjoying himself immensely.

Dr. Frank Kline, of Reading, has the honor of composing the first S. of P. yell, which was heard quite frequently by the citizens of Gettysburg on August 5th, as the four horse hack bearing the members, passed and repassed through town as they made the tour to the battlefield.

S. of P. S. of P.
What's the matter with the S. of P?
We-e, We-e, We-e.

Mr. J. D. Bartlett, ex-President of the S. of P., was married May 20th to Miss Alma Stevens, of Steamburg, N. Y. We wish them a long, happy and prosperous life.

"Curious how strange" that some people will insist on writing "Sons of Philately" for Sons of Philatelia.

Beardsley is trying to get the very shortest abbreviation and call it S. P. instead of S. of P. Don't do it anymore 'Bert,' as that is the abbreviation of the Southern Philatelist and it is liable to get things "fermixed" (a new word, all rights reserved.)

Dr. R. J. Russel of Hanover, Pa., has received a state commission as agent for the Pennsylvania State Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. The commission is far reaching and its authority extends to every part of the State of Pennsylvania.

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EDITOR'S EASY CHAIR.

ONE of the most important Philatelic transactions since our first issue and one that cannot be too highly commended is the steps taken by the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., of New York City and the C. H. Mekeel Stamp and Publishing Co., of St. Louis, Mo., to issue a catalogue and album for beginners, at a very moderate price. The album will contain spaces for all regular varieties, omitting the minor varieties of perforations, watermarks, etc., and will be sold for $1.00. The catalogue will conform to the album and will be sold at the nominal price of 10 cents. They will be placed on sale about November 1st.

This is a step in the right direction and we are positive they will meet with a very large sale. Had this matter been taken up two years ago we are certain that we would have 25 per cent more collectors now in the U. S.

Mr. Georges Carion the well known dealer of San Francisco has been arrested on a charge of embezzlement by Mr. Geo. M. Schiller who was formerly clerking for Mr. Carion. It seems that Mr. Schiller at Mr. Carion's request obtained about $400.00 worth of stamps of the French Colonies from the Scott Stamp and Coin Co., which he left with Mr. Carion several days to look over. When he (Schiller) called for them he claims he found that counterfeits and poor specimens had been substituted for many originals formerly in the books, and refused to accept the books thereupon Carion sent the books direct to the owners in New York City. We anxiously await the out come.

A stock company with a capital of $500 has been formed by several prominent New York and Boston dealers to publish *Stamps*, a monthly journal which is to be devoted exclusively to the young collector, and will make no mention of any of the minor varieties.

Just as we are about going to press a rumor reaches us that the *International Philatelist* of St. Joseph, Mo., and the *International Stamp*, of St. Paul, Minn. will be amalgamated in the near future with the *Rocky Mountain Stamp* of Denver, Colo. Next.

Bro. J. E. Zahan has our thanks for a bound copy of Vol. I of his excellent *Rocky Mountain Stamp*.

REV. E. E. WEAVER, of Lancaster, Pa., paid us a very pleasant visit July 18th and 19th and we had quite a little chat on the past. Rev. Weaver has just graduated from Franklin and Marshall college and is one of our regular contributors.

BRO. J. F. DODGE, publisher of the *Columbian Philatelist*, of Windsor, Conn., is spending a few weeks with ye editor on account of his health. His health is rapidly improving and he is seriously thinking of removing to this section in the near future.

Editor Drown in the last issue of his paper has this practical bit of sarcasm: "This new code also states that no matter if you know a grown man is a philatelic fraud, is the friend of philatelic frauds, deals in philatelic frauds, auctions philatelic frauds, you must not inform the buying public. But if he is a poor little schoolboy with morals only half formed, then jump on him, put him in jail, and *make* him a criminal: but the dealer, bless him! he advertises and you must not hurt his feelings; if you do you will be apt to lose his trade.

The *Philatelic West* comes to us in a yellow green cover with a very good portrait of Frank T. Shepard, that is, it is a good picture, though we don't know Mr. Shepard. We have referred elsewhere to Roy Greene's attempted explanation of his connection with S. of P. Library, but we didn't mention the fact that he has a whole page of poetry (?) entitled "Convention Greeting" and dedicated to the P. S. of A. We presume that after the opening prayer at Minnetonka, all the members will sing this in perfect unison, and harmony will reign throughout. Beardsley and Kissinger will hug each other, promise never to be bad any more and unite in electing Lewis Bishop to the presidency as a compromise.

Bro. H. C. Beardsley publisher of the *International Philatelist*, was married in Atchison, Kansas, on August 5th to Miss Fannie Johnson a society belle of that city. Bert has our best wishes for his future success.

The First Annual Convention of the Dominion Philatelic Association will be held Sept. 9th and 10th in Toronto. As this is the great Canadian Fair week reduced railroad rates can be secured from all points in Canada, a large gathering is expected.

Regarding Greene.

Our quasi sentimental poetic Roy Farrell Greene in the last number of the *Philatelic West* attempts an explanation of his refusal to turn over the philatelic library of the S. of P. He says that Lewis M. Lang who alleges a claim against the S. of P. told him to hold it, as he expected to take the liabrary in settlement of his claim. Greene knows full well that the present librarian should have custody of the library of over 4000 volumes and that Lang has no authority whatever in instructing him to hold it. If Lang has a claim he should attach the library and prove his alleged claim before the courts. Greene seems to have about 16 grains of sentimentality to 1 of good common sense business, but after all he may be good enough to preside over a large number of the P. S. of A.

No. 790.

"Church" Stamps.

A Chicago dealer who has been called down in the Philatelic papers for selling counterfeits and altered stamps, advertises in a western paper a few barrels of "church" stamps. We presume he will find fools enough to believe that they are "unsorted," "just as received, etc., but we wonder how long before the philatelic papers will refuse to insert at any price the advertisements of such dealers.

If the dealer mentioned above has "stamps to burn" we know of two at least of our correspondents who would be better off, if he had burnt stamps sent to them on approval before he sent them, and we think the dealer himself would also have avoided a great deal of trouble past and future. One of his latest schemes is to send selections on approval and claim on their return that stamps had been substituted. Two highly respected Boston dealers were charged with substituting stamps on his sheets.

The Purcell Envelopes.

I notice an advertisement of a neighbor of mine in the *Evergreen* in regard to the 5 cent die B 1894 envelope on amber and were it not for the fact that Editor French makes editorial mention of it I should hardly waste time in alluding to it. His statement that The Scott Co. ask 10c for the entire unused envelope is incorrect as they price only the used cut square specimen at 10c and do not price the entire or cut square unused. The advertiser would not own what he does except by a breach of confidence I placed in him, and I am acquainted with a party who owns full as many as he does, and showing the advertisement to a leading Boston dealer he handed to me 200 of the envelopes remarking "You can have the lot at 12c each." I know of several dealers who have refused to pay me over that sum, so that we hardly think any corner exists. The statement that the Purcel Co. gave up the contract is incorrect. They would forfeit a bond of $200,000 if they did. They made a sub-contract with the Plumpton-Morgan Co., the old contractors, and the die is in the hands of the government agent, but not in use and will not be, unless the old die should break or wear out and that is highly improbable. The number states as being printed, is nearly correct, 63,000 being printed on amber and 119,500 (instead of 119,000 as stated) on white paper. There were about 20,000 of the amber on hand when the E. S. P. advertiser obtained his 8000 and he afterwards sold half of those he bought to a collector friend who still has them. They were on sale at Washington. D. C., and Boston, Mass., until recently and as dealers have frequently used them for postage in writing to me, I judge that many of them secured a small stock at least.

While on the subject of the 5c envelope I will digress a little as possibly what I have to say may be new to many of the beginners. Entire envelopes are fast becoming popular among collectors and the study of die varieties, flaps, watermarks, sizes and gum is very interesting. Many however only collect the varieties of die and color of the ink. The envelopes made by Purcell at Holyoke, Mass., consisted of a limited number. The left flap lays over the right on the back, just the reverse of the Plimpton manufacture, and the impression is much clearer. The dies of the 2c and 4c are so nearly identical with the Plimpton dies that Scott makes us mention of them in the catalogue. The die of the 1c is also nearly identical with that of the Plimpton dies but by error the ink used in printing the 5c envelopes (vizi dark blue) was used in printing the 1 cent. But 100,000 were printed on white paper, 5,000 on amber paper, about 68,000 on manila paper and a small quantity of wrappers. Thus it will be seen that the amber is worth many times the catalogue value. It has been generally understood that the Purcell Co. printed all the 1c envelopes in dark blue. The writer however was surprised to find recently a small quantity in a New Hampshire post office printed in the regular color, light blue. These were on white paper. In looking over the large stock of our C. H. Stone, of Concord, N. H., I also came across a few of the same on amber paper also manila paper. They will of course be of interest only to collectors of the entire envelope unused, as with the exception of the flap as before mentioned, there would be a difficulty in distinguishing them from the regular Plimpton issue. The die of the 5c referred to in the beginning of this article is materially different from the Plimpton die in that the beard lays against the bust showing no neck, while the Plimpton shows the neck plainly. The "no neck" die will some day be quite scarce.

J. F. DODGE.

Jottings by the Way.

At New York we found the dealers and collectors were enthused with the plate-number collecting and all expressed their belief that it was not a temporary "fad" but a permanent branch of philately. As expected we found dealers doing but little business on account of the warm weather, that is, those dealers who make the "dull season" still more dull by cessation of advertising during the summer months.

Visiting Boston a few days later we found very much the same state of affairs. In both cities philatelic politics formed the chief topic of conversation. A large majority of those visited heed the same opinion as ourselves that no society should be run in the interests of any stamp-dealing firm or by self constituted politicians.

We enjoyed a pleasant outing at Salisbury Beach, Mass., at the convention of the New England Philatelic Association, where harmony reigned and practically the same board of officers were re-elected.

Continuing on our journey, we called on the genial Willis D. King of Manchester, N. H., who has philatelic treasures galore, but no time to sort them or arrange them in albums. Concord was our next stopping place where we enjoyed several days as the guest of Chas. H. Stone. Mr. Stone has a large and varied stock of entire unused envelopes and is still looking for other varieties. He also carries around in his pockets two or three books containing a few thousand dollars worth of good old U. S. adhesive issues and documents. His stock of plate numbers is also interesting. At Lakeport we were entertained by the veteran John M. Hubbard who published a stamp and coin paper called *The Curiosity World* several years ago. He showed us several sets of nearly all the departments in an unused condition that he purchared many years ago at 5 to 10% of their present value. His collection of U. S. adhesives is very nearly complete, he has also a revenue collection that would be envied by many, and his match and medicine collection is the best I have seen for a long time.

N. ROUT.

Philatelic Press.

Messrs. L. Beringer & A. Herbst of New York city announce that the initial number of the *New York Philatelist* a monthly magazine will appear on Sept. 1st. The subscription price will be 25 cents per year. They have our best wishes—and our sympathy.

The *Herald Exchange* is also announced to appear Sept. 1st, from New York city to be published by M. Taussig. It is intended as a medium for exchanges of stamps domestic and foreign. We trust it will be successful which can only be brought about by barring out doubtful and dishonest advertisers.

Fred B. Woolston has a verg good article entilted "On Different Things" in the *International Stamp*. Hash is very good food to a hungry man when the cook understands his business.

Edwards' Philatelic Price List No. 2 has been received and is quite a creditable production.

The Bay State Philatelist has a very sensible article on "Shades and Colors" and pleades for a universal color chart.

Bermuda and its Stamps.

A peculiar case in connection with the Colonies' issue has just come to my knowledge.

A short time ago a quantity of stamps in all respects an exact fac simile of the Bermuda present issue was received from Germany, at one of the post offices here. They were duly cancelled with the Bda cancelling stamp and mailed back again to the sender. What consideration was given to the canceller of these stamps I am unable to say. I am in correspondence with one of the leading philatelic firms in London, who have large business relations with the principal Continental dealers and hope to be able to get some specimens of the frauds in question. Should I succeed in so doing I will send you specimens of them and at the same time forward some to the Colonial Agent here in order that the office from which they emanate may be found out. I believe a question is shortly to be raised in the House of Assembly here. If so I will send you a copy of the article as reported in the local newspapers.

BERMUDA.

Italy and Some of her Stamps.

It has been asserted by some, that "Philatelia", or as it is sometimes called "The stamp craze", is of no benefit to anyone, save for the pastime, the rather doubtful pleasure of accumulating bits of colored paper, more or less soiled by ink and the lapse of time. Yet I think no one, who has ever given the subject much thought will commit this error. No student of the world's history will deny the fact, that these same bits of paper as surely commemorate great epochs, such as the rise and fall of nations and dynasties, the coronation and overthrow of kings and noted rulers, as do the costly monuments and magnificent structures crumbling beneath the finger of time, or destroyed by some victorious ruler to make room for some temple erected to *his* glory, which in due time to meet the same fate as its predecessor.

As an example, let us glance at the history of Italy. Italy, the seat of the greatest empire of antiqity, when the surrounding countries were plunged in the depths of barbarism and ignorance. Passing over the ancient history, so dear to the heart of every student of this most famous country; after the fall of the French empire in 1815, when Italy was partitioned by the Congress of Vienna into many divisions; the Lombardo-Venitian province being secured to Austria; the Papal States being placed under the control of the Pope; when the Kingdom of Naples (bearing the title of "The Two Sicilies"), was given over to the Spanish Bourbons; and the petty state of San Marino was allowed to remain an independent principally under the Grimaldis; passing over all these important events, we come to the period, when, after the French Rvolution of 1848, Charles Albert, King of Sardinia, became the avowed champion of Italian independence, but being defated by the Austrians at Novara in March, 1848, was compelled to abdicate his throne in favor of his son, Victor Emmanuel.

From this time Austrian and Papal domination was restored and the people writhed under their heavy yokes.

About this time, as the two nations, France and Austria, which seemed to have the most influence upon the fate of this unhappy country, had imitated the example of England and issued postage stamps, the former in 1849, the latter in 1850, it is evident that Italy also felt the need of the same, for an issue of three varieties, the 5c. black, 20c. blue and 40c. rose, was made. In 1853 a change was made in the three varities, and again in 1854. The 10c. and 80c. were added to the list in 1856–58. The Roman States also followed with a distinctive issue in 1859, bearing the insigna of the pope, the miter and keys.

Romagna too, issued stamps in 1859.

In this same year, Victor Emmanuel sought to free his country from her oppressors, forming an alliance with France against Austria, with the result, that on the 17th of March, 1860, he became the ruler of the New Kingdom of United Italy. By the Treaty of Peace, signed at Prague, Aug. 23, 1866, the last of the Austrian possessions in Italy were ceded to the Italian government, and on Oct. 9th, 1870, by the annexation of the Holy See, before known as the States of the Church, the Kingdom of Italy became consolidated as a whole. Hence no issues were made by the Roman States after 1868, and their stamps became obsolete, while the stamps of Italy, from 1862 to 1879, bear the profile of Victor Emmanuel.

He was succeeded at his death in 1878 by his son, as Humbert IV. All the stamps isued in his reign bear his portrait, except one variety in 1889, and one in 1891, the 5c. green these bear the arms of Italy upon their face. Some of the newspaper stamps, the unpaid letter stamps, and the Officials have for their designs numerals in various sizes and forms of arrangement. The Postal Packet stamps issued in 1884-87, bear the profile of Humbert.

LILLIE H. MURRAY.

Correspondence.

PIQUA, O., Aug. 10, 1896.

EDITOR AMERICAN COLLECTOR.

I have just received a copy of the *Philatelic West* for September, 1896, in which Mr. Roy Farrell Greene attempts to annihilate for your remarks *in re* the S. of P. library now in his hands.

In so doing he simply gives away his own illegal actions and publishes his own disregard for the constitution of the society of which he was once a very enthusiastic member.

He claims that he has been ordered by Mr. Lewis M. Lang to hold the library as a security for what the society owes him. Now this is an absolutely illegal action in two particulars.

1st. That he has a right to hold the library for the benefit of *any* member.

Art. III, Sec. 10, of the constitution explicitly states that "The Librarian shall hold in trust for the society, etc." Now that makes it just as plain as your nose on your face that his action is illegal.

2nd. That he had any right to accept the commands of Mr. Lang as to the disposal or otherwise of the library.

In any society of which I have been a member or of which I have known the constitutions the Trustees have the sole power of signifying as to the disposal of the property of said society.

Now, never at any time since the split has Mr. Lang been a Trustee or in fact any officer of the S. of P.

Therefore for Mr. Lang to seek to control the actions of Mr. Greene as to the property of the association was the height of impudence; and for Mr. Greene to accept the dictates of Mr. Lang was the height of disregard for the principles of right and honor.

If Mr. Greene is the man of honor he and his friends claim he is I do not see how he can retain the library any longer than necessary to find out who the Librarian for 1896-97 will be.

As soon as he sends the property of the Society to the person the Society designates as the one who should receive it I think his resignation should be accepted.

Respectfully

S. of P. 1313. A. E. LAYMAN.

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Two beautiful pictures entitled "Battle of Gettysburg," size 17x24 in. and "Mt. of the Holy Cross," size 20x28in. both post paid for 30 covered Phil. papers, in good condition. T. H. Gafford, Jr., Church Hill, Queen Anne's Co., Md.

Rifle, 2000 envelope stamps, 35 copies Southern Philatelist, 11 copies American Philatelist, 3 volumes Golden Hours for camera or stamps. John Holt, 1236 Adams-st., "F," Phila., Pa.

I want exchange and correspondence with collectors from all parts of the world. Geo. H. Saxe, Chazy, N. Y., U. S. A.

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Dealer's Directory.

A 2 or 3 line advertisement under this head, $1.50 for 12 insertions; extra lines 50c.

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EMMERT, W. H., New Oxford, Pa. Approval sheets at 25 and 50% discount. Send reference.

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	303, 1½d	20
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	306, 1½d	15
Brazil	408, 80+80 reis	16
	412, 40 "	5
	413, 40+40 "	10
	422, 40 "	4
	423, 40+40 "	8
	..... 80 "	7
	424, 80+80 "	12
	519, 80 reis, Letter Card	12
	520, 80 " "	10
	537, 100 " "	8
	538, 200 " "	15
Brit. Guiana	306, 2 on 3c	15
Bulgaria	213, 5 stot. (Exhibition)	8
Canada	407, 1+1c (error)	3 50
Cape G. Hope	408, ½ on 1d	10
Ceylon	627, 2 on 3c	6
	628, 2+2c (rare)	4 50
	629, 2+2c	10
Colombia	906, 2c	15
	913, 2+2c	25
Cuba	301, 25c	30
	302, 25c	1 00
Curacao	155, 7½ on 12¼c	65
Gambia	153, 1 on 4½d	50
	154, 1+1 on 1½+1½d	60
Gibraltar	150, 5c on ½d	1 25
Gt. Britain	923, 3d	20
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	211, 2c "	12
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The Old Lakeport (N. H.) Philatelists.

Philatelic affairs in Lakeport and vicinity are again beginning to look more encouraging. There was a time when our city could boast of being the "Philatelic Centre" of New Hampshire. We then had a society, the old New Hampshire Philatelic Society, and at that time we published three stamp journals. *The Stamp Collector's Journal*, published by Henry Cole Quimby and Sydney Conant; *The New Hampshire Philatelist*, published by Charles Simpson and C. S. Gilman; and another journal published by L. B. Martin & Co. All of these journals, although not very large in size, had circulations of from three to five thousand copies each month.

Through factional manœuvering the N. H. P. S. was broken up, and all interest in stamp matters, by its members, was apparently lost, the publishing of the local stamp journals was suspended, and but little has been heard from Lakeport during the past three years. Perhaps many of our old friends in Philately would like to learn of our whereabouts, and to know why we are and have been so quiet in regard to philatelic matters.

John Marion Hubbard, whose portrait appears on this page, was born at Watertown, Mass., Feb. 13th, 1862. While an infant his parents moved to New Hampton, N. H., staying there until 1875, then again moving to Bristol, N. H. It was here while attending the high school in '75 that John caught the "stamp fever" and he is still in its clutches. In 1876 he removed to Lake Village, now Lakeport, N. H., his present residence. Here he attended the public schools, after which he learned the grocery business, at which he spent about three years. He then entered the office of the *Daily Tocsin* at Laconia, N. H., in 1882, where he mastered the printer's trade. In September of that year he began to publish *The Granite State Philatelist*, a monthly devoted to collectors of stamps, coins, etc. Its size varied from eight to sixteen pages, and files of it can no doubt be found in the libraries of many of our philatelic literature collectors. In 1883 be gave up the printing business and bought out the store of J. M. Ward for whom he had worked in 1880. In 1884 he found that he had too much business on his hands, and he therefore sold his paper, after publishing twenty-six numbers, to Thomas Coke Watkins, who changed the name to *The Empire State Philatelist*. He still kept up an interest in stamps, and in September, 1886, he began to publish *The Curiosity World*, of which he was both editor and publisher. It was a large finely printed monthly devoted to all branches of collecting, and it met with such success that a year later he changed it to a semi-monthly, and at that time it was the only semi-monthly, of its class, published. This paper was afterwards consolidated with *Plain Talk* of New York City, which is not published now. Mr. Hubbard, since then, has dealt largely in stamps, but at present buys more than he sells. He is constantly adding to his collection which numbers at present 700 varieties. He also has a very fair collection of Indian relics, coins, continental and Confederate money, and fractional currrency, and is considered an authority upon those subjects as well as upon matters pertaining to philately.



Sincerely Yours,
J. M. Hubbard.

Mr. Hubbard now has a large retail shoe store, being one of the oldest shoe dealers in the city. He is a single man, his family consisting of himself and mother. He is the fortunate possessor of an excellent library, which contains many rare volumes of philatelic publications.

He is No. 1534 of the Sons of Philatelia, a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, also of the Pilgrim Fathers, and New England Order of Protection.

Mr. Hubbard, though still a young man, is widely known among collectors of all kinds. Rare indeed is the collector who has not, at some time or another, had one of his numerous hand-books, which publications, though small, exert a great influence in keeping up an interest which in the aggregate is very large.

Now Mr. Hubbard has another scheme, which will no doubt create much in local interest stamp collecting. He has a new Henry F. Miller piano which he is going to give to the person receiving the largest number of votes on Dec. 31, '96. A vote is given with each cash 10c purchase also for every 100 used stamps of any description. With each vote a foreign stamp of more or less value will be given away. Much interest is being manifested in the contest, and probably John will give away eighteen to twenty five thousand stamps. He is always ready to give what information he can in regard to stamp matters and is always using his influence to advance our cause.

Henry Cole Quimby who next to Mr. Hubbard has the largest collection in this city, graduated from Harvard College in ninety-four and from Harvard Law School one year later. After being admitted to the Massachusetts bar he entered the law office of Joseph Choate in New York City where he now is.

Wellington L. Woodworth has a fair sized collection and is constantly adding to it. He now enjoys a good position as cashier of the National Bank of Lakeport. He was one of the chief owners in the W. & W. Stamp Co., and was at one time a regular contributor and associate editor of the *Collector's Stamp Journal*.

Charles L. Simpson, who was at one time connected with more stamp enterprises than any other man in this city ever has been, he being associated with the writer in publishing the *New Hampshire Philatelist*, president of the Gilford and Lakeport Stamp Companies,and chief owner of C. L. Simpson & Co., has entirely given up collecting, has got married, and now with the help of the proprietor manages a grocery establishment in our city.

Sydney Conant who, with Henry Cole Quimby published the *Collector's Stamp Journal*, and was also president of the Belknap Stamp Co., has left our city and now has a position in a drug store in Boston.

Daniel O. Webster has just graduated from Tilton Seminary, taking high honors, and winning many prizes, is now in Lakeport, and intends to enter Brown University in the fall. He was President of the old N. H. P. S. for a long time, and was associated with W. L. Woodworth under name of W. & W. Stamp Co.

H. O. Roberts and L. B. Martin were at one time enthusiasts, and both, now have very good positions in our city. H. A. Rublee formerly an active dealer has recently taken unto himself a wife, and now has given up stamps entirely. He lives here now and has a flourishing little business in the line of "Bicycle Repairing."

L. B. Lamping, perhaps not as well known among philatelists as the others, removed to Lynn, and after a few years residence there, died last fall after a protracted illness.

Edwin A. Philbrick has been very active in the art of stamp collecting until within a few months. He is now critically ill suffering with Pulmonary Tuberculosis, and news of his demise is expected at any moment. His death will be a blow to Philately in this vicinity as well as to the community in general.

As far as the writer is concerned, he has been very busy during the past four years in the study of Medicine. He graduated from the Baltimore, Md., College in class of '96 and has now opened an office at home, for the practice of medicine and has no doubt but that he will have plenty of time to devote to stamps, while waiting for patients.

There are a great many new recruits in the field now, and every effort is being made by the older collectors to advance our cause. C. S. GILMAN M. D.

[Since the above has been written we have been notified that Mr. Philbrick died August 19th.—Ed.]

A Beginner's Puzzles.

There are many puzzles to be solved by an interested beginner in Philately, who having examined the "treasures" of an enthusiastic friend, straightway absorbs some of that enthusiasm, and start a collection of his own. All goes well for a time. The garret and other out-of-the way places give up their long hidden correspondence of by-gone days, thereby furnishing stamps to fill many vacant spaces in his album. Friends contribute from their epistolic stores, and soon he commences to invest his spare change in "Approval sheets." Having acquired with much patience and perseverance, a collection of several hundred varieties, of which he is pardonably proud, he begins to hear whispers of "Reprints, Seebecks and counterfeits." These whispers at last become so audible that he hastens to an advanced philatelist for information, and is told to study, study hard, and he will soon know all about these matters.

Study, oh, yes, that sounds easy. Now let us see how it really works, His Philatelic text books consists of two or three price-lists, (in some cases, Scott's 56th edition of the Standard Catalogue of the Postage Stamps of the World,) a few magazines and papers, usually "sample copies." His income will not allow him to invest much in this way, so with this limited out-fit he begins to study.

Soon he finds a statement by one writer that "colorless, crackly gum, is an infallible test of Reprints;"and having been told that his Hamburgs,Heligolands, Roman States, etc., are Reprints,he goes through his collection to give the statement a protracted test. He does not find it on all of his Reprints, and he does find it on some that are considered genuine and that are in use for postage at the present time. This same writer also said to beware of stamps that look as if the gum had been unevenly spread over the back, wiped on, so to speak, but on some of his unused Columbians it looked as if it had been applied with a white-wash brush.

Another writer said, "Collect only cancelled stamps for they are sure to be genuine," while still another advises the beginner to "Collect only unused varieties, as they present a much more beautiful appearance and will, of course, become more valuable; besides the cancelling devices are often counterfeited, thus rendering the stamps worthless. No rules can be given for detecting these counterfeits, but study, and you will soon become an expert in their discovery."

What a brilliant flood of light is shed upon the subject! What a vast fund of information he has acquired!!

His experience with dealers is no better; their sheets are filled with Reprints, for some of them consider the beginner

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Another puzzle that perplexes the beginner is the class of stamps called "Seebecks." He is told that they are used for postage, but must be shunned by collectors because they were issued for speculation. Even articles of food and the necessaries of life are used for speculation. Shall we condemn all things for that reason? The price-lists and even Scott's 53th edition give him no information as to what they really are, or from what countries they emanate, but list them with the best of stamps, so he fails to understand why they are not collectable stamps if they are legitimately used for postage through the mails.

He also finds a decided tendency among collectors, particularly "specialists," to designate all out-side of their respective "lines," trash, or to consider it of little value, forgetting that each one has the right to his own opinion, and to make his own choice in this matter.

Another point does not tend to lessen the complication. He finds that the advanced philatelist is adverse to giving information to a beginner, that questions are answered evasively, or in such a manner as to make them no clearer than before. Why is this? Since the beginner of today will be the expert philatelist of the future, why not aid him to become all that the term applies?

LILLIE H. MURRAY.

Nebraska Philatelic Society Convention.

The fifth annual meet of the N. P. S. was held in Omaha Sept. 1st. President Wilkinson called the meeting together at 10 P. M. The reports of the various officers were heard and approved. The report of the exchange Superintendent being especially fine. The case of W.D. Garlock was then taken up. After considerable discussion he was expelled upon motion of Mr. Thurston.

The credential committee reported the following officers elected:

President, Fred B. Woolston; Vice President, W. B. Hopson; Sec-Treasurer, C. L. Thurston; Exchange Sup't, S. P. Hughes; Auction Mgr. E. L. Platz; Librarian, R. L. Shepard; Counterfeit Detector, E. W. Fitt; Attorney, H. A. Cheney; Purchasing, Agent, H. E. Bennet; Trustees, Hopson, Thurston and Pyburn.

Mr. Higday proposed a stamp exhibit at the next state fair. Steps were taken to try to secure the '98 conventions for Omaha. The Trans-Mississippi Exposition will be open at that time. Votes of thanks were given Mr. F. T. Shepard for his short hand report of the convention and Mr. Parmalee for the use of his store.

FRED. B. WOOLSTON.

Frank L. Van Dermark.

Frank L. Van Dermark, familiarly called "Van" by his many friends, whose portrait appears herewith, was born in New York City in February 1872 and at the early age of 8 began to collect stamps, but soon afterward his interest flagged to be renewed in 1891 and has continued with increasing activity since that time. In addition to a fine general collection of over 3000 varieties, he takes a special interest in entires and foreign revenues. He is also making a



FRANK L. VAN DERMARK.

study of Bank Checks with U.S. Revenue stamps printed thereon, and an essay from his pen was read and highly commended at the convention of the Michigan Philatelic Society, and same appears in the *Michigan Philatelist* for September 1896. He has contributed several meritorious articles to the philatelic press. Last spring he sold an unused 4d rose on bluish Great Britain watermarked medium garter 1856 issue for $102.

"Van" runs a printing office and has an interest in the Van Stamp Co., of Alden, Mich., where he resides. Since 1893 he has been an active members of the Sons of Philatelia and at the recent convention at Gettysburg was elected auction manager, and will no doubt make this department a grand success. We say this without prejudice to the retiring manager, Mr. Kelland whose poor health would not permit of the close attention it deserved yet carried it on to the eminent satisfaction of the membership. Mr. Van Dermark is a charter member of the Michigan Philatelic Society and has just been elected its treasurer.

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EDITOR'S EASY CHAIR.

DON'T KICK

MOTTO BUTTONS are all the rage at present and the one shown herewith very ably expresses our wish to subscribers. We know we have too many advertisements this month for our size, but we will have 12 pages next month which will make up the deficency in the reading this month. We did not expect to have over three pages of ads. but after some of the copy had gone to the printers we unexpectedly received two pages of ads. which had to appear.

NEXT month many improvements will be made in our paper one of which will be a fine engraved heading, designed by Rev. W. A. Carver, S. of P. 1555, of Dillsburg, Pa.

THE stamp business this season will be uncommonly brisk as will be noticed by the large number of dealers who are already contracting for advertising sapce. Competition will make low prices, although the new catalogues will show a decided advance in prices in the majority of stamps, especially U. S.

IN our first issue we published an article about the proposed Bermuda Official stamps stating from good authority that there was no need of such and that there was no probability that they would be issued. We had special inquiry made and have found that Official stamps will be issued about October. They will be for the use of officers commanding regiments abroad and will frank letters to any part of the Kingdom. At this date we are unable to say if they will be of a new design or if the present issue of postage stamps will be surcharged as usual in other colonies.

A MISTAKE was made last month in regard to Mr. Georges Carion. A warrant had been issued for his arrest but same was not served as it was found that none of the stamps had been substituted as charged by Mr. Schiller. Always think twice before you speak once is a good adage.

The Columbian Philatelist for August 20 is just being mailed as we go to press, Considering the fact that Mr. Dodge is in poor health and got the magazine together while on a visit to the editor. Especial credit is due him for its neat appearance and unusual size (16 pages and cover). Two articles are copied from the last A. C. Mr. Dodge's health is slightly improved, but his natural activity will not allow him to let business alone and take the rest that he needs. He will remain in this vicinity a few weeks longer.

THE Philatelic Conventions of 1896 are things of the past and all of them passed off very quietly showing a marked difference to some of those last year. We sincerely hope that those "Philatelic political campaigns will cease now forever as they are a great harm, not only to the societies, but to Philately in general as they cause many collectors to become disgusted with this tiresome bickering.

IN connection with the above we desire to say that we have received a large contract from Mr. J. C. Miller, who by the way is no relation whatever to the editor as a great many think, in fact we never had the pleasure of meeting him personally.

He gave us a trial half-page ad. for July and August and was so well pleased with the results that he has engaged the last page for one year commencing with this number.

MR. JOHN M. HUBBARD, whose portrait appears on the first page of this issue, published the *Curiosity World* in 1886 which was the first stamp paper I ever saw. The editor had been collecting, or gathering, stamps for many years before but was not aware that any other person was interested in the pursuit, until one day late in the fall in reading a U. S. Postal Guide, I noticed Mr. Hubbards advertisement of the *Curiosity World*, a monthly devoted to stamps, coins, natural history, etc., I sent for a sample copy and a short time after I placed an exchange notice therein, and the first foreign stamp I received from it it came from Louisville, Kentucky. F. N. Massoth, Jr., then of Hanover Centre, Ind., was one of the first dealers I patronized; he is still in business in Chicago.

Shortly after Mr. W. H. Emmert, of New Oxford, who had been collecting since '69, learned that I was a collector and called; many exchanges was made and stamps took a big boom in this section.

A few years later Dr. Russell of Hanover, was discovered to be a collector since the '70s. He commenced collecting in England where he said every boy collected, and stamps were exchanged according to beauty. He had no idea that stamps had a stipulated value and only a few weeks before we made his acquaintance his bookblack asked him for a few stamps and among the number given him was a fine 5c Mobile.

Where there was one collector in this section ten years ago there is now a dozen and every year adds many new recruits.

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Bona-fide Exchange Notices of 30 words or less will be inserted once for 10 cents. Three times for 25 cents. Notices containing over 30 words and not more than 50 will cost 15 cents for one insertion or four times for 50 cents. Notices offering articles for sale or cash, or offering to purchase for cash cannot be inserted under this head.

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" " 3c red outer line		20
" " 10c green		35
" 1861 1c blue		03
" 1862 15c black		40
" 1868 1c blue 9x13		75
" 1869 2c brown		10
" 1872 2c brown, Nat		03
" " 12c purple "		50
" " 30c black "		50
" "90c carmine "		75
* " 1873 3c green, Conf. no gum		30
" " 7c vermilion, Conf		35
" " 10c brown "		04
" " 12c purple "		50
" " 3c green, ribbed paper		75
* " 1875 1c blue, no gum		25
* " " 2c green, no gum		15
* " " 15c orange, o. g		50
" " 30c black		15
* " 1882 1c blue, no gum		05
* " " 3c green "		06
* " 1888 4c carmine, o. g		10
" " 30c puce brown		35
" 1890 30c black		10
" " 90c orange		55
* " 1893 3c green, Col		06
* " " 6c purple "		09
* " " 15c green "		20
* " 1894 1c ultramarine		07
* " " 2c pink		07
* Antigua, ½d green		06
* " 1d red CA 14		08
" 2½d blue		18
" 4d brown		35
Argentine Rep., 1878 24c roul		06
" 1892 12c blue		02
* Bermuda 1865 6d violet C C inverted		25
* " 1873 1sh green 12½x14		40
" 1880 ½d brown		04
* " " 4d orange		14
" " 4d orange		05
* " 1884-93 ½d green		02
* " " 2d brown violet		06
" " 2½d blue		02
* " " 1sh bistre		08
* " " 3d gray		38
British North Borneo 1c on 5c gray		08
Bechuanaland Protetorate ½d slate		05
Canada 1853 3d red, thin wove p		25
" 1859 1c pink		08
" " 5c vermilion		04
" " 10c violet		35
" " 12½c green		27
" 1868 3c red		03
*Ceylon 1892 3c on 4c violet rose		07
*Costa Rica 1883 40c blue		25
*Cuba 25 varieties, value over $2		65
Great Britain 1882 Official ½d slate		08
*Grenada 1883 ½d green		05
* " " 2½d blue		18
* " " 4d gray		30
* " " 6d mauve		45
* " " 8d bistre		2 50
*Hawaii 1893 1c violet Prov		18
* " " 1c blue "		14
* " " 1c green "		02
* " " 2c brown "		20
* " " 2c violet "		04
* " " 5c black blue Prov		20
* " " 10c vermilion "		28
* " " 12c black "		25
* " 1894 1c yellow		02
* " " 5c red		07

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57th Edition

(1897)

Of Our Standard

Postage Stamp Catalogue

Is now in preparation and will be ready for delivery before January 1st, next. The general get up of the Catalogue will be about the same as our last edition, and the chief changes will be in the prices of the stamps, which will reflect the present market quotations.

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40 finely ass. Mex. post stamps, to retail at	2c each	$ 80
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15	15c	2 25
10	20c	2 00
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1c Telegraph		03	1.00 Passage Ticket	3	50	1.90	"			2	25
2c Certificate		25	1.00 Power of Attorney		02	2.00	"				30
2c Express		01	1.00 Probate of Will		45	2.50	"				20
2c Playing Card		15	1.30 Foreign Exchange		65	3.00	"				65
same, orange		60	1.50 Inland "		02	3.50	"			3	00
2c Proprietary		1½	1.60 Foreign "		90	5.00	"				40
3c Foreign Exchange		01	1.90 " "		60	10.00	"			2	00
3c Playing Card	4	50	2.00 Conveyance		08	20.00	"			10	00
3c Proprietary		02	2.00 Mortgage		08	25.00	"			7	50
3c Telegraph		05	2.00 Probate of Will		60	50.00	"			8	00
4c Inland Exchange		01	2.50 Inland Exchange		05	200.00	" " " and green		55	00	
4c Playing Card	4	25	3.00 Charter Party		15	500.00	" " " " red		80	00	
4c Proprietary		03	3.00 Manifest		15	THIRD ISSUE.					
5c Express		1½	3.50 Inland Exchange		90	1c Black and Claret					65
5c Playing Card		30	5.00 Charter Party		12	4c " " Brown					45
5c Proprietary		50	5.00 Conveyance		12	5c " " Orange					0½
6c Inland Exchange		03	5.00 Manifest	1	25	6c " " "					45
6c Proprietary	15	00	5.00 Mortgage		30	15c " " Brown					20
10c Bill of Lading		1½	5.00 Probate of Will		45	30c " " Orange					25
10c Foreign Exchange		15	10.00 Charter Party		50	40c " " Brown					35
10c Proprietary		75	10.00 Conveyance	1	65	60c " " Orange					30
15c Foreign Exchange		25	10.00 Mortgage		70	70c " " Green					30
20c Foreign Exchange		40	10.00 Probate of Will		60	$1.00 " " "					02
25c Bond		05	15.00 Mortgage	3	50	2.00 " " Vermilion					25
25c Entry of Goods		01	20.00 Conveyance	1	65	2.50 " " Green					30
25c Life Insurance		08	20.00 Probate of Will	15	00	3.00 " " Vermilion					65
25c Protest		08	25.00 Mortgage	2	00	5.00 " " "					30
25c Warehouse Receipt		30	50.00 U. S. I.	2	50	10.00 " " Green			2	25	
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50c Lease		25	3c "		18	3c " " "					03
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50c Passage Ticket		12	5c "		01	5c " " "					90
50c Probate of Will	1	00	6c "	1	10	6c " " "					40
50c Surety Bond		02	10c "		0½	10c " " "					50
60c Inland Exchange		04	15c "		25	50c " " "			10	00	
70c Foreign Exchange		04	20c "		15	3c Orange					02
$1.00 Conveyance		08	30c "		60	4c Red Brown					02
1.00 Entry of Goods		1½	40c "		30	5c Black			1	25	
1.00 Foreign Exchange		1½	60c "		40	6c Blue					12
1.00 Inland Exchange		0½	70c "		35	6c Violet					55
1.00 Lease		03	$ 1.00 "		1½	10c Blue			5	00	

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The American Collector

Suaviter in modo, fortiter in re.

Vol. 1. New Series | Piney Creek, Maryland, October, 1896. | No. 4.

There was a man in a neighboring town,
And he was wondrous wise;
He sent his "Sub" in early
And began to advertise;
And when he found his stamps all sold,
He took an early train—
With cash in hand, down to New York,
He stocked up fresh again.

John E. Zahn.

Colorado boasts of a number of philatelists who have a national reputation, among whom none are more widely and favorably known than Mr. J. E. Zahn, publisher and editor-in-chief of that gem among philatelic publications — the *Rocky Mountain Stamp*. That Mr. Zahn is worthy of the prominence he enjoys in the stamp-world all who know him will cheerfully attest. He is an unequivocal success when considered either as a philatelic writer, as editor, business manager or dealer. We believe his business qualifications are such that he would readily achieve distinction and success in any field he might enter. Mr. Zahn is a native of Chicago and it is difficult to believe that he has seen less than 30 years of life, appearing, as he does, a man of more mature years and experience. Mr. Zahn was confidential book-keeper and credit man in one of the largest mercantile establishments of his native city for some years.

In 1890 he came to Colorado and has since resided in Denver.

Being a fine accountant he has many demands upon his skill from the mercantile houses in that city; his time however is now fully occupied in the affairs of his firm—Pierce and Zahn.

In 1893 this firm was organized to carry on a book and stamp business. Mr. Pierce, the senior member is a veteran book-seller and the pioneer stamp dealer of Denver, he having established the business in 1882. Pierce and Zahn have a commodious store in the business heart of Denver on Seventeenth street, filled to overflowing with a large stock of rare and valuable books, coins, autographs, stamps and collectors' supplies. It is a treat to spend a spare hour among their reasures and chat with the genial Pierce or indulge in stamp-talk with the subject of our sketch.

Mr. Zahn has been very active in Philatelic society affairs and is a member of all the leading societies.



John E. Zahn.

He was the organizer and first President of the Queen City Philatelic Society and has recently been elected vice president of the Sons of Philatelia. It is, however, as the publisher and editor of the elegant organ of the Q.C.P.S. the—*Rocky Mountain Stamp*, that Mr. Zahn is best known to his brother philatelists, and the fame of this publication is not confined between the boundaries of the U. S. A.

Personally our friend is a good man to meet and to know. He is of medium height, slender and just good looking enough. He is a man of fine mental balance, quiet and self possessed, well informed and capable of telling what he knows. He has a most charming, domestic life partner but as yet has shown no disposition to do anything for posterity—thinking no doubt that posterity has never yet done anything for him—but then he is young yet and we must not judge too hastily.

EDW. H. HALL.

A SIDE LINE.

At the convention held at Niagara Falls in 1894 Mr. G. D. Mekeel exhibited a collection of entire covers that had come to him in the course of his correspondence while acting as Purchasing agent for the A. P. A.

The collection must have numbered into the hundreds and many high values were included. It made a unique and extremely interesting exhibit.

The thought came to me I would enjoy a similar one provided all the wrappers come addressed to me. It would be a satisfactory volume to hand to a noncollecting friend and say "Here is the cover of a message from every stamp issuing country of the present day on the globe."

It would cause no great outlay of time or cash and in times to come might show many rare stamps in the most valuable state of preservation, that is, on the original cover.

Among those already in my possession which formed a nucleus for the collection was a pretty block of six ½ pence black Canadians, on a square dark blue envelope, received from that "famous" Geo. Warren while located in Toronto. This specimen is extremely interesting (to me) as it cost about $20.

A friend in Honolulu had prepaid a letter with a strip of eight of the, at that that time current issue, five cent dark blue, which has since proved to be the rare dark blue shade.

The Orange Free States were represented by a cover that cost the sender about three dollars. Those that had been left in the package by the vandals through whose hands it had passed while in transit, were a block of six yellow one shillings and two strips of three each rare six pences.

A dealer in Tobago had used a registered letter envelope—two pence value, which when cut to show both sides made a nice appearance.

The "Commissione del Publico Palazzo" of San Marino had kindly sent me a circular concerning their new issue, which bore a five cent gray and a 20 cent vermilion.

While at the World's Fair I had mailed home through the World's Fair Station an envelope addressed to myself, bearing the low denomination Columbian stamps. This, with an official envelope with black "Postal Service" in white, from the P. O. Department gave Uncle Sam a representation.

A fellow collector in Yokahoma, Japan, had sent me both of the silver anniversary stamps on one cover.

I regretted having cut up for my collection a short time before a cover received from the French office at Caralla, Turkey, which bore their entire series.

I have since added many from "Far off Chinese" and "Isles of the Seas" and have them mounted in a substantial scrap book, with a single line ruled in ink around each specimen for a border and the name of their native land neatly printed above.

I have to me a very interesting side line. ELK.

THE COLLECTION OF PAPER MONEY.

In this age of plagiarism and imitative tendences it is a well-known fact that originality is at a premium. The truthfulness of this proposition is plainly apparent in all phases of life, both in each and every branch of learning, and in all the various professions by which the world obtains its livelihood. Individuals and society in general tire and weary of the routine and sameness of life, and consequently everything which has the least savor of originality about it is hailed with interest and satisfaction.

In no other pursuit will a greater lack of originality be found, than in philatelic journalism. This is a fact which is only too evident and is an unfortunate state of affairs greatly to be deplored, for which no remedy has as yet been discovered. Philately is after all only a small field for the writer and unless he is a person of prolific resources and great versatility, sooner or later he will be pushed for a subject and it will be some time before one will suggest itself on which he is capable of writing. Thus the different sides and various phases of our hobby or science have been discussed to such an extent, that at the present time they are rather hackneyed and have called forth the paraphrastic proverb from one of our best known authors, that "reiteration is the thief of space."

It is on account of this fact that the writer has chosen this subject. Not that it is so very original, not because of its great importance, but for the simple reason that it is out of the usual path and the accustomed rut. Moreover, it is desired to set forth the various benefits and advantages of a hobby or pursuit which although little known, is nevertheless one from which much instruction, as well as pleasure, may be obtained.

The collecting of paper money is of quite recent origin. Of late years, however, it has sprung into existence and seems to be on the whole quite popular. This fact is attested by the numerous advertisements of old bank-bills, which are seen from time to time in our philatelic journals, and the various collections of which there is no mean number and which are well worthy of inspection by every stamp collector or anyone interested at all in philately. In considering this question, of course it will be understood that obsolete paper money is meant; bills which are practically valueless, the banks or Governments issuing them having ceased to exist. Otherwise we would all be paper-money collectors, for there are few indeed whose lives and actions are not actuated to a greater or less degree by the "almighty dollar."

The objection may be raised that this species of collecting has no connection with philately whatever, but if the matter is carefully considered, the natural conclusion which must necessarily be arrived at, is that there are the strongest relations existing between the postage stamps and the greenback. For in the first place they both represent the same thing, one however to a greater extent than the other, and in regard to their functions or powers they are vertually the same, only the former is limited while the latter is not. Both the bank bill and the postage stamp are paper money, the only distinction being that the use of the latter is confined to postal affairs. Thus we find that the money certificate is closely related to the little pieces of paper which we collect, and certainly it of necessity predominates when the practical side of the question is considered.

One of the chief arguments which a stamp collector would, no doubt, bring forth in conversing with a non-collector on the delights of his hobby, would be the artistic advantages, the benefit arising from studying the designs and classifying the colors of the various stamps in which he is particularly interested. Therefore after a careful comparison it must be admitted that from an artistic standpoint, the green-back totally surpasses the postage stamp. For in the latter there is only a comparatively small space for anything of a good design, while in the bank bill, the space being so much larger, there is ample opportunity for the engravers to display his artistic talents, which, as can easily be seen, is by no means neglected. The modern, or any money certificate is a model of artistic skill, containing as it does a picture-gallery in the notable persons whose features are there displayed. Many other beautiful designs as for instance of buildings, steamships, various animals, and scenes of different natures will be found portrayed on these pieces of paper which represent the currency of a country. Then also the interlacing lines and scrolls and the excellent shading is something which to a large degree is found wanting in the postage stamp, and consequently we must conclude that artistically, this kind of collecting is far ahead of philately.

Another important consideration, which should not be overlooked, is that in every bank bill, there are generally the signatures of two personages high in favor with the state and country, so that the paper money collector has the double advantage of possessing a collection of autographs, sometimes of those who have played an important part in the world's history. Of course the signatures are in reality only facsimiles of the originals, but even that does not detract very much from their interest and value.

Considered from an historical standpoint the dollar bill is one of the best and most important means for the recording of history, and is often the silent but potent witness of some stirring event in the annals of a country. Take for instance a bank bill issued by the Confederate States of America. What a world of meaning it contains, with what recollections is it fraught, and how much more does it convey that meaning and those recollections to the mind of the ordinary individual than would a postage stamp of that same republic. Let it be understood that the merit of the postage stamp in this respect is not to be doubted for by means of these small colored effigies much history may be learned, but nevertheless in comparison with the money certificate the adhesive must assuredly give way to its acknowledged superior.

It is not likely that paper money collecting will advance very materially, owing to the comparatively small number of varieties. Even if possible it would not be desirable for our own hobby, philately, demands our first and greatest attention having as it does its own peculiar claims and attractions. This species of collecting is nevertheless closely

allied to philately, constitutes a most charming specialty, and has quite a number of devotees which from present appearances is being increased. As an index to a stamp collection it fills a most pleasing and appropriate place and to those interested forms a facinating and satisfactory pursuit.

THE PHILATELIC PRESS.

The rumor last month that the *International Philatelist* and *International Stamp* would be consolidated with the *Rocky Mountain Stamp* proved to be without foundation. All the papers will continue as of yore, except Mr. L. G. Lambert has sold his interest in the *International Stamp* to Mr. Martin who will hereafter issue it monthly instead of semi-monthly from Minneapolis.

Many new papers are announced to appear in the near future among them is the *Kentucky Philatelist*, which is to be out October 15th with Howard Burba, of Hodgenville, Ky., as editor and publisher. It will consist of eight 6x9 pages and will be devoted to those who are just beginning to collect stamps.

Mr. T. H. Gafford, Jr., of Church Hill, Md., states that he will issue No. 1 of the *Maryland Philatelist*, on October 10th. It is to be one of the prettiest philatelic papers published, being printed on fine calandered paper with enameled pea green cover, and contain portraits of numerous philatelists.

The *Home Worker*, of Knoxville, Tenn., for Aug.-Sept., was filled principally with notes from various places and the doings of the Knoxville Philatelic Society, of which it is the Official Journal. If the publishers would have had ads. printed on the second, third and fourth pages of the cover instead of leaving them blank, they could have given their readers three more pages of reading matter.

The *Monthly Bulletin* of the Postal Card Society of America, double up for August and September, as Editor Lohmeyer said the heat was too great during the day and it appeared too much like an attempt at premeditated suicide to do editorial work by gaslight. To make up for the delay he gives us six pages of good news about Postal Cards.

Philatelic Facts announces its discontinuance with the August number, owing to its inability to secure second-class rates, and offers its self for sale "to some one who will put up a few plunks," each of which must be worth 100 cents to the the dollar—53 cent dollars not accepted.

In the same number they announce a new semi-monthly to be known as the *Western Stamp* to appear as soon as they can secure the necessary material.

A number of new papers have appeared since our last issue among the number we have seen is the *New York Philatelist*, the *Kentucky Philatelist*, the *Philatelic Advocate*, the *Western Stamp* and the *Eastern Stamp*. The *New York Philatelist* is the largest and best and the *Eastern Stamp* the smallest and neatest.

A great improvement in the typographical appearance is noticeable in the Sept. *Pennsylvania Stamp*. Its contents is composed of notes and short items, with the official reports of the Philatelic Literature Society and Pennsylvania Philatelic Association.

The *Columbian Philatelist* for Sept. is out and contains among other things the portrait and biography of our genial friend, Wm. H. Emmert of New Oxford, Pa. also quite a humorous soliloquy on the late conventions. One thing in the *C. P.* we cannot admire is the inserting of advertisements in the body of the paper among the reading matter.

The *Southern Philatelist* has become quite a staid old journal. The bright and breezy notes which used to fill its pages are now no longer seen. We wonder if the cares of married life have quenched the fires of our once Philatelic Bill Nye?

The Sept. *International Philatelist* is a very great improvement over former numbers in every respect; good quality paper, heavy cover, better press work and contents far above that of any previous issues.

The *Philatelic Newsletter* has again appeared from Minneapolis; this time under the management of a stock company composed of a dozen or more prominent philatelists in different parts of the U. S. With the backing it has we hope to see it appear more regularly in the future than in the past.

The number (Sept.) before us is filled principally with a report of the A. P. A. or American Philatelic Society, as they term it.

After a lapse of almost two years we are favored with a copy of the *American Philatelic Magazine*. We knew it at first sight from the color of the cover and get up. The contents which were always good and interesting has not degenerated.

The *Boston Stamp Book* for Oct. is an exceedingly interesting number. The article on "Counterfeit U. S. Stamps" is especially worthy of mention, space alone prohibits us from reprinting it. Samuel N. Watson, M. D., contributes a very good article on the "Legal History of the U. S. Revenues."

The Sept. *Canadian Philatelic Magazine* appears with an engraved cover and contains the official report of the First Annual Convention of the Dominion Philatelic Association, an article on U. S. Revenues reprinted from the *Philatelic Californian* and several short article; "A Variety of the U. S. 1861 Issue," "Nova Scotia Remainders," etc.

The *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* of London, England, is devoting considerable space to the Nova Scotia remainders which were found a short time ago and placed on the market which has caused the price of of those stamps to drop 75% or more. The number found ranges according to different authorities from 200,000 to 760,000, the values being 1, 2, 8½, 10 and 12½c. No 5c ones were among the find.

THE ADVANCING OF PRICES IN CANADIAN STAMPS.

U. S. stamps excepted, no stamps have shown such a rise in price as our beautiful British North America issues. Looking over several magazines of 1889, one can't help to notice how phenomenal this advance has been. I have before me No. 2 of the *Dominion Philatelist*, a worthy representative of Philately, which "kicked the bucket" because it was refused second-class rates. This number is dated February 1889, (it may have been issued in July for all I know, *a la Canadian Philatelist*) and Mr. Ketcheson advertises the following bargains amongst other:

	56th Catalogue Value	
Canada 1859, 1,5,10, 12½c,	the 4 for 18c	$1.08
" " 2, 5, 8c registers	for 30c	2.58

In No. 11 Mr. T. S. Clark advertises Canada 1859 10c violet 4 shades for 15c catalogue value $3.50 to $5.00.

In the *American Philatelist* of Feb. 11, 1889 I notice an offer of Canada, 1852 3d and 6d for only $1.50.

Stamps from the Provinces were also very cheap. Nova Scotia 3c was offered from 15c to 50c, the 1c black at 4c, the 2c mauve at 6c, the 5c blue at 3c, the 10c red at 18c, the 12½c black at 25c.

In 1891, prices seem to have advanced a little. The following are gleaned from No. 27 *Dominion Philatelist:*

Canada 3c perforated $1.30; British Columbia 3d blue 25c, 2c bistre 25c, 25c yellow 90c; Nova Scotia 3c blue 50c; Canada ½d pink 30c, 8c Reg. 30c, 17c blue 40c.

The worst is, catalogues can't be depended on at all in Canadian stamps. It has happened that collectors have sent to the publishers for the stamps, at net prices, and answer usually is "out of stock," etc. Only a short time ago, Toronto dealers paid over catalogue for some of the 1859 issue.

There is no doubt at all that Canadian Stamps, both Postage and Revenues, which latter are coming in for much more care than before, will be the best investment of all, barring U. S. stamps. Are there not a good many collectors who would rather have a nice clean copy of the 12d Canada than a Brattleboro or other rare U. S. stamps?

Moral.—Get you collection of Canada Postage and Revenues complete while they are cheap. CANADIEN.

"BOY TRADE."

"Wise people change their minds: fools never do"

Not many years ago, one of the most familiar lines in the advertisements of the leading stamp dealers was "no Boy Trade wanted!" Now, a change has come over the spirit of their dreams, and these same dealers who turned the "Boy Trade" down a few years ago, are now tumbling over each other in their efforts to secure "Boy Trade" or any other kind of trade. One dealer has gone to the trouble and expense of putting out one hundred thousand circulars, explaining the benefits of stamp collecting; on each circular were hinged several foreign stamps. These circulars were given to people who were not interested in stamp collecting, to try and arouse an interest in our hobby. A stock company has been formed and incorporated under the laws of the state of New York to publish *Stamps*, a monthly paper devoted exclusively to beginners. It will be published at 15 cents a year, and each subscriber will recieve a premium packet of 100 varieties of foreign stamps worth, at retail, much more than the subscription price. It is an open secret with the dealers, that the number of people buying stamps at the present time, is much less than it was four, or even two years ago. A large number of collectors who have just as much love for their stamps as ever, haven't bought a stamp for several years, for the reason times are hard, they have been working for less pay than formerly, or out of employment part of the time, and it has taken all the money they could get, to pay their actual living expenses. For the same reason, hundreds, yes, thousands of collectors have given up entirely, and sold their collections; again, for the same reason, the usual number of beginners have not materialized; the result is, dealers have been buying everything that was offered them, in many cases borrowing money to do it with; their trade has kept falling off from year to year, until they are are at their wits end to secure "Boy Trade" or, as I said before any other trade. How those dealers who wouldn't bother with "Boy Trade" a few years ago, with those same boys, who were beginners then, were advanced collectors and permanent customers now. It takes but a little thing to please a child; likewise a little thing will discourage them. Let the child once get the love of stamps thoroughly instilled in his heart, and it is there for keeps. When I see young children smoking etgarettes and older ones puffing a cigar, chewing tobacco, drinking beer, or playing pool or billiards, I cannot help thinging how I wish they would invest their money in stamps, instead.

"Boy Trade" is what we want, and "Boy Trade" is what we must have, or stamp collecting is doomed! Am I painting it black? I cannot help it if I am; it is true, just the same. Something must be done, and the sooner the better.

I have in mind the scheme of one collector who is using his best efforts to interest people in stamp collecting. He has had several thousand small circulars printed, as follows:

WHY DON'T YOU

Collect Stamps?

THIS STAMP IS FROM .....

TAKE IT AND BEGIN NOW.

STAMP COLLECTING

Teaches arithmetic, geography and history, gives much information about foreign nations, cultivates a taste for the fine arts, financially, is a good investment and is a sure cure for the blues. Half an hour with stamps before retiring, insures a good night's rest.

Hunt up all your old letters, deeds, mortgages, etc., and remove the stamps. You can buy large variety packets for a little money, and exchange your duplicates with other collectors.

In the proper place he hinges a foreign stamp, and writes in the name of the country it is from. He gives them away, and encloses one in every letter he writes to non-collectors. I call it a very good plan. It cannot do any harm and may do some good. I wish the American Philatelic Association, Sons of Philatelia and the other associations would get up something similar to the above, only perhaps a little more elaborate and give more particulars about stamp collecting. They could get them up in lots of 10,000 and upwards, with an advertisement of their society on the back, for a very small amount. Let them send each member 100 or more, with the request that he hinge a foreign stamp in the place prepared for it, write the name of the country the stamp is from, in its proper place, and enclose in each letter to non-collectors, and hand one to each of his friends who he would like to see interested in collecting. Every collector has a lot of duplicates that he cares nothing about. A 3c Canada, 10pf Germany or 15c France is just as likely to awaken an interest in stamps, as a more valuable one. Every collector should feel an interest in this matter, and if each one would put his shoulder to the wheel, and try and interest people in making a collection of stamps, there would be plenty of "Boy Trade."

M. IRON.

THE REVIVAL OF THE BOY TRADE.

Everything points to a grand revival of the boy trade, such as was enjoyed in those days of philately when the shekels were not so much desired as the stamps.

The founding of the firm in New York recently, the *Southern Philatelist* dropping to 10c a year and announcing its devotion to the beginner and the approach of a paper from Kentucky, the only one in the state, devoted to the wants of the "younger sex" all point to a grand revival.

Couldn't we get some of the large manufacturing concerns interested? Something like the Duke Cigarette Company were when they sent out a foreign stamp in every pack of cigarettes? That is what started the writer to collecting and I dare say hundreds of other collectors to-day were started in that way. The stamp firms could furnish the common European stamps free, and let the manufacturing company do the rest.

Mark it down: Business this winter will be far ahead of last, for with such indications as we have cited the boys will wake and take an interest in "our hobby," and, don't say anything about it, but "once a collector, always a collector."

HOWARD BURBA.



Edward C. Biggar.

Edward C. Biggar, or "Cowboy" Biggar as he is called by some of his friends, was born in 1872 in Fremont, Nebraska, where he secured the advantage of a high school education. When twelve years of age he made his first trip to Oregon and put in the summer on a cattle ranch; subsequently he spent six years as cowboy for the Oregon Horse and Land Company, and is well known over the western ranges as "Broncho Ned," the Mustang Breaker.

In the fall of 1892 he removed with his parents to Niagara Falls, where he entered the office of the *Daily Cataract* where he remained until last spring when he opened a job office of his own in the Gluck Building, Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Mr. Biggar commenced to collect stamps (in 1879) when quite young and has been at it off and on ever since. His collection is not very large at present as he sold his old collection several years ago and is now just starting a new one. He is a very entertaining young man and philatelists visiting the great cataract should not fail to call to see him.

THE ENGLISH EXCHANGE SYSTEM.

BY THE CID.

I have for some years been a constant reader of all the best American philatelic papers and contrasting them with English. The fact particularly strikes me how little mention of Exchange Clubs or Societies there is in the American papers. Apart from the exchange and sales departments of the A. P. A., S. of P., P. S. of A., etc., the only society I know of in the American stamp exchange, official organ the *Boston Stamp Book*, this is quite a new society, not a-year old yet. The exchange department of the A. P. A., etc. is of course only one of the several advantages, they offer but I want to tell my readers how we manage exchanges in England.

We have what we call exchange clubs which usually consist of thirty to forty members. There are about forty-five to fifty of these clubs now running in this country. I have been secretary of one for a long time so speak from experience.

The system is thus—each member sends a sheet of his duplicates to the secretary by a certain date once a month. This is usually the 25th, then the secretary places all the sheets into a stiff card large enough to keep the sheets flat and these are of ordinary note paper size. He then writes a list of all members with addresses and rules spaces for number taken, value and for date the packet arrived and was forwarded to next member, also for member's signature. This is called the Postal list. He then dispatches the packet by registered parcel post to the first member on the list who takes all stamps he wants and places his initials or rubber stamp on each space from which he takes a stamp. Then he fills in the Postal list with the number and value he has kept and signs the list then posts the packet to the next member who does the same and so on through the list. When the circuit is ended the secretary breaks up the packet and returns the sheets to their respective owners. Accounts are usually settled quarterly though a few clubs settle monthly, a peculiarity is that 50% is taken off all accounts in settling. Stamps are supposed to be priced by catalogue and thus members are able to buy at half cut rates but of course members price as they like and do not give away good stamps that are worth full catalogue rates. In almost every packet though snaps may be found by those who are keen. Some few clubs pay at net prices but this plan seldom answers well because members price too high. It will be noted that the secretary has first choice of the packet and of course this is a decided advantage, apart from this the position of Secretary of an exchange club is not an enviable one. He gets plenty of work, lots of grumbling letters because other members price too high or didn't send good enough sheets for the grumblers to see. As to remuneration the secretary has the subscriptions which are from one shilling to two and six usually, and also some clubs charge 2½ per cent on all cash balances paid to members.

The commission system, though, is condemned by most experts in this line and I know many collectors who absolutely refuse to join any club that charges commission. The system in principle is good, viz.: it makes those who sell a lot and buy little, and therefore have a cash balance, pay in proportion to this balance, but in practice it does not work smoothly. To explain why would take too much space.

Out of the funds produced by the subscription and by commission, if any, the Secretary defrays expense of posting twelve monthly packets, a year usually, and cost of printing rules and posting same to applicants and for stationery and incidental expenses. The balance, if any, is his own. Members are expected to send a stamped envelope for return of their sheets and if not are charged, as of course this cannot come out of the club funds.

As to how members are obtained: some Secretaries advertise and some distribute copies of the rules among friends and also get their members to canvass for them. Applicants are supposed to give good references, but often much laxity in this respect permits the entrance of black sheep.

In my own club I am very cautious who I admit and then any of my members has the right to privately notify me that he objects to So-and-so and state why. Then I investigate and state the case before all in the next packet when each member is asked to vote for or against the applicant. If no objection is received they are admitted at once.

Some of these Clubs style themselves Societies, but I consider only those which govern by vote of members have a right to this title. In most, the Secretary is absolute despot, but in my own, no change in the rules can be made without vote of the majority and all other questions are decided by vote. Where there are over fifty members it is necessary to have two monthly packets or circuits as they are called.

Some collectors join as many as fifteen of these clubs but it takes a lot of duplicates to keep so many going. Sheets are in circulation usually about three months; and this is why clubs of over fifty members have to divide into two circuits because the packets would take more than three months to get round and owners would grumble at their sheets being so long out.

When black sheep creep in, the Secretary soon has complaint that stamps have been removed from sheets and others of less value sustituted. This is simple theft in plain language but is most difficult to fix on the thief. Most clubs do not accept foreign members beause of the delay in transmission of the packets and the heavy postal rates. Members are only allowed to keep packets one day and are fined for any delay. Thus when a member is going away for a few days he must send the Secretary his change of address and ask him to stop the packet coming to him.

Of other matters, in connection, I must write on a future occasion if the Editor survives the reading of this.

A SOLILOQUY ON THE S. OF P. CONVENTION.

BY TWO GIRLS.

'Twas on the fourth of August, and the sun was shining bright, when the members of the S. of P. were all in their delight. It was their fifth convention, And they all came in a glee, not thinking of what they had to do but of the sights they were to see. They wore their badges proudly, as anyone could see, as they heard the people whisper, What means this S. of P. The meeting was called to order and Thomas took his seat. He filled the position successfully that Kissy was sure of defeat. There's Carver, Dodge and Miller, and Emmert the Oxford man. They seemed so modest and bashful, the secret is "they are married men." There was Haldeman, a youth from Thompsontown, whom we learned to known so well; when he returns to his home, of his trip he'll be sure to tell. Now there was Dr. Russel, whom the trolly ride did oppose. But did they listen to him? No! I don't suppose. Now there was one of the members who will never tire of a wheel; as he rode beside the hack that day we know the heat he never did feel. Next there was Kline and Kantner who wanted to study the field so well that when they would return to their homes in Reading, of the wanders they will never cease to tell. Next there is R. C. Miller of whom you did hear; to Nashville he'll be sure to go, of that we need not fear. Now there was one of the members who was Mr. Kissinger's double and so poor fellow he was afraid that it would make him trouble. As the hack passed and repassed through the town the yell composed by Dr. Kline was given by the members of the S. of P.; and the yell it was surely fine. Oh! The S. of P. they were charming boys and I hope that they'll come back to cheer this old historic town by their noise in a four horse hack.

The *Philatelic Tribune* for Oct. appeared several weeks ahead of time. It is one of the oldest Philatelic papers published in the U. S. and has changed its size oftener than any other philatelic paper published.

The Home Worker, KNOXVILLE, TENN.

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EDITOR'S EASY CHAIR.

WE appear this month with 12 pages and the other improvements as promised last month and trust the contents will merit the support of our readers.

IN reply to a large number of inquiries we desire to state that the size of our pages will not be changed, but additional pages will be added whenever our advertising patronage warrants.

PERSONS who collect or are interested in the U. S. Locals should not miss our next issue as it will contain a full history of a certain Local stamp, stating how and for what purpose it was issued.

MR. J. V. REVELO, of Mexico, D. F., has also favored us with a copy of his price list of Mexican Stamps. He has a large stock and his prices are very low.

REV. W. A. CARVER, of Dillsburg, Pa., who designed the A. C. heading is now at work on his idea of a new S. of P. button, which we hope to illustrate in our next issue. Any person desiring any designs of any kinds should write to our reverend friend.

WE have received a Special Price List of a fine lot of British Colonial Stamps from Mr. John B. Brevoort, N. Y. City. The list contains many rare stamps at very reasonable prices.

A NUMBER of typograhical errors appeared in our last issue owing to the negligence of printer in reading proof, but we can assure our readers that the matter will not occur again.

Among the errors on first page was the number of varieties in Mr. John Miron Hubbard's collection was given as 700 instead of over 7000. Mr. Sidney Conant is manager of a prominent drug store in New York City instead of Boston. In Mr. Van Dermark's ad. on page 18 the prices for printing 100 envelopes, etc., should have been 35c instead of 25c and in the latter part of Mr. Gremmel's ad. on page 23 *The Pennsylvania Philatelist* was inserted instead of THE AMERICAN COLLECTOR.

WE have received one of Lohmeyer's ($5.00) Postal Card Albums, the only album of the kind published in America. It is composed of fifty sheets of fine bristol board with strips pasted across under which the cards are tucked. Each sheet will hold from eight to twelve cards. The finest thing about the album is the manner in which the cards are securely held without the use of gum or hinges and they can be removed and replaced in a moment.

The sheets are enclosed in a very fine case, 17x14x3 inches made to resemble a book, being finished in black cloth with leather black and gold lettering. The album throughout is as near perfection as it can handily be made and collections of either postal cards or entire envelopes mounted in one of these albums make a very fine appearance.

WHAT a great excitement the Carion affair created and when it was sifted to the bottom it did not amount to anything at all. The reported warrant for Mr. Carion's arrest proved to be a search warrant to try to secure the alleged missing stamps and the imagination of a reporter supplied the rest.

WE enjoyed a very pleasant visit on the 16th inst., from Dr. R. J. Russell, International Secretary of the S. of P., talking stamps and Philatelic affairs in general. We are always glad to see collectors and would be pleased to have them call when in our locality.

MR. S. B. HOPKINS criticised one of our contributions rather harshly in the *Daily Stamp Item*, which I am positive he would not have done had he been fully aware of all the facts. He did not consider that the article in question was written by a beginner who pictured herself as seeking the light and all the facts occurred to herself as related.

Mr. H. takes particular exception to her representation of the advanced philatelists, which we know is correct in many cases. We know personally of quite a number of cases where beginners have shown a stamp or stamps to well-known dealers and advanced collectors and asked for information which was not given. Why; Because they hoped to purchase the stamps of the beginner at some future date for a mere song.

THE Collectors' Club of New York City, is now an assured fact; permanent rooms has been secured at 351 Fourth Avenue which will be fitted up as soon as possible.

The membership will be limited as the dues of associate members will be $5.00 per annum; with an initiation fee of $10.00. The Board of Directors will pass upon all applications. The Board is composed as follows: President, Wm. Herrick; Vice-President, Chas. Gregory; Treasurer, J. W. Scott; Secretary, J. M. Andreini. J. W. Scott, Henry Calman and R. R. Bogert was appointed a committee to furnish the rooms.

WE have been favored with a sample of the "Ideal" Club Sheets, published by Wm. Brown, Salisbury, England. The sheets are are very neatly gotten up and while they would fill all the requirements desired in a local club they would not do for a large philatelic society; they are ruled on both sides of the paper and the spaces are entirely too small. We have been unable to find anything that surpasses the books now used by the S. of P. and other large American philatelic societies for circulating stamps on approval. The old time approval sheets are rapidly going out of date, being too large and cumbersome.

WE are in receipt of a copy of the "Favorite Album for U. S. Stamps," published by Messrs. R. F. Albrecht and Co., of N. Y. City. It is THE album for the tyro, being printed on good heavy paper and bound in substantial board covers, and containing spaces for all U.S. postage and revenue stamps, except shades, minor varieties, etc. The stamps are to be mounted on the right side of the page only, the arrangement being very neat and tasty. The publishers deserve great credit for their work and will, no doubt, find a ready sale for them at 30 cents each.

STATE Directories or Address Books seem to be all the rage at present. We are in receipt of The Texas Philatelic Directory, a neat work of 48 pages and cover, published by the Metropolitan Philatelic Club of San Antonio, the Directory of Virginia Philatelists by H. B. Vesey of Norfolk, the Directory of Kentucky Philatelists by Howard Burba of Hodgenville, and the California Address Book by Facts Pub. Co. of Riverside.

Directories are announced from Kansas, Iowa, Missouri, Colorado, Ohio, N. Y.,North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Wisconsin, Connecticut and several other states. While we think the matter is overdone we hope they will all meet with success and do much to advance the interests of Philately in their respective states.



S. of P. Notes.

J. Arthur Wainwright, Attorney of the S. of P. has written us that he expects to have the S. of P. Library, which Roy F. Greene has been illegally holding since the fall of '93, in Librarian Townley's possession by the first of next month. The Library consists of about 4000 pieces which Mr. Townley will arrange at once, and any particular paper or book will be sent to any member in good standing on receipt of the necessary stamps to pay postage.

While we on the Library subject would say that Dr. Russell, International Secretary of the S. of P., will soon make a large donation to the Library. We hope to see other members do likewise. Philatelic books, papers, etc., or stamps will be thankfully received and acknowledged by Librarian Townley.

Bro. French in the Sept. *Evergreen State Philatelist* takes the Secretary of the S. of P. to task for upholding the constitution. The facts in the case are these: Mr. French some two months or more sent his application to the S. of P. signed by one member of the society as first reference with the request that the Secretary act as his other reference. The application was returned with the statement that while the Secretary would be pleased to act as Mr. French's other reference, the Constitution expressly states that one reference *must* be a responsible citizen of the applicant's place of residence. About three weeks later another application was received from Mr. F. with Pres. Thomas and another member as references,neither of whom are residents of Hartland. This one was returned with the same request that he must have a local reference.

He states in the E. S. P. that he is a member of the A. P. A., P. S. of A. and a number of other societies and that he had never been refused admittance to any Philatelic society. We cannot see why Mr. French should object to furnish a local reference when other members such as J. M. Andreini, J. W. Scott and like prominence made no protest.

Every stamp collector should become a member of the S. of P. The dues are only 25c per year which also includes a year's subscription to the Official Journal of the Society. Any person who desires to join can secure application blanks and full particulars by applying to R. M. Miller, Secretary S. of P., Piney Creek, Maryland.

H. N. Bullard, S. of P. 17, has accepted the professorship of Greek in Park College, Parkville, Ill.

The Sales Department of the S. of P., under the able managment of Mr. Shaw, is doing finely. The fall circuits were started on the first instant and the sales are very good. Members desiring to purchase or dispose of stamps would find it to their benefit to write to Mr. Charles E. Shaw, Sales Supt. S. of P., 81 Chestnut-st., Clinton, Mass.

Rev. E. E. Weaver, S. of P. 221, has accepted a call to Anna, Ill., and left Lancaster on the 19th inst. to take up the work in his new home. While we shall miss him exceedingly, we wish him the best success in his new field.

Mr. Frank L. Van Dermark, Auction Manager of the S. of P., has purchased a large newspaper press and outfit and will start a weekly paper in the very near future at Alden, Mich.

Mr. J. F. Dodge, S. of P. 1600, has decided to settle permanently in New Oxford, Pa., and will remove his family about the last of this month. *The Columbian Philatelist* will be continued from that place.

Mr. John Bisbee, S. of P.——, of Stoughton, Mass., will issue the first number of the *Advertiser's Friend* about the first of next month. It will be devoted exclusively to ads. and is to have a circulation of 10,000 copies.

CANADIAN NEWS.

Mr. L. Gibb of Montreal, who has the finest collection in Canada, and proud possessor of several fine 12 pence, is spending the summer in the old country, where he is no doubt picking up snaps in stamps.

A Montreal dealer secured several hundred of each value of the Nefoundland stamps, recently reprinted.

It is currently reported that a dealer in Toronto will soon issue a catalogue of Canadian Revenues. These beautiful stamps are very cheap just now, but are, all the same, slowly but steadily advancing; and it is to be hoped that before long, they will be more generally collected.

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Bargain Column.

Small advertisements, such as for sale and want notices, etc., will be inserted under this head at the low rate of one-cent-a-word, including name and address. All notices will be set in solid nonpariel type and no display allowed. No notice inserted for less than 15c. 20% discount on notices to stand three months or more.

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(1897)

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Advance Sheets.

Following our practice of last year, we have decided to again print a limited number of sets of Advance Sheets of each form, which will be supplied to subscribers as soon as received from the printer. Our charge for the full set of these sheets will be $5, the amount payable in advance in every instance. The first form, containing the United States portion of the Catalogue, will be ready about

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32	" 10c green		75
* 37	'55-60, 1c blue (type I) reprint	5	50
38	" 1c blue (type III)		10
40	" 3c red		20
44	" 10c green		40
45	" 12c black		65
47	" 30c orange	3	00
* 49	'61, 1c black		20
50	" 3c pink	6	00
* 52	" 5c brown	3	00
52	" 5c "		30
* 53	" 5c yellow	17	00
54	" 10c green (type I)	20	00
54a	" 10c green (type II) pair		25
54a	" 10c green (type II)		8
55	" 12c black		25
* 56	" 24c gray lilac	1	50
56	" 24c gray lilac		25
57	" 30c orange		35
58	" 90c blue	3	00
* 61	'62-66, 2c black		20
63	" 5c chocolate	2	00
64	" 15c black		40
65	" 24c red lilac	1	25
66	'68, 3c rose, grilled all over	15	00
69	" 3c rose	5	00
70	" 1c blue		95
* 71	" 2c black	1	25
71	" 2c black		18
73	" 10c green		45
74	" 12c black		37
75	" 15c black	6	50
* 76	" 1c blue	3	75
76	" 1c blue	1	00
77	" 2c black	2	00
* 77	" 2c black		60
79	" 5c brown	1	90
* 80	" 10c green	2	25
80	" 10c green		40
81	" 12c black		60
82	" 15c black		60
83	" 24c violet	4	00
84	" 30c orange	3	00
* 90	'75, 10c green, reprint	13	00
* 96	'69, 1c buff		75
96	" 1c buff		40
97	" 2c brown		10
99	" 6c blue		69
*100	" 10c yellow	3	00
100	" 10c yellow		75
101	" 12c green		60
103	" 15c brown and blue	1	40
104	" 24c green and purple	5	00
*106	" 90c black and carmine	27	00
*111	'75, 1c buff	1	20
*114	" 6c blue	6	50
121	'70-71, 1c ultramarine		40
124	" 6c carmine	3	00
125	" 7c vermilion	3	00
126	" 10c brown	6	50
131	" 90c carmine	4	90
*135	'72, 1c ultramarine	1	65
*136	" 2c red brown		50
*138	" 6c carmine	1	50
*139	" 7c vermilion	4	00
139	" 7c vermilion		60
*141	" 12c dark purple	5	00
141	" 12c dark purple		55
142	" 15c orange		15
143	" 24c purple	1	50
*144	" 30c black	3	75
144	" 30c black		60
145	" 90c carmine		75
*146	'73, 1c blue	1	00
*147	" 2c red brown		40
*148	" 3c green		50
*149	" 6c pink	1	00
150	" 7c vermilion		40
*151	" 10c brown		80
*152	" 12c dark purple	6	00
152	" 12c dark purple		60
153	" 15c orange		15
*155	" 2c dark brown	3	00
*169	'75, 2c vermilion		15
*171	" 1c blue		35
*177	" 15c red orange		60
178	" 30c black		18
179	" 90c carmine		60
*180	'82, 5c brown		15
*184	" 10c brown		30
*188	'87, 3c vermilion		12
192	'88, 30c puce brown		40
193	" 90c purple	1	15
*202	'90-93, 15c dark blue		22
*203	" 30c black		45
203	" 30c black		10
*204	" 90c orange	1	50
204	" 90c orange		65
213	'93, 15c dark green		20
*214	" 30c red brown		45
214	" 30c red brown		45
*215	" 50c slate blue		75
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47.	" "	25
48.	" "	25
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104.	Cuba	50
105.	British Colonials	25
106.	" "	25
107.	German States	33⅓
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109.	Rare Foreign Stamps	10

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" 1855	1c blue	10
" "	3c red outer line	20
" "	10c green	35
" 1861	1c blue	03
" 1862	15c black	40
" 1868	1c blue 9x13	75
" 1869	2c brown	10
" 1872	2c brown, Nat	03
" "	12c purple "	50
" "	30c black "	50
" "	90c carmine "	75
* " 1873	3c green, Cont. no gum	30
" "	7c vermilion, Conf	35
" "	10c brown "	04
" "	12c purple "	50
" "	3c green, ribbed paper	75
* " 1875	1c blue, no gum	25
* " "	3c green, no gum	15
* " "	15c orange, o. g	50
" "	30c black	15
* " 1882	1c blue, no gum	05
* " "	3c green "	06
* " 1888	4c carmine, o. g	10
" "	30c puce brown	35
" 1890	30c black	10
" "	90c orange	55
* " 1893	3c green, Col	06
* " "	6c purple "	09
* " "	15c green "	20
* " 1894	1c ultramarine	07
* " "	2c pink	07
* Antigua,	½d green	06
* "	1d red CA 14	08
"	2½d blue	18
"	4d brown	35
Argentine Rep., 1878	24c roul	06
"	1892 12c blue	02
* Bermuda 1865	6d violet C C inverted	25
* "	1873 1sh green 12½x14	40
"	1880 ½d brown	04
* "	" 4d orange	14
"	" 4d orange	05
* "	1884-93 ½d green	02
* "	" 2d brown violet	06
"	" 2½d blue	02
* "	" 1sh bistre	38
* "	" 3d gray	08
British North Borneo	1c on 5c gray	08
Bechuanaland Protetorate	½d slate	05
Canada 1853	3d red, thin wove p	25
" 1859	1c pink	08
" "	5c vermilion	04
" "	10c violet	35
" "	12½c green	27
" 1868	3c red	03
*Ceylon 1892	3c on 4c violet rose	07
*Costa Rica 1883	40c blue	25
*Cuba	25 varieties, value over $2	65
Great Britain 1882	Official ½d slate	08
*Grenada 1883	½d green	05
* " "	2½d blue	18
* " "	4d gray	30
* " "	6d mauve	45
* " "	8d bistre	2 50
*Hawaii 1893	1c violet Prov	18
* " "	1c blue "	14
* " "	1c green "	02
* " "	2c brown "	20
* " "	2c violet "	04
* " "	5c black blue Prov	20
* " "	10c vermilion "	28
* " "	12c black "	25
* " 1894	1c yellow	02
* " "	5c red	07

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	Imperf.	Pt.Perf.	Perf.
1c Express	$ 40	$ 35	$ 04
1c Playing Card			1 30
1c Proprietary			04
1c Telegraph			07
2c Bank Check	02	30	01
same, orange			01
2c Certificate			60
same, orange			50
2c Express	30	60	03
same, orange			07
2c Playing Card			25
same, orange			95
2c Proprietary			04
same, orange			2 25
2c U, S. Int			01
3c Foreign Exchange			03
3c Playing Card			—
3c Proprietary			05
3c Telegraph	70	18	15
4c Inland Exchange			03
4c Playing Card			—
4c Proprietary			07
5c Agreement			02
5c Express	35	20	05
5c Foreign Exchange			01
5c Inland "	10	10	01
5c Playing Card			55
5c Proprietary			90
6c Inland Exchange			18
6c Proprietary			—
10c Bill of Lading	65		05
10c Certificate	65	1 20	01
10c Contract			01
10c Foreign Exchange			25
10c Inland "			01
10c Power of Attorney		50	01
10c Proprietary			1 25
15c Foreign Exchange			50
15c Inland "			02
20c Foreign "	40		75
20c Inland "	15	15	01
25c Bond		75	10
25c Certificate	20	15	01
*25c Entry of Goods	08	90	04
*25c Insurance	08	15	01
*25c Life Insurance	45		15
25c Power of Attorney.	25		01
25c Protest	75		15
*25c Warehouse Receipt	65		50
30c Foreign Exchange			1 75
30c Inland "	25		04
40c " "			03
50c Conveyance	75	20	01
*50c Entry of Goods	2 00		01
50c Foreign Exchange	80		25
50c Lease			40
50c Life Insurance			04
*50c Mortgage	40		02
*50c Original Process	20		01
*50c Passage ticket	90		20
50c Probate of Will			1 50
50c Surety Bond			06
60c Inland Exchange			10
70c Foreign "			10
$1.00 Conveyance	25		15
* 1.00 Entry of Goods	40		04
1.00 Foreign Exch'ge			04
1.00 Inland "	15		02
* 1.00 Lease	60		07
1.00 Life Insurance			15
* 1.00 Manifest	75		80
* 1.00 Mortgage	35		3 00
1.00 Passage Ticket			—
1.00 Power of Att'rn'y	45		05
1.00 Probate of Will			75
1.30 Foreign Exch'ge			1 25
1.50 Inland "			05
1.60 Foreign "			1 25
1.90 " "			1 25
2.00 Conveyance			15
2.00 Mortgage			15
2.00 Probate of Will			1 00
2.50 Inland Exchange			10
* 3.00 Charter Party	85		25
3.00 Manifest	85		25
* 3.50 Inland Exchange			1 50
5.00 Charter Party			20
5.00 Conveyance	65		20
5.00 Manifest	2 00		1 75
5.00 Mortgage			50
5.00 Probate of Will			75
10.00 Charter Party			75
10.00 Conveyance			2 00
10.00 Mortgage			1 25
10.00 Probate of Will			1 00
15.00 Mortgage			5 00
20.00 Conveyance	2 00		2 00
20.00 Probate of Will			—
25.00 Mortgage			4 00
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Second Issue.

1c Blue and Black	60
2c "	03
3c "	25
4c "	35
5c "	02
6c "	1 50
10c "	02
15c "	35
20c "	20
25c "	01
30c "	75
40c "	50
50c "	01
60c "	60
70c "	65
$1.00 "	04
1.30 "	—
1.50 "	15
1.60 "	—
1.90 "	—
2.00 "	40
2.50 "	30
3.00 "	1 00
3.50 "	5 00
5.00 "	60
10.00 "	3 00
20.00 "	14 00
25.00 "	—
50.00 "	12 00

Third Issue.

1c Black and claret	—
2c " orange.	01
4c " brown	60
5c " orange.	02
6c " "	60
15c " brown	30
30c " orange.	40
40c " brown	50
60c " orange.	40
70c " green	40
$1.00 " "	04
2.00 " verm	35
2.50 " green	40
3.00 " verm	1 25
5.00 " verm	45
10.00 " green	3 00
20.00 " orange.	—

Proprietary.

1c black and green	05
2c "	05
3c "	10
4c "	10
5c "	1 50
6c "	60
10c "	2 00
50c "	18 00
1c green	01
2c brown	01
3c orange	05
4c red brown	04
4c brown	08
5c black	2 00
6c blue	20
2c blue liberty	01

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Charles E. Shaw.

Our portrait this month is considered a good likeness of Mr. Chas. E. Shaw, of Clinton, Mass. Although not so widely known as many other philatelists, Mr. Shaw is a firm believer in the pleasures of stamp collecting. He began collecting when a boy of 14, the year the '69's came out, and can look back and see the opportunities—like many others—he neglected at that time of procuring what would now be desirable duplicates.

His collecting had "spells" of inactivity, but he retained his boyhood collection, gradually adding to it till in 1890, when it had reached over 4000 varieties, he undertook to change it into a new album. Finding he had "bitten off more than he could chew" in the time he then had at his disposal, and having what he considered an advantageous offer, he sold his collection, but made no account of several thousand duplicates he then had. These he has since turned to advantage in his present collection. Like many other collectors, he has often wished that his "foresight had been equal to his hindsight," in which case his old collection would never have left his posession. His philatelic relapse, however, was of only 12 to 15 months duration and he has now re-enlisted "for the war." His present collection numbers from 4000 to 5000 varieties. At the time of Mr. Shaw's joining the Sons of Philatelia, there were no other person in his town who were actively interested in stamps. He has succeeded in starting an interest, having sent in several applications to the S. of P., and hopes to see the number increase.

Owing to an infirmity resulting from an injury to his spine, received in California in 1892, Mr. Shaw is unable to circulate as freely as he could wish among the collectors in his section of the country, but hopes to meet some of the S. of P. and N. E. P. A. members at the time of the A. P. A. Convention in Boston next year. He was one of the charter members of the New England Philatelic Association and served as its Secretary at the beginning of that progressive organization.

Mr. Shaw was for over twelve years in the Watch and Jewelry business in Clinton, but retired in the early part of 1892. He has always been actively interested in the affairs of the town, and has been honored by his political friends a number of times. He is a member of several Societies, a Past Master of Trinity Masonic Lodge and was for nearly three years Commander of the Company of the National Guard which is located in his town. Under his command the Company attained a high state of efficiency, and it was much against the wishes of the Regimental Officers that he resigned his command.

Mr. Shaw is now serving his second term as Sales Superintendent of the Sons of Philatelia, having been re-elected at the Convention in August with practically no opposition.



CHAS. E. SHAW.

It has been discovered that some post office officials in Melbourne have been secretely reprinting certain obsolete stamps of Victoria and selling them as originals. Two officials connected with the scheme has been suspended. Following are the stamps which were said to be reprinted: 1885 4d. and 1s surcharged "Stamp Duty;" 1886 ½d. grey; 1888, 1s, 6d. blue and several envelopes.

A Plea For The Boys.

Having seen several articles of late, in the different Philatelic periodicals, regarding the best methods of securing the trade of the boy collectors; reviving their interest in stamps, (which, judging from the plaint of said articles, has greatly decreased for the past year); also how to bring new recruits into the Philatelic army, thus infusing enthusiasm throughout the entire ranks; I would like to say that I am fully convinced that it is the fault of the dealers themselves that this lethargy exists.

For sometime it has been only too evident to the thoughtful and observant philatelist that many of the dealers considered the beginner or boy collector lawful prey. Assuming that he was not well informed on the subject, hence would more easily fall a victim to their schemes, they send out selections of bright colored stamps, very attractive to the novice, such as the Heligolands, Hamburgs, Roman States, Samoan Express, etc., usually four or five sheets, purporting to be worth several dollars, but if the recipient will remit a certain amount of cash, (about 25 per cent of stated value as a general thing, though I have known them to fall as low as 16 per cent.) he may keep the entire selection, and they will send him a valuable stamp as a preminm. This is usually an unused stamp, catalogue value from 5 cents to 10 cents. Of course he accepts this munificent offer—he has the utmost confidence in the dealers—why should he neglect so excellent an opportunity to secure a rapidly increasing collection at a small outlay of cash?

After a time he learns that he has been victimized! that his beautiful collection of which he was so proud is almost worthless, that his hard earned pennies have been spent for naught. Then, indeed, he loses faith in all mankind. Oh, the pity of it that innocent youth must learn this bitter lesson. No wonder he loses interest in his favorite pursuit! No wonder that he ceases to buy! He knows not whom to trust, for *all* approval sheets bear the same inscription, "*All stamps guaranteed genuine.*"

Truly "honesty is the best policy," for the disgust, distrust and indifference thus occasioned, react upon the dealer, for he loses a good customer, and through him many others who would have been influenced, had this collector not given up the pursuit.

I am glad to be able, from my own experience, to say that all dealers are not like those I have just described; that there are those who do business in an honorable way; but there are dealers and dealers, as many collectors have found to their cost. A certain city in the South-west contains several stamp firms. Some of these firms claim in their price-lists to sell Reprints *only as such.* If this be true, why do they not label their approval sheets containing this class of stamps plainly, "Reprints," instead of "genuine?" Too well they know the boys would not buy them.

Brothers, sisters, this is not a fancy sketch, it is absolutely truthful. I often hear boys say, while looking at valuable U. S. stamps, "If I were only *sure* those were not Reprints, I would buy them." They have lost confidence in every kind. Can nothing be done to remedy this evil? Cannot unscrupulous dealers be taught that it is just as disgraceful to defraud a boy as a man? The boy collector of to-day will be the advanced philatelist of the future. Why not treat him accordingly? "Any kind of stamps" are not what he wants, but instruction, kind words of encouragement and honorable treatment. Surely our Philatelic organizations ought to be able to suppress this evil, lest it bring the orders themselves into condemnation.

LILLIE H. MURRAY.

The C. & W. Bridge Despatch.

BY E. E. WEAVER.

It is said that unusual antics of men or strange freaks of nature, frequently disclose occurrences long since forgotten or things never before known. Taking an example of every day occurrences, we find that at the present writing, a leading candidate for the high office of President of the United States, is confronted with a record of twenty years of public life, in which record is found expressions apparently directly contradictory to his professions and belief now. Yet this is no unusual occurrence. Nor is it to be wholly condemned, since that man has never yet come forward in politics whose record has been wholly consistent. But it serves to illustrate our point that inconsistency, or "unusual antics," as we have called it, seldom go unnoticed. Likewise a strange freak of nature may bring before us something before unknown, or something long since forgotten. This last statement we intend to illustrate in the story of one of those strange, though not unusual occurrences, which happen in the life of that still *strange freak of nature*, the collector of stamps.

The readers of the public press throughout the country, will remember that quite recently, on September 29th, a violent storm swept over the eastern part of the United States, doing much damage. One of the many "freaks" or results, more properly speaking, was the lifting of the long wooden bridge, which spanned the Susquehanna river at Columbia, Lancaster County, Pa., from its piers, and dropping it in the river. This bridge is reputed to be the longest covered structure of its kind in the United States, being a little over one mile in length.

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But we intend to speak of an occurrence which the destruction of this bridge recalled recently to the mind of the writer, and though we are not the *exclusive* possessors of the truth of its occurrence, yet we think we are the first one to give it to the public. If any reader of this article knows of any other published version purporting to be the truth and can prove it to be such we will be glad to make our claim over to the one to whom honor is due.

The writer has for several years been aware of the story as here given, but not until recently did he investigate for himself. Securing a letter of introduction from a mutual acquaintance, we had a personal interview with one of the "syndicate," from whom we *learn* the story To another member we addressed a letter, the reply to which we here give, or that part of it which is of importance. By personal request names are withheld, but we assure our readers that the living members of this "syndicate" are highly respectable and influential citizens, one living in Lancaster, Pa., the other an editor of a technical magazine in New York City. Here is the true story of the "C. & W. Bridge Despatch" stamp.

NEW YORK, Oct. 9th, 1896.

E. E. WEAVER, ESQ.,

MY DEAR SIR:

The history of the "C. & W. Bridge Despatch" is briefly as follows:—About 1862 I was one of a syndicate of boy stamp collectors. We then dealt quite largely, for us, with a dealer in stamps, now dead. We later discovered that he had been selling us a lot of bogus European "uncancelled" stamps and sought means of getting square with him, as he declined to refund. The craze then was for private "despatch" stamps, and he always told us to look out for any such in our neighborhood—and we determined to find one for him. The Columbia bridge, as you know, is a mile long structure connecting Columbia and Wrightsville, and we invented a business venture proposing to carry letters across for "one cent." I was a committee of one to get up the stamp and finding a little ornamental border in a printing office, I set up, with some type I had, the words: C. & W. BRIDGE DESPATCH, ONE CENT. The *original* impressions were printed upon a curiously mottled glazed ribbon paper oxidized and colored by lying for years on the shelves of a country store. They were printed in BLACK, within a figured border, or an ornamental one.

As I remember the cut it was about as follows: The "C. & W." were very "fat" letters, more so than in the reprints. The size was about the same width as the reprint but a little longer.



We used this to print about 300 stamps, on a little hand press, and one of these stamps was "accidentally" shown to the dealer as fastened in a stamp album. He, naturally, had never seen it before and "bit" at once. In answer to his query, we said "we got them in Lancaster," and had "some more." He at once opened negotiations for the lot. When it came to price we carefully figured up the outlay of the syndicate in bogus European stamps, amounting to about $9, and sold him the lot for this sum.

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Yours very truly,

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The above is the history, true history, of the "C. & W. Bridge Despatch" stamps. *Three hundred were issued, none of which were ever used or intended to be used.* They are genuinely bogus, and any dealer who sells them as legitimate issues, is imposing upon the collector a wrong, a wrong in which the dealer should be exposed. Had this bridge never been destroyed, this interesting piece of history would never, perhaps, have been told.

[These stamps were always described and catalogued as having a plain border and printed in bronze ink on green and red papers. I have specimens on both green and red paper which I purchased of an old collector some years ago.

EDITOR.]

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RAYMOND S. BAKER was the writer of "The Collection of Paper Money" which appeared in our last issue. Our printer failed to give the author's name.

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THE *Columbian Philatelist* broke its record by issuing a 16 page and cover number for Oct. The publisher, Mr. J. F. Dodge, has removed permanently to New Oxford, Pa., from which place the C. P. will hereafter appear.

THE initial number of the *Maryland Philatelist* has made its appearance from Church Hill, Md. It is certainly a very fine magazine, being printed on fine calendared paper, with a green enameled cover printed in red ink. The contents are good but friend Gafford states that they will improve with age.

THE *Lone Star State Philatelist*, of Abilene, Tex., with which the *Dixie Philatelist* has been consolidated, is steadily improving; the October number consisting of 12 pages.

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And ALBUMS are coming out of their hiding places.

Look this list over and see if you cannot fill up some of your blank spaces.

U. S. 1851 1c blue.....$ 20
" 1855 1c blue..... 10
" " 3c red outer line..... 20
" " 10c green..... 35
" 1861 1c blue..... 03
" 1862 15c black..... 40
" 1868 1c blue 9x13..... 75
" 1869 2c brown..... 10
" 1872 2c brown, Nat..... 03
" " 12c purple " 50
" " 30c black " 50
" "90c carmine " 75
* " 1873 3c green, Cont. no gum..... 30
" " 7c vermilion, Conf..... 35
" " 10c brown " 04
" " 12c purple " 50
" " 3c green, ribbed paper..... 75
* " 1875 1c blue, no gum..... 25
* " " 3c green, no gum..... 15
* " " 15c orange, o. g..... 50
" " 30c black..... 15
* " 1882 1c blue, no gum..... 05
* " " 3c green " 06
* " 1888 4c carmine, o. g..... 10
" " 30c puce brown..... 35
" 1890 30c black..... 10
" " 90c orange..... 55
* " 1893 3c green, Col..... 06
* " " 6c purple " 09
* " " 15c green " 20
* " 1894 1c ultramarine..... 07
* " " 2c pink..... 07
Revenues, 1c Express..... 03
2c bank check, blue..... 01
2c " orange..... 01
2c Playing Cards, punch cancel..... 10
2c Certificate, blue imperf..... 25
2c U. S. I. Rev. orange..... 01
3c Foreign Exchange..... 04
4c Inland Exchange..... 04
5c Agreement..... 02
5c Certificate..... 01
5c " thick paper..... 05
5c Inland Exch..... 01
6c Inland Exch..... 15
10c Bill of Lading..... 04
10c Certificate..... 01
10c Contract..... 01
10c Contract, silk paper..... 15
10c Inland Exchange..... 01
10c Power of Attorney..... 02
15c Inland Exchange..... 02
20c " " 01
25c Bond..... 12
25c Certificate part perf..... 10
25c Insurance..... 01
25c Power of Attorney Imperf..... 18
25c " " Perf..... 02
30c Inland Exch..... 06
50c Conveyance..... 01
50c Entry of Goods..... 01
50c Foreign Exchange..... 40
50c Life Insurance..... 06
50c Mortgage..... 03
50c Original process..... 01
$1. Foreign Exchange..... 03
$1. Inland Exchange..... 01
$1. Lease..... 06
$1.60 Foreign Exchange..... 1 90
2.50 Inland Exchange..... 06
25c blue and black..... 01
50c " " 02
10 var. California Revs..... 35
5 var. Spanish Revs..... 10

* unused.

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Send for my printed list of a fine lot of British West Indies which I am selling. No cheap stamps; values from 50c to $15.

My 50% approval sheets contain many bargains. Send for same and be convinced. Better grades sent on application. First class reference must accompany all applications for approval sheets.

John B. Brevoort,

P. O. Box 217, New York, N. Y.

The market value of the 12c purple, 1872, United States, is 75 cents, but in order to largely increase the circulation of my priced-list I will send one of these stamps and a copy of my list to any one sending me 25 cents and the name and addresses of five or more collectors of stamps.

E. T. PARKER, BETHLEHEM, PA.

A few stamps now offered, subject to prior sale.

U. S. CARD BOARD PROOFS.

1847 5 and 10c.....$1 00
1861 1, 3, 5, 10, 12, 24, 30, 90c..... 2 50
1862-66 2, 4, 5, 15, 24c..... 1 25
1875 Newspaper (2c to $60)..... 6 50
1879 Postage Due 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 30, 50c..... 1 25
1891 — 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 30, 50c and special delivery of '85 and '88..... 1 10
1893 Set Columbian 1c to $5..... 6 00
1873 Agriculture Dept. full set..... 2 00
— Executive " " 2 50
— Interior " " 1 60
— " " 12c vermilion..... 15
— Justice " full set..... 3 40
— Navy " " 2 50
— Post Office " " 2 00
— State " 1 to 90c..... 3 00
— " " 2, 5, 10 and $20..... 8 00
— Treasury " full set..... 2 00
— " " 30c brown..... 20
— " " 10c " 15
— War " full set..... 1 50
— " " 10c red..... 15

U. S. GENERAL ISSUE.

9 New Haven '45 5c red, signed reprint printed in blue, signature in red.....$100 00
10 New York, '45 5c black, N.C. corner gone 3 00
* 13 Providence, '46, 10c black..... 30 00
26 1847 5c brown, horizontal pair..... 1 60
26 " 5c brown..... 50
27 " 10c brown..... 2 50
* 28a 1851-56 1c blue, type II..... 1 50
28a " 1c blue lightly cancelled strip of 3 90
28a 1861-56 1c blue, type II..... 15
28a " 1c blue, Type II (on cover)..... 30
33 " 12c black..... 1 75
* 38 1855-60 1c blue, type III..... 25
42 " 5c red brown..... 6 00
* 43 " 5c brown, mended at bottom..... 2 25
* 43 " 5c " reprint.....10 00
43 " 5c " 1 75
* 44 " 10c green..... 75
44 " 10c green..... 30
45 " 12c black..... 1 30
* 46 " 24c lilac..... 4 50
46 1855-69, 24c lilac..... 4 00
* 48 " 90c blue.....20 00
* 51 1861, 3c rose..... 10
* 52 " 5c brown..... 4 00
52 " 5c brown..... 25
53 " 5c yellow..... 3 50
* 54a " 10c green..... 1 00
54a " 10c green block of four..... 50
* 56 " 24c gray lilac..... 2 50
57 " 30c orange (on cover)..... 60
* 64 1862-66, 15c black..... 3 50
64 " 15c black..... 25
65 " 24c red lilac..... 75
69b 1868, 3c rose, 12x14mm, and.....
74 " 12c black 11x13mm (on cover)..... 2 25
70 " 1c blue, 11x13mm..... 1 00
71 " 2c black, " 15
73 " 10c green, " 40
74 " 12c black, " 35
77 " 2c black, 9x13..... 10
79 " 5c brown, " 2 00
* 80 " 10c green, 9x13..... 3 00
80 " 10c " 30
82 " 15c black " 50
84 " 30c orange " 2 50
85 " 90c blue " 12 00
* 97 1869, 2c brown..... 60
97 " 2c " 15
100 1869 10c yellow 60
*101 " 12c green..... 2 00
102 " 15c brown and blue..... 3 75
101 " 24c green and purple..... 4 50
105 " 30c blue and carmine..... 2 70
*106 " 90c black and carmine.....30 00
126 '70-71 10c brown..... 10 00
145 " 90c carmine..... 60
*178 1875 30c black..... 1 50
*179 " 90c carmine..... 5 00
179 " 90c " 50
*186 1883, 4c green..... 12
*188 1887, 3c vermilion 10
*192 1888, 30c puce brown..... 60
192 " 30c " 1 25
193 " 90c purple 1 00
199 1890-93 6c brown red..... 04
202 " 15c dark blue..... 05
*203 " 30c black..... 50
204 " 90c orange..... 50
*216 1893, $1.00 salmon..... 6 00
216 " 1.00 " 2 50
271 1849, 1c buff, carrier..... 7 00
*280 1851 1c blue " 35
*323 1865, 25c red nsp..... 5 00
*324 1867, 5c blue nsp..... 2 00
*325 1875, 2c black nsp..... 12
*326 " 3c " 50
*328 " 6c " 50
*331 " 10c " 40
*334 " 24c carmine nsp..... 70
*337 " 60c " " 2 25
*350 1885, 1c black..... 10
412 1879 50c brown, unpaid..... 60
*415 1889, 3c red brown " 3 00
418 " 30c " " 60

USED POSTAL CARDS

of many countries command a higher price than unused, being much rarer in that condition. I can supply the following at present. Prices in first column are for unused, in second for used specimens. Catalogue numbers are Scott's 56th.

308	Argentine 6c carmine	$ 10	$ 15
317	" 6c brown	08	12
104	Bahamas 1+1 on 1½+1½d	18	35
105	" 1d rose	05	10
106	" 1+1d rose	10	15
310	Barbados ½d brown	03	08
311	" 1d carmine	05	10
312	" 1+1d carmine	10	15
151	Bolivia 1c brown	04	08
152	" 2c blue	05	08
402	Brazil 50r blue	07	15
306	Brit. Guiana 2 on 3c	15	25
308	" 2c carmine	4	10
309	" 2+2c carmine	8	20
310	" 1c gray	3	6
206	Brit. Honduras, 3 on 5c	50	1 00
407	Canada, 1+1c error	3 25	5 00
402	Cape of Good Hope, 1d brown	6	8
607	Ceylon, 2½c on 2c	10	25
609	" 2½c on 8c		5 00
610	" 5c on 6c	20	
611	" 5c on 8c	25	
615	" 2½c on 2c	15	
625	" 3c on 10c	50	
628	" 2+2c blue	4 50	
630	" 2c blue	3	5
633	" 5c blue	5	10
304	Cypress, ½ pia green	5	8
310	" ½ pia "	5	8
208	Dutch Indies, 5 on 12½c		50
501	Egypt, 20pa brown	8	12
502	" 20+20pa carmine	18	
505	" 3 on 5m "	6	8
101	Falklands, 1d carmine	5	10
102	" 1+1d "	10	18
103	" 1½d brown	8	15
104	" 1½+1½d brown	12	
201	Fiji Islands, 1d black	6	
202	" 1+1d violet	10	
203	" 1½d dark green	8	
204	" 1½+1½d carmine	15	
250	" 1½d Letter Card	8	
657	France, 30c carmine		60
659	" 30c black, red and blue		60
660	" 30c " " "		45
661	" 30c " and blue		18
664	" 30c "		7
307	Greece, 10l carmine	6	10
309	" 5l black	3	4
310	" 10l blue	6	8
311	" 10l carmine	6	6
204	Guatemala, 3c carmine	6	8
38	Heligoland, 5pf green	50	
43	" 10pf black	25	50
203	Gwalior, ¼+¼ anna	20	
205	" ¼ anna	4	5
101	Nepal, 3½p black and red	6	15
254	Patiala, ¼ anna	8	8
259	" ¼ anna	6	8
261	" ¼ anna	3	
323	Italy, 10 on 15c	8	18
105	Labuan, 1+1c lilac	5	10
106	" 3+3c green	12	20
	" 4 on 8c green	15	
105	Lagos, 1 on 1½d	30	
106	" 1d carmine	5	10
107	" 1+1d carmine	10	15
401	Liberia, 3c red and blue	15	
402	" 3c " "	60	
403	" 3c " "	40	50
302	Mauritius, 2c maroon	50	
303	" 2c brown	3	6
304	" 6c green	8	
305	" 6+6c violet	15	
	" 1895 2c green (Prov.)	3	
	" 1896 6c lilac	6	
	" " 6+6c lilac	12	
301	Natal, ½d brown	8	
302	" 1d carmine	10	10
802	N. S. Wales, 1d rose	15	20
803	" 1+1d rose	20	
804	" 1+1d rose	20	
805	" 1d rose	50	
806	" 1d violet	12	
807	" 1+1d violet	15	
808	" 2d blue (Jubilee)	18	
809	" 3d green "	20	
812	" 2d blue "	18	
813	" 3d green "	22	
810	" 1d violet	8	8
811	" 1d violet on white	50	
817	" 1½d blue	8	10
818	" 1½+1½d blue	12	20
	" 1895, 1½d blue	8	
	" 1896, 1½d blue	8	
	" " 1d violet	6	
901	" 1d rose, O. S.	1 00	
902	" 1d violet O. S.	50	

Of some of the used Cards I have only from 3 to 5 specimens. If sold out on receipt of order money will be refunded.

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"	10c black	3 00
* "	10c Gov. Reprint	2 90
1851	1c blue	20
"	3c red	02
* "	3c red	70
1851	10c green	70
1855	10c green	35
1869	1c bistre	40
"	2c brown	12
"	6c blue	55
"	12c green not evenly c'ntd	45
1870	1c grilled	20
"	2c brown	10
"	3c green cont.	02
"	6c pink faint grill	2 50
*1872	1c blue " cont."	40
"	2c brown	02
* "	10c "	50
1872	12c purple	35
1872	15c orange	06
"	15c "	45
"	90c carmine	60
1882	6c red	07
1883	4c green	02
*1883	4c green	12
1887	3c vermilion	10
1888	4c carmine	03
*1888	4c carmine	12
* "	30c puce brown	40
1893	3c green	03
"	4c blue	02
"	5c chocolate	02
"	6c purple	04
"	8c magenta	03
"	10c brown	02
"	15c green	18
* "	15c green	22
1895	6c brown	02
"	15c blue	04
"	30c black	07
"	50c orange	25
$2.00	Columbian very fine used	2 00
*10c	Special Delievery	02
10c	" "	13
*10c	" " '85	18
Due 30c	claret	50

Revenues.

2c Cert. unperf.	25
2c Express p. perf.	50
3c Playing Card perf.	5 75
10c Power of Att'y p. perf	50
30c Inland Exch. perf.	60
40c " " "	30
25c Bond perf.	75
1.00 Entry of Goods unperf. PUNCHED	35

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X-MAS GREETING.

Great joy to the whole world,
  Glad tidings to all men!
May all your joy and mirth,
  To heaven ascend and 'gain resound,
To music sweet and clear;
  For High Creation's Lord this day
To men on earth drew near.

E. E. WEAVER, S. of P. 221.

Frank S. Stiles.

Mr. Frank S. Stiles, whose portrait we present to our readers this month, is one of the leading collectors of Norristown, Pa., and at the time of writing he is 31 years of age. He became interested in postage stamp collecting at a very early age, after acquiring a very fair collection, he tired of the pursuit and after giving some of his stamps away, laid the rest by. Some years later being employed by a firm that had a very large foreign correspondence, his interest was revived, and he began his present collection, which contains about 7000 varieties. About four years ago he entered into the employment of the Register of Wills office of his city and added quite a number of desirable stamps to his collection from old letters, which he found there. He makes a specialty of the stamps of the United States and British Colonies, but has, however, a good all round collection. L. M. S.



FRANK S. STILES.

Written for the AMERICAN COLLECTOR.

The Market.

The up-to-date collector, and what live stampist does not wish to be known by this title, is, at the present time, busily engaged going over stamp values and determining what his purchases shall be for the coming season. The dealers' expectations for a boom in the stamp field will doubtless be realized, and collectors generally should give much thought as to what stamps they *really* need. The fifty-seventh catalogue is promised in a month or two, and with it will come many marked changes in the prices of stamps of all countries, some perhaps justified and others probably unwarranted.

While most persons collect stamps for the enjoyment to be derived from the pastime, it is also their wish to buy stamps that will rise in value from year to year. Of course the catalogue compilers are the only ones who know what stamps will be advanced in editions to come, but if the law of supply and demand governs the quotations to any extent, philatelists by a little study can readily choose stamps with a future.

United States stamps are always good articles to buy, but one must go deeply into their history and their present demand to be able to decide with any amount of certainty which values and issues, in the days to come, are destined to be most sought after. United States revenues have been boomed considerably during the last year, and it is quite possible that they will continue to be prime favorites for some time to come. There is no doubt, however, but that some of these interesting stamps are quoted much above their real worth. Those who are desirous of specializing in any class of revenues should confine themselves to the unperforated issues. Of course most denominations are much more rare in this shape than when perforated; and, it is but fair to assume that after collectors have procured all the medium grade perforates, their attention will be turned to the first and imperforated issues. A hint to the up-to-dateist is sufficient.

United States adhesives, envelopes and revenues are in favor with the majority of the stamp men in this country, but there are others who think just as much of British Colonials, and their number is rapidly increasing. It is the opinion of many that these interesting foreign stamps will pay the investor a greater return on the outlay than the stamps of any other countries or group of colonies.

Now is a very good time to buy wants in the current issues and also other older ones. There are a number of dealers still offering old and valuable Colonials at reasonable prices and it is to the advantage of collectors to avail themselves of the opportunity given in this direction. Do not fear that they will ever be cheaper. The stamps of old design are gradually becoming obsolete and those of the prevailing style, the De La Rue, are taking their places. There are probably a good many who feel a trifle sore for not having bought the Grenada, 1883 set, at even catalogue quotations. The same thing is also true of some of the stamps sent out by Trinidad, Barbadoes, British Honduras, British Guiana, Lagos, Gibraltar, Tasmania, etc.

It is suggested that the best British Colonies to purchase at the present time are those of the old type, new issues of new design being expected in the course of a few months. To help the collector, and have him experience that feeling which comes only after one knows he has made a good investment, a list of such stamps is herewith given. Many *may* remain current for a long time, but you cannot lose anything by buying *now* and taking chances. The types and colors of the various stamps mentioned in the following list can easily be found by comparing the values given with any standard catalog.

Bahamas 1p, 2½p, 4p, 6p, 1sh and £1.

British Honduras 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6c.

Cape of Good Hope ½, 1, 2, 3 and 6p; 1 and 5sh.

Falkland Islands ½, 1, 2, 2½, 4 and 6p, and 1sh.

(NOTE:—The 1sh brown of the 1878 issue, without watermark is a stamp with a good future, and cancelled copies are indeed valuable. If used copies are not obtainable, get one in an unused state.)

Gambia ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3 and 6p, and 1sh.

Gold Coast ½, 1, 3 and 6p, 1sh, 5sh and £1.

Gibralter 5, 10, 40 and 50c.

Hong Kong 2, 5, 10 and 30c.

India ½a, 9p, 1a, 2a, 4a, 4a 6p, 8a and 12a.

Jamaica ½, 3 and 6p, 1, 2 and 5sh.

NOTE:The last three named are especially desirable.

Lagos ½ and 1p.

Leeward Islands 7p.

Malta ½, 1, 2, 2½ and 4p, 1 and 5sh.

Natal ½, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6p, 1 and 5sh.

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Among a few really good stamps other than British Colonials may be mentioned the

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Japan, 1876-7 6s orange, 12s rose and 45s carmine.

RAYMOND LEE PERRY.

NOTES FROM ENGLAND.

BY THE CID.

The Editor's remarks in October number on the "Ideal" club sheets show that he does not appreciate the conditions of club exchange in England. The approval books used by S. of P., A. P. A., etc., would not do in this country under the present system. In our Exchange Clubs each member sends a sheet once a month and there are from 20 to 30 sheets in each monthly packet. If it were 20 to 30 books how much larger a parcel it would be. The 24 hours allowed for each member to keep the packet would not suffice and also the secretary's work in checking sales would be greater because of the greater number of pages. Another thing is members provide their own sheets as a rule and would decidedly rebel against paying for books at 5 to 10c each. Our sheets only circulate once while your books go round twice or more. Other points I could also mention but don't think it necessary.

It is a pity there is no Parcel post between England and the U. S. for this seems the only barrier to our seeing some of the books of stamps from the sales departments of your large societies. I know many members here who would gladly share the postage but to pay letter post at 10c per oz. for your not very light books is more than we fancy.

Why don't collectors take more interest in Telegraph Stamps? Surely they are interesting. I know several who are quietly gathering good collections and noting many minor varieties. See how English Telegraphs have lately increased in value. There are only about 31 varieties including plate numbers. My telegraph collection contains the £5 used and this only cost me 6c years ago when I was at school. A boy got tired of stamps and I bought all I wanted out of his book. Now it is worth $10.00 at least. Most Canadian Pacific Railway Telegraph Franks don't seem common. I have only 5. Cashmore Telegraphs are torn down the centre when used and entire unused are hard to find. All obsolete now as the Indian Government has taken the Postal and Telegraph services over.

Written for the AMERICAN COLLECTOR.

Brazil.

Among the most interesting early adhesive postal issues those of Brazil seem to me to be in many respects worthy of considerable more attention than they have heretofore received, altho' prices and interest in this country are just now both increasing apace.

Long before the first Milbury, Baltimore or St. Louis had been conceived way back in 1842-'43 the government of Brazil prepared the first set of adhesive stamps ever used for postage on the American continent as England only at this time had adopted the adhesive or prepaid postage stamps.

The design while very simple (consisting of the numeral of value only) are engraved in the very highest style of the art. The figures in plain white Arabesque resting on a complicated background of fine crossing lines superbly executed and which no modern engraver could surpass in their wealth of delicacy in both detail and shading.

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2d blue	1856	15 cents
2d blue	1858	for the set of fine
1d red	1860	specimens.

M. HAYDEN,
210 W. 25th Street,
N. Y. CITY.

hence the adoption of the numeral. In later years this delicacy of feeling was not only entirely overcome by the introduction of the Head Series but judging from the cancellations on same that have come into my possession the P. O. Clerks made up for lost time. The first issue was evidently regarded as too large as in 1844-45 a new issue was prepared by rushing to the other extreme in size as we find the new series among the very smallest adhesives ever used and suggest often to the un-interested the possibility of having been cut from cigar box labels.

The same simplicity of general design and elaboration of detail in the background as we have just noted in the first issue was preserved and all attempts to counterfeit either set have proven dismal failures as any engraver capable of producing even a passing resemblance to the workmanship which produced these stamps can procure easily a more renumerative employment than counterfeiting. And the engraver who can so successfully imitate these stamps which appear so simple in design at first glance so they will pass the examination of a Brazilian specialist has not in my humble opinion arrived on this Planet as yet.

Of course the "Bon Mot" of a collection of Brazil and the rarity desired by all ardent collectors of this splendid country is the 600 Reis of the 2nd issue, a stamp much rarer than the 3p scarlet U. S. or even a Nova Scotia shilling. The 300 Reis of same series is also exceedingly scarce as one may readily note from the number of collections where it is not in and I must have been asleep last month when I sat in a N. Y. auction and let one slightly damaged go at $4.50. I have kicked myself around town ever since however until I am too sore to write more about this interesting country now. EDGAR NELTON.

Minor Varieties.

The collecting of Minor varieties and oddities although a recent branch of philately is a most interesting study. And I believe that every collector will in a few years from now have his minor variety album, as a side branch to his regular issues.

For instance stamps are found of nearly all issues that are partly of wholly unperforated, they cannot be classed as varieties, for they are purely oddities or errors.

Be that as it may they make a very interesting study. Of these I have a number in my minor variety album, my latest recruit being a current one cent unperforated at top and bottom. A few oddities in my album are an 1894 two cent stamp on gelatine paper; a Columbian two cent with a cap on the ball at the top; an 1894 two cent stamp with the left two crossed vertically with a hair line, not to mention the cap variety of 1890.

Many philatelists hold that the finding of minor varieties has had a great deal to do with the decadence of "boy collectors." But on the contrary I think it has done more good than harm, for the discovery of the 1890 two cent cap variety for instance was sought after by every boy who knew anything about stamps.

So I say to collectors go right on collecting minor varieties, and discovering the same and in years to come you may find in these rare stamps, varieties that will make your heart flutter with philatelic pride. LOUIS H. SMITH.

Written for the AMERICAN COLLECTOR.

Envelope Stamps.

BY D. HARLAN KING.

Kind readers, don't imagine that I am going to enter into a lengthy discussion of the minor varieties which are to be found in Envelope Stamps for that is not my intention at all. This article, I think you will find, will be more of a question than a treatise. Now for the question. Why is it that so many Philatelists have given up collecting envelope stamps and have taken up the collection of envelopes. I am almost decided on one point and that is that at least part of the definition of the word Philatelist is "a collector of stamps" but the phrase "a collector of envelopes" is not "in it." At least I think it should not be.

Probably my meaning is not quite clear.

You have all certainly noticed how rapidly the "fad" is growing, to collect only on the entire envelopes and where the same stamp is issued on several shapes and sizes of envelopes, each size is collected as a variety. Now this is not collecting stamps. It is collecting envelopes.

I doubt if, strictly speaking, collecting the same stamps on the different colors of paper is just in the *stamp* collecting line; however allowing that *that* is all right, certainly collecting the different sizes and shapes of envelopes is beyond the mark.

I shall find myself very much obliged to anyone who will be kind enough to explain to me the objection to "cut square" envelope stamps if a good margin is left. It is my private opinion that this "fad," for it can certainly be nothing more than a "fad," was started by some tricky dealer who had quite a stock of entires on hand and wanted to realize an extra profit on them.

The worst effect of all this is the lowering of price of "cut square" specimens even if they are in super-fine condition.

Of course every one is at liberty to do as he chooses in this matter but I think after a little careful thought you will all agree with me that collecting "entires" and excluding "cut squares" from your collection is all a useless "fad," doing more harm to Philately in general than good.

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EDITOR'S EASY CHAIR.

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Bits and Chips, a very neat amateur club paper, published at Utica, N.Y., devotes considerable space to Philately.

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*	27	'51-56, 1c blue, (type II)	$2 00
	31	" 10c green, magnificent horizontal strip of 3 with line	7 00
	31	'51-56, 10c green, unsevered horizontal pair	2 00
*	32	'51-56, 12c black, o. g	18 00
*	36	'55-60, 1c blue (type I)	9 00
	36	" 1c " "	4 00
*	38	" 1c " (type III)	35
	45	" 10c green	35
*	47	" 24c lilac	5 75
	54	1861 12c black, India paper proof, without corner ornaments	12 00
	61	1861 5c yellow	6 50
*	62	" 10c green	1 30
	62	" 10c "	10
	63	" 12c black	30
*	65	" 30c orange	1 50
	65	" 30c orange	45
*	71	'62-66, 15c black	5 00
*	72	" 24c gray lilac	3 00
	72	" 24c "	30
	81	1867 3c rose, 12x14mm	2 00
*	83	" 2c black, 11x13mm	2 00
	83	" 2c " "	22
*	84	" 3c rose "	75
*	89	" 2c black, 9x13mm	95
	89	" 2c " "	22
	93	" 12c " "	65
	94	" 15c " "	1 12
	108	1869 1c buff	55
*	109	" 2c brown	88
*	110	" 3c blue	70
	113	" 12c green	55
	116	" 24c green and purple	5 25
*	122	1875 1c buff	1 75
	123	" 2c brown	10 00
	135	'70-71, 6c carmine	2 75
	136	" 7c vermilion	2 70
*	152	" 12c dark purple, no grill	8 00

U. S. REVENUES.

2801	1c Playing Cards	1 50
2802	1c Proprietary, p. p	1 12
2816	3c Playing Cards	6 00
2820	4c "	8 00
2820	4c " mended	7 00
2826	5c Inld. Exchange, p. p., unsevered pair	70
2828	5c Proprietary	1 12
2831	10c Bill of Lading, imp	75
2835	10c Inld. Ex., p. p. unsevered pair	1 25
2839	15c " " " "	1 25
2840	20c Foreign Exchange, imp	50
2843	25c Certificate, p. p	22
2850	30c Foreign Exchange, lilac	2 00
2852	40c Inld. Exchange, p. p	25
2854	50c Entry of Goods, "	1 50
2858	50c Mortgage, p. p., unsevered pair	3 00
2859	50c Orig Process, imp	40
2860	50c Passage Ticket, imp	3 00
2861	50c Probate of Will, p. p. unsevered pair	10 00
2862	50c Surety Bond, imp	3 00
2863	60c Inland Exchange, p. p	1 00
2863	60c " " imp	75
2864	70c Foreign Exchange, imp	2 50
2866	$1.00 Entry of Goods "	1 40
2867	1.00 Foreign Exchange imp	70
2869	1.00 Lease, imp	1 40
2871	1.00 Manifest, imp	1 75
2872	1.00 Mortgage, mended	2 50
2874	1.00 Power of Attorney, imp	88
2875	1.00 Probate of Will, imp	1 60
2877	1.50 Inland Exchange, imp	18
2879	1.90 Foreign Exchange, imp	1 12
2889	5.00 Manifest	1 80
2890	5.00 Mortgage	70
2892	10.00 Charter Party	60
2893	10.00 Conveyance, imp	3 00
2895	10.00 Probate of Will, mended	90
2897	20.00 Conveyance, imp	2 20
2899	25.00 Mortgage	3 50
2900	50.00 U. S. Inter. Revenue	2 75
2901	200.00 " " "	16 00
2916	60c blue and black	60
2924	2.50 " " "	40
2929	20.00 " " "	11 00
2930	25.00 " " "	16 50
2931	50.00 " " "	11 00
2967	2c blue, used for postage on orig. cover cancelled at Philadelphia, rare	75
2967	2c blue, rouletted	50
2977	50c black and green, green p	17 00
2987	4c red-brown, rouletted	2 50
2989	1c blue, rouletted	4 00
3008-w	Match, 1c blue, Alligator Match Co. roul	2 50
3012-o	" 1c blk., American Match Co	65
3059-s	" 1c green, Clark, Henry A	60
3106-w	" 1c blk., Henry, W. E. & Co	15
3139-o	" 1c blue, Orono Match Co	30
3187-w	Medicine, 1c black, Ayer, J. C. & Co	10
3188-o	Medicine, 4c blue, Ayer, J. C. & Co	40
3215-w	" 2c blk, Crown, F	15
3224-w	" 4c black, Campion, J. W. & Co	1 25
3225-s	Medicine 4c black, Campion, J. W. & Co	35
3225-w	Medicine, 4c black, Campion, J. W. & Co	25
3263-o	Medicine, 1c black, Fleming Bros	50

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1869	1c buff		.35
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1870	1c blue, grilled		.40
"	2c brown, grilled		.08
1873	10c brown		.05
"	12c purple		.50
* "	15c orange		.50
"	30c black		.18
"	90c carmine		.65
1875	5c (Taylor) blue		.03
1888	30c puce-brown		.35
1890	90c orange		.60
*'93	50c Columbian		.70
* "	1.00 "		4.00
* "	2.00 "		2.25
* "	3.00 "		3.00
* "	4.00 "		4.00
* "	5.00 "		5.00
*Interior Department,	1c		.15
* " "	2c		.05
* " "	3c		.03
*Interior Department	6c	$	.05
* " "	10c		.20
* " "	12c		.30
*Treasury Department,	3c		.08
* " "	6c		.15
" "	7c		1.00
" "	90c		.75
*War Department,	1c		.03
* "	2c		.03
* "	3c		.02
* "	6c		.04
* "	10c		.20
* "	12c		.20
* "	15c		.20
* "	24c		.30
* "	30c		.25
* "	90c		1.00
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303	Argentine 6c carmine	$ 10	$ 15
317	" 6c brown	08	12
104	Bahamas 1+1 on 1½+1½d	18	35
105	" 1d rose	05	10
106	" 1+1d rose	10	15
310	Barbados ½d brown	03	08
311	" 1d carmine	05	10
312	" 1+1d carmine	10	15
151	Bolivia 1c brown	04	08
152	" 2c blue	05	08
402	Brazil 50r blue	07	15
306	Brit. Guiana 2 on 3c	15	25
308	" 2c carmine	4	10
309	" 2+2c carmine	8	20
310	" 1c gray	3	6
206	Brit. Honduras, 3 on 5c	50	1 00
407	Canada, 1+1c error	3 25	5 00
402	Cape of Good Hope, 1d brown	6	8
607	Ceylon, 2½c on 2c	10	25
609	" 2½c on 8c		5 00
610	" 5c on 6c	20	
611	" 5c on 8c	25	
615	" 2½c on 2c	15	
625	" 3c on 10c	50	
628	" 2+2c blue	4 50	
630	" 2c blue	3	5
633	" 5c blue	5	10
304	Cypress, ½ pia green	5	8
310	" ½ pia "	5	8
208	Dutch Indies, 5 on 12½c		50
501	Egypt, 20pa brown	8	12
502	" 20+20pa carmine	18	
505	" 3 on 5m "	6	8
101	Falklands, 1d carmine	5	10
102	" 1+1d "	10	18
103	" 1½d brown	8	15
104	" 1½+1½d brown	12	
201	Fiji Islands, 1d black	6	
202	" 1+1d violet	10	
203	" 1½d dark green	8	
204	" 1½+1½d carmine	15	
250	" 1½d Letter Card	8	
657	France, 30c carmine		60
659	" 30c black, red and blue		60
660	" 30c " " "		45
661	" 30c " and blue		18
664	" 30c "		7
307	Greece, 10l carmine	6	10
309	" 5l black	3	4
310	" 10l blue	6	8
311	" 10l carmine	6	6
204	Guatemala, 3c carmine	6	8
38	Heligoland, 5pf green	50	
43	" 10pf black	25	50
203	Gwalior, ¼+¼ anna	20	
205	" ¼ anna	4	5
101	Nepal, 3½p black and red	6	15
254	Patiala, ¼ anna	8	8
259	" ¼ anna	6	8
261	" ¼ anna	3	
323	Italy, 10 on 15c	8	18
105	Labuan, 1+1c lilac	5	10
106	" 3+3c green	12	20
	" 4 on 8c green	15	
105	Lagos, 1 on 1½d	30	
106	" 1d carmine	5	10
107	" 1+1d carmine	10	15
401	Liberia, 3c red and blue	15	
402	" 3c " "	60	
403	" 3c " "	40	50
302	Mauritius, 2c maroon	50	
303	" 2c brown	3	6
304	" 6c green	8	
305	" 6+6c violet	15	
	" 1895 2c green (Prov.)	3	
	" 1896 6c lilac	6	
	" 6+6c lilac	12	
301	Natal, ½d brown	8	
302	" 1d carmine	10	10
802	N. S. Wales, 1d rose	15	20
803	" 1+1d rose	20	
804	" 1+1d rose	20	
805	" 1d rose	50	
806	" 1d violet	12	
807	" 1+1d violet	15	
808	" 2d blue (Jubilee)	18	
809	" 3d green "	20	
812	" 2d blue "	18	
813	" 3d green "	22	
810	" 1d violet	8	8
811	" 1d violet on white	50	
817	" 1½d blue	8	10
818	" 1½+1½d blue	12	20
	" 1895, 1½d blue	8	
	" 1896, 1½d blue	8	
	" 1d violet	6	
901	" 1d rose, O. S	1 00	
902	" 1d violet O. S	50	

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1851	10c green	70
1855	10c green	35
1869	1c bistre	40
"	2c brown	12
"	6c blue	55
"	12c green not evenly c'ntd	45
1870	1c grilled	20
"	2c brown	10
"	3c green cont.	02
"	6c pink faint grill	2 50
*1872	1c blue " cont."	40
"	2c brown	02
* "	10c "	50
1872	12c purple	35
1872	15c orange	06
"	15c "	45
"	90c carmine	60
1882	6c red	07
1883	4c green	02
*1883	4c green	12
1887	3c vermilion	10
1888	4c carmine	03
*1888	4c carmine	12
* "	30c puce brown	40
1893	3c green	03
"	4c blue	02
"	5c chocolate	02
"	6c purple	04
"	8c magenta	03
"	10c brown	02
"	15c green	18
* "	15c green	22
1895	6c brown	02
"	15c blue	04
"	30c black	07
"	50c orange	25
$2.00	Columbian very fine used	2 00
*10c	Special Delievery	02
10c	" "	13
*10c	" " '85	18
Due 30c	claret	50

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2c Express p. perf.	50
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Frederick M. Townley was born in the city of Brooklyn, New York on the 29th of August, 1873. A few years latter his parents removed to Sayreville, N. J. where has since resided.

At the early age of twelve he became interested in stamps; starting out as a general collector, but he now confines his study chiefly to United States, Great Britain and Mexico. He is a member of all the prominent Philatelic societies and holds the office of the Librarian in the Sons of Philatelia. His management is very efficient as the Library has increased wonderfully under his administration. He was appointed Superintedent of the Eastern Division of the S.of P. under M. A. Swanbeck in 1894 and later under F. J. Bescher, which office he continued to hold until it was abolished. He is also at present Supt. of the Bureau of Information of the Philatelic Literature Society. He is well posted on things Philatelic as for a number of years he has been a subscriber to almost every Philatelic paper published and has now a very fine Library containing over 200 volumes of the best publications. He has the honor of being next to the first subscriber to THE AMERICAN COLLECTOR.

Mr. Townley is a very busy man, being agent for two fire, one boiler and one marine Insurance Companies, and besides holds the important position of confidential clerk to the Secretary of the firm of Sayre & Fisher company, of Sayreville, N. J., the largest brick manufacturers in the United States.

He is a member of St. Stephen's Lodge No. 63, Free & Accepted Masons, and Raritan Lodge No 116, Knights of Pythias.

R. M. M.



FREDERICK M. TOWNLEY.

Recruiting.

Why are there so few lady Philatelists? This question has often come up in my mind and perhaps it has in yours. The collector and dealer are now both deeply interested in increasing the number of stamp collectors; both pecuniarily so.

Nearly every new collector makes a new customer for a dealer and will eventually cause a rise in the price of stamps in individual collections, as stamps are a commodity regulated almost entirely by supply and demand.

The more demand there is for obsolete stamps the smaller becomes the supply and the higher go the prices greatly to the delight of their owners. But there is another and far more interesting side to stamp collecting than the pecuniary one, a side which the collector ought to pay more attention to, and the side that will appeal more strongly to our lady friends an served to interest them in taking up our pursuit. I mean the aesthetic side. If our pursuit does not deal with much of the beautiful in art; it is nothing. But it does. Take a stamp and look at the beautiful lines of engraving, the beautiful designs copied from nature, the historic figures, the delicate scroll work and the many other features. Then there is the historic value and interest.

Fields for months of delightful study, yes for years. Not the least of all these is the pleasure from arranging and rearranging your collection.

Do not all these things appeal to the tastes of our lady friends. Yes and more to. They are pursuits always near to the feminine heart. Why then are there so few lady Philatelists? It is a difficult question to answer. Perhaps one answer would deal with the pecuniary side. Young ladies and girls do not like to squander their savings on bits of engraved paper when there are so many things of the toilet and finery to be looked after, and sweet-meats to be purchased, but back of this and every other explanation I believe lies this one answer: Their interest has never been aroused.

The Philatelic dealer and collector are doing everything to interest the boys and induce them to form a stamp collection. There is a fine opportunity open to dealers and the society that first takes up the cause of interesting the ladies and young girls. A systematic and persistent effort must be made. The artistic and historic

value of Philately must be set forth. After which we will receive that touch of refining influence that will give us one more powerful hold upon the general community.

PAUL W. GARDNER.

Description of the Surcharged Postage Stamps of Southern Bulgaria.

In formerly European Turkey is located a small country called Eastern Roumelia, up to 1889 a Turkish semi-independent province. During Turkish rule were used there regular postage stamps of Turkey surcharged partly "R. O." and partly "Roumelia Orientale." In the year 1885 a prince of the grandducal Hessian family. Alexander of Battenberg was elected (after the Russo-Turkish war) as first Prince of Bulgaria. This plucky German prince would have a greater Bulgaria, his army crossed the frontier (1885) and annexed the neighboring country; Eastern Roumelia. The Turkish [post] officials were chased out, the post-offices there became Bulgarian, and the country was called South Bulgaria. There was a large stock of [Turkish] Eastern Roumelia postage stamps on hand, and on September 19th 1885 the [now] South—Bulgaria postoffices were opened. An engraver named Azaka furnished the bulgarian government with a hand stamp representing a lion [the Hessian arms]. The Turkish-Eastern Roumelia stamps were surcharged with a lion, but used only for inland mail. Now greater Bulgaria would show also to foreign countries the rule of Bulgaria in Eastern Roumelia. Two other hand stamps were made which had inside the octagon frame the words "Vaces-China [South] and below the word Bulgaria. These stamps were used for foreign mail only. But short was the life of South Bulgaria lion surcharged stamps. Two weeks circulation was all they had, as at the end of the same month September 1885 the order came. The South Bulgaria postage stamps [Turkish issue and Bulgarian issue shall be discontinued. The three hand stamps [surcharges] shall be demolished, and with this date regular Bulgarian postage stamps shall circulate in Southern Bulgaria! Interesting war relics].

That those linos surcharged South Bulgaria stamps have been and still are "counterfeited" is an open secret!]

Now I will in short describe these "lions surcharged stamps": 1885 first issue; simple Bulgarian lion black surcharge. The crown rests free upon the lions head, and the crown contains three diamonds, clear to see. The first paw of the lion has three [near the head] claws, while the second paw has four claws, near by the head. The last claw stands more below the others. The third paw has four claws, but the fourth claw is very short. The fourth paw also has four claws, and the last claw stands far off the others. The tail of the lion is a double circle line and ends in a hair bag. The whole position of the lion is very bent.

1885 second issue; blue surcharged lion. The crown is tied upon the head, therefore the circle is not to be seen. All the paws have three claws. On the first paw is the third claw far off the others, and pointing downward; same is with the second paw. On the third paw are the second and third claws downward pointed, and on the fourth paw is the third claw shorter than the others. The tail is more bent, the end point thicker, and longer. The position of the lion is upright, the knees are rectangular bent, and on the third and fourth paws are sharp points like spurs.

1885 Third issue; surcharged black, lion in frame. The first letter in the word "Orientale" is round, and stands a little higher than the last letter. Crown and head of the lion are much smaller, as in the first and second issue. The claws on the first paw are deep cut, and the first claw is very small. The third claw on the second paw is upright, bent forward, and stands off the others. The third paw is similar as the second, and the second and the third claws are pointed downward, while the fourth paw which has "only 2 claws" is in a sharp perpendicular position. The tail of the lion is much shorter [as described in second and third issue] and is a simple bow line.

1885 fourth issue; surcharged lion in frame, blue. The first letter in the word Orientale is an oval O. The claws on the first paw of the lion are entirely extended, the third claw of the second paw is drawn in, and stands far off the others. The third paw is stronger bent than those in the third issue described, and the fourth paw has three claws. The tail is far extended and contrary [to the third issue] with full hair bag [oval]. This fourth issue stamp is very, very scarce, and the whole government stock of all lion surcharged stamps of South Bulgaria was very limited! Stamps valued at, 4200 Francs [$1,000] were sold and after discontinuing the issue of stamps, left only for 40 Francs [about $9.50]. The postmasters returned stamps, valued in total $500—all of this IV issue, for half the amount remaining unused stamps were sold to European dealers. In regard to the color of the lion surcharged stamps of South Bulgaria I mention, that blue color and black color was used, but the blue color smeared too much and black was preferred. There were also made surcharges in red [Essay] but as the red color was not good to see they were also surcharged with blue [also red blue] color. Both are rarities]! There are seen also surcharged stamps "lion Downward," made during the first days after occupation of the country.

In the regular Turkish "Eastern Roumelia" stamps were many years in circulation [after occupation] so "Counterfeiters in Bulgaria" took and still have matters in hand, to surcharge them with a lion; and unused South Bulgaria stamps are ready for the market! There are also used stamps counterfeited [cancelled to order]. Stamp collectors easily can find out the counterfeit surcharged stamps of South Bulgaria by perusing carefully this article! F. P.

Oddities in Canadian Revenues.

The oddity collector who neglects Canada Revenues is missing a great deal. There are countless oddities, varieties and errors in Canada Revenues. A few of these are quite scarce, but the majority are so cheap, that even the collector with a very small pocket-book can fill up his blanks with them. Especially the third issue Canada bill is resplendent with oddities and mistrikes. I have the 1c 2c 4c 5c & 8c which must have been printed and Perforated in a hurry, as the perforation cuts through the stamp, just below the words "bill stamp, the value being *on top*. This variety is scarce in the 4, 5, 6 & 8c values, but quite common in the others.

Then I have the 1, 4 & 8c values with the Perforation just above the cap on the queens head. This stamp looks quite queer, no reading on top and below "Bill Stamp" four cents. "Canada," These must be scarce, as they can not be had from most of the dealers. The 7c value I have, the perforation cutting vertically across the stamp, so that one side does not show any numerals in the corner, while the other side has two sevens. This variety is common, but the stamp itself is now priced by most dealers at from 20—40c net. I have a nice block of 4 Quebec registration green, (beaver) 5c value at bottom. The perforation runs through the stamp above the value which thus comes on top of the stamp below. "Reading five cents registration Quebec" they are not very rare. Then of course, there are many varieties of mistrikes, printing on both sides, double perforation, etc. The rarest of the errors however is the 7 cent Canada bill 1st issue, seven being spelt SPVEN, I still regret the day when I sold mine for 4.50 in New York a few years ago. There are also many oddities in Canada Postage stamps, 6c stamps, cut in half, with genuine postmark are often met with, but are usually canceled to order by an obliging postmaster.

Mine were, anyway.

CANADIEN.

OWING to want of time to conduct the office properly, P. L. Messer, has resigned the Treasurership of the Sons of Philatelia. Secretary Miller is acting as Treasurer pro tem, until Messer's successor is appointed.

STILL LIVING.

The Man Who had the first Postage Stamp Made.

W. T. Silby, who is connected with the postoffice department at the National Capital has an interesting history. At present he is summering at Green Mountain in Berkeley county, this State, says a Parkersburg, W. Va., special to the *Enquirer*. He has passed his 84th milestone, and has been connected with the general postoffice department the greater part of his active life.

While acting in the capacity of special agent under Polk's administration, in 1844, he was sent to New York to superintend the issuing of the first postage stamps used by the United States government.

Cave Johnson of Tennessee, was then postmaster-general. Rod, Wright & Co., were the engravers. The order was for $65,000 worth of the denomination of fives and tens. After the completion of this issue the plates were enclosed in large envelopes, and sealed with Rod, Wright & Co.'s seal at one end and Mr. Silby's seal on the other. The plates were then deposited in the Custom House at New York City.

Before departing for Washington he left at the New York postoffice $4,000 worth, at Philadelphia, $3,000 worth, and the balance were sent to Washington. It was not long until this issue was fast becoming exhausted, and Mr. Silby was again sent to get out another and much larger issue.

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WE notice by the last [Jan.] *Monthly Bulletin* that the Postal Card Society of America will hold its annual election next month. We note with regret that Secretary Lohmeyer will not be a candidate for re-election, so we take pleasure in nominating our esteemed friend, Wm. C. Stone of Springfield, Mass., for that important position. A more capable or experienced person cannot be found for the office.

S. M. HAMILTON, of Petersburg, Ill., has issued a pamphlet, entitled "The Inside History of the Late P. S. of A. Campaign" Price 25c.

"Philately, Philatelists and the Philatelic Press" is the title of a very handsome and interesting booklet issued by the H. R. Cooper, Jr. Advetrising Agency, Orange, Cal., in the interest of their business. The contents, make up and press work cannot be surpassed. Such booklets as this judiciously circulated will do much towards extending and elevating Philately.

WE have received a great many small catalogues and price-lists for which the senders have our thanks. The number has been so large that we do not have space even to mention them.

WE received a New Year greeting from the Columbia Stamp Co., Washington, D. C., in the shape of a used Turkish stamp on the original envelope which was addressed in the native language. Thanks.

THE *Stamp Lore*, typographically is the finest Philatelic paper that has reached our sanctum for a number of years. The make up is similar te the *Canadian Philatelist* which has been consolidated with it, and the contents are very good.

THE *Stamp Collector's Fortnightly*, of 64 cheapside, London, Eng., for Dec. 26th gives us a very interesting account of how a man some years ago deposited his collection in lien of a bond for £2,000. An estimate has just been made of its value and he found it to be worth the snug sum of £7,000.

MR. S. Stewart, Darlington, England, has kindly remembered us with a copy of his Stamp Collectors' Almanac for 1897. It is in poster form and contains a number of facts for ready reference.

MESSRS. J. M. BARTELS & Co., Washington, D. C., have favored us a copy of the second edition of their Plate Number Catalogue. It is brought right up to date and is invaluable to plate number collectors. A commendable feature is the price, which has been reduced to 25c thus placing it within the reach of all.

We have made arrangements with the publishers whereby we are enabled to offer a copy of the catalogue and a years subscription to this paper for only 40c.

E. T. PARKER, Bethlehem, Pa. has our thanks of a copy of a Revenue Want List which he has published for the convenience of collectors. Space is allowlowed for checking all varieties. It is very neat and handy and the cost is only 10c.

THE *Diamond Philatelist*, of Unionville, N. Y., has been discontinued, not from lack of funds or patronage, so the publisher states, but solely for want of time. Mr. Shove will now devote all his spare moments to his collection.

THE cover of the Jan., No., of the *Omaha Philatelist* is adorned with the invisible features of Mr. Frank T. Shepard, Nebraska City, Nebr. Omaha is quite a place for queer and curious things and we will have to attend the conventions there next year, expressly to view some of them.

WE received a fine Christmas card and photo from Mr. Harry Grand, Penang, Straits Settlements for which he has our thanks.

THE proposed amalgamation of the Canadian Philatelic Association and the Dominion Philatelic Association is at present engaging the attention of our brothers across the border. This is a good step and we trust it will meet with success. The new society will be known as the Dominion of Canada Philatelic Association. If the name has effect it will have a *long* life.

ROY F. GREENE has turned over the S. of P. Library, which he had been illegally holding since 1893, to Frederick M. Townley, Librarian of the Sons of Philatelia, who is now busily engaged in arranging and classifying the numerous pieces.

Changes in U. S. Stamps.

Since July 1st, 1894, when the Bureau of Engraving and Printing assumed the manufacture of stamps, the following changes are noted:

ORDINARY POSTAGE STAMPS.

	Date of Issue.	On W'm'k'd paper after
1 cent	Oct. 10, 1894	Apr. 29, 1895
2 cent	Oct. 5, 1894	May 2, 1895
3 cent	Sept. 24, 1894	Oct. 31, 1895
4 cent	Sept. 11, 1894	June 5, 1895
5 cent	Sept. 28, 1894	June 11, 1895
6 cent	July 18, 1894	Aug. 31, 1895
8 cent	Mar. 15 1895	July 22, 1895
10 cent	Sept. 17, 1894	June 7, 1895
15 cent	Oct. 15, 1894	Sept. 10. 1895
50 cent	Nov. 1, 1894	Nov. 9, 1895
$1.00	Nov. 15, 1894	Aug. 12. 1895
$2.00	Dec. 10, 1894	Aug. 13, 1895
$5.00	Dec. 10, 1894	Aug. 16, 1895
10c Sp. Del.	Oct. 10, 1894	Aug. 16, 1895

Prior to the above dates there were no ornaments in the upper corners of the stamp.

POSTAGE DUE STAMPS.

1 cent	Aug. 14, 1894	Aug. 29, 1895
2 cent	July 20, 1894	Sept. 14, 1895
3 cent	Apr. 27, 1895	Oct. 30, 1895
5 cent	Apr. 27, 1895	Oct. 15, 1895
10 cent	Sept. 24, 1894	Sept. 14, 1895
30 cent	Apr. 27, 1895	
50 cent	Apr. 27, 1895	Mar. 17 1896

The number of ordinary postage stamps of the Bureau design that have been issued on unwatermarked paper is as follows:

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2800	1c express, pair, imp	$2 25
2806	2c certificate, "	1 25
2806	2c " imp	50
2812	2c proprietary, imp, blue and	
2818	3c telegraph, imp. on orig. document	5 00
2812	2c proprietary blue, p. p	1 12
2813	2c " orange	2 00
2820	4c playing cards	8 00
2823	5c certificate, pair, imp	80
2826	5c inland exchange, p. p., strip of four	2 50
2826	5c " " " pair	70
2839	15c " " imp	80
2841	20c " " " pair	70
2842	25c bond, p. p	1 12
2846	25c life insurance, imp	1 25
2848	25c protest imp.	80
2849	25c warehouse receipt, imp	1 50
2849	25c " "	65
2850	30c foreign exchange, lilac	2 25
2857	30c inland exchange, p. p	75
2853	50c conveyance, imp	1 00
2855	50c foreign exchange, imp	1 00
2856	50c lease, p, p	5 00
2856	50c " imp	1 00
2857	50c life insurance, imp	1 25
2858	50c mortgage, p. p	75
2858	50c " imp	1 18
2860	50c passage ticket, p. p	1 50
2861	50c probate of will, "	3 00
2861	50c " imp	3 00
2862	50c surety bond, p. p	75
2863	60c inland exchange, p. p	1 00
2864	70c foreign " imp	3 50
2867	$1.00 " " " pair	2 50
2871	1.00 manifest	80
2872	1.00 mortgage	3 00
2872	1.00 " imp	1 25
2873	1.00 passage Ticket, imp	7 50
2873	1.00 " "	6 00
2874	1.00 power of attorney, imp	88
2875	1.00 probate of will	1 60
2875	1.00 " " "	90
2876	1.30 foreign exchange	1 00
2878	1.60 " "	2 00
2882	2.00 probate of will	1 10
2884	3.00 charter party, imp	1 25
2885	3.00 manifest	1 50
2886	3.50 inland exchange	1 50
2887	5.00 charter party, imp	1 50
2888	5.00 conveyance "	1 00
2890	5.00 mortgage	75
2891	5.00 probate of will	75
2892	10.00 charter party	75
2894	10.00 mortgage	1 10
2896	15.00 "	6 50
2897	20.00 conveyance	2 00
2910	15c blue and black	45
2911	20c " " "	25
2913	30c " " "	1 00
2914	40c " " "	60
2916	60c " " "	1 00
2917	70c " " "	65
2918	$1.00 " " "	10
2920	1.50 " " "	30
2921	1.60 " " "	15 00
2922	1.90 " " "	4 00
2923	2.00 " " "	60
2924	2.50 " " "	35
2925	3.00 " " "	1 50
2926	3.50 " " "	5 50
2927	5.00 " " "	80
2928	10.00 " " "	2 75
2929	20.00 " " "	12 00
2930	25.00 " " "	16 50
2931	50.00 " " "	11 00
2946	4c black and brown	1 25
2947	5c " " orange	07
2948	6c " " "	1 25
2949	15c " " brown	45
2950	30c " " orange	30
2951	40c " " brown	75
2953	70c " " green	60
2954	$1.00 " " "	08
2955	2.00 " " vermilion	60
2956	2.50 " " claret	60
2958	5.00 " " vermilion	75
2959	10.00 " " green	3 00
2960	20.00 " " orange	13 00
2966	2c " " " green, inverted medallion	4 00
2967	2c blue, rouletted	55
2968	2c lake, playing cards	10
2970	1c black and green	08
2971	2c " " "	08
2972	3c " " "	15
2973	4c " " "	15
2976	10c " " " green paper	2 00
2977	50c " " "	17 50
2985	3c orange, rouletted	2 50
2985	3c " silk	00
2986	4c red, rouletted	3 00
2987	4c red brown, rouletted	2 50
2987	4c " "	05
2988	5c black	2 00
2989	6c blue, rouletted	4 00
2991	10c blue	13 50

Postal Cards.

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I have just purchased the entire stock of a dealer in Mexico City, and am now in a better position than ever to fill

WANT LISTS

for cards of this Republic at exceptionally low prices.

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1882	3c red	$ 20	$
	3, 2c red, green	30	
1884	5c green	25	35
	2 pesos, green, error	1 25	
1835	2, 2c carmine	25	
	5, 5c blue	35	
1886	2c carmine		20
	3c lilac	15	
	5c blue		30
1888	3c scarlet	15	
	5c blue	30	20
Same with inscriptions at sides in large capitals.			
1888	2c carmine	$ 12	
	3c scarlet		20
	5c blue	20	15
Same with inscriptions at sides in large, shaded capitals.			
1889	5c blue	20	15
1890	2c carmine and green		15
	3c scarlet and green	15	
	3c blue and carmine	20	15
1891	3c scarlet and green	15	20
	5c blue and red	20	20
New design with frame			
	2c carmine and blue grn	15	20
	2c " " yellow "	15	20
	3c scarlet and blue "	20	25
	5c " yellow "		25
	5c blue & red on cream	40	30
	5c " " white	25	15
	5c " carm. on white		40
	5c " car. on bluish	25	25
	5c " red "		50
	5c " rose "		30
Inscriptions in frame in double lined capitals.			
	3c scarlet and green	25	30
1892	5c blue & red (No. 1203)	15	15
	5c " " (No. 1204)	25	30
1893	2c car. & blue green	10	15
	2c " yellow green	10	15
	3c scarlet & blue "	12	20
	3c " yellow grn	15	25

The 2c card of this issue printed in error without "Carte Postale" (rare)
2c car. & yellow grn.....1 00

I can supply nearly all the minor varieties of the issues from 1894 to 1896 inclusive and solicit correspondence with advanced collectors, who may wish to complete their sets.

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General Issue.

	Unperforated.	Unused	Used
1847	5c brown	$	$ 60
—	10c black		3 00
1851	1c blue		20
—	3c red	70	02
—	10c green		70
1857	1c blue	25	10
—	3c red, with outer line.		20
1856	3c red	08	01
—	5c brown		
1855	10c green	1 90	32
1861	1c blue	20	08
—	5c brown		28
—	10c green	1 40	08
—	12c black		30
—	24c lilac		28
—	30c orange		50
1863	2c black	40	03
—	3c rose	10	01
1866	15c black		45
	Rectangular embossing on back.		
1868	2c black		18
—	3c rose		02
—	10c green		45
—	12c black		65
—	15c black		95
1869	1c bistre		45
—	2c brown		12
—	3c blue		02
—	6c blue		60
—	10c yellow		85
—	12c green		50
—	15c brown and bl. framed		1 30
1870	1c blue grilled		20
—	2c brown		08
—	3c green		02
—	6c pink faint grill		2 50
1872	1c blue cont	40	01
—	2c brown	1 00	02
—	3c green	80	01
—	6c pink		03
—	6c carmine		01
—	7c vermilion		40
—	10c brown		02
—	12c dark purple		35
—	15c orange		05
—	30c black	1 40	15
—	90c carmine		65
1875	2c vermilion		01
—	5c blue	85	03
1882	5c brown	30	01
—	1c light blue	08	01
—	3c green	08	01
—	6c red		05
—	10c brown	25	01
1883	2c claret		01
—	4c green	12	02
1887	2c green	05	01
—	3c vermilion	10	08
—	1c blue	05	01
1888	5c indago blue	25	01
—	30c puce brown		35
—	4c carmine	12	02
1895	1c blue, [Franklin]		01
—	2c carmine[Washington]		01
—	3c purple [Jackson]	05	01
—	4c brown [Lincoln]		01
—	5c chocolate [Grant]		01
—	6c dull magneta [Garfield]		08
—	10c green [Webster]		01
—	15c marine blue [Taylor]		05
—	30c black [Jefferson]		07
—	90c orange [Perry]		10
	The Columbian Stamps.		
1893	1c Antwerp blue, "Columbus in sight of land"	02	01
—	2c purle maroon, "Landing of Columbus"	03	01
—	3c medium green, "Flagship of Columbus"	05	02
—	4c ultra-marine blue, "Fleet of Columbus"	06	01
—	5c chocolate brown, Columbus Soliciting Aid of Isabella	06	02
—	6c royal purple, "Columbus Welcomed at Barcelona"	08	03
—	10c van dyke brown, "Columbus Presenting Natives"	12	02
—	15c dark green, "Columbus Announcing His Discovery"	20	15
—	30c Sienna brown, "Columbus at La Rabida"		30
—	50c carbon blue, "Recall of Columbus"		60
—	$2.00 toned mineral red, "Columbus in chains"		2 00
1885	Special Delivery, 10c bl.	20	08
1888	Special Delivery	13	05
1893	" orange	15	04
	Newspaper.		
1875	2c black	12	
—	3c black	30	
—	4c black	20	
—	6c black	25	
—	8c black	40	
—	9c black	11 00	
—	10c black	20	
1885	1c black	10	
1875	12c carmine	43	
	Unpaid Letter.		
1889	1c brown		02
—	2c "		02
—	3c "		02
—	5c "		08
—	10c "		08
—	30c "		70
—	50c "		75
1891	1c claret	04	01
—	2c "	05	01
—	3c "		03
—	5c "		03
—	10c "		03
—	30c "		50
—	50c "		75

Revenues...

...Wholesale.

	PER 10	100
2c Bank Check blue	$ 05	$ 15
2c " orange	05	20
2c Express blue	20	1 85
2c " orange	40	
2c Playing Card blue	1 50	
2c Proprietary blue	25	
2c " orange	13 00	
2c U. S. I. orange		10
5c Agreement	13	
5c Certificate	05	25
5c Express	30	
5c Inland Exch	05	30
5c Playing Card	4 75	
10c Bill of Lading	30	
10c Certificate	05	45
10c Contract	05	
10c " ultramarine	70	
10c For. Exchange	2 25	
10c Inland Exchange	05	
10c Power of Att'y	09	
20c Inland Exch	07	
25c Bond	65	
25c Certificate	05	45
25c Warehouse Receipt	4 00	
50c Conveyance	05	45
50c Entry of Goods	05	
50c Original Prog	05	
50c Pass. Ticket	1 00	
50c Surety Bond	40	
$1.00 Conveyance	1 25	
1.00 Entry of Goods	20	
1.00 For. Exchange	15	
1.00 Inland Exchange	12	1 10
1.00 Lease	50	
2.00 Conveyance	90	
2.00 Mortgage	1 00	
2.50 Inland Exch	55	
3.00 Charter Party	1 25	
2c blue and black	20	
10c "	20	
25c "	20	
50c "	15	
2c black and orange	05	35
Proprietary.		
1c black and green	30	
2c "	35	
4c "	80	
1c green 1878	10	
2c brown "	12	
4c red "	70	
4c red brown 1878	35	
$1.00 Entry of Goods, unp. and punched	2 50	
25c E. of G., same	50	

The American Collector

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An Acrostic.

There lived a man unknown to fame—
History never recorded his name—
Even fortune, who favors the great

Abandoned him to his fate.
Many a heart doth bless him today—
E'en though no monument covers his clay—
Resting in peace—Where? Who can say?—
Is the brother who "first saved his stamps."
Collectors now are on every hand,
And still they come from a distant land,
North, South, East, West, this army encamps.

Come then and join us without delay,
Open is the door, enter while you may.
Leagues and Societies are forming fast,
Linking to-gether, this army so vast.
Even the printers find plenty to do—
Collectors are reading and studying too—
The papers are many, the books not a few.
One of the best you will find this one, for
R. M. Miller is the editor.

LILLIE H. MURRAY.

O. E. Klapp.

The subject of our sketch this month, Mr. O. E. Klapp, was born in St. Paris, Ohio, on June 1st, 1874, and he is now consequently almost 23 years of age. He is at present living in his birth-place. He commenced collecting stamps and became interested in Philately in 1385. At first he collected in a general way, but at present is making a specialty of U. S. stamps, both postage and revenue, of which he has a very desirable and interesting collection. During the year of 1890 he made several finds, and in this manner added some valuable specimens to his collection. He completed his education in the St. Paris high schools in 1891, and since that he has been employed at the printing trade, and is now publisher of the *Daily News*, of his native town. He is a member of the S. of P., A. P. A., P. S. of A., O. P. S., and several other societies, being Resident Vice President for Ohio of the Philatelic Sons of America. Mr. Klapp is an occasional contributor to the philatelic press, and in fact devotes a great deal of his spare time to philately and its branches.

L. M. S.



O. E. KLAPP.

Written for the AMERICAN COLLECTOR.

U. S. Postage Due Stamps.

Unpaid letter stamps are catalogued and collected, but are rarely mentioned in our philatelic periodicals. Certainly a few words of comment and description concerning such stamps would not be amiss at this time. I select the U. S. dues for present consideration, since I am always more interested in things that appertain to my own country.

It is the intention of Uncle Sam that all mailable matter be prepaid. Yet there is a provision whereby firstclass matter can be forwarded when a 2-cent stamp has been affixed, though it may weigh more than one ounce. But it is expected that government officials attend to the collection of all postage due at the point of destination. Not only first-class matter, but mailable matter in the other classes is subject to the same regulations.

There are several reasons for the provision allowing the collection of debit postage at "the other end" of the transit. The chief reason is found in the fact that Uncle Sam was being cheated through the ignorance and carelessness of his mail patrons. For it is a fact that not a few people believe that a letter is a letter and must go for two cents regardless of weight. We philatelists are better informed. But Uncle Sam has a provision whereby some persons must pay for their ignorance and carelessness of others. The receiving postmaster is not supposed to know the name and address of the sender of first-class matter. If he finds it too heavy, he must stamp on the face of the letter, "Postage Due, two cents," or whatever the amount may be. The mail officer who delivers must collect and affix the proper stamp which is subject to the regular postage-stamp cancellation.

The sale of postage due stamps is prohibited by law. But the regulations regarding the sale of these stamps is more strict now than formerly. Sets of these stamps were sold then by postmasters "just to accommodate a friend." No doubt many of them have reached the public through the ignorance of the P. O. officials, for only recently I found a postmaster who was entirely ignorant of the law prohibiting the sale of these stamps. Yet there are some postmasters willing to "risk the penalty to accomodate a friend."

The first set of U. S. postage due stamps was issued in 1879. Seven denominations were issued, similar in design and of a lilac-brown color. The denominations are, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 30 and 50 cents. The first four were issued May 9th; the others in August following. The design of these first stamps is described as having a "large numeral denoting the value of an engine-turned background, is an oval band lettered POSTAGE DUE above, value in words below, the letters U. and S. on shields at either side; the whole enclosed in a rectangular frame."

In 1885 the color of the stamp was changed to a red-brown, in 1891 to a bright claret, in 1894 light claret and deep claret, and in 1895 and '96, just claret. There was no change made in the design until the present issue, which bears little resemblance to the issue of 1879. The design of 1896 is smaller than the former, and is more fanciful in appearance. But this last issue is too plentiful to need further description.

S. ESTELE MILLER.

Written for THE AMERICAN COLLECTOR.

Specialty vs. General Collecting.

"Collectors of the future will confine themselves to certain counties and endeavor to make complete collections of the stamps, instead of having a few from each country. * * * Let me urge all collectors to become specialists, and become better informed regarding a few stamps, rather than have only a smattering concerning all." H. I. Watts, in the *Evergreen State Philatelist.*

There are two sides to nearly all questions, and the above is no exception to the general rule. I am what Mr. Watts is pleased to called a "specialist," only on a somewhat larger scale, as my specialty is the postage, revenue, match, medicine, telegraph, cigar, cigarette, snuff and beer stamps, entire envelopes, wrappers and post cards of the entire world. Suppose I make a specialty of the stamps of my native country, the United States. I would have to make a powerful big "endeavor" to make a "complete" collection of the stamps of Uncle Sam.

I do not know of any one person owning a "complete" collection of United States stamps.

Suppose our friends over the line try to make a "complete" collection of the stamps of Canada. It would take some time and money, I guess. Try the same thing with Great Britain, or even with the Hawaiian Islands, and how much money will it take to purchase a "complete" collection of either country? It would take more than I have in my pocket at this stage of the game. If a U. S. specialist has a 20c St. Louis offered him for $5,000, he must beg, borrow or steal the money and buy that stamp because he is compelled to have that stamp in order to make his U. S. collection "complete," and a rare stamp like that he must buy when he can get it. It would take as much more to fill in the other varities of the St. Louis stamps, several thousand more for the various Baltimores, Brattleboro, Millbury, New Haven, New York, Providence, etc., but he must have them or his U. S. specialty collection will not be "complete," and a "complete" collection is what he must and will have. The 1851-56 issue is quite a good-sized snag for one with a small pocket book:—but he must have them. The 1855-60 issue and all the reprints, and the rare departments, newspaper and periodicals, revenues, etc., must all be bought—or stolen—to make up that "complete" collection. Excuse me! I haven't the money and am too proud to beg and too honest to steal so my collection will never be a "complete." The idea of making a "complete" collection of United States stamps, from my point of observation, is nonsense.

My advice, based on twenty one years experience in collecting stamps, is to let the specialist, who proposes to make a "complete" collection of the stamps of one or more countries, does as he pleases; if he does not know now that such a thing is practically impossible, with the exception of some small places like Iceland or Heligoland, he will soon find it out, and when he does discover the fact, very likely he will be so disgusted he will give up collecting altogether.

I collect anything and everything that comes my way at prices which I think I can afford to pay. My collection numbers about 7,000 varieties, about 1200 being U. S. My entire collection of foreign stamps would not buy one of the rare St. Louis stamps. Do you think I would exchange my 5,800 varities of foreign for any one, two or three stamps, for the pleasure I could get out of it? As a business transaction I should like to make such a deal, but as far as the enjoyment of the thing goes, I had rather have my foreign collection than all the St. Louis and Baltimore stamps in existence.

Let us suppose that all the stamp collectors in the world, throw aside their foreign stamps, and endeavor to make a "complete" collection of the stamps of the United States. The result would be the prices of U. S. stamps would advance to such figures that no one but a millionaire would attempt to make a collection of stamps. This would be the end of stamp collecting. Thank Heaven, this is a free country, and we can all collect the stamps that please us best.

M. IRON.

Written for THE AMERICAN COLLECTOR.

Errata.

Now that the new catalogue is out and in the hands of collectors, I wonder how many will notice the two salmon colored sheets of "errata" in front. Do you read them? Then go through the catalogue and correct as indicated?

I remember the first catalogue I had. It called for a certain stamp, priced at one cent, which was not in my collection. I tried to obtain it of a number of dealers, but none had it "in stock." One day in looking over the catalogue, I noticed the "errata" and found that I had been "on a wild goose chase." Since then, as soon as I received a new catalogue, I have gone through it and made the necessary corrections.

Some two years ago I was exchanging duplicates with another collector, using the then current catalogue as a basis, a dispute arose over the price I had made on a stamp which had been incorrectly priced in the body of the catalogue, but the correction had been made in the "errata." My correspondent had failed to correct his catalogue, hence the dispute.

To my notion one of the first things to be done upon the receipt of a new catalogue, is to make the corrections as noted and thus avoid a confusion, as very few of us are sufficiently well posted to know, whether the catalogue is correct.

E. L. K.

Written for the AMERICAN COLLECTOR.

An Old Subject.

The articles treating on and advocating the collection of the document revenue stamps of our country are almost legion in number and would make an interesting scrap book, although through them all runs the same arguments, revised and differently written time and again. This deluge of MSS., which is but of late development, has produced in part the desired result. And now where one gathered fiscals ten years ago, we have a score and more. The tide revenueward is destined to sweep one collector after another before it until few indeed will there be who care not for them. Now, though they are many, the revenue collectors form but a small fraction of the whole, but the day is coming when this shall be reversed, and that time is not so far distant.

The present rush for revenues is causing every stray nook and corner, to say nothing of recorder's offices, to be searched for these stamps. As a result, the supply is now larger than ever before but is still closely pressed by the demand. However, I don't propose to launch forth in an extravaganza of praise of the revenues as an investment for to my mind there appears to be an overabundance of this stuff. Truly a dollar's worth of experience is far more valuable than a page of advice for speculation.

A comparison of the last two catalogues will show what is the tendency of revenues as regards their value. They are advancing and at no slow rate either.

But a fair collection may be formed at less expense than many other branches, and like many other old fashioned collectors I believe in the joys of collecting more than in the profits of speculation.

The collection of minor varieties is in much disfavor with a few but with the great body of philatelists it was never so popular. We are told that it is the pestilence threatening the very life of our hobby, but this is a little pessimistic to say the least. The talk about the harm done is of far more danger than all minor varieties ever discovered.

One stamp after another is taken up by our scientists and its minute varieties searched out. We are all familiar with the "premires gravures" and like modern discovered differences. And we as certainly know that the varieties have not all been found.

When a minor variation of some stamp is discovered, we are all glad to possess that stamp for even though it be not the variety we own, the ordinary type is worth more.

The time for the study of our revenues in a painstaking manner, is approaching and the day is but little distant. When that time does come the owning of revenues will be even more desirable.

There are many other cogent reasons that will insure your making no mistake if you gather document revenues but they have mostly been recited and giving them anew would be but reptition. Perhaps, you care not for fiscals as they are not postage stamps. In that of course you are your own judge as every collector has the supreme right to decide what shall enter his album and the collection of U. S. revenues is but a valuable and interesting side line.

GORDON C. CORBALEY.

S. of P. News.

ITEMS of interest to S. of P. members are solicited from all. Write us your opininions on the doings of the Society, personals, etc.

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Mr. Shaw is making a great success of the Sales Dept. Last month he retired books to the amount of about $800.00 from which the sales averaged 36 per cent. This is quite remarkable considering these very dull times.

Auction Manager, Frank L. Van Dermark complains that very little interest is manifested in the auction sales. This should not be, as many bargains are picked up in these sales. Send in at least a few bids on the next sale and assist the Dept.

Bertram J. Bishop, S. of P. 1871, expects to leave Wyandotte, Mich., May 1st. for an extended tour on the wheel through many of the western states, Mexico and Central America. We understand that he will drop all stamp societies except the S. of P. and one other. We wish him a pleasant journey.

The official journal, *The International Stamp* has gotten very much behind time owing to the sickness of Mr. Martin. We are now informed that he has fully recovered so we expect to see the paper regularly hereafter.

Dr. Russell, International Secretary of the S. of P. who had been suffering for some time with LaGrippe is again attending to the duties of his office. By the way the Dr. of late has become quite an enthusiast on grills and is gathering quite a collection.

J. A. Schiedt, S. of P. 1576, of Germantown, Pa., died Jan. 9th. He was a very enthusiastic philatelist and we had many chats with him on stamps at Clayton, N. Y. during the conventions two years ago. He was proprietor of the Diamond Stamp Co., which business will now be continued by his wife, who by the way is quite well versed in stamps.

Frank L. Van Dermark, Auction Manager of the Sons of Philatelia, is now editor and part owner of the *Alden Wave*, a very bright and newsy local weekly paper published in Alden, Mich.

John M. Comstock, S. of P. 1524, of Chelsea, Vt., has turned over his collection and other philatelic interests to his fourteen year old, Harold D. While he will not take an active part in collecting he will still keep posted on things philatelic.

The Philatelic Press.

The *New York Philatelist* is gradually improving. The February number which appeared with a fine green enameled cover contained almost three pages about the arrest of Colman for the "unlawfully having in his possession" 45 sets of Newspaper stamps.

The change of climate certainly had a very good effect on the *Columbian Philatelist* as it is growing more vigorous every month. The January number consisted of 28 pages and cover well filled with ads. and good reading. Quite a contrast to the little 8-pages and cover which appeared some eight months or more ago from the Wooden Nutmeg State.

The Halifax *Philatelic Magazine* altho' only two months old is very active and the editor, Alex. M. Muirhead, is not afraid to express himself. The Literary Notes in February number was written in a very "catchy" manner. Two pages of such notes each month would be acceptable.

Bro. Jewett is certainly to be congratulated on his second annual mid-season number of the *Weekly Philatelic Era* which consists of 20 pages, about one half of which are ads. which were all secured without personal solicitation or special inducements of any kind, so he states.

The *Philatelic Canadian* for January contains among other things an article on "The Speculator and Philately," in which it is stated that "the $2.00 Columbian can now be purchased for $1.75 and it appears that they will come down still lower." This is a mistake as low water mark was reached about last October when they could be purchased for $1.70. The very latest quotations at present is $2.10 and at auction sales they very seldom bring less than face value. In Wolsieffer's Auction sale, in Chicago, on January 30th a used specimen in very fine condition brought $2.15. In our November number we advised those who had not completed their sets of Columbians to do so at once as they would soon advance. Those who heeded our advise have cause to congratulate themselves.

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EDITOR'S EASY CHAIR.

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WE are in receipt of an invitation to the eleventh annual banquet of the Chicago Philatelic Society to be held Saturday, February 27th, 1897 at the Great Northern Hotel. We wish them a very joyous time and assure them that distance alone prevents us from being present.

H. F. DUNKHORST, of Washington, D. C., has kindly remembered us with one of his neat little calendars for 1897 and a postage stamp wallet for which he has our thanks.

WHILE the Columbian Philatelic Society convention at New Oxford, Pa., was not so largely attended as was expected, yet the defficiency was more than made up in the enthusiasm and good fellowship that prevailed. A very enjoyable time was had, especially during the second session which was held at the residence of Mr. Dodge, the newly elected president.

A STRONG effort is being made to organize a New York State Philatelic Society. We know no reason why it should not prove a success, N.Y. certainly has enough active philatelists to form a society ten times as large as any in existence.

WHILE speaking of state societies we wish to say that Pennsylvania has a very active, though small, society known as the Pennsylvania Philatelic Association. Every active philatelist in the old Keystone State should not fail to join. Application blanks can be secured of C. W. Lawton, Pattersons Mill's, Pa.

The accounts of the arrest of Hamilton F. Colman by post-office inspectors in New York city on February 4th for having $5,560 worth of newspaper stamps in his possession, have occupied considerable space in the daily papers in the east. It seems that the inspectors think that the stamps have been stolen from the department in Washington whereas Colman claimed that they were perforated proofs. Colman was held in $2,000 bail for a hearing before U. S. Commissioner Shields on February 20th.

THE Standard Stamp Co., of St. Louis Mo., is the second firm to adopt the scheme, which we published in our October number, to interest people in stamp collecting by the distribution of small circulars, with a foreign stamp attached, mentioning some of the benefits and pleasure of collecting stamps. John M. Hubbard, of Lakeport, N. H., can claim the honor of being the pioneer and originator of the scheme. We earnestly trust that more dealers will adopt the method and see that the circulars are scattered broadcast all over the United States.

EDITORS Pinkham of the *Eastern Philatelist* and Capen of the *Post Office* are having a sort of a scrap over advertising in Philatelic vs. Juvenile Papers. We heartily agree with Bro. Pinkham that stamp ads. pay the best in Philatelic papers. We have tried a number of the better class of juvenile publications and we have yet to find the one that paid us 5% on our investment.

OUR address after Apr. 1st 1897 will be New Chester, Pa. U.S.A., to which place all communications should be addressed.

ONEY K. Carstarphen, of Denver, Colo. has our thanks for a copy of his Colorado Address Book, which contains a short sketch of Philately, with a list of the philatelists in Colorado. It also contains a number of portraits of the prominent collectors of that state. Price only 10¢.

THE proposed amalgamation of the Dominion Philatelic Association with the Canadian Philatelic Association failed to carry. The difference of 20¢ in the dues being the only obstacle. The C. P. A. wanted the dues placed at 50¢ per annum whereas the D. P. A. would not hear to more than 30¢.

ONEY K. Carstarphen, in the Dec. *International Philatelist*, advocates the consolidation of all the national Philatelic socicties, except the American Philatelic Association, into one great society to be known as the reorganized Philatelic Sons of America with dues of 75¢ per annum. This is all very well on paper and even should it be accomplished; how long would it be until we had a half dozen new societies with dues of 25 to 50¢ per year? Personally we think it would be a very good plan if it could be successfully carried out but the dues should not be over 50¢.

SEVERAL of the New York dealers are complaining of petty thefts from their stock books by would be purchasers who abstract stamps from the books while the dealers attention is called to some other object. Close watch should be kept and the offenders caught and punished if possible.

The Col. P. S. Convention.

The first convention of the Columbian Philatelic Society was held in New Oxford, Pa., Tuesday Jan. 26th. Eight members and a number of visitor being present. In the absence of the proper officers, J. F. Dodge took the chair and Dr. R. J. Russell acted as secretary pro tem. W. H. Emmert, R. M. Miller and J. W. Barnitz were appointed as the committee on credentials who announced the election of the following officers: President, J. F. Dodge, New Oxford, Pa. Vice-President, Geo. B. Klebes, Sharon Valley, Ct.; Secretary-Treasurer, Leo Fritter, Columbus, O.; Exchange Supt. Fred P. Holt, Hartford, Ct.; Auction Manager, H. Smith, Medford, Mass; Librarian, H. S. Adair, McConnelsville, O.; Supt. Bureau of Information, Chas. F. Bridge, Albany, N. Y.; Attorney, Geo. A. Katzenberger, Greenville, O.; Counterfeit Detector, Frank P. Brown, Boston, Mass.; Trustees, J. P. Lacour, E. G. Berger, A. E. Fritz, of Chicago, Ill.; Official Journal, the *Columbian Philatelist*, New Oxford, Pa.

The report of the Secretary-Treasurer

was very lengthy being in fact a history of the society from its inception, a vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Fritter for his very efficient services.

The Constitution and By Laws were then taken up and after a lengthy discussion it was decided to adopt the constitution of the Sons of Philatelia with the necessary changes.

A vote of censure was unanimously passed on the American Philatelic Association for its expulsion of Mr. Georges Carion from membership and the denial of membership to Mr. W. H. Emmert. The charges against neither gentlemen being sufficient to justify such actions. The time and place of the next convention seat was left to the discretion of the president who will make the necessary announcements at least 60 days prior to the date.

Written for THE AMERICAN COLLECTOR.

Philatelia's Advancement.

What a vast improvement Philatelia has made in the last ten years. Ten years ago Philately, or stamp collecting, as it was then generally termed, was hardly known to the general public and when it was spoken of by the newspaper press it was called a senseless craze fit only for the amusement of children, etc. But despite all, the so called craze has increased in popularity and numbers of the worst scoffers are now enrolled upon our list with this increase of numbers came older persons, business men bankers, farmers, etc., and with the coming of these men Philately began to be looked upon with more favor by both the newspaper press and the public at large.

Another improvement namely in Philatelia's press is noticable before this our press was represented by a few papers of inferior quality, but as before with the increase of the numbers of collectors came an increase in the numbers of our Philatelic Periodicals; some of sterling worth to Philately and others hardly worth mentioning.

Collecting itself is different, when formerly ten or more years ago only one variety was collected no attention being paid to perforations varieties in paper or watermarks now all these varieties are collected by the specialist and many general collectors also collect them. Another improvement is the collection of only good well centered wholly perforated specimens. Look at a collection gathered say ten years ago and then at a collection of the present day, the contents of the former will look rather shabby beside the neat looking stamps in the latter. Now before I close I wish to advise all philatelists to study their stamps and collect only good specimens, never put a dirty, heavily cancelled or a torn stamp in your album unless the stamp happens to be somewhat scarce and you are unable to get a good specimen.

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Fine foreign stamps from 10 cents to $5.00 to exchange for Match, Medicine, Playing Card, stamps, Revenues perforated and unperforated. T. M. Drossner, 566 Bergen-ave., Jersey City, N. J.

Beer, Snuff and Tobacco stamps (U. S. Revenue) wanted. Offer in exchange good Postage and Revenue stamps. C. W. Hill, 397 8th-ave., N. Y.

I am desirous of entering into exchange relation with collectors in foreign countries. Have about 2000 philatelic papers,also stamps to exchange for anything not in my collection. Correspondence solicited. O. H. Williams, 35 East 17th-st., N. Y.

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2886	3.50	" corner mended	1 00
2886	3.50	" not fine	80
2887	5.00	Charter Party, imp	1 50
2887	5.00	" "	20
2888	5.00	Conveyance, imp	1 00
2888	5.00	"	20
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2890	5.00	"	60
2891	5.00	Probate of Will	75
2892	10.00	Charter Party	75
2893	10.00	Conveyance, imp	3 00
2894	10.00	Mortgage	1 00
2895	10.00	Probate of Will	1 00
2896	15.00	Mortgage	6 50
2897	20.00	Conveyance, imp	2 20
2897	20.00	Conveyance	2 00
2897	20.00	"	1 60
2897	20.00	" perfs trimmed	90
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2901	200.00	" " "	16 00
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2905	3c	" "	35
2906	4c	" "	60
2907	5c	" "	09
2908	6c	" "	1 75
2909	10c	" "	04
2910	15c	blue and black	45
2911	20c	" " "	25
2913	30c	" " "	1 00
2914	40c	" " "	60
2916	60c	" " "	1 00
2917	70c	" " "	65
2918	$1.00	" " "	10
2920	1.50	" " "	80
2921	1.60	" " "	15 60
2922	1.90	" " "	4 00
2923	2.00	" " "	60
2924	2.50	" " "	3
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103	" 1d on 1½d rose		20
104	" 1+1 on 1½+1½ rose		15
105	" 1d rose		05
106	" 1+1d rose		10
302	Barbados 1½d black		75
303	" 1½d brown		20
304	" ½d "		04
305	" 1d carmine		08
306	" 1½d lilac		14
310	" ½d brown		03
311	" 1d carmine		05
312	" 1+1d "		10
203	Bermuda ½d blue		04
207	" 1 on 1½d carmine		25
210	" 1d carmine		05
211	" 1+1d carmine		10
201	British Bechuanaland 1d brown		45
203	" 1d brown		15
204	" 1d brown		06
206	" 1+1d brown		10
207	" 1+1d vermilion		10
208	" 1d brown		08
209	" 1½ on 1d vermilion		10
151	British Central Africa 1d blk, red and or		06
152	" " 2d " "		12
153	" " ½d blk. & yellow		04
154	" " 1d " "		06
155	" " 2d " "		12
201	British East Africa ½a brown		05
202	" " 1a slate violet		10
204	" " ½a green		04
205	" " 1a carmine		08
301	British Guiana 3c carmine		09
302	" 1 on 3c carmine		12
303	" 1c gray		04
305	" 3+3c carmine		15
306	" 2 on 3c "		15
307	" 2+2 on 3+3c carmine		25
308	" 2c carmine		05
309	" 2+2c carmine		08
310	" 1c gray		03
205	British Honduras 5c brown		12
206	" 3 on 5c brown		35
203	" 3c carmine		07
204	" 3+3c "		12
402	Cape Good Hope 1d brown		06
403	" " ½d brown		05
404	" " ½d green		03
405	" " 1½d slate		08
408	" " ½ on 1d brown		10
409	" " 1½d slate		08
501	" " 1d carmine, L. C		06
606	Ceylon 8c brown		35
607	" 2½ on 2c lilac		10
607	" 2½ on 2c " used		25
609	" 2½ on 8c brown "	5	00
610	" 5 on 6c blue		20
611	" 5 on 8c brown		25
615	" 2½ on 2c lilac		15
617	" 3c lilac		04
618	" 5c blue		20
619	" 10c brown		10
620	" 5+5c blue		12
625	" 3 on 10c brown		50
627	" 2 on 3c lilac		06
628	" 2+2c blue	4	00
629	" 2+2c "		12
630	" 2c "		03
631	" 2+2c "		20
632	" 2+2c "		06
633	" 5c blue		05
634	" 5+5c blue		10
637	" 2c yellow-brown		03
	" 2x2c "		05
651	" 5c violet, L. C		15
652	" 5c black, L. C		05
653	" 5x5c black, L. C		10
301	Cyprus ½d brown		10
302	" 1d brown		05
303	" 1½d brown		08
304	" ½ pia green		05
305	" 1 pia carmine		08
306	" 1½ pia brown		10
307	" ½x½ pia green		08
308	" 1x1 pia carmine		15
309	" 1½x1½ pia brown		20
310	" ½ pia green		05
311	" ½x½ pia green		08
33	Dominica 1d carmine		08
34	" 1x1d carmine (rare)		25
35	" 1½d brown		15
36	" 1½x1½d brown		20
101	Falklands 1d carmine		05
102	" 1x1d "		10
103	" 1½d brown		08
104	" 1½x1½d brown		15
201	Fiji Islands 1d black		03
202	" 1x1d violet		12
203	" 1½d dark green		10
204	" 1½x1½d		18
250	" 1½d red, L. C		10
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15c " "	18	
20c Inland "	10	80
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25c Certificate	05	
25c Entry of Good	40	
25c Insurance	10	
25c Life "	1 75	
25c Protest	3 00	
25c Warehouse Recpt	3 50	
30c Foreign Exch'ge	11 00	
30c Inland "	40	
40c " "	40	
50c Conveyance	05	45
50c Entry of Goods	05	40
50c Foreign Exch'ge	3 00	
50c Lease	3 00	
50c Life Insurance	30	
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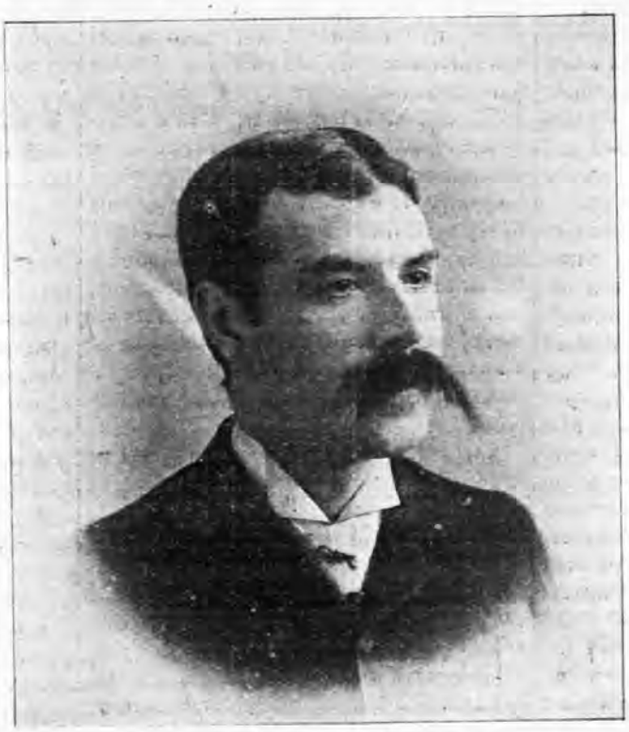

JOHN R. HOOPER.

Written for the AMERICAN COLLECTOR.

Text Mistakes on Postage Stamps

There are certain countries on the globe whose postage stamps, due stamps, stamped postal card, stamped newswrappers contain mistakes in the text. Sometimes these mistakes on surcharged stamps can be quicker found out than on the original stamps. It happens also that modified words of a language are used in connection with old words of the same language, and peaceably make their way over the world! Firstly: I came to the mistake in the text: Take for instance the due stamp of Italy first and second issues. They have on top the word Segna Tassa (wrong word) while since 1870 they have the right word on top "Segna Tasse." On the same due stamps is also the value wrong, as it read "centesimi," while the right word is written "centesimo" further it reads wrongly 1 Lire instead rightly "1 Lira." These grave mistakes certainly occurred because for both denominations was one plate used for the Centesimi and one for the Lire denomination. As the value in the centre of the stamp always is separately impressed, the printer ran off all values in Centesimi and all values in Lire which both is suited only for 2 or more C. and L. (therefore the mistake was in the 1 C. and 1 L. value).

San Marino the pocket republic in Italy, made a big mistake, as the highest denominations is 1 Lire, but the word reads Lira that means 2 or more L. Such big mistakes for such a small country is not an excuse! Follows the formerly independent Duchy of Modena (Italy). They put the value of each stamp separately into the plate, and made the mistakes; Cuet, Clent, Cenl, Cetn, while the right word is cent, (abridged for Entesimi).

British Guiana 1851 1c carmine and 4c blue show a mistake in her devise which reads: Damus patimusque vicissim, while it rightly must read in latin "petimusque." After printing many issues it was corrected.

Next comes the rotten empire of Turkey 1 Piastres blue, which means 2 or more Piastres, while 1 Piastre is right. No wonder that the stamp circulated one year, before the mistake was corrected!

Columbia (shame to the honored name) 20 centavos violet has the inscription Repulica Col., while the right Spanish word is "Republica." They never corrected this mistake, because the same value in later issue has another design.

Bergedorf, the village, up to 1868 owned by the free cities of Hamburg and Bremen (Germany) has an 1½ schillinge, but as two cities owned it the mistake was quickly remedied in the right word "schilling," while schillinge is 2 or more sch. The cities of Hamburg and Bremen dictated to England their money value shilling English!

Greece, or as her native Greek name is "Hellas" offended the Universal Postal Union, which prescribes that each country's foreign postal cards must bear beside the native text, the words in French "Union Postale Universelle" and the word in the Greek foreign postal card is translated in "Union Universelle des Postes" which of course is wrong. (Their German born King ought to know better.)

The cake of mistakes beats Brazil. Newspaper wrappers under the empire, and made by the American Bank Note Co., New York! The Portuguese text

on top is right, but wonder of wonders! The value at the bottom is printed in the Spanish language!! Veinte, Cuarenta, and Sesenta Reis, while it must read in Portuguese language: Vinte, Quarenta, aud Sessenta Reis. The American smarties found out later their blunder.

Secondly I came to mistakes of modified and older words running peaceably together. Brazil leads the line of malefactors. Their country name reads partly Brazil and partly Brasil. Uruguay prints on the lower values of stamps "centecimos" and "centesimos." Follow the city and upon part of Shanghay in China. The stamps are issued by the American-European Municipality and Uncle Sam, alias U. S. A., has an American postal agency there. The value inscriptions reads Candareen and Candareens. Great Britain, alias England, and her Colonies write the money value inscriptions 1½ and 2½ Penny and Pence. Roumania with her German born King has the value Banu and Bani. An unicum is the Balken kingdom of Servia, with Boy King. The 2 Para stamp has the word Pare while the 10p, 20p etc., have the money value Para. This remembers me an the so called Greek "Dualism" (Dualis) a special only for two persons or things suitable plural.

I mention yet the formerly independent Duchies of Schleswig-Holstein since 1866 an province (Schleswig-Holstein Meerumschlungen). The money value on their stamps reads partly "Schilling" and partly "Schillinge" and frequently in the same issue both writing forms.

Thirdly I come to the ratification in the text. That means, old writing forms substituted by modern writing forms. Comes Sweden in her native language Sverige, whose first King was the French general Bernadotte, who was made King of Sweden by the grace of his employer Napoleon I call the great of France. His descendants are still the ruling royal family. On the first issues of stamps the old writing forms, the money value in numbers Trettio is changed in the new form Tretio. Germany's Pfennige were shortened in Pfennig, while Prussia's first issue green 6 Pfenninge has changed in Pfennig, and Bavaria's first issue envelopes changed the spelling of the value Drey Kreuzer in Drei Kr. The oldest issue made under the Bourbon family rule of Spain's postal cards changed the word Targeta in the right word Taryeta (card). Bulgaria the little principality in the Balkan Mountains with a ruler of German descent had in 1885 postage stamps issued with the value 1 Edin and 2 Drva which was later rectified in the right words Edna and Drve. The Kingdom, better Vice-Kingdom of Egypt the land of the Pharanns and the Obelisks had the value of her early issues of postage stamps Para, Piastra, Piastre, changed in the right word Paras, Piastre, Piastres (1879). In the land of the Padisha, with the rotten throne of Mahomet (Turkey) have Great Britain, Germany, Austria, and other powers, the so-called Levant Post Offices established, and while the stamps of England are surcharged Para, while Germany and Austria write Para. I conclude with the land of the Stars and Stripes (U. S. A.) who misspelled in the 2c Columbian Issue the name of America's discoverer in Columous and rectified it later. F. P.

Written for THE AMERICAN COLLECTOR.

Women and Philatelia.

In the AMERICAN COLLECTOR for January, there appears an article on a subject in which I am much interested. It is entitled "Recruiting," and is an appeal to devise some means or methods to arouse the interest of young girls and women, so that they may be induced to join our ranks and become enthusiastic philatelists. Unfortunately, Mr. Gardner, though earnestly advocating such a scheme, does not tell us how it is to be brought about, nor give any plans whereby this much to be desired result is to be attained.

To me, Philately has been a very pleasant as well as an instructive pursuit. Being a "Shut in," and confined quite closely within-doors, I first began to collect stamps merely as a pastime, but soon found, opening before my astonished vision, a vast field for study, whose ever-widening vistas promised more and more pleasure in their exploration. Yet when I attempt to explain something of this to my feminine friends, they look at me in pity, somewhat as one looks upon a fellow-creature who is mentally deficient, and murmur "Poor thing!" Others remark, "Oh it is nice for you who can do nothing else, but you cannot expect *us* to fritter away *our* time in such foolishness!"

A friend, who is a numismatist, relates the following incident. A number of people were one day examining his coins, one of the party was a judge, while several of others were teachers in a High-school. One of the coins was from the Straits Settlements, and the question arose among them as to where this particular portion of the earth's surface was located. Not one of them could answer, and most of them had never even heard of such a country! It is safe to say that not one was a philatelist.

At the present time when history is making so rapidly; when England is endeavoring to enlarge her domains in all the quarters of the globe at one and the same time; when other powers and dynasties are following her example to the best of their ability, it is, perhaps a little difficult to retain a clear understanding of all these changes. But as it is quite certain that the most of them will be commemorated by a postal issue, the philatelist will stand the best chance of being "up to date" in such matters.

Like Mr. Gardner, I am unwilling to admit that this lack of interest is wholly due to the fact that the feminine portion of humanity prefer to spend their savings on dress, cosmetics and sweet-meats or the "last new novel." With some, I am sorry to say, these are the sole subjects for thought, yet, substituting "wine and cigars" for "cosmetics," and "billiards and cards" for "sweet-meats," the same might be said of the opposite sex. Woman is too surely proving herself the equal of man in business matters, and in many other ways, to admit of such accusations. With many, life has too heavy burdens to allow any expenditure except for absolute necessities. An aged parent, an invalid sister, or helpless children must be clothed and fed, and the hours are so filled with toil that there is little time for rest, to say nothing of recreation. With others the claims of society are so engrossing, that they have no time to even become acquainted with their own families.

But it seems as if there must be some bright young girls, some earnest thoughtful women, whose attention having once been directed to this most facinating pursuit, might find great pleasure and benefit to themselves there-in, and become an inspiration and help to others. Their artistic tastes would be cultivated and developed by a study of the beautiful designs and colors, and the exquisite work of the engraver; their educations would be broadened by a research into history, mythology, natural history, science and art; the manners, customs, habits and dress of all nations and all races; the location and government of lands—whether conquered or free; the history of great events and epochs and their causes and results; the biography of noted men and women whose portraits are placed upon these tiny bits of paper; for what noble deeds they became endeared to the hearts of their countrymen, so that they desire to perpetuate their memory forever—all these paths of study, and many more, are open to the philatelic student.

I trust some way may be found to reach and attract our sisters, and to induce them to join us in the near future. Will not some of our best thinkers, our ablest writers take up this subject and devise some plans by which the good work may be accomplished? Surely it is worth an earnest effort.

LILLIE H. MURRAY

THE much talked of International catalogue is out. While some improvements could be made on it, we think it will fulfil its mission very satisfactory. The price of it 10¢ is very cheap for a book of 346 pages. It can be secured of us on receipt of price.

Written for the AMERICAN COLLECTOR.

A Few Suggestions to Those Who Want Them.

As you may judge from the above title this little article should not be read by any one not looking for a suggestion. So if you know the few elementaries of Philately I would advise you to go no further as you may find many trite sayings which will cause your feathers of superior knowledge to ruffle up in a manner that will bode no good to the writer.

Presuming that I now have with me only those who are new in the art or those who are earnestly striving to acquire some of the essentials of a Philatelist, I will offer a few hints on how to manage a small collection.

A point which I have always laid stress upon, among all my young friends, is that they should keep the pages of their Albums clean and neat; select only the best specimens, when you have a choice. Don't purchase or trade a damaged stamp. Don't allow thumb marks to appear any place on your Album. Use the best peeling hinges, and when you have occasion to remove or substitute a stamp, be sure the hinge is entirely removed.

Every collector should save his duplicates no matter how common they appear. Clean them well by washing in clean water, if the color is one that will not run. Warm water will work the quickest, but cold water is less liable to effect the stamp. If your duplicates mount up into the hundreds or thousands, separate them before washing, then after the paper has been removed from the back lay the wet stamps between blotters and press out all the water and spread to dry. Your stamps are now clean and ready to be assorted. Either put them in your duplicate album or tie them in bunches of 100 with thread, remove all damaged or heavily cancelled stamps and destroy them. Put them in bunches with the heads of the stamps all in the same direction, as they are much more easy to look over when searching for varieties. You may think you are wasting your time, but when 15 or 20 years from now or even less time you go through these stamps you will not regret the time so spent.

Trade as often as you can. There is much more interest in trading your duplicates than purchasing a new stamp.

Give liberally from your more common duplicates to beginners or apparently uninterested boys and girls, by so doing you open up a market for your better class of duplicates and make Philately more interesting in your locality.

Study your stamps, all of them, closely, and so gain a knowledge of paper, engraving, etc., which will enable you in later years to judge stamps that are more rare.

Join a good active Society; use its Exchange and other departments regularly. Do not become a dead weight for your more enterprising brethren to pull along.

Read the Philatelic papers and so keep in touch with the times and build additions to your mental store-house.

P. W. G.

S. of P. News.

The S. of P. can now lay claim of having the best Sales Dept. in existence. The Secretary has been receiving a great many letters praising this Dept. and its Superintendent, Chas. E. Shaw. One of the letters is published herewith, as it may induce many members to patronize the Sales Dept.

BALTIMORE, Mar. 10, 1897.

R. M. MILLER, Esq., Sec'y S. of P.

Dear Sir:—As I receive quite a number of good stamps on my packages of Postal Cards from abroad, and, as I do not collect stamps, I made up a few hundred and sent them to our Exchange Department for circulation.

The result has been such that I think our Members, who do not patronize this Model Department of ours, should know it.

The three books I sent out a few months ago amounted to $23.45. They were returned to me yesterday, showing sales to $11.55, about 50%, for which, minus the amount of commission a New York Draft was enclosed.

I am highly pleased with the business like management of this Department.

Yours Truly,

No. 591. ADOLPH LOHMEYER.

Frank H. Burt, S. of P. 1571, has hung out his shingle, Attorney and Councellor-at-Law, in the Tremont Building, Boston. He is a well known philatelist and has been stenographer at the A. P. A. conventions for a number of years. We wish him success in his new field.

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Henry Wolf Bikle, S. of P. 1626, of Gettysburg, Pa., won first prize in the Oratorical contest in Brua Chapel at that place and will enter the contest for the intercollegiate prize at Allentown, Pa.

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Toefeel Demay, a late member of the S. of P. has left for Belgium where he expects to spend a year among his friends. We wish him a pleasant voyage.

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Convention time is only five months distant and we can soon expect to hear of some nominations. Rumor has it that some important officers will not stand for re-election, but we hope this is without foundation as one of the positions would be very hard to fill. So far only one city has been heard from that desires the convention seat in 1898.

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O. H. Williams, S. of P. 43, of 35 East Seventeenth Street, New York City, has kindly offered his services to act as Auction Agent for the S. of P. Members who entrusts their bids to him will have no cause to regret it.

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J. C. Miller

Correspondence.

Editor THE AMERICAN COLLECTOR.

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"Please send Cash for same in 2c. Stamps.

Yours respectfully,

R. H. KEENEY,

Box 936, Hartford, Conn."

As these cards were sent without authority, many of them being fit for the Waste Basket only. I made a demand for the charges, to which no attention was paid, and repeated the same, threatening publication. Again no reply.

Will you kindly publish this letter for the benefit of your Readers

Very truly yours,

ADOLPH LOHMEYER,

Baltimore, March 12, 1897.

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EDITOR'S EASY CHAIR.

ON the first of April we will remove to our old residence at New Chester, Pa., where we will embark in the drug and grocery business. THE AMERICAN COLLECTOR will becontinued from that place in its present form, and we shall endeavor to make it better and more interesting than it has been in the past.

JUDICIOUS advertising always pays. See what Mr. J. C. Miller says on the preceding page about this paper. He has been a regular advertiser of ours for a number of years and always said that he could not find a paper that paid better than ours. When we announced the AMERICAN COLLECTOR he very promptly engaged a half page. After two issues he was so well pleased with the results that he contracted for the entire last page one year, with the privilege of continuing the contract indefinitely.

Some of our readers may imagine that Mr. J. C. Miller is a relation of the editor's and gets a big discount from our rates, which is not the case. While we have done a great deal of business with Mr. J. C. Miller we have never had the pleasure of meeting him as we reside over 200 miles apart.

The AMERICAN COLLECTOR pays other persons also as the following from Mr. H. A. Bricker, under date of March 10th. will testify:

"My ads. in the A. C. have brought me fully as good results as the majority of papers—much better than some."

IN the death of Mr. John K. Tiffany, Philatelia loses one of her most devoted followers. He was a very close student and was the discoverer of many of the minor varieties and had the largest and most complete collection in America, which we are informed is mounted in a dozen or more volumes. What will be done with his collection and Philatelic library is unknown but it is supposed that it will be donated to some museum.

P. M. WOLSIEFFER'S Auction Sale which was to occur March 27th. has been postponed to April 9th. and 10th. on account of sickness and death in his family.

Mr. Wolsieffer informs us that for the last two years he has been distributing cards with foreign stamps thereon accompanied with a circular describing some of the pleasures of stamp collecting among the schools in Chicago. While Mr. Wolsieffer's card is very good we do not think it is quite as effective as the circular we described in our October number, which has been adopted by the Standard Stamp Company of St. Louis, Missouri. Will not more of our large dealers take hold of this matter and help increase our ranks and likewise their trade.

E. T. PARKER, has issued Collector's Want list for U. S. Adhesives and Envelopes. It is a companion to the Revenue Want List he issued a few months ago and sells at the same price, 10¢.

WE suppose the *Indiana Philatelist* adds another to the great majority as we are informed that its publisher, W. Leslie Brand, is attending a university and will never again, perhaps, be a stamp dealer.

WE have received a number of rubber stamps made by Mr. F. P. Gibbs, one of our advertisers, and can recommend them for their beauty, strength and neatness, and above all the promptness with which orders are filled. Four days after the order was sent to Mr. Gibbs we received the stamps. He is quite a contrast to the majority of dealers who generally require four weeks to fill your order.

HAMILTON F. COLMAN, who was arrested in New York, with over $5,000 worth of newspaper stamps in his possession has been bound over to await the action of the Grand Jury. It has developed that Colman who is in with A. C. Townsend, of Washington, secured the stamps through Capt. Munce, chief clerk of the Stamp Division, in an unperforated condition. When, where or by whom they were perforated Colman refused to divulge. Capt. Munce has been suspended indefinitely by Postmaster General Wilson.

GEO. R. TUTTLE'S fifth auction sale will be held on Monday evening April 5th. in the collector's club building, N. Y. city. Ye editor expects to be present and would take pleasure in executing bids for any of our readers free of charge.

THE *Lone Star State Philatelist* of Abilene, Texas, is hustling to catch up with Father Time. Editor Moise gives us some spicy notes and editorials. The April number will be devoted to the Southern Philatelic Association of which it is Official journal.

TEXAS must be getting hot from the way Editor Lowry of the *Texan Philatelist* and Mr. Heusinger, of San Antionio are "going" for each other. By the way I see the *Texan* must get national politics in to fill space.

ALL persons interested in post cards of the British Colonies are invited to peruse the "ad." of A. Lohmeyer on another page. This "ad." is the first of a series of the British Colonies and will be continued each month until a complete list has been published.

In Memoriam.

ST. LOUIS, MO., March 4, 1897.

It is with the deepest sorrow that we fulfil the painful duty of announcing the death of Mr. John Keer Tiffany of St. Louis, Mo., late President of the American Philatelic Association and a pioneer in the philatelic world. Mr. Tiffany had been for years troubled with an ailment which although the best medical skill was employed, was steadily becoming more acute and painful and as a last resort the family physician after consultation with some of the foremost practitioners advised Mr. Tiffany to undergo a surgical operation, and after the latter had consented he was removed to the Rebecca Hospital, on Grand Ave. and Caroline St. where the operation was performed on March 1st. Mr. Tiffany seemed to improve after the operation and yesterday requested the nurse to give him a glass of water, after drinking which he laid down and expired shortly afterward. At the time of his death he was 54 years old and had up to last August been President of the American Philatelic Association for 9 consecutive years.

In the death of John Keer Tiffany Philatelia loses one of her most devoted admirers. He had been collecting stamps and coins since he was a young man and was one of the first to collect philatelic literature. He was an acknowledged authority on all questions pertaining to matters philatelic.

His collection of postage stamps entire envelopes, etc. was one of the largest if not the largest in the U. S. and as a thorough student and deep thinker he had few equals. He took a delight in collecting counterfeit stamps so as to study them and he has often given the benefit of his studies and observations to his brother philatelists gratuitously always pleasant and courteous to all he has endeared himself to the stamp collectors of both hemispheres who now mourn in deep sorrow.

Mr. Tiffany was a lawyer by profession and at the bar in this great city he was universally liked and respected.

We feel that philatelia has sustained a deep loss, but in a firm faith in him who doeth all things well let us say thy will be done. A. L. WISSMANN.

Written for the AMERICAN COLLECTOR.

The Mission of the Philatelic Monthly.

My friend and fellow-collector, the editor of this monthly has requested me to favor the readers of the AMERICAN COLLECTOR with a short essay, although there is some doubt in my mind as to whether the appearance of an article over my signature will be looked upon exactly as a *favor*, yet I am inclined to disregard my timidity, keeping in mind that adage.—

"He either fears his fate too much,
Or his deserts are small,
Who dares not put it to the touch,
To gain or loose it all."

The philatelic magazine is generally the philatelic monthly. It is true that there are some weeklies, and a few semi-monthlies which could be correctly termed magazines, but these are only "the exceptions which prove the rule." It has been the peculiar possession of the monthly to publish essays, scientific treatises and lengthy articles, while the weekly and semi-monthly are more on the order of news-distributors. Hence when we discuss in brief extract, the mission of the philatelic monthly, we refer of course to the philatelic magazine proper. It has been truthfully remarked that "there is nothing new under the sun," and more pointedly is this applicable to philatelic essays. We doubt not but that this subject has been discussed in the columns of our leading journals before, and possibly by more learned men than the author, but the subject seems to possess a surprising degree of longevity as well as elasticity and judging by my own experiences I feel that another summary would not be unwelcome. The monthly is the philatelic educator. It possesses the twofold properties of distributing matters of interest among the fraternity and of discussing at length the problems of the hour, and the probabilities of the future. It draws the attention of the reader to the condition of the present progress, and in the mean time by pointed comparisons with the progress of the past, enables the collector to form his opinions as to what is in store for the future generation of philatelists. Now, we cannot but admit that, taken collectively, the monthly issuance of periodicals are working for this one great end, to instruct the collector. But the ancient philosophers tell us that there are varied and diverse manners of performing this mission. No two modes are exactly alike. One periodical may pursue one course, another may see fit to adopt the exact antithesis of the first, and yet, both are working for the same end and with

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Bargain Column.

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Banjo strings, best quality gut, per set 30 cents, steel, 12 cents. Violin strings best quality gut, per set, 35 cents, steel, 10 cents. Post free. F. W. Hahn, Aiken, S. C. (9)

I wish to buy a good collection of U. S. and foreign postage or revenue stamps, entire envelopes or post card, for spot cash. John M. Hubbard, Lakeport, N. H. (19.)

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2856	50c	Lease, p. p	$ 5 00
2856	50c	" "	4 00
2856	50c	" "	3 00
2856	50c	" "	2 50
2856	50c	" imp	1 00
2856	50c	"	50
2857	50c	Life Insurance, imp	1 25
2857	50c	" "	06
2858	50c	Mortgage, unsevered pair, p. p	3 00
2858	50c	" p. p	50
2858	50c	" "	25
2858	50c	" imp	1 18
2858	50c	" "	05
2859	50c	Orig. Process imp	40
2859	50c	" "	30
2859	50c	" "	20
2860	50c	Passage Ticket, p. p	1 50
2860	50c	" "	1 35
2860	50c	" " imp	3 75
2860	50c	" " "	3 00
2860	50c	" "	18
2861	50c	Probate of Will, unsevered pair, p.p.	10 00
2861	50c	" " " " "	3 00
2861	50c	" " " " "	2 50
2861	50c	" " " " imp.	2 50
2861	50c	" " " " "	2 00
2861	50c	" " " "	1 25
2861	50c	" " " "	1 00
2862	50c	Surety Bond, imp	4 00
2862	50c	" " "	3 00
2862	50c	" " p. p	60
2862	50c	" " "	50
2862	50c	" "	07
2863	60c	Inland Ex., imp	1 00
2863	60c	" "	75
2863	60c	" " p. p	1 00
2863	60c	" " "	80
2863	60c	" "	10
2864	70c	Forn. Exch. imp	3 50
2864	70c	" "	2 50
2864	70c	" p. p	75
2864	70c	" p. p	10
2865	$1.00	Conveyance, imp	25
2865	1.00	"	17
2866	1.00	Entry of Goods, imp	1 40
2866	1.00	" " "	1 00
2866	1.00	" "	04
2867	$1.00	Forn. Ex. unsev. pair, imp	2 50
2867	1.00	" imp	75
2867	1.00	"	04
2868	1.00	Inland Ex. imp	20
2868	1.00	" silk	10
2869	1.00	Lease, imp	1 40
2869	1.00	"	08
2870	1.00	Life Ins	18
2871	1.00	Manifest, imp	1 75
2871	1.00	"	80
2871	1.00	"	70
2872	1.00	Mortgage	3 00
2872	1.00	" mended	2 50
2872	1.00	" imp	1 25
2872	1.00	" "	85
2872	1.00	" "	80
2873	1.00	Passage Ticket, imp	7 50
2873	1.00	" "	6 00
2873	1.00	" "	5 50
2874	1.00	Power of Atty., imp	88
2874	1.00	" " "	50
2874	1.00	" "	09
2875	1.00	Probate of Will, imp	1 60
2875	1.00	" " "	90
2876	1.30	Foreign Ex	1 00
2877	1.50	Ind. Ex., imp	20
2878	1.60	Forn. Ex	2 00
2878	1.60	" " S. E. corner mended	1 65
2879	1.90	Forn. Ex	1 15
2880	2.00	Conveyance, imp	1 65
2880	2.00	"	15
2881	2.00	Mortgage	18
2882	2.00	Probate of Will	1 10
2883	2.50	Inland Ex	10
2884	3.00	Charter Party, imp	1 25

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2802	1c	Proprietary per 30	90
2804	2c	Bank Check, bl. imp. per 100	50
2804	2c	" " "	20
2805	2c	" orange "	15
2808	2c	Express blue "	25
2808	2c	" " "	2 35
2809	2c	" orange "	3 75
2809	2c	" " per 10	50
2812	2c	Proprietary, per 100	2 00
2812	2c	" per 50	1 25
2814	2c	U. S. Inter. Rev. per 100	15
2815	4c	Inland Ex. per 10	20
2824	5c	Express per 70	3 50
2825	5c	Inland Ex. per 120	50
2829	6c	" per 10	60
2842	25c	Bond per 100	6 00
2843	25c	Certificate per 100	35
2865	$1.00	Conveyance per 16	1 50
2904	2c	blue and black per 44	90
2945	2c	black and orange per 100	30
2945	2c	" " "	25
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1c Proprietary			4
1c Telegraph			7
2c Bank Check, blue	02	30	1
2c Bank Check, orange			1
2c Certificate, blue	30		55
2c Certificate, orange			56
2c Express, blue	25	60	3
2c Express, orange			7
2c Playing Cards, blue			20
2c Proprietary, blue		1 00	3
2c Proprietary, orange			2 00
2c U. S. I. Rev., orange			1
3c Foreign Exchange			4
3c Playing Cards			7 00
3c Proprietary			5
3c Telegraph	60	15	12
4c Inland Exchange			4
4c Playing Cards			8 00
4c Proprietary		75	7
5c Agreement			2
5c Certificate	15	20	1
6c Express	30	15	5
6c Foreign Exchange			2

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28	" 1+1d "	16
29	" 1½d brown	12
30	" 1½+1½d brown	25
102	Bahamas 1½+1½d rose	20
103	" 1d on 1½d rose	20
104	" 1+1 on 1½+1½ rose	15
105	" 1d rose	05
106	" 1+1d rose	10
302	Barbados 1½d black	75
303	" 1½d brown	20
304	" ½d "	04
305	" 1d carmine	08
306	" 1½d lilac	14
310	" ½d brown	03
311	" 1d carmine	05
312	" 1+1d "	10
203	Bermuda ½d blue	04
207	" 1 on 1½d carmine	25
210	" 1d carmine	05
211	" 1+1d carmine	10
201	British Bechuanaland 1d brown	45
203	" 1d brown	15
204	" 1d brown	06
206	" 1+1d brown	10
207	" 1+1d vermilion	10
208	" 1d brown	08
209	" 1½ on 1d vermilion	10
151	British Central Africa 1d blk. red and or.	06
152	" " 2d " "	12
153	" " ½d blk. & yellow	04
154	" " 1d " "	06
155	" " 2d " "	12
201	British East Africa ½a brown	05
202	" " 1a slate violet	10
204	" " ½a green	04
205	" " 1a carmine	08
301	British Guiana 3c carmine	09
302	" 1 on 3c carmine	12
303	" 1c gray	04
305	" 3+3c carmine	15
306	" 2 on 3c "	15
307	" 2+2 on 3+3c carmine	25
308	" 2c carmine	05
309	" 2+2c carmine	08
310	" 1c gray	03
205	British Honduras 5c brown	12
206	" 3 on 5c brown	35
203	" 3c carmine	07
204	" 3+3c "	12
402	Cape Good Hope 1d brown	06
403	" " ½d brown	05
404	" " ½d green	03
405	" " 1½d slate	08
408	" " ½ on 1d brown	10
409	" " 1½d slate	08
501	" " 1d carmine, L. C.	06
606	Ceylon 8c brown	35
607	" 2½ on 2c lilac	10
607	" 2½ on 2c " used	25
609	" 2½ on 8c brown "	5 00
610	" 5 on 6c blue	20
611	" 5 on 8c brown	25
615	" 2½ on 2c lilac	15
617	" 3c lilac	04
618	" 5c blue	20
619	" 10c brown	10
620	" 5+5c blue	12
625	" 3 on 10c brown	50
627	" 2 on 3c lilac	06
628	" 2+2c blue	4 00
629	" 2+2c "	12
630	" 2c "	03
631	" 2+2c "	20
632	" 2+2c "	06
633	" 5c blue	05
634	" 5+5c blue	10
637	" 2c yellow-brown	03
	" 2x2c "	05
651	" 5c violet, L. C.	15
652	" 5c black, L. C.	05
653	" 5x5c black, L. C.	10
301	Cyprus ½d brown	10
302	" 1d brown	05
303	" 1½d brown	08
304	" ½ pia green	05
305	" 1 pia carmine	08
306	" 1½ pia brown	10
307	" ½x½ pia green	08
308	" 1x1 pia carmine	15
309	" 1½x1½ pia brown	20
310	" ½ pia green	05
311	" ½x½ pia green	08
33	Dominica 1d carmine	08
34	" 1x1d carmine (rare)	25
35	" 1½d brown	15
36	" 1½x1½d brown	20
101	Falklands 1d carmine	05
102	" 1x1d "	10
103	" 1½d brown	08
104	" 1½x1½d brown	15
201	Fiji Islands 1d black	06
202	" 1x1d violet	12
203	" 1½d dark green	10
204	" 1½x1½d	18
250	" 1½d red, L. C.	10

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Revenues at Wholesale!

	PER 10	PER 100
5c Express	$ 30	$
5c Foreign Exch'ge	08	
5c Inland "	05	35
5c Agreement	08	
10c Bill of Lading	30	
10c Certificate	05	55
10c Contract	05	
10c Foreign Exch'ge	2 00	
10c Inland "	05	40
15c " "	18	
20c Inland "	10	80
25c Bond	70	
25c Certificate	05	
25c Entry of Good	40	
25c Insurance	10	
25c Life "	1 75	
25c Protest	3 00	
25c Warehouse Recpt	3 50	
30c Foreign Exch'ge	11 00	
30c Inland "	40	
40c " "	40	
50c Conveyance	05	45
50c Entry of Goods	05	40
50c Foreign Exch'ge	3 00	
50c Lease	3 00	
50c Life Insurance	30	
50c Mortgage	17	
50c Original Process	05	45
50c Passage Ticket	1 00	
50c Probate of Will	8 00	

50c Surety Bond	$ 30	$
$1.00 Entry of Goods	20	
1.00 Foreign Exch.	18	
1.00 Inland Exch.	10	
1.00 Lease	45	
1.00 Life Insurance	1 00	
1.00 Manifest	6 00	
1.00 Passage Ticket	——	
Per 3 $12.50		
1.00 Power of Att'y	30	
1.00 Probate of Will	6 00	
2.00 Conveyance	1 00	
2.00 Mortgage	1 10	
2.00 Probate of Will	7 50	
2.50 Inland Exch.	80	
3.00 Charter Party	1 50	
3.00 Manifest	1 80	
3.50 Inland Exch.	13 00	
5.00 Charter Party	1 25	
5.00 Conveyance	1 20	
5.00 Mortgage	4 50	
5.00 Probate of Will	6 00	
10.00 Charter Party	6 50	

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J. F. DODGE.

The portrait we present to our readers this month is new to the philatelic press, though the person represented by the portrait is well and favorably known. Mr. Dodge is a native of the Old Bay State, a descendant of William Dodge his first American ancestor who landed at Salem, Mass., in 1629 and of Peter Dodge who was granted a coat of arms by King Edward in 1306 on account of deeds of valor in the Scotch-English wars. Mr. Dodge graduated from the High School at Beverly, Mass., in 1875 and the next year made the highest score in a competitive examination for appointment to the naval academy at Annapolis, but was rejected by the Academy Surgeons because his left eye was defective. From that year, when he visited the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia, he has been engaged as newspaper correspondent, society organizer, insurance manager and editor, travelling extensively, visiting nearly every state and territory. For two years he was associate editor of the National Cyclopedia of American Biography, and scores of sketches of the leading public men of Connecticut and Massachusetts that appear in that great work of twelve large volumes are the product of his pen. It was while engaged in this work that he became interested in philately, collecting stamps for a long time not knowing that anyone else was interested in them, and in total ignorance of such a thing as a catalogue or a fixed value for the bits of paper. In Oct. '90 he began to deal in stamps and that with the publication of his magazine has been his occupation since that time. The first Society he joined was the Sons of Philatelia and soon after the Columbian Philatelic Society which then had less than 20 members. He has added about 50 members to the Sons of Philatelia and over 100 to the Columbian Philatelic Society, and at the last convention of the latter society was almost the unanimous choice for president and he fills that office to the eminent satisfaction of the membership. He belongs to about 15 other societies.

In February 1896 he published the first number of the *Columbian Philatelist* (he was then living at Windsor, Conn.,) which has since had a remarkable growth until it is now one of the best known magazines in America. It is a magazine with a policy peculiarly its own, and published at the small cost of 15 cents per year. Mr. Dodge wields a vigorous pen and has made his magazine a welcome visitor in hundreds of homes by the independent course he has marked out for it.



J. F. DODGE.

The stamp business carried on by Mr. Dodge is one of huge dimensions both in the wholesale and retail lines. In a recent visit to his "den" surrounded by books, boxes of stamps, envelopes and papers we found him busy reducing the number of unanswered letters in a large box on his desk, but he tells us that it is almost a hopeless task to empty that box, or reduce the number below a couple of hundred. He is probably one of the hardest workers in this or any other country.

In the spring of 1896, he contracted a lung trouble, and after searching in vain among the White Mountains of N. H. for returning health, he started for Eastern Tennessee, on the invitation and advice of Dr. S. B. Boyd, of Knoxville, but stopping a few days at the S. of P. Convention at Gettysburg the writer invited him to make him a visit. He found the air so beneficial that he removed his family to New Oxford where he has since resided.

Mr. Dodge is a man of quick observation, fond of research and possessing a wonderfully retentive memory, not easily influenced, yet open to convincing proof always ready to commend what he believes is right, and condemning without regard to results what he believes to be wrong. The writer has been intimately associated with him in business and social matters and finds in him an agreeable acquaintance and a firm friend.

R. M. MILLER.

Since writing the above, Mr. Dodge has been appointed by the Trustees, Secretary of the Sons of Philatelia to fill my unexpired term and I feel sure he will conduct the office in the best interests of the Society.

R. M. M.

"Wolves in Sheeps Clothing."

We often hear this old adage applied to people who are using some worthy object or profession as a cloak, under which to carry on some nefarious scheme of their own, thus blinding the eyes of the innocent and causing them to fall into the trap so cunningly spread for their unwary feet.

I was forcibly reminded of this while looking over a package of Philatelic (?) literature which was sent to me some time ago. It consisted mainly of leaflets and small circulars, though some were dignified by the name of magazines, bearing romantic and euphonious titles! Their pages were filled, for the most part, with advertisements of the very cheapest grades of stamps and packets, circulars, etc., indeed the

names of the reliable and better class of dealers were conspicuous only by their absence. Some of these aspiring publications contained short articles and serials by writers with such suggestive *nom de plumes* as "Nameless," "Prof. R O. T.," etc. The serials were of the order of "yellow-covered literature," and abounded in such elevating and elegant expressions as "Skoot," "Git a move on," etc., etc.

Desirous of learning how the "boy collector" would be impressed by this class of literature, I showed the package to a bright boy of fourteen. It was amusing, as well as gratifying, to watch the look of infinite disgust which crept over his face as he examined its contents. Finally he exclaimed, "I wonder if they think boys will be foolish enough to spend their money for such trash? It looks as if it had been printed on a twenty-five cent printing press, and there is nothing to be learned from it, either. I'd build a fire with the stuff."

When will people learn that boys have some sense and reason, and are not to be imposed upon in this way?

I do not wish to be understood as condemning everything amateur, and upholding only such writers or publications as have, by long study and experience, become thoroughly educated and established in the work. Far from it. All honor to the writer, be he young or old, who earnestly tries to do his best, expressing his thoughts in good pure language; all honor to the publication, no matter how small, that honestly tries to teach something that will be of benefit to others, and *above all* to keep it's pages clean and free from all that has a tendency to degrade, instead of elevate, the minds of it's readers. There may be mistakes and many obstacles to be overcome, but true merit will be successful and win the battle.

We have only to look around us, only to investigate the cause of crime among the young in our prisons and reformatories, to learn that pernicious literature is the cause of the greater part of the crimes committed by their inmates; arson, burglary, and even murder date their origin from "yellow-covered literature," and yet the country is flooded with it. Vice is presented in the most alluring forms, virtue, if presented at all, as old-fashion, ante-deluvian, held up to ridicule and scorn!! Is there no remedy for this monster evil?

Since then this great evil is so prevalent in our land, shall we stand passively by, and allow it to steadily but surely usurp the name of Philately as a cloak to cover it's further encroachments? Can we not, as Philatelists, resist it by word and deed? Can we not, by the pen and the press, keep our literature pure and elevating? "Unity is strength." If we stand shoulder to shoulder in this struggle with evil, "victory will perch upon our banners," and "right *will* prevail," for God will be with us. LILLIE H. MURRAY.

The Mission of the Philatelic Monthly.

(CONTINUED FROM MARCH NUMBER.)

the same ambition, and both will bid fair to reach the desired goal even through widely differing paths. Hence we argue that there are various modes of performing our duty and it is for the onlooker to judge between the various contestants and present his views as to the only correct course to pursue.

The policy of certain periodicals is to instruct the collectors in matters relating to errors, omissions, new issues, discoveries and other scientific principles of philately.

The Metropolitan Philatelist is an excellent example of this class of Journals. Other Journals act as news-gatherers and print important *personal* matters. The *Weekly Era* is a sufficient illustration of this class. Others devote their pages principally to politics in philatelic circles, viz. *The Omaha Philatelist.*

There are others yet, who prefer the course adopted by the *Filateiic Facts and Fallacies*, the *Lone Star State Philatelist*, and the *Columbian Philatelist*, which is to expose all frauds, deceits, trusts, and other menaces to the welfare of our pursuit. They act the watch-dog, and bark at every dangerous approach. Thus have I shown in brief, the numerous policies pursued by the monthly to gain the one great end,—instruction. They all are justifiable, all permissable, and all desirable. They act in harmony with each other, and as the component parts of the entirety. We could not do without any one of these distinct elements. What could replace the scientific Journal? Our pursuit would instantly fade away, at its disappearance. Or what could take the place of the official organ? Its retreat would sever the members of our societies forever, from intercourse with one another. Or where would philately be if it were not for its detective force, who are ever watchful of its mater's honor.

The mission of the philatelic periodical is to instruct in its own peculiar manner, varied is the means employed to obtain this end, but the goal is eventually reached. We would therefore beg that the critic judge not the means employed, if they be honest but keep constantly in mind the fact that they are all laboring for the same purpose,—*instruction.* W. LIONEL MOISE.

S. of P. Notes.

Charles H. Mead our musical friend was united in marriage with Miss Mary Stanton of Brooklyn, and they are now settled down in a quiet little home in New York city. Our genial librarian, F. M. Townley officiated as best man. We wish the happy couple long years of unalloyed enjoyment.

F. M. Townley left on a twelve days trip to Nova Scotia, on the 22nd of July. We think he is looking for "Nova Scotia remainders" (fish, not stamps).

Rev. W. A. Carver has submitted as a design for an S. of P buttn which we haven't time to illustrate in this issue.

W. F. Sheely of New Oxford, Pa., is devoting more time to historical plates just now, having laid aside his stamp collection for awhile. He has some fine specimens which we had the pleasure of looking over the other day.

It has been suggested that the Convention of the S. of P. could be held at Nashville about October 1st to good advantage. If the P. P. A. convention at Pittsburg, Pa., was held a few days before, Pennsylvania members of both societies could take in both conventions.

Leon G. Young is just recovering from the effects of a sunstroke.

Herbert A. Bricker.

The sad news of the death of our old friend and associate Herbert A. Bricker (which occurred on Sunday evening June 20th at his home in Bellevue, Pa.,) reached the writer but a short time ago. From an early age Herbert became interested both in printing and in collecting stamps, and an inherent love for both clung to him throughout his brief but interesting career.

Since 1891 he has been in poor health but has done quite a little business in stamps as well as in printing, a large share of the latter coming from collectors. It will be recalled that he was the publisher of the neat little S. of P. Hand-Book which has met with a good sale among the membership, not however as large as it should have had. Mr. Bricker was an early member of the S. of P., joining July 1st, 1891, his number being 52, and has done much toward the upbuilding of the society. His death at the early age of 30 will be deeply felt by his many friends and associates.

Text Mistakes (?)

In the March number of the AMERICAN COLLECTOR there is an article entitled "Text Mistakes on Postage Stamps." The whole article is rather in the humorous line, although not intended as such.

The writer first takes up the tax or due stamps of Italy and claims that the word "Segna Tassa" is wrong. "Tassa" means tax and "Tasse" taxes, Therefore if the word "Tassa" was on the stamp it is correct for it is singular or plural and can be applied as such. Next in order is San Marino, evidently he has his "dates mixed" for he says 1 lire is correct and 1 lira incorrect. But it is

just the reverse.

I could not see why he should class the change of Germany "pfennige" to "pfennig" under the title of the article for either word is correct.

He "tackles" the early postal issue of Spain, says Taryeta is right while the word Targeta is used on the card it may be spelled with a "g" or "j," but never with a "y."

In regard to the errors of Brazil he quotes; "The American smarties found out later their blunder." It is evident that they were wholly unacquainted with the language they attempted to to engrave on the papers, which shows how ludicrous one makes a language appear when they attempt to express their ideas. MEAD.

The Society Librarian.

No department in our philatelic societies of a national character seems to be neglected to so great an extent as the Library. The Librarian is elected each ensuing year, and appears to be the only one receiving any benefit from the collection of periodicals, which, in most cases, is valuable. This state of affairs should not be, and it is very manifestly evident that a reform is sorely in demand.

The Library would be of unbounded benefit to the members if they did but give it its due proportion of patronage. All collectors cannot afford to subscribe for every stamp journal in existence, but in almost every national associations' library copies of any desired journal may be found, which in a high degree instruct their readers. O, ye members and librarians wake up! Send along, members, to your librarians the necessary postage and take out any volumes which you have not seen. The good things to be derived from our libraries have to be tested individually before the full merits of such can be appreciated.

In the way of reform I suggest that circuits be formed among the members who may desire to participates in such. If the Librarians themselves do not wake up, then, ye members, do the work yourselves and wake the librarians up.

Let each and every librarian form these proposed circuits, and send out about a dozen magazines at a time, as soon as they appear. Thus, sort of a "magazine club" will be constituted and each member of the society will thus be enabled to take the good things comprising our best publications. Such a system as this has obvious merits, and, I am sure, that if the various Librarians are sufficiently energetic, a vast deal of good will be accomplished by the herein described circuit system.

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AGAIN we are with you kind readers and we wish to thank our subscribers and advertisers for their patience. Little did the editor think when leaving Piney Creek that the new business established at New Chester would force him to withdraw from his position as Secretary of the Sons of Philatelia which he has held since its organization, and neglect the issuance of his paper.

However his business is such that he cannot devote much time to stamp matters.

THE COLLECTOR is now published by the Collector Publishing Co., of New Oxford, Pa., to whom all communications should be addressed. Exchanges one copy only however should be mailed to Collector Publishing Co., New Chester, Pa.

THIS paper will be published regularly on the 5th of each month and copy must reach us by the 1st of each month.

As heretofore, advertisers may have copy changed as often as desired provided it reaches us before the date above mentioned.

GOOD MSS. is always in demand and for such we will pay the highest prices, depending not on the number of words, but its value to the readers of this paper.

THE *Stamp Collectors Fortnightly* quoting from *L'eclio de Timbrologie* the statement that there are 200,000 post offices in the entire world and 70,000 in the United States doubts the statement. We confess that we do not have any means of forming an estimate of the number of those in foreign countries but the number in the United States officially reported by the Post Office Department in different years is as follows:

June 30, 1890	62,401
" " 1891	64,329
" " 1892	67,119
" " 1893	68,403
" " 1894	69,805
" " 1895	70,064
" " 1896	70,360

Our own state (Pennsylvania) has always led all other states in numbers, ranging from 4,570 in 1890 to 4974 in 1896. Second comes New York with 3608, third Ohio with 3282 and fourth Virginia with 3211. North Carolina, Texas, Tennesse, Misouri, Michigan, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, Georgia and Alabama have 2000 each or more, all others having less, the only ones showing less than 100 being Alaska (20) and District of Columbia (13).

As this paper has been appointed the official Journal of the Sons of Philatelia, thus giving it an additional circulation of between 700 and 800 copies its increased value as an advertising medium is apparent to shrewd advertisers. Our rates will not be advanced at present, but we would suggest that now is a good time to make contracts for the coming season.

THE Scott Stamp & Coin Co., are at work on the 58th edition of their standard catalogue. The price for advanced Sheets will be as usual $5.00, but our readers will have the benefit of these prices in the colums of this paper as fast as received. Isn't it a good time to subscribe?

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DEAR SIR: I hereby tender my resignation as Secretary of the S. of P. to take effect at once or as soon as my successor is duly appointed by your board, with best wishes for the future success of the Society I am

Yours very truly, R. M. MILLER.

WASHINGTON, D. C. Aug. 4, 1897.

R. M. MILLER, ESQ., NEW CHESTER, PA.,

DEAR SIR: Your resignation as Secretary of the S. of P. is received, and is hereby accepted with much regret, and we trust that your retirement will not cause you to lose interest in the Society of which you were the founder and in which you have been the secretary since organization. Fraternally yours,

H. A. PARKS, chairman
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WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 4, 1897.

J. F. DODGE, ESQ., NEW OXFORD, PA.,

DEAR SIR: You are hereby appointed Secretary of the Sons of Philatelia to fill the unexpired term of R. M. Miller resigned and we trust that you will perform the duties of the office in a manner that will meet with the approval of the membership. Fraternally yours

H. A. PARKS, chairman
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WASHINGTON, D. C., July 30, 1897.

R. M. MILLER, ESQ., Secy. S. of P.,
NEW CHESTER, PA.,

DEAR SIR: The AMERICAN COLLECTOR is hereby appointed official journal of the Sons of Philadelia to take effect at once.

H. A. PARKS, chairman for
Board of Trustees S. of P.

NEW OXFORD, PA., Aug 7, 1897.

H. A. PARKS, ESQ., chairman Board of Trustees S. of P., WASHINGTON, D. C.,

DEAR SIR: I desire to thank your board for the confidence placed in me by your appointment to the responsible office of Secretary. I shall endeavor to fulfil the duties of the office to the best of my ability. Yours in the S. of P.,

J. F. Dodge, Secy.

The above correspondence is self explanitory.

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APPLICATIONS.

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745 W. F. Ward.

New members who have not already done so, should forward to me the amount of their dues to January 1st, 1898, (25 cents) and I will forward each his (or her) membership card.

The above applicants will be admitted if no sufficient objections are received within 30 days. They will then receive their membership cards upon payment of dues to January 1st, 1898. Those who have already paid same will receive membership card when admitted. I shall be glad to forward application blanks to any member requesting same.

The official journal is only sent to those who have paid dues to January 1, 1898, and all such are dropped from the rolls of the society, but may be reinstated upon payment of all arrearages. The receipt of a copy of the official journal is a courtesy extended by the publisher and not an acknowledgement of your membership. Consult your membership card. Should you fail to receive your copy of the official journal regularly notify the publisher. I trust that the members will co-operate with the officers in building up our society. Nominations for officers for the ensuing year are in order and all such made by paid up members will appear as received, in these columns.

NOMINATIONS.

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There may be some short comings in this report, but as I am sending copy to printer only two days after getting books, applications, etc., from my predecessor, I trust same will be overlooked. Yours fraternally.

J. F. DODGE, Sec. S. of P.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

SAYREVILLE, N. J., May 1, 1897.

MEMBERS OF THE S. OF P.:—My time has been so much occupied that I have had no opportunity of writing regular reports. An accurate record is being kept, however, and same will be acknowledged.

During February and March the following additions were received:

Evergreen Philatelist for March and Metropoliton for January and February. Philatelic Literature Collector for January. Columbian Philatelist for December, January and February. Official Bulletin Texas Philatelic Association for February and March. Texan Philatelist for January, February and March. Home Worker for February. Rocky Mountain Stamp for January, February and March. New York Philatelist for January and March. Philatelic Journal of Great Britain for January, February and March. Colorado State Philatelic Address Book from Oney K. Carstarphen. American Stamp for January. Philatelic Advocate for February. Funny Foolatelist No. 1. American Boys for February. International Stamp Vol. 2, No. 5. Halifax Philatelic Magazine for February and March. Philatelic Canadian for January.

Received during the month of April:—Metropolitan Philatelist for April. Official Bulletin, Texan Philatelic Association for April. Philatelic Journal of Great Britain and Supplement for April. Young Collector for March. New York Philatelist for April. Columbian Philatelist for March. Rocky Mountain Stamp for April. Texan Philatelist for April. Home Worker for April.

From Mr. Barlow Moorhead, Chestnut Hill, Pa., the following: American Collector, 7, 8 and 9. Texan Philatelist, Vol. 5, 4-6, Vol. 6, 1. Am. Stamp Vol. I, 1. Eastern Philatelist, Vol. 18, 5. Mekeel's Weekly, 312. American Boys, Vol. 2, 1. Stamp (California), 1. Evergreen State Philatelist for January, February and March. International Stamp, 16 and 17. Western Stamp, 5. Columbian Philatelist, 9.

SAYREVILLE, N. J., July, 21, 1897.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE S. OF P.:

I offer the following as my report for the months of May, June and July to date.

Philatelic Journal of Great Britain for May and June. Home Worker for May, June and July. Columbian Philatelist for April, May and June. Texan Philatelist for May, June and July. Metropolitan for June and July. Young Collector for April. Pennsylvania Philatelist for February and April. Detroit Philatelist for May. Philatelic Advocate for June. Philatelic Literature Collector for June. Herald Exchange for June.

From Mr. Barlow Moorhead, Chestnut Hill, Pa., the following papers: Eastern Philatelist for November-December 1896, February 1897. Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News Nos. 330, 325, 324, 329, 315, 314, 317, 318, 327, 323, 319, 316, 321, 307. American Collector for December 1896. International Stamp, No. 17 and 18. Era No. 199. Herald Exchange No. 3. L'Intermediaire De La Timbrologie No. 37.

Respectfully Submitted,

FRED M. TOWNLEY,
Librarian S. of P.

ANNUAL REPORT.

NORTHAMPTON, MASS., July 14, 1897.

DEAR SIR:—As Attorney for the Sons of Philatelia I have received from all sources during the year twenty-five claims amounting to $518.46. These claims have come from philatelists but not in all cases from S. of P. members. I have collected one claim of $2.00 and now am trying to collect a circuit valued at $200.00 from a member in Denver, Colorado. The matter of getting back our Library was referred to me and after various correspondence with the delinquent Librarian and the officers of the Society the library was returned to our present Librarian. As was the case with the Attorney who preceeded me I am decidedly out of pocket so far as postage is concerned, for members almost always fail to send in stamps for postage. I have not on this account failed to make demand on the delinquent debtor. In this connection I suggest that Sec. 12 be amended so as to be intelligible and legal at the same time. As it now stands it would seem to mean that the Attorney should keep all monies collected and account directly to the Society twice a year for all sums then in his hands on all claims collected and it would also seem to call for the free services of the Attorney, the Society taking the 10% commission. Now in Massachusetts a lawyer is required to remit within a reasonable time all monies collected by him to the party entitled to the same. If he does not do this he is liable to arrest. This rule probably holds good also for other States. Again the word "expenses" means "expenses" and not "commissions" and while as the case stands now, my actual expenses exceed the commissions I have received yet if debtors paid more promptly my commissions would seemingly have to go to the Society. Now no lawyer in active practice can afford to pay office rent and other expenses and turn his commissions over to the Sons of Philatelia for the fun of adding to his demand notices the information that he is "Attorney for the Sons of Philatelia." In the matter of getting back the library I made no charge for the work I did and am glad the library was returned and that I helped to get it back. But as regards commission for collections they belong to the Attorney and I do not want to force a balance (as has been suggested to me) but I want Sec. 12 amended to conform to the law so as not to require unlawful things of the Attorney and I want that section also to state clearly the ideas of the members as to whether they want their Attorney to pay all commissions on collections to the Society. This does not mean that members pay less but that the Society reaps the benefit while the Attorney does the work. I may seem to have unduly exagerated the matters but considering the success that has attended my efforts but I want my successor to know just what he will be required to do. If re-elected Attorney I will serve the Sons of Philatelia to the best of my ability and will collect for the members all the claims I can and will remit to the members sending the claims as soon as the claims are paid to me, deducting expenses and commissions and will keep the commissions myself to reimburse me for my regular legal work. I wish the Sons of Philatelia every success and whether I am elected or not I shall not go away and form a new society but shall continue to stick to the Society and patronize the Exchange Department.

Yours fraternally,

J. AUTHOR WAINWRIGHT, Atty.

To R. M. MILLER, Sec'y.

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153	" 1 on 1½d gray		50
154	" 1x1 on 1½x1½d gray		50
155	" 1d carmine		06
156	" 1x1d carmine		10
151	Gibralter ½d brown		10
152	" 1d carmine		15
153	" ½d green		08
154	" ½x½d green		10
155	" 1d carmine		08
156	" 1x1d "		12
157	" 1½d brown		10
158	" 1½x1½d brown		15
159	" 5c on ½d green	1	25
160	" 5x5c on ½x½d green		50
161	" 10c on 1d carmine		35
162	" 10x10c on 1x1d carmine		30
163	" 15c on 1½d brown		75
164	" 15x15c on 1½x1½d brown		60
165	" 5c green		04
166	" 5x5c green		06
167	" 10c carmine		06
168	" 10x10c carmine		10
169	" 15c brown		08
170	" 15x15c brown		12
151	Gold Coast ½d green		04
153	" 1d carmine		06
154	" 1x1d carmine		10
155	" 1½d brown		08
403	Grenada 1d blue		20
405	" ½d green		03
406	" ½x½d green		06
407	" 1d carmine		06
408	" 1x1d "		10
409	" 1½d brown		08
410	" 1½x1½d brown		15
56	Heligoland 5pf green		50
61	" 10pf black		25
507	Hong Kong 1c green		04
508	" 3c brown		09
509	" 4c gray		20
511	" 1c on 3c brown		09
512	" 3c brown		06
513	" 1x1c green		05
514	" 3x3c brown		12
515	" 4c on 3c brown		10
516	" 4x1c on 3x3c brown		18
517	" 4c gray		08
601	India ¼a brown		03
602	" ½a blue		08
603	" ¼x¼a brown		10
605	" ½x1½a blue		15
606	" 1a on 1½a blue		08
607	" 1x1a on 1½x1½a blue		18
608	" 1x1a on 1½x1½a "		25
701	" ¼a blue		15
702	" ¼a "		15
703	" ¼a "		10
706	" ¼a "		10
707	" ¼a " used		10
101	Bamra ¼a green		04
101	Chamba ¼a brown		08
104	" ¼x¼a "		06
151	" ¼a "		05
453	Faridkot ¼a "		03
454	" ¼x¼a "		05
202	Gwalior ¼a "		06
203	" ¼x¼a "		25
205	" ¼a "		04
206	" ¼x¼a "		06
101	Holkar ¼a orange		03
351	Hyderabad ¼a red		06
353	" ¼a orange		04
202	Jhind ¼a green		06
203	" ¼a brown		18
204	" ¼x¼a brown		25
211	" ¼a "		04
212	" ¼x¼a "		06
102	Kashmir ¼a red		12
105	" ¼a orange		05
201	Nabha ¼a brown		10
205	" ¼a "		06
206	" ¼x¼a "		10
208	" ¼x¼a "		06
250	" ¼a "		05
101	Nepal 8½ paisa		08
251	Pattala ¼a brown		18
253	" ¼x¼a brown		60
254	" ¼a brown		08
256	" ¼x¼a brown		15
259	" ¼a brown		12
261	" ¼a brown		03
101	Travancore 8c orange		08
104	" 8c carmine, used		10
404	Jamaica ½d red and blue	1	00
406	" 3d " "	1	00
407	" 4½d " "	1	25
409	" 3d " "	1	00
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Vol. II, No. 5. New Series. **New Oxford, Pa., September, 1897.** **Whole No. 20.**

T. L. GREEN.

The excellent likeness of Mr. Green was especially prepared for the publisher from a late photograph. Mr. Green's sketch has appeared in many of the other philatelic papers and one cannot add much to what has been already written. He is at present 56 years of age, and though he has been unable to get about without the help of a crutch and a cane since the age of 14, he has led a remarkably active life, and is highly esteemed by all who know him, and has held without opposition the office of clerk of Robertson County, Kentucky, for the past seven years, and previously served it as magistrate. Mrs. Green's business as a dealer in stamps dates back about two years and has assumed great proportions, and is a pleasant diversion for one who is not able to get about much. His almost unanimous election as exchange superintendent of the Philatelic Sons of America last month was a neat compliment to Mr. Green, and a grand acknowledgment of his business abiiity and integrity. 't means much to the society who have had much dissatisfaction in the department in the past, much of which will, we believe,, be avoided in the present administration.



T. L. GREEN.

A Feature Overlooked.

There is a feature overlooked by those calamity howlers and doubting Thomases who predict the passing into oblivion of philately. That interest in it may wax or wane as interest in the more important affairs of life exert a more or less powerful influence upon us is certain, but that the love of stamp collecting will ever die out is doubtful and that it can pass into entire forgetfulness is impossible. What they have overlooked is the fact that the "art preservative of arts," printing, has enthusiastically adopted our art or hobby and its literature will in consequence go down to posterity as an indelible record. Few are aware to what an extent we are indebted to the publishers for the placing of our hobby upon its present stable basis. Coin collecting which has been in vogue for hundreds of years has to-day probably far fewer enthusiastic followers than Philately, which has sprung up in the past fifty years. And the main reason for it is the great number of periodicals devoted to Philately which sustain the interest and keep collectors in constant touch with others of their fraternity. Coin collecting cannot be of so much less interest and it has the one great advantage that coins will probably keep in good condition for centuries after stamps are indecipherable; but as the standard publications devoted to numismatics compare with those devoted to philately, so probably does the number of collectors devoted to their respective hobbies correspond.

The periodical that can boast of twenty years of continuous publication is considered on a pretty firm basis in these days and one devoted to a hobby whose existence dates back not more than twice that length of time, can claim a splendid record in any branch of science or art. To-day there are in this country about a dozen of what I may call standard publications devoted to philately and perhaps twice or three times that number of smaller sheets which, while of little interest to the average collector, still fill their sphere of usefulness by obtaining neophytes to our cause. I do not know the circulation of any one of these but it is safe to say that the combined subscription lists of them all include practically every active philatelist in the country. With such a condition of things is the outlook gloomy for philately?

As to the character of the philatelic publications there are two American ones that deserve special mention. Mekeel's Weekly for progressive journalism stands on a par with any paper devoted to any hobby. Its corps of correspondents are in fact reporters and the telegraph is not spared in matters of importance. The class of engravings appearing in its pages are strictly first-class and taken altogether this paper stands in the front rank of philatelic journalism.

Another periodical in which stamp literature of a peculiarly valuable character is appearing is the late venture "Stamps." The fact that this is devoted especially to young collectors and beginners has caused to be overlooked by order collectors that articles of lasting value tending to place our hobby on a still higher plane, are constantly appearing in its pages. This is the more to be wondered at because most of its contributors are mere novices in writing for publication.

The two publications I have mentioned have each their particular field to cover and represent the extremes of the scope of philatelic publishing. Neither of them are representative publications and appealing to such different classes of collectors they do not cater to the average philatelist. A long list of periodicals there are, any one of which probably stands closer to the heart of many collectors, among which I may mention the Eastern Philatelist, Philatelic Era, Bos-

ton Stamp Book, Columbian Philatelist, Post Office and the Philatelic Californian, characteristic representatives of stamp collecting. They are all too well known to call for special mention and the character of their contents is as a rule not only interesting reading to the ardent lover of his stamps, but from a literary standpoint deserving of what they are destined to become, a permanent record of the doings of stamp collectors, of the progress of postal facilities, and of the issue of stamps by all nations of the world.

I must not omit mention of the many excellent catalogues which have played their part and a goodly one, in sustaining the interest of collectors. Never was there an art or science better represented than philately has been and is in this respect. If in the years to come nations should cease issuing postage stamps and philately gradually die out, a person living in some future century, should he chance to come across a copy of one of the standard catalogues of to-day would be forced to confess that there had been once a great interest taken in our hobby. As we to-day look over old files of stamp papers published ten or fifteen years ago and even back to the days of the infancy of stamp collecting we cannot help noticing the excellence of the articles that appeared even in those days and the knowledge of stamps displayed is such that we can learn much by reading them over again. Perhaps it needs the perspective of the past to correctly judge and criticise the work of the philatelic author and if so with the advantages we have to-day over those who lived and wrote in the past, will we not in looking back from some future day be surprised at the excellence of what we are doing to-day. Let us be comforted in that promise and extend our support and encouragement to any endeavor to place philately still higher in its aims and to make it even more intresting to us than it is now.

CHARLES E. JENNEY.

CANADIAN NOTES.

Commencing with this issue, I will strive to give the readers of the American Collector, in the space allotted to me, the best possible information in regard to what is going on in the various stamp circles in Canada.

On Monday, August 9, partial sets of jubilee stamps from ½c to 50c and to $1, were placed on sale at the various post offices in Canada. So great was the demand at the Toronto post office, that over 2000 of these sets were sold out in three hours; two-thirds of which were purchased by dealers and speculators.

Irving E. Patterson, who for many years has resided in Guelph, Ont., has removed to Detroit, Mich., where he has purchased a half interest in the Detroit Stamp Co., of that city.

After a peaceful sleep of six months, the Canadian Philatic Magazine, will shortly bloom forth, dated September 2, under the leadership of William R. Adams, of Toronto.

R. G. Widdicombe, of St. Catharines, Ont., has resigned his position as staff correspondent of the Philatelic Advocate of Berlin. Editor Weaver will also resign, and W. A. Starnaman will conduct the editorial department of the paper in the future.

W. A. Lydiatt, manager of the Comet Stamp Co., of Toronto, hasbeen appointed Canadian agent for "the Perforator," of Hartford, Conn.

Mr. Edmund L. Smiley, Boston correspondent for Mekeels' Weekly, was a recent visitor at Toronto.

Dealers in general report a large increase in their sales, as a result of the issue of jubilee stamps. The ½ and 6 cent denominations are finding a ready market at 50 cents and 75 cents respectively.

It is rumored that, as soon as the present supply of jubilee stamps, has been exhausted, the Canadian government will issue a new series of stamps, somewhat similar in design to the third issue of bill stamps.

A new paper in the interests of collectors of stamps of the British colonies is announced to appear from Hamilton, Ont., in the near future.

Halifax N.S., and Hamilton, Ont., are already nominated for the 1898 convention seat of the D. P. A., but it is more than likely that Hamilton will get the meet.

THE PRESS.

The Evergreen has always been a welcome visitor to our sanctum. Veritas' quillings, Era's notes and the editor's bright sayings make up the September number and the picture of Mt. Hood on the cover adds much to the beauty of the magazine.

The Virginia Philatelist, is we think, one of the handsomest philatelic papers we have ever had the pleasure of seeing. The paper, the press work and the engravings are the best that could have been procured and the reading matter is interesting throughout. It contains sixteen pages and cover, and while we think that it will be sometime before it will be a paying venture to the publishers we certainly hope it has a long and useful life before it.

The Perforator has a sketch and a fine half tone of Mrs. Disselhorst, of Chicago, the well-known lady stamp dealer. Articles by Maud Charlotte Bingham, The Gossip and Minnie R. Sinclair making it quite a ladies' paper.

The Halifax Philatelic Magazine for September comes to us without a cover, but is well filled with interesting matter which cannot be said of a great many magazines with cover.

The Omaha Philatelist feels bad that Omaha has lost two of the 1898 conventions that it expected, but as the editor announced in the July number that he had received 1137 subscriptions in the last four months this may help to ease his sorrow.

The New York Philatelist for August has very little of interest to the stamp collector. We presume that friend Herbert got so filled up with politics at Atlantic City that he thought his readers could live on politics this month.

The American Stamp isn't dead; the August number, four pages and cover has just reached us.

We receive many juvenile stamp papers, but the best we have seen yet is the Junior Collector from Pittsburg, Pa., the first copy of which has just reached us.

Received.

Catalogue No. 2, of R. F. Albrecht & Co., containing a fine lot of stamps at fair prices.

Catalogue of first auction sale by the ton. September 28. There are 400 lots in the sale. Many of them quite desirable.

Henry Gremmell.

The sudden death of Mr. Henry Gremmell, which occurred at his home, at Rutherford, N. J., on August 25, will be startling news to a majority of his numerous friends and the philatelic public, who were not acquainted with the fact that for a long time he had been suffering from that most insidious of all human complaints, Bright's disease. Mr. Gremmell was about 36 years of age, a man universally esteemed for upright, honest dealing by which he had built up a large and successful business, during the period of nearly a score of years in the metropolis. His monthly magazine, The Post Office, has through his efforts and that of his co-worker, Mr. Crawford Copen, become one of the leading philatelic publications, and we trust that it will be continued on the same lines as a memorial to the work begun by its lamented founder.

Mr. Gremmell was a man holding ultra opinions in many cases, from which it has been difficult for him to recede, a trait quite natural to his countrymen, but he has made many friends and few enemies, and his death will be generally felt as a great loss to philately.

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1	1855	3c outer line, fine copy,		1
*2	1861	10c dark green, no gum	75	1
3	1867	12c grill, 11x13		1
4	1870	1c grilled	15	1
5		another same	15	1
*6	1870	3c light grill, fine but no gum		7
*7	1871	3c no gum, off centre at right	50	1
8	1871	24c a beauty, light cancel, small nick, neatly mended	95	1
*9	1873	1c ultramarine, o. g.		1
*10	1873	3c green, o. g		1
*11		same, no gum		1
*12		same, no gum		1
13	1875	2c brown, ribbed	35	1

*14	1877	3c green, no gum.....		5
*15	1882	1c blue		1
16	1887	2c green, double perf at top		1
*17	1890	30c, small nick,no gum	20	1
18	1894	50c, no urn.....	25	1
*19	1879	6c, newspaper, o. g...	50	1
		U. S. REVENUES.		
20		3c, telegraph.....	15	1
21		5c playing cards, mended	30	1
22		50c probate of will....	75	1
23		$1, entry of gds, imper	50	1
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25		good lot, cat $8.....		33
26	1870-74	Envelopes, 3c with W. F. & Co's. franks		6
27	1886	B. & O. Tel, in sets, cat. $1.50		30
		FOREIGN.		
28	1850-93	Austria, 35 var. cat. 58c		35
29	1878-79	Brazil, 1000 a gray, perfect	30	1
*30	1889	Br. Guina, 4c black and mauve		1
31	1889-91	Br. Guina, 1c mauve and gray		10
32	1889-91	Br. Guiana, 48c penmarked		1
33	1880-91	Br. Guiana and Trinidad, cat. $2.75..		95
*34	1878-81	Cuba, mixed, cat. $2.10		70
35	1893	Ecuador, 1c No. 201..		1
36	1894	Ecuador, 10c, No. 214.		1
37	1892	Egypt, orange-brown official cat. $1.20.....		40
38	1856	Gt. Britain, 4d, rose on white, medium garter, pair and a rarity.		2
39	1862	Gt. Britain revenue (Scott's No. 212), 1d lilac		25
40	1852-68	Gt. Britain revenue Scott's Nos. 201, 202, 203, 206, 210, 211, 212, 213, 220 and 221.....		10
41	1866-68	India, 4a,green, cat, 6c each		15
42	1872	Roumania, 15b, red, brown, fine.....		10
43	1893	Roumania, 5b, emerald green, wm P. R.....		1
44	1893	Roumania, 25b, blue, wm P. R.....		1
45	1872-96	Roumania, 23 var, cat. 88c		33
46	1872-96	Roumania mixed, cat. $1		45
47		100 U. S. cat, $8.15; 15 Argentine, 38c; 12 Col. Rep., 44c; 31 Br. Col., $1.09; 23 Cuba 97c; 19 Porto Rica, 61c; 14 Costa Rica, 80c; 8 Guatamala, 80c; 15 Ecuador, 55c; 6 Chili, 8c; 81 Honduras $5.53; 24 Mex., $1.24; 58 Nicaragua, $3.60; 7 Peru, 19c; 9 Bolivia, 35c; 43 Salvador, $3.31; 25 Venezuela, $1.21. Total value, $28.30; reserve, $5.50 (used and unused)...		490
48		International album, 8th edition, cloth and gold, containing 350 var. foreign cat. $9.75. Album in fine condit.		350

I request members not to send in damaged stamps, as they only bring 1 to 10 per cent. of cat., and besides hurt the sale of better stamps. This sale contains no great rarities, but members will find very few that are damaged. Rush on your bids and don't forget to send in some stamps for next sale.

F. L. VAN DERMARK,
Auction Manager.

Alden, Mich., Aug. 30, 1897.

COLOR OF POSTAGE STAMPS CHANGED.

Washington. Sept. 14.—The Secretary of the Treasury and the Postmaster General, after consultation with the President, have decided to change the color of the current two-cent postage stamp from carmine to green of the shade now used on government notes. The ten-cent postage stamp, which is now printed in green, will be changed to some other color, possibly carmine. It is thought that the green is a more desirable color than carmine, besides saving the government about $10,000 the difference in cost between the two inks.

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5c red Inland Exchange "	20
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To the many friends of the American Collector:—Owing to my inability to devote scarcely any time to stamp matters, I have disposed of all interest in this paper to Mr. J. F. Dodge, of New Oxford, Pa., and trust that you will give the American Collector the same generous support under his management as heretofore. With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

R. M. MILLER.

Well kind readers we are not used to an easy chair and possibly may get a little lazy in the one Mr. Miller has bequeathed to us, but we will try to keep awake and furnish up-to-date reading matter and a paper worth the money. If you like it speak of it to your friends. If you don't like it let us know and we will consider your reasons for not liking it, and if consistent with the welfare of philately we will try and make it more to your liking.

We feel rather obliged to buy this paper, as we had promised the S. of P. a regularly issued official organ and we couldn't vouch for its regular appearance unless we did so.

The lapse of only three weeks between the last issue and this one is rather short time to get out a creditable issue, as the editor has had his monthly magazine, The Columbian Philatelist, to edit, make-up and mail since that time as well as the duties as secretary of the S. of P. in addition to his regular routine to attend to.

Irving E. Patterson, formerly of Guelph, Can., has removed to Detroit, Mich., and has purchased a half interest in the Detroit Stamp Co., which, having purchased the stocks of the Colonial Stamp Co., John F. Miller & Co. and F. H. Copper & Co., and with such hustlers as Mr. A. R. Fernald and Mr. Patterson, are well supplied with stock and energy to do a thriving business. We wish them the success thy deserve.

The P. S. of A. convention is over and everything went off harmoniously, because King Kissinger had everything his own way, Kissinger, Kline and Kantner, trustees; Kissinger, secretary, and McDermot, Kissinger's private secretary, a director.

How lovely! Well, Kissinger started the society and it gets along full as well when he has his own way, and the important offices, auction manager and exchange superintendent, could not be in better hands and we are entirely satisfied.

There was one thing brought out at this convention that did not surprise us at all, but it will be news to many. The paid up membership of this large incorporated society which, with a renumbered list only a year old of 1124 members on its books, and which takes up so much space in the columns of philatelic papers is just 401, only about 100 larger than the quiet, yet active Columbian and about 100 less than the S. of P., which has had such serious dra-backs from a badly managed irregular official journal.

Brother Kissinger talked this matter over seriously with his henchmen at Atlantic City and the decision they came to showed a great deal of wisdom. Members in arrears now can pay up to January 1, 1898, for 25 cents, while those who paid their dues in season paid the full amount, 50 cents. Moral, save 25 cents by not paying your dues till after convention next year.

The convention of the American Philatelic Association, at Boston, elected the board of officers, endorsed by the Chicago, New York and Boston branches, reduced the annual dues from $1.80 to $1.20, and chose the Weekly Philatelic Era as official journal. Now that this society is practically emancipated from the control of the Mekeels we look for its greater advancement and usefulness.

We understand there is a strong remonstrance being raised by San Francisco philatelists, most of them members of the A. P. A., against the wrong, claimed to have been done by the publication of a forged letter with an illegible signature purporting to come from the minister of the colonies denying the authenticity of the surcharged unpaid letter stamps of Cochin, China. This is the same matter which brought about the expulsion of Mr. Carion from the A. P. A. a year ago. We await further infornation with a great deal of interest.

The New England Philatelic Association held their second annual convention at Nabaut, on August 23. The following officers were elected, having no opposition: President, Gardner R. Kennedy, Boston; vice-president, C. H. P. Roney, Cincinnati, O.; secretary and treasurer, Charles E. Shaw, Clinton, Mass.; exchange manager, J. H. Johnson, Boston; counterfeit detector, Mrs. Wallace D. Smith, Portsmouth, N. H.; bureau of information, Miss Amy L. Swift, Whitman, Mass.; trustees, Messrs. Livingston, Stone and King, of Manchester, N. H. (re-elected).

The next convention will be held at Manchester, N. H. An insurance fund of 1 per cent. was adopted.

We are asked to give our support to the American Philatelic Exchange, of Brooklyn, N. Y., a new organization originated and managed by H. Soelke. It consists of an exchange of want and duplicate lists of its members and a lengthy outline was recently given in the Weekly Ero. We cannot see any especial advantage in the red tape employed by the methods proposed, and while it is stated that it is connected with no stamp concern, we believe Mr. Soelke is, or recently was, associated with Mr. J. E. Halloran, of the American Stamp Co., of that city, being secretary of the company.

Resolutions petitioning for the release of John R. Hooper have been passed by the P. S. of A. and D. P. A. conventions and will be brought up at the S. of P. convention.

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1980 Objection. Referred to Trustees.
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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Fellow-Members:—By virtue of authority conferred upon me by the Constitution and By-laws, and in accordance with the vote of the Fifth Annual Convention, I hereby appoint Tuesday, the 19th day of October, as the date of the Sixth Annual Convention, at Nashville, Tenn., and hereby appoint the following

Committee of Arrangements—L. G. Durr, Nashville; S. B. Boyd, M.D., Knoxville; Henry Fenton, Knoxville,

And feel sure that these gentlemen will do all in their power to make visiting members feel at home. I trust that this the first convention held in the south will be largely attended, as important matters are to be acted on, which are of vital interest to the welfare of the Society. Wishing you all a good time, and trusting that the selection of officers and the action taken on the subjects presented will be beneficial to the Society, and hoping that business cares will not prevent my being present to greet you,

I am yours fraternally,
BENJ. P. THOMAS,
President.

I have received the following

APPLICATIONS

with accompanying references:

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By Trustees for illegal acts, until next convention, when the case will be tried.
595 Eben S. Martin.

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1250 Clarence A. Hammond.
969 W. Sellschop (to take effect December 31, 1897).
650 R. E. Lincoln.
88 Chas. Getz, M.D.
1964 Walton I. Mitchell.

DECEASED.

52 Herbert A. Bricker.
642 Chas. T. McClung.

New members who have not already done so should forward to me the amount of their dues to January 1, 1898 (25 cents) and I will forward each his (or her) membership card.

The above applicants will be admitted in 30 days if no sufficient objections are received, and cards will be mailed to such as have paid dues to January 1, 1898. Those who have not done so should remit 9 cents to January 1, '98 (or, better still, 34 cents to January 1, '99) without further notice and membership card will be promptly mailed.

THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL IS ONLY MAILED TO THOSE WHO HAVE PAID DUES TO JANUARY 1, 1898, AND ALL WHO HAVE NOT PAID THIS YEAR'S DUES WILL ON OCTOBER 1, 1897, BE DROPPED FROM THE ROLL OF MEMBERSHIP, BUT MAY BE REINSTATED UPON PAYMENT OF ALL ARREARAGES. NO ONE IS ENTITLED TO VOTE, HOLD OFFICE, OR USE THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS UNLESS HIS DUES ARE PAID.

The list of applications is small this month, as only about two weeks have elapsed since last report. The demand for applications is good, and I trust that I may have the pleasure of recording a large number in the Convention Issue of this paper, October 1st. Invite your friends to join, but let your motto ever be "quality, not quantity."

The president has issued a call for the Sixth Annual Convention of the S. of P., at Nashville, Tenn., on October 19th, and as this is the first convention of "the sons" south of the Mason and Dixon line, it is expected that southern members will turn out in good force, and as all others have been also held east of the Ohio river, the members from the middle west will probably be well represented. Below will be found a list of final nominations, also those that are expected to be there, while there are many others we have not heard from who will probably be present.

The Committee of Arrangements will do all possible to make our visit a pleasant one. The great Tennessee Centennial Exposition which is being held there will be well worth seeing, and you will miss a great opportunity if you are not present.

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I trust there will be a large attendance of those who have the best interests of the Society at heart, and that the new board of officers elected and the business done at this convention will work a new era for our grand old society.

Yours for the S. of P.,
J. F. DODGE,
Secretary.

FINAL NOMINATIONS.

For President—
Rev. E. E. Weaver, Ill.
P. M. Wolsieffer, Ill.
R. M. Miller, Penna.

For Vice-President—
Leon G. Young, Vt.
Henry N. Bullord, Mo.

For Secretary—
J. F. Dodge, Penna.
R. M. Miller, Penna. (declines).

For Treasurer—
W. H. Melchaus, Penna.
Geo. M. Frame, Mass.
John Holt, Penna.

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F. M. Townley, N. J.
Howard Burba, Ky.

For Supt. of Sales—
Chas. E. Shaw, Mass.

For Auction Manager—
F. L. Van Dermark, Mich.
Wm. A. McDonnell, N. Y.

For Attorney—
I. A. Wainwright, Mass.

For Purchasing Agent—
Gardner R. Kennedy, Mass.

For Counterfeit Detector—
F. Noyes, Texas.

For International Secy.—
R. J. Russell, M.D., Penna.
D. Harlan King, N. J.

For Trustees—
H. A. Parks, Washington, D. C.
H. F. Dunkhorst, Washington, D.C.
J. M. Bartels, Washington, D. C.
F. W. Bradley, Washington, D. C.

Ballots and proxies will be mailed to each paid-up member on or before September 15th, and to be effective must be in the hands of the Committee on Credentials before 12 noon of the 19th of October.

WHO WILL BE THERE?

The following members are expected to be present at the Convention:

L. G. Durr, Nashville, Tenn.
C. B. Tompkins, Knoxville, Tenn.
C. G. Schroder, Knoxville, Tenn.
S. B. Boyd, M.D., Knoxville, Tenn.
Chas. Waring, Knoxville, Tenn.
Henry Fenton, Knoxville, Tenn.
Robt. Mayer, Grenada, Miss.
Jos. H. Pullen, Houma, La.
Rev. E. E. Weaver, Mill Creek, Ill.
Henry M. Bullord, St. Joseph, Mo.
H. C. Beardsley, St. Joseph, Mo.
A. Herbert, New York City.
Benj. P. Thomas, Pemberton, N. J.
J. F. Dodge, New Oxford, Penna.
F. W. Bradley, Washington, D. C.
T. L. Green, Mt. Olivet, Ky.
Howard Burba, Hodgarville, Ky.
Edw. Brooks, Louisville, Ky.
And many others.

OUR TREASURY.

Fellow-Members:—I want to say a few words about the financial condition of the Society. I had expected this month to furnish a report from the former Acting Treasurer R. M. Miller, but he has not as yet furnished same or turned over the books, stating that one book was mislaid on removing to New Chester, which as yet he has not found. No doubt a full report will be furnished in the next issue of this paper. The amount received since January 1st for fees and dues he states is about $150. As he has paid Eben S. Martin $104.75 on official organ account, it will be seen that after expenses for postage, printing and supplies there is very little, if any, balance on hand. Below is a statement of receipts and expenditures during my administration up to and including September 6, 1897:

RECEIPTS.

Fees and dues	$7 10
Balance (due me)	13 45
	$20 55

EXPENDITURES.

Books	25
Printing	2 20
Official Journal (August)	11 20
Postage (includes 311 due notices)	6 90
	$20 55

There are many old members who have not paid their dues for this year as yet. Some have paid one, two, three, and even four years in advance, a list of which will be found below. It will soon be 1898, and another year's dues will have to be paid. How many of our members will add their names to this list next month, help replenish the treasury and increase the usefulness of our Society? Remember, if

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Fraternally yours,
J. F. DODGE,
Acting Treasurer.

List of members who have paid dues beyond January 1, 1898:

1	R. M. Miller	1899
14	J. C. Miller	1900
25	W. H. Emmert	1900
138	Benj. P. Thomas	1899
1381	E. M. Canfield	1900
1536	Edmund C. Stone	1899
1600	J. F. Dodge	1900
1624	Barlow Moorhead	1900
1717	Lillian B. Dodge	1899
1746	Allen L. Smith	1899
1752	A. B. Morrill	1899
1754	R. E. Prentiss	1900
1814	Chas. Beamish	1899
1886	Theovor Arnold	1900
1910	R. S. Chase	1899
1917	I. T. Clauson	1899
1930	Jos. H. Pullen	1901
1942	Geo. F. Steger	1899
1945	Herbert Armstrong	1901
1947	R. F. S. Montgomery	1899

REPORT OF AUCTION MANAGER.

Albion, Michigan, Aug. 30, 1897.

Fellow-Members S. of P.,

The 35 sale is advertised in this issue, and now that we have an official organ that will appear promptly, I trust you will all take hold and give this department the attention it deserves. The constitution says consignments of stamps shall be "accompanied by return postage." Not one member has sent return postage since I have had charge of this department. Those sending stamps for future sales will kindly comply with this, as returning lots and answering parties who sent in stamps as long ago as March, which were just sold (owing to non-appearance of official journal), has taken more than the 10 per cent. received from lots sold.

Trusting that the S. of P. members will wake up and push our society to the front,

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FRANK L. VAN DERMARK,
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10c Inland "	05	40
15c " "	18	
20c " "	10	80
25c Bond	70	
25c Certificate	05	
25c Entry of Goods	40	
25c Insurance	10	
25c Life Insurance	1 75	
25c Protest	3 00	
25c Warehouse Receipt	3 50	
30c Foreign Exchange	11 00	
30c Inland "	40	
40c " "	40	
50c Conveyance	05	
50c Entry of Goods	05	
50c Foreign Exchange	3 00	
50c Lease	3 00	
50c Life Insurance	30	
50c Mortgage	17	
50c Original Process		45
50c Passage Ticket	1 00	
50c Probate of Will	8 00	
50c Surety Bond	$ 30	$
$1.00 Entry of Goods	20	
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E. E. WEAVER.

The subject of this sketch, and whose portrait adorns this month's issue of the AMERICAN COLLECTOR, was born during hot days of August, in the city of Martinsburg, Berkley County, West Virginia, in the year 1869. Having early lost his father, Ernest, by which name Mr. Weaver is familiarly known, was, early in life, thrown upon his own recources, largely. Having an energetic mother, she early and promptly desired him to enter the gospel ministry. At the age of 16, he entered the public schools of his native town, after having spent the previous years upon his grandfather's farm. His training patience and work upon the farm, naturally prepared him for habits of study and close application. During his time in the High School, he acted as night operator in the telephone exchange. He afterwards became the local manager of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, which position he resigned, after having been offered promotion and increase of salary, to enter upon his academical studies in Franklin and Marshall college, at Lancaster, Pa. Here he took his Bachelor's degree in the class of 1893.

Mr. Weaver was an active participator in all college affairs. His leadership was recognized when he was elected to the position of editor in-chief of the students' periodical, *The College Student*. By wise and judicious management the paper was raised to its highest standard during his administration. In athletics he was much interested. By his efforts largely, the game of tennis was placed on a more advanced footing in college athletics, he himself being no mean player, having taken second place in several tournaments. His favorite study during part of his college course was in the mysteries of chemistry. Because of his interest and activity his professor made him first assistant. His activity here was brought to the notice of the Limean Historical and Scientific Society, and he was made an associate member, and before which society he has read a number of papers.

It was while in college that he became interested in stamps. First it was mere curiosity, then having by chance got hold of *The Collector*, he began to realize that there was something else than mere curiosity in collecting stamps. This circumstance lead him to take an interest in the Sons of Philatelia, with which he has been connected since Jan. 92. His is among the early numbers, his being 221. His interest in the society has always been intense, though never in a public way. He has always supported the strong and manly course having never countenanced boyish antics. In collecting he has been a general collector, and has never dealt in stamps.



E. E. WEAVER.

Mr. Weaver graduated from the Eastern Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church, and is now stationed at Millcreek, Illinois.

In appearance Mr. Weaver is of spare build, dark hair and dark complexion, amiable in disposition and never out of sorts, but holds unflinchingly to what he believes to be right. He is held in high esteem by all who know him and is never known to lose a friend when once he is known. He is a hard worker at all times, and idleness is a thing almost unknown to him.

R. M. MILLER.

Nashville.

This year, the Sons of Philatelia assemble in this typical Southern city. Those desiring to attend need have no fear of yellow fever as Nashville is far removed from the lowlands where yellow fever germs flourish and its altitude of 550 feet above sea level is an antidote to the plague.

Nashville is situated in the Northen part of the State of Tennessee and about half way between the Eastern and Western boundaries, 230 miles East from Memphis on the Mississippi River and 185 miles South of Louisville Ky. It is the capital and the largest city in the state containing about 85,000 inhabitants, and the site of the Great Tennessee Centennial Exposition which has been in progress since May 1st and ends on Nov. 1st and which has attracted thousands of people from all parts of the country as well as those beyond its limits, who have gone away delighted and surprised at the magnificence of the display, and the beauty and grandeur of the city and surrounding country. Nashville was evacuated by the Confederate forces in Feb. 1862 and during the remainder of the war was held by the Union forces. In Dec. 1874 Confederate Genl. Hood attempted to regain possession, resulting in "the battle of Nashville" but was completely routed by the Union forces under Genl. Geo. H. Thomas. Many interesting battle fields are convenient of access from Nashville. Chattanooga is 151 miles Southeast, with which are associated the historic battles of "Lookout Mountain" "Orchard Knob" "Missionary Ridge" "Battle among the Clouds" etc. Fort Donelson is about 100 miles west of Nashville Murfreesboro is about 32 miles South, and Shiloh about

130 miles Southwest of Nashville. There are seven national cemeteries in the state the three largest being in Nashville, Memphis and Chattanooga. The one at Nashville contains 16,533 bodies.

The members of the Sons of Philatelia (as well as those of the Southern Philatelic Association which convenes there on Oct. 20) will find many things to interest them in addition to the pleasure of meeting each other.

With the Dealers.

J. C. Miller is busy, in fact, too busy, to fill up a page this month; so sends copy for half a page. H. C. Crowell is a new applicant for space. He is a hustling young lawyer in the "Forrest City" and does quite a stamp business as a side line. We have seen some of his approval books and they are tempters at his discounts.

The Trojan Stamp Company want to buy for $ cash $ our friend Gibbs, who deals in rubber stamps, as well as postage stamps, and offers a cut rate on his dealer's stock.

Lindsay, "the Exchange Man," is offering revenues. He has cleaned out the vaults of several insurance companies (of stamps, not cash) recently and offers revenues pretty low.

The Columbian Stamp Company have started up a little competition by offering some good prizes. Good idea, but not original.

R. F. Albrecht & Co. use considerable space to call attention to their hinges. A hinge is a small article, but a very important one, and Albrecht's hinges are the best we know of.

Edgar Nelton is in evidence again and has a column of bargains worth looking over.

G. Emil Richter is advertising his "Greater New York" packets, which can be depended on to "pan out" just as advertised.

Mess. Makins & Co. are offering the Hawaiian officials at low prices.

Emmert, "The Envelope Man," lists some bargains.

Brief Mention.

The Virginia Philatelist, No. 2, is just at hand, and is even better than the first issue, and continues to be the prettiest magazine we know of.

Philatelic Bulletin, No. 1, is at hand, published by C. A. Hall, Salem, Mass., at 25 cents a year. The editorial matter sounds familiar; we read it almost word for word about a year ago in Philatelic Canadian, Vol. 1, No. 1. It is very good, but bad taste not to give Mr. McMahon credit for it.

The Stamp Collectors' Figaro is announced from Wellington, O., to appear about November 15th, edited by C. B. Duffy, a well-known authority on stamps. It is to be the size of the late Philatelic Journal of America, eight pages and cover; 25 cents per year.

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U. S. 1894—1c Pale ultramarine, Mint stats	06
U. S. 1894—2c Pale pink, Mint stats...	05
U. S. 1894—5c Deep chocolate, scarce.	25
U.S. set of (3) all ong gum	30
U.S. 1873—12c	30
United States Revenues—	
70c Green and black	45
70c Blue and black	45
10c Green and black, proprietary on violet, listed p. 1000	2 85
1c Proprietary on violet	07
2c Certificate blue	45
2c Certificate orange	30
2c Express orange	04
2c Playing card blue	15
2c Playing card orange	65
2c Proprietary blue	65
2c Proprietary orange	98
3c Foreign exchange	01
3c Proprietary	05
3c Telegraph	18
1c Telegraph	10
4c Proprietary	08
5c Express	04
5c Foreign exchange	02
10c Foreign exchange	25
15c Foreign exchange	40
20c Foreign exchange	85
15c Inland exchange	02
25c Bond	08
25c Life insurance	15
25c Warehouse receipt	40
30c Foreign exchange	98
30c Inland exchange	04
40c Inland exchange	04
50c Foreign exchange	25
50c Life insurance	03
50c Mortgage	03
50c Passage ticket	15
50c Surety bond	05
50c Probate of Will	75
60c Inland exchange	08
70c Foreign exchange	08
$1 Conveyance	10
$1 Foreign exchange	02
$1 Manifest	48
$1 Power of Attorney	04
$1.20 Foreign exchange	85
$1.50 Inland exchange	12
$2 Conveyance	03
$2 Mortgage	10
$2.50 Inland exchange	05
$3 Charter Party	12
$5 Conveyance	15
$5 Mortgage	58
$10 Conveyance	2 90
2c 2nd Issue	02
10c 2nd Issue	02
20c 2nd Issue	15
50c 2nd Issue	02
$1 2nd Issue	08
5c 3rd Issue	04
30c 3rd Issue	25
$1 3rd Issue	04
1878.	
3c Orange proprietary	10
6c violet proprietary	88
6c Blue proprietary, scarce	35
6c Blue, silk paper	45
Canada 1c Yellow, 1868	20
Canada 2c Green, 1868	07
Canada 12½c Blue, 1868	18
Canada 3c Red, 1868	02
Canada 6c Brown	08
Canada 5c Beaver, 1859	04
Canada 1c Pink, 1859	06
New Brunswick 1c Violet, new	07
New Brunswick 17c Black	20
New Brunswick 12½c Blue, scarce...	60
Canada 2c Reg. scarlet shade	12
Canada 5c Reg. green	02
Cuba 10 obsolete, 10 varieties	12
Nova Scotia 2 mauve, new or used	30
Nova Scotia 10c Red, new or used	70
Nova Scotia 5c Blue, new or used...	18
Nova Scotia 12½c Black, used	1 10
Newfoundland 6c Pink	15
Newfoundland Cabot set, complete...	2 80
Newfoundland Set of (5) reprints, 1895, scarce, o. g.	60

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ANNAPOLIS, MD.

1846—5c (not priced)		
NEW YORK.		
5c black	$20 00	$12 00
a. Double line at bottom.		
5c bluish	12 00	8 00
a. Double line at bottom	60 00	25 00
5c blue		20 00
a. Double line at bottom.		
ST. LOUIS.		
1845—5c greenish		200 00
10c greenish		200 00
1846—5c gray lilac		300 00
10c gray lilac		250 00
GENERAL ISSUE.		
1847—5c brown		3 50
5c red brown, bluish	7 50	85
5c dark brown, bluish.	7 50	85
5c orange, bluish		3 00
10c black		12 00
10c bluish	20 00	4 00
a. Diagonal half used as 5c		40 00
b. Vertical half used as 5c		40 00
1851-56—The 1c each type is listed in blue and dark blue prices same as 57th for each.		
3c red	2 00	02
3c orange red	2 00	02
3c rose red	4 00	02
3c lake red	4 00	02
5c brown		17 50
5c red brown	50 00	13 50
10c green	15 00	1 00
10c yellow green	15 00	1 00
a. Diagonal half used as 5c.		
12c black	25 00	2 25
a. Diagonal half used as 6c		35 00
30c orange	125 00	
1855-60—1c blue type I	15 00	5 00
1c dark blue type I	15 00	5 00
1c blue type II	10 00	1 50
1c dark blue type II	10 00	1 50
1c blue type III	50	15
1c dark blue type III	50	15
1c dark blue type III	50	15
3c red	10	02
3c orange red	10	02
3c rose red	10	02
3c lake red	25	03
3c red (outer line)	15 00	35
3c rose red	20 00	50
5c brick red type I	75 00	12 50
5c brown type II	7 50	2 50
5c orange brown type II	5 00	3 50
5c brown type III	7 50	2 50
5c orange brown type III	5 00	3 50
(Note.—In type II the projections are partly cut away and in type III they are entirely cut away.)		
10c yellow green	7 50	50
10c dark green	3 00	50
12c black	3 00	1 00
24c lilac	7 50	5 00
24c gray lilac	7 50	5 00
1861 August—		
10c green		15 00
1861 September—		
1c ultramarine	35	06
1c blue	45	06
1c dark blue	1 00	10
5c brown yellow	50 00	8 50
5c olive yellow		12 50
5c buff	50 00	10 00
90c blue	20 00	4 00
90c pale blue	25 00	4 00
90c marine blue		7 50
1862-66—2c black	60	06
a. Diagonal half used as 1c		25 00
b. Vertical half used as 1c		25 00
5c red brown	20 00	3 50
5c brick red		15 00
5c brown	6 00	40
5c black brown	10 00	50
24c lilac	5 00	40
24c gray lilac	4 00	40
24c gray	5 00	40
1867—Embossing 11x13mm—		
1c blue	6 50	1 25
1c dull blue	6 50	1 25
7c orange vermilion	6 00	60
10c brown	3 00	07
10c yellow brown	3 00	07
3c rose	2 00	05
3c lake red		10
10c green	5 00	75
12c black	5 00	60
9x13mm—		
1c blue	6 50	1 00
1c pale blue	6 50	1 00
2c black	1 25	15
3c rose	1 00	02
a. Unperforate.		
3c red	1 00	02
5c brown	12 50	3 50
5c black brown		5 00
10c yellow green	5 00	60
10c dark green	5 00	60
12c black	5 00	60
15c black	10 00	1 50
1869—1c buff	1 50	75
a. Without grill	25 00	
1c brown orange	1 50	75
2c brown	1 25	15
2c yellow brown	1 25	15
a. Without grill	25 00	
b. Diagonal half used as 1c.		
3c blue	1 00	02
a. Without grill	25 00	
b. Vertical two-thirds used as 2c.		
3c dark blue	1 00	02
6c blue	4 00	75
10c yellow	7 00	90
15c brown and blue	12 50	4 00
a. Without grill	50 00	
15c picture framed	7 50	2 00
a. Picture inverted		200 00
15c. dark brown and blue	7 50	2 00
24c green and purple	20 00	7 00
a. Without grill	50 00	
b. Picture inverted		200 00
30c. blue and carmine.	20 00	4 00
a. Without grill	50 00	
b. Flags inverted		600 00
90c black and carmine.	40 00	20 00
a. Without grill	75 00	
1875—Reissue without embossing; hard white paper—		
1c buff	5 00	5 00
All others quoted used and unused at same prices as unused in 57th.		
1880—Soft porous paper.		
1c buff	2 50	2 50
1870 and 71—		
Embossing 8½ to 9x10½ to 11½—		
2c red brown	5 00	15
Without embossing—		
2c red brown	2 00	03
7c vermillion	8 00	60
10c brown	20 00	20
10c yellow brown	20 00	20
12c dull violet	12 50	50
30c full black	15 00	40
90c carmine	17 50	1 50
1873 (Continental)—		
The 1c is listed as ultra- and gray blue, 2c brown and dark brown, 3c green, yellow green and dark green, prices same as 57th		
12c black violet	12 50	50
15c yellow orange	10 00	75
24c bluish purple	25 00	3 00
30c gray black	10 00	75
30c greenish black	10 00	75
90c rose carmine	12 50	1 50
1875—Same horizontally or vertically ribbed paper.		
1c ultramarine		2 00
2c dark brown		50
3c green		1 00
Reissue hard white wove paper—		
1c ultramarine	40 00	
2c dark brown	30 00	
3c blue green	40 00	
6c dull rose	40 00	
7c reddish vermilion	30 00	
10c pale brown	40 00	
15c bright orange	40 00	
30c greenish black	40 00	
90c violet carmine	40 00	
1875—2c vermilion	1 00	05
a. Imperforate	7 50	
5c blue (Taylor)	2 00	10
5c dark blue	2 00	10
Reissue hard white wove paper—		
2c carmine vermilion	40 00	
5c bright blue	40 00	
1876—Double paper—		
1c dark ultramarine		1 00
2c dark brown		1 00
3c blue green		1 00
5c dark blue		2 00
Others listed but not priced— 6c dull rose, 10c brown, 15c orange (?), 30c gray black, 90c carmine (?), and 2c vermilion.		
1879—American. Soft, porous paper—		
1c blue	1 50	05
1c ultramarine	1 00	02
10c yellow brown, (National plate)	3 00	04
10c brown, (Continental plate)	3 00	04
10c black brown, (Continental plate)	5 00	10
15c orange	2 00	30
15c red orange	50	20
30c greenish black	5 00	20
30c full black	2 00	15
90c carmine	7 50	1 00
1880—Reissue—		
The 1c dark ultramarine, 2c black brown, 3c blue green, 6c dull rose, 7c scarlte vermilion, 10c deep brown (Continental plate), 12c blackish purple, 15c orange, 24c dark violet, 30c greenish black, 90c dull carmine, 2c scarlet vermilion and 5c deep blue are listed and each priced unused at $50.00.		
1882—Five cents—		
Type I. The background of the oval is formed of crossed diagonal and horizontal lines.		
Type II. The background of the oval is formed of horizontal lines only.		
5c brown, (Garfield type I)	50	02
5c yellow brown, (Garfield type I)	75	02
5c yellow brown, (Garfield type II)	50	02
5c gray brown, (Garfield type II)	50	02
1c gray blue, re-engraved	10	01
1c ultramarine, re-engraved	10	01
3c green, re-engraved	15	01
3c blue green, re-engraved	15	01
6c rose, re-engraved	1 50	10
6c brown red, re-engraved	1 50	10
10c brown	50	01
10c yellow brown	50	01
10c black brown	5 00	25
1883—2c orange brown (Washington)	08	01
2c red brown	08	01
4c blue green (Jackson)	15	03
1887—2c green	08	01
a. Imperforate	7 50	
1c ultramarine	03	01
a. Imperforate.		
1888—Prices same, but 5c is listed in both types at same price.		
1890-93—5c chocolate	10	01
5c yellow brown	10	01
6c brown red	15	06
8c lilac	15	04
15c indigo	30	08
30c black	60	12
90c orange	2 00	65
The 1c, 2c (carmine), 3c, 4c, 5c (chocolate), 6c, 8c, 10c, 15c, 30c and 90c are listed also imperforate but not priced.		
1893—Columbian issue—		
8c magenta	15	06
10c black brown	20	04
10c gray black	20	04
15c dark green	25	20
30c orange brown	50	40
50c slate blue	75	65
1.00 salmon	4 00	4 00
2.00 brown red	2 75	2 50
3.00 yellow green	3 50	3 50
4.00 crimson lake	4 50	4 50
5.00 black	5 50	5 50
The 1c is listed both deep		

blue and pale blue 2c, violet and gray violet, 4c ultramarine and blue, 5c chocolate and pale brown, prices same as 57th.

1884—1c pale ultramarine.... 15 02
2c pink triangle I..... 08 03
2c carmine lake triangle I 15 02
2c carmine lake triangle I 05 01
a. Imperforate horizontally.
3c purple 08 02
4c dark brown 08 02
5c chocolate 10 01
5c yellow brown 10 01
a. Imperforate horizontally 10 00
ally 10 00
8c price 15 05
15c dark blue 25 06
50c orange 1 00 40

The 3c, 4c, 5c chocolate and 10c are listed as imperforate but not priced. In the watermarked issue below the 1c, 2c triangle III and 10c are also listed imperforate but not priced.

1895—6c dark red brown 08 03
15c dark blue 20 03
50c orange 60 15
1.00 black 1 25 60
5.00 dark green 5.50 2 50

OFFICIAL STAMPS.

1873—Thin hard paper.
Agriculture.

Prices same, the set complete is also listed as olive yellow but not priced.

Interior.
10c vermilion 50 50
Justice.
90c purple 50 00 50 00
3c bluish purple 2 00 1 00
6c bluish purple 3 00 2 00
10c bluish purple ..... Navy.
1c dull blue .....
2c dull blue 1 00 1 00
3c dull blue .....
6c dull blue 1 00

7 to 90c listed in this color but not priced. The set is also listed as ultramarine with prices same as 57th except

12c ultramarine 2 00 2 00
24c ultramarine 5 00 4 00
Post Office. White paper.
1c black 40 40
30c black 3 00 1 00
Gray surface paper.
1c black 60
2c black 40
3c black 15 01
15c black 3 00 2 00
24c black 2 50
30c black 1 00 1 00
90c black 5 00 3 50
Ribbed paper.
2c black 20
3c black 50
6c black .....

The 3c, 24c and 90c are also listed on "double paper" but not priced.

State.

The 1c, 2c, 7c, 10c, 12c, 15c, 24c, 30c and 90c are listed as dark green at 57th prices.

3c dark green 2 50 2 50
6c dark green 2 00 2 00
3c yellow green 3 50 3 50
3c bright green 75 75
6c bright green 1 00 1 00
10c bright green 3 50 2 50
Double paper.
3c green .....
Treasury.
1c brown 1 25 50
3c brown 25 05
6c brown 60 35
7c brown 3 00 2 50
10c brown 1 50 1 00
15c brown 1 00 30
90c brown 3 00 2 00
1c yellow brown 3 50 15
3c yellow brown 10 03
6c yellow brown 20 10
7c yellow brown 2 50 1 50
10c yellow brown 50 25
15c yellow brown 50 30
30c yellow brown 3 00 1 00
90c yellow brown 2 00 1 00

The 3, 10 and 90c brown are also listed on double paper but not priced.

War.
2c rose red 50 08
10c rose red 1 00 30
12c rose red 1 00 30
15c rose red 25 25
24c rose red 25 25
90c rose red 1 00 1 00

Balance of set same prices as 57th for "red."

3c brown red 05
6c brown red 10
12c brown red 2 50 1 00
15c brown red 50
24c brown red 50
90c brown red 2 00

The 1, 2, 7, 10 and 30c are listed in this shade but not priced.

1879—American print.
Soft porous paper.
War.
2c rose red 05 05
6c rose red 05 05
10c rose red 25 25
12c rose red 25 25
30c rose red 25 25
2c dull vermilion 25
Newspaper Stamps.
1875—Continental print.
Thin hard paper.
2c black 75 75
3c black 1 00 1 00
4c black 75 75
36c rose 2 50 2 50
48c rose 10 00
60c rose 7 50 4 00
72c rose 12 50 12 50
84c rose 15 00
96c rose 10 00
1894—Bureau of Engraving and Printing.
Soft wove paper.
1c intense black 50
2c intense black 50
4c intense black 1 00
12c pink 2 50
24c pink 5 00
Unpaid letter stamps.
Figures in oval.
1879—2c brown 12 08
30c brown 1 50 1 00
50c brown 3 00 2 50
1889—1c red brown 15 03
2c red brown 12 02
5c red brown 50 15
10c red brown 75 08
1894—The set is listed as light claret, printed by Bureau of Engraving and Printing, but not priced.
1894—Figures of value in lozenge-shaped frame.
1c vermilion 25 05
2c vermilion 25 05
1c deep claret 03 02
50c deep claret 1 25 1 25
1895—watermarked—

The stamps listed in 57th as carrier stamps are in 58th termed

Semi-Official Issues

and we do not see any changes worth mentioning except in the 2c Penny Post (Boston, Mass.)' which is advanced from $60 to $100.

Envelopes.

There are only 13 changes to note and being of very little importance we omit them and pass on.

Revenue Stamps.
1st column Imperforate.
2d column Perforate.
First Issue—
1c Propy 10 00 05
2c Bank check orange 01
2c cert blue 30 1 00
2c cert orange 60
2c express blue 30 05
2c express orange 08
2c Pl. cords orange.... 1 25
2c Propry orange 2 00
4c Inl. Exch. 05
5c certificate 25 01
5c express 50 08
10c bill of lading 1 00 05
10c certif. 4 00 01
15c For. Exch. 75
20c For. Exch. 1 25 1 00
25c bond 5 00 10
25c entry of goods 25 07
25c life insurance 1 75 30
25c protest 1 00 35
25c Wareh. Rec. 1 50 75
30c Foreign Exch. 1 50 2 00
50c lease 1 50 50
50c mortgage 1 75 05
50c Pass. Ticket 5 00 15
50c probate of will 3 00 1 00
1.00 conveyance 35 20
1.00 entry of goods 1 50 65
1.00 foreign exchange . 1 00 03
1.00 manifest 2 50 85
1.00 Power of Atty. ... 1 25 08
1.00 probate of will.... 2 25 1 75
1.30 For. Exch. 40 00 1 10
1.90 For. Exch. 65 00 1 25
2.00 conveyance 2 50 15
2.00 mortgage 2 50 20
2.00 probate 25 00 1 00
2.50 ..... 30 00 10
3.00 manifest 2 00 25
5.00 mortgage 3 50 1 00
10.00 conveyance 4 00 2 50
10.00 probate 16 00 1 00
20.00 conveyance 3 00 1 00

SECOND ISSUE.

The distinction between violet and pink paper is ignored in 2d and 3d issues—Ed.

1c $1 00
5c 10
10c 03
20c 25
30c 1 00
60c 1 00
$1.50 30

INVERTED MEDALLION.

$1.00 ..... 25 00

THIRD ISSUE.

$2.50 75

INVERTED MEDALLION.

5c black and orange... 25 00 per.

FIFTH ISSUE.

	Silk	umk	Rouletted
2c blue	.01	.01	.50

PROPRIETORY 1871-75.

	Violet paper.	Green paper.
3c	.50	.50
4c	.20	.15

1878 ISSUE.

	Silk	umk	Rouletted
3c	.08	.08	3.50

MATCH STAMPS.

2c green, A. M. Match Co., old paper $50 00
1c brown, Bendel B. & Co., umk. 15 00
1c brown, Bendal, H, umk 10
1c black, J. J. Macklin & Co., old paper 60 00
1c lake, F. P. Newton, umk..... 05

MEDICINE STAMPS.

4c black, T. E. Wilson $200 00

CONFEDERATE STATES.

Spartanburg, S. C.

5c black 200 00

GENERAL ISSUE.

1861—5c light green 50 50
5c green 50 40
10c light blue 2 50 1 00
10c blue 1 25 1 00
1862—2c green 2 50 3 00
5c light blue 60 75
5c blue 60 60
5c dark blue 60 1 00
10c rose 6 00 4 00
10c carmine rose 6 00
1863—Ten cents milky blue. 7 00 7 00
10c milky blue, outer line 10 00 6 00
10c milky blue, A7 ..... 50 25
10c dark blue, A7 ..... 03 50
10c blue, A7 ..... 05 15
10c greenish blue, A7.. 25 20
10c milky blue, A8 ..... 50 10
10c dark blue, A8 ..... 05 10
10c light blue, A8 ..... 10 10
10c greenish blue, A8.. 15 15

Thin paper—
10c dark blue, A7 50
10c blue, A7 ..... 05 10
a. perforated 75 5 00
10c greenish blue, A7 . 03 02
10c dark blue, A8 ..... 25 25
10c blue, A8 ..... 08 10
a perforated 75 5 00
10c greenish blue 05 10

Laid paper—
10c blue, A7 10
10c dark blue, A8 10
10c light blue, A8 10

The 20c is listed as green and yellow green (no change in price): also "perforafed" and "diagonal half-used as 10c," but not priced.

ABYSINNIA.

No changes.

AFGHANISTAN.

The Mauve stamp of 1868 is not listed. In the 1870 issue the first type advance 33⅓ to 50 per cent., while the second type declines about 20 per cent., and as a rule the decline is general in all the other issues of this country, with a few marked advances.

ANGOLA.

Very few changes, and those downward.

ANGRA.

1896—2½r 02 02
5r 02 02
a. Diagonal ½ used as 2½r.
10r 03 03
15r 04 04

20r	04	04
25r	05	05
50r	10	10
75r	15	15
80r	15	15
100r	18	18
150r	25	25
200r	35	35
300r	50	50
500r	75	75

ANTIQUA.

1862—No umk. Perf. 14 to 16.		
6d blue green	7 00	
a. Unperforate 6d, yellow green	25 00	
Perf. 11 to 13 x 14 to 16—		
6d blue green	25 00	

Nearly all others have declined in price. Many new varieties listed.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

The changes are slight, consisting mostly of 10 to 25 per cent. reductions The 15c blue, 1882, A24, is dropped, and the publishers write us it is the same as the 1868-69 issue A9.

AUSTRIA.

1850—The 1kr. yellow, thin paper, is listed printed on both sides at 75c used, and the 6kr. brown, unused, has advanced to $6.00.

Thick paper unused 1kr yellow is $7.50; 1kr orange, 38; 3kr red, $2.

1858-59—3kr black	$10 00	$ 60
3kr green	4 00	60

The 1890 issue is listed complete both "perf. 9 to 10½" and "11½ to 13½."

The newspaper stamps Type N5 are listed in 3 types and 2 shades.

There are no changes worth mentioning, except above, and Austrian Levant has few changes of little importance and a few stamps only; in Lombardy Venice have declined in price.

AZORES ISLANDS.

1868—5r black	40 00	40 00
Perf.		
1868-70—50r green	6 00	8 00
80r orange	8 50	9 00
1871—5r black	45	45
1871-7520r straw	1 00	1 00
100r lilac	1 50	75
1876-80—50r blue	2 50	1 00

We notice nothing further of importance except a confusion of minor varities of type and paper.

BADEN.

The only changes of importance are:

1851—9kr pink declined 50 cents, and 1853-57 3kr blue declined $2.50; both unused

BAHAMAS.

1859 1d pale lake, unused, declines $2.00. The 1 shilling green, 1862-67, is now priced unused at $50, and the same value 1875 issue suffers a drop to $1.00 unused.

BARBADOS.

The (1 penny) blue and slate blue, 1852, blue paper, drop from $4 to $2 (unused).

Clean cut, perf. 14 to 16—		
1861—(½d) dark blue green.	6 00	1 50
(1d) blue		4 00
Rough, perf. 14 to 16—		
(½d) dark blue green..	2 00	1 00
(½d) yellow green	1 00	25
(4d) red	8 50	1 75
(4d) rose	10 00	1 75
(4d) vermilion	12 00	3 00
Rough, perf. 14 to 15, large star—		
1871—(½d) yellow green	2 00	35
6d vermilion		2 50
Clean cut, perf. 14½ to 16, small star—		
Perf. 11 to 13 x 14½ to 16—		
(½d) blue green		3 00
(4d) vermilion	17 50	5 50
Large star—		
5sh pink	30 00	16 00
Perf. 14—		
1874—½d blue green	2 00	50
1d blue	2 00	35
Crown and C C, Perf 12½—		
6d orange	20 00	5 00
1sh purple	10 00	1 50
Perf. 14—		
1874-78—4d lake		10 00
4d rose red		5 00
1882-85—1sh red brown	1 25	1 00
5sh ochre	7 50	7 50

These are about the only changes of importance. Thus endeth our first lesson.

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EDITOR'S EASY CHAIR.

We start the ball rolling with an apology for our last issue. We found it necessary to change printers and as a consequence several annoying errors crept in, notably the whole No. (being "20" instead of "11") and the first word of that Latin motto. We trust that this issue will more than make up for the short comings of the last.

Speaking about the motto we are not in love with the dead language for every day use, and you find one there now (if the printer spells it right) more to the point.

We have just received a letter from a correspondent in Louisiana and he enclosed an envelope just as he received it punched through in a score of places. He writes "I would advise you not to send anything of value, for the present any where South of Memphis, Tenn. as all the mail we get coming through any infected district is punched and is fumigated with sulphur which will not do stamps any good. They are also subjected to a steam heat of something like 400° ".

The *Weekly Era* seems to have taken a new lease of life since the convention and we are glad to herald the fact, for it is one of the most welcome visitors to our Sanctum. It would be an improvement, we think, if Mr. Jewett would not use so much good space in urging collectors to subscribe and dealers to advertise, but we all have a weakness that way at times.

We list this month a lot of 58th prices which we think will be well appreciated by our readers. They would have appeared in the last issue but the list sent to the printer, after other copy, was missent.

This has been a good month for the A. C. as far as new advertising contracts are concerned, and several new names will be seen in our columns. If they keep on we may have to issue a still large paper. We doubt if we can ever find room again in an eight page paper.

We are glad to note that the *Post Office* is to be continued and that Mr. Crawford Capen will still edit it. The magazine, with the late Mr. Gremmel's stock of stamps (and we understand several dealers' stock) have passed into the hands of The American Collectors Co. a new stock corporation which is to be run in the interests of collectors, who are invited to subscribe for one or more shares at $1.00 each. If conducted on the plan proposed we wish it the success that it deserves. Possibly we may be called pessimistic in saying that it would be difficult to find a board of directors and a force of clerks to manage this business every one of whom is perfectly honest and who would not if he found for instance a 12 cent 1870 grilled in a collection in the space alloted to 1872 take it and quietly substitute the proper stamp. In our experience we have found several people who are perfectly honest and highly respected as such in all other matters of life who have stolen stamps in exchange circuits where they were not liable to be found out. With many the desire to possess a certain stamp is an irresistible mania at times and overcomes all scruples as to honesty. The writer was paid an insignificant sum for an exceedingly rare stamp a few years ago when he was an infant in stamp collecting and the purchaser is still highly respected as an honest upright dealer.

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Lewis Robie has removed his business from Washington D. C. back to Chicago as Miss Mabel Cornish his Washinton manager could not find time to attend to it properly, and beside Mr. Robie can get better results when the business is under his own personal supervision. Probably he is one of the most unique characters among the dealers of this country. His spicy ads. are looked for with interest by hundreds of collectors who are not interested in match and medicine stamps, which are about all the stamps he handles. Other advertisers could profit by studying his methods.

The portrait and sketch on our front page of the next president of the Sons of Philatelia will be of interest to all the members of the Grand Old Society. The editor will have the pleasure of meeting him at Nashville if nothing occurs to prevent either of us from being there.

Regarding the S. of P. reminds us of a letter from a member who had just returned from the A. P. A. convention at Boston in which he said he was going to withdraw from all societies but the A. P. A. as that was the only society that had been of any benefit to philately, and that all others were political societies. He was just A. P. A. crazy and will get over it soon.

The S. of P. is the greatest organization in this country today. It was the pioneer of low dues and made all other societies possible. It was organized by the younger element and educated collectors until they were welcomed by the A. P. A. as advanced collectors. In this respect it has done more good than all the other societies combined. It has had stormy times or it would have numbered 5000 members instead of about 800, and regarding politics, if our friend will just recall the disgraceful political bickerings which have characterised every convention of the A. P. A. to date, he will find that the "boys" of the S. of P. did not act near as boldly as their older brothers, whose superior age should have taught them to do better. However we hope both societies are now done with political squabbling and will be conducted in the interests of the stamp collecting members who care nothing for politics.

In our last issue we referred to a protest signed by leading A. P. A. members on the Pacific Coast, against the alleged injustice done to Georges Carion by the publication of what is generally believed to be a forged letter from the minister of the Colonies. Mr. Carion had sent us copies of the affidavits. We notice that several of our contemporaries have published the papers in full. *Mekeel's Weekly*

is fair enough to acknowledge that a wrong has been done to Mr. Carion. *The American Journal of Philately* publishes the statements but avoids saying anything in favor of Mr. Carion, and the *Weekly Era* echoes the *A. J. of P.* (perhaps because it is official journal of the A. P. A. ?)

Our readers are generaly aware that the bone of contention is the authenticity of the diagonal surcharge "Cochinchine" on certain unpaid letter stamps of that country. Nearly a score of reputable citizens of San Francisco make affidavit to the fact that they witnessed the opening of the letters from Cochin China postmasters containing the unpaid letter stamps diagonally surcharged which they declare to be genuine. In the letter referred to above which is believed to be a forgery it is stated that the postmasters did not give an opinion on the surcharged stamps. We certainly can depend on the affidavits of our San Francisco friends and must denounce the attempt of Mr. Carion's enemies in their despicable methods.

One word more, a point which some of our contemporaries have over looked. It is not claimed that the colony printed the diagonal surcharge on the stamps, but that the postmasters were instructed to hand-stamp the name of the colony on the stamps.

Now let us see if the great A. P. A. will annul their action in expelling Mr. Carion on charges they cannot prove.

Just as we go to press, Mr. H. C. Crowell writes us that he and Mr. Brodie were before the Grand Jury at Cleveland Ohio in the Paul Fisher alias Richard Wolle case. It will be remembered that Wolle stole $70 worth of stamps from Mr. Brodie and traded them to Mr. Crowell. The latter states that it was hard work to convince 24 farmers that canceled stamps had any value, but all seemed willing to learn. It is to be hoped Wolle will get his deserts.

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2000 G. A. Camp, 917 Fifteenth street, N. W. Washington, D. C.

New members who have not already done so should forward to me the amount of their dues to January 1, 1898 (25 cents) and I will forward each his (or her) membership card.

It will be seen by above list of new members that our roll number has reached 2000 and if all the members paid to January 1, 1897, would send in their dues our paid-up list would number nearly 1000. The receipts the past month have been quite large, but were mostly from members who were already paid up to January 1, 1898, and added a few years more. They have the thanks of the society for their prompt and timely assistance in a time of need. (See condition of treasury elsewhere.) We should be glad to add your name if it is not already there. Subscriptions for 1898 will soon be due and if paid now will save you a dime January 1st, when so many other of your bills are due.

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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Fellow Members:—In retiring from the highest office in the gift of our society to which you elected me one year ago, I wish to thank all the members who have kindly aided me in my duties, which were entirely new to me.

I have endeavored during my term of office to further the interests of the society as far as it lay in my power. Difficulties, serious and threatening, much retarding our growth, have been overcome and a bright future, I believe, assured. In the list of candidates for office for the coming year I see none but those whom I believe will conduct the affairs of the society properly and work for its future advancement. I trust that all will cooperate with the new officers in making the S. of P. the leading society, not only in numerical strength, but also in quality of membership.

In retiring again to the ranks as a private, I shall still work as before for the society's advancement.

Yours sincerely,
BENJ. P. THOMAS.,
President.

I have received the following

APPLICATIONS

with accompanying references:

C. B. Bostwick, 324 West Forty-sixth street, New York City, N. Y.; 25, insurance. Benj. P. Thomas, Louise Bostwick.

Emile Daigle, Jr., Houma, La.; 23; banker. Jos. H. Pullen, J. F. Dodge.

H. C. Crowell, 96 Spangler avenue, Cleveland, O.; 22; attorney-at-law. H. D. Ruehlman, Geo. B. Klebes.

J. N. Merrill, Jr., Skowkegan, Me; 17; student. W. W. Sewall, Fred S. Rand.

Roger C. Tredwell, St. Pauls School, Concord, N. H.; 12; student. Carl K. Morse, J. F. Dodge.

Otto Zoll, Haskell avenue, Clinton, Mass.; 28; shoemaker. Chas. E. Shaw, J. F. Dodge.

Dr. Wm. Lilliendahl, Concepcion del Oro, Estado de Zacatecas, Mex.; 38; physician and surgeon. J. F. Dodge, Rafael T. Valdes.

The above applicants will be admitted in 30 days if no sufficient objections are received, and cards will be mailed to such as have paid dues to January 1, 1898. Those who have not done so should remit 9 cents to January 1, '98 (or, better still, 34 cents to January 1, '99) without further notice and membership card will be promptly mailed.

RESIGNATIONS RECEIVED.

1845 Louis Harris.
1428 Wm. J. Wallace.

RESIGNATIONS ACCEPTED.

1672 J. W. Scott.
745 W. F. Ward.
969 W. Sellschop.
650 R. E. Lincoln.
88 Chas. Getz, M.D.
1964 Walton I. Mitchell.

The following resignations received and published cannot be accepted unless dues are paid to date (20 cents).

Those forwarding this amount on or before October 28th will find their names under resignations accepted; otherwise their names will appear under suspensions:

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1723 G. M. Hawes
1832 W. Rabeneick.
649 Albert Greasby.
1296 A. L. Hurd.
1372 H. F. Bartels.
1773 John T. Atsatt.
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Henry Gremmel.

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1	R. M. Miller	1899
14	J. C. Miller	1900
1947	R. F. S. Montgomery	1899
25	W. H. Emmert	1900
138	Benj. P. Thomas	1899
1381	E. M. Canfield	1900
1945	Herbert Armstrong	1901
1886	Theovor Arnold	1900
1536	Edmund C. Stone	1899
1814	Chas. Beamish	1899
1600	J. F. Dodge	1900
1624	Barlow Moorhead	1900
1754	R. E. Prentiss	1900
1752	A. B. Morrill	1899
1717	Lillian B. Dodge	1899
1746	Allen L. Smith	1899
1910	R. S. Chase	1899
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1942	Geo. F. Steger	1899
1930	Jos. H. Pullen	1901
598	W. H. Welchans	1902
525	J. W. Stowell	1899
643	Mrs. W. D. Smith	1900
1985	Ricardo S. Antonia	1899
1953	W. W. Sheffer	1899
1956	Robert Harbolt	1899
1555	Rev. W. A. Carver	1900
1970	F. F. Woodward	1899
17	H. N. Bullard	1902
1849	G. R. Kennedy	1902
987	J. E. Sanders	1899
676	W. B. Craig	1902
1037	John Holt	1900
1860	Hezekiah Weed	1902
32	F. M. Townley	1902
855	Chas. E. Shaw	1902
1891	W. O. Bailey	1899
1633	J. M. Andreini	1902
1653	Chas. Wainwright	1899
206	J. H. White	1900
598	W. H. Welchans	1902
1995	Chas. D. Lowe	1899
1997	Mrs. Chas. L. Taylor	1899
1607	R. J. Hummell	1899
1656	T. M. Drossner	1900
254	Geo. M. Frame	1902

THE CONVENTION.

Preparations have been made for the visiting members at Nashville by the Committee of Arrangements. The hotel cost is $1.50 per day and the members of the Southern Philatelic Association which convenes October 20th, the day after the S. of P. Convention, will have the same headquarters, and a fine time is antici-

pated. Bro. R. A. McCulloch has written us that a rate much lower than we quoted last month could be secured, and we have same confirmed by Mr. F. W. Bradley, viz: $15.30 for the round trip from Washington, D. C. I expect to send out badges to all who will be present in a few days.

WHO WILL BE THERE?

The following members are expected to be present at the convention:

L. G. Durr, Nashville, Tenn.
C. B. Tompkins, Knoxville, Tenn.
C. G. Shrader, Knoxville, Tenn.
S. B. Boyd, M.D., Knoxville, Tenn.
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And many others.

OUR TREASURY.

Below is a statement of receipts and expenditures since my last report:

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Balance (due me)	12 70
	$34 86

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Expressage	85
Postage (including mailing ballots)	19 58
Official Journal (Sept.)	9 18
	$34 86

No funds or reports have been received from ex-Treasurer Miller up to time of going to press. There are printers bills which should be paid, and I wish that those indebted to the society will remit dues promptly, or send in their resignations. Respectfully submitted,

J. F. DODGE,
Acting Treasurer.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SALES.

The Sales Department is now ready for business. Members who desire to be placed on circuit will please notify me as soon as possible, so that circuits can be arranged with a view to quick circulation.

In my annual report, which will be presented at the convention the 19th of October, I have recommended that an insurance fund, to be used in connection with this department, be formed by charging a premium of one per cent. on the marked value of books sent in for circulation. I hope the members generally, in case they are unable to attend the convention, will instruct their proxies to vote for such a motion. The only new developments in the Stigeler matter is the receipt of the book, stripped completely of stamps, and a letter from Stigeler intimating legal proceedings against me for my report and the statements contained therein. The empty books and letter have been turned over to the attorney. Respectfully,

CHAS. F. SHAW.
Superintendent Sales.
271 Chestnut St., Clinton, Mass.

Exchange Notices.

Make offer in stamps for back numbers Truth and Life either singly or volume. 125 varieties foreign or 25 varieties U. S. none after 1890 for stamp cat at 10c. Ed. S. Smith,
409 Willoughby Ave., Brooklyn N. Y.

Exchange Extraordinary: For every 100 ordinary South and Central Americans you send me, catalogued at 1, 2 and 3c each, in nice order, not over fifteen of a kind, I will send you a fine U. S. unused entire envelope valued at $2.00 or more by Scott's 57th catalogue. Can use 100 to 1000 at a time; want 25,000 in all. Address, L. V. Lindsey: Greene, N. Y.

Wanted unused Columbians, any quantity taken of the following values, 4c, 6c, 15c, 30c, 50c, must be in perfect condition. In exchange I give United States Departments, envelopes, general issues, Revenues, Unpaid Letter and Periodical stamps. Also B. N. A. and British West Indies. Wm. A. McDonnell, 1646 Madison-ave, N. Y. City.

Exchange! When you send me stamps of all countries you will receive same quantity from Denmark and colonies. Lund & Jeosen, Trovet, Esbjerg, Denmark.

Bargain Column.

Scott's 56th Standard catalogue, cloth bound, for only 25c postpaid. Order at once, as I only have a few left. Your money refunded if all are gone. R. M. Miller, New Chester, Pa.

I wish to buy a good collection of U. S. and foreign postage or revenue stamps, entire envelopes or post cards for spot cash. John M. Hubbard, Lakeport, N. H. Refer to Bradstreet or Dunn's Commercial Agencies or the Publisher of this paper.

Dealer's Directory.

BEARD Joe F., Muscatine, Ia. Retail dealer in Postage Stamps for collections. Send for list.

EMMERT W. H., New Oxford, Pa. Approval sheets at 25 and 50% discount. Send reference.

LADD W. H., Franklin, Conn. Dealer in Foreign stamps. Sheets at 50% discount. Reference required.

MESSER P. L., 1015 Baltimore st., Baltimore Md., dealer in all kinds of stamps. Agents wanted.

EMMERT ENTIRE ENVELOPES

All unused and fine, no "Specimen"

1864	3c pink on buff,	$ 10
	9c yellow on buff,	2 50
1870	2c brown on orange,	20
	3c green on white,	06
	1c vermilion on amber.	1 00
1874	1c blue on orange,	03
	1c blue on fawn,	20
	1c " blue,	20
	1c " manilla,	03
	3c green on white,	05
	3c " amber,	05
	5c blue on white die B,	25
	5c " amber "	25
1876	3c green on white, Hartford,	20
	10c Brown on White,	25
	10c Brown on Amber,	25
1882	5c Brown on White, Garfield	10
	5c Brown on Amber, Garfield	10
1883	2c Red October	05
	4c Green on white,	10
	4c Green on amber,	10
	4c Green on manila amber,	15
1884	2c Red on white retuched,	10
	2c Red on fawn retuched,	50
	2c Brown on white, July,	03
	2c Brown on fawn,	05
	2c Brown on Oriental buff,	05
	2c " blue,	05
	2c " manila	05
	2c " manila amber	05
	2c " amber Die B	1 00
	2c " fawn Die B	1 50
1887	4c Carmine on white	08
	4c " amber	08
	4c " oriental buff	15
	5c Blue on white	08
	5c " amber	08
	5c " oriental buff	15

Wrappers.

1874	1c light blue	03
	2c vermilion Die C	05
1884	2c brown, July, Die A	04
	2c brown July Die B	1 00

Holyoke Envelopes.

	1c Light blue on white	03
	1c Dark " "	04
	1c Light " amber	04
	1c Dark " "	50
	1c " " manila	50
	1c " " manila wrapper	15
	1c Light " manila amber	20
	2c Yellow Green on white	04
	2c Dark " "	04
	2c Yellow " amber	04
	2c Dark " "	04
	2c Green on oriental buff	25
	2c " " blue	15
	2c " " mani a	10
	2c " " manila amber	10
	4c carmine on white	10
	4c " amber	10
	5c blue on white	10
	5c " amber	15

War.

1873	3c Red on cream	05
1875	3c " amber	10
	3c " blue	05
	3c " cream	05
	3c " fawn	05

W. H. Emmert,
New Oxford, Pa.

Collection

of U. S. and Foreign stamps for sale at about $250.00 by Scott's 57th. If all is taken will sell for 82 p. c. less than cat price. Stamps range up as high as $25. down to a few cheap ones. No very cheap ones in lot. No postals. I mean business. Now is your time.

G. W. Robinette,
Flag Pond, Va.

Worth Buying Now.

Canada Jubilee, 1, 2, 3, 5c and card.		$ 11
" " 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 50,		1 20
" " ½c black, also pairs,		50
" " ½c to 50c complete,		3 00
" " ½c to $1 complete,		4.25
" " ½c to $5 complete,		16 90
" " 6c brown,		1 25
" Revenues, 15 varieties,		10
" " cat $20.00 special		2 75
Adams' Canada Revenue Catalogue,		10
Newfoundland, 5 var..		10
" ½,1, 3, 5c new, old,		20
North Borneo, 4c on $1,		08

WM. R. ADAMS, 7 Ann St., Toronto, Can.

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sending us a 25c Express money order will receive by return mail 25 diff Mex. Revenues cat at .63
A silver piece of Guatemala and our wholesale list of Mexican postage and revenue stamps, the cheapest thing out.

If registered 10c in unused stamps 2c extra.

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Packet A contains	35	specimens	80		30
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All three packages containing 93 diff Mex Rev all good specimens for only $1.55 cat at $3.78.

Send quickly as they are going like hot cakes.

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Box 857. City of Mexico, Mex

CAUTION!

The public will please discredit the report that **MAKINS & CO.** hired a burglar to procure the unused official Hawaiian stamps which they have on sale now, at 506 Market St., San Francisco. These stamps are in mint state, original gum, and beautiful. 2c, 5c, 6c, 10c, 12c, 25c. Complete set $1. Enclose money and set will be forthcoming. Hawaiian sheets at 40 percent, Chinese at 40 percent, and excellent foreign at 50 percent discount. Try us once and you will not regret it.

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On my $1.00 Dealers Stock.

A short time only 54 cts. p. p.

200	1c stamps to retail for	$2.00
50	2c " "	1.00
20	3c " "	.60
5	5c " "	.25
5	10c " "	.50
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500	Stamp hinges [best]	05
250	Mixed stamps (foreign)	10
	Regular price $1.04	$4.56

Give this stock a trial and you will order more.

F. P. GIBBS,
P. O. Box 103, Olean, N. Y.

The Greatest Revolution in the World's History.

It is an interesting study to look back the past half century or so and note the astonishing changes which the postage stamp has wrought in the world's affairs. Before the invention of this convenience, it was a difficult matter to send a letter or parcel any great distance.

In a little over half a century, the world's affairs have gradually undergone a total change; and so complete and gradual has it been that were the postage stamp and all its attendant usefulness, suddenly blotted out of existence, an impediment to the thousands of pursuits dependent thereon, would almost compel the earth to stop in its course. Thousands upon thousands we might say millions would be thrown out of employment; railroad, steamships and all other paraphernalia of the postal system would lose half its calling, and business of this world would be so stagnated or so shattered that the world's affairs positively would have to retrograde for a time, and it would probably never reach the prosperity it now enjoys; or if it ever did, it would take centuries. All the inventions of speed are now used to rush the mails, and this, next to the lives of the passengers, is the main object of latter-day railroading and steamboating.

In some cases the mails come first and human life second as is often shown by the racing of the ocean steamships to determine which can cross and deliver the mails in the shortest space of time.

No single invention or discovery has so changed and altered the affairs of men as the postage stamp.

Although this improved and practical system of universal postage is new, yet the idea itself of communicating by mail is very old. Before America was discovered there were many mail packets plying the ocean, carrying letters and packages to distant lands, and actually performing, although in a rude uncertain manner, the very duties of our highly civilized and almost perfect system accomplishes with such accuracy and speed at the present day.

The business of mail carrying has lost much of its romance at the present time, and the sleepy post boy, Indian runner and overland express have given way to steam power and electricity. What would Ben Franklin, Alexander Hamilton and all those other postal continentals say if they could see our present lightning express rush by at nearly a mile a minute and snatch a mail bag from a crane so quick that one can scarcely see the operation.

Considering the magnitude of the present system and its being in use in new and almost uncivilized countries the increase in the next fifty years will be almost beyond conception.

There were 4,005,408,206 letters, cards, etc., sent to the United States in 1890 from the 62,401 post offices bringing a revenue of $69,858,783, and this is from only one country. You can form a faint idea of the stupendous mail of the world, the tremendous receipts, the vast army of bipeds and quadrupeds it gives employment to, and this has sprung up within fifty years, we may well look in the future and wonder what the outcome will be. Carefully scan the past, and ask yourself honestly and squarely, has there been a greater, more complete, more instructive and more useful revolutionizer than the little bit of paper called a postage stamp.

Now can you justly say that there is anything more worthy of attention, more worthy as souvenir of the countries of the world or anything that looks handsomer and represents more than this so-called "nothing but just a bit of paper."

Fellow collectors you are preserving an emblem or emblems of one of the greatest discoveries of the age for future reference and benefit to the rising generations.

Stamps at Advertisers.

A cut of a stamp is a fitting design to illustrate the advertisement of a stamp dealer but it is not alone in the domain of philatelic advertising that stamps have played an important part. The sharp business man on the lookout for something to attract the public eye to his wares and the versatile adv. writer have both recognized how quickly the neat design of a postage stamp attracts attention.

In looking over a juvenile's collection of stamps a short time ago I came across an excellent reproduction of a Russian stamp in the correct colors but printed on heavy pasteboard and with the name of the country printed across it diagonally between two parallel lines. I recognized it at once as one cut from a set of advertising cards. Long ago I had a set of these cards pasted in a scrap album of picture cards. If I remember correctly they were six in number, advertising a patent soap, artistically finished in gilt and each one representing a different country by a little boy or girl dressed in the costume of that country and holding its flag while its stamp in correct colors occupied a central position. I cannot recollect the firm's name now.

A firm in San Francisco advertising the "Pride of Japan" tea, a few months ago spread broadcast over California circular letters of Japanese tissue paper, with copies of Japanese paintings on them and a set of six canceled, genuine Japanese stamps stuck in a place alloted them, the whole presenting a very characteristic Japanese effect. This was an excellent idea and awakened interest in many school-boys in stamps as well as called attention to the teas advertised.

The Yon Yonsen Comic Opera Company a year or two ago was displaying on its posters a large red Swedish stamp with the head of Oscar II. It certainly was a unique idea and no philatelist would have passed it by without notice and doubtless it drew out many a dollar for tickets that would otherwise have passed into the stamp dealer's hands.

The San Francisco Examiner not long ago displayed a cut of the current two cent stamp on its front page as representing the cost of that paper to subscribers by the month. While this was evidently a breach of the postal laws, I do not know that it excited any action on the part of the postal authorities though I heard many people speak of it.

New Zealand carried out the idea of advertising with stamps a little futher than any other country when she allowed firms the privilege of advertising on the back of her stamps for a certain consideration. The idea, however, met with such universal condemnation both from philatelists and the general public that it was soon abandoned. We who are used to seeing our pleasant country roads daubed with advertising signs on trees and rocks and Nature invaded by the advertiser's paint brush could not bear to see our philatelic treasures thus marred even on the backs. That the popular mind is set against this vandalism is evidenced by the turning down by our own government of John Wanamaker's high offer for the privilege of thus advertising on the backs of the United States stamps, several years ago.

I have among a collection of postal curiosities a druggist's prescription card which is just the size and has the appearance of our fourth issue postal card with the exception that in the place of Jefferson's head appears a mortar and pestle.

I have also come across more than once in my philatelic career a stamp having a close resemblance at a distance to our two cent brown of 1885 but on closer examination in place of the head of Washington is seen the head of Santa Claus. This stamp, I believe, was issued by a large retail firm selling fancy Christmas articles.

Of course all our private proprietary stamps answered the purpose of advertisements as well as paying the government tax and many of them still continue in active use on patent medicines as trademarks the same design being used but the words "United States Internal Revenue" and the value being removed. There may be mentioned as instances Brown's Bronchial Troches, Allcock's porous Plasters, John I. Henry and many others.

The latest in stamps as advertisers now

rises up before us in the shape of the new set of Newfoundland stamps. The set is a pretty one and seems to be in general favorably commented upon by the philatelic press but somehow it seems to me that the underlying idea comes out quite prominently to a careful observer. It is a scheme worthy of a Western boom town and advertising is the main object. Newfoundland as a Summer resort; Summer boarders wanted; great fishing and hunting; Or, Newfoundland full of resources to the investor; capitalists wanted to develop our mines; our fishing and fur industries great fields for speculation. It may seem to my reader that I am a little rough on Newfoundland and that its methods show in high relief peside those of its neighbor, Canada. Well, perhaps I am, but still it will keep persistently coming back to me that this an excellent advertising scheme for Newfoundland.

Perhaps this scheme of a country using its postage stamps to advertise its resources is not the worst in the world, in fact, it certainly is far up the scale when compared with the manufacturing of stamps by a country simply to sell to collectors, but it is a course that we philatelists cannot honestly recommend. But the idea of private firms using cancelled stamps of foreign countries as a means of advertising is commendable and I believe the results will warrant its continuance. A common ten-pfennig German stamp looks familiar and home-like to a German in a strange land; our two cent red seems like a friend to a Yankee traveler in a far country, how quickly a foreigner will notice in a show window the stamp of his country and comment on it. This field of advertising presents a wide scope and I believe that the tobacco firm whom dealers proposed to interest in distributing stamps in its packages of tobacco sometime ago, in order to interest the boys in stamp collecting, would find it sell tobacco as well as sell stamps.

Now that we have a professional philatelic ad. writer or rather critic of ads., we may look for rapid strides in philatelic advertising and as it spreads and attracts public attention, more and more will the practice of incorporating philatelic ideas in general abvertising come to pass.

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Not 16 to 1,
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100 Foreign,	05
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1c '72 without secret mark, cat. 15c.	05
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Series A contains stamps from 1c to $5, at 50 percent discount.

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Series C contains stamps from 25c to $10, at 25 percent discount.

The three series contain nearly 10,000 varieties, so that nearly anyone can find something that is missing in his or her collection, Series A. is most suitable for those having less than 2500 varieties. Series B is most suitable for those having between 2500 and 7000 varieties. Series C is most suitable for collectors having more than 7000 varieties.

All stamps are in good condition.

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Has sixty unused sets of Persia, 1889 issue, the catalog value of which is $3.58. Twenty-five of these sets he will sell for 50 cents a set, then 10 sets for 75 cents a set, then 10 sets for $1.00 a set, and the remaining sets for $1.25 each. This offer is made solely to increase the circulation of his priced-list and each person sending for a set must accompany the order with the names and addresses of at least five collectors.

The market value of the 1c. blue grilled, 1868, United States, is $1.25, but in order to largely increase the circulation of my priced-list of stamps I will send one of these stamps and a copy of my list to anyone sending 40 cents and the names and addresses of five or more stamp collectors.

E. T. PARKER,
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

The market value of the 6c. State Department, new, is $1.00, but in order to largely increase the circulation of my priced- list of stamps I will send one of these stamps and a copy of my list to anyone sending 60 cents and the names and address of five or more stamp collectors.

E. T. PARKER,
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

The market value of the 2c. proprietary, blue, part perforated, is $2.00, but in order to largely increase the circulation of my priced-list of stamps I will send one of these stamps and a copy of my list to anyone sending 50 cents and the names and address of five or more stamp collectors.

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The catalogue value of the 24c. purple, '70-71, U. S., is $2.00, but in order to increase the circulation of my priced-list of stamps I will send one of these stamps and a copy of my list to anyone sending $1.25 and the names and address of five or more stamp collectors.

E. T. PARKER,
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

The market value of the 30c. Interior Department, new, is $1, but in order to increase the circulation of my priced-list of stamps I will send one of these stamps and a copy of my list to anyone sending 60 cents and the names and address of five or more stamp collectors.

E. T. PARKER,
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

The catalogue value of the 25c. Conveyance, blue, part perforated, is 50 cents, but in order to largely increase the circulation of my priced-list of stamps I will send one of these stamps and a copy of my list to anyone sending 15 cents and the names and address of five or more stamp collectors.

E. T. PARKER,
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The market value of the 3c State Department, new, United States, is 75c., but in order to largely increase the circulation of my priced-list of stamps I will send one of these stamps and a copy of my list to anyone sending 50 cents and the names and address of five or more stamp collectors.

E. T. PARKER,
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

The catalogue value of the 2c. blue, 5th issue, revenue, rouletted, is 75 cents, but in order to increase the circulation of my priced-list of stamps I will send one of these stamps and a copy of my list to anyone sending 30 cents and the names and address of five or more stamp collectors.

E. T. PARKER,
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

The market value of the 1c. green, Proprietary revenue, 1878 issue, is $1.25, but in order to increase the circulation of my priced-list of stamps I will send one of these stamps and a copy of my list to anyone sending 50 cents and the names and address of five or more stamp collectors.

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I have ten copies.

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Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

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—OF THE—

Standard

Postage Stamp

Catalogue.

Price: 58c. Post Free.

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Following our practice of some years past we are prepared to supply advance sheets in forms as delivered to us by the printer, at the price of $5,00 for the full set. The first forms will be ready for delivery on September 1st.

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LIMITED
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13	2d blue, on part original, fine	6 00
15	2d blue	5 00
62	2d blue	12
68	2d blue (wmk 5)	1 50
72	1d red	18
75	3d green	18
119-20	1d red, 2d blue wmk N.S.W. each	08
111-18	set of 9 for	55
	1889-92 ½, 1, 2, 2½, 4, 6, 8, 1s, set of 8	18
131	1d violet (wmk N.S.W.)	06
132	2d blue " rare	50
140-2	½-1d gray, 7½-6 dbrown	20
	12½-1 red	30
201-3	1-2, 1, 2d P. Due, unused for	30
201-7	1-2 to 8d " used for	85
317	O. S. 5d green unused	18
319	" 8d orange unused	30
321	" 1d red (stamp duty paper)	40
388	1-2d gray unused	06
	FIJI	
53-4	1d blue and 2d green, each	05
64-5	" " " "	04
	VICTORIA.	
12	2d gray	45
15	6d orange	18
29	6d blue	30
156	9d green unused	60
179	2d yellow green, unused, rare	2 50
301	1s red-blue	3 00
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2	4d orange, cut square	2 50
2	4d orange, cut to shape	60
55	4d blue, on part orig., perf, cut top	7 50
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12	6d green	75
25	6d yellow green, unused no gum	3 50
31	2d blue, unused, no gum	2 50
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59	2s 6d red, unused no gum	10 00
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I am prepared to send selections of U. S. priced up to 50c each, at a very low figure, to any reliable collector. Here are a few of my prices:

	cat. p.	my p.		cat. p.	my p.
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" 10c green,	1 00	70	" 12c black,	75	40
1857 1c blue,	15	09	1869 1c buff,	75	40
" 3c red on cover,	02	01	" 6c blue,	85	45
" 10c green,	50	30	1872 12c purple,	75	38
1861 10c green on cover,	15	10	" 15c orange,	20	08
1863 2c black,	06	03	1888 4c carmine,	05	03
			" 30c brown,	85	50

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TWO-THIRDS for You.

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1c red Proprietary,	07
2c blue "	07
2c orange "	3 00
2c " Express,	10
2c blue "	05
2c " Playing Cards,	40
3c green Telegraph,	35
3c " Proprietary,	12
5c red Express,	10
5c red Playing Cards,	90
10c blue Foreign Exchange,	60
10c " Bill of Lading,	07
25c Bond,	20
25c Life Insurance,	40
25c Protest,	50
25c Warehouse Receipt,	1 00
50c Lease,	75
50c Foreign Exchange,	60
50c Life Insurance,	10
50c Probate of Will,	1 75
50c Passage Ticket,	25
50c Surety Bond,	10
50c Mortgage,	07
1 dollar Lease,	10
1d Power of Attorney,	12
1d Life Insurance,	25
1d Conveyance,	25
1d Foreign Exchange,	05
2d Mortgage,	25
2d Conveyance,	20
50c Original Process imp.	50
50c Life Insurance, "	3 00
2c blue Certificate, "	50
5c red Inland Exchange "	20
1d Lease, "	2 00
50c Probate of Will. "	4 00
2c Rouletted Proprietary	5 00
1c 1871 Proprietary,	10
2c " "	10
3c " "	35
Western Union Telegraph, 1874,	6 00
3c Park City Match,	2 50
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THE SIX WINNERS in this contest will have their names published in the January number of the AMERICAN COLLECTOR. In order to be eligible for these prizes collectors must have retained not less than $5.00 worth during the next four months.

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GARDNER R. KENNEDY.

We herewith present our readers with an excellent likeness of Mr. Kennedy, who has just been elected Vice President of the Sons of Philatelia, as well as purchasing agent. While Mr. Kennedy has only recently passed his 21st birthday, he is not young in philatelic matters. He has been interested in stamps from babyhood, not merely as a collector and dealer, but as a student, and has gathered a vast fund of information in regard to varieties of foreign as well as U. S. stamps, and the results of his researches, which have appeared in various philatelic publications, notably the *Boston Stamp Book*, *Weekly Philatelic Era*, and *Mekeel's Weekly*, are interesting and instructive. He is a member of many societies, president of the New England Philatelic Association, (an outgrowth of the S. of P. a few years ago) and res. vice president for Mass. of the Columbian Philatelic Society. Mr. Kennedy is familiarly known as "Frank Brown's right-hand man," and anyone calling at Mr. Brown's comodious offices at 325 Washington St., Boston, will realize the aptitude of the title he has acquired.



GARDNER R. KENNEDY.

The Sales Department.

Written for THE AMERICAN COLLECTOR.

It has been suggested to me that I write an article on "The Sales Dep't.", but as most everyone who is a member of any of the many philatelic societies understands the general plan on which they are conducted, a very few words will suffice to explain this feature of our many societies to the uninitiated, and the most of what I shall say will be in the line of hints and suggestions to the members in connection with this leading feature of the society.

The Sales Dep't. has taken the place of the old Exchange Dep't., which was found to work unsatisfactorily. It proved hard work to make the members settle their balances, under the old system, and the member who put stamps in the Dep't. and did not receive any circuits often had to wait over a year before he got any returns for his stamps. The Sales Dep't., as it is now conducted, is just what its name implies. You place your stamps in the sales books provided by the Supt., with the prices at which you are willing to dispose of them under each stamp. The Supt. circulates these books among the other members who desire to receive them, and they remit to him for stamps taken when the stamps are removed. When the books have gone over a sufficient number of circuits to sell a reasonable number of stamps, or when there is no probable chance of more sales, by reason of high pricing, undesirable specimens, or other causes, the Supt. returns you your books with the cash for the amount sold, less the commission, which is usually 10 p. c.

If you are member of a philatelic society, the first thing for you to do is to get in communication with the Supt. of Sales as soon as possible. If you have duplicates to dispose of he can help you, and if you desire to fill some of those "aching voids" in your album he will put you in the way of doing it. We will suppose you have some duplicates to dispose of. In this case, send for some of the blank sales books and when you get ready to mount your stamps a little attention to these few points will help along their sale. 1st, don't place first a Venezuela and then a Great Britain, (they might fight you know) then some one of the West Indies, hopping then to the Argentine Republic, and from there skipping to St. Helena, and jumping to Russia.

If they are a general lot of stamps arrange in alphabetical order—similar to that of the albums—with all of the same country together and placed in consecutive dates; or group them by continents, (European, African, North American, South American, etc.) sets of colonies or single countries. You've all seen books that kept going from "Dan to Beersheba," and back to Dan again and have probably felt that there was too much of a hop skip and a jump, and have sent them along to the next member of circuit without removing more than half the stamps you could use.

Just a word here as to the kind of hinges to use. Get the kind that fasten your stamps securely. Some of the socalled "peelable" hinges may be all right for the album, but unless great care is taken in fastening the stamps, they become loosened from the sales book, and there may be a missing stamp for some one to account for. Sales books get pretty rough handling sometimes. Then too the "Substituter" gets in his work with less chance of detection.

2nd. Put your stamps in the sales book as neatly as possible, removing all unnecessary paper from the back. They have a much more attractive appearance to the buyer than when

thrown in in any sort of way. 3rd. when you get to pricing your stamps, it is a good idea to bear in mind the discounts and price offered by various dealers, so as not to mark yours at too high a figure. The Sales Dept. is gotten up primarily for, and is supposed to be run in the interest of the collector and not the dealer. (By dealer, I mean those who make buying and selling stamps a business.) You as a collector can afford to mark your stamps at a lower figure than the dealer, because you get the circulation for them among buyers without the expense of advertising.

Suppose you are a collector with from 200 to 1000 varieties among your duplicates, (and this is what the average collector has). With this small stock in trade, do you suppose you could advertise in one or more philatelic papers and dispose of the same amount that you could in a good live Sales Dept.? Don't you think when you take this into consideration, you can afford to price your stamps a *little lower* than the dealer whose rent, cleck hire and advertising eat up a good share of his profits?

As long as members can buy of dealers lower than from the Society sales books, the per cent of sales in the Dept. cannot be high. In my short experience in connection with a Sales Dept., I have received frequent criticisms—and many of them just ones—on the prices put upon some of the stamps, and but one person has offered anything that looked like a solution of the difficulty.

His idea was to classify stamps into U. S., Great Britain & Colonies, Continental European, etc., etc., and fix a a discount from catalogue at which the different classes should be priced. His argument was that it should equalize matters more among the members, than if one member priced his stamps at 25 p. c. discount, another at 50 p. c. and another at near catalogue (as one or two have.) This idea may seem a little arbitrary to some, and the arbitrary part of it could be gotten over by the witholding of stamps which you knew were catalogued too low. We all as collectors enjoy seeing our collections appreciate in value, but it seems to me that the speculation which has been rife among stamps for the past few years has tainted the majority of collectors and in the end will destroy the interest of a great many of us. Speculation is responsible for a good share of the rise in values and we are too prone to believe the price given in the catalogue represents its value. So much has been written about stamps in the catalogue being underpriced for dealers to buy, and overpriced to sell, that I will not "harp on that string" longer than to say, I think there is some truth in it. 4th. After you have sent your books to the Supt. of Sales—and by the way they should be sent by Registered Mail—don't expect you are going to get returns in a week or ten days. Bear in mind that your books may not start out on circuit the *next* mail after they are received by him, and that it takes from thirty to forty days to complete one circuit and unless the stamps are especially desirable and priced low, the books will have to go over at least two circuits and in some cases three (though not usually) before a fair percentage is sold. Give the Supt. time to give your books good circulation and don't write him every other week "Why don't you return my books with cash." Sometimes, fortunately not often, the circuit lots are delayed through intent or carelessness of members, and the result is that your books are retained in the Dept. longer than they should be. I have known instances where parties have kept lots three weeks or more longer than they should, causing considerable correspondence in smoothing down ruffled feathers of the owners, on the part of the Supt.

Now suppose you wish to be placed on circuit and receive lots to select from. Notify the Supt. of the fact, send him ten cents for Control stamps (one of which is to be placed wherever you remove a stamp) and inform him on the following points. If you are a general collector; or if you collect only certain countries, name them. If you collect used, or unused only, or both; and if there is any limit on the price of stamps you purchase. (Some collectors have a rule never to buy a stamp over 50c., some $1.00, and some $2.00 and so on.) Give the Supt. all the information regarding your collection which you think will aid him in sending you lots; it helps matters along a great deal.

When you receive a circuit lot, it is a good thing to examine the books the first thing for vacant spaces, i.e. spaces where the members before you on the circuit may have removed stamps and neglected to place their Control stamps. In case you find any such spaces, notify the member ahead of you on circuit immediately, and the Supt. also. Such vacancies should be adjusted while they are fresh in mind. While the books are in possesion, handle them with some show of care. Some books I have seen show evidence of pretty rough handling. Forward promptly to the next member of circuit, and at the same time make your returnes to the Supt. with payment for stamps taken.

It seems to me if these points are closely followed, we might have a Sales Dept. that would command the support of a majority of the members of a Society. There is a saying "Many men of many minds" and this effort to bring the Sales Dept. feature of the Philatelic Society to the attention of collectors, may be productive of bringing out the ideas of others and result in a model Department. I hope so at any rate.

CHAS. E. SHAW.
Supt. of the S. of P. Dept.

Canadian Notes.

Business throughout Canada is said to be on the increase, and dealers everywhere expect that the coming winter will be the best they have ever known in Canada.

The fight for 1898 Convention seat of the Dominion Philatelic Association has been waging long and without abated interest.

The polls have not closed yet and every member should see that his vote is marked for *Hamilton* and sent to the Secretary, L. S. Graham, Merriton, Ont., at once.

That newspaper announced to appear from Hamilton, in the interest of collectors of British Colonies, has been abandoned by the prospective publishers, owing to various reasons. Nevertheless there is room for a good magazine of this kind, and I am sure it would be welcomed everywhere by Specialists in the stamps of the British Colonies.

The November number of the Philatelic Advocate of Berlin, Ont. appeared with an illuminated cover, and the publishers intend to have a handsomely decdrated cover every month, commencing the January number which will be their holiday number also.

The Ontario Philatelic Directory second edition, is in the press and will appear in a couple of weeks from St. Catherines, Ont. edited by R. G. Widdicombe.

The Star Stamp Company of Hamilton which has been doing an extensive business for a number of years, has recently made a change in its management. Mr. P. K. Moore of that city has purchased a half interest in the above Company and will have charge of the Mail order Department in future.

Mr. Needham of Hamilton was a recent visitor at Boston.

Mr. Moore, Hamilton, recently spent a few days in New York and called upon the leading dealers in that city.

With all the talk to the contrary, the Canadian Jubilee series have gone up in value. The six cent cannot now be bought for much less than $1.00 and used 3c. are bringing from 40 to 50c. per 100. "CANUCK."

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Important Notice.

We, the undersigned Philatelists, feeling that a great injustice has been done to Mr. Georges Carion, of San Francisco, by the large publicity given the false statements of the *Societe Francaise de Timbrologie*, first published in the *Revue Philatelicque Francaise*, do now solemnly protest against and condemn the miserable action of the said Society, and request all honest philatelic papers to give the largest publicity to this protestation, and reproduce the following sworn statements:—

*E. Gesvret, *Frank Koenig, *Henry J. Crocker, *F. H. Luchsinger, *Wm. H. Crocker, *A. H. Weber, *R. H. Willcox, *J. H. Makins, H. H. Zobel, Geo. H. Burkhardt, Walter C. Lowry, *Roy B. Bradley, *Geo. F. Mannel, W. H. Hollis, *F. S. Kordt, C. M. Daiss, *Wm. Klinger, *Robert E. Cowan, W. G. Sylvester, Harry W. Grantley, J. F. Dodge.

* Indicates members of the American Philatelic Association.

State of California,
City and Co. of San Francisco,

I, George F. Conway, Registry Clerk, at the United States Post Office at San Francisco, California, being first duly sworn, depose and say, that the original letters of which photo-engravings are hereunto annexed, were opened before me, and that the six (6) unpaid letter stamps of French Colonies referred to, and which were pasted on the original letters, were duly surcharged diagonally in black "COCHINCHINE" when received at this Post-office in San Francisco, as aforesaid GEO. F. CONWAY,
(P. O. Seal.) Registry Clerk.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of July, A. D. 1897.
JOHN F. LYONS,
(Notary Seal.) Notary Public

State of California,
City and Co. of San Francisco.

We, the undersigned, citizens and residents of the City and County of San Francisco, State of California, being severally duly sworn, each for himself and not for the others, duly deposes and says; that he witnessed the public opening of a package, duly registered, sealed and certified to be addressed from SAIGON, COCHINCHINA, to Mr. GEORGES CARION of San Francisco, and that said package was found to contain a number of French Colonies unpaid letter stamps, duly surcharged diagonally in black "COCHINCHINE" and cancelled with the postmarks used in that country, all of which is duly reported in the minutes of the 109th meeting of the Philatelic Society of San Francisco, and duly published in the official organ of said Society, to wit: *the Philatelic Californian*, in its number of February, 1895, at page 63, column 1, which is as follows:

"Minutes of the 109th regular meeting, held on January 25th, 1895, with President Sylvester in the chair. Present, Bilay, Daiss, Northrup, *Schiller*, Purnell, Bienkowski, Brewer, Blackman, *Mannel*, *Doscher*, Hollis, *Makins*, *Carion*, Zobel. As visitors, Messrs. *Kœnig*, *Gesvret*, and *Weber* of the *American Philatelic Association*.

"One of the interesting features of the evening was the opening, by Mr. Carion, of a package recieved from his correspondent at Saigon, Cochinchina. This package was found to contain some used unpaid letter stamps' *surcharged diagonally in black* COCHINCHINE, similar to Nos. 35 to 44 in Scott's 55th. Catalogue. Mr Carion then made a short address upon these stamps and *proved* that they were legitimately used.

A vote of thanks was tendered for his interesting remarks.

(Signed) H. H. Zobel, Sec."

Frank Koenig, A. H. Weber, G. Gesvret

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of August 1897.
A. K. DAGGETT,
(Notary Seal) NOTARY PUBLIC.

In and for the City and County of San Francisco, State of California.

Below are the translations of the letter of inquiry sent to two Postmasters in Cochin China and their answers in regard to the genuineness of the unpaid letter stamps of Cochin China.

After reading them no commentaries are needed as they explain all by themselves.

1st.—Letter of inquiry sent to the Postmasters.

San Francisco, March 24, 1896.

Mr. the Postmaster at Baclieu, Cochin-China.

Mr. the Postmaster:—I have the honor to submit to you herewith different unpaid letter stamps about which a contention has been raised and I have recourse to your kindness to beg of you to let me know if these stamps have really been in use at your office as the cancellations seem to show it.

Please return me these stamps by registered letter in the enclosed stamped envelope.

Please accept Mr. the Postmaster with my anticipated thanks the assurance of my perfect consideration.

GEORGES CARION.

2nd.—Answer from the Postmaster at Baclieu, Cochin China.

The two unpaid stamps in the margin canceled at Baclieu (Cochin China) on the 12th of March 1894 are perfectly genuine in all respects. Baclieu, May 11, '96.

The Postmaster of Baclieu,
J. MILLAVET.

3rd—Answer from the Postmaster at Tayninh, Cochin China.

Sir:—In answer to your favor of March 24th I have the honor to let you know that the four unpaid letter stamps annexed are absolutely genuine and that they have yet legal circulation in Indo China. Receive, Sir, my eager salutations. PRAMS.

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2c blue "	05
2c " Playing Cards,	40
3c green Telegraph,	35
3c " Proprietary,	12
5c red Express,	10
5c red Playing Cards,	90
10c blue Foreign Exchauge,	60
10c " Bill of Lading,	07
25c Bond,	20
25c Life Insurance,	40
25c Protest,	50
25c Warehouse Receipt,	1 00
50c Lease,	75
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Talks on Philately.

1.—ON RESOLUTIONS.

As the philatelic days and evenings of the approaching season draws near, more and more do we feel ourselves lifted, as it were, into the enchanting atmosphere of things relative to our cherished hobby, finding ourselves weakly surrendering to its grasping hold on our spare moments of recreation. As we think more about it so much the more do we feel the inclination to suggest to ourselves, at first in momentary pleasure only, and secondly pitching in with all earnestness, plans and resolutions to be observed during the coming months. Thoughts of similar sort to these flicker before one's mind: How can I best improve the opportunities presented me by collecting? How can I perceptibly and substantially, even though it be only theoretically, benefit the interests of our pursuit?

Then it is that one goes to ransacking his brain, overturning all "hair trunks" and valises which he may, figuratively, find therein, in eager search of plausible designs which he may appropriate to self, with the result that of course he resolves upon some specific intentions. Suppose for illustrative purposes, and it has been the writer's past experience, that he purposes with all good intents to expend more freely what spare dollars he feels himself enabled to part with in exchange for stamps. He resolves upon this with the hope of greatly diminishing the blank spaces of his album that mockingly point out at him in derision. All well and good. Surely to our way of thinking this seems a decidedly advantageous resolution if it be carried out in as good faith as that in which it were formulated. But if it be a resolution made by you, see to it that you do carry it out, and above all do not make any plans through which you cannot clearly see your way. Again, I repeat, observe your resolution; you and you alone are to be benefited.

Thus your collection grows, and you as its possessor grow prouder of it, and gently puffing your half-lighted cigar stump, you tilt back in your arm chair; stroking the half starved office-cat, and rejoicing at the thought that you did make, and carry out this resolution, at the expense, perhaps, of "letting up" a little on treating that lady friend to chocolates and cream. Still deep down in your heart you feel gratified, and mechanically feel like exclaiming to yourself, aloud in a whisper, "Shake old man, you did prettily."

Put aside each week or even each month for the purpose of purchasing stamps, a regular sum of unvaried proportions. Let it be one dollar, if you feel that you could not stand much more, and spend it judiciously. Use discretion, I know, I have tested its merits, and you will be delightfully surprised to see your collection swell up. Soon it will be of such proportionate value and sized that you will not feel called upon to apologize for its incompleteness, to your friend who craves a peep into your album; you will want to display it.

You have, Mr. Reader, doubtlessly purchased stamps spasmodically, making little or no use of systematized methods. Now why not convert this uncouth manner of buying your stamps one now and another then. Use method in your dealings and let your collection be steadily increased. Results will tell, and they alone. Try this method and you will surely make use of it always. Take down the catalogue value of your stamps before you begin to purchase, and then at the end of the season again count them up, by the same edition catologue, and compare results. "Comparisons are odious", but every good rule has its exceptions, and this comparison is decidedly an exception, or we miss our guess.

EVERETT B. HORN.

Our Boston Letter.

The Old Colony Philatelic Society gained one new member at its last meeting, Geo. F. Hose, of Providence, R. I. There were two resignations, W. W. VanMeter, Providence and R. O. Wells, Mansfield. This society is just entering in on the third year of its existence.

The entire stock of the Granite State Stamp Co. will be sold at auction by B. L. Drew & Co. at their December sale. Mr. Drew will try to dispose of over 500 lots in a single evening. F. H. Pinkham, who has been the "Co.", besides publishing the *Eastern Philatelist* and a local professional weekly will give particular attention to job work.

Willis D. King, a New Hampshire dealer and collector is now permanently located in Boston, H. F. Dunkhorst, Washington and C. H. Stone, Concord, N. H. were recent visitors to the Hub.

The October meeting of the Boston society was marked by a large attendance and increasing interest. Four new members were elected:—Frank J. Dutcher, Hopedale, C. F. Rothfuchs, Boston, F. W. Stanton, Boston, and Willard O. Wylie, Wenham Depot. The event of the evening was a "talk" by Howard K. Sanderson of Lynn who entertained the society with a running comment upon the incidents connected with his European trip. Of course stamps, collectors, dealers and the London exhibition were the burden of his song.

One thing Mr. Sanderson did not comment upon was our failure to connect with him in London. It was our maiden trip across the Atlantic and we anticipated great pleasure from having an experienced guide to the city of London. When at last made inquiry at Stanley Gibbons' as to Sanderson's whereabonts we learned that he was on the continent. Planning in Boston to keep an appointment in Europe is a situation beset with difficulties.

We have had two auction sales during the past month, one by B. L. Drew & Co. and the other by the Colonial Stamp Co. There were no special features about either deserving of mention, unless we append a few prices. The following are from Drew's sale of Oct. 18:—

U. S. 1855-60, 30c unused, o. g. cat. $12.50, $5.87.

U. S. 1893, $1. Columbian, o. g. cat. 6.00, 2.40.

U. S. 1893, set Columbian, o. g., cat. 26.42, 14.40.

U. S. Justice, 2c. unused, o. g., cat. 4.00, 1.87.

U. S. Justice, 30c. used, fine copy cat. 25.00, 8.50.

These prices were realized at the auction sale of the Colonial Stamp Co., held Oct. 26:—

U. S. 1862, 5c. red-brown, cat. 3.50, 1.30.

U. S. 1855, 10c. unused, o. g., cat. 3.00, 1.25.

U. S. 1855, 12c. unused. o. g., cat. 3.00, 1.25.

U. S. 1869, 24c. fine, cat. 7.50, 3.10.

U. S. Agriculture, 10c. used, cat. 6.00, 1.25.

U. S. Executive, 1c. used, cat. 10.00 2.50.

U. S. Treasury, 24c. used, cat. 5.00 2.20.

St. Lucia, 1892, ½d on half of 6d, o. g., cat. 3.00, 1.25.

U. S. Navy, 1c. unused, o. g., cat. 1.50, .60.

Boston must be looked upon as a good field for philatelic effort. Each month brings a new candidate for fame and lucre. During the summer months the Boston Stamp Co. opened a pleasant and commodious office on Milk St., later C. F. Rothfuchs established himslef at 66 Huntington Ave. and now the Otis Stamp Co. is to be found at 763 Washington St. New York will have to look to its laurels.

The wail of discontent that has ascended on all sides due to the intricacies of Scott's 58th seems to be well grounded. Our dealers are forcible in their denunciation of the departure from an old established and common sense system. The sum and substance of the whole matter is that the writer, in common with other dealers will sell a 10c. catalogue, rather than a 50c. If we drive collectors through the thicket and underbrush of Scotts' 58th they will turn back discouraged with the whole business.

Edmund L. Smiley rendered material assitance in the publication of the New York edition of *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*. Mr. Smiley is New England's foremost representative in philatelic literary work.

BEACON.

New York Jottings.

BY SCRIBE.

This city can well be satisfied with its share of conventions, and there need be no more jealousy if the West should be fortunate enough to secure them in 1898. They can count on your correspondent for one vote.

On and after January 1 1898, Brooklyn and the surrounding country within a radius of ten miles will be known as Great New York. The present City, will be called the Borough of Manhattan. Very odd isn't it,

Well Nassau St. can claim the title of the Stamp Cranks' Lane, without fear of contradiction. Three more dealers have rented quarters during the present month, (November). Wm. P. Brown was one of the latter. He has been located on Broadway for a score of years.

Quite a number of inverted '69's are floating around lately. Your correspondent was shown four beautiful copies (1, 15c. and 3, 24c.) two of them being on original covers. These stamps were all shown within one week. This is apt to arouse suspicion as to where

they came from, but it is a well known fact, that there are more varieties in collectors' hands just at present than dealers were ever known to possess.

This shows alone that collectors have other "haunts" to get stamps at bargain counter prices, possibly from some out of town dealers.

There is no demand at all for the 58th catalogue. Those who cannot possibly get along without it will be the only purchasers. Dealers who have placed large orders for the books are bemoaning their unfortunate purchase.

One of our prominent dealers is quoted as saying that he intends organizing with the co-operation of other dealers and collectors a stamp exhibition during the society meets next summer. The idea is capital and should by all means be made a successful venture. I may have something further to say in regard to this affair next month.

The S. P. A. Convention.

The third annual convention of the Southern Philatelic Association was called together by Roy B. Bradley, the Sec'y. at the Commercial Hotel, Nashville, on Oct. 20th at 10.30 A. M. and the following officers elected:—President, H. Fenton; Vice-President, Ben Russell; Sec'y. and Treas. W. C. Lowry; Exch. Supt., C. Waring; Int. Sec'y. D. E. Hazen; Ctf. Det., F. Noyes; Trustees, Messers Gerlich and Kessler. Official Journal, *Lone Star State Philatelist*. Under suspension of the rules Rev. E. E. Weaver and W. H. Emmert who were present, were elected to full membership.

An insurance fund of 1 percent was adopted for the Exchange Department, and Knoxville, Tenn, was the winner for next convention Seat. Reports showed the society to be in a very prosperous condition. The admission fee was reduced to 10 cents and until January 1st, 1898, applicants will not be required to pay any fee provided dues for 1898 are sent in with the application.

$50,000 Collection Sold.

The celebrated Dr. A. Legrand, better known to the philatelic world under his nom de plume, Dr. Magnus, by which he signed his philatelic works, has recently sold his collection, in Paris, for 250,000 francs ($50,000).

Dr. A. Legrand sold his entire general collection, but retained his collection of France and French Colonies, in which he is now only interested. Among the great rarities in this collection are the two Mauritius Post Office.

GEO. CARION.

THIS magazine is printed by Lewis L. Buckminster, Vineland, N. J. S. of P. No. 1870.

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2 observatory band	25	2 00	
6 1872-75, all different	40	3 00	18 00
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Our annual holiday number will this year be our November issue and will appear about December 1, in order to be in ample season for the holiday trade. This issue will have a guaranteed circulation of 6000 copies, just twice our usual circulation, and great pains will be taken to circulate the specimen copies among active collectors. For the past 7 years our holiday numbers have been a feature with us, and our advertising patronage has increased with each issue. Owing to the increased circulation and extra expense in getting out this issue, our advertising rates for transient advertisements will be increased, *for this issue only*, as follows:—

1 inch,	$1.50	3 inches,	$3.50	1 column,	$ 9.00	2 columns,	$18.00
2 inches,	2.50	½ column,	4.75	½ page,	12.00	1 page,	22.00

No advertisements taken for less than one inch in this issue, and *all must be paid for in advance*. Advertisers making a three, six or twelve months contract before Nov. 25th, at our regular rates, as below, will have their ads. inserted in our holiday number without extra charge. Advertisements will be received for this issue up to Nov. 25, but advise all to get their ads in as early as possible, and thus secure best positions and artistic display. Better still, make a 3 mos. contract now, and get Holiday No. without extra charge.

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Exchange Extraordinary: For every 100 ordinary South and Central Americans you send me, catalogued at 1, 2 and 3c each, in nice order, not over fifteen of a kind, I will send you a fine U. S. unused entire envelope valued at $2.00 or more by Scott's 57th catalogue. Can use 100 to 1000 at a time; want 25,000 in all. Address, L. V. Lindsey, Greene, N. Y.

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" " 6c brown,	1 25
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Send 58c. and we will send you a copy of Scott's 57th edition Standard Catalogue, postpaid, The Columbian Philatelist, The Omaha Philatelist and this paper all for one year, 12 numbers. The price of the catalogue alone is 58c.

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EDITOR'S EASY CHAIR.

Ten days out of the past month on our Convention trip, and a huge stock of letters waiting us when we got home, serious illness in the family for 10 days after we reached home, a 28-page magazine to "make up" and send to the printer, heavy demands on the editor's time to attend to S. of P. duties, all have conspired to make this issue a little lame in many respects, but we think by next month we will be ourselves once more.

We have just received a letter from Emil Gerlich in which he states that he is obliged to resign the office of Auction Manager of the P. S. of A. on account of lack of time to give it proper attention.

We notice Eben S. Martin is advertising Scott's 58th catalogue at 47c. postpaid, but we would like to say here that those who send him 47 cents for a copy will either be 47 cents out of pocket or have it returned, as in the case of A. F. Sweet down in Rhode Island who advertised them at 43 cents last year, the trouble being that The Scott Co. only ship catalogues to those who agree to maintain the price of 50 cents (58 cents postpaid) and enjoin the same upon those to whom they sell. Better save time by ordering your catalogue of a reliable dealer, who won't break faith with you, nor his agreement with the publishers.

It is expected that the catalogue will be out by the 15th, hence we think it hardly worth while to quote prices from advance sheets, even if we had time to look them over, which we have not.

The *Virginia Philatelist* No. 3 is better than its predecessors. It is filled with interesting matter and as neat and pretty as ever.

The Canadian Philatelic Magazine after its long sleep, appears again dated October. Theo. P. Adams, Editor and we presume, although not so stated Wm. R. Adams is the publisher as of yore.

We notice some Canada dealers are offering the dollar values of the Jubilee issue, except the $1.00 stamp, at less than face value.

The Philatelic Messenger, heretofore published quarterly at Oak Hill N. B. now appears as a monthly in magazine form.

During our brief call in Washington D. C., last month we had the pleasure of meeting R. A. Tarr, or "Capt Tarr" as he is familiarly called. He carries with him rather a bulky book, well filled with stamps which are missing from the majority of collections. He has picked up many nice things in his travels through the South, including the only known specimen of the 10c. Milledgeville envelope. He intends to make Washington his home this winter and has infused considerable enthusiasm into Washington collectors. The next time we visit "the heart of the nation" we hope to enjoy a visit to the "Collectors Club" which the Capt. is doing his best to establish there, *a la* New York and Philadelphia.

While without doubt there is a largely increased volume of business among dealers, from reports that we have had we note that cash receipts are still very slow, and not what they should be compared to the increased business. The dealers are more active using printers ink more freely and doubtless after the New Year sets in, and prices are fixed, will reap more satisfactory results.

We recently received a letter from a newly-fledged dealer who had placed a contract with two magazines some two months ago. One of them was one not yet established, only a few months old and the other was a magazine claiming a large circulation, which it does not have, and seldom has anything of interest to a philatelist except in its advertising columns. He said magazine advertising didn't pay. The same day we had information another dealer who used $2.00 worth of space in a magazine of well known circulation and prestige and inside of 30 days, he sold over $100 worth of goods, with a profit of over $15.00 and secured about a dozen good customers who keep him busy with their want lists. He says judicious advertising does pay.

The publisher of this paper has purchased *The Rocky Mountain Stamp* and retaining Joseph S. Davis of Denver as associate editor will continue it as a separate publication. He wants one more paper in order to publish one each week, and then by furnishing the four at 50 cents a year, will be giving the philatelic public a literature up to date and unequaled at the price.

Mr. W. B. Hale of Williamsville, Mass., the traveling dealer, while riding his bicycle between Holyoke and Springfield a short time ago was injured by colliding with a team, but he is rapidly recovering from his injuries.

In a sample copy of *Happy Days* received a short time ago, we notice that R. W. French of *Evergreen State Philatelist* fame is the possessor of an organ in the coupon contest. We can imagine Bro. French rapidly manipulating the keys or wheeling over the hills "inspecting" country post-offices for 90 cent 1869 on the bicycle he won in a later contest from the *Happy Days* people.

The attention of many collectors has been called to the handsome halftones that have appeared in the issues of this paper. Printed on cardboard of high finish they are nearly as acceptable as photographs and are much cheaper. Mr. J. A. Cook suggests that collectors have these made and enter into exchange relations with each other, which is a good idea. We

should enjoy an album filled with portraits and autographs of collectors. We will have these halftones made and 100 to 500 cards printed from the plate for any collector who will furnish us his photograph, at a very low price considering the quality of the work.

J. M. Bartels & Co. of Washington, D. C. have removed from 359½ Penn Ave. (Rothfuch's old stand) to 702 14th St. and is now a short distance from the Columbian Stamp Co. on the other side of the street.

The wife of W. H. Bruce, the well known dealer of Hartford Conn. died Nov. 5th., and Mr. Bruce has our heartfelt sympathy in the hour of his bereavement. The wedding ushers at the happy ceremony only three years ago acted as bearers at the funeral on Nov. 8th.

Erwin Fischer wires us just as we go to press that he has just received a message announcing the sudden death of T. L. Green, at his home in Mt. Olivet Ky. from heart failure. We anxiously await confirmation of the sad news and further particulars.

Important.

In addressing the publisher of this paper please address the department you wish to reach. If S. of P. business address him as Secretary of that Society and give your number, if as publisher of this paper address the publisher, if as a dealer in stamps, please address him as such, in fact any department of his business should be separately abdressed and a different sheet of paper used for each to insure proper attention.

The S. of P. Convention.

The Sixth Annual Convention of The Sons of Philatelia was called to order at the Commercial Hotel parlors at Nashville at 12 noon by J. F. Dodge, Sec'y in the absence of the president and the vice president. Rev. E. E. Weaver of Mill Creek, Ill. was chosen president protem, who read the following address from President Thomas :

Fellow members—I regret very much that I am unable to be with you at this time. I had the misfortune to injure my leg some time ago and have hoped that it would be well enough to attend this convention, but the doctor says not, consequently I must forego the pleasure. The past year has not been as successful as I had hoped for, primarily on account of the irregularity and non-appearance of official organ, but I see no clouds ahead at this time. We have at present a very good and regular official organ and a very active and efficient secretary. Mr. Dodge worked faithfully to straighten up the affairs of the Society and deserves a great deal of credit. I hope all the members will lend their help to the new officers and make the coming year the best and most successful the society has ever had. Wishing you all a pleasant and profitable time, I am,

Yours Fraternally.
BENJ. P. THOMAS, Pres.

The following members were appointed a Committee on Credentials:— S. B. Boyd, M. D., H. Fenton and W. H. Emmert, who at once began the task of counting the ballots. The same gentlemen were also appointed Committee on Standing Rules.

An adjournment was then taken until 3.30 p. m.

Called together at 3.30 p.m. by President Weaver and the report of Committee on Credentials was read. The number of ballots cast was 231, and in detail the vote was as follows:—Pres. E. E. Weaver, 77, R. M. Miller, 150. Vice-Pres., L. G. Young, 70, G. R. Kennedy, 83, H. N. Bullard, 73. Sec'y, J. F. Dodge, 227. Treas , Geo. M. Frame, 147 W. H. Welchans, 44, John Holt, 34. Int. Sec'y D. Harlan King, 68, R. J. Russell, M. D., 156. Supt. of Sales, Chas. E. Shaw, 227. Librarian Howard Burba, 113, F. M. Towniey, 115. Auct. Mgr., F. L. Van Dermark, 116, Wm. A. McDonnell, 106. Purchasing Agt., G. R. Kennedy, 220. Ctf. Detector, F. Noyes, 222. Attorney, J. A. Wainwright, 221. Trustees, H. A. Parks, 173, H. F. Dunkhorst, 181, J. M. Bartels, 210, F. W. Bradley, 112.

The candidates who received the largest number of votes were declared duly elected with the exception of R. M. Miller, president, H. F. Dunkhorst, trustee, both of whom had declined to accept, and those receiving the next highest number of votes in each instance were declared duly elected.

Roll-call and reading of minutes was dispensed with.

The Committee on Standing Rules recommended that no changes be made and report was accepted.

A communication was read from the late Sec'y and acting Treasurer, R. M. Miller which was referred to finance committee. Under suspension of the rules, R. B. Bradley and W. B. Singleton who were present were elected to full membership.

Communications from Eben S. Martin and John R. Hooper were read and laid upon the table until the next day and an adjournment was taken until 8 a. m. Oct. 20th. The convention was called to order again at the hour stated by President Weaver.

The following committees were announced by the president: Finance, Fenton, Waring and Boyd. Library, Dodge, Bradley and Fenton. Exch. and Purch'g Depts., Emmert Waring and Bradley. Official Journal, Bradley Fenton and Singleton. Branch Societies, Dodge, Waring, and Boyd. By-laws Boyd, Durr, Fenton, Emmert and Singleton.

The Finance Committee refused to accept the report of the Ex-Acting Treasurer Miller on account of lack of detail and the Secretary was instructed to notify him of the action of the Committee.

The Committee on Official Journal had no report to make but wished to congratulate the members upon having such a regular and excellent official Journal as the AMERICAN COLLECTOR.

The Committee on Branch Societies recommended that the formation of branch societies be encouraged.

The report of the Sales Supt. was read and accepted. (It appears elsewhere.)

The creation of an insurance fund was referred to the new board of trustees recommending that same be adopted, there not being the necessary two thirds vote represented.

Resolutions were adopted petitioning for the re ease of John R. Hooper, confined in prison in Canada for alledged poisoning of his wife.

The correspondence in the case of Eben S. Martin suspended from the society by the trustees for illegal acts was read, also another charge against him. The convention was unanimous in the opinion that he ought to be expelled, but in the absence of a report from the retiring board of trustees the matter was referred to the new board with full power to act.

The following preamble and resolutions were read and unanimously adopted.

Whereas E. R. Aldrich of Benson. Minn. a member of this Society has prefered charges against another member of this Society when making application to another Society, which after due investigation we find are without foundation. and

Whereas, further we find that said Aldrich has defamed the good name of our Society through the medium of the philatelic press,

Resolved, that said E. R Aldrich be, and is hereby suspended from all the rights, privileges and benefits of membership in this Society for the term of thirty days, at the end of which period he will stand expelled.

Provided, if said Aldrich shall during this period furnish to the trustees a satisfactory apology for the wrong he has done the society as well as the agrieved member and withdraws the charges he has made against the latter before the parties with whom they are filed, he shall be restored to full membership and the Secretary is instructed to notify said Aldrich of the action taken by this convention.

The report of the Committee on Sales and Purchasing departments as well as the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws recommend the creation of an insurance fund of 1%, and the matter was referred to the trustees, the necessary two-thirds not being represented at the convention.

The choice for next convention seat was New York almost unanimously, Omaha having 14 votes, Cincinnati 2 and Saratoga 1.

A vote of thanks was tendered Secretary Dodge for his efficient work.

At 10 a. m. the convention adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
J. F. DODGE, Sec'y,

Report of Superintendent of Sales.

To the Trustees and Members of the Sons of Philatelia.

Gentlemen, I herewith submit my second annual report as Supt. of Sales. The regular season commenced Oct. 1st although a special circuit was sent Mr. Eben S. Martin on Sept. 15th to present at the opening meeting of the Minneapo is Branch and to increase the interest in membership. One hundred and nine circuits have been sent out during the season, and the number of members participating has increased somewhat over the previous year, but there is still a large percentage of our members who do not avail themselves of the Dept. It is evident that we have a large membership who are not active collectors, or else we are carrying on our membership roll a lot of "deadwood" that should be cut off. Better to have a live active society of three hundred members than a padded list of three to five times that number.

The quality of the stamps sent in has been generally good. Some books sent in were not worth the postage expended in their circulation and the sales were consequently small. While the minimum value of books, as required by the rules, is four dollars, members should bear in mind that it is not advisable to confine themselves to that amount for a maximum figure. Some seem to be under the impression that if they "cleared the law" on the value of their books, they were doing the proper thing. If a little thought had been expended in that direction, they must have realized that the stamps that are necessarily in books of the value of four and five dollars are in most every collection, and that their sale must be small, even when priced at 50 to 70 p. c. below catalogue. The best use to put these low priced common stamps to, is "missionary work" among your young friends who are prospective collectors. Of course it is necessary to have some low priced stamps in the sales book in order to fill out sets of certain issues, but there is such a thing as "too much of a good thing".

There has been some improvement in the pricing of specimens the past season. I am pleased to state that some of the members have acted on the suggestions I have made from time to time in my monthly reports, and have priced their stamps at somewhere near the proper value. Collectors should be able to sell their duplicates at lower prices than dealers.

In some instances, books of stamps priced at 50 to 70 p. c. discount have not had good returns. This had not been the fault of the Dept. Most of such books, if examined, would have been found to contain a large number of damaged or heavily cancelled specimens. Collectors are demanding better specimens than they did a few years ago, and stamps of this description are hard to dispose of even when priced at a small percentage of their catalogue value. Such stamps are not desirable ones to circulate either for the owner, the member on the circuit, or the Supt. Some few books containing the better class of stamps and priced at a fair discount from catalogue, have failed to make good sales. It is difficult to account for this satisfactorily to the owner There are several reasons which might tend to this result. The parties to whom the books were sent might not have cared for the countries the book contained,—many general collectors devote the most of their purchases to some certain country or set of countries for the time being—or he may have had specimens of those particular stamps, or (and this has been quite a prevalent reason the past season) the lot may have reached him when his pocket book was thin.

I regret to be obliged to report a number of cases of substitution the past season. This is something that it is almost impossible to wholly stop I have made some mention of it in my monthly reports and have requested suggestions from members who have suffered, in my correspondence with them. I have made some effort to find the guilty parties, but the most of the cases were reported at the close or about the close of the season, so that I did not have the time I should liked to have had for my investigations. One thing which will help obviate this evil, is for members to *stop using* the 'peelable" hinge, and to have some sort of a private rubber stamp, long enough to reach across and beyond the hinge, so that the print will show on hinge and book. Several members who have done this the past season do not report any substitution in their books. It is impossible for the Supt. to detect cases of this sort in the books as they are ordinarily sent in but with the owners taking some precaution of this sort, the chance of its being done would be lessened, as it would show at a glance when a book returned from a circuit whether anything of the sort had been done on that trip, and it

would be easier to find the guilty party if narrowed down to the members of one circuit, than if it was not known till the book had been over three circuits and returned to the owner. The "peelab'e" hinge has no place in the sales book. I have mentioned this on several occasions before, but some of the members do not seem to have "seen the error of their ways" and have kept right on using them. To such I only repeat my advice and trust it may be heeded in the future. Another good idea is, for those sending in books for circulation, to provide themselves with a rubber stamp of, say three lines; the first line to consist of dotted lines only, (to insert name of country to which attached stamp belongs), the second to read "Scott's No," (with space enough left for the insertion of the catalogue No.), and the third line to read "Condition" (with space enough to indicate the condition of the specimen) which could be abbreviated, using d'g'd for damaged, d'g'd & rep. for damaged and repaired, h. c. for heavily cancelled, o. g for unused with original gum, etc., etc. If this suggestion is followed, it seems to me that any failure of the attached specimen to come up to the description would be noticed very soon after any substitution had been made and thus located very closely. The imprint of the rubber stamp need not occupy more than the lower third of the space allotted to each specimen and would not interfere with the hinge. The cost of these stamps would be but a small fraction of the loss one is liable to sustain from this detestable practice. I presume if they could be ordered by the dozen by some one, and furnished to the members, they could be had at a very low price. This of course makes some extra work for the member in preparing his books; but the loss and annoyance saved thereby would more than compensate. I have dwelt at some length on these ideas to stop substitution, longer than some may think called for in an annual report, but those who have suffered will probably pardon any lengthly dwelling on the subject. I hope these suggestions may do something to stop the practice.

I regret also to be obliged to report that one circuit has been lost the past season. This is the one referred to in a recent monthly report as having been retained by Emil A. Stigeler of Denver Colo. As there is no system of insurance in the Society, I am afraid the circuit will be a total loss to the owners unless the Society will take some action towards reimbursing the owners. This brings up a subject for the consideration of the members. It seems to me that the Society should make good at least a part of the loss, if not the whole, and also take such action as will require future Superintendents to charge a certain percentage on the value of books the same to be placed in an insurance fund and be used to cover the losses by theft and transmission through the mails. The balance at the end of the season to be handed over to his successor. I would not recommend that this fund be used to cover losses by substitution, unless the owners are required to adopt some such safeguard as I have previously referred to. In order to bring the matter before the Society, I hereby move that such a fund be established and maintained, from the beginning of the next season. That the premium charged be one per cent on the marked value of the books, the same to be placed in an insurance fund and be used to cover losses by theft and substitution. That the Supt. be required to turn over any part of the fund that may remain at the end of the season to his successor; and to present to the Society, in his annual report, a statement of the condition of the fund.

I trust that speedy action will be taken on this subject, as it is one of vital interest to the Society. This practice if allowed to go on with no attempt at checking, will ruin the best stamp society in the world. I also hope that some action will be taken regarding the compensation for the stolen circuit. It is quite certain that nothing can be obtained from Stigeler, for I have instructed the Attorney to attach anything in sight, but so far nothing has shown up. The circumstantial evidence in the most flagrant case of substitution points to this same party (Stigeler) as the guilty one, and when it is recalled that Mr. Stigeler was a candidate for the position of Supt. of Sales a year ago, the members can perhaps congratulate themselves that their losses are no larger.

For the most part the circuits have been forwarded without any unnecessary delay. In one or two cases however, members have been careless and allowed lots to remain in safes and desks until my inquiries have set them to looking up missing lots. It is annoying to all concerned when such things happen, and a little more care on the part of some members will save lots of trouble.

I present my financial report for the year, showing the amount of business done in the Dept.

Books on hand at the beginning of the season, valued at	$ 716.20
Books rec'd during the season, valued at	$8021.95
Total value of books circulating during the season	$8738.15
Books retired to the value of	$7751.17
Value circuit st'en by Stigeler	$ 199.40 $7950.57
Value of books now in Dept	$ 787.58
Amount of sales for the season	$1852.49
Percentage of sales 21-22.	
Number of sales books sold 668.	

In closing, I wish to thank the members for the many kind words of approval I have received during the year. It would be impossible for any one man to suit everybody in the managing of such a department as this, and no one realizes my shortcomings more than myself. Considering that we have no large stamp concern to put in books for circulation, I think we have shown a fair amount of business, and judging from reports, what might be called a fairly successful Society.

Respectfully submitted,
CHAS E. SHAW,
Supt. of Sales, S. of P.
Clinton, Mass., Aug. 16 1897.

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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Mill Creek, Ill, Oct. 30, 1897.

Fellow Members:—

By decree of the late convention, held in Nashville, Tenn., on Oct. 19, I was declared elected your president for the ensueing year. Though an unwilling candidate, I consented to become one through representations of friends, and now, since the fiat has gone forth, and the result is such, I accept the decree of the convention. For the kindly expressions already received I feel gratified, and trust that the society as a whole will awaken to the realization that only by the united effort and good will of all the members can the best results be attained. It must be acknowledged that last year was not the best and most prosperous. But let that not be discouraging. Better results are in store. Let us rally round the S. of P. as soldiers do round their emblem. Not all of us have been doing what is expected of us. Let us not be weary of well-doing for our Society. Two thousand members have been enrolled. Five hundred are in good standing. Let these five hundred do their *best*, and ours will be an organization worthy the name. Fellow members, patronize the various departments, for here is where the life of the society is shown. Our sales department is acknowledged to be the best. The auction department is not patronized as it should be.

In order not to weary you, I'll be short. One thing more though engages my attention. The treasury is short of funds. *We must have money to defray expenses.* Send in your dues for next year as quickly as possible. If you send your money to the proper officers, we will endeavor to see that it goes to the legitimate purposes for which it is intended. If occasion calls for it you will hear from your president every month, for matters that are of vital interest to the society are not necessarily executive secrets.

Faithfully yours,
E. E. WEAVER, President.

NEW MEMBERS.

2001 Roy B. Bradley, Abilene, Tex.
2002 W. B. Singleton, care Sun Publishing Co., Nashville, Tenn.
2003 C. B. Bostwick, 324 west 46th St., New York City. N. Y.
2004 Emile Daigle Jr., Houma, La.
2005 H. C. Crowell, 502 Mohawk Bdg., Cleveland, Ohio.
2006 J. N. Merrill, Jr. Skowhegan Me.
2007 Roger. C. Tredwell, St. Paul's School, Concord, N. H.
2008 Otto Zoll, Haskell Ave., Clinton, Mass.
2009 Dr. Wm Lilliendahl, Zacatecas Concepcion del Oro. Mex.

All of these sent in dues with their applications and have received their membership cards and I trust each one will cooperate with us in adding new names of reliable collectors to our membership roll.

I have received the following

APPLICATIONS

with accompanying references:

J. Foster Rood, Box 90, Halifax, N. S., 22, canning business. A. M. Muirhead, J. F. Dodge.

Rolland D. Bettman, 48 east 72nd St. N. Y. City, N. Y., 17, Student. J. F. Dodge, Mrs. D. Bettman.

I. Francis Bowen, 39 St. James Ave., Boston. Mass., 19, Student. J. F. Dodge, H. C. Shaw.

Dr. Lionel M. Homburger, 168 West 96th St. New York City, N. Y., 21, Dentist T. M. Drosner, J. F. Dodge.

Chas. A. Glenkin, 367 Straight St. Paterson N. J. 27, Bookkeeper. J. F. Dodge, Wm. Melrose Richfield.

G. C. Cuenod, Box 273, Galveston, Texas Bookeeper. J. F. Dodge, E. L. Porch.

J. F. Smith, 21 George St. Halifax N. S., 21, Stenographer. W. F. Van Malder. Robt. E. Harris.

A. S. Russell, Phillip St. Brisbane Queensland, 22 Stamp Dealer. J. F. Dodge. Fred Heder.

The above applicants will be admitted in 30 days provided no sufficient objections are filed against them, and membership cards will be sent to such as have paid their dues.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

1924 O. N. Sanford, 1145, 12th St. San Diego, Cal.
556 Dr, Paul Allin, 3 east 48th St, New York City N. Y.

RESIGNATIONS RECEIVED.

1861 Edward H. Hall.
1927 D. M. Averill.
1581 Harry D. Chetwin.
1898 Mrs J. M. Browne.

ADDRESSES WANTED.

Mail to address given is returned.

98 Wm. A. Stowell Belmont School Belmont, Cal.
1931 Teofell Demay, Penfield, Penna.
1942 Geo, F. Steger, Steger, Ill. No such P. O. in state named.
214 Asa F. Sutton, Sutton, Mich,
1636 John Gobel, 1942 N. 30th St. Lincoln, Neb.
1682 J. D. Taylor, So. Riverside, Calif.

List of members who have paid dues beyond January 1, 1898:

1	R. M. Miller	1899
14	J. C. Miller	1900
1947	R. F. S. Montgomery	1899
25	W. H. Emmert	1900
138	Benj. P. Thomas	1899
1381	E. M. Canfield	1900
1945	Herbert Armstrong	1901
1886	Theovor Arnold	1900
1536	Edmund C. Stone	1899
1814	Chas. Beamish	1899
1600	J. F. Dodge	1900
1624	Barlow Moorhead	1900
1754	R. E. Prentiss	1900
1752	A. B. Morrill	1899
1717	Lillian B. Dodge	1899
1746	Allen L. Smith	1899
1910	R. S. Chase	1899
1917	I. T. Clauson	1899
1942	Geo. F. Steger	1899
1930	Jos. H. Pullen	1901
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1956	Robert Harbolt	1899
1555	Rev. W. A. Carver	1900
1970	F. F. Woodward	1899
17	H. N. Bullard	1902
1849	G. R. Kennedy	1902
987	J. E. Sanders	1899
676	W. B. Craig	1902
1037	John Holt	1900
1860	Hezekiah Weed	1902
32	F. M. Townley	1902
855	Chas. E. Shaw	1902
1891	W. O. Bailey	1899
1633	J. M. Andreini	1902
1653	Chas. Wainwright	1899
206	J. H. White	1900
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1997	Mrs. Chas. L. Taylor	1899
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254	Geo. M. Frame	1902
1607	R. J. Hummell	1899
1611	A. Loewit	1900
889	H. E. Deats	1899
416	J. A. Wainwright	1900
2001	R. B. Bradley	1899
1500	L. T. Reckard	1899
1649	B. A. Wilson	1899
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1774	J. L. Sheetz M. D.	1899
1403	M. E. Carroll	1899
1720	S. E. Wardwell	1899
1344	T. H. Gafford	1899
916	E. A. Wood	1899
1862	E. Norton	1899
953	E. R. Slater	1900
631	J. M. Chappell Jr.	1900
1299	J. C. Chappe l	1900
1399	E. F. Stone	1899
1315	C. D. Mecutchen	1899
2009	Wm. Lilliendahl	1899
1650	S. B. Boyd, M. D.	1902
1537	Henry Fenton	1900
556	Paul Allen M. D.	1901
1319	Hiram Browne	1899
221	E. E. Weaver	1900
1384	Georges Carion	1899
1086	L. D. Pfender	1899

Cards will pe sent to above as soon as printed. If yours does not appear on the above list within 30 days after paying dues beyond 1898 please advice treasurer of the error.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Fees and Dues.	15.28
Balance [due me]	35.43
	50 71

EXPENDITURES.

Balance due me last report	12.70
Half expenses to and from convention (1940 miles)	22.50
2 days at convention	5.00
Official Journal (Oct)	8.39
Postage	2.06
	50.71

I regret that I have no funds to turn over to our treasurer elect. There may be some when I receive a statement from my predecessor. The larger part of the amt. received for dues the past month was the voluntary advance dues paid by members who were willing to assist the Society. We trust that there will be others who wish to add their names to the long list below.

Respectfully submitted,
J. F. DODGE Acting Treas.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Sayreville, N. J., Oct. 27, 1897.

To the Members of the S. of P.

Since my last report I have received the following for the Library.

From J. Arthur Wainwright, a set of Bergedorf Reprints for the Society's album.

The following papers have also been received:—

Philatelic Monthly, Dec, '96, March '97.
Philatelic Jol. of Great Britain July, August and Sept.
American Collector for September.
Evergreen State Phil., August, Sept. and October.
Herald Exchange, August and October.
Home Worker, August 1895, January and October, 1897.
Columbian Philatelist, July. August, Sept.
American Stamp, June, July, August.
Phil. Advocate, for Sept.
International Stamp, May and June.
Texan Phil., July and August.
Perforator, for August.
Young Collector, for August.
Metropolitan for May and October.
Omaha Phil. for Nov. 1896.

Cold weather is now approaching and I sincerely trust that after the pleasure and the sports of summer and Autumn, members will take greater interest in this department look up their duplicate papers, duplicate stamps and send them along for the Library and Album.

All contributions will be cheerfully acknowled both personally and through the Official Organ so that every one may see how the Library is conducted.

Mr. Howard Burba has been a large contributor to the Library during the past year and several publishers have placed my name on their mailing list and have sent the papers regularly. Would be glad to have them continue to do so, and trust other may soon follow their example.

Yours Respectfully,
F. M. TOWNLEY,
Librarian.

REPORT OF SUPT. OF SALES.

The annexed statement will show that this department is again in working order for the season of 1897-98. Several circuits have been sent out and I would have sent out others if the quarantine regulations in regard to Southern mail matter had not interfered with the circulating of books in that section The trertment that letters and packages, coming from that section receive (they are punched full of holes and fumigated with Formaldehyde gas and sulphur fumes) rather detracts from the appearance of the stamps and prevents circulation among our Southern members for the present. There is one circuit detained in Louisiana now, waiting until these stringent regulations are removed.

In regard to the "insurance fund" of which I made mention in the Oct. No. I understand that there was not the necessary two-thirds vote at the Convention to take action, and that the matter was referred to the Trustees with power to act. I expect daily to hear from them of their action.

Of the several cases of substitution reported last season, I am glad to be able to say that one party has been detected, and has paid for the stamps removed; and I have made settlement with the owners. There are some very peculiar features about this case, and I shall probably have more to say about it in my next report.

I would urge upon the members greater care in mounting their stamps for circulation, and the employment of some of the safe-guards mentioned in my annual report. calculated to reduce this evil to a minimum.

Members who are not availing themselves of the advantages of this Dept. of our Society, are reminded that I should be pleased to have them do so, either by placing them on circuit, or receiving books from them for circulation, or both. Sales books are 8c each, or 4 for 25c. Control stamps are 10c per 100.

Value of books on hand at close of last season,	$787.58
Received this season to date,	758.44
Total value of books now in Dept.,	$1546.02

A Correction.

An apology is due Mr. Eben S. Martin, for the statement we made in a former issue of the official journal. I stated that Ex-Secy. Miller had paid $104.75 to Mr. Martin since Jany. 1st. I hold Mr. Martin's receipt for $104.96 dated Feb. 26 1897 but on closer inspection. I find it covers previous receipts for nearly a year previous. The amount paid Mr. Martin as it appears by the books, since Aug. 1st 1896 is $10.38. I trust that Mr. Martin will overlook our error.

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By the way, Mr. Carver is both an artist and a genius. He designed the heading of the AMERICAN COLLECTOR, a design for a badge for the Sons of Philatelia, which may be presented at the next convention, and various headings for envelopes and letter-heads. As a black-board artist and lecturer he has met with great success, having filled engagements at camp-meetings and Sunday-school assemblies, for several years past.

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REV. W. A. CARVER.

A Chat on Confederates.

I well remember the first Confederate stamp it was my good fortune to secure. A relative had preserved for some twenty years and more the first letter he ever wrote. This was preserved in the family as a sort of heirloom, not because of its antiquity, but by reason of the historical connections of this bit of youthful penmanship. At an early date I had the good fortune to examine this envelope in search for additions to my album accumulation, but it bore a common three cent rose, 1861, which was rejected with scorn, for even as a tyro I could not but know the value of this specimen. But one day I chanced, irreverently handling the relic, to glance within the envelope, and there saw—my first Confederate. It was only a common ten cent light blue, but in my youthful eyes was of great historical interest. The envelope had been used in the late war times when stationery was scarce, and as no other envelope could be secured, one that had brought an epistle from a Southern friend was turned inside out and employed a second time. I have often wished that I had preserved this curious envelope, but in my delight at securing the stamp I destroyed the cover.

The covers upon which Confederates may be found are indeed a curious lot. Paper envelopes became very rare in the South in the latter years of the struggle, and to supply the deficiency many ingenious substitutes were provided. Home-made envelopes, often rude in workmanship, manufactured from blank paper or ruled letter paper were quite common. The use of wall paper was later indulged in, but the oddest cover I ever saw was one made from cloth.

The pictorial war envelopes are another curious lot. The sentiments by them expressed were not always the most friendly, but they form a nice supplement to a collection of Confederates.

One of the most interesting historic envelopes that has ever been brought to my knowledge I had the good fortune to see some time since. It was an ordinary envelope, bearing an ordinary stamp, but the whole was rather irregularly stained with red, which stain microscopic examination revealed to be human blood. That envelope could relate an exciting and martial story, did it but possess the power of speech. Probably some soldier carried it when the leaden bullet opened the way for the out-pouring of his life blood. None but the higher power shall know the tale of pathos

and civilized murder it may have seen.

The only proper way to collect Confederates is upon the original cover. Especially is this true of the postmasters' provisionals, to which the original cover adds nearly 50 per cent in value if not more. Indeed some of these rarities are difficult to prove genuine unless still remaining in their first resting place. The latter issues are not so important but are far better when thus preserved. A good collection of Confederates seen on the original envelopes is an exhibit long to be remembered. But it is something we seldom have a chance to remember.

Much damage has been done to Confederates by careless handling such as removal from cover or reckless use of mucilage. It was once my fortune to see a copy of the rare ten cent green Nashville that was an expensive illustration of this fact. Not only had it been removed from the envelope, and thus its genuineness rendered doubtful, but it was discolored to an unsightly yellow by the impure gum employed in fastening it in an album.

There are many counterfeit Confederate locals in existence, and they are of such age that even when found in an album, especially if the owner is an old time collector, their bad character will not be believed. Your polite offer of information will probably be met with the conclusive statement that the possessor removed the specimen from the original envelope. These have probably been purchased in company with rare lots of Hamburg locals and such many years ago, and the long ownership has rendered attacks upon their genuineness useless in the extreme.

Not only have counterfeits been prepared and sold but bogus issue are by no means uncommon. The following, which I think belong to that class, are in a western collection:

Lynchburg, Va., 5 cents brown. Name in a horse shoe shaped oval filling the major part of the design, which name is spelled with a final h, but that is the way I find it given in an 1860 list of postoffices. Large 5 in center with "paid" below in the opening of the horse shoe. A border of a crazy quilt design appears in the corners.

Charleston, S. C., 2 cents red. View of a fort on an island, which I would take to be Fort Sumpter, as it has a Confederate flag floating over it, appears in the center; "Charleston, P.O." is in a band above; and "paid" below. The figures of value, which are rather irregular, appear in the four corners. There is also a five cent blue of the same design.

These are the only fake stamps whose appearance I remember at the present time with sufficient clearness to give a lucid description, but that by no means completes the list, for their number is great. Several issues, later decided to be of this class, have at various times been included in the principal catalogues. There is a possibility that one or two of those in the "Standard" were never in use.

There has also been a little faking in connection with the Confederate general issues. The best known of these is the "Stonewall Jackson" stamp, which bore a likeness of that famous leader. A few prominent philatelists contend for the legitimateness of this issue but they were unable to bring forth any proof in support of their opinion and soon found that their arguments were without weight. Later it was found that it was a regular fake.

Another of this class is somewhat of the nature of a government fake. In the later days of the Confederate nation, the postal department decided to have a 10 cent stamp of the same design as the 5 cent blue 1862, Scott's number A4, and a plate of seventy stamps, consisting of seven rows of ten, was prepared. It was not until the concluding days of the rebellion that this was ready for use. It had but been finished when the evacuation of Richmond happened and was carried by the retreating officers to the new seat of government at Charleston, S. C. and was there W. Y. Leitch, who was then in charge of the stamp department, had 5,000 copies of this stamp printed. But upon the approach of the Federal troops, the plate was hidden and the entire issue destroyed without any being used.

Nearly twenty years later the plate was found in tearing down a house in Atlanta, Ga., and was purchased by a local dealer in curios, who immediately had a large number of impressions in various colors struck off. He also, I believe, by transferring, prepared a new plate, in which he substituted "five" for "ten" cents and made a large number of counterfeits of the five cent stamps.

The plate now reposes in the British Museum so that no further work is liable to be turned out by it.

A stamp which may be of the fake class, and the probabilities point that way, is the C. S. of A. surcharge upon certain U. S. stamps. In a number of fine American collections are specimens of U. S. stamps bearing the surcharge C. S. of A. in two lines. Now; I firmly believe that such a surcharge is probable. When the Confederate States were separated from the Union there remained in a majority of the Southern post offices a stock of the national issues. There were obsolete, of no use in their condition at that time, and, therefore, what more reasonable than that they should be rendered Confederate stamps by the use of overprinting. The surcharge was not then unknown, and the postmasters would probably have no scruples about using it. Thus the existence of a genuine Confederate provisional is possible.

But to return to certainties. How much chance is there of a genuine overprint being found on a three cent rose 1861, and if my memory serves me not incorrectly, that is the stamp usually found so treated? The stamp mentioned was not issued till August 14, 1861, at a time when all of the Confederate states had seceded. Now, what was the possility of any of these stamps passing into the hands of the Southern officers before the appearance of the regular Confederate set in the latter part of that year, after which time there would be no use for provisionals, surcharges or any of that ilk. No army of the gray penetrated far enough north before then to capture any U. S. stamps of the new issue, and it strikes me that even if it had, the pillaging of post offices would have received slight attention.

Again, there was no postal rate in the Confederate States after August, 1861, indeed after March of that year, for which three cents would be required. And if no demand, why the supply?

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Lessons From The Postage Stamp.

LESSON I, PAY AS YOU GO.

Frank Brown the steel and iron broker sat in his office chair with his hands thrust deeply into his trousers pockets; he was thinking, thinking, thinking; and the more he thought the more difficult it seemed to arrive at a solution of the problem of how to pay all debts he had contracted for. Although he worked hard yet the volume of business done was by no means what it should have been, and he saw nothing but ruin staring him in the face. He had so many bills to pay, creditors and bill collectors were his daily visitors. Some he had promised money time and again only to be compelled to disappoint them. To others he gave notes, and when these were due had to ask extentions, and thus he worried along each day more dejected than before.

He would go for a walk, he thought probably that would take away that depressed feeling, so taking his hat he started for the door, but before he got there he heard a childish voice say: "Please Sir will you be so kind as to give me the stamps on the letters you get?" Brown looked at the child a sweet winsome girl of 6 years, though she spoke and acted as one twice her age, and then having asked her to repeat her request which she did even more cutely than at first, and in reply to his question as to what she intended to do with them she explained, that she went to Sunday School where all the children brought postage stamps of any kind in any quantity, for which they received tickets of admittance to an entertainment which would be given that evening at Music Hall. She had already got 4 tickets she said and asked Mr. Brown to accept one and come to the entertainment, which he at first declined with thanks, but the little Miss was so persistent, that he finally accepted the ticket and promised to come to the entertainment after having given the child all the stamps he could find.

Mr. Brown was as good as his word and, that evening at 8 o'clock himself and wife were at the entertainment. The Superintendent made a fine address of welcome to all, the children sang and some delivered recitations after which the Superintendent introduced Brother Weston who delivered the address of the evening taking for his subject; "Pay as you go, that's what the postage stamp does." Brother Weston stated that a large number of people were feeling the effects of the hard times very keenly, because they ignore this noble lesson and get into debt, but Uncle Sam's business in stamps increases every year because it is a cash business, and when a stamp is attached to a letter, it pays for the delivery of that letter right from the start. But some business men think it more proper to deliver goods first and collect for the same later on, but if we look at Uncle Sam's methods and see business increasing year by year we cannot deny the fact that selling for cash increases rather than decreases business, makes and keeps friends, because there are no broken promises to mend, no worthless accounts to keep track of, no losses and no worry." Brother Weston told the children to be sure and always remember this lesson and to practice it in all affairs of life.

But Brother Weston did not know that among the audiance there was one man into whose heart every word sank deep, and brought gladness where formerly misery reigned supreme. Frank Brown had been shown how even a little postage stamp can be profitably used, and from that moment resolved to do a cash business and pay his debts promptly as he went through life, and he has kept his resolve. It has taken some time and patience to get out of debt, but he says today that if he had not attended that entertainment he would have been a ruined man.

The lesson from the postage stamp saved him. ECOL HECTOR.

Canadian Happenings.

BY CANUCK.

Mr. E. A. Marris one of Hamilton's prominent dealers came down with the red-coats of the 13th Battalion Hamilton, to Toronto, Thanksgiving day.

With the new contract for the British mail service comes a three cent rate to Great Britain. A new contract lately made for the transmission of Canadian mails to Great Britian after January 1st, 1898 will cause our letters to be carried to Great Britain for three cents instead of 5c as heretofore. This may end in Canadians securing a two cent letter rate for Canada and the United States. We hope such will be the case.

A local branch of the Dominion Philatelic Association has been formed in Hamilton under the name of The Hamilton Stamp Club. The officers are: President, T. M. Robinson; sec'y and treasurer R. S. Mason; librarian, C. S. Applegath; auction mgr. E. A. Marris; supt. of imformation, W. B. Grant. The club has started with 8 charter members, each pledging himself to secure at least one new member for D. P. A. before the new year. Let other towns and cities follow suit.

A new paper *The Boy's Own Philatelist* has appeared from Berlin, Ont. published by The Ontario Philatelic Co. of that place. Although the first number is not as good as some yet the publishers promise better as they have secured second-class mailing privileges. The advertising rates are 10c. per inch a little lower than usual.

A new company has come to Toronto viz: The Colonial Stamp and Publishing Co., having opened up business at 24 Louisa Street as stamp dealers and advertising and subscription agents.

W. A. Starnaman of Starnaman Bros. Berlin, Ont. editors and publishers of the *Philatelic Advocate*. was a guest of C. S Applegath, Hamilton Thanksgiving week, and was also present at the organization meeting of the Hamilton Stamp Club.

The Boy's own Philatelic Asso. has been formed in the interests of of juniors and beginners although all classes of stamp collectors are invited to join. All interested should write to W. A. Lydiatt, secretary and treasurer 229 Davenport Rd., Toronto, Canada for application blanks and necessary information.

The new issue of postage stamps for Canadians' use, have not, with the exception of the ½ cent, been placed on sale in the post offices as yet although they are daily expected.

Canadian collectors are anxiously awaiting the appearance of Scott's 58th as it is expected some changes will take place in the prices of Canadian stamps. And again they are wondering at what price Scott will value the Jubilees.

We notice that some of the English societies have black listed Canada Jubilee stamps and Newfoundland Cabot issue as being speculative and unnecessary. We regret this is so as we think they are mistaken in their ideas, as to speculative issues.

Jottings.

A friend of mine who is somewhat of a philosopher, remarked to me the other day that the people who had been paying $5.00 for the advance sheets, for the past two years, except those who may have wanted to publish them in monthly instalments have practically been putting up $5.00 for the privilege of cheating their neighbors for about two months. I said "will they make much on it this year?" "Nit" said he with one eye tightly closed.

Collectors ought to be a little chary with some of the new shades. Remember that the Sun is a very varied insect, and seldom hits two mauves the same way. A friend of mine showed me a set of changlings the other day. My hands and eyes went up in pious horrow. A man who can take a dull lead colored stamp, and turn it into anything from a bright green to a rich scarlet, deserves to make a fortune. And he did!

Do you honestly believe in the two dies of the 5c. brown '82 and the 5 cent blue '88 Mr. Scott??

What is the matter with the government perforating machine of late years? Talk of soldiering!! Look at the advance sheets.

Isn't the *Boston Stamp Book* getting a trifle Puritanic in flavor? The last number was as dry as the 39 articles of religion. There wasn't a hicough in a barrel of it! The only thing that thrilled me was a picture of a blue hand held off in a way that means business.

Why don't they make hospital stamps of court plaster? They could be useful both outside and inside—of the hospital I mean.

"Sexagenary garter" is good. To the uninitiated it may be as well to mention that it means the Jubilee surcharge on the leeward Island stamps.

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Satan in the Pulpit.

The extract below, from the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*, is a choice bit of Mr. Helckes' sarcasm in a matter of general interest to philatelists.

Following Mr. Castle's article in the London Philatelic Society's organ comes

A FINE EXHIBITION OF PECKSNIFFISM.

by Mr. A. A. Bartlett, whose name is notorious in connection with the Nova Scotia "deal." It has been our privilege to read many examples of blatant effrontery combined with hyprocritical cant, but we think the paper that Mr. Bartlett has been permitted to contribute to the *London Philatelist*, in vulgar parlance, "tops the lot." Mr. Bartlett's headline is "The Future," but his theme is the speculative stamp, and he tilts with all the ponderous vigor of long words and long sentences at those wicked people who lure money from the pocket of the stamp collector. Well, we all have our views about gumpaps—the FORTNIGHTLY'S are too well known to need to be set forth here—but who would go to Mr. A. A. Bartlett of Nova Scotia "fame" for light on such a subject? You do not go to your enemies for good advise; why go to a Remainder merchant for hints as to Speculative Stamps. The smug impudence of this man Bartlett gets on our nerves. He says he is "ashamed as a Canadian" to write of the last issue of trash emanating from the Dominion. Poor fellow!—this new ashamed feeling has come upon him suddenly. There wasn't an ounce of shame in him when he ferreted out those Nova Scotia remainders and dumped them down on a long-suffering philatelic world. With fine modesty Mr. Bartlett gets in a glowing allusion to his own collection as "among the representative collections of Canada and British Colonials." We make no doubt that Mr. Bartlett, as well as "Pard," King of Halifax, has a brave show of the cents issue of Nova Scotia and long may they keep them say we! "We have the remedy in our own hands," says Mr. Bartlett, referring to speculative stamps. The same useful platitude may be applied to the 1 cents issue of Nova Scotia. "Boycott this stuff most effectually," says Mr. Bartlett, still referring to speculative stamps. Leave the remainders of Nova Scotia severely alone, say we: and by collecting only *used* specimens of the "cents" issue show Mr. A. A. Bartlett and all of his kidney that men who seek to line their purses at the expense of their fellow philatelists are in serious danger of "getting left."

Mr. Castle, usually an editor to be depended upon, might with advantage to the *prestige* of his journal have "declined with thanks" Mr. Bartlett's egregious effusion.

CUT POSTAGE STAMPS.

People Who Are Unable To Understand Why They Are Not Good.

From The Chicago Times-Herald.

"Sometimes we find that people have cut stamps in half when they want one of half the denomination," said the red-headed postal clerk in charge of the oddities of mailing matter as he entered in "unmailable list" eggs, bacon, cucumbers, an entire goose, a rat's head and some bug poison.

"You would expect that the people who do that would be immigrants with the odor of steerage still clinging in their clothes. It is by no means the case. Now here is a letter bearing the half of a four cent stamp," showing an envelope addressed in such a precise hand that indicated a New England origin. "I notified the sender by the address in the corner of the envelope that her address was being 'held up' and when the next day I saw a little white-haired old lady in black come briskly in I guessed correctly that she had come for this letter. When I told her it had not gone because of a mutilated stamp she looked surprised, even when I showed her the envelope. In a sweet, gentle, but protesting way she insisted that the stamp was not mutilated—that having no 2 cent stamp she had cut a 4 cent in two--and she added reproachfully that she was sorry that there had been any delay!

"If you had a $10 bill would you expect to tear it into tenths and have the pieces each buy a dollar's worth of dry goods?"

"She paid her 2 cents with the air of the woman forced to keep dress goods she has soiled when she knows she can get the same thing for less money across the street, but said scornfully: "This must be a dreadfully unaccommodating postoffice—I pity Chicago people. Down east they make no such fussy requirements."



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Our Boston Letter.

Geo. M. Frame, Haverhill, has sold out his former business to Chase Bros. stationers of the same city. He has been attending recent auction sales in Boston and frequent purchases indicate that he has either entered a new field of industry as purchasing agent or else contemplates again starting in business, possibly along different lines than formerly.

The next meeting of our local society will be held Tuesday Eve. Dec. 21. A matter of special interest will come up in the consideration of the report of the committee appointed to devise a plan for celebrating the Society's anniversary. The form of celebration in the past has usually been to hold an auction sale, with refreshments provided as a means of securing attendance. This year, there is no doubt the auction sale will be displaced by some other feature.

A. W. Batchelder made an extended tour in the latter part of November taking with him what was left of the valuable collection purchased by the New England Stamp Co. last summer. He visited Portland, Montreal and a number of cities in New York State.

The Colonial Stamp Co. Will have an Auction sale the fourth Tuesday in December. Elk's Hall has also been secured for a January date when Mr. Lyons contemplates holding a gilt edge sale.

The local press states that the postal clerks in sub stations are to be paid upon a basis of receipts at stamp window. We don't know what effect this will have upon suburban offices but if anything could effect a reform in the service given patrons at the main office we should be devoutly thankful. We advise you to visit it, and with one exception, appreciate the moroseness and superciliousness that pervades the air. It seems singular that men who draw their breath at the expense of the taxpayers should ride rough shod over those whom they are supposed to serve.

The one exception, himself a collector, seems willing to aid you in your hunt for odd things. The other day we wanted a 30c U. S. 1890 and thanks for his courtesy, two were unearthed. His collection is none the worse for the favor extended.

B. L. Drew's auction sale, Thursday eve. Dec. 9 was more largely attended than any of the season and the auctionneer went home either a tired man or a tough man, one or the other. A few dealers were present including the Messrs. Brown, Lyons and Capron. Very reasonable prices prevailed. The stock of the Granite State Co. of Newmarket, N. H. was disposed of. Mr. Drew's next sale takes place the latter part of January and will be a gilt edge sale.

The Old Colony P. S. takes hold of a new year of existence with a vitality that warrants a due measure of success. The following are the officers for 1898:— President, David Smiley; Vice President, Melvin T. Estey; Secy, S. W. Sheppard; Treasurer, Wilfred W. Skinner; Supt. of Sales Dept., F. B. Eldredge and Librarian, Lewis A. Richards.

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EDITOR'S EASY CHAIR.

The holidays are approaching, and we wish all of our readers a "Merry Christmas" and a "Happy New Year," and many returns of the same.

We would suggest that a good Christmas present for anyone to make to his friends, and one that will be remembered every month, is a year's subscription to this paper, and it only costs you 15 cents (the price of 3 poor cigars). If you feel generous and have five friends you would like to make happy, send us their addresses and sixty cents and we will be glad to visit them all.

By glancing through the advertising columns of this paper our readers will find many suitable holiday presents to philatelic friends, and tokens that will be a lasting reminder of the giver, and just now these presents are offered at a very low price, so suppose you step up to the "bargain counter" and inspect them, or let some of these dealers send down to your house some of their bargains to select at your leisure.

This is the time of the year when the publisher who suspended publication during the summer months, or published irregularly, remarkably thin editions, announces a great big "Holiday number" with a great big circulation up in the tens of thousands, and floods the country with circulars announcing that "No dealer can afford to miss this great issue." Wise dealers are getting used to this specimen of *genus homo*, and patronize the solid, regularly issued publications.

One of the best journals that comes to us, both in style and contents, is the newly fledged *Virginia Philatelist*, the December number of which is now before us. It is growing both in size and popularity, and is a great credit to all concerned in its publication.

The Perforator is another journal that is rapidly assuming a foremost place in the ranks of monthly publications, and it is a pity that the postmaster at Hartford does not secure second-class rates for such a first-class magazine.

The Columbian Philatelist has suffered from printers' delays, and has found it nesessary to change printers, and will hereafter be out nearer the date on its cover. The November number will be mailed about Dec. 15th, and the December number about Jan'y 5th, and the Jan'y number about Jan'y 25th, provided no unforseen difficulties arise. It has never "doubled up" nor since August 1896 skipped a number, nor has it averaged over two weeks late in mailing. It averages about 28 pages and cover, and has just completed its third volume.

The Young Collector is quite regular in appearance and is, we believe, doing good work among the beginners.

Friend Smith's New York (?) correspondent must have a grudge against *The Columbian Philatelist* or he would not fill half a column with falsehoods about it.

The Philatelic Advocate is being printed a little, but not much, better, and as usual has very little of interest to the philatelist outside of its advertisements, the exception in this case being the prize story by Wm. P. Anderson, entitled, "Motive in Stamp Collecting."

The Stamp Collector's Figaro for November came to hand promptly and is a highly creditable initial number, and may it live long and meet with the prosperity it deserves.

It is probable that the above publication will now be appointed official journal of the Ohio Philatelic Association in place of *The Columbian Philatelist*, which was a temporary arrangement until a paper was published in the state.

Our old friend John M. Hubbard has sold out his business at Lakeport, N. H., and is now conducting a successful retail shoe business at Rochester, N. H. He has started another contest, this time the prize being a fine doll, which is given to the child receiving the largest number of votes. A vote is given for every 10 cent purchase at his store, or for every 100 used stamps of any kind, and the contest closes Jan'y 31st, 1898. Mr. Hubbard has conducted several of these contests, and amassed several million stamps, among which he has found some that were worth more than the 2c. current issue.

F. W. Bradley, chairman of the Board of Trustees S. of P., has purchased his partner's interest in the Columbia Stamp Co., and, as will be seen by our advertising columns, is better prepared than ever to supply the wants of all classes of collectors.

Ninety percent of those who launch stamp papers are without previous experience in publishing. This explains the repeated failures. The stamp papers which pay even small profits may be counted on the fingers of one hand. *Exchange.*

There is considerable truth in the above statement, but New Oxford, Pa. claims the thumb, index, and middle finger of that hand. Who claims the ring finger and little finger?

Our Cleveland correspondent informs us that "The Garfield Perry Stamp Club" had a pleasant meeting on the Evening of December 7th at the residence of Mr. G. J. Bailey. Mr. W. J. Brodie gave an interesting dissertation on the plate numbers, types, perforations, watermarks, etc., of the stamps of Great Britain, illustrating his subject from the collection of G. W. Gueder (who has nearly all the minor varieties complete) and his own collection and that of Mr. H. P. Cushing. Mr. J. V. Painter loaned a nice "V. R." and several of the rarieties of the £5 stamps. Light refreshments were served.

The Minneapolis Philatelic Society hold their Second Annual Banquet at the Commercial Club on Dec. 15th, and the editor thanks them for a kind invitation to be present, but alas, the

distance is great, and the mud is deep on the highways. Sorry, gentlemen, but we hope to have the pleasure some time.

Scott's 58th catalogue appeared on Nov. 24th, a little earlier than last year. In its general appearance it resembles its predecessor. The information regarding Stamps, reprints, counterfeits, etc., is a little fuller, and as the advance sheets advised us, a great multitude of shades and minor varieties are listed. The latter feature we believe to be out of place in a catalogue for the general collector, and will be apt to confuse 95 percent of those who buy it and haven't the time or disposition to study shades and other minor varieties. This feature should be found in an appendix, or in a "Catalogue for Advanced Collectors", where many more interesting varieties might also find a place. The demand for it, with us, seems to be very good, and we have been obliged to place an additional order for them.

The last issue of this paper had several printer's errors, one of which was rather amusing, viz;—the statement that Mr. Kennedy had been interested in stamps from "babyhood" instead of "boyhood", and we can imagine baby Kennedy in the cradle with his perforation gauge, magnifying glass and bottle of benzine, hunting out minor varieties of Afghanistan and of Jummoo Kashmir.

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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

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Fellow Members:—

I herewith, according to Constitutional requirements appoint the following named persons, members of the Sons of Philatelia, to be resident Vice President of their respective state, territory or foreign Country. In making these appointments, it is hoped that the persons named below will not only accept the appointment as a matter of fact, but that each one will endeavor to fulfill the functions of that office as laid down in the constitution and by-laws of our Society. We do not remember the practice according to previous years, but we do know that at the late convention held in Nashville, not a single report was made, or heard, from a resident Vice President

If you do not know your duties, proceed at once to secure a copy of the By-laws, where you will find the necessary information.

It is expected also, that not only the Resident Vice Presidents who will exercise all their privileges and duties, and make report thereof to the next convention, but that all other officers and boards will do the same. Examine the minutes of the convention and see how many reports were made and then resolve that next year your report will be in on time.

Below are the appointments made.

Respectfully submitted.
E. E. Weaver, Pres.

RESIDENT VICE PRESIDENTS.

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2014 Chas. A. Glenkin, 307 straight St. Paterson N. J.
2015 G. C. Cuenod, Box 273 Galveston Texas
2016 J. F. Smith, 21 George St. Halifax N. S.
2017 A. S. Russell Phillip St. Brisbane, Queensland.

Those of the above members who have all their dues paid up to Jan. 1st 1899 will receive their membership cards as soon as finished by the printer. Those who have not paid their dues please forward same [25c] to the treasurer.

I have received the following
APPLICATIONS
with accompanying references:

C. F. Allcott 90 Wisc. St. Millwaukee Wisc. 35 Druggist. Leo Fritter, Prof. E. G. Pantke. D. A. Hitchman, Schohagie, N. Y. 46 Printer. J. F. Dodge, Henry Dady P. M.

Wm. Thelson 597 Dale St. St Paul Minn. 40 Furrier. Oscar Goldelin, Wm. O Bailey.

Herman Moeller, 264 Portland Ore. 23 Clerk J. F. Dodge, F. Fenwick.

The above applicants will be admitted in 30 days provided no sufficient objections are filed against them, and membership cards will be sent to such as have paid their dues.

List of members who have paid dues beyond January 1, 1898:

1	R. M. Miller	1899
14	J. C. Miller	1900
1947	R. F. S. Montgomery	1899
25	W. H. Emmert	1900
138	Benj. P. Thomas	1899
1381	E. M. Canfield	1900
1945	Herbert Armstrong	1901
1886	Theovor Arnold	1900
1536	Edmund C. Stone	1899
1814	Chas. Beamish	1899
1600	J. F. Dodge	1900
1624	Barlow Moorhead	1900
1754	R. E. Prentiss	1900
1752	A. B. Morrill	1899
1717	Lillian B. Dodge	1899
1746	Allen L. Smith	1899
1910	R. S. Chase	1899
1917	I. T. Clauson	1899
1942	Geo. F. Steger	1899
1930	Jos. H. Pullen	1901
598	W. H. Welchans	1902
525	J. W. Stowell	1899
643	Mrs. W. D. Smith	1900
1985	Ricardo S. Antonia	1899
1953	W. W. Sheffer	1899
1956	Robert Harbolt	1899
1555	Rev. W. A. Carver	1900
1970	F. F. Woodward	1899
17	H. N. Bullard	1902
1849	G. R. Kennedy	1902
987	J. E. Sanders	1899
676	W. B. Craig	1902
1037	John Helt	1900
1890	Hezekiah Weed	1902
32	F. M. Townley	1902
855	Chas. E. Shaw	1902
1891	W. O. Bailey	1899
1633	J. M. Andreini	1902
1653	Chas. Wainwright	1899
206	J. H. White	1900
5 8	W. H. Welchans	1902
1995	Chas. D. Lowe	1899
1997	Mrs. Cnas. L. Taylor	1899
1607	R. J. Hummell	1899
1656	T. M. Drossner	1900
254	Geo. M. Frame	1902
1607	R. J. Humme l	1899
1611	A. Loewit	1900
839	H. E. Deats	1899
416	J. A. Wainwright	1900
2001	R. B. Bradley	1899
1500	L. T. Reckard	1899
1649	R. A. Wilson	1899
1520	W. H. Henley	1899
1774	J. L. Sheetz M. D.	1899
1403	M. E. Carroll	1899
1720	S. E. Wardwell	1899
1344	T. H. Gafford	1899
996	E. A. Wood	1899
1862	E. Norton	1900
953	E. R. Slater	1900
631	J. M. Chappell Jr.	1900
1299	J. C. Chappe l	1900
1899	E. F. Stone	1899
1315	C. D, Mecutchen	1899
2009	Wm. Lilliendahl	1899
1650	S. B. Boyd, M. D.	1902
1537	Henry Fenton	1900
556	Paul Allen M. D.	1901
1349	Hiram Browne	1899
221	E. E. Weaver	1900
1364	Georges Carion	1899
1086	L. D. Pfender	1899

2015	G. C. Cuenod	1899
2016	J. F. Smith	1899
20.7	A. S. Russell	1902
1534	J. M. Hubbard	1899
1981	H. A. Chapman	1899
1714	Geo. V. Taylor	1899
747	Oscar Gardelin	1899
105	R. J. Russell, M. D.	1900
1156	F. L. Van Dermark	1899
2006	J. N. Merrill, Jr.	1899
580	Isaiah Rudy	1869
911	Jos. S. Davis	1899
1863	Mrs. M. S. Todd	1899
1712	Robt. Mayer	1899
1680	H. C. Kickbeim	1899

Next month will be the last time the names of those paid to 1899 will be given but we will trust that the roll of honor of those paid beyond that date will still be large. If 1899 is opposite your name, why not make it 1900? Our membership cards will soon be ready.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

747 F. S. George, 17 So. 4th St. Minneapolis, Minn.
1994 Dill Southwick, Kingsville, Ohio.
1534 J. M. Hubbard, Rochester, N. H.

EXPELLED.

471 L. G. Lambert (by trustees.)
410 E. R. Aldrich (by convention.)

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98 Wm. A. Stowell Belmont School Belmont, Cal.
1931 Teofell Demay, Penfield, Penna.
214 Asa F. Sutton, Sutton Mich.
1636 J. Gobel, 1942 N. 36th St. Lincoln Neb.
1682 J. D. Taylor, So. Riverside, Cal.

Respectfully,
J. F. DODGE.
Sec'y.

REPORT OF SALES. SUPT.

I have received word from Louisiana that the quarantine regulations have been removed, and that the circuits which were held there have been forwarded through the list of members.

Several new members have made application to be placed on circuits, and there is still room for more. *If you are not making use of this Dept., Why don't you?* Let me hear from you.

In the case of detected substitution mentioned in my last report, I have to say that the person supposed to be guilty, I believe to be innocent. The guilty party is C. A. Hall, of Salem, Mass., a former partner of Mr. H. E. Flint of Salem. The former has been using Mr. Flint's name and membership in the Society, for the purpose of taking advantage of the benefits of this Dept., and while all the time I supposed I was doing business with Mr. Flint, he in reality knew nothing about it. This state of things was developed by Mr. Flint accidentally getting hold of a letter which I addressed to him at the Box No. of the old firm and which was placed in his own personal box by the P. O. clerk. The correspondence in the whole matter is quite interesting, but is too long for publication. As Mr Hall is not a member of the The S. of P., I do not think any action is called for by this Society; and as Mr. Flint is entirely innocent in the matter, there is no call to lay any of the stigma on his shoulders. Mr. Hall has made arrangements for a financial settlement of the claims against him, but I do not think it is for the interest of Philately and its devotees that persons who have been detected in this detestable practice, should be shielded in any way.

There is altogether too much of this sort of business going on, not only in our own society but in others also. In the course of my investigations I have had quite an extensive correspondence with various parties, and from what I learn therefrom, the Exchange Managers and Sales Supts. of other societies could furnish interesting facts if they saw fit. It may be that the time is not ripe for them to make any disclosures. When it is I hope they will do their duty. As the Sales Dept. is the most important feature of a philatelic society, anything to bring it bad odor should be corrected as soon as possible. If members do not have the feeling that they can send their books through the Sales Dept without losses of this nature, then the chief feature of the Society is of no real benefit.

In connection with this exposure I wish to acknowledge the very valuable assistance renderd me by Sec'y J. F. Dodge, and Mr. Fred P. Holt, the Exchange Manager of the Columbian Philatelic Society, and others.

There were some other substituters in the Dept. last year, but so far the proof is not clear enough to warrant an exposure, but "all things come to him who waits".

The following statement will give an idea of the business of the Dept.

Value books on hand last report	$1546.02
Value books received since	1025.95
Total value books in Dept.	2571.97

CHAS. E. SHAW,
Supt. of Sales.

AUCTION MANAGER'S REPORT.

Fellow Members S. of P.

I acknowledge, with thanks, the honor bestowed on me in electing me Auction Manager for the second time.

During the past year I have had no chance to make a success of this department owing to the irregular appearance of the official journal.

I trust that Bro. Dodge will now furnish a journal that will appear promptly. I ask of you to send in lots for sale also to bid on the lots advertised. Do not forget to send return postage when sending lots for sale.

Let us wake up and have a better report than the following, next year.

29th sale 9 lots sold for	1 66
30th sale 12 lots sold for	6.29
31st sale 47 lots sold for	17.02
32nd sale 40 lots sold for	18.32
33rd sale A complete failure	
34th sale 30 lots sold for	7.48
35th sale 10 lots sold for	31.1
Total	51 98
10%	5.49

The 10% has not paid the postage in returning lots and necessary correspondence.

I request members not to send in damaged stamps, and in placing a reserve price remember the various discounts offered by dealers.

Yours for the S. of P.

FRANK L. VAN DERMARK,
Auction Manager.

Alden, Mich., Nov. 25 1897.

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Washington, D. C., Nov. 22nd 1897

We the undersigned Trustees of the Sons of Philatelia, hereby make the following report on matters brought before us at a meeting held on Tuesday the 2nd of November.

The cases of B. J. Gonzales, C. L. Thurston, M. E. Whitehead, Leroy D. Hovey, Wm. P. Eldridge and Eben S. Martin we have decided to hold over for further investigation. In the case of Leon G. Lambert we have decided to strike him from the rolls as a member of the society.

We grant the insurance fund asked for by Mr. Shaw.

F. W. Bradley, Chairman.
J. M. Bartels
H. A. Parks.
} Trustees S. of P.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SONS OF PHILATELIA.

I wish to thank you for your confidence which has led you to elect me your vice-president.

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Where and When the Earliest Stamps, Wrappers, Cards Were Issued.

There are now 310 countries and postal districts on the globe that have issued postage stamps, newswrappers, postal cards, letter sheets, money orders with stamp or stamped return receipt or postal packet order, but the richest collector has not all varieties, because some are unobtainable. These postalic issues are divided.

I.—POSTAGE STAMPS: The earliest issued appeared on May 6th 1840 in Great Britain (inventor Chalmers and introducer Hill), followed by the city of Zurich (Switzerland) March 1st 1843 (Poste Locale) and Brazil, July 1st 1843. By and by followed other countries and among them I count of course the semi-independent countries, such as Hanover and the Thurn and Taxis stamps, which circulated in southern and northern still independent German states.

II.—ENTIRE ENVELOPES: The first were issued in Great Britain on May 6th 1840 (I mention here the so-called Fiscal wrappers [Envelope] of Sardinia 1818), follows Brunswick (Duchy) Stadt Post Couverte-City Post Envelopes on November 24th 1844. Follows Finland (Grand Duchy in Russia) on January 1st 1845. Up to date there are known 135 countries now independent or formerly independent, that have issued stamped envelopes.

III.—NEWSWRAPPERS: The first issued (but nobody ever saw them, I mean living people) were in the city of Paris, France, August, 1653. But the first seen news wrappers were issued by that enterprising business man "Uncle Sam," alias U. S. America, 1857. Up to date only 60 countries have issued news wrappers.

IV.—POSTAL CARDS: Austria, 1869, had the honor first to have issued that important and useful little invention, and the inventor of the postal card is Dr. Emanuel Hermann. Alsace & Loraine followed on June 25th, 1870, Bavaria and North German Confederation on July 1st, 1870, Wurtemberg on July 8th, 1870. The Reply Postal Cards were issued first in Germany on January 1st, 1872. Uncle Sam has also reply postal cards, which I mention for such people as write to some one for a favor or information of any kind. Known up to date there are 173 countries that have issued postal cards, 2c. each.

V.—LETTER SHEETS: The first appeared in Paris, France, May 1st 1879, issued by the pneumatic postal authorities, Belgium follows on Dec. 15th, 1882, and Brazil, March 1st, 1883. There are now 57 countries that have issued letter sheets, cards, and only two countries, Argentine Republic and France, have reply letter cards.

VI. — STAMPED MONEY ORDER BLANKS: First issued by Brunswick, Duchy, in July, 1865; Hanover, formerly Kingdom, in August, 1865; and Hamburg, Free City, on March 1st 1866. Known up to date there are only 15 countries that have issued stamped money order blanks.

VII.—STAMPED RETURN RECEIPTS: Known only in Finland, Grand Duchy in Russia.

STAMPED POSTAL PACKAGE BLANKS: They are issued in Wurtemberg, Italy and in the smallest independent republic of San Marino, Italy. The international statistics, containing the names of all those countries now or formerly independent in postalic matters, who earliest issued adhesive postage stamps, postal cards news wrappers, letter cards, stamped money order blanks, stamped return receipts, etc., and the collectors of the one or other specialty, belong all to only one philatelic fraternity—"PHILATELIA."

36th Auction Sale of the Sons of Philatelia.

Bids Received Until Jan'y 5th 1898.

*means unused and original gum unless otherwise stated.

Bids must be for entire lot, as no lot will be broken. All stamps are considered in good condition unless otherwise stated.

F. L. VAN DERMARK, Auction Manager.
Alden, Michigan.

☞ All lots for next sale, accompanied by return postage, must be received before Dec. 31st 1897.

Lt No.	Year.	Description.	Cat. at	No lot.
		UNITED STATES		
1	1855	3c outer line	35	1
*2	1861	10c dark gr'n no g	1 75	1
*3	1867	2c bk grill 11x13 "	2 50	1
*4	1870	3c lgt grill no g	2 50	1
*5	1870	3c off centre rgt "	2 50	1
*6	1873	1c ultramarine	1 25	1
*7	"	3c green	75	1
*8	"	3c green no gum	75	1
*9	"	another same	75	1
*10	1879	3c green no gum	2 00	5
11	1887	2c grn dbl perf top	?	1
12	1890	2c lake	5 00	100
		U. S. REVENUES		
13		50c Fgn Ex impf pu	1 50	1
14		50c P. of W. perf	1 75	1
		U. S. POSTAL CARDS, ENTIRE		
15	1873	1c brown No 1601-2		25
16	1873	same		50
17	1875	1c black No 1606		25
18	1881	1c black No 1609		25
19	1885	1c bwn No 1611-14 sevl shade		50
		FOREIGN		
20	50-93	Austria 35 var	58	35
21	1876	Br G'na 5-1c slt 10-2c or. C C	70	15
22	1882	" 5-1c sle. 10-2c or. C. A.	80	15
23	89-91	" 48c mve & red pn wmk	35	1
24	fine	pair same. reserve 40c	70	2
25	89-91	Br G'na 96c mauve & carmine pen wmk reserve 30c	40	1
26		B & O Telegraph 10 set	1 50	30
*27	78-81	Cuba Mixed	2 10	70
28	1886	Cyprus ½p C. C. No 27	5 00	1
29	1893	Ecuador 1c slate No 201	50	1
30	1894	" 10c green No 214	50	1
31	1892	Egypt orange-brn off.	1 20	40
32	1862	Gr. Br. rev. No 212 in 57th	?	25
33	52-68	" " No 201-221	?	10
34	66-68	India 4a green	90	15
*35	1885	Mex. 25c blue wove, n. g.	3 00	1
36	1872	Roumania 15b red-brn	60	10
37	1893	" 5b em. green P. R.	40	1
38	1893	" 25b blue P R.	30	1
39	72-96	" well mixed	1 00	45
40		100 U. S. cat $8.15, 15 Argentine 38c, 12 Col. Rep. 44c, 31 Br. Col. $1.09, 23 Cuba 97c, 19 Porto Rico 61c, 14 Costa Rica 80c, 8 Guatemala 80c, 15 Ecuador 55c, 6 Chili 8c, 81 Honduras $5.53		
		24 Mexico $1.24, 58 Nicaragua, $3.60, 7 Peru 19c, 9 Bolivia 35c, 43 Salvador $3.31, 20 Venezuela $2.21. Used and unused. Reserve $5.50.	28 30	490
		UNITED STATES		
41	1847	5c brown 10c black		2
42	1851	1c type 2, 3c and 10c.		3
43	1855	1c type 3, and 10c		2
‡44	1855	3c block		4
‡45	1855	same block		14
46	1861	1, 10, 30, used *24c gray lilac off centre		4
47	1861	30c orange		1
48	62-67	15c off centre		1
*49	1869	1, 3, 6, 10 and 12c. The 1 and 3 are off centre and 12c n. g. & dam.		5
50	1869	1, 2, 6, 15, and 30c. 15c framed		5
*51	70-71	12c dark purple		1
152	"	24c purple		1
*53	"	90c carmine, perf 3 sides		1
54	"	30c and 90c		2
55	"	1, 2, 3 and 6c embossed		4
56	1875	1c horizontal ribbed		1
*57	1883	2 2c and 4c		3
*58	1887	1, 2 and 3c		3
*59	1888	4, 5, 5. 30 and 90c		5
*60	1890	1, 2, 3, 4, 6c in blocks of six, 8c block of 10,		40
*61	1890	10c blk of 4, 15, 30, & 90 in 2		10
*62	1890	5 and 8c in strips of 20		40
*63	1893	8, 10, 30 and 50c in pairs		8
*64		30 and 50c		2
65		30c one damaged		3
*66		$1.00 pair		2
*67		$2.00		1
*68		$3 00		1
69	55-90	mixed cat at $3.00		35
70	55-97	mixed a few Depts cat at $8.00 some damaged		210
*71	85-94	Spe. Del 8 ist is. 1 of others		11
72	1889	Unpaid *30c, 50c used		2
*73	91-93	Unpaid complete		7
*74	91-93	Unpaid 3 & 5c in block 12		24
		U. S. DEPARTMENTS		
*75		Agriculture 2, 3 and 6c		3
*76		Executive com. Reserve $25		5
*77		Interior complete		10
*78		Justice, 3, 6, 10 and 12c		4
*79		Navy 1, 2, 3, 6. 10, 12, 15 and 30c		8
*80		State 1, 3, 6, & 7c. 6c off centre		4
*81		Treasury all but 24c. 17, 15, 30c		10
82		Treasury *1 and 6c 2, 3, 6, & 12c		6
*83		War complete 130c		11
84		U. S. Revenues mxd lot cat $12		15
85		U. S. Env. cut sq. cat $2.90		48
*86		N. Borneo 1893 1 to 25c		10

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The above is a choice lot of stamps and I trust the members will hustle in their bids.

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A Common Sense Catalogue.

There was a time when Scott's Catalogue, the present standard for American collectors, was such indeed and subserved their interests, but it is fast becoming otherwise, in our opinion, and developing into a mere tool for dealers, at least for those dealers whose stock is such that they can work in line with the publishers, while other dealers merely use it as a yard-stick to measure their discounts by, and the greater the discount the greater the slur they cast upon it.

It has become a subject for wrangling among all our fraternity and the many kicks registered with such frequency in the philatelic press of late show that it is not from a few disappointed, disgruntled ones that the dissatisfaction arises but that it is general. In fact, the only thing that holds for Scott's catalogue to-day the position of Standard is just that it is and has been the Standard. This may not appear like a statement requiring great brilliancy of intellect to utter, but it is trite. The long standing general use of Scott's among collectors has given it a power that its present merit scarcely calls for and has left it without a rival to-day in the United States.

But the power which was given to it by collectors, and which comes from them, it at present is abusing and is assuming a dictatorial manner becoming a tyrant, in fact. And like all tyrants who have won too great power, it will be found hard to break away from.

Collectors are clamoring for a "Common-sense Catalogue" and in this article it is my aim, not so much to map out all that such a catalogue should be, for that is more than one collector can do, as to point out the difficulties in the way of one so bold as to aspire to the throne. I do not mean to lay a single stone in the path of any such and would on the contrary offer encouragement to the right person, but we must beware lest we jump from the frying-pan into the fire. The rule of a tyrant is often preferable to anarchy and better a standard with all the defects of the 58th than no standard at all and half a dozen different publishers trying to force a new aspirant to the top.

The one great desideratum in the looked-for "Common-sense Catalogue" is the pricing of stamps at or near their net value. This seems to be the hue and cry of all collectors. The present basis is such as to cause the derision of any business man, and instead of enhancing the value of stamps in the eyes of outsiders, tends to increase their incredulity when they are told that such a stamp is worth so many dollars by catalogue, and on asking if one can get that for it are told that about twenty to forty per cent of that is all one could get "in cash".

Can anyone give a reason why there should be such a variance between the list and selling-price? Even the publishers give a good discount from their quotations. Is it that the catalogue is priced on an exchange basis? Why should not an exchange basis be a cash basis? There is not a single good reason.

There is a feature in the plate number catalogue of an Eastern dealer that seems to me ought to be carried out in a standard catalogue. They agree to buy stamps at a certain fair per cent of their catalogue price. Let a catalogue price be the net selling-price and fifty per cent of it be the buying price and everyone should be satisfied. There is a good profit for the dealer and the collector can sell at a fair price when he desires to do so. As it is now stamps are sold at from forty to sixty percent below catalogue in the majority of sales and the dealer buys at from eighty to ninety per cent discount where he does not pick them up "at a steal" from some one ignorant of their value.

Of course values fluctuate. In such a catalogue a stamp might be priced too high and the dealer issuing it be flooded with copies at fifty per cent discount. This will soon adjust itself,—very soon indeed. A new edition will not make the same mistake Thus we see remedied the evil tendency to over-pricing, for as soon as the dealer finds himself getting overstocked on a certain value he can issue a supplementary list reducing the price. What collector doing an exchange business is not willing to work on this proposition? Why, then, can it not be carried out in cash business? The law of demand and supply will constantly regulate prices, the dealer always making a profit, the collector always with a market.

But who will start such a scheme,—a scheme which many dealers will call visionary, but which I believe practicable? A collectors' club? Hardly, I think. It must be a party with large capital and business energy. He will have to contend with prejudice and the rivalry of a powerful company well instated in the respect of most philatelists. The making of a better catalogue than Scott's is one of the least difficulties he will have to surmount. So far as minor varieties are concerned, shades, perforations, etc., the increase of which in the 58th has caused so much adverse comment, that is a point of minor importance. My own idea would be to list such varieties in finer type following the regular issue and shade, and price or not as thought advisable. But the main feature of a catalogue to completely displace the present Standard must be the cash basis proposition. Such a catalogue, gotten up in a shape and completeness equal to Scott's, and placed in the hands of every collector now possessing Scott's, would displace it at once and be accepted as the standard with rejoicing. Can such a work be produced as will by its superiorities commend itself immediately to all collectors? Until such can be accomplished I scarcely wish to see it tried. A gradual change, or only a partial acceptance of a new standard would cause endless confusion in buying and exchanging but it seems to me that if the right book is placed on the market, a change can be effected as easily as we pass from a 57th to a 58th edition. But, let me re-iterate, it must approach

so much nearer to perfection than Scott's does (and to my mind many of its features can scarcely be excelled) that the common consent of collectors will be readily given to accepting the new standard. When such a work appears, and may it come soon, we care not from what source,—a collectors association—a rival dealer—or a revision of our present standard—we shall all welcome the "Common-sense Catalogue". CHARLES E. JENNEY.

The Unscientific Article.

While I do not propose to pick flaws with the massively titled article which occupied several columns of the November and December numbers of the *New York Philatelist*, nor to find any fault with the method by which the author presented his subject I must contend that the essays "in lighter vein" which are published by many of our philatelic journals are by no means as objectionable to the general class of readers as that writer would have us to believe. Of course there are worthless articles of that class, but there are good ones also, and to condemn all alike (without even reading them!) just because some are bad is as unreasonable as it would be to condemn all fruits because some kinds are poisonous. Some of the unscientific essays are really good reading, and I have no doubt whatever but that because of them many a collector has subscribed to journals he would not have otherwise cared for, and thus been gradually drawn to appreciate the more serious side of philately as it was presented in the deeper articles in the same journals. It is a generally admitted thing that there is no royal road to wisdom—in philately as in all other things one must learn bit by bit—so there must have been a time when the most learned philatelic scientist of today would have looked upon a strictly scientific article with no interest at all except, perhaps, a vague wonder as to what it all meant. He certainly would not, at the beginning of his career, have subscribed to a paper which held nothing but dry articles on still dryer subjects, and for this reason the "strictly scientific journal," much as it may be sighed for by the Professors, appeals only to the well advanced collector and scarcely at all to the beginner and those of medium degree. If the Professors could live for aye it would not at all matter if the rest of us never grew out of the intermediate class, but not even the charms of stamps can keep these savants alive indefinitely, and unless they are willing philatelic science should die out entirely they should not object to the lighter articles which little by little may lead beginners up to the pinnacles of wisdom. To expect a young collector to be interested in articles listing varieties of paper, printing, measurements etc. would be just as unreasonable as to expect a child to solve algebraic problems before it understood them ysteries of the multiplication table, or to run before it could stand. "Little by little, sure and slow" in philately as in other things, and since we have no orginized school to teach this science the lighter articles must, can, and *do* help to supply the lack.

An instance is always a good cinch to an argument, and here is one right behind this pen. I collected for eight years without ever having heard of a catalogue or any dealers except the 10c-per-100-variety ones who advertised in the young folks' papers; I knew nothing whatever of minor varieties nor of collectors outside of personal acquaintance, and in all those years I never saw but two stamp papers nor dreamed that there were such publications. Of these two papers one was the *American Journal of Philately*, the other the *Post Office*, one copy of each. Both of these journals cater only to anvanced collectors, and might have been Sanscrit for all I understood of their contents. Later came a copy of the *Eastern Philatelist* wherein nonsense and wisdom did not disdain to join hands; I understood just enough to be attracted instead of repelled, subscribed immediately, and from that day to this have been steadily learning until now I can appreciate articles that five years ago I would not have even read. For this reason I uphold the lighter articles, believing that as I'm only an ordinary creature my experience must be ordinary too, and that there must be many others who were drawn onward and upward in a similar manner.

Regarding philatelic fiction, which is the chief thing condemned by the writer referred to, I willingly admit that in some respects the verdict against it is not wholly unwarranted. Some fiction is not worth the ink used in printing it, much less any other expense, but occasionally there will be seen a well written and well printed bit fully worthy of the space it occupies even if it is in no way scientific. In my opinion Mr. Raymond S. Baker in including a fiction department in his *Ideal Philatelic Magazine* did perfectly right! many of the large scientific monthlies (scientific in other than the philatelic meaning of the word) have acknowledged the attractiveness of fiction, and make it an occasional, or even a regular feature of their publications, but it is never allowed to supercede their deeper articles as it so often does with us.

The fact that essays of lighter calibre than the solid scientific ones are good things to present (supposing that they themselves are good, of course) is now being recognized by many of our leading papers whose editors are not so self-opinionated as to think that the whole world should be made to follow in one groove, the one *they* are especially fond of for instance, and as a consequence the young collectors no longer feel that they and the rest of the philatelic world have nothing in common. To be sure, the world does not really need them just now, but it will by and by and the only way to make them fit for use when the time comes is to give them a little attention now. Please understand that I do not suggest that stamp papers be given over wholly to stories, sketches, personals, or nonsense of any description, but I do favor letting such things have a small and subordinate place in our journals for the benefit of the young collector who has not yet had sufficient training to make him appreciate the wiser articles. *Mekeel's Weekly*, the largest and most thoroughly circulated stamp journal in the United States if not in the world, has more than once of late published decidedly unscientific essays under the signature of Missouriensis, and I have several times heard this departure referred to as one "rather nice for a change and as a relief to the usual solidity."

Now for an opinion in quotations just to bear out my remarks. It is an extract from the spring number (1897) of the *California Philatelist*, and can be found on the first page.

"Some of the scientific stamp papers fill their columns (to overflowing in many cases) with long and weary articles on minor varieties, dry statisics, tables of figures etc., until it does seem as if they were complicating matters rather too much for the great mass of collectors, and making a sort of 14-15 puzzle out of what should be a pleasure. All these things are well enough to interest a few savants in Philately, but for the ordinary everyday collector it becomes too much of a task instead of an agreable recreation. The number of subscribers to all the stamp papers would be greatly increased if more popular subjects were chosen. It would be well * * * to instruct and entertain the young collector with matter suitable to his years,"—And so on, thus proving that others besides myself favor the "a little nonsense now and then" idea, and would be very sorry to see it utterly banished from our philatelic magazines.

AMY L. SWIFT.

Boston Letter.

Earnest R. Aldrich, elected last August president of the Philatelic Sons of America is a son of the Old Bay State. He was born in Worcestor Co. 32 years ago. His specialty is U. S. issues.

A marked improvement is noticeable in the *Philatelic Bulletin* since E. B. Horn took the editorial chair. L. A. Prevost is now stated as business manager.

The report current that a Boston dealer of considerable standing intends going out of business needs qualifying. This step would be taken if a satisfactory purchasing figure be named. Many a man in business today would make the same proposition.

We met Mr. Kilbon recently and we questioned him regarding the future of the *Boston Stamp Book*, also details of the work establishing a stock company for the carrying on the same. It seems that matters are temporarily at a stand-still. He feels that he must be relieved from some of the burdens under which he is struggling, hence his desire for the proposed order of things.

Philatelic Literature, bristling with figures and dates, is reponsible for the statement that the *Worcestor Co. Philatelist*, published in 1891 will be resuscitated long enough to complete a volume by the publication of three more numbers. It is to be issued from Springfield.

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EDITOR'S EASY CHAIR.

This issue is what friend Martin would call an "emergency number". The editor is in poor health and under advice of his physician spends every afternoon in the open air, which necessarily delays matters somewhat.

"Hard times;" this seems to be the cry from almost all points and the publisher feels it sooner than the rest, as he depends on both collectors and dealers. We intend to give good value to both, and most of them agree that they get it.

One of our most prominent dealers believes that times would be much better if fewer auction sales were held, and we believe there is a great deal of truth in what he says.

We are pleased to note by the January number of the *Omaha Philatelist* that the editor has dropped his revolutionary tendencies which called for a western philatelic association made up of collectors who must belong to no other society, and we are also glad to see a prospect of a Trans-Mississippi society. Joe F. Beard has consented to allow his name used as a candidate for president, now if a centrally located secretary and treasurer who would work heartily can be secured (say for secretary Jos. S. Davis and treasurer Only K. Carstarphen) our western brethern ought to be able to get up quite a large society and we wish them success.

The above issue of the *O. P.* is newsy, though it contains no solid articles. Friend Shepard thinks Editor Lowe of the *California Stamp* two sided, but he should remember many of the editorials in that paper are written in New York, and Mr. Lowe sees them for the first time in print which may account for the apparent discrepancy.

The *O. P.* is always a welcome visitor to our sanctum, for the reason that it is like the city it hails from, "breezy" and interesting.

The Texan Philatelist though seldom noted for the depth of wisdom it contains arrives quite regularly an is as lively as the proverbial Texas steer. We wish we could say the same of the *Lone Star State Philatelist* its next door neighbor, but Bradley is catching up slowly.

The little *Philatelic Literature Collector* again invades our sanctum with a short list of Pine Tree State collectors. It says "*The American Stamp* wants to sell out—where's Dodge?" Well for your benefit and the benefit of a few others we will tell you a little story. About 18 months ago we called on a young man about 17 years of age at Tacoma, N. H. who had just been released by the U. S. Court on the charge of defrauding dealers, (the case being proven). He had promised to dispose of his stamps and settle up his debts as fast as possible. About a year ago this young man wrote us that he had secured over 1200 paid up subscribers to his new paper which he was about to issue. Soon afterward it appeared and languished for a few months, and this young man (sometimes known as Arthur Augustus Thompson and sometimes as the American Stamp & Publishing Co.) wrote us offering the paper for sale saying he had 200 subscribers, and several thousand back numbers of the paper. We made him a proposition which he didn't accept as it implied money paid to us. On the same date he wrote two letters one to us pleading poverty as the reason he could not day a bill of $4.00 a year overdue, and one to a friend of ours saying he had an A1 stock of $1200 worth of stamps. He wrote our friend that his business had increased so that his business now occupied the whole block 15-17-19 Arch St. (a one and a half story cottage house on a back street where he lives with his widowed mother) and that he was about to take unto himself a wife. We notice this great Co. (?) is advertising stamps at $2.00 to $25.00 each in various papers, but we can't get any in payment for our debt.

Messrs. J. M. Bartels & Co. have favored us with a copy of the third edition of their plate number catalogue. It prices all four positions of the Bureau plates. For the plate number enthusiast it is well worth the price of 25 cents.

Also received Wolsieffer's catalogue of rare stamps to be sold at auction January 29th.

We have recently received a registered postal from Karl Lehner of Constantinople, Turkey, with direful threats if we do not immediately return a valuable (?) selection of stamps he sent us last August. He forgot to enclose return postage, and the lot was unsolicted, but we might have returned them nevertheless with some good U. S. had there been anything in his lot we could use, but alas we hunted in vain for a genuine stamp we could use among the lot cataloguing some $60.00. Counterfeit and forged surcharges galore. The stamps were mostly surcharged English, French, Austrian, German and Italian Levant. The scarce 40 paras on half penny English used on original cover was there, duly canceled with the proper postmark, but the surcharge a forgery. We wonder how many others were taken in by this adventurer.

For the first time in the history of this paper we go to press without our usual illustration on the front page, but perhaps under the circumstances we will be pardoned, especially as we give an additional article of interest.

New York Notes.

BY NASSAU.

It has been recently stated in the different daily papers published here that stamp collecting is on the wane, but these statements are not borne out by interviews with the various dealers in this city. While an unusual number of auction sales were held last season, it must be remembered that all the stamps were absorbed, and in many instances the parties who sold their collections will begin collecting again. The outlook seems to be very encouraging; at the last sale held by the J. W. Scott Co., a $5 State Department sold for $116.50. This stamp was in mint condition and never had a hinge on it. The buyer was Mr. C. W. Bowen, Providence, R. I., who attended the sale. Mr. W. Alexander Smith bought two stamps of Newfoundland paying about $90.00 each for them.

The principal philatelic societies here are now holding their annual elections. The Philatelic Society of New York which is looked upon as the premier society of the Western Continent held its election on Monday evening, December 20th. The Governing Committee elected for 1898 is as follows: President, J. M. Andreini; Vice-President, Wm. Alexander Smith; Secretary, Frederick Augustus Nast; Treasurer, Henry Clotz; Charles Gregory, Gilbert E. Jones, John W. Scott and William Thorne. The National Philatelical Society elected its officers on Tuesday evening, December 28th as follows: President, J. M. Andreini; Secretary, Dr. L. M Homburger; Treasurer, Max Meyenburg; Trustees, J. N. Luff, J. S. Rich, J. W. George and Geo. R. Tuttle. The Manhattan Philatelic Society will hold its election on Thursday evening, January 6th. The latter society has just issued a constitution which is very neat and is suitable for the pocket where it is very handy for reference when its members meet for business.

Messrs. R. F. Albrecht & Co., who have been located at No. 90 Nassau St., ever since the company was formed some years ago have removed to No. 127 Duane St., where they intend making a specialty of the souvenir postal card business in connection with their regular stamp business. Messrs. Albrecht & Co. were for several years one of the foremost concerns in holding auction sales, but as far as known they have not arranged any for this season.

The next auction sale to be held at the Collectors' Club will be by J. W. Scott Co. of the Collection of J. Oakley Hobby, Esq. This will be a two-night sale, January 12th and 13th, consisting of 906 lots, wholly foreign and principally unused.

The Collectors' Club gave its members and their friends an Xmas tree on the evening of December 29th. About thirty were present to receive their gifts, some of which were very amusing. A collation was served after the gifts were distributed, and all report a good time.

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Those of the above who have paid dues to Jan. 1st 1899 will receive their membership cards as soon as they are ready. Those who have not done so, should send the amount 25 cents, or better still 50 cents to Jan. 1st 1900.

I have received the following
APPLICATIONS
with accompanying references:

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I wish to urge each and every one who has not already done so to send in dues for the current year at once and without further notice, as the treasury is very much in need of funds. To keep matters moving along, I have had to meet many of the expenses from my own pocket and at the present time, there is some $50 to $60 due me. It will be remembered that I received no money from my predecessor, and I have paid every bill incurred by the Society, in addition to doing nearly all the work. I hope some more of our members will send me such an agreable surprise as I received from Bro. T. L. W. Poste, (6 paid-up applications.) See if YOU can't send in a few.

Yours for the S. of P.
J. F. Dodge, Sec'y.

REPORT OF COUNTERFEIT DETECTOR.
Alice, Texas, Dec. 28th 97.

Counterfeits of a most dangerous nature have been sent over here from Europe so frequently of late, that I wish to warn the members especially against the following:—
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I ask no fees for examination, but enclose a self-addressed envelope.
F. Noyes.

Sayresville, N. J., Jan. 16 1898.
To the members of the S. of P.,
The following additions have been received since my last report:—
For the Album, from Victor J. West, No. 1559, Bushnell, Ill. one set of seven varieties Venezuelan Stamps.
For the Library:—
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F. M. Townley, Librarian S. of P.

Concerning Stamp Hinges.

Have you ever taken it into consideration how much is lost and how much time is wasted by using home-made stamp hinges and not the hinges of manufacturers who thoroughly understand the business and have devoted years of time and labor to making a hinge that will peel when wanted and save all the original gum on unused stamps yet contain sufficient amount of adhesive properties to hold the stamps to albums or sheets, as the case may be.

The paper, gum and size are the particular parts of the hinge. Ninety percent of all collectors who make their own hinges, use common paper, ordinary mucilage and are not very particular as to the size of hinge and amount of mucilage used.

Hinges made in this way, in many cases do not stick at all but in the majority of cases they stick so fast that it is utterly impossible to remove the stamps from an old album (which perhaps is intended for a younger brother and would be more acceptable in good condition) to a new one without making a hole in the old album's page or leaving part of hinge stuck to it. Then the other part is still stuck to the back of the stamp, possibly an unused one.

How is the part to be removed without putting the stamp in water is a question? Of course, as soon as the stamp is put in water off comes the original gum as well as the annoying

hinge, which decreases it in value You may have tried to look at a watermark in a certain stamp, which is pasted in an Album with a home-made hinge. In most cases you cannot see it (watermark) on account of paper and mucilage of hinge, unless you remove stamp and soak the hinge off, which does not do the stamp any good.

Now if the hinges made by experienced manufacturers, which is within the reach of all collectors, were used, the watermark would be easily discernible without removing either hinge or stamp from the Album, and all the soaking of hinges from back of stamps, damaging both stamps and Albums from using poor hinges, could be avoided. Every philatelist would be benefited by it in the end and a great many rare stamps would be saved from damage. W. J. PORTER.

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I will give 25 good stamp papers for every old magazine sent me such as Scribner's, Century, Cosmopolitan, Munsey,s, Arena etc. Almost any taken. Good exchange. I will trade back if unsatisfactory. Send for want list in magazines. H. E. French, Box 489, Toledo, Ohia. I have a lot of magazines for sale, very cheap, too.

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Boston Letter.

A Philatelic "Blue Book," issued by the Merchants' Collecting Agency, Lowell, Mass., is a handy book for the dealer in philatelic supplies. It contains the names and addresses of some 150 persons who have swindled dealers and some of the names are pretty familar ones, too. Too much encouragement cannot be extended any individual or enterprise seeking to eliminate these barnacles from society.

The rumor that F. H. Pitman & Co. of this city are going out of business bears upon the face some evidence of truth. The Eastern Philatelist gives credence editorially to the rumor.

The celebration of the anniversary of the Boston Philatelic Society on February 15th was marked by a large and enthusiastic meeting. About 100 persons were in attendance. Secretary Toppan was in Buffalo, N. Y., and telegraphed greetings and regrets. Mr. A. W. Batchelder, who was absent on his western trip, had been the leading spirit in formulating the evening's entertainment, which consisted of an address by Mr. Francis Foster, an early day Boston collector, and a stereopticon lecture by Mr. John N. Luff of New York, on "Early Swiss forgeries." Both addresses were very much enjoyed, but the reminiscences of Mr. Foster were especially well relished. Hicks catered for the gathering in excellent shape.

Reference has been made to the desirability and feasibility of instituting a club here that will prove a model philatelic club. In fact, such a movement is taking active shape; but some of the dealers are opposed to the scheme. If the new club proposes to rely upon collectors for the means of subsistence it will be short lived, and if dealers boycott it its life will be equally short in duration. More anon.

The last meeting of the B. P. S. saw the following new propositions for membership: H. O. Rouillet, Albert Smith, Herbert Drake, Geo. R. Tuttle and C. B. Pratt. A committee consisting of Messrs. Phelps, Pitman and Coffin was appointed to bring in an entertainment at the March meeting.

Howard K. Sanderson of Lynn, a former liberal advertiser, has done little in the last three years. The Youths' Companion of recent dates shows he still appreciates the power of printers' ink.

B. L. Drew & Co. held their twenty-third sale on Thursday evening, February 24th, and was made up chiefly of stamps the property of F. H. Pinkham of Newmarket, N. H.

J. F. Johnson, the new superintendent of exchange of the B. P. S., is taking hold of the duties of his office in a manner that bespeaks success. BEACON.

New York Notes.

BY NASSAU.

The announcement that the postoffice had been secured by Messrs. J. G. Morgenthan & Co., together with the stock of the late Henry Gremmel, was well received by the collectors and dealers here, although the first number was not fully up to the standard. However, it must be remembered that Messrs. Morgenthan & Co., have been very busy getting their additional stock in order and can be pardoned for getting out an "emergency" number.

Two more auction sales are scheduled for the month of March. Mr. Geo. R. Tuttle, superintendent of Purchase and Sales Department of the American Philatelic Association, will hold one on Thursday evening, March 10th, and the J. W. Scott Co., will hold a two-night sale on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 15th and 16th. The latter sale consists of the collection of Mr. H. N. Terrett, Woodside, N. Y., over 900 lots, and is composed wholly of British colonials, all in very fine condition.

The Scott Stamp & Coin Co. held their first auction sale of the season on February 16th and 17th. As a whole, others. Those Iowa officers didn't do the prices ruled quite low. One lot consisted of an unused set of Columbian stamps, face value, $16.34; sold for $16. The owner of this set probably paid $16.34 for them five years ago; now sells them for 34 cents less than he paid for them, and also pays an auction fee of 20 or 25 per cent. for disposing them; so it is quite apparent that he met no Klondike by that transaction.

Mr. Gustave B. Calman, the well-known wholesale dealer, died at his home in this city on January 25th. He was about 38 years of age and had been dealing in stamps for over 20 years. Mr. Walter J. Ginity, another well-known stamp speculator, died of consumption recently, aged 30 years. Mr. Ginity was better known to the dealers of this city, and is credited with having made some great stamp finds, and it is said that only a short time before his death he unearthed some Baltimore provisional stamps. Mr. Charles W. Greening, at one time a well-known dealer, has been ill of comsumption for some time and has been admitted to the St. Luke Hospital. His recovery is doubtful. He was counterfeit detector for the Sons of Philatelia for several years and also published the Stamp.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the National Philatelical Society was held on February 22d, at 8 P.M. It was well attended and oddities were shown. Mr. Andreini showed his collection of Great Britain stamps with colonial cancellations, which was very interesting and unique. It is doubtful if another such collection of colonial cancellations exists in the United States.

Press Notes.

The Philatelic Messenger is having a spicy correspondence with the Canadian postoffice department, which not only denies the magazines free transportation, but also the privilege of reproducing stamp illustrations, not even excepting foreign stamps.

The Omaha Philatelist is putting forth great efforts for the organization of The Trans-Mississippi Philatelic Society, and it certainly deserves success.

Mekells Weekly and The Era seem to be devoting a great deal of space to a controversy regarding alleged crookedness of several well-known A. P. A. members. The S. of P. quarrels of past years can't hold a candle to the squabbles of their older A. P. A. brethren.

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EDITOR'S EASY CHAIR.

We have to apologize not only for being late, but also to literature collectors for adopting our new form. However, we believe all our readers will pardon the delay when they know that the editor spends more than half of each day in the open air on account of his health and the majority will also find the new form an improvement over the old.

There seems to be a war sentiment growing all over our country. Will sets of war department stamps be any more attractive to collectors?

The issue of Omaha stamps, excuse us, The Trans-Mississippi Exposition stamps, seems to be definitely decided upon, despite all the petitions to hinder John W. Scott (no one can ever tell on which side of the fence he will land on any new question that comes up) and A. R. Rogers are enthusiastic in support of the issue.

The Evening Journal of Muscatine, Iowa, is a bright little paper, but the issue of February 17th, recently received, is of more interest than usual, as by it we learn that the genial Joe F. Beard has taken unto himself a life partner to share his joys and sorrows. Here's wishing you, Joe, the happiness WE have enjoyed the past 19 years with none of the tribulations. And, by the way, Mrs. Beard is a philatelist and double congratulations are in order, and we hope Joe will get as much assistance from his better half as the writer has from his better seven-eighths.

Geo. R. Tuttle has favored us with a catalogue of his 9th sale, to take place at the Collectors' Club, New York City, March 10th. There are 465 lots and they embrace some good things.

The sad news of the death of Frank L. VanDermark, auction manager of the Sons of Philatelia, will be read with regret by his many friends, both in and outside of the old society. Mr. Van Dermark died on February 4th, of malarial fever, at his home, in Alden, Mich., aged 24 years, 11 months and 18 days. He was a printer by trade, and published a weekly paper known as The Alden Wave; also a small amateur paper known as The Little Wave, and was also engaged in the stamp business

as The Van Stamp Co. Straightforward and businesslike in all his dealings, he was highly esteemed by personal and business acquaintances.

Philatelic Facts for January is at hand, but outside of the advertisements we fail to see any philatelic facts or even philatelic news; but what purports to be a philatelic novel takes up most of the space.

A new paper, The Northwestern Philatelist, is announced by The N. W. Philatelic Publishing Co. of 2304 Cold Spring avenue, Milwaukee, Wisc. It will be same size page as this magazine, eight pages and cover, so we are informed.

A yellow envelope, containing a yellow circular, yclept "The Stampman," has blown into our sanctum. Its publisher probably has the liver trouble, judging by his jaundiced remarks, and this little circular is actually the official journal of The Colorado (formerly the Queen City) Philatelic Society. Weep for this select society. How have the mighty fallen!

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

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Without being partial to a new favorite, it is not too much to say that "The National Magazine" for February is one of the best ten-cent magazines published. It has handsomely illustrated articles on topics of lively interest, and some of the best fiction published. Every month sees an addition to the galaxy of young authors that are making the magazine as much sought after as any ten-cent magazine published.

One of our friends writes us of his experiences on a business trip as follows:

"Shortly after I wrote you last I went out on one of my trips. I got to G——, and as is my usual way, I 'did' the drug stores and found one that had never been 'touched.' I at last induced him to let me go through his stock. After going through one section and getting off about 50 fair ones, started on the second. While reaching for the top shelf, I rested my left hand on the shelf below, and it 'flopped' and it cost me an even $10 bill to settle up the damage. I have quit hunting drug stores for the 6c. proprietary."

We learn that The International Philatelist for March will contain a history of the S. of P. from the pen of R. M. Miller. What surprises us most is that Mr. Miller can find time to compile such a history.

The I. P. seems to have taken a new lease of life, and we hope Editor Beardsley will keep on improving it in quality and appearance.

The American Collectors' Company are now open for business, and have adopted an Exchange Department for the use of its members.

"The time of the singing of birds is come," and the editor's son picked a couple of dandelion blossoms on the 1st of March a few rods from the sanctum. We had a goodly number of philatelic visitors last season, who were highly pleased with the beautiful climate and scenery. The latch string hangs out. Make dates early in the season please.

New England visitors are reminded that the regular Sunday dinner of Boston Baked Beans, Brown Bread and New England Indian Pudding is re-

tained on the bill of fare since we became Quakers.

Advertisers should notice that, although our subscription list is nearly double what it was when we purchased this publication, we have reduced the advertising rates one third. We notice that nine out of every ten advertisers whose letters are published in other publications, telling what good results they had in that particular publication, have never placed an "ad" with the A. C. The moral is obvious.

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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

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Fellow Members;

It is with a sincere feeling of sorrow and grief that I announce to you the death of one of the officers of our beloved society. Bro. F. L. Van Dermark is no longer the Auction Manager of the Sons of Philatelia; he has eternally quitted the recreations that earth once knew, and, let us hope, has forever quit the enforced company of counterfeiters and cheaters, and is now no longer merely a citizen of land, but an inhabitant of God's own kindgom.

It may not be out of place to state here that the news came to me in a very solemn manner. In the last auction sale, I was a successful bidder. I was so notified. Ten days after my remittance was sent, I received the word that I was too late, my check returned with the intelligence which I have just given.

We are glad to report that quite a number of Res. V. Presidents have reported that they intend to be active in their duties hereafter. A good many have made no acknowledgement of appointment. One only has declined and that for good reasons. Res. V. Presidents; you can make make yourself a power in the S. of P. if you will work to that end. See what you can do.

In Jan. number of the Official Journal you will find the statement that the present Sec'y received no money from his predecessor. The report of the investigation now being made, will shortly be given in reference to this matter. It is now and has been for some time in the hands of the Trustees.

Shortly before the Auction Manager's death, he urged me to call attention to his department. In a previous issue you will find his statement of sales. It is really a shame that such a poor showing is made. Fellow members, look to these sales: from my own experience, I can tell you that you can often get wondrous bargains.

We trust that you will take these suggestions in the kindly spirit in which they are given. They are for your benefit and the Society which you belong to.

Faithfully your servant,
E. E. WEAVER, Pres.

NEW MEMBERS.

2022 Sverre Bergh, Lund Sweden.
2023 Robert Kessler, New Braunsfels, Texas.
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2031 E. J. Reulbach, 271 Farnsworth, St., " Mich.
2032 Isaac M. Bates, 536 Putnam Ave., " Mich.
2033 Howard G. Beck, City Controller's office " Mich.
2034 John Kay, 62 Selden Ave., Detroit, Mich.
2035 Fremont Woodruff, 44 Moffat Ave., Detroit Mich.

Those of the above who have paid their dues will have received their membership cards by the time this copy of the Official Journal reaches them. Those who have not done so should send the amount (25c to Jany 1st 1899) without further notice.

Special Notice.

Members are notified that dues for the current year should be paid at once without further notice. Each one can save the Secretary and Treasurer much trouble and annoyance and the Society the expense of postage by prompt remittance. Some have already done so as will be seen by list below. If your name does not appear in the list, your dues have not been received, or if sent to the treasurer, the secretary has not, up to the time of making this report, been notified of the same. The membership cards are being signed by the president and will be sent out promptly as soon

as received from him. If you pay a year or two in advance you will save yourself the trouble next year and help a depleted treasury.

Yours for the S. of P.
J. F. DODGE, Secy.

IS YOUR name on this list? If not, why not? The March number of the Official Journal is the last one that will be mailed to those whose dues are not paid. The Society cannot pay for your copy, if you do not pay your dues.

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107 Paul W. Gardner.
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1588 P. J. McLaughlin.

DEATH.

1156 Frank L. Van Dermark.

I have received the following APPLICATIONS with accompanying references:

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The above will be admitted in 30 days if no sufficint objections are received, and all having paid dues to Jan'y 1st, 1898, with the application will receive membership cards without delay.

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REPORT OF SALES. SUPT.

Value of books in Dept. last report	$2571.97
" " " received since	694.51
Total value books rec'd to date	3266.48
Value of book retired	521.16
	2745.32

STATEMENT OF INSURANCE FUND.

Cash on hand 8.37

There is room for more members to be placed on circuit. If you are not receiving books, just look the matter up and see if your dues for 1898 are paid, and if they are send me your name and let me place you on one of the circuits.

CHAS. E. SHAW, Supt. of Sales.

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1	R. M. Miller	1899
14	J. C. Miller	1900
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1600	J. F. Dodge	1900
1624	Barlow Moorhead	1901
1754	R. E. Prentiss	1900
1752	A. B. Morrill	1899
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1555	Rev. W. A. Carver	1900
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1849	G. R. Kennedy	1902
987	J. E. Sanders	1899
676	W. B. Craig	1902
1037	John Holt	1900
1850	Hezekiah Weed	1902
32	F. M. Townley	1902
855	Chas. E. Shaw	1902
1891	W. O. Bailey	1899
1633	J. M. Andreini	1902
1653	Chas. Wainwright	1899
206	J. H. White	1900
1995	Chas. D. Lowe	1899
1997	Mrs. Cnas. L. Taylor	1899
1607	R. J. Hummell	1899
1656	T. M. Drossner	1900
254	Geo. M. Frame	1902
1611	A. Loewit	1900
839	H. E. Deats	1899
416	J. A. Wainwright	1900
2001	R. B. Bradley	1899
1500	L. T. Reckard	1899
1649	B. A. Wilson	1899
1520	W. H. Henley	1899
1774	J. L. Sheetz M. D.	1899
1403	M. E. Carroll	1899
1720	S. E. Wardwell	1899
1344	T. H. Gafford	1900
946	E. A. Wood	1899
1862	F. Norton	1899
953	E. R. Slater	1900
631	J. M. Chappell Jr.	1900
1299	J. C. Chappel	1899
1399	E. F. Stone	1899
1315	C. D. Mecutchen	1899
2009	Wm. Lilliendahl	1902
1650	S. B. Boyd, M. D.	1900
1587	Henry Fenton	1901
556	Paul Allen M. D.	1899
1349	Hiram Browne	1900
221	E. E. Weaver	1899
1364	Georges Carion	1899
1086	L. D. Pfender	1899
2015	J. C. Cuenod	1899
2016	J. F. Smith	1899
2017	A. S. Russell	1902
1534	J. M. Hubbard	1899
1981	H. A. Chapman	1899
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1747	Oscar Gardelin	1899

105 R. J. Russell, M. D. 1900
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2006 J. N. Merrill, Jr. 1899
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2022 Sverre Bergh 1899
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1323 Jno W. Willy 1902
197 N B Nelson 1899
2008 Otto Zoli 1899
1872 R. C. Bach 1899
1654 Chas. F. Longley 1899
1961 B. Blumenthal 1899
984 Geo. H. Saxe 1899
1167 Miss E. T. Barclay 1899
1559 Victor J. West 1899
1583 Harae I. Phipps 1899
1958 L. F. Hinds 1899
1967 Nathan Beiber 1902
61 Robt. A. McCulloch 1893
1829 Jas. W. Hart 1899
1885 W. H. Weisman 1899
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2032 Isaac M. Bates 1899
2033 Howard C. Becker 1899
2034 Jno Kay 1899
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1709 Chas. A. Nippell 1899
1164 Geo. F. Mack 1899
168 Wm. E. Nuglee 1899
1645 Chas. Tressel 1899
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A COMMITTEE OF ONE.

BY S. A. D. COX.

It is my opinion that we, as collectors, and as having the good of our hobby at heart, do not do as much as we might to interest others in the pastime. We are too miserly—too prone to go on about our business of gathering the beautiful and interesting labels and to say nothing to anyone regarding the pastime, when, if we would only take the trouble to speak of it to our friends and tell them what a pleasure the pastime is, and how it may be made profitable as well as pleasant, our ranks would soon be much better filled than at present. In a word, I think each and every collector should constitute himself a "committee of one" to try and secure new recruits for the ranks of Philately, and he should keep constantly and steadily at it, until he has gotten the majority of his friends interested, or until he has brought the hobby to their notice, at any rate, and has explained the pleasures and benefits that are to be derived from collecting; then, if some of those spoken to, and worked with, do not choose to become collectors, it will of course be impossible to force them to; nor would any one wish to do this if one could; there will be enough that will be taken with the hobby and go to collecting, anyway, and our work will not be thrown away by any means.

It may be that there are some among us who are selfish, and who think that if we go to work and get others to collect, we will have just that many more to contend with, and that it will lessen our own chances of making finds, etc., but this is a mistaken idea, for two heads are always better than one, and by working together, two or three collectors may often devise ways and means whereby the old accumulations of correspondence of some party or parties in the locality may be gotten at and the stamps and envelopes secured to and saved for Philately where one would be baffled completely, and fail utterly. Then the new recruits will know of places where good stamps may be found, that you would not know of and thus new fields will be opened up, and more stamps secured, and by exchanging with each other you will be enabled to secure many varieties that otherwise you would have had to buy, thus effecting an actual money saving. Don't be afraid; get all you can to join our ranks. Every new recruit will be a benefit, and never a detriment.

You will find that you can do good work among boys, and you will have no difficulty in interesting many of your young friends in the pastime. Give them a few of your duplicates; you can well afford to do this. And give them all the information in your power as well; and, most important of all, if they should happen to unearth some rare specimens, do not under any circumstances, "exchange" with them, and thus secure for your own collection a few good specimens—at

the cost, nine times out of ten, of a recruit to our ranks; for sooner or later, if they keep on collecting, and study stamps, and read up on them, these young collectors will realize that they disposed of some good specimens too lightly, and will become disgusted and discouraged, and may drop out and quit collecting, where had you explained to them that the specimens were rare and valuable, and that they were in great good luck, the young collectors would have been so delighted with their good fortune, that they would have become delighted with a pursuit that affords such opportunities, and would have become permanent additions to the ranks, and remained steadfast to the end. Now, please do not misunderstand me as insinuating that you would do this thing; there are, I am confident, but few collectors who would do this, and these few would do it unthinkingly, saying to themselves, "What's the difference; he doesn't know the value of the stamps, and will probably drop collecting soon, anyway," and what I wish to do is to impress it upon the mind of these unthinking ones that from the standpoint even of individual aggrandizement they are standing in their own light in doing this, for the reason that, as stated, nine times out of ten the young collector will be driven from the ranks when he realizes how he has been treated, thus reducing the number of collectors and the number of possible buyers of stamps in the future. The greater the number of people who wish a thing, the greater the thing's value; so with stamps; every new recruit to the ranks increases the value of our own collection. So get all you can to join us, and do nothing to in any way discourage one who has once started; rather go out of your way to encourage him, and help him.

And do not confine your efforts to boys; you will find that you will be successful in interesting men quite as often as boys. The ranks number hundreds of grown men of all classes and representing all trades and professions, and the number of collectors who have grown gray in the pursuit are as numerous as the leaves in Fall-time. There is something about the pursuit that commends and recommends it to adults as well as boys and youths, and the lawyer, the doctor, the merchant, the clergyman—everyone will listen respectfully while you explain regarding the pastime, and none will laugh at you; in fact, many will at once begin a collection, and those who do not start to collecting will become interested to that extent that they will open up their old correspondence to you, and tell you to take all the stamps and envelopes you find that you desire.

The fact is that when you succeed in getting any one to start a collection of stamps, you are doing him a great kindness; you are putting him in the way of great and long-continued enjoyment; you are starting him in a pursuit that not only gives enjoyment and pleasure without stint, but that in the end, (unlike many other pursuits that cost considerable as you go along, and are almost a dead loss at the end) returns to you all you have paid out, and considerably more. You are doing those whom you start a kindness, as I have said, and you will always be kindly remembered.

Constitute yourself "a committee of one," and go forth determined to do all you can to increase the number of collectors. You will never regret it.

REMINISCENCES OF AN OLD-TIMER.

BY CHARLES E. JENNEY.

In the large cities of the East it is not uncommon to find collectors who have followed their hobby more or less continuously for thirty years or more and whose recollections cover episodes which are simply hair-raising to us of a later generation. But to find such a person astray in this wild wooly Western country is of rare occurrence and I think it may interest some to hear some of his experiences. I do not give the name of this collector but doubtless some of the older collectors may remember him as he was at one time evidently well-known to the fraternity.

He was a little old man, yet small as he was his clothes were too small for him. He wore glasses, from behind which a pair of bright, dark eyes peeped out from under shaggy eyebrows. His forehead was pronounced,—even bulging and altogether his appearance denoted a student and hermit.

I had a small frame of stamps in the office window and that had attracted his eye and he came in to ask for the stamp man. On my introducing myself, he fumbled around in his pockets and finally produced a long package of stamps, about 500 or 600 nicely tied up. He wanted an offer. They were all three cents of 1851, 1856 and 1861. I did not care for them but made a suitable offer and supposed I was through with him. But no, —he produced an envelope from another pocket, saying that there were some better stamps. "Just make me an offer. You can have them cheap, but I know the value of them. I am an old philatelist." Then while I was examining them he told me something of himself. He was a miner from Sonoma County. Had been shut up there in a miner's camp in the mountains for a number of years. I saw at once that his ideas of stamp values was a correct one but as he had not kept posted for the last two or three years he was a little behind the times. The lot of stamps was quite a good one. There were 100 or more, mostly of the 1856 to 1870 issues from which the common varieties had been picked out. Among the lot was an 7 cent 1872 unused, national print and there were a number of other good stamps. We finally made a trade and as he was satisfied with the bargain he warmed up a little and told me he had a lot of old envelopes with rarities on them in his trunk up at the camp that he would send me when he went back and he told me some of his collecting experiences in the 70's back in New York state. He seemed well acquainted with J. W. Scott whom he spoke of as J. W. I showed him a copy of a weekly stamp paper and he was interested and took it away with him to read and thereafter turned up every week for a long time to get the latest paper and read it. On some of these occasions he would talk a little, some of the things he had read in the paper calling up memories to him. Although of course there were many things new to him after being shut off from communication with the world yet he took everything intelligently and showed that he had once been a thoroughly posted philatelist.

He was at one time in the employ of a paper-manufacturing firm in New York that bought up on contract from the Government the waste paper from all the post-offices

in the country. These lots of paper came in to them in great mail sacks. It was shortly after the Post-office stamps were issued and my friend who was a collector at that time and who also picked up a good many duplicates that he sold or traded to the dealers in the city, saw an opportunity before him when he found the Post-office department stamps of all values coming in these sacks of waste-paper. He gathered a great quantity of them before he tried to dispose of them, then went around to J. W. Scott and asked him what he would give him for them. "J. W. was greatly pleased and rubbed his hands and told me he would give me 25 cents a hundred. I asked him if he would give me that for all I could get. He told me yes. So I produced 10,000 and he paid me for them. The next day I came back with 20,000 and he paid me for them. He paid up so well that I thought my market was sure so the next time I took 100,000. That kind of staggered J. W. He said he expected I might bring him 20,000 or 30,000 but 100,000 a day was going a little too fast for him. Well, I told him if he would pay me as he agreed to for this lot that I would let up on him and furnish them to him after that for fifteen cents per hundred just as they came, all values. He agreed to this and in all I probably delivered him over half a million. I also had a contract with one of the New York dealers before this to take all the 1847 5 cents at two cents each and the ten cents at ten cents each which I considered a very good price. The New York post-office stamps I sold at ten cents each. Locals used to be very common in those days. That was before they were of much value and before the counterfeits and reprints began to be made. I discovered one of tne first Brattleboro stamps and had some correspondence with Rothschild with regard to it and a New Haven stamp that I also found. I have the letters yet. A great many of the St. Louis stamps passed through my hands although I never found one of the 20 cents. Yes, if I close up a deal for selling my mine,—I am down here now on that business—and settle down where I can get my mail regularly I shall subscribe to several philatelic papers and probably commence collecting again. I have a six-pence Canada on the cover. Oh, collecting stamps is a great pastime. Yes, it is very interesting,—very interesting."

Messrs. Williams & Co. of Lima, Peru have written us as follows regarding postal emissions of Peru, and their letter was franked with the 1, 2, and 5c of the new issue mentioned and the 1c "Franqueo":

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EDITOR'S EASY CHAIR.

This is another emergency number but we trust it will be and improvement in every way over the last issue. It is gotten out under great difficulties and we trust our readers will overlook its shortcomings.

In our last issue we published the news of the arrest and subsequent escape of Herman Kaiser, *alias* Wolle Fischer, etc., (in advance of any other monthly publication) but in our rush we omitted to mention that the news of the escape was kindly sent us by Mr. H. C. Crowell and we trust he will pardon the omission.

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New publications seem to be popping up. *The Tennessee Philatelist* is a very creditable first number emanating from Knoxville, the philatelic centre of Tennessee, though far from the geographical centre being near the boundary line of North Carolina. Chas. L. McNutt of Knoxville, is the business manager, and Ben M. Carpenter of Memphis (at the other end of the state) is the editor, and we think Chas. P. Galyan is the printer. It is 8 pages and cover and published at 25 cents per year.

The revived *Ontario Philatelist* is very neat typographically and its contents are up to date, and we hope editor Widdicombe will keep it so.

We haven't seen the weekly *Metropolitan Philatelist* yet but understand it will be out soon.

Chas. W. Grevning, an old member of the S. of P. and its former counterfeit detector died of consumption on March 15th, at St. Lukes Hospital, New York City. He had been ill for about three years. He formerly lived in New York City, later at Morristown, N. J., where he published *The Stamp*. Then he went to Denver, Colo., and returning last summer to New York lived with his mother at 203 ave. B. until a few weeks before his death, when he was removed to the hospital. He was a quiet unassuming young man, and leaves a pleasant memory in the minds of those who knew him. He was about 35 years of age at the time of his death.

In our last issue 2 lines dropped out in an Editorial note and a partial "pi" of the rest of it, made it rather unintelligible. What it should have read was to the effect that E. B. Horn, Dan. E. Hazen and others were endeavoring to resurrect the L. of A. P. which was killed by those Iowa politicians, but that a brilliant exception to his Iowa brethren was Mr. John Arbtin the Exchange Supt., who under great difficulties built up a successful department.

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"	2c black		12
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"	3c blue		01
"	6c "		40
"	10c yellow	3 50	65
"	12c green		40
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"	2c brown		08
"	3c green		01
"	6c side of sheet and no perfs at right side		1 25
1872	1c National		05
"	2c "		02
"	10c "		08
"	12c "		25
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WHAT IS PERFECTION IN A COLLECTION.

BY EVERY PAGET.

Decided as many ways as this question has been, it is an easy matter to express an off-hand opinion, but a backward review would perhaps cause a change in that opinion.

The early stages of philately may have admitted of a few, aye a very few, possessing a practically complete collection of postage stamps up to and including that time and age. As the years rolled by, however, it became more and more difficult, and now it is a practical impossibility to get a complete collection. The reason is very obvious. Year by year, notwithstanding death's ravages, the ranks of stamp collecting are enlarging. The number of some denominations of stamps issued are very limited, and the increased demand naturally rocks prices to sleep. Upon their awakening they soar upward, and remain there.

Again a collection as complete as mortal man can make it, up to and including the issues of 1860 or 1870 would not be a complete collection of that period now. Various varieties, errors and the like, undreamed of perhaps at that time have crept out and would necessarily be included to make a complete collection of that year, now.

Then again, the yearly loss by fire is taking away many specimens, making their number smaller and smaller. Someday exposure and other means will have practically ruined many stamps. While of the few issued of some of the rare varieties, the perfect copies are very much less in number as a rule.

Perfection is largely a matter of individual opinion. Some collectors start out with a definite goal in view and if they reach it they are satisfied. Their collection is complete in their own eyes.

Specialists struggle to complete a collection of stamps of their own country. When they get this completed, if they are lucky enough to do so, it is, or it is not perfection in their eyes. They may desire to stop here. They may desire to go on to something else. If they choose to go on, as a matter of fact, completion, according to their ideas, has not yet been attained.

Perfection in stamps is about like perfection in riches. No one can expect to hoard away all the money in existence. Some set their traps for a certain sum, others strive on to get all they can.

In philately, neatness is a great and crowning glory. Be neat and tidy. Keep good stamps—not damaged or soiled ones. If it is not possible to get perfect copies, then, of course, procure the best obtainable. Fix them up as neatly as you are capable, and keep them where you will know where to go without a moment's hesitation.

Keep your duplicates in a nice dry place. Protect them as you would your own collection. It It is your duty to protect stamps for your future friends or patrons (they will likely be their property someday) in proper condition. Stamps are growing rarer. A number are annually lost by fire and the like. We should strive to keep as

many of those as left in good condition as possible.

Keep your stamp room clean and free from dust. Don't allow a draft to pass over your stamps when they are exposed. You may unconsciously loose or damage some of them. Stamps can't endure forever, so always bear that in mind and be as instrumental as you can in fixing them in such a shape that they will be preserved as long as possible.

He who has a fair sized collection kept scrupulously clean and neat may be far nearer perfection than one who has more stamps, but who keeps them in a reckless slipshod manner. As we have all of us often remarked: "Quality rather than Quantity" is a quite frequent winning point. The collection of seven thousand stamps may possess more varieties than one of ten thousand stamps.

We can only go on following our own idea, leaning after our own standard, striving for that individual perfection. It is always best to have some goal, and strive hard to reach it. Do we not remember that old saying that reads something like this: "A ship without a destination scarcely ever reaches port" also the one "The ship that was never sent out will never return." Strive hard to reach your acme of perfection. Your collection may never be complete; it is very improbable it ever will be, but there is that fondness and satisfaction in knowing we have at least reached the point we started out to attain.

AS SEEN IN CANADA.

W. J. PORTER.

There is a very interesting article by Orville J. Victor in February's *Forum*, calling attention to the great loss the United States Government is sustaining each year through the Post Office Department amounting to many million dollars. The following are two very good suggestions made by Mr. Victor which he thinks if carried out will turn this loss into profit. In the first he suggests that if in the transmission of mail the government owned their own cars, and simply paid the railways for haulage and expedition as all the great express companies and a vast number of shippers have done for years. The saving along this line would assuredly be enormous. In the second place he suggests that if the ninety-eight and one half million pounds of franked and free matter and thousands of newspapers, now accorded free use of the post in their respective counties were made to pay, a great accession to the postal receipts would be the result.

Mr. E. F. Loud, chairman of the House committee on Post Offices and Post-Roads makes this astonishing admission after his bill was slain, in the House during the first session of the 54th congress—I desire to say, that after a thorough and careful investigation it is my fixed and deliberate conviction that if a private corporation or individual had charge of the Post Office Department business they could and would give the people the same postal facilities as now enjoyed, and would make a net profit annually of from 30 to 35 million dollars.

I doubt not in the least that many readers have their own ideas on this subject and of such kind, if properly brought before the eyes of the government they would cause something to be done for the better, and it is to be hoped that a step in the right direction will be taken at a near date. The government, in the

fiscal year of 1896 paid to one company $203,580, for transporting the Cuban and Mexican mail 203,580 statute miles while the amount realized from postage thereon was only $3.590.

The assumed deficit for the year ending June 30, 1897, was 11,471,-000, an increase over the deficit of 1896 of 3,284,000. It may be readily conceived that if this annual deficit is allowed to run on much longer it will end in a climax.

Lucky indeed would be the person who possessed the Law stamps I saw in the old Court House, Toronto, recently. Lying in confusion around a room was stacks upon stacks of old documents dated back in the sixties and seventies affixed to each document, was from 1 to 20 Ontario law stamps of various rare colors and denominations, all are going to be destroyed when the court is moved to the near City Hall, which is nearing completion. There being such a quantity of these stamps no doubt if they were once circulated among collectors the catalogue prices would be greatly reduced.

At the annual meeting of the British Empire League recently held in one of the committee rooms in the House of Commons Ottawa, addresses by speaker Betts of the North West Legislature and Rev. Principal Grant favoring a reduction in postage between different parts of the Empire were delivered.

A resolution favoring the reduction was entusiastically adopted. The Hon. Mr. Mulock, Postmaster General, said the Postmaster General of England assured him that advanced grounds had been taken on the subject. Mr. Mulock said he hoped the forthcoming conference would be able to federalize the rates of postage of the empire.

The Hamilton Stamp Club, in affiliation with the Dominion Philatelic Association, has rented a spacious and commodious club room in in the central part of the city. This will be a boon for the D. P. A. convention there this year and is looked forward to with pleasure by all the members.

On the application list for membership of Dominion Philatelic Association I noticed the names of Richard R. Brown, the prominent dealer, and Matthew R. Knight, publisher of the *Philatelic Messenger*, so noted for not being able to obtain second class postage rates. All Canadian collectors should be members of this society. In union there is strength.

As hitherto the three denominations of the new envelopes the Government are about to issue will be 1c, 2c, 3c. There will be but one size only. No. 2 or probably a larger envelope will be used. A reduction in the cost of the envelopes to 10c per hundred has been made and a further concession granted the public by supplying without extra cost whenever preferred a blank form of request for the return of the letter should it not be delivered in a specified time. As yet I am unable to state whether there will be a change in the color or not. Each denomination will be put on sale at the different post offices as soon as the corresponding denomination of the present issue is respectively exhausted.

(We notice Mr. Knight advertises in *Mekeel's Weekly* that he hassince been granted free transmission for his bright publication, *The Philatelic Messenger*.—Ed).

THE PESSIMISTS OF PHILATELY.

BY S. A. D. COX.

There are many collectors in the ranks who look at things philatelic through smoked glasses—who imagine there is some dire disaster brewing for our delightful hobby, and who in their love for our pastime and solitude for its welfare keep crying out in terror, "Philately is Doomed," and fly around like a chicken with its head cut off in wild and incoherent endeavor to do something to avert the threatened disaster.

To do these collectors justice, they are ardent, honest and sincere philatelist, and as I have said, love our hobby, and it is because of their love for collecting that they become fearful and excited. The trouble is that they belong to a hysterical, hypochondriacal class, and cannot well help their feelings and fears. They should learn to control them, however, and should study to keep from expressing their gloomy thoughts and forebodings in a manner to do injury to our pastime—for they can and do do considerable injury to it in this very manner, by instilling their views into the minds of young collectors, and causing them to become doubtful of the propriety of continuing in the work of collecting. "What will be the use," these young collectors ask themselves, "of going ahead and spending time and money in the amassing of a fine collection, if the entire fabric of Philately is going to be rent into pieces shortly?" They will ask themselves questions like this, and many of them will quietly drop collecting and be lost to the ranks forever. So I say to you who are hypochondriacally inclined, and who are prone to look upon the dark side of things, brace up and take a more cheerful view of matters. If you really think there is danger ahead for Philately, show your patriotism and your allegiance by really doing something to aid in averting danger. First, stop talking ruin and dire disaster, and if you can not talk cheerfully and hopefully of the future, at least say nothing. Don't says things that will work harm, and help bring about the very state you deprecate. Do not be like the men who stand around on the streets and grumble, and when some stranger comes to them and asks them if the town they live in would not be a good town to locate in, a good place to start in business in, etc., they reply that it is not a good place to live in at all, and that if a man were to start in business he would fail in three months—don't be like these men who run their own town down, which they should brag up with might and main; don't say there is no future for Philately; don't tell the young collector that there is no use beginning to collect, that people are going to quit collecting and that Philately is going to the dogs—don't do this. Be hopeful for the future, and say that Philately is all right, and thus be helpful—but as I said before, if you can't do this, say nothing.

Another thing you could do to help avert this threatened (?) disaster would be to go to work and get young men to begin collecting. If you will get a few started, and your fellow collectors will all do the same, the increase in numbers of collectors will aid much to help Philately to retain the position it now occupies of monarch of all hobbies or pastimes. Just think how much good you could do, if you

only would. Do it. Don't sit around and feel, look and talk blue; get up and hustle, and help make matters philatelic lively. You can do it if you will. It is almost criminal negligence if you don't.

Then there is no serious trouble ahead for Philately. Such talk is idle—absurd. Philately has stood the test of time; it has grown, constantly, steadily, and will keep on growing more and more in favor. There will be no retrograde movement; certainly no sudden, terrible disaster. There is no need—absolutely none, of crying "philately is doomed" for it isn't. For that matter, if there is any trouble threatened for Philately it is from its friends; Philately occupies the same position of the man who said, "Save me from my friends!" You can not kill the pastime by talking ruin and disaster, but you can hurt it, stunt it, retard its growth. Don't do this. Instead, dig around the roots; loosen up the dirt; kill the grubs; help make the tree of Philately attain a healthy, hardy growth, so that it may bring forth good, healthful fruit.

Thousands of people in the different countries of the world receive pleasure, and great pleasure, from the pastime of stamp-collecting. They take pride in their collections as a whole, and in single rare specimens that they have been enabled to secure by purchase or as a result of their own efforts. They collect because they love the pastime, and they will continue to collect. Don't be afraid; Philately is founded on the rock; it will stand—for all time. You will never lose anything through deterioration in the value of your collection, unless it is made up of stamps purchased when the "boom" of each particular variety was at its height—and I hope there is not a collector living who makes a practice of buying "boomed" stamps. To do that would result in the discouragement of almost anyone; to buy stamps at $3.00 to $5.00 each that ultimately go down to 75c. or a dollar, their real level, and remain there, would knock any collector out—but no well-informed collector buys his stamps in this way. And most collectors are well-informed.

In a word, and to sum up, the collectors who are crying, "Philately is Doomed!" remind me of nothing so much as of the non-bicycling pedestrian who in attempting to cross a street, sees a bicyclist bearing down upon him, and begins making herculean efforts to keep out of danger (?) by leaping this way and that in a manner to put to shame the best efforts of the liveliest jumping-jack that ever came off Christmas tree, and succeeding only in confusing the cyclist to such an extent that perhaps a collision results, when if he had stood still, or gone steadily and calmly on his way, the cyclist would, at just the proper moment, have swerved gracefully out with the sweep of the skilled skater, and passed around the pedestrian and onward without a waver or the least suggestion of a mix-up. So with the collectors; if they will go steadily on their way, there will never be the least suggestion of a cloud in the Philatelic sky; but if, like the pedestrian, they will persist in seeing danger where there is none and trying to avoid it, they will as likely as not, by and through their foolish mental and vocal gymnastics, cause more or less of trouble though, as I have said, Philately is on altogether too solid a foundation to ever receive serious or lasting damage from this or any other source.



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EDITOR'S EASY CHAIR.

Our advertisers have some good things to offer in this number. Mr. Odiorne is a new name to some of our readers, but he is an all around good fellow and will use you right. Everybody knows Crowell and all about his bargains and blank approval books and as for J. C. Miller, his advertisements get more attention than our editorials, so it is useless to call attention to them, and there are others *qui vide*.

Our old friend John Arbtin of Des Moines, Iowa, intends travelling this summer and will make us a visit. We hope when he gets here, he will decide to settle down in this pleasant little town.

By the way Mr. Shaw has sent us one of his unique paper weights. You will want one too.

The genial "Bob" Miller was our guest a few days ago. His general store is keeping him extremely busy, and he has little time for things philatelic.

He says the report that he was to write a history of the S. of P. for the *International Philatelist* was a "false alarm" Editor Beardsley wanted him to do it, but he wrote him that he hadn't the time.

Another emergency number, but still in our efforts to catch up we can't seem to get the size down to a four page sheet.

As we write, the country is on the verge of war and we want to get a little ahead of time if possible, as perhaps our services may be needed in some capacity or the printers be obliged to shut up shop for want of help.

The Home Worker has been absorbed by the new Tennessee Philatelist, and Knoxville, with its lively quota of philatelists is still represented.

By the way we had a pleasant letter from Chas. Waring a few days ago (enclosing 4 years S. of P. dues) and he takes exception to that

S. of P. ad on the front cover. Well, we would say that Mr. Waring knows how to conduct a sales department, and the Southern Philatelic Association had in him a model officer.

Bogert & Durbin's 101st sale at their N. Y. store on April 23rd comprising 555 lots.

R. F. Albrecht & Co., special catalogue No. 5 of stamps at fixed prices is out and closes July 1st 1898, listing 707 lots mostly single stamp.

Messrs. Albrecht & Co. have disposed of their large stock to The American Collectors Co., and will hereafter do only a brokerage and commission business.

The latter company seem to be gathering in stocks of stamps from time to time, and announce that they can supply all classes of collectors.

Leon V. Cass of McGraw, N. Y., sends us circulars of his Bonanza Packet and Packet No. 22 which appear to be of good value.

Gazzolo & McNally, 95 Astor-st., Chicago, Ill., announce *The Chicago Advertiser*, a paper devoted exclusively to advertisers of stamps and and stamp accessories.

The Weekly Metropolitan Philatelist is an agreeable visitor and we wish it continued success. It is a wonder New York has existed so long without such a publication.

The Perforator, unable to obtain second class rates has been sold to John W. Stowell, Federalsburg, Md. The April number just at hand is hardly up to the last issue in appearance. It is now edited by a lady, and of course, newsy and gossipy.

By the way, Mr. Stowell advertises to insert the same advertisements that appear in this paper in the *Perforator* at 50 per cent off our rates. Our rates for a page for 3 issues cash in advance (his terms) are $7.50 which makes it $3.75 in his, or $1.25 a page. We are willing to give him this free advertisement.

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"What do you mean?" he enquired.

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I trust that the members will take a little more interest in adding to our ranks and to stimulate the efforts of all. I have arranged a few

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Now lets see if we can't have a good batch of applications. The offers are open to all and cost the society nothing, but let each member watch the interests of the society by sending in applications of reliable collectors as those refused admittance will not be counted.

Yours fraternally
J. F. DODGE, Secretary.

OUR FINANCES.

Up to date of going to press the treasurer has not sent his report. I would say however that the amount received since last report by secretary and treasurer up to April 1st was $44.97 nearly all of which has been paid out, and a few other bills outstanding. The amount of $35.43 advanced by me to the society previous to Nov. 1st, 1897 is still due me. We need stationery and I trust our delinquent members will send in dues promptly.

Yours fraternally,
J. F. DODGE, Sect'y.

(Treasurer Frame has been ill.

Special Notice.

Members are notified that dues for the current year should be paid at once without further notice. Each one can save the Secretary and Treasurer much trouble and annoyance and the Society the expense of postage by prompt remittance. Many have already done so. The membership cards will be sent promptly as your dues are received. If you pay a year or two in advance you will save yourself the trouble next year and help a depleted treasury. J. F. DODGE.

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"	2c brown		08
"	3c green		01
"	6c side of sheet and no perfs at right side		1 25
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"	2c "		02
"	10c "		08
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IS PHILATELIC JOURNALISM BECOMING YELLOW.

BY FRA MOREALE.

We have been hearing a great deal about yellow journalism lately, especially since the war commenced. The staid old Associated Press has warned the public to beware of the papers of the jaundice hue in a manner worthy of Weller, Sr. on widows, and most of us have come to the conclusion that the old maid is not so very far wrong in her contentions regarding much of the "news" turned out by the yellow dailies. People don't appreciate a mountain of sensation based on a molehill of fact. Few have been in evidence to defend the methods of some of the exponents of latter day journalism. The editor of the American *Review of Reviews* may excuse the sensationalism of our papers with the comforting suggestion that Americans make due allowance for exaggeration; however, that does not make the offense of the yellow ones smaller. From all of which it may be taken that yellow journalism is not a thing to be admired, much less imitated.

It could hardly be expected that it should be claimed that this undesirable development should have entered into the comparatively quiet field of philatelic journalism, (I say "comparatively" because the philatelic knights of the pen do occasionallytindulge in some lively, though harmless, little tilts.) That it has, however, seems to be the opinion of at least one philatelic writer, the New York correspondent of "Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News," who in denying the assertion that fifteen members of the Collectors' Club had enlisted as volunteers comes out thus:

"This in view of the statement of a New York correspondent to a yellow philatelic journal that fifteen from the Club have enlisted. Aloysius' private sources of information may not be as reliable as hearsay after all."

It is evident from this that Mr. Gregory believes in the existence of the philatelic yellow journal and in the plurality of the class. Must we accept this view of the degeneracy of *fin de siecle* stamp writings, or can we still say, "All's well?" In the writer's estimation the case is not so bad and the yellowness, if it exists at all, is not very harmful.

The Perforator, the yellow one above referred to, surely does not deserve the title. 'Tis a gossipy sheet, but fancy a yellow journal edited by one of the gentler sex! *Fi Donc*, M. Gregory. And imagine Mr. Chapman or Miss Swift getting up scare headlines! Of Ashcroft I am not so sure. He is near the contaminating influence of the metropolis, but will do nothing worse than trying to convert the U. S. Government to Seebeckism, or something of that sort. Aloysius' fantasy about the Clubmen must be credited to the war excitement, which naturally causes everything to be seen in the largest dimensions. Perhaps, Aloysius is very patriotic and the wish was father to the thought. If so, he should not have banked on Clubmen. The hardships of a campaign in Cuba, or even a summer excursion to Manila

are not for mortals accustomed to Clubs, philatelic or other.

But if not the *Perforator*, are there others? There's the *Pennsy*, but then Napoleon is not like other mortals. He may do as he pleases. Beardsley's "International" might be mentioned. The top of the front cover is emblazoned after the fashion of the 10c. magazines with the title of the leading article within. That is hardly yellow journalism, though. Beardsley might run a philatelic "Journal," but he has not done so yet, (no uncomplimentary pun intended.) *The Stampman* —we cannot deny that it is yellow, but is it so in any other respect than color?

The weeklies sometimes come forward with startling tales of the seamy side of philatelic life, the capture or escape of some philatelic black sheep, forger, faker or thief. Those approach the disagreeable journalism of the day as nearly as anything we have, and they are generally copied.

So really, even if we have many faults, fiction, poetry and other tommyrot, philatelic yellow journalism we have not.

NEWS FROM MASSACHUSETTS.

I received a letter from Gordon Ireland, Springfield, the other day in which he told me that things were quiet in Springfield. The club has suspended operations until the fall when a fresh effort will be made to revive flagging interest.

The state convention of the Prohibition party to be held in Worcester this month will have a philatelist as chairman of the committee on platform in the person of Frank M. Forbush, a prominent young attorney.

The May Boston Philatelic Society meeting was remarkable for what it did not accomplish. Practically the only business transacted was the authorizing of the sending of resolutions of sympathy to the family of the late Jos. F. Beard. Ammendments were filed looking to the extension of the sales department giving the superintendent wider latitude. The social part of the club meeting seemed to be keenly relished. Willard O. Wylie gave a short travel talk, F. P. Richardson exhibited some English caricatures and refreshments were served. The committee for the June meeting consists of Messrs. Richardson, Harris and Lombard.

The Boston special of the *Weekly Metropolitan* while not fully representative of the trade was nevertheless a creditable issue. Though editorial comment may be made elsewhere we cannot refrain from mentioning the fact that Edw. L. Smiley of Milford performed the "writing-up."

The current *Stamp Book* brings news of the withdrawal of Geo. L. Toppan from the reporting of auction sales. This is a matter of deep regret as Mr. Toppan's work in this line has been unsurpassed and few can equal him.

Trade is dull! This goes without saying. Mr. Pitman out in Sommerville, Mr. Flagg off to war, one or two planning thus early for long vacations and you can get an idea how Boston stands. Cuba, Porto Rico and Philippine Islands are in demand but bread and butter comes in slowly meeting the calls for these colonial issues.

Allan Fobes of Milton has applied for membership in the Postal Card

Society. The *Bulletin* with Editor Stone in charge appears regularly each month from Springfield.

Mr. Howes Norris, Jr., of the Boston Philatelic Society is now at Cottage City where he will remain during the summer months.

A. G. Bishop of New York has visited Boston recently. Mr. Batchelder of the New England Stamp Co., has made a three days trip to New York. PURITAN.

S. OF P. UNOFFICIAL MATTER.

The S. of P. convention will be held at New York, in August, (the exact date is not yet named by the President) probably during the latter part of the month, after the other societies have held theirs. The candidates named in another column, are representative members of the society, including several of the earliest members. It is to be hoped that all will allow their names to be used. The presidency, through custom, belongs in the East this year, and the vice-presidency in the West. The candidates are too well known to need any introduction. The writer has been urged to accept again the nomination for secretary, and has reluctantly acquiesced, but hopes that his hands will not be so tied by inattention of some of the other officers, as he has been this year, provided he is elected. He is certain, if he is called upon to do the work, in company with the members nominated for the offices of president, treasurer and trustees, that he can do it more satisfactorily to the membership. Pres. Weaver has been a model officer and has done much to lighten the labors of the secretary. The board of trustees and the treasurer have been a failure from the beginning, and have caused much delay, inconvenience and injury to the society, adding burdens to the shoulders of the already overworked secretary. There is very little work with either of these offices, but when that little is neglected it causes trouble little realized by the membership. The nominees for the minor offices are all eminently satisfactory, and it is hoped that the old society will have a more successful year than ever, and that if others are named and elected that they will be selected with an eye to their fitness for the offices, as well as their willingness to devote their time to advance the interests of the society. The writer would be more than glad to relinquish his official duties to some member, if certain that one could be found who would give the office his time and attention, but after a hard year's work in getting affairs in shape, he would like to see it kept up. If such can be found, we will be glad to give him our hearty support.

I. A. MEKEEL, publisher of *Mekeel's Weekly*, is sending out to his subscribers a letter (with return postage) requesting each one to assist him in securing new names for his subscription list. While this is an expense of over $200, to him, it may possibly be worth that to him in the end. There is one sentence that attracted our attention, viz: "I am determined to increase the circulation of *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* to the 100,000 mark." If this means that he is determined to book enough subscriptions to make this number, it is a laudable ambition, but one practically impossible in these times. If every one of his subscribers sent in a dozen more, he would be a long way off from the height of his ambition.

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EDITOR'S EASY CHAIR.

LATE, and partly on account of the war, which induced our old printer to give up our work and start a daily paper. In addition our little daughter, has been critically ill, but, we are happy to say, is now convalescent. Our new printer promises well, and, we hope, will enable us to soon make up the time lost.

WM. H. FABER, an old member of the S. of P. is the author of an interesting article in the March number of *The American Journal of Philately* regarding the true status of the "Charleston Carriers," and it is through the researches of Mr. Faber (who began his present collection in 1855) that these interesting stamps are now listed, as they should be, under the heading of "Semi-Official Issues."

THE new *Ontario Philatelist*, under the management of our old friend Widdicombe, is, by far, the best that comes across the border. What purports to be a likeness of A. M. Muirhead appears in the last issue. On the q. t. he is no more likely to be hung for his beauty than we are, but we always know where to find him on the leading questions of the day, and we need a few more of the same kind.

J. M. BARTELS & Co., of Washington, D. C., have closed their office for the summer. Mr. Bartels writes that he will be in the country, but that all mail addressed as before will be forwarded to him.

D. T. EATON, who has for years been associated with the late Joe. F. Beard, succeeds him in the stamp business, as will be seen by his announcement in our advertising columns.

THE *Philatelic Californian* has been absorbed by the *International Philatelist* of St. Joseph, Mo., and the *California Stamp* having been discontinued, the *Evergreen* and *Filatelic Facts and Fallacies* seem to have half of this great country to themselves. The *Omaha Philatelist* has sold out to the *Philatelic West*,

recently resurrected, and Shepard, we hear, has enlisted.

The Western Philatelist, a new publication, edited and published by S. A. D. Cox, the well-known writer, will appear about the first of July. Mr. Cox's long experience as a publisher, as well as a writer, leads us to look for a publication of more than ordinary merit.

MR. F. R. HURST, formerly publisher of the *Midland Philatelist*, wrote us a short time since that he was about to enlist, and enclosed an order for a set of the Philippine Islands stamps offered in our advertising columns, probably thinking he could be more sure of getting them here, than at the Manila post-office after he got there.

CANDIDATES are looming up for the various offices in the societies whose conventions are to be held in August and September. The Dominion Philatelic Association will hold their convention at Hamilton, Ont., July 1st and 2nd. The election of A. M. Muirhead as president, R. G. Widdicombe as secretary and the *Ontario Philatelist* as official journal seem to be practically assured, and such, we believe, would contribute largely to the future welfare of the society. We cannot approve, however, the "mutual admiration" pages of the last issue of the *O. P.*

THE editorial office of *Mekeel's Weekly* has been removed to Chicago with C. E. Severn in charge. About half of each issue for a long time has consisted of the pleasant things said about the advertisers and other friends of the family. Why, Mr. Mekeel could not even give the sad news of the death of the lamented Mr. Beard, without quoting his last letter in reference to the good results of advertising in the *M. W.*

THE *Metropolitan Philatelist* has usually 8 pages, and though it is always interesting, we think it should be kept up to the 12 or 16 page size. The publisher should, to make it popular, add one or two interesting articles.

In the last issue of the above paper, we notice a suggestion, originating with our old friend, John M. Hubbard, and endorsed by Mr. Scott, that collectors and dealers send in their quarters for subscriptions to the various libraries of the country. We think that the publisher should be glad to send a copy regularly to every library at a nominal price, as it must eventually be of great benefit to him. We supply many libraries a copy of this magazine free of cost, and were it not for the fact that the offer is often abused, we should be glad to extend the offer to all. A short time ago we sent three copies to a club for the use of the members and shortly after three subscriptions lapsed in that city. After three months we discontinued the three free copies and the old subscribers renewed, and some new ones were also added from the club membership.

WE have been favored with a copy of the "Year-Book" of The American Stamp Exchange, published by Mabel Cornish, the Sales Manager. It is a neat pamphlet, showing the progress of this conservative and highly successful club.

CHATS ON CONFEDERATES.

BY G. C. CORBALEY.

The officers were probably not well pleased with the crude workmanship under home production, and early in 1862 made a contract for the supply of 5-cent stamps with De La Rue & Co. Their agent in this transaction was one Ben Ficklin, a blockade runner, who not only made the contract but also attended to the delivery of the stamps. The first supply of this issue reached Richmond about May 1, 1862. They were printed on very hard, rather glazed paper and were imperforated. This latter fact, I will confess, I do not understand. The only way in which I can account for it is on the ground of economy. The Southern officials had tried imperforated stamps and found their use not entirely unsatisfactory, and now as the war wore on and the expenses increased, the reasons for economy also increased, and it is probable that when the contract was entered into with De La Rue & Co., not exactly being in a condition of suffering from plethora of the treasury, it was decided to omit the perforations.

Large numbers of these stamps were carried to the Confederacy by blockade runners but toward the close of '62, as the picket line of ships along the Dixie coast became thicker, it was decided that the smuggling of stamps in from England was too dangerous, and orders were accordingly dispatched to London to have three plates prepared and sent to Richmond. But the vessel on which the plates were sent was captured off the North Carolina coast, and the agent of the government threw the plates overboard. A later attempt was more successful and from this shipment the local printing was made by Archer & Daly of Richmond, late in '62 or early in '63. This was very crudely executed on rough paper, much contrasting with the fine glazed paper used in England. With the successful shipment was also sent a little of the De La Rue paper, and upon this stamps were also printed by the Southern Banknote Company. The local print, even on this paper, can always be told by the rough impression. The very poor workmanship displayed in this issue certainly goes to strengthen my contention in regard to the first issue.

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I am informed by our Secretary that he has received no report from our Treasurer. So far no report has been published in the Official Journal. We think you ought to know these things. You will be called upon to elect new officers shortly, and you ought to know how your present ones are conducting affairs. You may thus be guided by present and past experience.

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1620 N. P. Jackson, 21 Crompton-st., Derby, Eng.
1635 Gordon C. Carbaley, Box 1032, Spokane, Wash.
617 Ray L. Alexander, Richmond, Ill.
1374 W. F. Van Malder, 7 Agricola-st., Halifax, N.S.
1829 Jas. W. Hart, 12 W. Canal-st., Wabash, Ind.

RESIGNATIONS RECEIVED.

1968 Archer Hayes. 1431 P. M. Wolsieffer.
439 Louis P. Wolsieffer.

RESIGNATIONS ACCEPTED.

797 H. G. Wagner. 112 R. P. Spooner.
1319 A. L. Dean. 149 H. T. Spooner.
1614 H. W. Tebbutts. 293 Beatrice W. Spooner.
839 H. E. Deats.

DECEASED.

1623 John B. Gladwin. 1883 F. W. Bradley.
1413 Joe F. Beard.

OUR TREASURY.

By reason of the failure of the treasurer to furnish a report, (which I have patiently waited for since May 8th and which has failed to reach me at time of going to press June 29th) it is perhaps proper that I should give what light I can for the benefit of the members. On or about the 2nd day of Mav, I received a report from Treas. Frame which was slightly incorrect. This I immediately returned, asking him to make the few corrections, and to return to me sure to reach me not later than the 8th. I have written to him numerous times, other members and officers have done the same at my request, but not even a postal from him in reply. On the 20th of June I received by express not prepaid the treasurers book without a word of explanation, and as a last resort, had my Boston correspondent call on him at the office in Boston where he is employed on the 24th of June, and Mr. Frame promised to send a report at once, which has not been received. I have been continually blamed for matters not attended to by the treasurer and the late board of trustees, and trust that the members being now in knowledge of the facts in both cases will be patient until such matters can be adjusted.

Yours for success, even under difficulties,

J. F. DODGE, Sec'y.

REPORT OF SUPT. OF SALES.

Since my last report the business of this Department has been progressing but slowly. There seems to be a number of causes for this. The general waning of interest in stamp collecting as evidenced by the tone of the philatelic press has probably had as much as anything to do with it. Many of the members who have desirable duplicates, are evidently unwilling to part with them at salable prices and consequently the sales have been rather light from their books. Some books however that have been priced from 50¢ upward from the 58th Catalogue have met with good sales.

I would like to say to members who are contemplating sending in books for circulation, that in view of the discounts (50% and over) offered by different dealers in their advertisements, it is nearly useless to send in books marked at higher figures. Members will not buy unless they can do as well as they can of the dealers. This, I have preached before several times, but it does not seem to have made much impression on some.

I wish to caution members against sending in books of common and undesirable stamps. There is no earthly use in sending in the low denomination in U.S., unless it be in some of the rare minor varieties. Members on circuit, object to paying postage on 1c to 15c 1890, 1894 and stamps of that class.

Considerable annoyance has been caused the Department the past few months, by delays due to members not forwarding circuits promptly and by insufficient addresses. Some lots have

been delayed 20 or 30 days. Members should bear in mind that these delays although they may seem trivial to them, are the cause of a good deal of annoying correspondence to the Superintendent and the owners of the books. Where there are from three to ten owners in one circuit lot, you can easily see that delays of this sort, by causing books to be retained in the Department longer than they should, are the means often, of obliging me to write from three to ten letters to the owners, who are not inquiring why their books are not returned. A little more care in this particular will save lots of trouble.

No circuits will be started after June 15th. Members who desire to send in books will bear this in mind and not forward books that are likely to reach me after that date.

Value of books in Dept. last report	$2745.32
" " " received since last report	550.25
Total	3295.57
Value of books retired since last report	740.05
" " " now in Department	2555.52

Average per cent of sales 27.6.

CHAS. E. SHAW, Supt Sales.

MILLCREEK, ILL., June 19, 1898.

MR. J. F. DODGE, SEC'Y S. OF P.,

DEAR SIR: You are hereby directed to notify Mr. Geo. W. Davis, Mr. C. D. Mecutcheon, and Mr. W. P. Colman, all of Washington, D. C., that they have this day been appointed to the office of Trustees of the Sons of Philatelia, to hold and to exercise the duties of said Board of Trustees, in place of the former Board, whose offices are hereby declared vacant by reason of death in one case, neglect of duty in another, and ineligibility of the other.

Given under my hand this eighteenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety eight. E. E. WEAVER, Pres. S. of P.

I trust that the members will take a little more interest in adding to our ranks and to stimulate the efforts of all, I have arranged a few

PRIZES.

1st. To the member introducing 12 or more fully paid applicants whose applications reach me before July 15th an unused 50c watermarked due stamp.

2nd. 8 or more applicants on same conditions a 30c watermarked due stamp.

3rd. 3 or more applicants on same conditions a 10c watermarked due stamp or set 1, 2, 3, 5c, as preferred.

4th. I will send with the membership card to the first new member from each state and country whose application is received after May 1st an unused watermarked 3c due stamp.

Now let's see if we can't have a good batch of applications. The offers are open to all and cost the society nothing, but let each member watch the interests of the society by sending in applications of reliable collectors as those refused admittance will not be counted.

Yours fraternally, J. F. DODGE, Sec.

Special Notice.

Members are notified that dues for the current year should be paid at once without further notice. Each one can save the Secretary and Treasurer much trouble and annoyance and the Society the expense of postage by prompt remittance. Many have already done so. The membership cards will be sent promptly as your dues are received. If you pay a year or two in advance you will save yourself the trouble next year and help a depleted treasury. J. F. DODGE.

ROLL OF HONOR.

List of members who have paid dues beyond the current year.

TO JANUARY 1ST, 1900.

14	J. C. Miller.	25	W. H. Emmert.
91	Wm. H. Moore.	105	R. J. Russell, M.D.
103	D. E. Hazen,	221	Rev. E. E. Weaver.
206	J. H. White.	416	J. A. Wainwright.
631	J. M. Chappell, Jr.	643	Mrs. W. D. Smith.
491	J. M. Bartels.	953	E. R. Slater.
555	Rev. W. A. Carver.	763	H. C. Beardsley.
1381	E. M. Canfield.	1886	Theovor Arnold.
1600	J. F. Dodge.	1754	R. E. Prentiss.
1037	John Holt.	1656	T. M. Drossner.
1611	A. Loewit.	1344	T. H. Gafford.
1299	J. C. Chappell.	1587	Henry Fenton.
1701	A. R. Fernald.	1685	Arthur Hirsch.
1936	Geo. W. Davis.	1572	J. Oakley Hobby.
1321	Wm. C. Schilling.	1632	Geo. Dimmock.
2003	C. B. Bostwick.	2026	A. P. Chandler.
2043	R. F. Wilson.	1390	W. H. Faber.

TO JANUARY 1ST, 1901.

1845	Herb't Armstrong.	1624	Barlow Moorhead.
1930	Jos. H. Pullen.	556	Paul Allen, M. D.

TO JANUARY 1ST, 1902.

17	H. N. Bullard.	138	B. P. Thomas.
32	F. M. Townley.	254	Geo. M. Frame.
598	W. H. Welchans.	676	W. B. Craig.
855	Chas. E. Shaw.	1017	W. F. Lambert.
1328	John W. Willey.	1633	J. M. Andreini.
1662	Chas. Waring.	1678	M. Cornish.
1967	Nathan Bieber.	1800	Hez. Weed.
1349	G. R. Kennedy.	2017	A. S. Russell.
1650	S. B. Boyd, M. D.		

TO JANUARY 1st, 1903.
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NOMINATIONS.

The following nominations have been received:

President—J. C. Miller, Coal Valley, Pa.

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Secretary—J. F. Dodge, New Oxford, Pa.

Treasurer—Emil Gerlich, New Braunfels, Texas.

Int. Secretary—R. J. Russell, Hanover, Pa.

Librarian—F. M. Townley, Sayreville, N. Y.

Auct. Mgr.—Wm. A. McDonnell, New York City.

Counterfeit Detector—F. Noyes, Alice, Texas.

Attorney—H. C. Crowell, Cleveland, Ohio.

Purchasing Agt.—D. E. Hazen, Thonotosassa, Fla.

Trustees—T. L. W. Porte, T. O. McCarthy, H. C. Beck, Detroit, Mich.

Further nominations should be forwarded to reach the Secretary on or before the 15th day of July in order to appear on the official ballot.

THE CONVENTION.

The date for the convention has not been named by the president as yet, but I understand that it will be after the other conventions probably in the week beginning August 29th and at a place in New York City that will be easily accessible from all directions. Full information will appear in the next issue of this journal, which will appear about ten days after this one. This will probably be the largest convention held by the society, and we hope that all within reasonable distance that can do so, will meet us there. Already a large number have signified their intention of attending. The ballots will be mailed shortly after the 15th of July, and as they will be mailed only to those in good standing it behooves all to see that their membership cards read to January 1st 1899 or beyond that date.

J. F. DODGE, Sec'y.

Trade Notices.

Small advertisements such as for sale and want notices, etc., will be inserted under this head at the low rate of one-cent-a-word, including name and address. All notices will be set in solid nonpariel type and no display allowed. No notice inserted for less than 15c. 20 per cent discount on notices to stand three months or more.

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418	" 1893 7c	.10	.04
423	" 1898 2 on 20 orange		.10
424	" 1898 2 on 20 brown		.10
425	Hong Kong 1890 50 on 48	.12	.05
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438	" " *3sg	.18	.08
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441	" 1856 2	.12	.05
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444	" 1861 1	.10	.04
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449	" 1864 eagle 2	.10	.04
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1855	10c green	1 60	25
1861	1c blue	18	03
"	5c brown		22
"	10c green	1 00	07
"	10c " on cover		10
"	12c black		23
"	24c lilac		23
"	10c rare type, few perfs., gone out of top, cat. $15		5 00
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1858	1c blue		50
"	2c black		12
1869	1c bistre		30

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"	3c blue		01
"	6c "		40
"	10c yellow	3 50	65
"	12c green		40
1870	1c blue		25
"	2c bown		08
"	3c green		01
"	6.. side of sheet and no perfs. at right side		1 25
1872	1c National		05
"	2c "		02
"	10c "		08
"	12c "		25
1873	1c Continental	35	02
"	2c "		03
"	10c "		03
"	15c "		25
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THE SCRIBES OF PHILATELY.

BY EVERY PAGET.

We are afraid the average reader of the philatelic paper of today, hastily scans over the articles and passes them by without much heed or thought. Of course scarcely a month passes by without our hearing of some new phenomenal method advocated by some would-be philatelic scribe, and so much good, bad or indifferent is written that it is indeed, small wonder the reader pays slight attention thereto.

But the public is not entirely to blame. The average publisher seems to think anything will suit his paper so long as it can be acquired gratis, and so long as he carries a good line of paying advertisements. One by one his subscribers decline to renew and he wonders why it happens.

Had this publisher engaged a staff of good writers, to furnish a series of monthly articles upon good subjects—writers known to and appreciated by the philatelic reading public—all might have been different.

Almost every youth gets the idea at one time of life that some day he will startle the world with the productions from his pen. He grinds out articles helter-skelter and sells, trades or gives them away to the publisher who will receive them. I can say I never have had such lofty ideas, but well do I remember the day when I first commenced to grind out copy for anybody who would pay anything therefor. At that time quite a few publishers were in the habit of tendering advertising space for MSS. Foolishly I accepted quite a quantity of such. I endeavored to sell it, but of no avail, and one evening I took the batch of advertising credits and watched them consume themselves in the grate. From then on I established a cash price per article, which I have firmly adhered to. If my productions are not worth what I ask for them, then they had better remain unwritten. During the last year my productions have been few and far between owing to rush of businses. I do not know whether all other writers have been as fortunate as I have or not, but I have very seldom had an article rejected.

Well do I remember my first ventures. I then wrote under the name of E. Q. Philman. My friend Mr. Charles Esterly Severn of Chicago was a friend indeed. Many a help have I received from this gentleman. He was ever ready with a helpful suggestion. His specialty, outside of philatelic writing, was "Jokes" and he is now a regular contributor to many of the standard papers and magazines. My specialty was Dramatic work, and I have been reasonably successful. I have had the misfortune to be dramatic critic of two different daily papers which were forced to suspend, but I cannot say whether my work was the sole cause that brought them to that sad state.

Mr. Lewis G. Quackenbush was grinding out copy at a lively rate. Well do I remember his advice to me in an autograph letter "Keep it up and in two or three years you may be as good as the rest," or words to the similar.

Mr. S. B. Hopkins was also able to lend me valuable assistance.

When I resided in Chicago, Messrs. Severn, Hopkins and myself quite often had discussions in common on subjects literary and philatelic. Mr. Hopkins was a scholarly modest philatelist, and few indeed could hold a candle to him in the way of philatelic learning. Yet I acquired an intimate friendship with him before his worth was fully apparent. He did not waste himself on the desert air. Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer and Mr. S. B. Bradt were always ready to enlighten me upon any point, as was also Mr. Frank N. Massoth, Jr. In fact my surroundings were of the most pleasant nature, and it was with a feeling akin to sadness when I departed from Chicago.

Kansas City is the home of many collectors whose learning is vast, but I regret my time is so occupied that I am unable to meet much with them.

There is perhaps nothing that will make one so much a philatelist as to be in contact with several well informed collectors.

I should suggest to publishers of philatelic magazines they should have a staff of writers, and keep them as long as possible. Spasmodic contributions may be all well enough sometimes, but the public likes to have an even class of literature. So many papers wonder and worry over a decreasing subscription list, which formerly was so much larger. The cause is they then had a regular staff of writers and paid for and received good work. Now they take whatever they can get and pay as little as possible. Who would subscribe to *Munsey*, *Scribner*, *Harper*, or any other standard periodical if these papers published the cheapest articles obtainable? And yet, does it not apply to philately as well?

PAIRS, STRIPS AND BLOCKS.

CHARLES E. JENNEY.

On the above subject I have seen little if anything written, and yet it is a well-known fact that every advanced collector pays much attention to stamps in this way. I collect stamps in pairs, in strips and in blocks whenever I can pick them up without expense and it is with the idea of defending myself in this against those persons who call this merely a new mode of hoarding duplicates that this is written. Have you ever seen the page of a blank album filled out with stamps in unsevered pairs or blocks? If not, you have missed one of the prettiest and most impressing sights of philately. But I do not place my main dependance on artistic beauty in defending this fad. Unsevered pairs have many other *raisons d'etre*, especially if canceled. I confess I cannot see much sense in collecting unused stamps in pairs or blocks unless it be for their attractiveness, but with the used stamps it is another matter.

An unsevered, canceled pair of five cent stamps shows that it did the work of a ten cent stamp, and as such, has a different value than two separated five cent stamps. It is, as it were, a provisional ten cent stamp, just as much as half a ten-cent stamp would be a provisional five. This point I think has never been clearly brought to the notice of collectors before, yet to me it seems the most rational excuse for collecting pairs and blocks. I have a strip of 10 ten-cent "postage dues" which did legitimate postal duty (they are of the first issue) and I regard them as having almost as much value as two fifty-cent "dues" would yet their combined

value, taken separately, would nowhere near equal it.

It is a most interesting study to note the combinations in pairs, blocks and strips, in old U. S. stamps, to make up odd values or the lack of the right single value stamp. In our early issues a pair of threes was of course almost always necessary to pre-pay double postage. I have never seen a combination of a 5c and 1c stamp to make this rate prior to the 1861 issue. Sometimes we run across a strip of 3 one-cent 1851 used to pay single letter rate but it is not very often, as people in those days objected as much to waste of saliva as did the rushing business-like generation who condemned the Columbian issue for a like reason. A strip of 3 threes with a detached one-cent for a ten-cent stamp is also of about as rare occurrence. Pairs and strips of the 10c 1851 and 1856 are not infrequent. Pairs of the 12c of both issues are also far commoner than the 24c stamp which was not on sale at any of the smaller offices. It is a well proven fact that the best combinations in pairs and blocks come from the smaller offices where the large denominations are not kept. In our revenue stamps, pairs and blocks are less often met with than in postage stamps and they have perhaps even more value.

But besides the forming of new values of stamps by the use of pairs and blocks there are many other things to be said in their favor. An unsevered pair of imperforate stamps is often the only proof of the genuineness of imperforate specimens, so much has there been of clipping down perforated specimens, both through ignorance and with malice aforethought. There are certain U. S. revenues existing to-day seemingly imperforate but with so small a margin that the official use of any in an imperforate condition hangs in doubt. An unsevered pair would immediately remove all question. Thus it may be held as an axiom that an unsevered pair of imperforate stamps is worth more than two severed ones.

Stamps with a rare size of perforation have sometimes been manufactured out of those with a common perforation by the skillful use of a perforating machine cutting inside of the original perforations. An unsevered pair is proof positive that your perforation is all right, or if it is a compound perforation it takes a block of three or four.

Variations in stamps on the same sheet are shown by pairs and blocks as for instance, the two triangles in plate 70 of our 1893 issue two-cent stamp, or the surcharges on the recent Newfoundlands; I could cite dozens of other cases where a pair or strip is almost indispensable.

For those collectors who use a printed album with spaces for only single stamps I would not advise the collecting of pairs and blocks, but at the same time I would advise them never to sever one as they doubtless can find collectors who are willing to give them more than the value of the single stamps for the unsevered combination. But to all collectors who use blank albums I would say by all means collect the pairs, strips and blocks you run across. They will add to the attractiveness and value of your collection and their many advantages you may see from the foregoing article and the many others it will suggest to you.

For an up-to-date paper subscribe to the AMERICAN COLLECTOR.

THE PART PHILATELIC PUBLICATIONS PLAY.

BY S. A. D. COX.

The part philatelic publications play in the pastime of stamp collecting is indeed important, and by no means to be overlooked or ignored.

It is a fact that during the past seven to ten years, when stamp publications—good ones, too, many of them—have sprung into existence on every hand as if by magic Philately has advanced by rapid and giant strides. Thousands have been induced to join the ranks of stamp collectors to where hundreds came in former days; and this is, when you look at it rightly, merely as a matter of course. With publicity of a thing comes knowledge of that thing, and with scores of philatelic publications dispensing interesting information regarding our fascinating hobby it was only natural that more and constantly more people learned of the hobby, and became interested in it and adherents of it.

Whatever you do, collectors, do not under any circumstances be stingy with your stamp publications. Subscribe to as many of them as you possibly can, and at the ruling prices of most philatelic publications it is quite within the possibilities of most collectors to subscribe to the majority of the stamp publications.

It will pay you to take them, too, as while every one will have something of interest, each will have something different from what is to be met with in the others. So in order to get all that is of interest and value it is necessary to subscribe to a number of different philatelic publications.

The writer has for years subscribed to from fifteen to twenty of the leading stamp papers and magazines, and he has always considered it money well spent. In fact, I get as much enjoyment out of reading the stamp papers as I do out of collecting, and if I could not have each week, and each month a number of bright philatelic journals to read and enjoy, I should feel very badly, indeed, and would feel moreover very much as it is supposed that the mariner would feel out in the middle of the ocean without a compass—in other words, lost.

And if you do not read the current stamp publications, you are lost—at any rate, you are not keeping up with the times, with all that is new in Philately; and this, every stamp collector ought to do. He ought to take a pride in being up-to-date in everything pertaining to our delightful hobby, and if he does not subscribe to and read the stamp papers he can not keep abreast with the new happenings in the world of philately; and the collector who does not keep so posted, and who does not keep himself informed on all that is new is getting only a portion of the enjoyment out of collecting that is his due.

If you who are reading this will take this home to yourself, it will be of benefit to you, and at the same time you will be doing a great kindness to the struggling publishers who are straining every nerve to publish a good paper or magazine, and at the same time make a very little profit to pay themselves for the large amount of work it requires to get out a philatelic publication regularly.

It is a fact that the greater number of stamp callectors—ninety per cent. of the total number, I should say—are amply able to subscribe to the majority of the stamp publications, and at least fifty per cent. of

the total number could do so and never feel it. Such being the case, they ought to do it, not alone for their own good, but for the good of philately, for, as I stated in the beginning, the stamp publications that have sprung into existence during the past seven to ten years have gained to philately thousands of recruits that would otherwise not have become interested in the pastime—would not have known there was such a pastime, in fact; and it is the duty of every collector who is able, to do his part toward making the perpetuation of the stamp publications permanent. This can be done by subscribing to them.

Even the publications that have started, made a brief, ineffective struggle and then succumbed to the inevitable—failure for lack of subscribers and the consequent advertising patronage, have done some good. Not a single issue of any stamp publication that was ever gotten out with the interests of our hobby at heart has failed to do some good. Therefore help them by subscribing to them, and thereby help yourself by aiding in doing something that will be a benefit to philately, and that will surely add new recruits, and interest those in our pastime who do not know of it.

What is fifteen, twenty, twenty-five or thirty cents to you? A mere nothing—a very small sum indeed, yet the same amount coming to the struggling publisher from several hundred or thousand similar sources will amount to a good deal, and will enable him to go ahead and improve his publication, and give you more for your money; and it will enable him to send out sample copies to people whose names he secures from his subscribers, and these people will become interested and will subscribe, and will begin collecting, and all will be well. And every new recruit to the pastime of stamp collecting makes your collection worth a certain per cent. more, for the more collectors there are, the more collectors there will be, ten, twenty or thirty years hence who will want to buy the stamps that are reposing in your album, and the more there are who want the stamps, the bigger price they will bring.

So by helping the publishers of philatelical publications to improve their publications, through the use of the money you pay them on subscription, thus making it possible for them to secure new recruits to the ranks of philately, you are at the same time helping yourself—though I am happy to say that I do not really think that this selfish view of the case will be necessary in the majority of instances, collectors as a rule being generous and liberal.

I wish to impress this fact upon your mind before I stop, however: The philatelic publications play a very important part in the pastime of stamp collecting. Imagine them all taken out of it. Suppose for a moment that every stamp publication would suspend publication tomorrow. Would this be for the good of philately? You know it would not. You can see how it would easily do more harm to the pastime of stamp collecting than anything in the world—more harm than all other things combined.

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EDITOR'S EASY CHAIR.

THIS issue is sent to the printer two days after the May number and the July issue will probably appear in ten days after this. This, however depends largely on the amount of work that the printer has on hand. The contents will be as readable as ever, as we spare no efforts in that direction.

THE new issue of Canada with the figures of value in the lower corners is gradually appearing. We are indebted to R. C. Bach, publisher of the "Montreal Philatelist" for the first sight of the 1c value arriving the 23rd of June, and to the Marks Stamp Co. for the 3c value arriving two days later.

THE "Bay State Philatelist" is the name of a new applicant for public favor. The first issue of 8 pages, 5¾x4½ stitched with a sewing machine, has reached us. It is hardly up to the standard of its predecessor of the same name. Still, as its editor and publisher, (Herbert Gile, Melrose Highland, Mass.) says it has a long life ahead of it, we will reserve our comments for the present.

PERIODICAL stamps are now obsolete, and as collectors can now collect them without fear of confiscation, they should increase in value.

THE Scott Stamp & Coin Co. a short time ago threatened the "Weekly Era" with a libel suit on account of a sarcastic reference to the methods of catalogue makers by a correspondent. They had no case anyway, but their letter, announcing their withdrawal of the suit, as published in the "Era," is, or should be, beneath the dignity of a corporation that holds such a prominent position as regards stamp collecting.

THE new "Trans-Mississippi" stamps are now quite generally distributed throughout the country, and meet with various opinions regarding their appearance. They will, of course, be generally used by philatelists in their correspondence, and by many others, on account of the pleasant change from the despised 2c red. The first 2c value of the new issue we saw was on a letter from a non-philatelic friend at Harrisburg, Pa., mailed on the 14th of June. Plate number collectors will be pleased to know that only two stamps are required for the imprint and number.

THE new revenue stamps will doubtless stimulate the collecting of revenue stamps generally. The document stamps are of the following values: ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 25 and 50c; $1, $2, $3, $5, $10 and $50. The Proprietary stamps have some low denominations that will be a novelty to collectors, and as many will collect them unused the whole set of 10 stamps will only cost 17½ cents. The values are; ⅛, ¼, ⅜ and ⅝, of a cent and 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 4 and 5c. There will also be check stamps of a variety of designs and Private Proprietary stamps made to order for the owners of proprietary articles in amounts of $2000 and upwards, and these will give Robie more "Stamp Hunting."

IN addition, there are more novelties, being the first surcharge that the "land of the stars and stripes" has been guilty of, but it is a necessary issue. Not being able to supply the revenue stamps by July 1st, when the law takes effect, millions of the postage stamps have been over-printed "I. R" for temporary use.

ANOTHER innovation that will be hailed with delight by the general public, if not by philatelists, is the passage of the law permitting the use of private cards passing through the mails with a 1c stamp affixed. Mr. Bartels in the "Weekly Era" says that the cards are limited in size to the postal card of the 1898 issue, and that they must bear the inscription; "PRIVATE MAILING CARD.—Authorized by Act of Congress, May 19th, 1898.—This side exclusively for the address.—Place a one cent stamp here." We understand also that the color must be white or buff.

JUST as we are going to press, we find an envelope in our box with the Richmond, Va., postmark, mailed 22 hours before, bearing the following unique address:

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And though young Stearns another prints,
As clean as coins from U. S. mints
He does not 'gainst his brother Dodge
Let e'er a sign of envy lodge."

And we suppose we have made a mortal enemy down there by printing it, but it was really too rich to keep to ourselves. Now if "Veritas" gets after us, get after either of us, between us both, we will perpetrate some of the worst jokes on his luckless head that he won't know whether he is afoot or horseback. The weather is warm down this way and we have got to do something to liven matters up a little, even if it isn't stampic.

W. E. BURKETT of Waterloo, Iowa, one of our subscribers, and with whom we have carried on pleasant exchange relations during the past year met his death by drowning on the 21st of June. Mr. Cook, who has kindly given us this information says that he was an ardent collector of stamps and entire envelopes. He was 18 years of age and a father and mother, as well as a host of friends mourn his sudden removal from earthly scenes.

IN the same mail another of our subscribers, Will A. Carr of Rochester, N. Y. informs us that he has lost by death his youngest child, the second that he has laid away in Mother Earth during the past 6 months. He has our sympathy. We have been through similar experience.

ONE of our contributors takes exception to the method of mixing the ads with the reading. He has probably been reading (or trying to read) an article in the St. Louis weekly, where it is chopped up into a dozen pieces. We see no objection of running a solid column of advertising beside reading matter, or a full page opposite reading matter, especially when such ads as are found here are such highly interesting "reading matter."

G. EMIL RICHTER, formerly of Brooklyn, N. Y., but now pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church at Paterson, N. J., has recently taken unto himself a helpmeet, and he has our congratulations and best wishes for a lifelong honeymoon.

WE filled out a check at 11.50 p. m. on the 30th of June, which we think will be the last we will ever send out without a revenue stamp attached to it.

THE "Michigan Philatelist," Vol. I, No. 1, has appeared from Ithaca, Mich., published by Michigan Stamp & Publising Co., W. M. Waterbury, editor, consisting of eight 5¼x7¾ pages with enameled cover in two colors of ink, and its contents are as good as the average initial number. The subscription price is 25 cents a year.

"NOT uncommon on the billboards of Rome are death announcements. I translated one from a white poster with a heavy black border, perhaps three feet long by four feet wide: 'Yesterday,' at 5:30 a. m., after a severe illness, succumbed Guiseppe Stazi of the Recorder's office of the Chamber of Commerce of Rome, a man most noble and patriotic. His friends are invited to accompany the body to its last abode, starting from the house for the Lingara at 3 o'clock on Wednesday next, the 6th. The Parents.' This placard like all others in Rome, bore a one centesimo internal revenue stamp. Even the placards in shop windows when conveying any announcement are thus stamped. It is a tax which certainly meets some of Adam Smith's famous canons, being at any rate cheap and easy of collection, for it would be very easy to discover any attempt to evade it." —*Press and Printer.*

What a big revenue Uncle Sam would get if he were to adopt such a tax!

If there is anything that I detest, it is to see the advertising and reading matter of a paper mixed up together, one page advertisements, the next reading matter. It may be good for the advertisers, but it is not good for the readers. Put the ads where they belong, at the end of the paper and on the covers.

I notice in the May E. P. that the American Souvenir Card Company has failed. It was to be expected as the cards had nothing to do with philately, and did not "take."

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FELLOW MEMBERS:

This issue goes to press two days after the last (July 1st) and consequently there is no report. I would say, however, that no report from our treasurer has been received up to date. Those who have not sent in this year's dues should do so at once, or they will find their names on the list of suspensions next month, provided I get the treasurer's report.

Fraternally yours,
J. F. DODGE, Sec'y.

Midland Counties Stamp Exchange.

(Established 1886).

HON. SEC'Y:—W. G. WALTON, FENTHAM ROAD, BIRMINGHAM, ENGLAND.

The April packets are very good. December accounts are paid and sheets returned, and January ones will be sent out shortly. The following new members are proposed:—H. Bax (Weybridge), W. A. Souter (Gateshead), S. J. Hopkins (Birmingham), R. J. Hassum (India).

Members who wish to propose friends are requested to send in names, and all good collectors are invited to join. By the rules there is no subscription due until July, and any lady or gentleman joining now has this time in which to judge the suitability of the club. Good references are indispensible. The subscription is 2s per annum, but as the Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser is sent free to all members whose subscriptions are not in arrears it practically reduced to 6d per annum. There are vacancies for one or two good sellers. Prompt mouthly settlements both sides. Rules &c., from the Secretary.

Mr. Thomas Eaton, Manchester writes me as follows: "I notice some dirty remarks in Stamps about the Midland Counties Exchange Club. I beg to state while I have been a member, I have been treated in a very fair and straightforward manner and all settlements have been paid to me in a very prompt manner." The "dirty remarks" referred to question the truth of the report published in February's Chronicle to the effect that the October accounts were paid out upon the date of publication, February 26th. For the benefit of all whom it may concern—and Mr. Heygate is not one of these—I would repeat that the October accounts were all paid by February 19th and the November ones by March 30th.

"PRINTER'S INK"

A magazine with valuable instructions for advertisers. Costs ten cents a number. I have some recent back numbers to exchange for stamps ten cents catalogue value, my selection, for each number. J. F. DODGE, NEW OXFORD, PENNA.

Trade Notices.

Small advertisements such as for sale and want notices, etc., will be inserted under this head at the low rate of one-cent-a-word, including name and address. All notices will be set in solid nonpariel type and no display allowed. No notice inserted for less than 15c. 20 per cent discount on notices to stand three months or more.

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W. A. TURNBULL, Ithaca, N. Y.

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I will give 25 good stamp papers pubished from eight to ten years ago for each one of the following papers sent me—Metropolitan Phil. III 11, 12.

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" " 1sh orange	35
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413	" 1861 7 violet	.50	.20
414	Hawaii 1864 *1c	.20	.08
415	" 1864 5c	.60	.25
416	Hayti 1882 1c	.15	.07
417	" 1891 1-7c	.64	.25
418	" 1893 7c	.10	.04
423	" 1898 2 on 20 orange		.10
424	" 1898 2 on 20 brown		.10
425	Hong Kong 1890 50 on 48	.12	.05
426	Italy 1879 *30c	.40	.18
427	Jamaica 3p, CC	.25	.11
428	" 1883 *1p, CA	3.50	1.50
429	" 1883 *2p	6.00	2.50
430	Japan 1876 30c violet	.75	.35
431	Labuan 1892 *6c	.35	.15
432	" 1894 *16c	.30	.12
433	Lagos 1sh, CA	1.50	.60
434	Mauritius 1885 *16c	.35	.15
435	" 1876 *1 on 4	.85	.40
436	" 1893 *15c brown	.40	.18
437	Meckleuberg Strelitz *2sg	.40	.18
438	" " *3sg	.18	.08
439	Mexico 1856 ½	.20	.08
440	" 1856 1	.10	.04
441	" 1856 2	.12	.05
442	" 1856 4	1.00	.40
443	" 1861 ½	.75	.30
444	" 1861 1	.10	.04
445	" 1861 2	.20	.08
446	" 1861 4	1.50	.60
447	" 1864 *set of four	.21	.10
448	Mexico 1864 eagle 1	$ .15	$ .06
449	" 1864 eagle 2	.10	.04
450	" 1864 eagle 4	1.00	.40
451	" 1866 25 litho	.40	.15
452	" 1856 *13 engraved	1.00	.30
453	" 1856 *25	.25	.10
454	" 1867 (wmk.) 1	4.50	1.75
455	" 1867 2	.60	.25
456	" 1868 6	.20	.08
457	" 1868 50	1.00	.40
458	" 1868 100	2.00	.90
459	" 1872 6	.50	.20
460	" 1872 50	1.00	.40
461	" 1884 *2p	.75	.35
462	" 1885 25c	1.50	.60
463	" 1889 P. de M. set *6	.30	.12
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468	Natal 1895 ½ on 6	.35	.15
469	Netherlands 1888 1gl	.25	.11
470	" 1894 1gl	.25	.11
471	" 1894 2gl 50c	.75	.35
472	Nevis 1867 4p	10.00	4.50
473	" 1867 4p litho	8.50	4.00
474	" 1867 *1p vermilion	1.75	.75
475	" 1879 *1p, CC	4 00	1.75
476	" 1882 4p, CA	7.50	3.00
477	" 1883 ½ on 1	5.00	2.25
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"	3c red	60	01
"	10c green		45
1857	1c blue		06
"	3c red	06	01
1855	10c green	1 60	25
1861	1c blue	18	03
"	5c brown		22
"	10c green	1 00	07
"	10c " on cover		10
"	12c black		23
"	24c lilac		23
"	10c rare type, few perfs., gone out of top, cat. $15		5 00
1866	15c black		25
1858	1c blue		50
"	2c black		12
1869	1c bistre		30
1869	2c brown	$	$ 08
"	3c blue		01
"	6c "		40
"	10c yellow	3 50	65
"	12c green		40
1870	1c blue		25
"	2c bown		08
"	3c green		01
"	6.. side of sheet and no perfs. at right side		1 25
1872	1c National		05
"	2c "		02
"	10c "		08
"	12c "		25
1873	1c Continental	35	02
"	2c "		03
"	10c "		03
"	15c "		25
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10c War	.30	.11	30c	.50	.20
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"GOOD AS WHEAT!"

BY S. A. D. COX.

"Good as wheat!" is a standard exclamation, when it is desired to speak of a thing as being all right; and, such being the case, there is no saying that can be applied to a collection of stamps that will more aptly fit the case than to say a stamp collection is as "good as wheat!"

Of course, there are some who do not think wheat very good—Leiter, for instance, and others who have dealt in this useful commodity to their sorrow—but the verdict of the majority is that wheat *is* good.

And so is a stamp collection—so good, in fact, that more people should own a collection.

One advantage which a stamp collection has over wheat is that it may be kept for years and years, and keeps on increasing in value all the time, while with wheat it is different. Wheat can be kept at most, only a couple of years, and much is lost, even then, through the ravages of mice and insects, and rotting; so it is better to have a stamp collection than to have wheat.

It would be better, too, to deal in stamps than in wheat, as one may by exercising care, do very well in stamps, without the danger of losing much, while in dealing in wheat one may easily lose *all*.

So a stamp collection may be not only as "good as wheat," but better.

Following on down along this line, it is plain to be seen that there are few things that offer as good a field for investment as stamps. All kinds of products are perishable and can be held only for a short time, while even real estate is liable to decrease in value to such an extent as to lose an investor much money.

Not so, stamps. If one exercises care in selecting and buying there is no danger at all of a *loss*, but every chance to make, and realize a profit.

I am not as a general thing in favor of speculation of any kind, but if one *must* speculate, let him speculate in as safe a thing as possible, and than stamps—good, legitimate, medium rare stamps—nothing could be safer.

Then think of the pleasure you get out of handling, collecting or dealing in stamps. There is something very fascinating in either of these branches, though of course the most pleasure comes from the practice of the first named. Still there is pleasure in dealing in stamps, as the dealer, like the collector, is always on the lookout for finds, for opportunities of securing bargains, and when such an opportunity has come, and he has taken advantage of it, and has profited by it, he feels very happy indeed, his joy approaching closely to that of the collector when he has made a rich find. There is much that is pleasing, not to say fascinating in connection with stamps and stamp collecting, no matter which side you are on.

Another difference between wheat and stamps, and to the advantage

of the latter is, that you do not have to build a granary at a cost of two or three hundred dollars to keep your collection of stamps in, as is the case with wheat. A dollar-and-a-half album will do nicely.

Wheat *is* good; there is no doubt about that. If you have wheat, you can have it ground up into flour, and can have this made into bread; but with stamps, you can sell them and buy bread with the money so obtained.

So stamps are as "good as wheat," and in some respects better.

Stamps can be stored at no cost; if in the shape of an accumulation, pasteboard boxes make all the store-houses necessary, and the boxes can be piled one on top of another in an out of the way corner. If a collection, one or two cheap albums are all that is necessary.

So, if you wish to invest; or if you wish to speculate, I would advise that you turn your attention to stamps, rather than to wheat. You may not be able to make so *much* money in stamps, nor be able to make it so quickly, but, my word for it, it is surer to come, and the danger of losing everything invested, or any material part of it, is obviated.

Be on the safe side. Stick to stamps. When one *can* be safe as well as not, then why not be safe?

True, dealing and speculating in stamps is slower, is not so exciting as dealing or speculating in wheat, but it is absolutely safe, which places it away ahead of, and above the cereal as an avenue through which to utilize a few surplus dollars in an investment way.

In a word, from these standpoints, stamps and stamp collections are not only as "good as wheat," but better than wheat. And anything that is better than wheat is all right.

THE PHILATELIC SCARECROW.

Buy stamps, and buy them now! I get tired, now and then. If there is any one thing more than another, that makes me tired, it is to hear some scarecrow remark: "I just wish I had been in it when you fellows began collecting; when you could buy a set of Treasury for a nickel, the Interior set for a dime, and the Justice or State for a 'plunker'; I would have made money, as well as you." Would he? Nit! He would have had just as much courage twenty years ago as he has now, and no more. Anyone who hasn't the courage to buy stamps at the prices they are selling now, would not have bought if he had been on the stage of action twenty years ago and will not buy twenty years hence.

I believe money invested in a collection of stamps at the present market price, is much more safe and a better investment than money in the bank. I say "money invested in a collection" which means just one stamp of a kind; I don't advise speculation; I have seen too many booms collapse. Speculators may force the price of a certain stamp several times its actual value, but sooner or later it will drop with a sickening thud to its true value; and it is just as certain that stamps that are selling to-day, for much less than their real value, will, in the near future rise to their proper price. Circumstances may be such as to force the price of any article up or down, but sooner or later the price will be what it is really worth.

But my friend the scarecrow says "why, it's no time to buy on a falling market; I am saving all my stamp money until they reach the bottom and then I will buy and make money on the rise"—even

the scarecrow believes they will rise sooner or later.

How does he know the bottom has not been reached? I believe it has and that we are on the up grade. The average rate of discount at which stamps are being sold today, is 50 per cent, and nearly all dealers are holding their best stamps and either selling at 10 to 20 per cent. discount or keeping them until the law of supply and demand brings the price up to its proper level. That does not look as though stamps were going any lower, does it?

The dealers who refuse to sell at present prices, don't keep their stock in a cigar box, either. They are the big dealers, with plenty of capital, who are on the "inside" and know just what they are doing, every moment.

No one denies the fact that very many stamps are selling for less money today, than they were five years ago—and very many stamps are selling today for very much more than they were five years ago—but even a blind man must be able to see the cause.

The hard times of the last few years have caused thousands of collectors to discontinue collecting, and hundreds of them have been compelled to sell their collections for just what they could get. Dealers, knowing their circumstances, would only pay about a tenth of what the stamps were worth, and in many cases the "biter has been bitten." I know of some dealers who even borrowed every dollar their credit would stand to buy stamps at a little or nothing. The boom didn't come as soon as they expected, they couldn't pay their bills and interest money, much less meet their notes when they became due, and the result is that thousands of dollars worth of stamps have been bought by collectors within the last few years, for less money than the dealer paid for them. Perhaps I can explain my meaning better by telling of quite a prominent dealer, who bought a job lot of 175 stamps catalogued at about $100 and offering them to me for $80. As there were but a few in the lot that I didn't have in my collection, I told him I didn't want them. He said he had got to raise some money and should sell at some price and I finally paid him $35 for the lot he said cost him $50. That was most as good for me as the finding of an "old hair trunk," but those trades do not show up every day.

Do you suppose my friend the scarecrow would have scooped that lot?

No sir! He had a chance at that job lot before I did, and wouldn't even make an offer, while there were many more stamps in the lot than he needed in his collection than there were that I needed. Why I know of scarecrows who will not exchange their duplicates for stamps not in their collection, on the basis of even exchange, for fear their duplicates would be quoted higher in the next catalogue than the stamps he got in exchange. I asked a scarecrow a few days ago the reason—if he had a reason—why he wouldn't exchange his duplicates, even exchange by the Standard Catalogue and his reply was "several years ago I exchanged one of my duplicate which was then catalogued for $5.00 for one I wanted for my collection catalogued at the same price, and the very next catalogue priced the stamp I traded off for $15.00 and the stamp I got for it didn't advance a blamed red cent; no more exchange business for me, thank you." I laughed in his face and told him I was glad of

it. Why, he wouldn't sell a 2c Columbian used, for a $1.00 William. He hasn't the courage to buy, to sell or exchange, and if he isn't a scarecrow what is he? You have all seen him as there are lots of him.

The war with Spain is on its last legs and will soon be over. Cuba, Porto Rico, Hawaii and the Philippines are or soon will be ours. This means new markets for our products and business is going to boom beyond the expectation of the most sanguine "bull" on the Exchange for the next twenty years and the philatelic scarecrow of twenty years hence will gaze wistfully at the 58th catalogue prices, and see a bigger advance in prices than does his brother of today, looking over the catalogue of twenty years ago. Stamp collecting is in its infancy, yet, and when good times bless the fairest country on God's green earth once more, you will see stamp values mounting upward as rapidly as you now see Spain, a nation—so degenerated as to try and starve a million of her subjects who are fighting for their liberty, and blow up the battleship of a friendly power, sending 266 brave men to their death without giving them any show for their lives—descending downward. Buy stamps and buy them now is the advice of

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CHATS ON CONFEDERATES.

BY G. C. CORBALEY.

In 1863 came the 2-cent rose of new design and also the commonest of all Confederates, the little 10-cent blue. Late in the year preceding the postal rates on letters had been doubled and this increase caused a necessity for a new 10-cent of improved design and workmanship over the lithographic crudities.

The Southern workmen were rapidly increasing in ability to produce stamps. This issue is very much of an improvement over previous native attempts but there was still room for advancement. They were engraved, which was much better than poor lithographing.

When the 10-cent, the design of which consisted of a profile view of Jefferson Davis, was first prepared, it was the work of Archer & Daly of Richmond, but they failed to fulfil their contract, and as a consequence, the government transferred the work to Keating & Ball of Columbia, S. C., from whose presses came most of the Confederate money. The change of work from one to the other of these companies caused the Richmond and Columbia prints, or the Scott varieties A7 and A8 in the 57th. When the South Carolina firm received the contract, they either retouched the old dies or had new ones prepared. I am inclined to the opinion that the latter is the true explanation. The difference between the two issues can be gleaned from the cuts in the Scott Catalogue. The plain variations are found at the top and bottom of the stamp, outside of the central oval.

This stamp, like the 5-cent, was printed in blue, to which color the Confederate authorities seem to have been very partial, and that is peculiar, to say the least, as the

United States uniforms were of that tint. But, perhaps, lasting and appropriate colors had more weight with the officials than hatred of that particular tint, which was several tints in this case.

When the stamp was first issued by the company at the capital, the word "ten" was spelled out but for some reason this stamp was immediately re-engraved, the most notable variation being the expression of "ten" in figures. Besides this we have no less than three distinct shades of this stamp, dark, light and greenish blue.

Of the Columbia print, we also have a plate variation in the shape of a line added between the stamps to assist in separating them with the shears. By reason of the irregularity in cutting the stamps apart, sometimes the lines are visible all around, or perhaps not to be found at all if the stamp has been close trimmed, so that some of the stamps which were originally with the outer line, are now probably of the common type. These are the extreme variations, more often the outer line appears at but one, two or three sides.

The shade of this stamp are the same as of the Richmond print, but in addition we here have a rare sky blue tint.

In the original call for the printing of stamps, a 20-cent value was included in the list of those to be prepared. But when the first issue came out, no 20-cent appeared, and indeed under the then existing postal rates there was slight need for such a denomination. But when the rates were increased, this became the tax upon double letters. Still the stamp did not appear. Finally in 1863 it came out, but was never a popular issue. By this time the center of the Confederacy had been broken and the Mississippi river was in the hands of the Federal forces. Under such conditions, there were few points in the Southern states over 500 miles apart, between which the government service was still maintained. The dark days before the closing scenes were already dawning and the people had far more important matters for thought than letter writing, as a consequence the post office department was not rushed with business. Double letters were scarce, and when sent were usually prepaid by a pair of tens rather than the unpopular twenty.

The design of the stamp is a portrait of George Washington on a horizontally lined ground. It was engraved, the work of an Englishman named Halpin, at that time a resident of Richmond. The paper was very thin, and as the design was heavy, the impression can be quite plainly seen from the reverse of the stamp. It comes in various shades of green and blue green.

"Our Eye," in the "Columbian" is just what is needed, an independent writer who, when he sees something that is wrong isn't afraid to speak of it. Mr. Dodge's paper truly deserves the title of "Fearless and Independent." B. G. B.

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EDITOR'S EASY CHAIR.

THIS month sees quite a revival of activity among collectors, caused partly, no doubt, by the effect of the new issues, the Trans-Mississippi series of postage stamps, and the revenues introduced to meet the expenses of the war. In addition, the success of our army and navy has brought more money into circulation that was tied up while waiting for the results.

THE conventions to be held next month seem to be attracting the attention of many collectors. New York is so easy of access from so many different points that the attendance at the different "meets" will probably be larger than any other city could draw.

THERE seems to be more or less buying of the new issues by those who have failed to learn a lesson from the Columbian issue, but like the poor, we shall always have the speculator with us.

The New York Philatelist for July is a "convention" number, and the points of interest, and the other attractions of the metropolis are well written up.

MISS SWIFT has a good article in the July *Eastern Philatelist* on "The Abuse of the Philatelic Society," which many society members and officers should read. We trust that those who do, will not imagine that Whitman, Mass., is in some heathen land, from the expression "from here to Christendom." Miss Swift is right in naming politics as the chief evil of societies. This year, we are glad to note that there is less of the scramble for office than has been the case for years past, even in the "Political Sons of America." The ideal society that the writer longs for will not be found this side of the millenium.

WE hope to meet many of the friends with whom we have had such a pleasant correspondence with during the past year. We shall probably leave here on Saturday, the 27th, and arrive in New York, at Miller's Hotel, the same afternoon. Our duties will not allow us to remain longer than the 31st, but we hope that those that we cannot call on, will drop around to see us. We expect a few fellow Quakers to go along with us.

MILLER'S is a quiet homelike place, and the low rates, (applicable to members of all societies) that the

proprietor names in our advertising pages ought to induce all our members to make it their stopping place while there. Every member that can do so, should make a special effort to be present, for more can be learned to interest him in the pursuit, and he has the opportunity of meeting more collectors than he could hope to see in a journey of many thousands of miles.

"ACTUAL VALUES AND PRICES" is the title of an article in the May issue of *Stamps*, the bright English journal. In it the writer excuses the makers of catalogues in these words: "Of course before we condemn the catalogues issued by dealers, we must remember that *they are only price lists and do not pretend to be anything more.* (The italics are ours). The prices are not supposed to be the true values of the stamps at any given moment, but simply the sum at which the publisher is prepared to sell." Now our friend cannot have looked into this matter at all. The preface of Gibbons' latest catalogue reads: "Prices Fixed—All the prices in this list have been most carefully considered, and being the lowest possible, there is no reduction under any circumstances from them. Our net prices taken as a whole, will be found lower than those of other dealers, even when discount is deducted from their quotations." This is rich, when Mr. Phillips knows that over 90% of the stamps that he lists are continually being offered by other dealers from 5 to 95% below his catalogue prices, and turning to part II. of the same catalogue we read: "The prices in this catalogue have had very special attention given to them, many great and important reductions have been made, and all undue running up of prices has been most carefully avoided." How thankful the dear public should be that the prices were not "run up" a little more. Again, from the same catalogue: "It is not like other lists—one in which the prices have been copied, or with prices fixed low to enable the dealer to buy the stamps under their true value." Ahem! we would like to know how many of the stamps listed Gibbons, Ltd. would like to buy at 10 to 25% of the catalogue prices. And coming to our own "Standard" catalogue, we find a clause that the writer in *Stamps* must have overlooked. We read: "The quotations given in this catalogue reflect the actual present condition of the market as gathered from all parts of the world." The quotations prove beyond a doubt that the publishers of catalogues do put them out as guides to the values of stamps, and while there are stamps that are worth full catalogue price the large majority of the stamps listed, are, and were at the time the catalogues were issued, being offered freely by scores of dealers publicly in nearly every philatelic publication in this and all other countries at 50 to 90% less than the prices given in the catalogue. And further than this, some catalogue publishers sent out stamps on approval at 10 to 50% less than their own prices. Our English friend should be a little more careful in his conclusions.

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The above are all the nominations received up to July 26th, the time having been extended from the 15th to enable other members to name their choice. J. F. DODGE, Sec'y.

DELINQUENT SPECIAL NOTICE

All members have been twice notified this month and those who have not paid on receipt of treasurers report will appear under "suspensions" in next issue.

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BALTIMORE, MD., July 15th, 1898.

MR. J. F. DODGE, Sec'y S. of P.

DEAR SIR: Several months ago, while remitting 1898 dues to our Treasurer, I took occasion to express my disapproval of the plan of encouraging the payment, by members, of dues in advance for one or more years in order to replenish our treasury, suggesting at the same time that an appeal to members for voluntary contributions might might meet the desired end, without drawing on the income of future years.

Your last report explains why my suggestion was not promulgated to our members, the report of our Treasurer, in which it was embodied, having been returned for correction of errors.

I will, therefore, repeat the same: It is quite evident that the collection of dues in advance will rob the future years of the income which is supposed to be required to meet current expenses. In other words, it is borrowing from "Peter" to pay "Paul," therefore unsound financial policy.

To obviate this I would suggest that members who feel so disposed, contribute, and remit to you any amount from 10 cents to $1.00, such contributions to be acknowledged in your monthly reports.

Should this plan meet with the approval of of members and a sufficient amount be realized thereby, a sinking fund should be created to cover the amount paid in advance on future years' dues, so as to reimburse the respective years for what justly belongs to them.

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THE CONVENTION.

The Seventh Annual Convention of the society will be called to order at Miller's Hotel, 39 West 26th St., New York City, at 10 A. M. Chairman Herbst of the Committee of Arrangements has made a good location for our headquarters while in the city. Not only are the rates seasonable (75c per day for room alone, or $2.00 for room and meals, a special rate to members of our society as well as to members of other societies) but it is convenient to the Collector's Club and all points of attraction are easy of access by elevated and cable railways. Many of the members of the Empire State Philatelic Society that meets at the same place later in the day are also members of the S. of P. There will be many of our members stop over from the conventions of the other societies that are held the week before, and we anticipate the largest gathering the society ever had, and we hope that all within a reasonable distance will make a special effort to be present, as it will be an opportunity to meet others that you have corresponded with, that would otherwise cost you thousands of miles of travel. Among those who will be present from a distance (a full list will appear in next issue) are J. C. Miller, Coal Valley, Pa., Rev. E. E. Weaver of Ill., and Robert Mayer of Miss. If YOU intend being present, send your name to the secretary at once and it will appear in the next issue, and then your friends who want to see you will know where to find you. Some neat badges are being made, and all members should have one. They will be after the style of former years, two ribbons of different colors crossed and a celluloid button-pin in the center with the name and emblem of the society. The price is 25c postpaid, and members should write the secretary at once, so if more than he has ordered are needed he can place another order and prevent any disappointment. As a special inducement to attend the convention the secretary will return to each purchaser of a badge who is present 10c of the 25c paid for it.

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526 — 1895 20c ultramarine	15	07
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THE FASCINATION OF SEARCHING FOR STAMPS.

BY S. A. D. COX.

The collector who has not experienced the wonderful fascination of searching for stamps; who has not felt the thrill of joy when search has been rewarded and a lot of good stamps and envelopes have been found has missed one of the greatest pleasures within the gift of Philately.

To my way of thinking, the collector who is always on the lookout for a chance to find some old correspondence and look through it, and who is thinking and figuring all the time—pondering where he would be most likely to find anything of value, and when once he has got scent of something, goes after it with an energy not to be denied, is the collector who gets the most enjoyment out of our hobby.

To be a good man in this particular line one must have something of the detective instinct; he must be able to follow up clues which seem slight, and follow them to the end. He must be possessed of considerable moral courage, as it takes a lot of this sometimes, to secure to one the privilege of examining correspondence, after it has been located; yet all these things, all these difficulties are the very things that make of this branch of philatelic research a joy and pleasure. If there were no difficulties to overcome, the objects when secured would seem not of such worth, and would not, from the nature of things, seem of such value. Certainly they would not recall to the mind of the owner so many pleasant memories whenever looked upon as they do when their acquisition has been extremely difficult.

Speaking for myself, there is nothing in the world I enjoy more than to track down and secure stamps and envelopes. I have met with disappointments at times, and have failed of my purpose, but in many instances I have been successful, and the pleasures incident to the times when I have been successful far outshadow the disappointments when I have failed. When I fail, I lose nothing, unless perhaps a little time, and even that is not wholly a loss, as the pleasure I got while making the attempt to secure the stamps repays me, and when I am successful, I am away ahead, as I have had my pleasure, and have secured some valuable specimens, too.

As there is nothing to lose, and everything to gain, every collector should make it a point to be ever on the alert. An inquiry here, a question there may result in opening up to him a field that has never been touched, and be the means of securing to him, primarily, and to Philately in the end, many good and valuable stamps and envelopes that would otherwise never have been added to the collectors' stock of the world.

Like everything else, the fascination of searching for stamps grows upon one with the practice; and if once you get started, and have been successful in one or two instances,

you will speedily become an enthusiast in this particular line, and will have laid the foundation stone to great pleasures during your lifetime as a collector. There is nothing in the world like it. Just imagine for a moment that you have tracked some correspondence down, and have gotten the owner's consent to look it through. Here in front of you is the receptacle—doubtless a goodly-sized box, containing package after package of old letters, which have rested there undisturbed for twenty, or perhaps thirty years; you pick up a package, and shaking the dust and rust from it, untie or cut the strings that bind it and begin your search. One after another you find desirable specimens, and you are possessed of that delightfully pleasurable feeling that perhaps the next one will be a rarity. Thus you go through the entire number of packages, and even if you fail to find the expected and hoped-for rarities, you will have found many desirable varieties, and best of all, you will have had hours of the greatest pleasure—hours flavored with the keenest delight; hours that will always be recalled with joy and pleasure.

It is such things as this that make the permanency of Philately an assured fact. There will always be old accumulations of letters. People are packing up and storing away boxes of correspondence even now, that in fifteen or twenty years will afford enjoyment to the collectors of that period, just as the old accumulations of long ago are affording us pleasure now. This is a thing that, like the river, goes on and on forever; it will never stop, and there will always be people who will store away their correspondence and let it lie undisturbed for years and years, and there will always be the philatelic enthusiast who will eventually find it, search through it and seize upon the rare varieties and thus save them to Philately. And this is as it should be, and is, as I have said, one of the strongest bulwarks of our pastime, as well as one of its greatest pleasures.

Another good reason why it is a good plan to cultivate this feeling of fascination for searching for stamps is that it makes of the collector an enthusiast; he becomes more attached to our hobby; he is glad that he is a collector, and is more likely to influence others to join our ranks.

We want more enthusiasts; more collectors who are delighted with Philately; who are glad they are collectors, and who will inspire others by their enthusiasm to join our ranks. It will be a good thing when every collector knows what it is to feel that fascination that comes from searching for stamps; when this happens stamps and envelopes galore will be saved to Philately that would otherwise never see the light of day, but would ultimately be burned, go up in smoke and be lost to us forever.

Therefore, cultivate a fascination for searching for stamps; let it grow upon you—aid it to attain a good growth; it will add greatly to your pleasure, and greatly to the value of your collection, for one can not search through many lots of old accumulations of correspondence without finding some rare varieties, it being well known that many rarities exist in the emissions of even recent years. Especially is this so of the entire stamped envelopes of the United States.

Don't be afraid to let the fascination for searching for stamps grow upon you; it won't hurt you; to the contrary it will add immensely to your pleasure and to your profit.

CHATS ON CONFEDERATES.

BY GORDON C. CORBALEY.

The rights of the franking privilege were accorded to only one branch of the government, the post-office department. And the only matter allowed to be sent free was that relating exclusively to official business of the department. The frank of the post-master general, his chief clerk, the auditor of the treasury for the postoffice department and the chiefs of the Contract, Appointment and Finance bureaus, consisted of the signature of the official under the words "Official Business." For postmasters the frank was the same excepting the words "Post-office Business" were employed in place of the other legend.

At the beginning of the war the provisional Confederate government had on hand quite a number of U. S. envelopes of the 1853 and 1857 issues. The officials soon found a way in which to employ this stock to advantage and also to profit. They prepared the envelopes for official use by impressing upon them the following surcharges:

Confederate States of America
Post-Office Department
Official Business
(Signature of Chief of Bureau or Dept.)
(Official position of the signer.)

What envelopes are known to exist with this overprint, I cannot say. But few copies have been preserved and these are held as rarities of high rank by their possessors. Though I have heard the genuineness of this issue strongly attacked, still it is undoubtedly legitimate.

At a time very near the close of the war, a perforation machine was purchased by the Confederate government from English parties, but was received in America at a time so near the grand finale that it had almost no official use. However, a very few sheets of the ten cent Columbia print were perforated by it and used at the Fredericksburg, Va., post-office. Whether any other office received a supply of these, I cannot say, but think it hardly likely. That was the entire extent of the official application of perforation upon Confederate stamps. Only one size of perforation and only one kind of stamps.

But that is not the sole instance of perforation. Various postmasters and probably several private concerns realized the inconvenience of stamps without the handy holes between them and did a little perforating of their own. Because this unofficial perforation was the work of a number of parties, it comes in various shapes and sizes, the five cent 1862, being even found rouleted. But the fact should be kept in mind that with all this making of holes, the collectible, catalogueable legitimately issued perforation was the government essay on the ten cent blue, and all others, even if on the original cover, will rank but as oddities. Remember this in purchasing perforated Confederates. The Scott number 97, 5 cent blue, perforated, was entirely unofficial and no sheets of this stamp were ever passed through the government machine.

The Standard catalogue makes no mention of the existence of private perforations although it refers to those of France. Which makes my caution all the more necessary.

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EDITOR'S EASY CHAIR.

THE editor hopes to meet as many as possible of the readers of this magazine at New York. Should nothing happen to prevent he will be at Miller's Hotel, West 26th. st., Aug. 27th to Aug. 31st. inclusive.

THE periodical stamps have been called in. An order was recently sent to postmasters to return what they had remaining on hand. Now we wonder who will get these to sell to collectors. They should either be destroyed or sold at their face value.

BOGERT & DURBIN'S 107th sale takes place at their New York office on Aug. 27th at 2. p. m., and there should be a good attendance.

THE July *Philatelic Bulletin* is a very pretty issue, and as it arrives without the usual one cent, we expect that the next issue will announce that rates have been granted that it should have enjoyed long ago.

S. E. L. in the *Era* asks if postage due stamps are postage stamps and another correspondent in writing to the same paper says due stamps are not postage stamps but receipts for amount of the postage due. Neither of these gentlemen seem to have expended much thought on the matter. If your letter is over weight and you put on a single 2c stamp, the delivering postmaster attaches another stamp called a due stamp. The 2c regular issue paid for a letter of the regular weight and the other stamp paid for the excess that ought to have been paid by the sender with a stamp of the regular issue. Did neither of these gentlemen see a paper stamped "Due for forwarding, 1c."? If so, is not that stamp the cost or "tax paid" for carrying the paper to its new destination? It certainly is a receipt for the amount of deficient postage, but the 2c stamp you put on your letter is also a receipt for the amount of postage, and adopted to save postmasters the trouble of certifying on each letter that he had received the amount due to carry it to its destination. Special delivery stamps are postage stamps, which one of the *Era* correspondents denies, saying it does not carry the letter. The 2c stamp carries the letter to the post office where the recipient resides, and the special delivery stamp takes it from the post office to the residence or business of the addressee.

A. R. VALLEE, St. Hyacinthe, Province of Quebec, has disappear-

ed. A letter we recently sent to him was returned "Address Unknown." For some time he published the *All Around Stamp Advevtiser* claiming a circulation of 15,000 the postage on which would cost more than he charged for his ads. And yet like many others he caught a lot of our dealers for advertising with his fake circulation, that laugh at the idea of advertising in a publication that has an honest circulation of 1000 to 1500 (and claim no more) among live collectors, the most of whom have paid for their paper. The late P. T. Barnum said; "The American people enjoy being humbuged."

CHAS. D. LOWE, late publisher of the *California Philatelist* is with the U. S. troops at Manila, and his paper is now merged into the *Philatelic Bulletin*.

CHAS. BAILEY has removed to Toronto again after being a resident of Kaukauna, Wisc., for about a year.

The Junior Collector of Pittsburg is discontinued with the conclusion of its first volume. Though small, it was of value to the beginner.

UNDER the heading of "Our Eye" in the *Columbian Philatelist* Mr. Wylie condemns the action of certain papers in admitting advertisements of reprints and *fac-simile* stamps. We cannot see anything very bad in the practice, provided they are offered as such. What we do object to is the offering of such goods as originals. And Mr. Wylie refers to the *Pennsy* as an *influential* magazine! Whew! "Our Eye" must have been near-sighted.

The Metropolitan Philatelist announces daily editions during the conventions, an enterprise that will be highly appreciatied, as it will contain all the doings at the "meets" and other items of interest to the visiting philatelists.

THE government of Great Britain has been the victim of counterfeiters, and it seems to have been going on for the last 26 years. The stamp counterfeited is the one shilling green and it is on paper not watermarked. *The Stamp Collectors Fortnightly* explains that the stamps counterfeited were used on telegrams, and these are after awhile destroyed but occasionly some leak out through the connivance of employees, and 100 all used on the same date were recently offered to Stanley Gibbons Ltd. recently. If this has been going on ever since at the same rate the government has lost over a million dollars.

The above mentioned journal says that to Mr. C. Nissen is due the discovery of the forgeries. It is safe to say that if these stamps instead of being destroyed were allowed to be sold to stamp dealers the counterfeit would have been discovered long ago by sharp-eyed philatelists, and the government would have saved the amount lost through this gigantic fraud.

AT last British Guiana has a beautiful set of stamp in two colors. The center piece depicits scenery in that colony, and the values that have appeared are the 1, 2, 5, 10, and 15c. The 1c, 5c and 15c are oblong like the Omaha issue, and the 2c and 10c are nearly square.

MR. M. C. SPEARS has addressed to us the first of a series of a proposed chain of 25 letters, which each one is supposed to make three copies of and to mail to three collec-

tor's and so on until No.25 is reached and when this is returned the awards are to be made. The award is a stamp collection of 2000 varieties valued at $75. and each one is to return his letter with ten cents and his guess as to the number of countries represented in the collection. We do not care to gamble even to the extent of ten cents and especially to induce three of our friends to gamble and indirectly induce millions of others to do the same thing, provided the chain is not broken. We wonder how many will follow out the instructions and send in their ten cents. If the chain was not broken No. 25 would reach nearly 285,000,000,000 collectors of postage stamps. As only one half of one per cent of this number of people are at present living on the face of this earth perhaps Mr. Spears had better establish a mail route to some of the other planets before he carries this matter any farther. This is on the supposition that he has sent out only the one copy that we have. Now at ten cents from each one, Mr. Spears would be very well-fixed, for even in Klondyke a man could get almost anything he needed to make him comfortable with the $42,000,000,000 he will have if his plan works satisfactorily, and in view of this we hope he will be considerate of the rest of us for if he should mail 25 or 50 copies of No. 1 and they "took," there would be no cash for the rest of the world. Go it easy please, Mr. Spears.

THE *Weekly Era* published an article of Mr. Carion's a couple of months ago and it brought out considerable criticism, which ought to be of value to all collectors of the stamps of the French colonies. We now await criticism of other experts on the article on the stamps of Ste. Marie de Madagascar that appeared recently in several publications. We confess that, never having collected the surcharged stamps of these colonies, we know but little about them, and would be glad to know more, and place such knowledge at the disposal of our readers.

MR. CARION'S business is almost wholly with the stamps of France and her colonies, and of course these articles help indirectly in making sales for him, but all the articles in the philatelic press should accomplish the same thing, make sales, or they fail to be of benefit to philately. However, no writer should attempt in his articles to describe issues as genuine which are counterfeits, with such a purpose in view.

THE folly of quoting auction prices as the actual value is well illustrated in the last sale of Mr. Wolsieffer's where envelopes and wrappers that turned up at the Chicago postoffice and have recently been offered freely on approval at 25c to 50c each brought over a dollar each in lots of 5.

WE have received Priced List No. 8, of U. S. Revenues, issued by J. C. Miller and full of bargains. Send for a copy.

W. B. HALE announces that he will resume his travels beginning with the New York conventions. It is worth going to New York to see a man 6 feet tall and only weighing about 125 lbs.

WE have received priced list from Turner & Co., Haddington, Scotland.

SONS OF PHILATELIA.

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MILLCREEK, ILL., July 5th, 1898.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SONS OF PHILATELIA, GREETING :—By the authority of the constitution and By-Laws of the Sons of Philatelia, as provided in Art. IV., Sec. 1, and Art. VI, Sec. 1, I hereby announce and declare that the Annual Convention of the Society will be held in the city of New York, at Miller's Hotel, Monday, August 29th., 10 a. m., 1898. For the purpose of making such necessary arrangements, I hereby appoint Messrs. A. Herbst, O. H. Williams and Wm. A. McDonnell, all of said city. All officers are hereby notified that they are required to make report of their several offices during the past year. Your President would therefore suggest that all reports be sent to him (the President), not later than August 15th, so that he may more fully have matters in hand to present to the convention. Your President sincerly hopes that all officers will attend to their reports. Our next communication will be our last. Yours Sincerely,

E. E. WEAVER, Pres.

(Through error this was omitted from last issue.—ED.)

NEW MEMBERS.

2050 W. C. Odiorne, Hutingdon, Pa.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

61 R. A. McCullock, Rising House, Hague, N.Y.

RE-INSTATED.

57 J. D. Bartlett, 352 Main St., Springfield, Mass.

RESIGNATIONS RECEIVED.

1823 Geo. A. Katzenberger.
921 W. N. Bannard.

RESIGNATIONS ACCEPTED.

1184 W. F. Sheely.
875 S. L. Craiger,
343 Wm. L. Richard.
1755 C. Allen Kiley.

There is a long list of supensions for non-payment of dues brought about in many cases by carelessness, and the loose methods of the previous administration, that seemed to allow members to pay whenever they chose. If your name is on the list (a marked copy is sent to each) and you wish to re-enter the grand old society that has done more to encourage the beginner, and thus make other societies possible, which in fact has been the nursery of philately and should for that reason have the support of both young collectors and those who have been beginners, send in your dues and re-instate yourself. If your dues are paid, and you notice the names of your friends, it is a duty you owe to the society, and to philately, to urge the wanderers back to the fold, to enjoy the benefits you enjoy.

SUSPENSIONS.

The following members have failed to pay their dues after due notice. Each may be reinstated by sending 25c dues to 1899, but it is much better to send 50c to 1899.

1971 J. Robie Kennedy.
98 Wm. A. Stowell.
897 J. S. Ewen.
1136 Harry Brown.
260 Geo. W. Casey.
783 A. L. Hill.
1777 Wallace A. Smith.
1950 L. R. Wetherick.
2000 G. A. Camp.
1710 Edw. Cox.
590 Chas. R. Stevenson.
1556 Percy C. Hincks.
1979 Frank E. Barry.
1512 Edw. E. Cass.
77 C. K. Rieman.
1561 Harry Hussey.
1797 Glenn Barker.
611 Nicholas Adler.
938 Edw. Gowing.
1961 L. J. Whittier.
1850 H. A. Kidder.
1654 J. A. Wilson.
1873 Walter F. Upham.
1354 M. B. Clark.
1427 Frank H. Webb.
1918 Asahel P. Button.
1491 J. T. Percival.
1681 S. G. Bixby.
1652 Arthur W. Drew.
1682 J. D. Taylor.
1974 G. W. Cunningham.
1696 C. A. Stokes.
1900 W. H. Ladd.
263 Jos. A. Suydam.
1191 H. A. Parks.
900 F. T. Hoyt.
1987 F. F. Jelke.
1968 Archer Hayes.
1940 L. D. Hovey.
605 L. S. Watt.
1467 Theo. B. W. Seitz.
277 J. W. Gross.
1836 H. G. Hoffman.
1857 H. E. Flint.
1901 Wm. C. Stone.
1768 Adam G. Baer.
1882 Hy. O'Neil.
1277 Chas. D. Collins.
1539 Edw. Palmer.
1982 Sidney Nast.
1978 Earl D. Randall.
1896 O. Curth.
1928 Max Sternberg.
1726 Alfred Fisher.
1558 Ben L. Morris.
1973 C. S. Stiles.
1994 Dill Southwick.
1736 Leo Fritter.
1962 H. A. Trebing.
1931 Toefeel Demay.
1842 Geo. E. Cleaver.
1756 H. J. Lawall.
1955 M. J. Altland.
1705 J. W. King.
1921 C. B. Marsh.
1657 Geo. W. Morgan.
1533 M. P. Beebe, Jr.
1643 C. G. Schrader.
1288 L. S Oaks.
1523 H. O. Bixby.
1990 Mrs. M. A. Henry.
407 Wm. Witt.
1625 Alex. C. Schadler.
1853 Frank Wert.
1834 Edw. C. Conner.
1456 Jos. M. Herman.
1855 D. C. Stallsmith.
1175 W. C. Hosback, Jr.
1481 W. Sanford.
1887 Frank W. Hart.
465 L. G. Durr.
1938 H. D. Comstock.
1805 A. H. Spencer.
1514 Dr. Geo. Spafford.
1944 S. Sachs.
1817 N. J. Robinette.
2018 C. F. Allcott.
1405 M. C. Odell.
1828 E. M. Blair.
1216 Manuel Conto y Conto.
1379 Wm. T. Pinckney.
1435 Jos. F. Burnett.
1115 R. S. Appleton.
441 Oscar J. Larsen.
1663 K. G. Smith.
1965 J. E. Meili.
1640 Jas. R. Gooding.
1816 Miss Anna Lambert
1920 Rolf. McCullom.
1899 F. H. Carleton.
1601 Wm. R. Young.
1815 Mrs. Hester M. Pike.
1966 H. E. Plummer.
1733 Mrs. J. B. Martin.
1908 Jas. K. Kotera.
359 Dana J. Tasker.
1892 Edw. B. Riley.
1591 A. A. Thomson.
1739 C. K. Morse.
183 W. P. Todd.
753 E. L. Kelland.
348 W. E. Dickerson.
1912 W. H. Carr, Jr.
1519 Frank S. Bruyn.
1780 Frank B. Gouch.
1959 Robert Drummond
1590 J. Bondrard.
1800 H. Hohrmann
1960 Chas. Ford.
1951 W. J. Austin.
1943 Juan Estarellas y Carbonell.
1983 Remigio de Bellido
1989 H. G. Smith.
1025 Ernest J. Weschke.
1820 J. Watson Smith.
1769 Paul Reichelt.
1922 J. L. Mayer.
1895 Edw. Brothers.
1818 J. B. Martin.
420 Adolph Edsten.
1602 E. S. Stebbins.
747 F. S. George.
1639 A. G. Naylor.
1894 Otto Mayer.
1975 R. L. Shepard.
904 Wm. B. Hopson.
1271 Carroll D. Piper.
2007 Roger C. Treadwell.
1371 E. J. Thompson.
487 J. Lehman.

1395 R. L. Deittrick.
1411 Thos. R. Bowring.
1903 A. H. Adams.
1906 C. S. Applegath.
615 John Edwards.
1612 Benj. Baker.
1932 Geo. R. Jackson.
1625 Alex. Felton.
1986 W. F. Tanner.
1909 Ed. S. Smith.
1462 Eugene Wright.
2013 Dr. L. M. Homb'rger
1969 W. W. Leffingwell.
1567 H. S. Adair.
1655 H. C. Briethbarth.
1899 L. K. Soule.
1848 E. G. W. Jost.
363 Harvey V. Dunton.
650 F. J. Stanton.
1963 Wm. J. Battin.
1883 S. H. Whitley.
1268 Judson N. Burton.
1604 Raynor Hubbell.
1906 Wm. G. Magee.
1933 John Gow.
1905 H. Y. Anthonisen.
1599 T. Mori.
1813 Edw. Clark.
1838 Ellie Albagh.
1619 Annie M. Kenny.
1610 Alex Smith.
1666 F. H. Carleton.

List of members who have paid dues beyond the current year.

TO JANUARY 1ST, 1900.

14 J. C. Miller.
91 Wm. H. Moore.
103 D. E. Hazen.
206 J. H. White.
631 J. M. Chappell, Jr.
491 J. M. Bartels.
555 Rev. W. A. Carver.
1381 E. M. Canfield.
1600 J. F. Dodge.
1037 John Holt.
1611 A. Loewit.
1299 J. C. Chappell.
1701 A. R. Fernald.
1936 Geo. W. Davis.
1321 Wm. C. Schilling.
2003 C. B. Bostwick.
2043 R. F. Wilson.
1496 M. G. Braden.
652 H. Erlich.
1460 Chas. E. Linton.
914 J. H. Makins.
1893 W. A. Taylor.
1587 Hy. L. Konter.
861 W. W. Jewett.
1571 F. H. Burt.
25 W. H. Emmert.
105 R. J. Russell, M. D.
221 Rev. E. E. Weaver.
416 J. A. Wainwright.
643 Mrs. W. D. Smith.
953 E. R. Slater.
763 H. C. Beardsley.
1886 Theovor Arnold.
1754 R. E. Prentiss.
1656 T. M. Drossner.
1344 T. H. Gafford.
1537 Henry Fenton.
1685 Arthur Fenton.
1572 J. Oakley Hobby.
1632 Geo. Dimmock.
2026 A. P. Chandler.
1390 W. H. Faber.
1322 H. Stonebraker.
715 H. F. Dunkhorst.
1196 Emil J. Rall.
1693 J. M. Rovira.
1919 Geo. R. Tuttle.
1084 H. F. McAteer.
751 Hy. Calman.
911 Jos. S. Davis.
1914 Wm. H. Giles.
1121 G. F. Pfeiffer.
114 C. S. Gilman, M.D.
1675 Harry Grand.
1105 C. A. Townsend.
1691 A. E. Labelle.
547 A. L. Becker.

TO JANUARY 1ST, 1901.

1845 Herb't Armstrong.
1930 Jos. H. Pullen.
1366 Mrs. R. M. Miller.
1624 Barlow Moorhead.
556 Paul Allen, M. D.
288 Jack S. O'Meara.

TO JANUARY 1ST, 1902.

17 H. N. Bullard.
32 F. M. Townley.
598 W. H. Welchans.
855 Chas. E. Shaw.
1328 John W. Willey.
1682 Chas. Waring.
1967 Nathan Bieber.
1349 G. R. Kennedy.
1650 S. B. Boyd, M. D.
138 B. P. Thomas.
254 Geo. M. Frame.
676 W. B. Craig.
1017 W. F. Lambert.
1633 J. M. Audreini.
1678 M. Cornish.
1860 Hez. Weed.
2017 A. S. Russell.
1526 H. Edgar French.

TO JANUARY 1st, 1903.

2008 Otto Zoll. 1 R. M. Miller.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SONS OF PHILATELIA,

Herewith find a report of all monies handled by your Treasurer to date, June 27th.

Dues received from 21 members	$6.50
Expenses to June 27th '89.	
Postage	.17
Expressage (Treasurer's book)	.55
Paid J. F. Dodge a-c Official Organ	5.78
	$6.50

With this report I also desire to hand in my resignation as Treasurer of your society. I do not really see the need of such an office as the majority of the money passes through the Secretary's hands, as you will see by the report of Mr. Dodge, and I think it would be for better for the Society to have these offices combined under one head. The Society is still somewhat in debt to Mr. Dodge, I believe, and it has been suggested by one of the members that a fund be started to raise this debt, and begin the Official Year unencumbered. The following sums have been pledged and should be sent to Mr. Dodge who will give due credit.

A. Lohmeyer $1.00, Pres. Weaver $1.00, J. F. Dodge $2.00.

Wishing the Sons of Philatelia a prosperous year. I am, Yours truly,

GEORGE M. FRAME.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Fees and dues received to Aug. 6th	$77.07	
From Ex-Treas. Frame (as above)	5.78	
Balance (due me)	51.96	
		$134.81
EXPENDITURES.		
Balance due me Nov. 1st, '87	$35.43	
Postage, Nov. 1st, '97 to July 31st, 98	18.65	
Off. Jour., Nov. Dec. '97	15.43	
" Jan., Feb., '98	15.85	
" Mar., Apl., '98	14.50	
" May, June, '98	12.30	
" July, '98	5.80	
Printing envs., ballots, &c., '97 conv.	6.00	
" " " '98 "	3.50	
Stationery for Sec'y	3.75	
Expressage,	1.60	
Printing membership cards,	2.00	
		$131.81

Respectfully submitted,
J. F. DODGE, Acting Treas.

THE LOHMEYER FUND.

This fund suggested by Brother A. Lonmeyer in the last issue of the official journal consists of voluntary contributions from members, and is raised to relieve the society from debt. Those so disposed may contribute any sum from 10 cents to $1.00 and the amounts will be duly credited here.

A. Lohmeyer,	$1.00.
Rev. E. E. Weaver,	1.00.
J. F. Dodge,	2.00.

THE CONVENTION.

The convention will be called to order at 10 A. M. Aug. 29th at the parlors of Miller's Hotel, 39 W. 29th. St., New York city. Already a large number have signified their intention to be present, though some will be able to attend only one session perhaps. If you cannot be present, send your ballot, also your proxy with any instructions that you desire placed before the convention. If your name appears on the list of suspensions, send your dues along with your proxy to the secretary at the above address with application for reinstatement. The Committee on Arrangements has provided a pleasant programme for the entertainment of visiting members, and all living within easy reach of the city will pay those living farther away to make a special effort to meet with us. Fraternally,

J. F. DODGE, Sec'y.

NAMES OF THOSE INTENDING TO BE PRESENT.

Robert Mayer, Grenada, Miss.
J. M. Bartels, Washington, D. C.
John Kay, Detroit, Mich.

Benj. P. Thomas, Pemberton, N. J.
W. F. Fratcher, Detroit, Mich.
W. W. Jewett, Portland, Me.
C. W. Kissinger, Reading, Penna.
W. H. Emmert, New Oxford, Pa.
J. F. Dodge, New Oxford, Pa.
W. C. Odiorne, Huntingdon, Pa.
J. D. Bartlett and wife, Springfield.
W. C. Stone, Springfield, Mass.
Frank B. Gouch, Woonsocket, R. I.
Henry A. Chapman, Rocky Hill, Conn.
Frank H. Burt, Boston, Mass.
Chas. F. Bridge, Albany, N. Y.
E. L. Shove, Unionville, N. Y.
Elbert A. Wood, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Russell E. Prentiss, Brooklyn, N. Y.
O. H. Williams, N. Y. City.
A. Paimann, " "
S. Schachne, " "
Max Sternberg, " "
E. G. Merrill, " "
M. Tausig, " "
A. Herbst, " "
Wm. A. McDonnell, N. Y. City.
Geo. R. Tuttle, " "
Chas. W. Hill, " "
Fred M. Townley, Sayreville, N. J.
Wm. H. Moore, Perth Amboy, N. J.
E. L. Kelland, Newark, N. J.
L. D. Pfender, Plainfield, N. J.
A. E. Cole, Plainfield, N. J.
Geo. H. Blake, Jersey City, N. J.
Geo. E. Marx, Plainfield, N. J.
H. M. Konwiser, Newark, N. J.
Chas. A. Glenkin, Paterson, N. J.
R. M. Miller, New Chester, Pa.
D. Harlan King, Vineland, N. J.
E. R. Slater, New Haven, Conn.
F. C. Hyde, West Haven, Conn.
Hezekiah Weed, Stamford, Conn.
F. S. Smith, M. D., Chester, Conn.

There will probably be many others who will attend, including a dozen or more living within ten miles of the convention, not named in the above list.

NOMINATIONS.

The following nominations have been received:

President { J. C. Miller, Coal Valley, Pa. / Rev. E. E. Weaver, (declined.)
Vice President { Jos. S. Davis, Denver, Colo. / H. N. Bullard, Parkville, Mo.
Secretary { J. F. Dodge, New Oxford, Pa. / Wm. A. McDonnell, (declined.)
Treasurer—Emil Gerlich, New Braunfels, Texas.
Int. Secretary—R. J. Russell, Hanover, Pa.
Sales Supt.—Chas. E. Shaw, Clinton, Mass.
Librarian—F. M. Townley, Sayreville, N. Y.
Auct. Mgr.—Wm. A. McDonnell, New York City.
Counterfeit Detector—F. Noyes, Alice, Texas.
Attorney—H. C. Crowell, Cleveland, Ohio.
Purchasing Agt. { D. E. Hazen, Thonotosassa, Fla. / A. Herbst, New York City.

Mr. Shaw has positively declined to accept re-election and T. L. W. Porte has been named by two or three members as a suitable person to conduct the department, and he has consented. We very much regret that Mr. Shaw's duties are such that he has no time to give to the Society, but if one can be found who will conduct it after Mr. Shaw's business methods the Society will be indeed fortunate. We have every confidence in Mr. Porte and can highly recommend him. He is also centrally located.

Fraternally,
J. F. DODGE, Sec'y.

COMMUNICATION.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 29th, 1898.

J. F. DODGE, SEC., New Oxford, Penna.

DEAR SIR:—The board of trustees hereby announce that Mr. Geo. M. Frame, not having filed a proper bond, and not having properly performed the duties of his office, the office of treasurer is hereby declared vacant, and Mr. J. F. Dodge is hereby appointed acting treasurer until his successor is duly elected and qualified.

For the Board of Trustees, S. of P. } Geo. W. Davis, Chairman.

Exchange Notices.

Bone-fide Exchange Notices of 10 words or less will be inserted once for 10 cents. Three times for 25 cents. Notices containing over 30 words and not over 50 words will cost 15 cents for one insertion or four times for 50 cents. Notices offering articles for sale for cash or offering to purchase for cash cannot be inserted under this head.

Send me Canadian Revenues cat. at $5.00 or more and I will send in return foreign stamps cat. at the same amount. Duplicate stamps taken in any quantity. F. P. Gibbs, Olean, N. Y.

Geo. P. Rowell's March 1898 mammoth American Newspaper Directory new, cost $5.00, lists 21,000 newspapers, giving circulation of each, 1,350 pages, cloth and gilt, mailed with 28 cents worth of Omaha or Columbian stamps, in exchange for $5.00 catalogue value of stamps, my selection. J. F. Dodge, New Oxford, Penna.

Dealer's Directory.

LADD, W. H. Franklin, Conn. Dealer in Foreign stamps. Sheets at 50% discount. Reference required.

Trade Notices.

Small advertisements such as for sale and want notices, etc., will be inserted under this head at the low rate of one-cent-a-word, including name and address. All notices will be set in solid nonpariel type and no display allowed. No notice inserted for less than 15c. 20 per cent discount on notices to stand three months or more.

I wish to buy a good collection of U. S. and foreign postage or revenue stamps, entire envelopes or post cards for spot cash. John M. Hubbard, Lakeport, N. H. Refer to Bradstreet or Dunn's Commercial Agencies or the Publisher of this paper.

FIVE CENTS EACH paid for the names of stamp collectors for insertion in the Stamp Collector's Directory. Full particulars, a copy of the directory, a coupon worth 50c and illustrated circulars and advertising matter for five one-cent stamps.
W. A. TURNBULL, Ithaca, N. Y.

"PRINTER'S INK"

A magazine with valuable instructions for advertisers. Costs ten cents a number. I have some recent back numbers to exchange for stamps ten cents catalogue value, my selection, for each number. J. F. DODGE, NEW OXFORD, PENNA.

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A WORD OF EXPLANATION.

Our subscribers may inquire why this issue appears with a supplement. The printer who had instructions to set all the society matter in six-point type, set some of it in eight-point and some in ten-point type, thus crowding out all the matter that appears in this supplement, and as we have never issued a copy without articles of interest to collectors, we waited with the issue, until the printer could condone his error in printing this supplement.

WHAT IS YOUR COLLECTION WORTH?

BY S. A. D. COX.

What is your collection worth? If I should ask you that question, what would you think of first?—its money value? Doubtless, but at the same time, after a second's thought you would say to yourself that it is worth much more than it's mere money value.

How long have you been collecting? How long since you began? How many stamps are there in your collection that you secured by your own efforts—that have a history, an interesting history that it is a pleasure to recall? Dozens of them, are there not?—perhaps hundreds, if you have been collecting for years.

Then, are not these specimens worth more, far more than their money value? Most certainly, yes.

About all there is to life is the pleasure—true, honest pleasure—we get out of it, and what can you get to take the place of these stamps for double, triple, yes ten times their cost, that will give you the same amount of true pleasure?

Hold fast to your stamp collection! Should you be tempted to dispose of it, fight against the temptation as you would fight against the temptation to do evil; throw it from you, throttle it, overcome it.

No one ever disposes of his first collection of stamps at an early period of his life without bitterly regretting it at some later period. I have seen—and so have you, dozens of published wails over first collections, sold or disposed of at an early period, when they might just as well have been kept, and the experiences of others should be a warning to you and me. If we should for any reason tire of collecting, or if stress of business should force us to quit for a time, let us, instead of selling our collection, lay it away under lock and key; let us keep it. The time will come when we will want to collect again, and then we will have our collection just as it was when we quit, only worth more, and ready for the addition of new specimens, and saving us the trouble and inconvenience of having to start anew, and go the first round all over again.

Keep your collection. It's value cannot be measured in dollars and cents. There is much in association, and in sentiment that tends to make your collection valuable to *you*—more valuable than it could possibly be to any one else, which is a strong reason why you should

keep it. The longer you keep a collection, the more valuable it becomes, to you, because of association's sake—this aside from the increase in money value.

As I said before, there are dozens, perhaps hundreds of stamps in your collection that you have secured through your own exertions—whose history you know, and they are dear to you for this reason—dearer to you than they can ever be to their next owners, because they will know nothing of the history, or the manner in which the stamps were secured; to them, these stamps that are loaded down with pleasurable rememberance for you whenever you look at them, are merely stamps; the history attaching to their acquirement is unknown and unthought of—one of their greatest attractions is missing.

Stamps get to be like old friends; it does us good to open the album and gaze upon them. We cannot shake hands with them, but we can look them in the face, and feel better for doing so.

Did you ever experience the feeling of looking in your album and finding missing some of the more valuable specimens?—stamps that you had for years, and in an unlucky hour had sold for a few paltry dollars? If so (and I hope it is not) was it a pleasant feeling to experience? I will venture to say that it was not. And if you have not had this experience, count yourself lucky, and whatever you do, don't be in a hurry to indulge in it. Sell, trade, exchange—give away, if you like, your duplicates, but when once you have mounted a specimen in your album, let it stay there; it is now a part of your collection, and the collection is to be cherished and treasured as one of your permanent possessions.

Occasionally you will see a paragraph in a philatelic journal telling about some one who, being forced for some reason, to give up active collecting, instead of selling the collection, laid it away; then, after in some cases years have passed, the collection is unearthed, and the collector who was so lucky as to have kept his collection is so pleased over his good fortune, that he goes to collecting again harder than ever and will remain a collector as long as he lives. How much more desirable is this way of doing than the other, where the collector sells, simply because he is to quit collecting for a time.

Learn to look upon your collection as a permanent institution; make up your mind to be a collector always; this is the only way, and learn to ignore, in a measure at least, the money value, and to keep ever in mind the value it possesses as a means of giving you pleasure.

And don't wish to have your collection completed in a day, week, month or year; the pleasure of a collection—one of its chief pleasures is in gradually and constantly adding specimens. A completed collection, while a good thing to work for, is not at all a necessity.

It is the same with a stamp collection as with other things: Suddenly acquired riches are not usually desirable, or a blessing; a gradually-acquired competency is better. Therefore, don't feel down in the mouth if your collection isn't as large as your brother collector's; it will be, some day, if you keep on collecting.

"Everything comes to him who waits" is an old saying, but I think it would be a truer one, if the words, "and works," were added. Do you wait—and work, and in time you will have a good collec-

tion ; and when it really has grown to respectable proportions and really is a good collection, be sure that you value it at its proper worth—not its salable value, or money worth, but at its real worth to you, value that has grown into it through years of association, value that exists therein for you, and you alone, and don't dispose of it until you positively have to, and are sure that your days as a collector are over. And that ought not to be until you see the entrance to the "Dread Valley of the Shadow" looming up before you.

In other words, be a collector, and keep your original collection during and throughout your active lifetime.

CHATS ON CONFEDERATES.

BY GORDON C. CORBALEY.

The standard catalogue lists three varieties of the common blue ten on laid paper and affixes a price which shows how plentiful they are. Now, it is very probable that, owing to the difficulty in procuring paper in the South, the supply of the regular wove paper became exhausted and provisionally a small quantity of laid was used, or, perhaps, the manufacturers paid no attention to what kind of paper they used and took anything that came handy, thus laid paper may have unobserved been included with the wove.

All of these things I give as probable but to me it seems far more likely that the cause was yet different from the explanations I have advanced. Even in some modern issues, as one or two of the Columbian set, we have a species of laid paper, that is the paper is stratified with light and dark portions when held to the light. At the present time, when so much care is used in preparing the paper for stamps, it is well nigh impossible for errors to occur in the paper. The difficulty for mistakes to occur here, makes it necessary to look elsewhere for a more likely explanation. This, I believe, is found in the gum. An examination of a marginal specimen in which the gum extends only to a point part away across the margin of plain paper, will reveal the fact that so far as the gum goes there also extends the laid paper. This is true in all specimens of these stamps I have ever seen, but from my limited observation I can not presume to state this to be a general truth. The laid appearance in the Confederates seems in some way to have been caused by the gum. Though in what manner I cannot say, being unfamiliar with the result which might come from the process of drying and pressing after the application of the gum.

It has never been my fortune to see many Confederate counterfeits, but all those I have inspected, none have been anything but crude in the extreme. The genuine issues are also primitive but the imitation are so much more so, that there would seem to be slight danger of anyone being deceived by them.

One or two Confederate issues, as for instance the two-cent rose, 1863, are much rarer used than uncanceled and here there has been some fraudulent work. A common stamp would be removed from the original cover and one of the scarcer issues substituted, with a cancellation added as a value producer The failure of the new and the old postmarks to exactly join will prove the character bad without further evidence. Every two cent stamp on the original cover by itself should

be regarded with suspicion unless passed upon favorably by an expert, for that denomination is far more frequently found in strips of five having paid the regular letter rate, than alone.

The same method of substitution has been used in connection with the perforated ten cent. A common unperforated stamp of that denomination has been removed from the cover, perforated, and then replaced. The result of this operation is that the cancellation on the stamp and that on the envelope will fail to exactly meet.

I know far less than is my desire anent Confederate counterfeits, and the same is true in connection with the issues themselves. But I can find no way in which to increase my limited fund of information. Too much of this interesting history is now lost. Lost forever, I fear. 'Tis sad that such should be the case.

An Open Letter to Members of the Sons of Philatelia.

While looking through a recent number of the AMERICAN COLLECTOR, I noticed a long list of the names of members of the Sons of Philatelia who had been suspended from membership because of non-payment of dues to the society.

We are just through a time of depression which has been felt throughout the world, money has been scarce, and business has been at its lowest ebb; but I believe that the late unpleasantness, the war with Spain, has helped to clear up the air from its business stagnation, and a clearer atmosphere now surrounds the beautiful hobby which we follow, stamp collecting.

Deadwood in an association or society is always a detriment to that society, and if possible it should immediately be thoroughly eradicated from the rank and file of its membership.

According to the Secretary's report, which I have just spoken of, there are nearly two hundred members of the Sons of Philatelia who have not paid their dues for the present year, probably due to carelessness or neglect of the member.

During the time spoken of I suppose that each of these members have regularly received the official journal, and some have no doubt enjoyed some of the benefits which are derived from full membership. This of course is dishonhonesty on the part of the delinquent member, and he or she should immediatdly take steps to give recompensation to the society by paying their dues in full to the end of the present year, and farther if possible, if you wish to enjoy the benefits of full membership.

Please stop for a minute and consider the many benefits which are derived from being a member of our society. First—you receive the official journal during the time which you remain a member, and the papers alone will sell for more than the cost of membership. Second—You have the privilege of sending your duplicates, which are always hard to dispose of for cash, to the Sales Department to be sold for you at a very small cost to you, which hardly pays the postage on them while out on circuit. Third—the Auction Department always affords an opportunity to get good stamps at your own price, which if bought from dealers would cost many times the price for which you obtained them at auction.

The above are only a few of the many benefits which our society affords to its members, and the more members who participate in these advantages, the more the benefit which is derived from your association with the society.

We are just beginning a new year, with new officers, and with renewed energies, but with some small debts which have been long due; and now let us each try to do our very best to further interests of our beloved society, pay its debts, and begin the next new year with some money in the treasury, so that we will be insured from any further troublesome debt.

Hoping that each one will do his or her best to further the interests of our society and to secure the blessings of prosperity, I am,

Very fraternally yours,

JAMES W. HART.

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THE CONVENTION.

The Seventh Annual Convention of the Sons of Philatelia was called together on Aug. 29th. at 10 o'clock a. m. at Miller's Hotel, N. Y. City by the secretary in the absence of the president and vice president, and E. L. Shove was elected chairman. The message of Pres. Weaver was read and the following committees appointed; Credentials, Chapman, Tausig and Herbst. Rules, McDonnell, Konwiser and Tausig. Adjourned to 2.30 p. m. for the report of the Committee on Credentials.

The second session being called to order, the report of the Committee on Credentials showed the ballots cast as follows: President, J. C. Miller, 123. Vice-President, Jos. S. Davis, 83; H. N. Bullard 36. Secretary, J. F. Dodge, 123. Treasurer, Emil Gerlich, 123. Int. Secretary, R. J. Russell, M. D., 123. Supt. of Sales, Chas. E. Shaw, 123. Librarian, F. M. Townley, 123. Auct. Mgr. Wm A. McDonnell, 123. Counterfeit Det. F. Noyes, 123. Attorney, H. C. Crowell, 123. Purchasing Agt. A. Herbst, 80. D. E. Hazen, 37. Trustees, T. L. W. Porte, 123. T. O. McCarthy, 123; H. C. Beck, 123.

The Committee on standing rules reported no changes necessary. Under suspension of the rules, Marvin A. Bettman, who was present was elected to full membership.

Communications read from C. E. Shaw, Benj. P. Thomas, R. M. Miller, J. D. Bartlett, W. C. Odiorne and Thomas O. McCarthy.

The following committees were appointed: Official Journal, Tausig, Herbst and Chapman. Finance; Herbst, Chapman and Tausig. Branch Societies; McDonnell, Bettman and Herbst. Library; Herbst, Bettman and McDonnell.

Adjourned to 7.30 p. m. and viewed the return of the 71st. N. Y. Reg. in their march up Broadway to the armory.

The Third session being called to order, the reports of the secretary, sales superintendent and trustees were read, also reports of the resident vice presidents of Ill., Ind., Miss., Conn. and N. Y.

Under suspension of the rules, Leopold Beringer and Abram Goldsmith who were present were elected to full membership.

An adjournment was taken to 10 a. m. Aug 30.

At the fourth session there was no quorum, and at 11.30 a. m. an adjournment was taken to 10 a. m. Aug. 31st.

The fifth session was called together at 10 a. m. Aug. 31st, A. Herbst in the chair. Under suspension of the rules, Joseph H. Beattie who was present was elected to full membership. Further committees were announced as follows:

Exchange and Purchasing departments; Williams, Beringer and Goldsmith. Constitution and By-Laws; Dodge, Williams, McDonnell and Chapman.

The suggestions of the retiring president were discussed and referred to the incoming board of trustees, and a vote of thanks extended to Ex-Pres. Weaver for his labors in behalf of the society.

The secretary's report was considered. The following members were appointed an obituary committee to draft suitable resolutions in behalf of our deceased members ; Chapman, Beringer and Dodge.

Mr. Lohmeyer's plan was commended and members requested to contribute such sums as they feel able to spare toward wiping out the debt of the society to the secretary. A vote of thanks was extended to resident vice-pres. West of Illinois for his deep interest in behalf of the society in this state.

The following resolution was adopted : Resolved, that this society is deeply indebted to the retiring Sales Supt. for the prompt and business-like methods and the wonderful success of his department during his three years incumbency of the office, and that we learn with regret that he is obliged to decline to serve the society further as sales superintendent.

The report of the trustees was taken up, and referred to the incoming board. The report of the sales superintendent was then considered, and the members generally requested to read his recommendations carefully. It was deemed inadvisable at this time to apply a portion of the insurance fund to the settlement of the loss through E. A. Stigler, the former exchange department of Wm. H. Emmert not being settled. The matter was referred to the incoming board, who with the assistance of the secretary are instructed to settle the department of Mr. Emmert, collecting as much as possible of the debts due and disbursing the amount pro rata to the claimants, and were authorized to use a sum not exceeding $15 from the insurance fund, if necessary to satisfy all claims. The board, after such settlement is authorized to use a sum not exceeding $15 from the insurance fund in partial payment pro rata of all claims against the department during the administration of Supt. Shaw, but claims against the department not to be filed for more than 75% of the marked value of the stamps lost by theft or failure to pay for same. The trustees were instructed to investigate the claims against the three members mentioned in the report and place any amounts collected from the same in the insurance fund.

The committee on official journal recommended that the AMERICAN COLLECTOR having faithfully served the society during the past year, be continued in that capacity, and on motion it was unanimously adopted.

Motion to have the constitution printed in the official Journal lost, the society being too much in debt to bear the expense.

The committee on finance reported the accounts as having been properly kept and recommended that the trustees take prompt action in the " Miller " case.

The committee on branch societies recommended the formation of such branches in all localities where sufficient members can participate.

The committee on constitution and by-laws recommended that the offices of secretary and treasurer be consolidated, and on motion, the secretary was instructed to refer the the matter to the members at the next election by a " yes " and " no " vote on the official ballot. The committee on sales and purchasing departments recommended that the sales supt. use great care in sending out circuits that no names are included that are not paid- up members, or those who have not abided by the rules of the department in the past.

Detroit, Niagara Falls and Unionville were nominated for the next convention seat, and the vote result-

ed as follows: Detroit, 89, Niagara Falls, 2, Unionville 6, and on motion Detroit was made the unanimous choice of the convention as the place for holding the eighth annual convention of the society.

A motion to adjourn *sine die* was made at 11.59 a. m. and promptly carried. The officers reports will be found elsewhere in this issue.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F. DODGE, Sec.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

MILLCREEK, ILL., Aug. 23, '98.

To the members of the Seventh Annual Convention of the Sons of Philatelia, and the membership generally,—Greeting:

Your President for the year now about closed, sends his greeting to the seventh convention now opened.

It has been a source of considerable pride to me to be called the President of the Sons of Philatelia. This office was reluctantly accepted—partly because thrust upon me, on account of declination of Mr. R. M. Miller to accept his election, and partly from the fact that it was known that the Society was in anything but good shape.

However, your president desires to say that he entered upon his term of office with the determination to do what he could to guide the Society into safer channels. To regard no man with favor who was not known to be a true Son, or by his actions plainly show it. It has been, and always will be, hard to discriminate. We know this and recognize our weakness here. We knew that our finances were in very loose and bad shape. We know that there had been a membership of ephemeral growth, that a reaction was bound to follow. This reaction from too rapid growth and from bad management, has been at its height during the past year. To be candid, its effects have been very bad, and the Society has suffered.

At the beginning of our term, the membership stood, probably, at 500. From the Secretary's report, you will probably learn that there is less than 400 in good standing now. This despite the 52 additions. It is true that the past year has seen little or no enthusiasm in things philatelic. It is true too, that our Society is not the only one that has suffered—others, it may be have suffered worse. But we believe that this state of affairs is about at an end, we also believe that ere long the effects will be noticeable in the Sons of Philatelia.

To recite all the ups and downs during the year would be tiresome and useless. Some facts, though, may be laid before you which may guide you in your deliberations.

First, we have the fact, that, at the beginning of our term of office, the society was in bad shape financially. In some *unaccountable* manner our former Secretary-Treasurer permitted the Society Treasury to show a tremendous deficit. When his report, as, Sec'y-Treasurer, came before the Nashville convention, it was not accepted, largely because of the indefiniteness and want of detail in said report. I do not have this report in hand, else I should present it to you with my own comments upon it. The report was referred to the Trustees for action, and there the subject seemed to hang.

The Societys trustees for last year failed to make return of their doings for their term. This matter was referred, I believe to the Secretary, who should secure this report and publish same. You will therefore look to the Secretary for report on this matter.

During the year it has been the constant effort of your president to get the various officers to perform their duties. Beginning with the Treasurer, I may say that he has been a most complete failure. He refused, in every instance, when called upon, to make report either to the publisher of the Official Journal, the Secretary, or to myself. His conduct was reprehensible in the extreme, so much so, at least, that it became necessary to make complaint to the Trustees, who promptly removed him from office.

It becomes my sad duty to report that during the year, one of our faithful and efficient officers died. I refer to Mr. F. L. VanDermark. From my own dealings with him, I can say that he discharged his duties well, and we miss an efficient laborer, in a field where there was little compensation and no thanks. I would recommend that a proper tribute of respect be drawn by the convention.

Our Sales Superintendent reports in May Official Journal. By this report we see the confidence placed in good management. We would commend this feature of our Society as being the best, and its head as very efficient.

Some complaints have come in con-

cerning our attorney. We promptly recognize the fact that his duties must be performed, practically, without compensation. Tho' this is true, it is no less true that other officers work hard for even less reward. If these complaints be true that are filed, then we think that the common sense of any man should dictate that he either perform his duties, or resign his office.

Your Board of Trustees as elected at the Nashville Convention, turned out to be more instruments of neglect and harm than benefit to the Society. They failed almost wholly, to perform any part of their duties. This state of affairs went on, until your president could no longer endure the situation. Others were appointed instead, consisting of Mess. Geo. W. Davis, C. D. Mecutcheon and W. P. Colman of Washington, whom we believe will make good report to you.

We would here draw your attention to the very efficient services of Secretary J. F. Dodge. Throughout the past year he has been most assiduous in his labors, in endeavoring to build up the Society, and it has been mainly thro his efforts that the society is enabled to make any showing. In closing we would make some few suggestions:

1st. If this Society wishes to enjoy a healthful condition, it must have efficient and wide awake officers, especially should this be so in regard to the Board of Trustees.

2d. To stimulate care and promote efficiency, I would suggest that the Board of Trustees, the Secretary and the Treasurer, be required to furnish bond of sufficient amount to cause them to have respect for their obligations.

3rd. I would suggest that the president be given a greater amount of freedom in supervisory power. By doing this there will be a kind of balance of power between the Trustees and president.

4th. In cases not provided for, where and when the Trustees do not act, I would say let the president, together with secretary, or the president *alone*, act as the case warrants. For just such authority your president has seen things go from bad to worse.

In closing permit me to express my wish that you will have a pleasant and profitable convention. I am sorry that I cannot be with you, but as I must be East in a month or so, I cannot now leave my post of duty. Whatever is done, let it be done with understanding and harmony. With good wishes for the Sons of Philatelia, I am

Yours Sincerely and Fraternally,

E. E. WEAVER, Pres.

SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT.

FELLOW MEMBERS:—My duties for the past year, performed under many difficulties, have not been satisfactory to me at least, as far as our numbers are concerned. I notice that the previous administration allowed members to remain on the rolls, and partake of the benefits of the society, when a year or two in arrears. The natural result of this is that many of the members are very lax in sending in their dues. Now the society cannot afford to do this, and as a result you saw a long list of suspensions, and each one of these had been twice notified by a marked copy of the official journal, and also a month before his name appeared on this list he was notified under cover that it would be there in case his dues were not promptly forwarded. No doubt many will reinstate themselves, some have done so already, and they will be more careful to pay early in the year hereafter. The past year has been a hard one on philately. Business in general being dull, and the circulating medium scarce, coupled with many other alleged abuses, has caused many to lose their interest, temporarily at least, and consequently, many have resigned, others have allowed their membership to lapse, and the accessions have been few. At the time that I took the office one year ago this month, there were less than 400 members in good standing. With the regular appearance of the official journal others paid their dues, and the first of January '98 we had 493 in good standing. Since that time the additions by new members and reinstatements are few. The resignations, expulsions and suspensions are many, and five of our members sleep the sleep of death. I would recommend that an obituary committee be appointed to draft suitable resolutions on the death of Bros. F. L. VanDermark, John B. Gladwin, Joe F. Beard, C. W. Grevning, and F. W. Bradley.

Our paid-up membership at the present time is a little over 300, to which there will doubtless be several more added by reinstatement, and with new members, we should have 500 in good standing on the 1st. of January next. The interest of former years in increasing the membership seems to be lacking, and some of the former active workers are seldom

heard from. However, we have a good quality and I believe that we should be more anxious to maintain it, than to increase the numbers, though earnest and honest members we should always seek to join us.

Now that the general business of the country is so much better, and the prospects are that it will be better still, and philately is feeling the good times, with the dust being wiped off the albums by our old collectors, and new ones being attracted to our fad by the new issues, each of our members should endeavor to induce his fellow collectors to join us. New application blanks will soon be ready, now being printed, and a supply will be sent to any member applying. My health has prevented my doing what I would gladly have done for the grand old society, and I have been hampered for money to do with, as with the society owing me the amount that they do, it has not always been convenient for me to reach down into my pocket for more to meet the expense for what we needed in the way of printed matter. I have conducted the affairs of the society as well as circumstances would permit, and though there is due me from the society at the present time over $55.00, my postage bill and other expenses have been over $100 less than the statement of my predecessor makes them for the previous year. Mr. Lohmeyer is to be commended for his proposed plan for wiping out the debt of the society, and I trust we shall find enough members willing to contribute to the fund started by him for that purpose. I do not ask this wholly from personal interest in the matter, but for the general welfare and good name of the society.

I wish to thank those members who have so kindly assisted me in the performance of my duties, as well as those who have been patient in waiting my replies when it was impossible to attend to them promptly either on account of ill-health, pressure of other duties, or the necessity of waiting a reply from some of the other officers.

Our Vice President for the State of Illinois is especially to be commended for his activity in carrying out his duties. President Weaver and Sales Superintendent Shaw have also my thanks for their assistance, and our retiring Board of Trustees, though new to the work and only in office for a short time have disposed of the business entrusted to them in a highly satisfactory manner, and I wish to extend my thanks to them for their promptness, and to all whom I have mentioned, the thanks of the society. In conclusion, I wish to thank the members one and all for their confidence and good wishes, as evidenced by there being a seemingly unanimous wish that I should serve you another year in the same capacity. I should have been glad to have had some one else to bear the burden for the coming year, but as there seemed to be no one willing to do so and there has been as yet no settlement with my predecessor, I consented to accept the office. I will do the best I can for the society and hope to find willing hands to assist me.

OUR FINANCES.

FELLOW MEMBERS:—We have been unfortunate during the past year in not having a treasurer, that worked for the interests of the society. All the work has consequently devolved on your secretary, and worse than that, being unable to get replies from the treasurer, he could not attend to important matters, vital to the interests of the society. Taking this office and the office of Acting Treasurer from Mr. R. M. Miller with no funds, and a heap of unfinished business, it was difficult to get matters in any shape to present to the last convention, and the financial statement of my predecessor presented to that convention, and by them rejected as excessive in amounts charged for postage, (being over $100.00 for 8 months) had not been adjusted, when I last received word from the trustees.

The board of trustees, elected at the last convention was inefficient, and a new board was appointed, which has been engaged since with my assistance to untangle the mass of correspondence found in the desk of our departed brother, F. W. Bradley. I do not wish to lay any blame on the deceased brother. He was a great sufferer from an insidious trouble, Bright's Disease, and we can readily overlook any neglect on his part, and his statement that the other members of the board took no interest in the work to be done is amply explained by the facts. Nevertheless, the incompetency of the board has seriously injured the society, and hindered me in the performance of the duties devolving upon me. The load received from my predecessor has made the expenses of my office larger than they would have been under ordinary circumstances, yet they are much less than those of my predecessor. I shall endeavor to keep the expenses down,

and hope when I turn over the office to my successor, I can with pride, show the Society free from debt.

Fraternally,
J. F. DODGE, Secy.

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

FELLOW MEMBERS:—The Board of Trustees appointed temporarily, beg leave to report that about the end of the third week in July we received a number of papers which were found in the desk of the late F. W. Bradley, chairman of the late board. As the time between that date and the convention was so short we have not undertaken to enter into correspondence in regard to any of the cases presented for our consideration except that of Mr. R. M. Miller, which we considered of much greater importance than any of the others. Our report then consists largely of such facts as we could gather from the papers, and such recommendations as we deemed proper. Case of J. F. Dodge against the Raynor Hubbell Stamp Company; Your trustees recommend that the incoming board take up the matter. Case of T. M. Drossner against Leroy D. Hovey and Wm. P. Eldridge for failing to account for stamps sent to them on approval. We recommend that the incoming board investigate these charges.

Case of F. L. VanDermark, deceased; Your trustees consider it hardly worth while to name his successor so near the time for election of new officers.

For the Board of Trustees, } G.W. DAVIS,
Sons of Philatelia, } Chairman.
WASHINGTON, D. C., July 31st, 1898.

REPORT OF SUPT. OF SALES.

TO THE TRUSTEES AND MEMBERS OF THE SONS OF PHILATELIA:

GENTLEMEN: I herewith present my annual report for the season 1897-98 for your acceptance.

The season began early in October 1897 and closed June 15, that is no circuits were started after the latter date. The business of the department was necessarily not concluded until these last circuits were returned.

Owing to the prevailing dullness in stamp circles, the business of the department does not make as favorable showing as last year. There was a lack both of buyers and desirable books to select from. By the latter I mean books containing stamps that are not in every 1000 variety packet, and that were priced at as low rates (they should be priced *lower*) as dealers were offering the same thing for. Many members did not seem to realize the necesity of pricing their stamps a shade less than the dealer, but wanted more than the same thing could be bought for regularly, and the result was that sales were slow and light. These criticisms do not apply to *all* the books sent in. There were some books that contained genuine bargains. Some of these had good sales, but some seemed to strike members at a time when you couldn't sell gold dollars for 95c.

I have to report the names of three members who have removed stamps from circuits and have failed to make settlements therefor, notwithstanding several duns which I have sent them. The names and amounts are given below.

Chas. D. Lowe, 2977 21st St. San Francisco, Cal., $1.65. R. F. S. Montgomery, 3843 Charles St., Omaha, Neb., $1.09. J. S. O'Meara, P. O. Box 1096, Quebec, Can., $5.31.

The last named has a credit of 90c sales from a book of his in the department leaving the net amount of his indebtedness at $4.41.

As the owners of the books these stamps were taken from have been settled with in the regular course of business in the department, I have taken these amounts from the Insurance Fund as per statement of that fund later on in this report. I would recommend that the Trustees take some action on these delinquents, as it is only by prompt settlements with the Superintendent that he can make prompt settlements with the owners and maintain the success which this department has achieved in the past three seasons. Without wishing to appear conceited, I desire to call the attention of the members to the reputation and condition of our Sales Department today as compared to that of three years ago when I first took charge of it. This is due principally to the rule of "pay as you go" which was inaugurated at that time, and which has been maintained.

The business of the season is given below.

Value of books on hand at the beginning of last season.....	$ 787 58
Value of books rec'd this season	2835 81
Total value in circulation for the season.....	3623 39
Value of books retired.....	3567 81
" " now in dept. (4).....	55 58

All of books retired have been returned to the owners and settlements made with them. Of the four books now in

the department, one belongs to J. S. O'Meara (previously mentioned in this report) and two to a member in Spain which I have been unable to return owing to the late unpleasantness between the two countries. There are also a few books which were received after June 15 and consequently were not circulated. All of which I stand ready to turn over to my successor. In this connection I wish to state that I am not a candidate for re-election. I have held the position for three years and I desire to thank the members for the confidence in me which these three years incumbency implies. In the first published list of nominations, my name did not appear, so that I did not feel called upon to decline a re-election to an office for which I was not nominated. I notice, however, that my name is on the official ballot which appeared later. I think that a little new blood infused once in a while is a good thing. No one man has all the good ideas ond I am willing to allow some one else to give the department the benefit of the workings of his brain.

STATEMENT OF INSURANCE FUND.

On hand at beginning of season.....$		
Rec'd during season.....		35 67
P'd delinquency of Lowe.....$1.65		
" " Montg'mr'y 1.09		
" " O'Meara..... 4.41		7 15
Balance in Fund.....$28 52		

In this connection I would again call the attention of the members to the deficiency in last years report caused by the delinquency of E. A. Stigeler. A full report was presented at that time, and some action recommended looking toward a reimbursement of the loss to owners. There was no Insurance Fund at that time and the funds in the treasury were at too low an ebb to warrant anything being done, and consequently no action was taken. There is now this amount in the Insurance Fund and I would recommend to the convention that I be empowered to declare a dividend pro ratio as far as the amount will go. I think that we as a society owe this to the owners of these books and I urge that some action be taken on this recommendation. An effort of this kind on our part will show philatelists generally that the society is willing to go to its limit in protecting its members.

In conclusion, I wish to thank especiall the Secretary Mr. J. F. Dodge for his aid and co-operation in attaining what success the department has achieved.

CHAS. E. SHAW, Supt. of Sales.

THE EMPIRE STATE PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

At the first annual convention held at New York on the 29th. and 30th. of Aug., the following officers were elected with practically no opposition. Pres. Dr. Wm. Evans, Westtown, N. Y.; Vice-Pres. F. P. Gibbs, Olean, N. Y.; Sec-Treas. Wm. A. McDonnell, N. Y. City; Exch. Supt. Dr. L. M. Homburger, N. Y. City; Auc. Mgr. Dr. L. M. Homburger, N. Y. City; Attorney, Chas. F. Bridge, Albany, N. Y.; Supt. Bureau of Information, J. W. George, N. Y. City; Librarian, E. L. Shove, Unionville, N. Y.; Trustees, A. Herbst, A. M. Trujillo, J. F. Farrell, N. Y. City; Official Journal, *The New York Philatelist*; '99 convention seat, New York City.

PHILATELIC SONS OF AMERICA.

The 6th. Annual Convention of the above society held at New York on the 26th. of Aug. resulted as follows: Pres. D. E. Hazen, Thonotosassa, Fla.; Vice-Pres. Jos. S. Davis, Denver, Colo.; Sec. C. W. Kissinger, Reading, Penna.; Treas. B. J. Bishop, Wyandotte, Mich.; Int. Sec. T. H. Gafford, Church Hill, Md.; Can. Vice-Pres. F. J. Garraty, Richmond, P. Q.; Auc. Mgr. S. P. Lev, Harriman, Tenn.; Purch. Agt. L. Beringer, N. Y. City.; Ad. and Sub. Agt. H. N. Bugbee, Fitchburg, Mass.; Inf. Bureau. H. A. Chapman, Rocky Hill, Conn.. D. T. Eaton, Muscatine, Iowa, J. H. Makins, San Francisco.; N. Y. Auc. Agt. A. Herbst. Chic. Auc. Agt. C. E. Severn.; Attorney. Chas. F. Bridge, Albany, N. Y.; Librarian. Fred Doughty, Lansing, Mich.; Ctf. Det. Geo. Carion, San Francisco; Trustees. Kissinger, Leippe and Kline, Reading, Penna.; Next Convention Seat, Detroit.

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EDITOR'S EASY CHAIR.

THIS issue is a little late. The editor has been in poor health, and business was practically suspended for about two weeks.

THE conventions passed off quietly, and though not feeling very "spunky" we enjoyed meeting many of our old friends, many others with whom we have done business but had never met before, and several others who called on us while in "Greater New York."

THE S. of P. takes up a good portion of our space this month, but we note that the *New York Philatelist* has given up all its reading pages to the conventions, so we don't feel like apologizing a great deal after all. And, if you are not a member of the good old society, we extend you a cordial invitation to join. A quarter a year invested in a certificate of membership is an investment that will bring fine returns.

W. H. GREEN, a former correspondent for this paper from Philadelphia, has been arrested and placed under $1,000 bond by the U. S. authorities for improper use of the mails. He has been soliciting stamps from dealers, using the name of J. B. Witherby, a well known collector of the city of "Brotherly love," without the knowledge or consent of the latter.

WHILE in New York we called on Mr. Crawford Capen the genial president of the AMERICAN COLLECTOR'S CO., who informed us that the sales of the company right through the dull season were remarkably good, and greatly exceeded their expectations. Stock in this company is still offered at the par value of one dollar per share, and is reasonably sure of paying 10% annually, and we wish we could add to our holdings.

HAVE you seen Crowell's price list? It is neat and a postal will bring you one.

READERS of THE AMERICAN COLLECTOR will do well to send 18 cents in stamps to the W. W. Potter Co., 91 Bedford street, Boston, for three months' subscription to *The National Magazine*. This will include the coming October, November and December numbers, and the offer expires October 30. This is an unusual opportunity to secure a high class illustrated American magazine for a very little money. Buy the September number at the nearest news stand and look it over.

MR. CORBALEY will conclude his very interestiug "Chats on Confederates" in our next issue. We hope to have more of the products of his pen soon. We understand that his time is too occupied at present, and has been for some time past, to write much for publicarion, which is much to be regretted.

THE offers for "Omaha" stamps continue, and they are not at all common in the mails, especially the values above 2c, and as it is probable that less than 10% of the post offices in the country have them in stock, they are liable to be a good investment, especially the higher values in used condition. Postmasters are not required to order them whereas the Columbians were forced upon postmasters whether they wanted them or not.

ANOTHER issue of *The Rocky Mountain Stamp* is to appear from New Oxford, as Mr. Hammond will not be ready to resume publication until the latter part of October. It needless to say that it will be an improvement over the last issue.

The Virginia Philatelist has begun its second volume with the finest issue of a philatelic paper we have seen for a long time, if ever before. Its 44 pages are well filled, and we extend our hearty congratulations and best wishes for the future.

"EXTRA.

R. M. MILLER, founder and for 6 years secretary of the Sons of Philatelia, died at his home in New Chester at 5 a. m., Oct. 1st after an illness of about two months. He leaves a widow and one child. Funeral Oct. 3d at 9 a. m."

BOGERT & DURBIN Co.'s 108th. sale takes place at their New York Office on Oct. 1st.

Exchange Notices.

Bone-fide Exchange Notices of 10 words or less will be inserted once for 10 cents. Three times for 25 cents. Notices containing over 30 words and not over 50 words will cost 15 cents for one insertion or four times for 50 cents. Notices offering articles for sale for cash or offering to purchase for cash cannot be inserted under this head.

Send me Canadian Revenues cat. at $5.00 or more and I will send in return foreign stamps cat. at the same amount. Duplicate stamps taken in any quantity. F. P. Gibbs, Olean, N. Y.

Geo. P. Rowell's March 1898 mammoth American Newspaper Directory new, cost $5.00, lists 21,000 newspapers, giving circulation of each. 1,350 pages, cloth and gilt, mailed with 28 cents worth of Omaha or Columbian stamps, in exchange for $5.00 catalogue value of stamps, my selection. J. F. Dodge, New Oxford, Penna.

I have a few copies of "Hamilton's Inside History of the Late P. S. of A. Campaign" published at 25c each. Will exchange for good stamps cat. 20c or sell @ 6c each, postpaid. J. F. Dodge, New Oxford, Penna.

Trade Notices.

Small advertisements such as for sale and want notices, etc., will be inserted under this head at the low rate of one-cent-a-word, including name and address. All notices will be set in solid nonpariel type and no display allowed. No notice inserted for less than 15c. 20 per cent discount on notices to stand three months or more.

I wish to buy a good collection of U. S. and foreign postage or revenue stamps, entire envelopes or post cards for spot cash. John M. Hubbard, Lakeport, N. H. Refer to Bradstreet or Dunn's Commercial Agencies or the Publisher of this paper.

Do You Want An Album?

If you do, pick out any one advertised by the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. and send me the order, and the album will be sent to you at their price and in addition I will send you stamps cataloguing one-third the value of the album that you order.

Do You Want the Earth?

Address the Publisher of this Magazine.

8c Sherman, 1893, per 100, $1.00, postpaid.
3c green, hard paper, per 1000, 50c, "
1c 1873, secret mark, per 100, 25c, "
2c green and claret mixed, per 1000, 15c, postpaid.
2c lake, 1890, per 100, 25c, postpaid.
1c ultramarine, 1894, per 100, 20c, postpaid.

J. F. Dodge, New Oxford, Pa.

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I shall at all times be thankful for any suggestions for the good of the society. Owing to lack of time I am unable to appoint the Resident Vice Presidents. I shall announce their appointment in my next.

Again I thank you for your kindness and assure you that I will do all in my power for our beloved society. Yours respectfully,

J. C. MILLER, Pres.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

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All the above having paid their dues have received their membership cards.

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1688 F. H. Pinkham. 1811 Albertus F. Wood.

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1823 Geo. A. Katzenberger. 921 W. N. Bannard.

There are many in the list of suspensions in the last issue that we believe dropped out through neglect, and I trust they will send along their dues promptly and be reinstated.

Fraternally, J. F. DODGE, Sec.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Fees and dues received since last report	$ 5.29
Balance (due me)	65.65
	$71.94

EXPENDITURES.

Postage for August 1898	$1.52
Official Journal, August 1898	5.76
Half expenses to and from convention	5.20
Three days at convention	7.50
Balance due me last report	51.96
	$71.94

I regret that I have no money to turn over to our treasurer elect, but hope the quarters, halves and dollars will flow into his hands rapidly.

STATEMENT OF LOHMEYER FUND.

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J. F. DODGE, Acting Treas.

NOTE.

Treasurer Gerlich writes me that he is considering a removal to Sugarland, Texas, and will soon advise me regarding the books and papers belonging to his office.

The list of those paid to 1900 and beyond is left out of this issue for lack of room. See Oct. issue.

FELLOW MEMBERS:—I take these means to thank you one and all for your kind aid and support in electing me the Auction Manager of your society. Although I did not care to accept such an office, nevertheless I did accept when my friends insisted they would not take "no" for an answer. Seeing there is no way out of it, I will try and make this Department a decided success, and I will do all in my power to make it so. I need the aid of all members. Send in your stamps and buy at your own prices. Remember my sales will contain no cheap line of stamps in small quantities. I will try and have my first sale in October and from that time on every two months Yours truly,

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670	— 3c	10	04
671	— *6c	50	20
672	— *6c American print	10	04
673	— *10c " "	1 50	50
674	— *15c " "		2 50
675	— *12c	60	30
676	— 24c	75	35
677	Navy *2c	65	30
678	— 6c	50	25
679	Post Office *1c	40	18
680	— *2c	25	12
681	— *6c	30	12
682	— *12c	1 00	45
683	State 2c	6 00	2 75
684	— *3c	75	35
685	— *6c	1 00	45
686	— 10c	2 50	1 00
687	— 12c	4 50	2 00
688	— 15c	5 00	2 40
689	Treasury *2c	$ 35	$ 15
690	— *3c	10	04
691	— *6c	20	09
692	— 10c	25	11
693	— 12c	15	07
694	— 15c	30	13
695	— 24c	5 00	2 40
696	— 90c	1 00	45
697	War 1c	05	02
698	— 2c	08	03
699	— *7c	2 50	1 20
700	— *10c	1 00	45
701	— *15c	25	12
702	— *24c	25	12
703	— *30c	50	20
704	— *90c	1 00	55
705	— *1c American print	05	02
706	— *2c " "	05	02
707	— *6c " "	05	02
708	— *12c " "	25	12
709	— *30c " "	25	12
710	Franklin Car. *1c blue rep		50
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"FASHIONABLE" STAMPS.

By S. A. D. Cox.

It is a peculiar fact that every collector finds, after a very short experience as a collector, that he has a liking for certain stamps, or kinds of stamps, and a very decided dislike for others. This is as it should be, for the reason that scarcely any two collectors will agree upon which stamps they like best; and this insures the stability of stamps in general, for the reason that all stamps will have friends and adherents, and no one or two countries will ever be singled out by the entire collecting fraternity to be specialized in.

Now, I especially abhor and detest the stamps of the native states of India, the stamps of China, Japan, French Colonies, Persia, Philippine Islands, Portugal, Portuguese India, Roumania, Spain, Turkey and others, yet I know collectors who think the world and all of these stamps and specialize in these countries. On the other hand, I have a great liking for the stamps of Great Britain and her colonies, the Scandinavian countries, Switzerland, Argentine Republic, Brazil, etc., yet I know collectors who do not care for these stamps at all. That is the way it goes; what one collector likes, perhaps another will not, yet occasionally a considerable number of the entire body of collectors will take a liking to the stamps of a certain country, or group of countries or colonies, and then will come a boom in the stamps of those countries; they will become "the fashion," and everyone will wish to be in fashion, and the result will be a boom, as I have said, followed later on by a relapse that loses the majority of the collectors money, and disgusts them with collecting; which is manifestly unfair to our pastime, as it is not at fault, but the collectors themselves, who ought never have to allowed themselves to become carried away by the excitement of the hour to an extent that would lead to the investment of money at ruinous prices for stamps that have acquired a money value artificially. Booming of any stamps always leads to losses in the end, both of money, and of adherents to the pastime, as it is as a general thing the newcomer to the ranks who rushes in and invests in stamps that are the fashion. Having no knowledge or experience, he imagines that the prices to which the stamps are mounting will be permanent, and he hastens to get in on the ground floor, so to speak, with the result, as outlined above—he sees the stamps begin to decline in value, continue to go down, down, until finally they reach their true level, about half what he paid for his holdings, and the result is that he unloads at a 75 per cent. loss and quits collecting in disgust. Now, I hear some collector exclaim: "That was speculating, not collecting; served him right!" and perhaps this may be true, to a degree, but no more so than with the majority of collector; we are all watching a chance to speculate a little, to get hold of some stamps that will ultimately advance and be worth more than we paid for them, and I contend that this is all right,

and that it does more to help keep philately on a firm basis than many are willing to admit; the difference is that old collectors know more, have had their fingers burned to a greater or less degree at some time or other, and have learned to fight shy of boomed stamps. Nevertheless the less there are of stamps that are "the fashion," the better it is for Philately, for the reason I have given, viz.: young collectors are apt to invest in them, lose money, become discouraged and disgusted, and drop out of the ranks.

So it is fortunate indeed that but few collectors can be found who like the same stamps—think enough of them, I mean, to specialize in them. It is the individualism of the human mind that causes each of us to have distinct and different likings for stamps of the various countries, and it is this individualism that makes fashionable stamps only an occasional fact, by "fashionable" being meant stamps that a majority of the collectors have taken a liking to at one and the same time. It is seldom that this happens, and it is good that this is the case.

All stamps are popular, some with one small portion of the entire number of collectors, others with another small portion of the entire number of collectors, and so long as it remains this way, all is well, and prices of the stamps of the different countries will remain at about the proper figures; when, however, any considerable number of the entire body of collectors get their eyes and likings turned in the same direction, then the trouble begins. This of course happens occasionally in a perfectly natural and legitimate manner; but seldom. Often "fashionable stamps" are the result of a carefully concocted plot, wherein the plotters, and would-be beneficiaries, succeed in having it become known that a gigantic scheme to corner certain stamps is on foot, and in fact already almost a realized fact; when this comes to the knowledge of collectors in general, the stamps in question usually become "fashionable," everyone trying to secure some of them, with the result that the parties who engineered the affair and had large holdings of the stamps succeeded in unloading at prices much in advance of the true value of the stamps. This is more often attempted in the case of single stamps than otherwise; and it is a fact, too, that it is not attempted very often in these days, the collecting fraternity having become skilled in discerning the colored individual in the woodpile, and refusing to contribute their aid and ducats to the furthering of the schemes and interests of would-be manufacturers of "fashionable" stamps. In fact, there is not much to be feared from that source nowadays; it is when a majority, or a considerable number of the entire body of collectors, take a liking to the stamps of some one country at one and the same time that serious trouble and disaster ensues, and this can not be guarded against, only by collectors refusing to purchase or invest in any stamps that are "fashionable" while yet they are fashionable. The way to do is to wait.

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Herbst deplored the fact that "Fischer's" was not on sale at Miller's.

The genial Shove saw many sights not seen in Unionville, and will soon rival Deats in his stock of philatelic literature. We understand he has several barns full.

Six-foot Beattie is every inch a gentleman, and will in a few years add M. D. to his name.

"Mack" was in evidence, and only one escaped his appeals to join the State Society.

"Chap" was busy reporting the doings, and trying to decide when to issue his book, "Lady Philatelists I Have Met."

Mein vrent Beringer kept the boys in good humor. He says the Harlem goats don't cross the river, so butter is scarce in Morrisania, where he lives.

Peterson has a shed full of stamps and uses them for fuel. He says a roast of beef has a much finer flavor when philatelic fuel is used.

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EDITOR'S EASY CHAIR.

We go to press shortly after the last issue is mailed, endeavoring to recover a little of our lost time.

The past two months have been busy ones for us, but it is cheering to see signs of renewed interest in collecting. Several have written us personal letters, some in renewing subscriptions long since lapsed on account of lack of interest, and others asking for selections of stamps to add to their collections recently resurrected after being buried from sight for months or years.

The extensive advertising of Messrs. Williams & Co , the wide-awake Peruvian dealers, and the wide distribution of their lists, has interested many of these old-time collectors, as evidenced by letters before us. There seems to be a good market for good stamps in South America, and South American stamps are coming into popularity in North America.

Brother Robie seems to be suffering from printers' delays as well as ourselves, but "Stamp Hunting" will probably be in the hands of the public before this issue is mailed. Remember, if you order it of us you have a year's subscription to this magazine free. See other offers in advertising columns.

We seldom use any of this space to ask for patronage, but we would like to co-operate with our subscribers in increasing our paid list by extending any subscription four months for each new subscriber sent in. Thus for three new subscribers with 45 cents, each subscriber sending same may have his own subscription extended one year. Try it.

Stamps, the combination juvenile-philatelic publication, has discontinued publication, and the subscription list is being filled by the Youth's Realm, published by A. Bullard & Co.

The Ohio Journal of Philately is announced from Columbus to appear on Nov. 15th. It will be managed by Otto Kemler, owned by the Ohio Philatelic Association and act as its official journal.

Editor Herbst, of the New York Philatelist, has now an able associate in the person of the smiling J. F. Farrell, who entertained us so nicely at the conventions with his oratory, and we shall look forward with more interest for the visits of our contemporary which has done so much for philately—in choking sample copy fiends.

Mr. Wm. A. McDonnell, the energetic Auction Manager of the S. of P., is making active preparations for a successful season, and we predict such business-like conduct of the department as will make it of great value to the membership, and outsiders participating in the purchase of lots offered. See his announcement in society columns.

Mr. McDonnell resigned his position as secretary of the Empire State Philatelic Society a short time ago, and Leopold Beringer has been appointed to fill the vacancy.

The members of the S. of P. will be pleased to read in the society columns that Mr. Shaw has consented to accept the office of Sales Superintendent, to which he was unanimously elected at the last convention. His three years' incumbency of the office has been highly successful; in fact, no other society in this country has had as good and profitable management as the S. of P. under his management.

Mr. Bartels, of Washington, ought to be happy. His Washington notes in the Era are mainly on plate numbers which advertise his principal line, and they not only cost him nothing, but he, in all probability, gets paid for them besides. We notice an ad. of his in the current Era asking readers to send in all their 2c Omaha plates at 5c each. If he doesn't have to hire a dozen extra clerks to open his mail in the next three weeks, we miss our guess. Just 392 plates left New Oxford for Washington on the day that the Era arrived, and if a few hundred other collectors send in what they find in their post-offices, it will keep him hustling to stay with the procession.

C. T. Reno, of Allentown, Pa., wishes to buy a good stamp paper with a fair amount of patronage.

Perrin & Co. have favored us with their 1899 price of stamps, packets, sets, etc.

The Detroit Philatelic Association will have a stamp exhibit at the Art Museum next summer which will add to the attractions for visitors to the conventions. They would like loans from non-resident philatelists.

We have received a copy of Vesey's Directory of Virginia Philatelists. It has a request for review, but we think we did so some months ago. It contains some 200 names and addresses, and is well printed and in a convenient form.

Mr. Cox, publisher of the National Philatelist, has purchased the Humboldt Herald, a weekly local paper, and finds his time so taken up that his philatelic paper is late in appearing.

The demand for the high value Omahas used seems to be good, and prices run up to 60 per cent. to 80 per cent. of the face value.

The 4c current in the new color, red-brown, also the 5c light blue, are now seen in the mails.

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Yours for the Sons of Philatelia,
EMIL GERLICH, Treas.

REPORT OF SUPT. OF SALES.

Yielding to what seems to be a general desire on the part of the members and to the opinion of the Board of Trustees, I have decided to withdraw my declination to serve as Supt. of Sales, and I announce that I am ready to receive books for circulation, and also the names of members who desire to be placed on circuit.

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