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B. C. 700-27.

|   |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| SILVER. Tetradrachm 4 drachms .....           | \$1 25 | \$4 00 | \$5 00 | \$6 90 | \$7 50 | \$9 00 |
| Didrachm 2 drachms .....                      | 1 50   | 2 00   | 2 50   | 3 00   | 3 50   | 4 00   |
| Drachm .....                                  | 90     | 1 25   | 1 50   | 1 75   | 2 00   | 2 25   |
| Tetrolol 4 obols .....                        | 75     | 90     | 1 20   | 1 40   | 1 60   | 1 80   |
| Tribol. ½ drachm, 3 obols .....               | 65     | 75     | 85     | 1 10   | 1 45   | 1 75   |
| COPPER Various prizes CHALKOUS the Unit ..... | 25     | 35     | 50     | 70     | 90     | 1 10   |

### ROMAN REPUBLIC, Aes Grave.

B. C. 400-2.

|   |  |  |  |  |          |       |
|---|--|--|--|--|----------|-------|
| First reduction B. C. 268. Second B. C. 217. Third— |  |  |  |  |          |       |
| BRONZE. As. various prizes to 48 .....              |  |  |  |  | \$ 40 to | \$ 80 |
| Semis (½ as) .....                                  |  |  |  |  | 1 60 to  | 4 75  |
| Triens (⅓ as) .....                                 |  |  |  |  | 40 to    | 3 75  |
| Quadrans (¼ as) .....                               |  |  |  |  | 40 to    | 3 75  |
| Sextans (one-sixth) .....                           |  |  |  |  | 40 to    | 3 00  |
| Uncia (one-twelfth) .....                           |  |  |  |  | 35 to    | 2 75  |

### ROMAN Consular or Family.

B. C. 268-2.

|                                |     |     |     |     |        |        |
|--------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|--------|
| SILVER. Denarius 10 ases ..... |     |     |     |     |        |        |
| Quinarius 5 ases .....         | .45 | .55 | .65 | .75 | .90    | \$1 10 |
| Sestertius 2½ ases .....       |     |     |     |     | \$1 25 | \$1 45 |

### ROMAN EMPIRE:

B. C. 2-A. D. 423.

|  |     |     |     |     |      |      |        |        |        |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|--------|--------|--------|
| SILVER. Imperial Denarius Quintarius ..... | .35 | .45 | .55 | .65 | .75  | .90  | \$1 10 | \$1 25 | \$1 50 |
| First Brass .....                          | .35 | .50 | .70 | .90 | 1 10 | 1 25 | 1 50   | 2 50   |        |
| Second Brass .....                         | .25 | .35 | .45 | .55 | .65  | .75  | .90    | 1 30   |        |
| Third Brass .....                          | .18 | .20 | .25 | .30 | .35  | .40  | .50    | .80    |        |

B. C. 27-A. D. 268.

### ROMAN Colonial and Greek Imperial.

|   |     |        |        |        |        |
|---|-----|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Billon and Potin Tetradrachms and Didrachms ..... | .75 | \$1 00 | \$1 25 | \$1 50 | \$2 00 |
| COPPER First, Second and Third size .....         | .20 | .25    | .35    | .45    | .55    |

A. D. 423-1453.

|                                     |     |     |     |        |        |        |        |
|-------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| BYZANTINE.—SILVER Denarius .....    | .65 | .75 | .90 | \$1 10 | \$1 30 | \$1 35 | \$1 50 |
| COPPER Follaro, several sizes ..... | .15 | .25 | .35 | .50    | .75    | .80    | 1 00   |

### MEDIAEVAL, European and Oriental.

423-1500.

|   |     |     |     |     |     |        |        |        |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|--------|--------|
| SILVER, Groats, ½ Groats, Pennies, etc. ....              | .25 | .35 | .50 | .70 | .90 | \$1 15 | \$1 40 | \$1 75 |
| COPPER Fuis, Soldo, Denier, Quatrino, Bagattino etc. .... | .12 | .15 | .20 | .25 | .30 | .40    |        |        |

### MODERN: All Countries.

1500 TO DATE.

|  |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| SILVER, Crowns .....   | \$1 25 | \$1 40 | \$1 50 | \$1 70 | \$1 90 | \$2 20 | \$2 50 | \$2 75 |
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|--|-----|-----|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| MEDALS.—SILVER, BRONZE, AND WHITE METAL. Eminent persons, 15 25 35 50 70 90 \$1 25 \$1 60 \$2 00 |     |     |        |        |        |        |        |        |
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| Centennial .....   | .10 | .15 | .25    | .30    | .40    | .50    | .65    | .80    |
| Military and Civic .....   | .15 | .25 | .35    | .50    | .70    | .90    | 1 25   | 1 65   |
| Masonic .....  | .25 | .35 | .45    | .60    | .75    | .90    | 1 10   | 1 30   |
| War Medals and Decorations .....   | .25 | .50 | .75    | 1 00   | 1 50   | 2 00   | 2 50   | 3 50   |

|  |     |     |     |        |        |    |    |    |
|--|-----|-----|-----|--------|--------|----|----|----|
| TOKENS.—Cities, Counties, Towns, Corporations, } SILVER..... | .40 | .60 | .80 | \$1 00 | \$1 50 |    |    |    |
| Haciendas, Manufactures, Merchants. } COPPER.....            | .7  | 10  | 12  | 15     | 18     | 20 | 25 | 30 |

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|---|----|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|--------|
| PAPERMONEY.—Colonial, Continental and Fractional Currency, Confederate Money, Broken Bank War Issues, etc ..... | .5 | 7 | 10 | 12 | 15 | 18 | 20 | 25 | 30 | 35 | 50 | 75 | \$1 00 |
|---|----|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|--------|

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## STAMP COLLECTING,

OR

### Suggestions for the Beginner.

FIRST PAPER.

In these papers there will of course be found much that has appeared elsewhere, but I hope to be able, from time to time, to make suggestions of my own that may be found acceptable and useful to the class for whom I write. When a person makes up his mind to "collect stamps," the first thing he wants is an album. Of these there are many varieties the choice of which can be regulated by the purchaser's fancy. I should, however, strongly advise an "Imperial Album," or what is still better, an "International Album." Either of these are so simple that the beginner will make no mistake in arranging the stamps in their proper places, and he will not be bothered by intricate variations of shade and perforation, nor be impelled to purchase three or four copies of the same stamp because places are allotted to them in his album—not that these are capital to possess, but he will want them by-and-by; but I think that if a collector has not got beyond the stage of a printed album, these varieties are out of place in his collection. It is of far more importance to him that he should have a large number of totally different stamps, and as he becomes acquainted with a great variety of issues, series and designs, that he should have an intimate knowledge of some particular country, through all the phases of its stamps. By getting many different specimens, he will soon be able to make a good show, and thus gratify the eyes both of

himself and his friends. This object is of course a minor one, but at this period of his pursuit it will be found not so unimportant as it will afterwards appear. One piece of advice let me insert here. It is this: Look well at your stamps before putting them in your album, and if you are not sure they are genuine, keep them out until you are. Go to a respectable dealer for the stamps you require; one who has a character to lose and a reputation to maintain. By so doing, you will spare yourself much after disappointment and trouble, for it is a wearisome and disagreeable employment to have to weed one's album for forgeries and substitute genuine copies.

Having settled the question of his album, the beginner will find *money* to be a great help. Supposing him to possess a moderate amount available for his hobby, let us just consider how he may best lay it out. Never mind what people say about securing new issues as soon as you get the chance; do nothing of the kind. In nine cases out of ten you will have to pay dearly for early specimens of a new series, and they get common after a short time; besides, by waiting a little, you may get used copies given you by friends who have foreign correspondence, and these are frequently more valuable in after years than uncanceled copies. Expend your money in *old* stamps; it is an exceptional circumstance for these to get more plentiful, so if you have but one dollar to lay out, buy stamps that are "out of use." These will never be cheaper, and a delay of a few months may double their prices. Granted, that unused copies of a new issue look very pretty, but in this instance sacrifice beauty to expedience; you will never regret it.

### Paper Coins and Medals.

FROM THE BOYS JOURNAL.

Our readers will most likely "open the great eyes," as the French say, *Anglice*, stare at the apparent inconsistency and incompatible juxta-position of terms in our title; but we trust we shall prove satisfactorily its perfect correctness. The material employed for the majority of useful articles, if not always necessarily the same, should usually be of similar nature. For example, tables, chairs, and other articles of furniture may be fashioned out of mahogany, rosewood, and other still more costly vegetable production; or beech, birch, and the still more homely deal may be used without detriment to the durability and utility of the handiwork.

But—and here comes the *sine qua non*—of necessity the piece of furniture must be formed from some substance possessing the requisites of strength and solidity, and able to bear, what is styled in legal parlance, all reasonable wear and tear.

In like manner, ships and boats may be built up from various combinations of wood and metals, teak, oak, pine and iron or copper being called into requisition; but here, again, endurance and resistance are imperative qualities, or the structure is worse than useless. "Stop!" says one of our sharp young readers, "I can make paper boats and tables, and paint them, too, like wood, and I have a pretty little glass vessel, with all the sails and masts complete." Taking leave to interrupt the interrupter, we would remark that he possesses the model or imitation of a ship, table, etc., but not the thing itself; such model being totally incompetent to perform the duty of that article for which it is simply a representative substitute. Reasoning from a like analogy, it might be presumed that all known coins and medals, from the earliest age to the present day, having been cast out of

gold, silver and bronze, and other imperishable materials, a perishable coin or a perishable medal would be a thing of naught—a *paper* coin or a *paper* medal—a worthless product. It will be our business in the earlier portion of this article to unravel the seeming paradox, and afterwards to discourse more generally on the interesting topic we have undertaken to illustrate. The same, or an equally precocious critic as before, will here start up with, "I know what you mean—bank notes—they are *paper* money." We mean no such thing, you philosopher. Bank notes are not money; they are merely promises to pay coin money; and, moreover, were that meaning, it is inapplicable to medals, there are no bank medals or promises to pay medals. By paper coins and medals we wish you to understand neither more nor less than those pretentious squares, triangles, ovals, circles, octagons and rectangles, with which you amuse yourself by neatly arranging your albums, and style your collection of American and Foreign postage stamps. And stationed there they please the eye in all a strange variety;  
From many a distant land they come  
To meet their congeners at home;  
Brightly the vivid pages glow,  
And every stamp, in every row,  
That strikes the eye may strike a chord  
On memory's harp, and all that's stored  
In memory's chambers bring to light,  
In full perfection at its sight.  
Guiana's ship, if silent, sings  
Of all the products that it brings.  
The swimming fish of Newfoundland  
Tells of the staple of its strand;  
Australia's swan, to those who know it,  
The *rara avis* of the poet.  
The kings and queens of countless peoples  
Are plain as vanes upon our steeples;  
Arms and device of distant nations  
Appear correct in proper stations;  
While portraits with correct intent,  
Portray the heads they represent;  
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Of history and geography!

(To be Continued.)

**New Issues.**

*Azores.*—The 10 reis has been surcharged for use in this colony.

*Brazil.*—A double 50 reis card has appeared, with stamp of the new type.

*British Honduras.*—The color of the penny has been changed to rose.

*Cashmere.*—A  $\frac{1}{4}$  anna has appeared; color, blue. The 1 anna is now bright green.

*Costa Rica.*—We are informed that the 2 centavos official is now surcharged in black.

*France.*—The 20 centimes is red on green paper.

*India.*—The  $\frac{1}{4}$  anna is issued on red paper.

*Nevis.*—The 6 d. green of the new type is now in use.

*Norway.*—The color of the 12 ore is said to have been changed to red.

*Patiala.*—*Le Timbre Post* states that a set of stamps, a post card and envelopes have been issued. This place is in India.

*Russia.*—The 1 kopeck, yellow, has appeared.

*Straits Settlements.*—We have seen the 4 cents printed in blue and surcharged "4 cents" in black as well as red.

*Trinidad.*—The  $\frac{1}{2}$  d. and 4 d. exist with watermark C. A. and crown.

*United States.*—The *Ph. W.* mentions one of the current envelopes printed in red instead of brown.

*Uruguay.*—All the new set have been surcharged for official use.

**EXCHANGES.**

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With the January number, the *Philatelic Monthly* enters upon its eleventh year of publication. It is, as usual, full of interest, and its list of new issues is generally the first notice collectors have of the advent of new stamps. "Long may it live!"

Publishers of the following receive our thanks for same: *New England Philatelist*, *The Philatelic World*, *The Independent Philatelist*, *The Philatelic Record*, *The Canadian Philatelist*.

**Answers to Correspondents.**

We hold ourselves in readiness to give here such information as lies in our power, and are prepared at all times to assist Philatelists in the solution of such questions as we are able to. All mail not requiring an answer by letter will be replied to here. Correspondents wishing reply by mail, *must* enclose stamp for return postage.

There are two varieties of the Journal Stamps of Austria, 1 and 2 kr. The first were issued in March, 1858, and the cross on top of the crown touches the frame; in the other, issued in April, 1878, the cross does not touch the frame, and the eagle is smaller.—*Ph. W.*



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With this issue the PHILATELIST makes its re-entrance into the Philatelic world under its new name and management.

As we pick up the pen so well used by our friend and former editor, we doubt our ability to excel, but will endeavor to provide a good, reliable publication, and one that we trust will meet with the approval of all. We beg to inform those interested in its welfare that we shall do all in *our* power to make the PHILATELIST a first-class journal, devoted exclusively to the interests of stamp collectors. That we may succeed depends largely upon the encouragement we receive. Our columns are free to all, and we would be pleased to receive original contributions pertaining to our science at all times. With these concluding remarks we respectfully place our paper before you, trusting that it meets with the support we anticipate.

It was our purpose to open an exchange department with this issue, devoting a page or more to the use of *ad*. Owing to the small number of exchange received we are obliged to omit it this month. We hope that all those wishing to exchange duplicates will take advantage of our offer and send in exchange at once, so as to enable us to open this department with the next number. Remember, *free to all!*

We regret that we were not able to appear on the date announced, but owing to the two barriers—second-class rates and printers—it was impossible. Hereafter we shall appear promptly in the middle of each month.

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**Gossip.**

China began to use postal cards on the first.

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The firm of Wettern & Ridgely has dissolved. Each gentleman will continue in the wholesale trade.

The name of the *Bayonne Philatelist* has been changed to *Independent Philatelist*, and is now published in this city by Mr. Craft, its former editor.

Look out for C. H. Mekeel! We learn he has moved to St. Louis, and would not be surprised if E. M. Hacker and Carson Stamp Co. are the same person.

Mr. Emory, former publisher of the *Philatelic News*, "bobs up serenely" again. This time with *The New England Philatelist*. It is neatly gotten up and we predict it a flattering success.

Mr. L. W. Durbin has issued his Standard Catalogue for 1885. It far exceeds all others in compilation and general make-up. It contains a great deal of information, besides cuts of the coats-of-arms of the different stamp-issuing countries; devices used on little-known stamps and a price catalogue. Every collector should possess a copy.

The *Color Chart*, compiled by Messrs. Smith, Bogert and Corwin, has been published by the National Philatelic Society and supplies a long felt want. It is printed on heavy paper, bound in book form and embraces 150 colors, or 900 distinct tints in which the postage stamps of the world are printed. A copy of this most admirable work should be in the hands of all philatelists. For sale by all large dealers. Price, 75 cents.

THE COLLECTOR'S COMPANION.—J. H. Raymond, 162 Centre St., Chicago. This is the latest addition to philatelic literature, and from the appearance of its first number, we predict it a hearty welcome.

The Chicago Stamp Collectors' Union was formed December 20th. The following officers were elected: Pres., J. H. Raymond; Vice-Pres., P. R. R. Shuman; Treas. and Sec., Mr. Connett; Librarian, A. von Glahn. Address all mail to A. von Glahn, 547 North Clark St., Chicago, Ill.

### Hawaii and Its Stamps.

BY T. COKE.

Situated in the North Pacific Ocean is a beautiful and most interesting chain of mountains forming the Kingdom of Hawaii—more commonly known as the

Sandwich Islands. They were discovered by Captains Cook and King in 1778 and are thirteen in number, eight of which are inhabited. All are very mountainous and appear to be chiefly of volcanic origin. They occupy a united area of 7,628 square miles, with a population of about 60,000. Hawaii, the largest of the group, contains the two stupendous volcanic mountains, Mouna Loa (which is still in activity) and Mouna Kea, each rising to nearly 14,000 feet. The imports are chiefly manufactured goods, while the exports consist of oil, sugar, coffee, rice, hides, corn, etc. The islands are well situated for trade, being in the route between China and America.

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1852.—Design: Numeral in fancy square of cones and loops; HAWAIIAN POSTAGE at top, value below, unperforated.

2 cents, blue.

5 " "

13 " "

These stamps and the one above are all native made, and form as rare a set as can be found in any country.

#### Issue of 1853.

Design: Head of Kamehamcha III. on crossed lines in lettered frame. At top, POSTAGE; right, HONOLULU; left, HAWAIIAN IS.; below, FIVE CTS. Unperforated.

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| Brazil                 | 4  | New Zealand     | 3 |
| Canada                 | 8  | Norway          | 5 |
| Canada Bill            | 6  | Prussia         | 5 |
| Cuba                   | 4  | Roumania        | 5 |
| Denmark                | 4  | Russia          | 5 |
| Egypt                  | 3  | Saxony          | 4 |
| Finland                | 4  | Servia          | 4 |
| France                 | 10 | *Spain          | 5 |
| Germany                | 10 | Spain           | 8 |
| Great Britain          | 10 | Sweden          | 6 |
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The United States locals he had also better abjure for the present—not but that these are quite the reverse of the Hamburg swindles, these being of un doubted respectability and authenticity;

but from their great rarity in a genuine original state, it is better that he should leave this branch of Philately to a future time. The packets that are sold bearing the title of "United States Locals" are mere rubbish, and in many cases bear not the slightest resemblance to the originals. In addition to these facts it may be well to inform the beginner that there are not a dozen really good judges of American locals in the United States, so that it is most probable that the friendly counsel of an expert in this department will not be available for his guidance.

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We have received No. 2 of the *Southern Collector*, published by McHenry & Gale, Nashville, Tenn. It is neatly gotten up and contains much that will interest both Philatelist and Numismatist.

We have received the following papers since our last issue. Publishers will please accept our thanks: *Philatelic Monthly*, *North Star Philatelist*, *Independent Philatelist*, *Philatelic World*, *Capital City Philatelist*, *Advertiser*, *Canadian Philatelist*, *Collector*.

### Paper Coins and Medals.

FROM THE BOYS JOURNAL.

Now, for the matter on hand, to prove the appropriateness of our paradoxical title. At first blush there seems some shadow of reason, and our juvenile critic may well be excused his idea in naming bank notes the *alias* of paper coin; totally ignoring their *representative* character. It must be borne in mind, however, that a postage stamp or paper coin, take for instance one of our quarters, dimes, cents, or other coins, is not a *promise* of the payment of the sum inscribed thereon, but a legal tender to the full value thereof.

This applies, nevertheless, more particularly though not exclusively, to the postage stamps of our own country, which are conveniently available for the transmission of small sums, or the fraction of larger ones, by post. Again, many a penny is saved and consequently, according to the old proverb, gained, since a one cent stamp has attained the legitimate rank of a substitute for its equivalent copper coin. This world of conventionalities is replete with such distinctions without a difference.

It is true that what is termed a postal currency was in use in this country during the fiscal confusion consequent to our internal wars. But this by no means corresponded with the custom alluded to, the engraved slips being, in point of fact, government bank notes for small sums, and having little in common with postage stamps other than their necessary appellation.

The first part of our title may now be dismissed, the little proof of its propriety required being exhaustive of the subject. We will now therefore proceed to the consideration of the second portion, which will need a much more extensive and discursive amount of argument. We have no Johnson at hand

(for reference to the learned lexicographer's definition of a medal, but no doubt it is somewhat to the effect of its being "a reminder of contemporary occurrences;" such was the idea prevailing in the mind of the talented geologist, Gideon Mantell, when he so elegantly designated fossils as the *Medals of Creation*. The devotees to geology, and they alone, can judge how wonderfully appropriate is such a title to these durable memorials of the events they silently commemorate; events which myriads of ages may obscure, but which tens of myriads will be powerless to consign to oblivion, while the *Medals of Creation* exist in countless multitude to stand with truthful and unmistakable certainty these marvelous operations of nature.

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case of a delicate postage stamp? query, a poser to the non-initiated "Philately," is now readily responded to by the postage stamp amateur, who triumphantly produces his postage stamp album. Therein, as we have noted above, lie geography, history, peculiarities of produce and commerce, emblems, and, though not actually portrayed, wars and revolutions, and their undoubted consequences accurately and permanently chronicled in due chronological order.

Writing as we are, primarily for the benefit of the major or juvenile portion of our readers, we may take occasion to explain a word employed which may possibly be a novelty to some of them. I mean the word "Philately."

In the early days of postage stamp collecting, its amateurs, principally juveniles, were content to bear the unpretending legitimate appellation. But when the *furor* was approaching its present respectable proportions, and became patronized by maturer age and more scientific minds, its acknowledged dignity demanded a proportionately suitable name. The French adopted at first the name of *Timbromanie*, and thence, *Timbromania*. The *double entendre* implied in the word gave rise naturally to sarcastic remark from those who had not discrimination enough to perceive the real utility of the novel coinage; and a well-known Parisian collector, now, alas! seceded from our fraternity, proposed the word *philatelie*, with its corresponding derivatives.

The Greek words, *philos* a friend, and *telos* a tax, representing that which is free from further expense, seems the best word obtainable from a classical source, the impossibility of finding a Greek term equivalent for what the Greek

or Romans never dreamed of—a postage stamp—precluding a less far-fetched synonym.—(To be continued.)

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[Written for the E. S. P.]

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## A Letter.

LAKE VILLAGE, N. H.

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Yours of February 2d received and contents noted. What do I think of the PHILATELIST under its new management? Just what I thought when I decided to dispose of the *Granite State Philatelist*. You were the man above all others that I wished to succeed me. Why? Because you had written for my paper for nearly two years, and I knew you were a good writer; you were prompt, faithful, and always willing to help me; and to the assistance of "T. Coke" may be attributed much of the success which the *Philatelist* achieved under my management. When you decided to be my successor I was much pleased, for I knew the *Philatelist* would not only be kept up to its standard, but be improved; and the first number of the paper under your management comes fully up to my expectations. I am perfectly satisfied with the paper, and I am sure all the old subscribers will be.

One thing I never could understand is why there are so many stamp collectors who never take a Philatelic journal. I should as soon think of a carpenter trying to build a house without the use of boards, hammer and nails; but there are a large number of collectors who do not realize the importance of keeping posted, and that is one reason, I think, why so many leave off collecting when they have only a few hundred varieties. They don't read the papers, cannot tell a counterfeit stamp when they see one, and when they show their collection to some advanced collector, who, perchance, discovers a few forgeries, they are disgusted and stop collecting. There is another class of collectors, who are always willing to subscribe for a strictly first class journal, worth two or three dollars a year, but do not care to take a

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|   | Quadrans (1/4 as)   | "                    | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
|   | Sextans (one-sixth) | "                    | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
|   | Uncia (one-twelfth) | "                    | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |

## ROMAN Consular or Family, B. C. 268-2.

|         |                       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|---------|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| SILVER. | Denarius 10 ases      | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
|         | Quintarius 5 ases     | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
|         | Sestertius 2 1/2 ases | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |

## ROMAN EMPIRE: B. C. 2-A. D. 423.

|         |                              |       |    |    |    |    |      |      |        |        |        |
|---------|------------------------------|-------|----|----|----|----|------|------|--------|--------|--------|
| SILVER. | Imperial Denarius Quintarius | ..... | 35 | 45 | 55 | 65 | 75   | 90   | \$1 10 | \$1 25 | \$1 50 |
|         | First Brass                  | ..... | 35 | 50 | 70 | 90 | 1 10 | 1 25 | 1 50   | 2 50   | .....  |
|         | Second Brass                 | ..... | 25 | 35 | 45 | 55 | 65   | 75   | 90     | 1 30   | .....  |
|         | Third Brass                  | ..... | 18 | 20 | 25 | 30 | 35   | 40   | 50     | 80     | .....  |

## B. C. 27-A. D. 268.

### ROMAN Colonial and Greek Imperial.

|        |   |       |    |        |        |        |        |    |    |      |
|--------|---|-------|----|--------|--------|--------|--------|----|----|------|
|        | Billon and Potin Tetradrachms and Didrachms | ..... | 75 | \$1 00 | \$1 25 | \$1 50 | \$3 00 |    |    |      |
| COPPER | First, Second and Third size                | ..... | 20 | 25     | 35     | 45     | 55     | 70 | 85 | 1 00 |

## A. D. 423-1453.

|                   |                               |       |    |    |    |        |        |        |        |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|-------|----|----|----|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| BYZANTINE.—SILVER | Denarius                      | ..... | 65 | 75 | 90 | \$1 10 | \$1 30 | \$1 35 | \$1 50 |
|                   | COPPER Follaro, several sizes | ..... | 15 | 25 | 35 | 50     | 75     | 80     | 1 00   |

## MEDIAEVAL, European and Oriental, 423-1500.

|         |   |       |    |    |    |    |    |        |        |        |
|---------|---|-------|----|----|----|----|----|--------|--------|--------|
| SILVER. | Groats, 1/2 Groats, Pennies, etc.             | ..... | 25 | 35 | 50 | 70 | 90 | \$1 15 | \$1 40 | \$1 75 |
| COPPER  | Fuls, Soldo, Denier, Quatrino, Bagattino etc. | ..... | 12 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 | 40     | .....  | .....  |

## MODERN: All Countries, 1500 TO DATE.

|         |  |       |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|---------|--|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| SILVER. | Crowns   | ..... | \$1 25 | \$1 40 | \$1 50 | \$1 70 | \$1 90 | \$2 20 | \$2 50 | \$2 75 |
|         | Half Crowns  | ..... | 90     | 85     | 1 00   | 1 25   | 1 50   | 1 75   | 2 00   | 2 25   |
|         | Smaller denominations from 25 per cent to 100 per cent above face value. | ..... | .....  | .....  | .....  | .....  | .....  | .....  | .....  | .....  |
| COPPER. | a large number of denominations and innumerable varieties,               | ..... | 07     | 10     | 12     | 15     | 18     | 20     | 25     | 30     |
|         | 20 25 30 35 40 50 60 75 \$1 00   | ..... | .....  | .....  | .....  | .....  | .....  | .....  | .....  | .....  |

## MEDALS.—SILVER, BRONZE, AND WHITE METAL. Eminent persons, 15 25 35 50 70 90 \$1 25 \$1 50 \$2 00

|                            |       |    |    |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|----------------------------|-------|----|----|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Proclamation               | ..... | 50 | 75 | \$1 00 | \$1 25 | \$1 50 | \$1 90 | \$2 40 | \$3 00 |
| Centennial                 | ..... | 10 | 15 | 25     | 30     | 40     | 50     | 65     | 80     |
| Military and Civic         | ..... | 15 | 25 | 35     | 50     | 70     | 90     | 1 25   | 1 65   |
| Masonic                    | ..... | 25 | 35 | 45     | 60     | 75     | 90     | 1 10   | 1 30   |
| War Medals and Decorations | ..... | 25 | 50 | 75     | 1 00   | 1 50   | 2 00   | 2 50   | 3 00   |

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### GREEK, Autonomous and Royal, B. C. 700-37.

|                               |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| SILVER. Tetradrachm 4 drachms | \$4.50 | \$3.75 | \$3.00 | \$2.25 | \$1.50 | \$0.75 |
| Didrachm 2 drachms            | 1.50   | 1.25   | 1.00   | 75     | 50     | 25     |
| Drachm                        | .50    | .40    | .30    | 25     | 15     | 10     |
| Tetradrachm 4 obols           | 75     | 50     | 25     | 15     | 10     | 7      |
| Tribol 3/4 drachm, 3 obols    | 65     | 45     | 30     | 20     | 15     | 10     |
| Copper Various prices         | 95     | 75     | 55     | 40     | 30     | 20     |

### OMAN REPUBLIC, Aes Grave, B. C. 400-2.

|  |                      |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|----------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| First reduction B. C. 250. Second B. C. 217. Third |                      |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bronze. As   | Various prices to 45 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Semis (1/2 as)                                     | 37                   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Triens (1/3 as)                                    | 27                   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Quadrans (1/4 as)                                  | 22                   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sextans (one-sixth)                                | 20                   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Uncia (one-twelfth)                                | 16                   |  |  |  |  |  |

### ROMAN Consular or Family, B. C. 200-3.

|                           |    |    |    |    |    |   |
|---------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|---|
| SILVER. Denarius 10 asses |    |    |    |    |    |   |
| Quintarius 5 asses        | 45 | 35 | 25 | 15 | 10 | 5 |
| Sestertius 2 1/2 asses    |    |    |    |    |    |   |

### ROMAN EMPIRE: B. C. 2-A. D. 483.

|                                      |    |    |    |    |      |      |        |        |        |
|--------------------------------------|----|----|----|----|------|------|--------|--------|--------|
| SILVER. Imperial Denarius Quintarius | 35 | 45 | 55 | 65 | 75   | 90   | \$1.10 | \$1.25 | \$1.50 |
| First Brass                          | 35 | 50 | 75 | 90 | 1.10 | 1.25 | 1.50   | 2.50   |        |
| Second Brass                         | 25 | 35 | 45 | 55 | 65   | 75   | 90     | 1.00   |        |
| Third Brass                          | 19 | 25 | 35 | 45 | 55   | 65   | 75     | 90     |        |

### B. C. 97-A. D. 688.

### ROMAN Colonial and Greek Imperial.

|   |    |    |      |      |      |      |
|---|----|----|------|------|------|------|
| Billon and Pisto Tetradrachm and Didrachm | 75 | 90 | 1.00 | 1.25 | 1.50 | 2.00 |
| Copper First, Second and Third size       | 25 | 35 | 45   | 55   | 70   | 90   |

### A. D. 483-1453.

### BYZANTINE.—SILVER Denarius

|                               |    |    |    |    |    |    |        |        |        |
|-------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|--------|--------|--------|
| Copper Sollaro, several sizes | 15 | 25 | 35 | 50 | 75 | 90 | \$1.20 | \$1.35 | \$1.50 |
|-------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|--------|--------|--------|

### MEDIAEVAL, European and Oriental, 483-1500.

|   |    |    |    |    |    |        |        |        |
|---|----|----|----|----|----|--------|--------|--------|
| SILVER. Groats & Groats, Pennies, etc.                | 25 | 35 | 50 | 70 | 90 | \$1.15 | \$1.30 | \$1.50 |
| Copper Fuls, Soldo, Denier, Quattrino, Regalino, etc. | 12 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 | 40     | 50     | 60     |

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|   |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
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|                                    |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|------------------------------------|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Has ends, Manufacturers, Merchants | 7 | 10 | 15 | 18 | 20 | 25 | 30 | 40 |
|------------------------------------|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|

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|                  |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|------------------|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| War Issues, etc. | 5 | 7 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 | 40 |
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The foregoing anomalies are bad enough, but the two following statements completely out-herod the whole of the others, so far as mere fudge is concerned. Just listen to this: "Every collector knows the rarest English stamps among those actually issued are the black penny with the obliterating mark in red ink (black was only used later) &c." If you turn this sentence "topsy-turvy" you will arrive at the truth, this I now proceed to do. Every collector knows, or ought to know, that this black stamp was originally cancelled with a *black* postmark. A little common sense, combined with the same amount of personal observation, soon taught the postal authorities that an obliteration of black upon a black surface was not nearly so effectual as one of another color, say red, consequently they chose a *red* ink for cancelling. This seems the more natural solution, but since the catalogues make no distinction whatever as to the comparative scarcity of these stamps with red and black marks, it must be a matter of small importance. If, however, any cancelled variety is scarcer than the other, it follows that it is the first one or the black, for it was the shortest time in use. I can testify that all these penny stamps in my possession bear the cancellation mark of a Maltese cross in red. These rare stamps can be had at the moderate sum of one penny each, larger quantities proportionally cheaper!

Rattled out "pell-mell" we have the astounding information that the postal envelope with the *brown octagonal* penny

embossed are very rare, indeed so much so that no one ever heard of them before nor since. The penny embossed envelope stamps are all of oval shape and pink color, and the only envelopes of octagon shape are the 6d. and the 1s. but then the colors of these are violet and green respectfully, and they are not rare. Something slightly wrong here.

We have then offered for our guidance a few hints regarding forgerers, which be it known are original. We are told that it is all the more easier to forge for collections as a sham obliterating mark can easily be slurred over the part where the engraving is defective. Not so easily as you would suppose, for a collector of experience is able in many instances to detect forgeries from no other test than their cancelling mark. This is of frequent occurrence for the forger to cancel all his wares with the same post mark, so that if it happens these do not coincide with undoubtedly genuine specimens, then it stands to reason they are bogus, even although the design was believed, in which state few collectors will take stamps. In any case it will be seen that this matter is not passed over by us in such a summary fashion. Bad coloring is no great test in the process of manufacture, the watermark and perforation being regarded as of far greater importance in comparison all suspicious specimens.

"A collection having 3,000 genuine stamps of different sorts is worth £100. Now this entirely depends on the condition and class, *i.e.*, whether used or unused; but for an ordinary collection in which used specimens predominate the one supposed. I think a quarter of that sum comes nearer the mark.

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atio as the incident Cuvier, the naturalist, delighted to relate. Several *confreres* of his were engaged preparing the well known Academy Dictionary, when he dropped in by chance just as the lexicographers were busy at work. 'Glad to see you Mr. Cuvier,' said one, "we have just decided a definition which we think quite satisfactory, but on which we should like to have your opinion. We have been defining the word 'crab' and have explained it thus:—'Crab,' a small fish which walks backwards." "Perfect gentlemen," said Cuvier, "only, if you will give me leave, I will make one small observation in natural history. The crab is not a fish, it is not red, and does not walk backwards. With these exceptions, your definition is excellent"

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### Sarawak.

BY PHILATELIKOS.

The country of this name is little known and seldom spoken of except in connection with philatelic matters. It is a district on the north-western coast of Borneo, with an estimated population of 200,000. Sarawak is governed by a Rajah, who is nominally subject to the Sultan of Borneo, but is really independent. A Sultan bears nearly the same relation to a Rajah as an Emperor does to a King in more civilized lands.

Sarawak is not mountainous, as it lies between the hills and the shore. The principal river is the Sarawak, a navigable stream, at the mouth of which is situated the capital of the same name. It is a city of 25,000 inhabitants. The government of this interesting country is a peculiar one. Its head is an Englishman, with a Hindoo title and Malay subjects. A great part of these latter belong to tribes of Dyaks. The Dyaks are noted for their singular custom of collecting human heads. It makes no difference whether the head is that of an enemy or not; in any case it is cut off and dried, and the Dyak places it on exhibition in his hut, with as much pride as a philatelist shows his stamp collection. This unpleasant habit was forbidden by the first English Rajah, and is now practically extinct in the

dominions of his successor.

The way in which the singular state of government mentioned came into existence is as follows: James (afterwards Sir) Brooke was yachting in the East Indian Waters, thinking of a plan to suppress piracy there. In 1838 he visited Sarawak, and in 1840 assisted Muda Hassim, the ruling Rajah, in fighting the rebellious Dyaks. Muda Hassim perceived before long that he was unable to keep in subjection such a turbulent people, and, as he was the heir of the Sultan of Borneo, to whose kingdom he expected to succeed, he decided to resign the Rajahship in favor of Brooke, if the latter would consent. Accordingly, September 24th, 1841, in the presence of the assembled population, James Brooke received the power of Sarawak, and was soon after confirmed by the Sultan. Under his wise rule the country prospered, and at his death June 11, 1868, he was succeeded by his nephew, Charles Johnson Brooke, who found head hunting suppressed, piracy stopped, laws, trade, and other requirements of a commercial state. He is the present Rajah.

One postage stamp was issued during the lifetime of Sir James. It was a three cent, brown on yellow, and appeared in 1868. In the corners were the letters J. B. R. S. which signify James Brooke Rajah (of) Sarawak. In the centre was his portrait. In 1871 the new Rajah issued another three cent stamp, same color, bearing his own portrait. The letters in the corners remained, but J. was changed to C. to stand for Charles. A set of 5 values followed in 1874. The currency is Dutch; 1 Gulden, 100 cents. 2 cts., mauve; 4 cts., brown; 6 cts., green; 8 cts., blue; 12 cts., rose.

A revenue stamp is also known, it is of the value of three cents and is printed in black on slate colored paper. It is quite scarce in this country.

Both the three cent stamps are extensively imitated by forgers. The best counterfeits come from Boston. They are well gotten up, but, on comparing with the genuine, one will see that the engraving is not quite fine enough, and the perforation is defective; Nevertheless they doubtless deceive many

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All authors should compete for the prizes offered in another column. Many young writers do not succeed in getting their "first attempt" published, therefore get discouraged and give it up. "If at

first you don't succeed, try, try again. "Practice makes perfect." Try for one of the prizes; it will cost you nothing.

The *Collectors Companion* suggests the Philatelists should take steps to have a law passed making it a crime to counterfeit foreign stamps. We believe there should be such a law, and that it should be enforced. We believe such a law could be passed if the leading dealers and collectors would present a petition to Congress, asking that it be done. Let messrs Durbin, Tiffany, Smith and Bogert draw up a petition, sign it and circulate it throughout the country and obtain the signatures of the prominent Philatelists, and perhaps, Congress would make a law that would be a benefit to every true Philatelist; at least, it would do no harm to try the experiment.

The New York *Critic* gives the PHILATELIST quite a send-off in the shape of "criticism," and "smiles right out loud at our earnest endeavors. The *Critic* an able Literary Judge, no doubt, and well posted on "abstruse subjects," but its editor, knowing but little about Philately, is very much astonished by perusing our columns, and in his anxiety to give us a "dig" over-shoots the mark and exposes his ignorance on the subject. We are not aware that "the collection of cancelled postage stamps is getting to be a serious matter," but if such is the case, and the Government intends to put its "votaries" in jail, we shall show up shop, forthwith, as we do not relish the idea of following the example of Edmund Yates and write our editorials behind prison bars.

As an inducement for collectors to try their hand at writing articles on Philately, we have decided to offer the following cash prizes for the best three articles received; first prize, \$2.00; second prize, \$1.25; third prize, 75 cents. Anyone can compete for these prizes, provided they are subscribers to our paper. All articles must be original and written on only one side of the paper and sent postage prepaid, to this office. Cho

our own subjects. Sign your full name and address, and if you want article returned, if rejected, enclose stamps for return postage. In awarding the prizes we shall use our best judgment, and forward the money to the winners May 1st, publishing their articles in the May number. If you are not a subscriber, but wish to compete for the prizes, you can send the subscription price with the manuscript.

The "Fitchburg Philatelic Society" was organized at Fitchburg, Mass., February 6th, with the following officers; W. L. Emory, Pres.; W. K. Jewett, Sec.; W. A. Brown, Treas.; L. H. Sherman, Librarian. Why are there not more Philatelic Societies in the country? In union there is strength. We are in favor of organizations; the more the better. We wish every city had half a dozen societies; we wish the collectors in every village, even if there are not more than a dozen of them, would form a Philatelic society. When we were a school boy we first began collecting stamps, nearly every boy had his collection of stamps pasted in an old blank or copy book. We were all jealous and envious of each other, each one trying his best to obtain the largest number of stamps, and in perchance, one collector obtained twenty or thirty stamps more than his nearest rival, you couldn't touch him with a ten cent pole, until someone else struck a "bonanza" and went ahead of him.

The advantages derived from Philatelic Societies, if properly conducted, are numerous. In New York City there ought to be at least a dozen Philatelic societies or "Clubs," and in smaller towns where there are but few collectors, and they cannot afford to hire a hall, let them hold a meeting at the home of one member one week, and with another the next. Collectors would thus keep up an interest; they would become better acquainted with each other; they would have excellent opportunities to study philately and exchange stamps; they would pass many pleasant hours together in looking over each others collections and discussing Philatelic topics

which might otherwise be dull and dreary, they could attend many pleasant meetings when otherwise they might be in worse company. By all means organize Philatelic Societies and encourage them in every possible manner.

#### Gossip.

Still larger!

Mr. T. Martin Wears has kindly consented to contribute regularly to our columns. We are sure his articles will be appreciated by all our readers.

Messrs. W. F. Smith and J. T. Handford, well-known dealers of this city, have formed a partnership, and will continue in the stamp trade under the name of Smith & Handford, at 22 New Church street. The large experience and reputation of these two gentlemen is warrant enough for their success. We heartily recommend them to all our readers.

The *Collector's Guide*, published by Mr. W. G. Whilden, Jr., Pelzer, S. C., has at last made its appearance. It comes fully up to our expectations; is neatly printed and contains much that will interest stamp collectors. Send for a copy.

Mr. Lyman H. Low, 838 Broadway, N. Y., has published his February catalogue of books relating to coins and medals. It contains detailed statements concerning books on coins, is carefully compiled and is of permanent value and interest to all numismatists. Price 15 cents. We would call the attention of our readers to Mr. Low's "ad" on second page of cover. If there is anything in that line you want don't fail to write him.

Mr. M. D. Batchelder has moved to St. Louis, Mo. This will not, however, interfere with the publication of his paper. In an "ad" of Mr. Batchelder's last month we stated that the guaranteed circulation of the *Youth* was 25,000. This was a typographical error and should read 2,500. Quite a difference, eh! Bro. Batchelder?



Written for the E. S. P.

### Triangular Stamps.

BY "TOPAZ."

Stamps of this unusual shape have been used in four countries, namely: Cape of Good Hope, United States, Newfoundland and the United States of Columbia. We will first consider those of the Cape for they are the oldest. Their design is so well-known as to need no description; suffice it to say that it is a seated figure of Hope. Two values appeared in 1853, one penny, red on blue paper, and four pence, blue on white paper. In 1857 the one penny appeared printed on white paper. These two denominations were enough to supply the demand till 1858, when six pence, lilac, and one shilling, green, were issued. All of this set were water-marked with an anchor and were current until 1865. During a temporary scarcity of stamps at the Cape post-office in 1860, the authorities ordered imitations of them to be engraved on wood and used until a supply of the originals arrived from the mother country. Accordingly a number of the one and four pence stamps were made in the colony and used for a time. The colors were the same as the previous ones, though by accident a number of the one pennies were printed in blue and the four pence in red. This set is now very rare. Counterfeit triangular Cape of Good Hope are very extensively sold, generally the issue of 1853, though they more resemble that of 1860. They are bad lithographs and not likely to deceive any collectors but the youngest. I have a specimen of the 4 pence printed in an indigo color and another in light blue.

Next in order of emission were the local stamps of the Metropolitan & Erand Carrier Express Co. of New York. I do not know as these can properly be called triangular. They do not conform to the common idea of triangles, but they are certainly tri-lateral. They were printed in sheets of 100, at some distance apart, and were, as a matter of convenience, cut square rather than to the shape of the stamp. These locals were

issued in 1855 and the set consists of 5, 10 and 20 cents, all red in color. The ten and twenty cents are somewhat rare but none of them are unobtainable. The Metropolitan Co. issued a two-cent envelope, the stamp of which was similar in form and color to the adhesives. It is very rare in a used condition. The stamps just described are the only United States stamps that can in any sense be called triangular.

We come now in chronological order to the single triangular stamp of Newfoundland. This stamp because of its unusual shape and beautiful execution, and on account of its being rather uncommon is a favorite with collectors. Its value is three pence, its color green and it appeared, together with eight other values, in 1857. Its center shows the rose, thistle and shamrock, emblematic of England, Scotland and Ireland, of which united powers Newfoundland is a dependence.

The currency of pence and shillings on the postage stamps was superseded in 1866 by dollars and cents. Counterfeits of the three pence have been made and sold to juveniles, but no person who had ever seen one of the beautiful originals could be hoodwinked with the forgeries.

The United States of Colombia stands last on the list with two stamps of the shape under consideration. This republic, whose postage stamps are over 200 in number, has issued stamps of all sizes, from the 1863 Bolivar, the smallest stamp known, to the large registration labels which surpass in size our own Periodical stamps of 1865. Both of its three cornered stamps were used for unpaid letters. The first was issued in 1865, containing the arms of the republic twice repeated so that each corner was occupied by a shield. Value 2½ centavos, below and inscription above, all being enclosed in serrated border. The form of the stamp is that of an equiangular triangle and its color is black on lilac. The other one mentioned took the place of this one in 1867. Its shape was that of a right triangle, its color black on violet, and its value the same

This is the most recent of all the triangular stamps.

While we cannot conscientiously wish for the emission of any more, we prize those already issued and regard them as unique trophies of a bygone philatelic fancy.

Written for the E. S. P.

### One of "Uncle Sam's" Work-Shops.

BY W. H. SCHUREMAN.

(Concluded.)

The process of making notes and stamps is the same, and one is surprised to find how much care and real artistic labor is required. The employes "carefulness" is made prominent immediately on entering the door, for, although they are most courteous and willing to show any through the building, they are most careful to keep visitors from too close an inspection of prints or plates—even guarding them from temptation by iron screens. In each room everything is most systematically arranged and order prevails everywhere. In one room (we will call it the first) the plates are engraved. There the men sit behind tables under tissue paper screens used to soften the light. One begins a plate, but before it is finished it has passed through several hands, each man doing a certain portion allotted to him, and no more. This is one provision against counterfeits. When a plate is engraved, a cylindrical die is made from it, and this is, then, sunk into steel.

The printing room presents a lively scene. At each press stands a man and woman working as hard as their fingers can move. The woman takes a sheet of the specially prepared paper, dampens it with a cloth and places it on the plate in the press with an exactness that can only come with constant practice. In the same time the man has placed his plate over a small stove, inked and cleaned it and has it back in the press when the paper is ready. The swiftness and accuracy of their work is marvellous.

After the prints have been dried, they go to the counting room, where they have to be counted after each printing.

A stamp has to pass through three presses over as many plates, so must be counted fully six times. When an error has been made, it is traced at once, for the force of 1200 people will be detained after hours until it be rectified. So complete is the system that an ordinary mistake can be detected in fifteen minutes. In the next room are the stamping and cutting machines. The "stampers" work automatically as they number the prints in regular order. The defective ones, if any, are immediately cancelled and burned; the others are cut, counted and tied in packages ready for circulation.

A safe has been constructed large enough to receive all the plates, and at night each one has to be placed in its groove on a certain shelf. When the ponderous door of this vault has swung to, its huge bolts will only spring back at a definite time the next day in answer to the touch of the one entrusted with "the combination."

Surely our loved "U. S." guards his treasurers most strictly, and whatever may be our feelings as to other departments of the Government, for this we can only speak words of commendation. The work done is of the best quality, and no one concerned *can be* dishonest, but more to my present purpose, we have seen that the Bureau of Engraving and Printing upholds and encourages the science of Philately, for it gives us stamps that are true engravings executed by talented workmen, and so worthy to be placed in comparative collections of the stamps of all Nations.

### Paper Coins and Medals.

FROM THE BOYS JOURNAL.

"Charity begins at home." The converse is the case in the present instance. It would be far more charitable, or rather friendly, to take the word charitable in its legitimate sense and not to touch upon home affairs here; so we will begin with France.

A complete or even partial collection of French postage labels will afford a

correct idea of the various governments of France for the past eighteen years.

The beautifully impressed head of the Goddess of Liberty will state the duration of the Republic; the portrait of Louis Napoleon during his presidency, accompanied with the same inscription, will not only chronicle the modification of that Republic, but show how astutely that consummate politician was preparing the public mind or his appearance in all imperial effulgence. These gradations are quite noticeable in the leaves devoted to the French stamps; and it will be remarked, moreover, that ten years have elapsed after his Imperial Majesty's accession ere he assumed the laurels of Cæsars!

The unusual number and varied appearance of the pages holding the representatives of the adjoining country will puzzle the antiquaries of future generations. Like some of the geological ones, the paper medals of Spain will need an explanatory glossary. Ocular inspection will pronounce *more* than one queen to have reigned from 1850 to 1867, whereas the page of history will vouch for the unity of her Catholic Majesty. Taking it for granted that the numerous profiles of that august personage are all faithful, our more enlightened posterity will recognize the, to them perhaps, problematical existence of such youth-restoring and beauty-preserving artistes as Madame Rachael.

The almost annual issue of the Spanish stamps will tend besides to hint one or two peculiarities in the official arrangements of their country. If it be truly reported that the superseded individuals are not called in and exchanged for currency as in other places, but are left valueless in the hands of their luckless possessors at the time of withdrawal, they bear witness to the patry shifts necessitated by the poverty of Spain's exchequer. Another reason assigned for ringing the changes so frequently is the prevalence of forgeries among the modern representatives of Castilian honor.

(To be continued.)

### Among Our Exchanges.

We desire to exchange with every paper in the world published in the interest of, or having a department pertaining to, Philately.

We have received the following papers since our last issue. Publishers will please accept thanks:—

*Collector's Companion, Philatelic Monthly, Keystone Philatelic Gazette, Philatelic World, New England Philatelist, Independent Philatelist, Southern Journal, Foreign Stamp Collector's News, Philatelic Record.*

The *Independent Philatelist* has removed to Bayonne City, N.J., and is now conducted by Dr. Mitchell, a gentleman who is doing much for the science of Philately, in a very quiet way.

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We hold ourselves in readiness to give here such information as lies in our power, and are prepared at all times to assist Philatelists in the solution of such questions as we are able to. All mail not requiring an answer by letter will be replied to here. Correspondents wishing reply by mail *must* enclose stamp for return postage.

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## A Few Words About Reprints.

One of the greatest difficulties of a collector is mentioned in the heading of this article—the philatelist is told to have nothing to do with them, that they are really stamps, and that the scientific collector should totally adjure them. On the other hand, if he determine to possess them, there are many stamps he will not find represented in his album; the collectors who possess originals of the first issue of Natal, and of a pair of stamps issued for Réunion, are very few and far between. To come down to stamps of much more common occurrence, it is really not often that one sees in a collection original-used specimens of the provisional series for Réunion, of the stamps of Romagna, of Austrian newspaper labels, or of the issue of New Granada.

This latter fact may perhaps be partly accounted for, by remembering that when a person commences collecting he is not very particular what he puts in his book, provided it is a stamp, and having purchased his reprint, because it is cheaper than a used copy and prettier, he places it in his collection and has done with it; by-and-bye, when he finds out that it is comparatively worthless, he still keeps it in his album because he has it, and prefers to spend his money on something that is already represented in his collection. Some people have asserted that a collector should have both originals and reprints in their albums, the former because they are the original stamps, and the latter as showing the last state of the die; but, if this theory were carried out, it would lead to the endless multiplication of specimens, and would cause a disproportionate expense to the collector, with a disproportionate gain to the publisher of Philately. It is true that in some instances the die presents much difference after wear (for instance, the

provisional Parmas, in the originals the centre line of the three forming the border of the stamp is very nearly in the middle of the other two; in the reprints, through much use, it is thrown a good deal nearer the outside line—it is just probable that the plate has been re-touched); but, after all the originals are the real things that have been used and issued for postage, and anyone possessing these would scarcely care for a reprint, and that a deteriorated one is also; a collector of engravings might as well covet possession of proof impressions and blurred copies of the same plate.

A list of the countries whose stamps have been reprinted would be a very tedious affair, and would, without much particularization, be of little use. We trust that collectors will come to the same conclusion as ourselves, that there is, in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred, some difference between a reprint and its original, which makes the former unworthy a place in the collection of a true philatelist, not even as a variety, and that reprints should consequently only be admitted temporarily (if, indeed, then) into one's album, until an original can be procured.

One circumstance, perhaps, tends more than any other to encourage reprinters; it is this—many collectors have a great longing and *penchant* for "unused" stamps, and would prefer to place a reprint in their albums rather than an original, because they can obtain the former unused. We think this idea is carried much too far. One fine used original, in our eyes, is worth a hundred reprints; and if the former is unobtainable, we prefer to dispense with the stamp altogether, rather than substitute for it what is but at the very best only an approximate representation. If collectors were to make up their minds only to collect genuine cancelled originals, the reprinter's trade, for that is what it has become, would soon be ended—T.C.

### Paper Coins and Medals.

FROM THE BOYS JOURNAL.

The next kingdom in geographical affinity is Portugal. Among its stamps, which, by the way, we may remark, fill one—or perhaps when the current emission is completed—two, or three of the more attractive pages of our albums, owing to their delicate cameo-like appearance and well-contrasted hues, stand a queen and two kings exhibiting to remote ages the fact, did no other corroborative evidence exist, that the Portuguese, as well as the Spanish, were not hampered by the Salic law. Like his royal neighbor also, who seems so capricious in the arrangement of her hair, the trivial but possibly characteristic fact lies recorded that Don Pedro V. sometimes did, sometimes did not, show a parting!

One of the most interesting and instructive pages in a stamp collector's album is that perhaps devoted to the multifarious emissions of Schleswig-Holstein, both separately and conjointly. Cast your eyes over them, and mark the numerous and apparently unnecessary changes rung upon Schleswig and Holstein, and Schleswig-Holstein, and with a very superficial examination you must own they form a very valuable series of "paper medals." We have before us such a chronologically-arranged page; let us follow the due order.

On the top lie a pair representative of the abortive insurrection of 1850. They did duty only from November of that year until February, 1852, and are now worth their weight in gold if genuine antiques. But the Wardour Streets of Hamburg and Switzerland are prepared with a *warranted* supply to any amount, so their places need not be unfilled. They bear the arms of the united dutchies.

A dozen years rolled on, while this solitary couple remained "alone in their glory;" sometimes allowed a page to themselves, but usually in albums, and ever in catalogues, unceremoniously lumped in with the Danish. Then appears the little cloud, smaller than a man's hand, but of what a tempest has it not already been the forerunner!

And though that tempest seems now lulled for a time, who shall say how soon and how terribly it may burst forth again, and how many powers, potentates and postage stamps it may consign to retirement! The secession from the parent kingdom of Denmark took place, and the Holstein issue of 1864 appeared. A couple of types commemorate this phase in the dutchies' history, slightly but decidedly differing from each other, yet closely resembling the Danish emissions; the post-horns, ornamentations and central wreath being identical with those running from 1861 till 1863. Those like the first pair are unperforated, and were soon superseded by one or more varying from the Danish pattern, but still retaining the post-horns. This stamp was semi-perforated by the roulette. Contemporary with them started a pair from Schleswig, and those evinced decided Prussian rather than Danish proclivities, being modelled on the prevalent North German fashion set by the Prussians in 1861, impressed in relief on poor paper imperfectly dented, and adopting a value corresponding with the highest employed by its *quasi* protectors.

Another twelvemonth would appear to have eradicated the slight remaining influence uniting the Holsteiners to the Danes; and a set of five stamps, purporting to represent the postal conjunction of both dutchies, forms the fourth row in the albums of philatelists. These are still more Prussianized, if we may be allowed the term, taking care to inform us that the 1½ schilling is equivalent to the North German silbergroschen and the 4 sch. to its 3 s. g.; coloring moreover, the latter value in accordance with the ugly hue of its monetary prototype.

This unity of stamp issues by the dutchies did not prove permanent, a few months producing a separate and complete series for both Schleswig and Holstein. The two sets are identical in values, and, nominally, but in no instance exactly so, in hue. The 4 sch. of Holstein continues to inform us specially that it equals 3 silbergroschen.

while that of Schleswig as well as the  $1\frac{1}{4}$  sch. are evidently struck from the same dies as were employed in 1864, the latter being now mauve in lieu of green, and the rich rose of the former exchanged for what the French call *bistre*. The die of the lower value having been thus employed for both emissions, and probably more used than the  $4$  sch., *might* have become worn out and required a renewal of the plate; but, on the contrary, it is the  $1\frac{1}{4}$  sch. of Holstein that has been subjected to change—for what reason, political or otherwise, we are not at present in a position to announce.

Leaving Europe for awhile, let us take an imaginary run, swifter even than allowed by the electric cable, and give a hasty glance at the impressions of the distant province of New Granada. Here, again, its shoals of "paper medals" evince the unsettled governments of the distracted States of Spanish-America. The first two series are inscribed as representative of the Granadine Confederation; the third declares it belongs to the United States of New Granada, while the succeeding and current issues purport to emanate from the United States of Columbia, fully declaring the glorious uncertainty or the revolutionary caprice of the country with regard to its own rightful name.

Rapidly scampering over the vast regions separating the northwest from the southeast of South America, we arrive at Monte Video, and find there the same confusion of nomenclature as in New Granada.

Beside the emissions previously noticed, we find a strange-looking type for the province of Corrientes; and yet all the places do or did, nominally, appertain to the same government. Geography and history are here quite at fault to elucidate the obscurity; but *when* a lucid account of the revolutionary disturbances of those remote provinces shall appear, our "paper medals" will serve as admirable illustrations.

(To be continued.)

### Among Our Exchanges.

We desire to exchange with every paper in the world published in the interest of, or having a department pertaining to, Philately.

The *Keystone Stamp and Coin Gazette* improves with every issue. The April number contains several interesting articles by leading writers and much that is of interest to the numismatist. As we predicted, it is a great success.

*Our American Youth* comes to hand "large as life and twice as natural." Surely, Mr. Bachelder deserves a great deal of credit for such a publication.

The *Southern Collector* is going to lapse into a bi-monthly. Come, come, boys, brace up! You are doing well. Get out a number every month and stick to it, and you will come out all right.

The much-talked of, long-looked for, *Philatelic Journal of America* has appeared at last, over a year late. It is published by Everitt M. Hackett, and edited by C. H. Mekeel, "L.L.B.," and R. R. Bogert. It contains sixteen pages of interesting reading, but it will never have a very big circulation, as the subscription price is more than the majority of collectors can afford to pay, especially when they can get a paper containing the "cream" of Philatelic literature for only one-fourth as much money. We hope it may receive the support it deserves. There is room enough for all, and the more the merrier.

We have received the following papers since our last issue. Publishers will please accept thanks: *New England Philatelist, Stamp World, Philatelic Monthly, Collector's Companion, Philatelic World, Independent Philatelist, Canadian Philatelist, Foreign Stamp Collectors' News, Philatelic Record, The Hermes.*

### Answers to Correspondents.

We hold ourselves in readiness to give here such information as lies in our power, and are prepared at all times to assist Philatelists in the solution of such questions as we are able to. All mail not requiring an answer by letter will be replied to here. Correspondents wishing reply by mail *must* enclose stamp for return postage.

F. S. B., Providence, R. I.—Write Mr. L. W. Durbin, 5th and Library Streets, Phila., Pa. There is said to be about twelve Brattleboro Stamps in existence.



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For the past three months we have been trying our best to get the PHILATELIST entered at the New York Post Office for transmission through the mails as second-class matter, and have, at last, succeeded.

For this reason the April issue has necessarily been detained: and finding it impossible to have another issue ready by May 1st, we combine two months, but consider this as one number (4). Hereafter subscribers will receive the PHILATELIST promptly the first day of each month.

Owing to the very small number of articles received for the prize competition since the March number, the offer will remain good for one month longer, and we trust all stamp collectors will take advantage of it and try for one of the prizes, at least.

The *Collectors' Companion* and *P. J. of A.* are having a "picnic" all to themselves, calling each other all the pet (?) names they can think of, and each editor accusing the other of being a genuine rascal. According to editor Raymond's idea, the editor of the *P. J. of A.* is a bold, bad, wicked man; and *vice versa*. It is none of our funeral, and we rather like to see the fun, but at

the same time we think it would be much better if they would patch up their wounded feelings and bring their "new paper war" to an abrupt close.

It is amusing to see some of the questions asked by young collectors. A man would require a head as big as a bushel basket and full of brains to be able to answer all of them. Not a few collectors between Maine and California have written to us, "Do you advise me to buy stamps from approval sheets or buy sets and packets?" Certainly we do, every time. We advise you to buy all your pocket-book will allow; but simply one of sheets, in sets, packets or any other way, but buy *genuine* stamps, only of dealers you know to be reliable, and in a short time you will have a collection of which you may well be proud. *Never* buy a stamp or lot of stamps because you can get them cheap, unless you have positive proof that they are genuine. One counterfeit on a page of genuine stamps spoils the looks of the entire page.

We receive many inquiries, especially from young collectors, regarding the United States and Hamburg Locals. "Do you advise me to collect locals? Can I get 116 locals for twenty-five cents? Are they genuine? Do you advise me to buy them?" No, SIR! If you are collecting picture cards they would look very pretty arranged with the other pictures, but if you collect *stamps* let the *pictures* go. The idea of placing a lot of Hamburg Locals—so called—in a collection of stamps is as ridiculous as setting a hen on a lot of rotten eggs; no good can come of it; they are worse than useless. They are printed, and spaces are provided for them in albums for the simple reason that *there is money in it*—to the man who publishes them. If you have the idea that they are genuine, buy two sets; one of Scott & Co. and the other of Mekeel, and compare them; they will be about as near alike as a crow and a blackbird. Perhaps there was a *genuine* issue of Hamburg Locals, but it has never been proved to our satisfaction at least.

As to the Confederate and United States Locals, there were many genuine issues, but, with a few exceptions, they are now quite scarce, and a few of the issues cannot be bought for love or money. There are, however, cheap sets, which to a Philatelist are not worth the paper they are printed on, but to the forger and second-class dealers they are a source of quite an income. The rascals do not confine themselves to counterfeiting genuine issues, but manufacture anything that they think they can palm off on unsuspecting collectors as genuine. Our advice, then, is simply this: Don't put Hamburg Locals in your collection under any consideration; let the Confederate and United States locals take care of themselves, until you have studied their history, are thoroughly acquainted with their origin, and then buy them of strictly first-class dealers—those who have a good reputation and don't want to lose it,—and make them give a written guarantee that the stamps are genuine, over their own signature.

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### They Make Us Blush.

Specimen copy of the F. S. P. to hand. Think it about the neatest paper I have ever seen.—C. W. McMILLAN.

I received your paper to-day, and was much surprised at its neat appearance. In my opinion it excels all other Philatelic papers that I have seen.—G. E. POOLE.

One of the neatest, most entertaining and instructive stamp journals on our exchange list is the *Empire State Philatelist*.—*Keystone Stamp and Coin Gazette*.

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The *Empire State Philatelist* is succeeding finely. No. 2 comes out greatly improved.—*Southern Collector*.

### Gossip.

Send in exchange.

Be sure and address all mail to Post Office Box 1716.

According to the *Stamp World*, the *Philatelic Star* has "set" for good, and the official organ of the International Philatelic Union is now the *Foreign Stamp Collector's Journal*.

"H. B. M.," in the *Collectors' Companion*, is of the opinion that collecting stamps is a good investment, financially. That is true; but buying twenty-five cents worth of some good stamp paper is a much better investment to the average collector than four times that amount invested in stamps.

The *F. S. C. N.* remarks that the *Philatelic Star* is to be resuscitated by Mr. E. F. Herdman of England. The *F. S. C. N.* has been reported as "dead," but the March number has come to hand, and is pretty lively for a corpse.

Mr. J. M. Beers announces a "first-class Dealers and Collectors' Directory." Mr. J. T. Handford, of New York, published a "first-class directory," and it was a good one too, and well patronized by dealers and collectors, but after publishing three numbers, he gave it up as a bad job, that he lost money on. This is not very encouraging to an ambitious publisher who wants to put the "stamps" into his pocket instead of taking them out.

The Chicago Stamp Collector's Union has become a Chapter in the Northwestern Philatelic Society. That is a good idea, and we hope before many years there will be State and National Philatelic Societies as there are in the Odd Fellow and Masonic Associations.

"The *Philatelic Monthly* has just completed its tenth volume. It is not often that a Philatelic paper reaches this age."—*Stamp World*.

This is a fact, Bro. Mills. The Philatelic papers that reach their fiftieth issue are also few and far between, and we wish to congratulate the *World* on

being next to the oldest Philatelic journal in the United States, and express our sympathy for the heavy loss it sustained at the recent fire.

We should judge that the stamp business was in a flourishing condition on 'tother side the Herring Pond. In 1880 C. H. Nunn published a big edition of the "Stamp Dealers of Great Britain." The entire edition has been exhausted, and Mr. Nunn is now preparing another edition. Mr. Theodor Buhl is about to publish a work on "The Provisional and Surcharged Stamps of Peru from 1881 to 1884," and by the time we go to press, Jno. H. Clifford, of Chaslbury, will have issued the initial number of the "Dealers' Advertiser and Collectors' Exchange." For long names the Britishers take the cake every time.

#### Counterfeit Stamps.

Counterfeit stamps began to make their appearance almost as soon as originals found purchasers. The early forgeries, however, were mostly coarse imitations, and were easily detected; but as the demand for scarce varieties increased, the scoundrels who made a living by swindling little boys, or getting big ones to do it for them, took more care in preparing their dies and printing the imitations, till at the present time some of the productions almost baffle detection.

The early counterfeiters usually copied old and scarce stamps, and sold them to collectors themselves; but the modern forger counterfeits all the colonials and better class of cheap stamps as soon as they appear, and sells them to unprincipled dealers as *fac similes*, who retail them as genuine. Hundreds of pages have been written describing these stamps, and, we think, with very little effect, as the class who purchase of the boys who usually sell these counterfeits do not generally subscribe to or read the philatelic papers.

There is another class of counterfeits who are getting more common daily, and we do not think that the attention of the public has yet been called to

them; we allude to stamps printed from the dies used for illustrating stamp magazines. For some time past all the stamps issued during the month have been engraved and electrotypes of these supplied to the different publishers who add to them engravings of their own when they obtain any rarity worth illustrating. This plan has the advantage of diffusing accurate representations of new issues all over the world much sooner than they could otherwise be laid before the stamp-collecting fraternity. But it has a great drawback inasmuch as it distributes a number of accurate dies of different stamps into many hands that it is impossible to find out who has used them dishonestly. It requires but little brains for any one to write to some publisher and order a few electrotypes of engravings "to illustrate a price list with," and then print them in the correct colors, cut off the representation of the perforation, gum and post-mark them, and sell them as genuine. It would well repay the trouble to compare any doubtful stamps with the illustration of it in any stamp paper, and if it is found to be from the same die, or is exactly the same as the picture of it, you may be sure it is a counterfeit.—T. C.

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## U. S. Specimen Postage Stamps.

SECOND PRIZE.

Among the average class of stamp collectors in the United States, the specimen postage stamp has long been an enigma; many considered them no better than counterfeits, and would never admit them to their collections, their prejudice making them deaf to any explanations which might be offered. However this is wearing off, and such philatelists are daily decreasing. I shall therefore only present a few facts, showing that they are really no worse than such stamps that have never passed through the mails.

When a new series of stamps are issued the preceding set becomes comparatively extinct to the mass of people, and are forgotten by all except those interested in philately.

In general a large surplus is left over in the hands of the government, which must be worked off in some way or other, and when the science of philately was comparatively young, so to speak, the excess of the former issue was sufficient to meet the private demands of stamp dealers; but as the mania for collecting grew, the system of reprinting was adopted—that is, making use of the old dies in the reproduction; and a printed circular was issued, which could be had on application from the third Assistant Postmaster-General at Washington, which priced all the issues from 1857 at their face value, the distinctive peculiarity being that they were un-gummed. So also newspaper stamps could be obtained.

The revenue from this practice was certainly very small, but nevertheless it induced the government to employ clerks, who were kept busy on this special branch alone.

It is allowable to use uncanceled specimens of old issues as far back as 1861, and accordingly the regular is-

suues of reprints were only distinguished by their un-gummed peculiarity, but with the department stamps it was a different matter, as a rule was in order to fine or imprison any outsider who used them as postage; and to guard against this the word "Specimen" was printed over the face of the stamp.

In August, 1884, the reprinting was entirely discontinued, and upon application for such, money sent was returned, with another printed paper, setting forth that the practice had been abolished, and signed by the 3d Asst Postmaster-General or clerk. Later, it was announced that all reprints of department stamps, old issues, etc., had been burned. Whether this is true, I cannot say, but, at all events, the public sale is a thing of the past.

The specimen department stamps were the ones I referred to especially, at the beginning of this article, and I have endeavored to show to any such disbeliever in specimen stamps, that the word "Specimen" is only to guard against the breaking of the established rule mentioned above, and that they are perfectly genuine, and a first-rate substitute for those without—the latter of course being preferable.

W. A. K.

## Paper Coins and Medals.

FROM THE BOYS JOURNAL.

Strongly contrasted with their erratic kindred will be found the Spanish colonists of the western coasts, the Peruvians and the Chilians. The totally unchanged impressions of the latter sufficiently prove the steady character of their government, when compared with that of other South American States originating from Spain. There has been, indeed, no alteration in the die employed during the some half-dozen years since the first emission of these stamps. The addition of the yellow r

centavo to the current series, the blue paper series of the 5c. and 10c., and a black essay, constitute their sum total. The Peruvians have undergone more change; but the device remains to all intents and purposes the same, varying only in immaterial *minutæ*, totally irrespective of political influences. We may remark here that the head on the Chilians, so long concluded to be that of Columbus, turns out to represent Don Ramon Freyre, a celebrated democratic leader, director of the republic in 1823. The word COLON over the portrait gave rise to the absurd idea of its depicting the great Genoese navigator, but we have every reason to believe that it simply implies that letters from Chili are sent across the Isthmus of Panama to the port of Colon, generally called Aspinwall, in due course of transit to the eastern world. The sole tenable objection to this is the fact that the low value of 1 centavo, though bearing the name of the same port, could scarcely serve for foreign postage; but this we may opine may be answered by the supposition that to avoid expense, the same original die was employed for the whole four, the value alone being altered.

The memory of such minor facts as that of a change in the currency will be perpetuated by "paper medals." Looking over the pages of stamp albums devoted to our North American Colonies, it will be remarked that the earlier issues all used the *penny* of their mother country, while the majority of the later ones, the decimal system having been adopted by the several governments, bear their monetary denominations in *cents*. To this change we are indebted for the elegantly varied current set of Newfoundland. Prince Edward Island is at present the sole exponent of the original way of reckoning; but rumors have been for some time existent of the approaching appearance of a series for that colony, similarly priced with those of its fellow dependencies.

(To be continued.)

### Answers to Correspondents.

We hold ourselves in readiness to give here such information as lies in our power, and are prepared at all times to assist Philatelists in the solution of such questions as we are able to. All mail not requiring an answer by letter will be replied to here. Correspondents wishing reply by mail *must* enclose stamp for return postage.

Written for the E. S. P.

### The Pony Express.

BY WM. A. TEBOW.

THIRD PRIZE.

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

All mail for California as heretofore had come by steamer via Panama; but as this occupied nearly a month in transit each way, one object of this new adventure was to cut the time down to a much shorter period.

The route was from St. Joseph to Fort Kearney, Nebraska; from there to Fort Bridger, Salt Lake, Camp Floyd, Carson City, Placerville, and Sacramento—nearly two thousand miles through a trackless wilderness, as at this time there was no railroad or telegraph extending across the plains.

Relay stations were established along the route, sixty miles apart. At each station a horse was kept ready saddled, and as the messenger came galloping up he immediately threw his bag of despatches on the shoulder of the man who was to carry them to the next station; he, dashing the spur into the sides of his pony, went tearing away at a break-neck speed, never halting until he reached the relay station beyond. Thus not a minute was wasted in transferring the mail from one messenger to another.

The adventures of these brave and daring men thrill with interest, they having often to fight their way through hostile bands of Indians. Their weapons were limited to a brace of revolvers and a bowie-knife.

They would never stop unless wounded, always speeding onward, firing as they went.

Having so many obstacles to contend with, their charges were in accordance, as much as ten dollars in gold often being paid for a single letter.

The first pony express left St. Joseph, Mo., at 6 30 P.M., on April 3d, 1860, and the relay to San Francisco reached there at 5 o'clock, P.M., on April 13th, thus making the journey in ten days, and thereby reducing the time by steam-er nearly three-fourths.

This first arrival was a gala day for Sacramento and San Francisco. At the post office hundreds of people were waiting, each one eager to know if he was the lucky recipient of a "letter from home."

In 1861 this express was absorbed by Wells, Fargo & Co., and stamps were issued as follows:

Horseman galloping to left in centre; Pony Express, above; Wells, Fargo & Co. below; value in scroll under the horse.

10 cents, brown, on white paper.

25 " red " " "

25 " blue " " "

Same as last, with numeral of value above and —dollars—below.

\$1.00, red, on white paper.

\$2.00, " " " "

\$2.00, green " " "

\$4.00, " " " "

\$4.00, black " " "

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It was abandoned in 1862, and as a large amount of capital was consumed at the beginning, it was not considered a success.

#### Among Our Exchanges.

We desire to exchange with every paper in the world published in the interest of, or having a department pertaining to, Philately.

The *Canadian Philatelist* now appears with the affix, "and Numismatist."

The *Quarterly Interchange*, Vol. 1, No. 1, has just appeared. It is conducted by John Chestershire, and published by the proprietor, Robert Barrie, Philadelphia, Pa. It consists of sixteen pages, and cover, and has a good assortment of philatelic literature. We like the appearance of No. 1 very much, and hope it may prove a success.

No. 25 of the *California Philatelist* contains sixteen pages, and is as bright as a new dollar. The only fault we

can find with it is, it does not come often enough.

Just before going to press we learn that the *Southern Collector* has suspended.

The *Capital City Philatelist* for May comes out in a "new spring suit." It improves with each issue, and now stands among the first of its kind. Keep it up, Friend Hamlin.

Mr. Emory is making desperate efforts to push the *New England Philatelist* forward, and is succeeding finely. It does seem a pity that such a journal cannot enjoy the privileges of second-class rates.

We have received, through the kindness of Messrs. Henry Collins & Co., 79 Nassau St., N. Y., the latest edition of their "Price Catalogue of Postage Stamps," and must say it is the most complete book of the kind we have seen for months. Great care has been taken in compiling this valuable work, and we commend it to all our readers. Price only 50 cents.

We would call the attention of all naturalists to the *Monthly Et Caetera*, published by W. M. Southworth, Woodstock, Ill. The May number is exceedingly interesting, and contains several valuable papers on ores, etc. Send for a copy.

We have received the following papers since our last issue. Publishers will please accept thanks: *Stamp World*, *Philatelic Monthly*, *Collector's Companion*, *Philatelic World*, *Independent Philatelist*, *Canadian Philatelist*, *Foreign Stamp Collectors' News*, *The Hermes*, *The Collector*, *The Philatelist*, *Philatelic Star*, *Stamp Collector's Journal*, *Tidings from Nature*.

It is with sincere sorrow that we announce to our readers the sudden death of MR. H. M. CRAFT, of Bergen Point, N. J., on May 10th. Mr. Craft was well-known having formerly published the *Independent Philatelist*. He was an enthusiastic Stamp Collector, and his loss will be felt, very keenly, by all who knew him.

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This is the time of the year when stamp dealers have a chance to rest after their hard winter's work, and philatelic publishers get discouraged at the lack of advertisements, and decide to suspend their publication for the summer, rather than to put their hands in their pocket-books to pay running expenses.

We do not expect to make both ends meet for the next three months, nevertheless the PHILATELIST will appear promptly each month. After a hard struggle we have obtained second-class rates, and we are now just well under way, and propose to put our foot forward and do our level best.

Among the many articles on Philately received for the prize competition, the following were awarded prizes:

First prize, J. Hilton Clarke, of Chicago, title, "Papers for Purchasers;" second prize, W. A. K., for Clapp Bros. of New York, title, "U. S. Specimen Postage Stamps;" third prize, Wm. A. Tebow, of California, title, "The Pony Express."

Many others, of more or less merit, were received, and we were glad to see so many of our young collectors trying to express their thoughts on paper. We regret that we cannot give prizes to all,

but will do our utmost to encourage every one who attempted for one.

"If at first you don't succeed, try, try again."

The editor of the *P. J. of A.* seems to be trying to merge his paper into a full-fledged political one, and calls his opponents by a name which, unless we are greatly mistaken, would apply very well to himself, viz., "Crank." Politics are all right, of course, in their proper place, and we pretend to say that one man is as good as another, whether he is a Democrat, Republican, Greenbacker, Mugwump, Belva Lockwood, or Prohibitionist, and should advise our esteemed contemporary to leave off advertising *Harper's Weekly* and *Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper*, and devote their space to something which we do not all read in the daily and weekly papers.

It is very strange that any one who is old enough, and knows how to write, does *not* know enough to sign their name and give their address when writing letters. We clip the following from the *F. S. C. N.*:

"We received, about two months ago, an order for a volume of the *F. S. C. N.* from a person in the United States, but as he failed to send either name or address, we are unable to send it. Since then we have received half a dozen postal cards, with the most horrible threats imaginable; but he still fails to put his address on the cards. If this should meet the eye of said person, if he will kindly send his address it will ease our mind, and he will get his book."

In this case it was simply *ignorance* the boy who wrote it didn't know any better. Sometimes one will make a *mistake* and *forget* to put on his address, this is *carelessness*. Not hearing from in a week or so, he will invest a cent in a postal card, and call the dealer every mean name he can think of; this is pure *impudence*. If, perchance, you do not receive your goods as soon as you think you should, write the gentleman a polite letter, and be sure and give your

full name and address; explain to him what the trouble is; seal the letter up, and pay the extra cent; and nine times out of ten you will receive your goods all right. And if you do not make a friend thereby, you certainly will not make an enemy, as you would by giving him a "blowing up" on a postal. There is only one way to do business. The "Golden Rule" applies as well to stamp dealing and collecting as to any other occupation and amusement.

Speaking of stamp dealers, the *Collector's Companion* says:

"Dealers without whom philately would be much better off are the unscrupulous—those who sell counterfeits or anything else by which they can catch a penny, and who depend upon trickery, deceit and fraud to gain a livelihood. Persons of this class do not hesitate to take "French leave" of a town, and leave their debts unpaid. We know of one of this class who has changed his place of business nearly a dozen times in the last few years, leaving at each place debts of greater or less magnitude."

Why don't you "speak right out in meeting" and say that the one you refer to formerly did business in Chicago, but has moved to St. Louis and does business under the name of a certain "Co?" He owes us about twenty dollars, and probably always will.

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#### Gossip.

Late again.

Stamp business getting dull.

"Why do we collect postage stamps? Because we have a taste for it, and it affords us satisfaction and amusement."—*P. J. of A.* We would have more "taste" for it if the gum on the backs was "assorted flavors."

The government has just made a contract with the American Bank Note Co. to furnish four billion stamps per annum for four years.

Mr. Gambs, publisher of the *California Philatelist*, has lost his "funny man." We are sorry for you, Bro. Gambs, but

can recommend another; here is a specimen of his funny business: "Why wait you for getting your stamps, oldest of Brazil, when you can get them for nothing, or a trifle." Think he will do?

The *Collectors' Companion* has begun a series of biographies of eminent Philatelists. The May issue contains a short sketch of Mr. James M. Chute, better known to collectors as "Correos."

The *Philatelic Journal of America* for April contains an excellent likeness of Mr. R. R. Bogert, the well-known New York dealer, and President of the National Philatelic Society.

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The *C. P.* mentions a set of "California State Revenue Stamps in proof condition, and printed in dark black on light transfer paper. The sheet shown us consisted of twenty-eight varieties, and the denominations range from four cents to fifty-six dollars."

By order of the Postmaster-General no more "specimen" stamps will be sold by the Department. Now, why does not some enterprising stamp dealer buy up all the "specimen" stamps he can get, advertise them—"two million sold in a month; only a few left. Price, a dollar each." He might make Vanderbilt blush because he is so poor, in a short time.

There are two dealers who "have the largest stock of revenue stamps in the country." There are about two hundred dealers who "have the largest stock of postage stamps in the country." There are about twenty-five "best" stamp journals in the country. There are about one hundred and fifty to two hundred thousand "largest collections" in the country. Well, if people didn't have a mighty good opinion of themselves, who would?

On July 1st the new postal law goes into effect. Letters weighing not over an ounce can be sent for two cents, and second-class matter will be only one cent a pound, instead of two cents, as at the present time.

"Specimen stamps were first sold by the U. S. post office, March, 26, 1875."—*N. E. Philatelist* Let's see you buy them of the "U. S. post office" now.

There is some talk of changing the name of New Zealand to "Hesperia." We hope the change will be made, if they will give us as fine a set of stamps as some much smaller places have; but as Great Britain evidently has her hands full to avoid war with Russia, we shall probably have to content ourselves with the old issues for some time to come.

"We have for some time been looking for a squeal from the Boston crowd. It came last month, and is just about what might be expected to emanate from that quarter."—*K. S. & C. G.* We know just about what said letter contained; we have had several just such letters from just that same "crowd," and for just the same cause—exposure.

The publishers of the *Keystone Stamp and Coin Gazette* are surprised at the idea of the *Collector's Caprice* publishing in their paper a notice of their suspension, and saying that their subscription list would be filled by the *K. S. & C. G.* This notice was the first Mann & Kendig knew of the transfer, and they are indignant. Never mind that, boys; probably the *Caprice* didn't have a genuine subscriber, and only published the notice as an advertisement for you.

"A correspondent sends us a specimen of a counterfeit Naples stamp, cancelled with the monogram, "S. A. T," manufactured in Boston. Query: who made it?"—*Collector's Companion*. Answer: S. Allen Taylor, 24 Congress St., Boston, Mass., United States of America. Give us a harder one.

Written for the E. S. P.

### Shall We Collect Slight Variations?

BY AKAHI KENETA.

This article is not for the advanced collector, as he has decided the question in his own mind long ago, but for the neophyte, the one who has a collection of less than a thousand.

Many persons say, "Take a specialty and stick to that;" but what young collector would have a collection of a thousand varieties in two years? I collect variations of watermarks, type setting, texture and tint of paper, and shade. In an article by one of our best writers, he advised us to collect revenues after we had collected all the postage stamps we could. The sentiments of many young collectors that I am acquainted with are that it is foolish to collect differences so minute as watermarks, but it is not foolish to fill up one's album with revenues!

I think that slight differences make up half the enjoyment of stamp collecting.

Examine the first issue of Prussia. You will see the 2 sb. on blue paper. You hold it up to the light, and a perfect laurel wreath appears. Examine more of the same kind, you will soon find where the wreath is absent. Would you call the second a duplicate of the first?

Again, in the last issue of England, the one penny, lilac, has sixteen dots in each corner, while the 1d before it had but fourteen in the corner. Otherwise the stamps are alike.

Young collectors collect the two sets of Germany, with and without the final "e" in the word "pfennig," but would not collect the two 1d. British; yet the variation is greater in the English than the German.

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## OUR HOBBY.

By J. H. C.

Many well meaning sensible people smile and scoff at the idea of persons, who are perhaps as sensible as themselves, collecting what they profanely term "Dirty little bits of paper." Yet perhaps these very individuals are accumulating at home, and guarding with the tenderest care and solicitude, a heap of dirty coppers in the shape of pennies; paying fabulous prices for some, because our wise and beneficent Uncle Samuel does not see fit to issue but a limited number. Or others, whose sole object in life is to possess a certain Beetle, or Butterfly; others, to whom an old black letter worm-eaten tome is a mine of wealth. In short all men have their hobbies, just as little girls used to have their dolls some few years ago, before they became ready made women. Now, brother collectors of minerals, prints, coins, plants, engravings, buttons! books, &c., why should not I have my hobby, and follow it out instead of being ridiculed? My friend of the button-mania, what interest is it to me that you possess a collection of 15,000 different buttons. All I care about them is that my "*Cara Sposa*" supplies them to my clothes when needed. The idea of collecting buttons, ha! ha! I have just as good a right to laugh at you as you to sneer at me for being a philatelist. My friend the herpetologist, I don't care for your fine specimen of "*Isthognathus DeKagir*," or "*Phrynosonas Donglasie*." What to me are birds, serpents, coins, books, ferns, &c., when I can revel in the beauties of a rare and valuable postage stamp. Let us then, as

we all require a certain degree of forbearance from the eminently practical people of our country, for our little foibles, cling to each other, and bringing home to our minds the old adage: "One man's meat is another man's poison," cease to ridicule each other's fancies. Let us take a view of the few benefits to be derived from the study of philately, and ask ourselves why it is preferable as an amusement and occupation to the thousand and one other subjects for collectors to expend their mental energies upon. A person collecting minerals, or other objects of a like nature, can never expect to make his collection complete; besides even to possess a respectable collection of books, coins, &c., requires a very large expenditure of time and money, much more than many collectors could afford, even were they willing to give. These collections are bulky, require great care for their proper preservation, and much study, to be properly posted up as to their history. To none of these objections is philately liable. For a very moderate expense an excellent collection of stamps can be procured, a collection can be made complete, at least, during the lifetime of a collector. It requires very little trouble to keep it in complete order, and can be carried about in a small parcel. To the young school-boy, who is supplied by his doting parents with a sufficiency of spending money for his little wants, apples, tops, kites, &c., and a little over, there can be nothing more improving and interesting than the study of philately. He supplies himself at a very moderate cost with a good album and catalogue, and goes to work. In the interval of study and rainy

days, when outdoor sports have to be given up, he can always find an inexhaustible store of amusement in his album.

In pursuing this study, he becomes acquainted with a part of the history of different countries, some of which perhaps he would never otherwise have heard of. He learns who the sovereigns were, and naturally turns to his history to find out all he can about them. He comes across a stamp of "Heligoland," or the "Orange Free States," and straightway consults his geography to find out the localities of these heretofore unknown lands. He sees many different varieties of paper, good, bad and indifferent, and is led to inquire the process of manufacture, how the watermarks are put in, &c. Viewing with an artistic eye the engraving on a stamp, his mind naturally inquires how it is done,—how the perforations are made,—in short, there are many of these little points of interest that are as a sealed book to the "profane." He further becomes acquainted with the currency of different countries, and heraldry, if he has a taste for armorial bearings, his fancy can be amply gratified in this occupation—as many of the stamps are simply a picture of the coat of arms of the country to which they belong.

If his means will allow, let him take a good journal, and keep himself well up in the changes taking place in stamps, new emissions and withdrawals. I would say to my school-boy friends, and they are all my friends, for I have a most kindly feeling for them and their little amusements, if you have time, funds and disposition, collect, and by all means take my word for it, you will find in it pleasure and profit. I don't know whether school-boys now-a-days eat molasses candy or not (they did when I was a boy, not a great while ago,) but if they do, let them, instead of ministering to their appetites for sweets, invest in something that will certainly improve their minds. In case they become tired of stamp collecting, they can always sell their specimens for a fair price. Now, what I have been saying to school-boys applies just as well to children of larger growth. Any one who will give himself the slight trouble

to investigate the subject of Philately, will be sure to find in the science a vast fund of general information and pleasure. Some days since I had the pleasure of conversing with a middle-aged gentleman, who I discovered purchasing stamps, and upon my expressing my gratification at so practical a man as himself making a collection, he informed me that his pet hobby for years had been the collecting of minerals, but accumulating, they took up too much room to be properly displayed, so he had packed them in boxes and commenced stamp collecting, and found it more interesting to him by far than minerals.

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### The B. & O. Telegraph Stamps.

There has lately appeared among us a full set of new telegraph stamps. They were issued by the Baltimore and Ohio Telegraph Company for the convenience of customers in prepaying charges on telegrams; the stamp being placed on the upper right-hand corner. They are very neat, and the colors present a beautiful appearance.

There are only four values, namely: one, five, ten and twenty-five. The one is a beautiful red, with neat shadings. The five is a dark blue, which color, I think, never presented such a pleasing appearance as in this stamp. The ten is the color of chocolate, and, as the girls say, "it is almost nice enough to eat." The twenty-five is vermilion, and, although it is not as pretty as the others, nothing can be said against it.

In style and workmanship they show a great deal of labor and time, and reflect great credit upon the designer, engraver, and also upon the Baltimore and Ohio Telegraph Co. The design is excellent. At the extreme top is the value in figures, enclosed in an oblong. Directly below is a large Maltese cross, in the middle of which are the letters B. & O. At the bottom is the word commutation. All of this is enclosed in a neat border, and at each corner is a fancy figure.

They are sold to consumers, giving them \$11.22 worth of stamps for \$10.00, thus saving them a discount of 10 per cent. They are put up in a neat little book, each book being numbered. The sheets in the books contain six stamps, thirteen sheets being in a book, making a total of seventy-eight stamps. They are sorted as follows: two sheets of one's, three of five's, two of ten's, and six of twenty-five's.

I think they will be as welcome to the Philatelic World as they are to the Business World.

I came very near forgetting a very important thing:—that they are perforated.

GEO. W. HERBERT.

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## Paper Coins and Medals.

FROM THE "BOYS' JOURNAL."

Should the anticipated union of the whole of the colonies in question under one government take place, there will of course be printed a proper quantum of stamps doing duty for each and for all. The peculiarly varied individuals of Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland, with the current emanations of Prince Edward Island, will then pass into dignified retirement, but long remain preserved by philatelists, and form the most beautiful and not the least interesting of our "paper medals"

It was the opinion of an eminent author that, were every copy of the Bible destroyed, there existed sufficient matter in the shape of quotations in various other works to supply the loss. With a moderate stretch of the simile it may be affirmed that, should history be silent, or all records lost respecting the last German war and its concomitant events, the paper medals in philatelic albums would prove quite as faithful as most historical chronicles.

Looking forward to the days of Macaulay's hackneyed but useful New Zealander, fancy him admiring the various emissions of Hanoverian labels and handsome envelopes in a good postage-stamp album.

Should the descendant of the now illiterate savage prove as intellectually minded as our great historian seems to imagine, he will study them as reliable records, and seeing not one of the collection post-marked later than 1866, will recognize the truth of perhaps a mere traditionary remembrance of the political annihilation of Hanover by the Prussian victories. He will see evidence of the existence of the once rich and prosperous free city of Frankfort, and philatelic publications will tell him of the princes of Thurn and Taxis, and their wide-spread post-offices. The story of the wrongs of Frankfort and the spite of Bismarck will receive confirmation, and the era of the Prussian war be pointed out by the time of the inauguration of Prussia's postage stamps.

He will see, moreover, the several envelopes employed during the course of the same eventful war, both by the military writing from camp, and by civilians communicating with the army. The very names and number of the squadrons and batalions will stand to all time perpetuated in the albums now scoffed at by some of the wiseacres of the present day.

Not only will the consequences of what may well be termed "the year of tribulation," now undeniable patent, be portrayed by our delicate medals, but those which the astute see looming in the distance. The horses of the Brunswick labels and envelopes, at all events, will not long survive the reigning duke; and we doubt the permanent continuance of the Saxon stamps.—But *if*, and we think we may venture in lieu of that unsatisfactory little word and substitute *when*, the Prussian Kingdom is absorbed in the German Empire, it may be anticipated that the pretty diversified keys of Bremen, the double eagles of Lubeck, the castles of Hamburg, the ingenious combinations of mysterious Berge-dorf, and the shoals of white and colored paper numerals of Thurn and Taxis, north and south, will all be unceremoniously kicked out, and replaced by one uniform series for Northern Germany.

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MID-SUMMER is now here, and with it comes the usual dullness throughout the stamp trade. Yet never in the history of philately has our science shown such a sign of advancement. Philatelic societies are constantly being formed and meetings are held during the summer months. Dealers are preparing for their Fall and Winter work, and already many new catalogues have been announced. New papers are springing up almost monthly, but alas! they are all short-lived. Still those that are established, are gaining a wider circulation with every issue.

We are also glad to notice that a number of our leading contemporaries are doing their best to encourage stamp collectors to write for the press by offering liberal prizes. Many have information that would prove valuable as well as interesting to all should they be disposed to make it known, but they hesitate, thinking, perhaps, they cannot write well

enough to have their efforts published and never make the least attempt, thus much is lost. It is this class we ask to step to the front. Do the best you can, even if you *do* make mistakes, and we give the assurance your efforts will be fully appreciated.

OUR readers will notice that we have discarded our "coat" and enlarged the PHILATELIST. We have also changed our printers. These changes have been made believing they will be more advantageous to all, and we trust they meet with approval. In the future, as in the past, we shall strive to improve our paper, but we *must* have *your* support—dealers and collectors. We alone cannot make a successful paper, still we shall do our level best, and with as good a corps of writers as we can secure, endeavor to make the EMPIRE STATE PHILATELIST a necessity to every American stamp collector.

"MEDALLIC PORTRAITS OF WASHINGTON" is the title of a new book just published by M. Lindsay of Philadelphia. If some enterprising philatelist would publish a good book on "Postage Stamp Portraits of Washington," describing all the postage and revenue stamps on which the portrait of Washington appears, and have it authentic and complete, well printed and placed at a price that collectors could afford, we think he could make a good thing out of it from a financial standpoint, and it would help educate and instruct a large number of collectors, who at the present time know but little about the subject.

## GOSSIP.

FIRE? Oh, no!

THE first stamp dealers and collectors in the United States arose in 1861; the first hand-book appeared in 1863; and the first philatelic paper in 1864.

MR. I. B. COHEN, of Charleston, S. C., writes us that he intends visiting the Northern cities and will not return to his place of business until September first.

MR. DURBIN announces the fourteenth edition of his Standard Catalogue, to be "revised, brought up to date and greatly improved," and will be ready about the middle of this month. What can we expect if it is to be "greatly improved?" You just send for a copy and see.

L. D. & J. K. FERGUSON, of England, announce that they will give away \$15,000 in prizes among the purchasers of 10,000 packages of stamps. We imagine stamp business must be booming on 'tother side the brink.

It is estimated that 52,000,000,000 letters are posted throughout the world every day, to say nothing about post cards, papers and parcels.

WE notice in a stamp advertisement the following: "Dealers, if you are quick about it, we have a few 'special' lines." Perhaps it may be all right, but we smell a rat in the meal.

IN 1884 there were issued 590 adhesive stamps, 39 envelopes, 94 postals and 12 wrappers, making a total of 735. Goodness! We have about concluded that we cannot keep up with the procession and are afraid we will never own a complete collection.

WE have received through the kindness of Messrs. W. H. Warner & Bro., Philadelphia, Pa., a medal struck by them in commemoration of the opening of State Reservation Park, Niagara Falls, July 15th, 1885.

THE collectors of Denver held a meeting, Thursday, July 23d, for the purpose of organizing a philatelic society. It will

be called the "Centennial State Philatelic Society." The following officers were elected: J. C. Feldwisch, Pres.; D. W. Os-good, Jr., Treas.; F. W. Feldwisch, Sec. *The Collector's Companion* was made the official organ of the society; L. W. Durbin's Catalogue the standard for prices. A Constitution and By-Laws were adopted. All mail matter should be addressed to the secretary.

## AMONG OUR EXCHANGES.

We desire to exchange with every paper in the world published in the interest of, or having a department pertaining to Philately.

—*The Philatelic Star* is one of our best foreign exchanges.

—Mr. Batchelder writes us that *Our American Youth* will continue to be published under the firm name of C. J. Fuelscher & Co., he having an interest in the enterprise. It will be issued in a smaller form and devoted entirely to Philately.

—A new paper, called *The Michigan Philatelist*, is announced to appear Sept. 1st. H. C. Spaulding, Manchester, Mich., publisher. The more the merrier.

—From C. H. Nunn, Bury S. Edmunds, Eng., we have received a copy of *The Stamp Dealers of Great Britain*. This is surely a valuable work, and we are pleased to learn that such a one is being compiled by A. E. Southworth, Woodstock, Ill., title: *Standard Directory*. This book cannot fail to be appreciated by all interested in the science of Philately.

—*The Hermes* has been changed from an advertising medium into a monthly devoted to Philately and Numismatics.

—If our readers want a thoroughly good magazine in the interests of Naturalists, we would highly commend *Tidings from Nature*, published by H. M. Down, Rutland, Vt.

—*The International Dealers' and Collectors' Directory*. This is a new publication just issued by J. M. Beers, of Elmira, N. Y., and contains, as the name implies, the names of leading collectors and dealers. Every collector should possess a copy.



—We have received from E. S. Johnson, Springfield, Mass., *The Coin Handbook*. It is carefully prepared and gives the description and value of over 1200 coins of the United States and American Colonies and Canada. Those who are bitten by the mania of coin collecting will find this catalogue an indispensably valuable manual. Price only 25 cts.

—We have received the following papers since our last issue. Publishers will please accept thanks: *Stamp World, Philatelic Monthly, Collector's Companion, Philatelic World, Canadian Philatelist, Foreign Stamp Collectors' News, The Hermes, Philatelic Star, Stamp Collector's Journal, The Philatelic Herald, The Gem, The Philatelic Journal of America, Toronto Philatelic Journal, Naturalists' Companion, Capital City Philatelist, Philatelic Globe; Keystone Stamp and Coin Gazette, New England Philatelist, Agassiz Association Journal.*

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### DON'T.

Philatelic papers, don't crowd two issues into one and then excuse yourselves by saying it was too hot to work. Don't do it—it is not manly.

Philatelic societies, don't adjourn for the summer. It is not proper nor in accordance with the interest for philately, which you claim to possess.—*Raphael in C. C.*

### The Rogues' Corner.

Under this head we propose to expose all who sell under false colors, believing it to be to the interest of reliable dealers and collectors.

We would warn our readers against Chas. Warner, alias H. W. Davis, of Norvell, Mich. We have sufficient proof in believing that he is a genuine fraud.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

We solicit and are prepared to insert under this heading any information or suggestion that may be thought of interest to the Philatelic world.

We will not hold ourselves responsible for the views of our correspondents, and we reserve the right to reject communications that do not seem to us as proper for publication.

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Written for the E. S. P.

## The Two Drawbacks to Philately.

By W. A. K.

Every amusement, every mania, every pleasure one can take in life, has its drawbacks, its impediments to perfection, and the amusement, mania, science, or whatever title you may give to stamp collecting, is by no means exempt from this misfortune.

I will dwell more particularly on the two great evils, which have partially ruined collections, and the business of dealers, *i. e.* counterfeits and frauds.

Let us first take counterfeits into consideration, as the most disastrous, for dealers should have gained enough experience before starting into business to guard against dishonest agents, but the case is different with young collectors; they have no experience, and in many cases no adviser to lead them over dangerous places, they must trust to luck to a certain extent and buy of one standard dealer who they can rely on. In exchanging they must be exceedingly careful to not only choose a person with whom they are sufficiently acquainted to know his character, but they must inquire into the means by which he obtained the stamp in question; if taken off a letter, or given by an older friend to the exchanger, it is excusable to believe in its genuineness, but, if bought, more caution should be observed, as counterfeits have been made to such perfection that an older head than the novice might

be puzzled until comparing it with a genuine one.

Beginner soften make a gross mistake in believing that because a stamp is cancelled it is more likely to be genuine. This, of course, is folly. If large firms, such as the one in Boston, can engrave stamps so beautifully, can they not cancel them? Any school boy may cut two or three triangles or circles out of a rubber cork, make a pad, saturate it with ink, and cancel as many stamps as he pleases. Be careful to take nothing for granted without first investigating thoroughly.

It is much better to refuse stamps that are questionable, even to the apparent loss of your collection, for one counterfeit spoils a page of genuine ones, it hurts the eyes of the older collectors, and not only lowers the value of the collection, but causes them to feel that if there is one counterfeit, there are very possibly more. It is well for a young collector to take one or more journals on Philately, reading carefully the experiences of others, and consulting the "black-list" of dealers as well as of collectors and agents.

As a last caution I should advise dealing strictly with one or two dealers who you know to be honest, by either experience or hearsay. Almost every small dealer has some specialty that he offers much below the standard price. Many beginners send all over the country for one thing and another, awaiting patiently for a reply; the chances are that they will wait for weeks and even months, until at last the tardy reply comes, saying they are

sorry, but are just out of the kind ordered, politely giving you to understand that the money you sent is on credit. Do not be carried away by magnificent offers, advertised only for a certain time. It is best to go steadily upward, and in a short time you can say with honest pride: "I have a genuine collection without one counterfeit."

Now let us consider the second drawback—frauds. Any large advertisement draws numbers of letters asking for approval sheets, giving references to all appearances satisfactory; it is no little thing to sit down and examine the writing, the style of expressions and references, to consider each one, to say: that hand looks careless, can we trust him? He gives good references. Here is another, neatly written, and a few references, how about him? Here you see a well-written, well-worded letter with say five or six good references, "Will return in 10 days instead of 14, be sure to send expensive stamps, have no use for cheap ones." The chances are, you send them. The ten days pass, the fourteen - well, he may have forgotten the date of their receipt, or he wants to sell a few more to make an even amount. So you console yourself. At last you write a polite reminder that the time is up—no answer, then another - no answer, then to the postmaster—he returns that he never heard of the gentlemen, you write to his references and find that the gentleman is as strange to them as to the postmaster. What can be done? Absolutely nothing, except warn others against the name and lose your \$5 or \$6 worth of stamps.

So it goes on; now, it is no uncommon thing to see in every journal a list of those to be avoided. A dealer almost always runs a heavy risk of losing the sheets he sends out. It is now believed that there is a ring of worthy gentlemen who defraud in combination almost every dealer, large and small, of some little amount. Is this to continue? Is it not a plain case of swindling through the mails? If such is the case, it is the duty of Post Office authorities to arrest all offenders if complaint

be made to Washington. The amount, however, is so small that the Government won't take action on it. Now, is it not possible for all dealers who have been cheated by a certain gentleman of China Grove, S. C., and others similar in style, to combine, sum up their losses together and complain to the government.

This second drawback is daily decreasing the income of dealers. I have in mind a small firm which lost from \$30 to \$40 in this way. To dealers it is becoming no small matter to guard against it, names are cheap, and one swindler can use ten, but the time is coming when the two great drawbacks counterfeits and frauds will be things of the past.

**CHRONICLE.**

All correspondence and information intended for this department should be addressed to Mr. L. W. Durbin, 5th, & Library Sts., Philadelphia, Pa.

ANGOLA.—The 25 reis has made its appearance in lilac.

BARBADOS.—A 2 pence, blue registered letter envelope has been issued.

BULGARIA.—We have the .5 stotinki card in double form.

CEYLON.—Two more surcharged cards have been received, viz:

- 5 cents on 8 cents;
- 10 " " 6 "

The surcharge on the 4 cent envelope comes in both red and black.

DENMARK. The 10 ore, carmine, with arms, has been issued.

DUTCH INDIES.—The 5 cent card is reported without inscription on the back and printed in violet on white.

GREAT BRITAIN.—For use of the British post office in constantinople we have received the following surcharges.

- 40 paras on 2½ pence;
- 80 " " on 5 " "
- 12 piastres on 2 shil. 6 d.

MEXICO.—The colors of the lower values of the current set are to be altered as follows:

- 1 centavo, gray and green;
- 2 centavos, brown; 3 centavos, carmine;
- 5 " violet; 6 " brown;
- 10 " orange.

Of these we thus far seen only the 6 c. brown. We have specimens of a 2 centavos card, green and black on buff. The cards are in strips of five, perforated between.

NORWAY.—The color of the 12 ore is now brown.

QUEENSLAND.—We have the penny post card printed in carmin on buff.

L. W. DURBIN.

## Paper Coins and Medals.

FROM THE "BOYS' JOURNAL"

(CONCLUDED.)

The conservation of fictitious stamps, such as the Garibaldi, to distant eras, will attest the popularity of the patriot general; the Shakespeare memorial portraits, finely engraved and even perforated after the orthodox manner, will not be meaningless; the Jerusalem, Mek-ka, and Pe-king impostors will evidence the gullibility of this enlightened period; and the whole host of forgeries and fac-similes will rescue from oblivion the notoriety and mischievous ingenuity of Hamburg and Switzerland.

Our multifarious railway adhesives, fertile in devices and printed in many sizes and colors, will not be devoid of significance; the telegraphic stamps so closely allied to regular postals, and, if report errs not, destined, ultimately, to be blended with them, will help to blazon the enterprising spirit of the times to remote posterity; the handsome stamp of the defunct Express Company, and the pair professing to emanate from a London circular-delivery firm, as well as those of the modern Athens, will play a minor, but important part, and claim admission among our "paper medals." Nor should we omit mention of the sundry designs issued in futherance of the hitherto abortive schemes of Ocean Postage, particularly the once much *recherché* wing-headed portrait so long believed, especially by the Continentals, to have seen active service, and, "last, not least," must not be passed over the endless varieties of United States locals, so eagerly collected during the earlier days of Philately, and which now diversify our albums with an inexhaustable amount of designs, enumerated not by dozens or scores, but by hundreds.

In conclusion, we should submit that we have completely established the claim of somewhere about seven thousand perishable individuals, which the science of Philately alone could have saved from oblivion, to enjoy the style and title of "PAPER COINS AND MEDALS."

## AMONG OUR EXCHANGES.

We desire to exchange with every paper in the world published in the interest of, or having a department pertaining to Philately.

—The *Canadian Philatelist* is no more, having been absorbed by the *Toronto Philatelic Journal*.

—The *Yankee Philatelist* is the latest. Published by Ira C. Green, 65 High street, Fitchburg, Mass.

—What has become of the *Independent Philatelist*? We have not seen a number for an age.

The *Queen City Philatelist* is the name of a new paper, published by E. S. McLeod & Co., Buffalo, N. Y. A little more originality would be a *great* improvement.

—We have received the fourteenth edition of Mr. Durbin's *Standard Catalogue*. It is simply perfect; what more can we say?

—On or about December 1st, Mr. Jno. M. Hubbard, of Lake Village, N. H., will publish *The Stamp Dealers of the World*, containing the names and addresses of every stamp dealer in the world, together with a complete directory of the philatelic literature of the present day. The work has been copyrighted, and Mr. Hubbard will spare neither pains nor expense in its publication. See ad.

—We have received the following papers since our last issue. Publishers will please accept thanks: *Stamp World*, *Philatelic Monthly*, *Collector's Companion*, *Philatelic World*, *The Hermes*, *Stamp Collector's Journal*, *The Gem*, *Toronto Philatelic Journal*, *Naturalists' Companion*, *Capital City Philatelist*, *Keystone Stamp and Coin Gazette*, *New England Philatelist*, *Agassiz Journal*, *Tidings from Nature*, *The Hoosier Naturalist*.

TOBACCO.—The 4 pence has changed color to gray.

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THERE is a saying: "Practice what you preach," and we are fully aware that when we combine the August and September numbers and call them one, it is *very* unprincipled and *not* in keeping with "Raphael's" sound advice of *Don't*, which appeared in our last issue. However, circumstances always alter cases, and we are sure, should our readers and friends know the circumstances in this case, there would be no need for an apology.

Although we combine two months, this is but one number (7), and we guarantee that all subscribers who have paid for one year's subscription, will receive *twelve* numbers. As will be seen, we are doing our utmost to improve our paper, but if our readers can make any suggestions, we

would be glad to hear from them. We are pleased to announce that we have secured the services of Mr. Wears, Mr. Durbin and several other well-known writers, and with the editorial management of Mr. T. Coke together with the several departments, we think we can give our subscribers their money's worth. Be it understood, that this paper is established for the advancement of Philately, and *all* are welcome as contributors; therefore, do not be backward in addressing us upon obtruse points, or in forwarding articles for publication, or items of general Philatelic interest. Our great aim is to make this the leading American publication of its kind. Fellow Philatelists, won't you help us to make it such?

It takes cheek to get along in this world. It takes a great deal more cheek to get along in some kinds of business than in others. It takes cheek for a druggist to make 300 per cent. profit; it takes cheek for monopolies to declare 80 to 300 per cent. dividends; but it takes cheek, doubled and twisted, all wool and seventeen yards wide, for a so-called editor of a Philatelic—or any other—Journal (No. 1, published August, 1885), to clip his leading editorial, over half a column long, from number one of the EMPIRE STATE PHILATELIST, without giving any credit whatever. He also takes a whole column of "Record of New Issues" from the *Collectors' Companion*, without giving credit; also nearly half a column "Prize Offers" from the *Keystone Stamp and Coin Gazette*,—no credit given; besides several other no-credit word-for-word clippings. We should advise the above mentioned gentleman (?) to "right out" before some one gets riled and gives him an uncomplimentary puff.

## NOTES.

—Read Mr. Hubbard's letter, in another column.

—There are 7500 persons employed in the Japanese P. O. Department.

—Geo. H. Richmond of Northfield, Vt., has moved to Brooklyn, N. Y.

—Yes, brother Raymond, we know it is not etiquette to appear in shirt-sleeves, but remember, "Rome wasn't built in a day."

—The special delivery system will possess the important advantage of cheapness over the district telegraph companies, but it cannot entirely supplant them unless a "call" system is devised, and that would be scarcely practicable.

—Advertisers must remember that we are *not* stamp dealers and cannot accept foreign stamps in payment for "ads."

—Well, how do you like the new form? As soon as the Season opens we shall enlarge to sixteen pages and a cover, and will make this paper the best in the land.

—If you are not a subscriber you are invited to read this paper through and if you think it worth the little we ask, send in your subscription at once.

—The reason the 8c. Canada Registered letter stamp is so scarce is because the Government finding the two and five cent stamps answered every purpose, had the 8c. ones all destroyed.

—Here is a letter published in the *Stamp World*:

CHICAGO, July 18, '85.

DEAR SIR:

You can add our name to the list of unfortunates in the Chas. Warner affair to the amount of \$1.43, we have a great desire to wear the toes of our shoes on that Gentleman's (?) pants. Yours in sorrow,

BURT, THOMPSON & CO.

A Stamp dealers Protective Association, well managed, would save dealers many a \$1.43.

—The *N. E. P.* says the value of a mandarin,—the currency of Corea,—is equal to the eleventh part of a cent in U. S. money. It would be the proper thing for some enterprising youth to invest in a quarter's worth and advertise them "free-historic relics" and get a dollar a piece for them.

—"Collector" in the *S. W.* wants to know "how dealers can sell Brunswick stamps for fifty cents per hundred when a Groschen is equal to two cts. Are they reprints or Counterfeits?" They are neither. They are genuine remainders. When the Government withdrew the stamps from circulation an enterprising stamp dealer bought the entire lot, consisting of many thousands, at a few cents per thousand. Hence they are sold cheap and pay the dealer a good profit.

—Quite a number of subscribers complain that they do not receive the PHILATELIST now and then. A copy is mailed every month to each subscriber and if he does not receive it, then it is the fault of the mails. However, those who do not receive their paper regularly will greatly oblige us by calling our attention to the fact.

—Come, come Mr. Mills; what are you up to anyway? Are you getting careless, reckless or both? We have known you and the *Stamp World* for the past five years and we have always been good friends and don't want to see you hurt, or sued for libel, for exposing such rascals as Chas. Warner and Henry W. Davis. Good men are scarce and we don't want to lose any from the ranks of the Philatelic publishers of America, so please be careful. By-the-way, should Warner and Davis decide to take "action" against you and you get "strapped" or "broke" draw on us.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

We solicit and are prepared to insert under this heading any information or suggestion that may be thought of interest to the Philatelic world.

We will not hold ourselves responsible for the views of our correspondents, and we reserve the right to reject communications that do not seem to us as proper for publication.

*Editor Empire State Philatelist:*

Would it not be a good idea for the Stamp dealers and publishers of Philatelic Journals to organize and maintain a Philatelic Protective Association? It is a true saying that there are black sheep in every flock and I believe Philately has its full share. If one member gets "stuck" he immediately notifies the other members, thereby saving them from loss.

My idea is this: Have some stamp dealer, or, better still, the publisher of some Philatelic journal for general manager—no necessity for a President, Secretary or Treasurer, as one man can do better alone. Allow any dealer, publisher or collector with a good reputation to become a member upon the payment of \$1.00 to the manager and the agreement to promptly report all bad bills and transactions, giving full particulars, to the general manager. The duties of this manager would be: To write a reported party enclosing a *fac similar* of the letter received from the complainant and request an immediate settlement. If successful, he shall return the stamps or cash to their rightful owner deducting a fair price for his time and expense. If unsuccessful, he shall have slips printed saying "Beware of——(giving address in full) we have reason to believe him a swindler" over the signature of the manager and send each member a copy in an unsealed envelope. He shall also keep a correct record of all association money he receives and pays out, also a roll of the members. When the cash in hands of the manager dwindles down to \$5 he shall assess each member \$1, at the same time sending a statement of the financial affairs of the association. If a member fails to pay his assessment within thirty days of the issue of the same, his name shall be stricken from the roll and he shall be debarred from all benefits, until it is paid. At the end of thirty days a printed list of members in good standing shall be sent each member, in an unsealed envelope. The manager shall receive no salary other than he shall not have any assessment to pay and shall be allowed to enclose any of his circulars when sending out an official notice, if he desires. The term of office of the General Manager shall be one year. Thirty days before the expiration of his term he shall notify each member to



send his vote for his successor, to a dealer or publisher whom he shall elect. This person will count the votes, forward them to the manager who will again count them and forward them to his successor, with a statement of the finances and balance of cash in his hands. In case the manager desires to resign before his term expires, his successor shall be elected in the same manner.

I think with a membership of twentyfive, it would not cost over \$1 each per year and of course the larger the roll the better. I, for one, am desirous of seeing the thing tried and I will gladly pay \$1 or \$5 if need be, for the sake of being posted. If a man saves being stuck only once in a year its a good investment. A dealer who sends stamps on approval should require them to be returned within two weeks. If not returned in that time he should write for them and if not successful he should write again in a week. If he still receives no reply, write once more and if in one week this "lost" letter receives no reply, write the particulars to the manager who will look out for the rest of it. I don't want an honest party accused, but I do want every rascal, known as such. All envelopes containing stamps should have the senders address plainly printed thereon, and a printed envelope should be inclosed. Then there is no chance for the old excuse "Must have been lost in the mails."

Brother Philatelists, if you think favorably of this Protective Association and will deposit your dollar with the general manager as soon as he is elected, drop a postal to T. C. Watkins, Box 1716, N. Y., who I know will consent to be moderator, stating who you prefer for manager. The person who receives the highest number of votes shall be the elected manager for the ensuing year. Talk is cheap and I don't charge anything for it but I should like to see an association of this kind started. Very Respectfully  
JOHN M HUBBARD.

### Answers to Correspondents.

We hold ourselves in readiness to give here such information as lies in our power and are prepared at all times to assist Philatelists in the solution of such questions as we are able to. All mail not requiring an answer by letter will be replied to here. Correspondents wishing reply by mail, must enclose stamp for return postage.

**F. L. B.,** St. Louis.—There are about four times as many revenue as postage stamps.

**S. R. O.,** Watertown.—All the stamps you send for our inspection are genuine except the Pacific Steam Navigation Company's which are counterfeits.

**W. S. W.,** Baltimore.—They are common reprints.

**J. S. McH.,** Nashville.—We cannot insert your "ad" until paid for.

**W. A. McC.,** Wallingford.—The stamps you describe never have been chronicled. Would like to see them.

**H. T. P.,** Darby.—The stamps you refer to are remainders of the old issues which were supplied by the postal officials after disfiguring them almost beyond recognition by printing heavy lines across the later issues. These are really nothing more than telegraph stamps and have never passed through the mails. (2). A very large number are reprints.

### EXCHANGES.

*In order to facilitate the exchange of duplicates, and with a view to bringing about more intimate relations among collectors, we offer a page per month, FREE TO ALL, wherein they may briefly state what they have to dispose of, and what they desire in exchange. Write plain and on a separate sheet from any communication. Mark on envelope "Exchange."*

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I have a number of good stamps which I would like to exchange for others not in my collection. Collectors send lists to **Spencer Cosby, 1808 Mass. Ave., Washington, D. C.**

Rare stamps for the same. Send lists. **E. T. Pollock, Mt. Gilead, Ohio.**

Rare foreign stamps for others. Send lists (exchange). No Postals answered. **Geo. Reynolds, 1611 Dodge St., Omaha, Neb.**

Postmarks, Stamps, Golden Days, and Harper's Young People for Stamps, Postal Cards and Envelopes. **John C. Feldwisch, Box 2922, Denver, Col.**

I have several hundred fine foreign stamps to exchange for other rare ones. All communications answered. Send lists. **J. F. Aborn, 21 Liberty St., Worcester, Mass.**

Not long since we offered cash prices for philatelic articles and received, among many others, an article entitled "Our Hobby," by J. H. C. This was awarded the first prize (\$2.00), and appeared in the July PHILATELIST. A few days after mailing that edition we received a letter calling our attention to the sad fact that this article was a vile piece of plagiarism, being copied *verbatim* from an article by "Cosmopolitan," in the *American Journal of Philately*, April 1869 number. The title is changed from "A Plea for Philately and Philatelists," and the last paragraph is omitted, otherwise there is not a change throughout. We do not hesitate in giving the full name and address of "J. H. C.," and warn our fellow contemporaries against such a rascal. *Beware of JOHN H. CLIFTON, of Baltimore, Md.* This has taught us a lesson, and, if possible, shall not occur again.

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*Written for the E. S. P.*

## A Philatelic Novelty.

By RAPHAEL.

There has recently been issued in Chicago a novelty in the stamp line in the shape of a Return-Letter Stamp, the object of which is to insure in case of non-delivery the prompt return of the letter bearing it, without being opened, or in any way be tampered with. In short, it is to take the place of the printed return card, "only more so" inasmuch as there are a large number of letters upon which it is not desirable to put a business card.

This is especially so of private letters, as it is in bad taste to send a social letter enclosed in a business envelope.

These stamps are about the length of a common two-cent stamp, but only two-thirds as wide, of a gray-black color, perforated, gummed and very neat in design.

There are annually nearly five millions of letters which land in the Dead Letter Office; of these about three millions are destroyed. Vast sums of money are thus lost to the senders, all for want of some simple plan like this of the return letter stamp.

These stamps cost the buyer but one dollar per thousand, less than it costs to have a return card printed on a thousand envelopes.

One of the advantages of these stamps is that they can be used anywhere, and on any envelope, and hence are useful to

people who spend part of their life and write part of their letters from hotels.

On the receipt of one dollar, the National Return-Letter Association will furnish 1000 of these stamps bound into a book very much resembling the thousand-mile tickets used by some railroads. Each of these books bearing a separate number, all the stamps in a book bearing the same number. This number will be entered on the register of the Association, opposite the name and address of the purchaser. In sending a letter the purchaser puts one of these stamps on the upper left hand corner of the envelope. In case of non-delivery of the letter from any cause, it will be returned as per request of the stamp, to the Office of the Association and there be enclosed and remailed to the sender, as per his name and address on the register. So no one but the manager of the Association will even know who sent the letter, and *no one will open it* and read it to find the name and address of its sender in order to return it.

The stamps bear the following inscription:—"Trade Mark" across the top, followed by: "If not delivered in 10 days, return to — National Letter Return Association, Chicago, Ill., U. S. A.," arranged in such a manner as to make a very pleasing design.

The Association is the result of a demand on the part of many occasional letter writers for some simple method of insuring the return of non-delivered letters without having them opened or sent to the Dead Letter Office.

The object of this Association is to afford everybody the same facility for the return

of non-delivered letters that business men enjoy who have their business cards printed on their envelopes. It is not convenient for commercial and other travellers to carry a supply of printed envelopes, and they do not purchase envelopes in sufficient quantity to warrant the expense of having a return card printed on them. Besides it is not always expedient or desirable—especially for ladies—to publish name and address on their correspondence. The Association is a friend of all this, and desires the support of all Philatelists and well-meaning people.

—♦♦♦—  
*Written for the E. S. P.*

## An International Issue.

By WM. ALLAN KLAPP.

There are about this time one hundred and fifty different countries of considerable size that issue stamps; each has a different set of every possible variety in style, some have heads, some face work, while others employ numerals for the principal character of the specimens.

Take Great Britain for example. Its enormous number of colonies, except perhaps Australia and a few others, have the same distinctive peculiarity which can be detected in an instant, *viz.*: The head of Victoria in her youth, the generally delicate teint and beautiful engraving. This great variety has its advantages, one in the fact that the dissimilarity shows somewhat the traits of each respective country, and another that, were it not for variety, what would Philatelists do? Let us take the affirmative side for a beginning and cite the few advantages an international issue would command.

In the first place, before the stamps themselves could be thought of, an international congress must be held, and a treaty drawn up, somewhat similar to that existing. Should the majority of the countries join the alliance and sign the treaty, an issue might then be thought of.

This would be no little affair, the stamps

must all bear some symbol, which suits all countries. The head of liberty could not apply, as it would not be suitable for the monarchies, of course, no personal head could be used, and the only design must be pertaining to travel such as a steamship, or a railroad car, or a miniature engraving of the international congress itself similar to the 24c. 1869, U. S. issue.

But let the design alone as too remote a contingency to discuss, while the advantages are not so bound down.

If international stamps were used, it would be an easy matter to transfer postage as payment of small sums, also when letters are written abroad it is sometimes imperative to enclose return postage when one can do nothing but enclose their own countries' stamp. Of course, such arguments refer to exceedingly small matters, but courtesy demands such occurrences constantly. Take the Canadian stamps, they are so common that no sale is possible, and yet Canadian agents return considerable amounts, quite often in their stamps, which are almost useless.

I see many hindrances which would occur in law, but it is not altogether impossible. Now let us consider the other side.

To Philatelists it would be a death blow. A few dealers with enormous stocks might make a fortune out of it by keeping the old stamps until as curiosities they would be almost invaluable, but despite this the funeral would not be long put off, journals would be forced to suspend, collectors would have to stop to a certain extent, and in a few years Philately would be entirely conquered by the international issue.

## A Philatelic Press Association.

On the first of October a "Philatelic Press Association" was organized by the below-named publishers, the reasons for which are clearly stated in the following agreement:

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, Publishers of Philatelic Journals, being desirous of protect-

ing ourselves and our readers against advertising frauds, and at the same time prevent "cutting" in rates, arising from too sharp competition, and to reform many evils and abuses, which have crept into Philatelic journalism, and for the good of all publishers of Philatelic periodicals, their patrons, readers, and the Philatelic public generally, do hereby organize ourselves into a Philatelic Press Association for the reasons and causes above stated, and do agree to conform to and abide by all rules and regulations agreed upon by a majority of the members.

(Signed) Jerome H. Raymond,  
Thos. C. Watkins,  
Frank L. Mills,  
Mann & Kendig,  
W. K. Jewett,  
L. M. Hamlin.

Mr. Raymond, of Chicago, has been elected "Director," and the Association hopes to be in "working order" by November 1st. Surely, such an organization properly conducted will be of great benefit to publishers of stamp journals. May it meet with the success it deserves.

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### CORRESPONDENCE.

We solicit and are prepared to insert under this heading any information or suggestion that may be thought of interest to the Philatelic world.

We will not hold ourselves responsible for the views of our correspondents, and we reserve the right to reject communications that do not seem to us as proper for publication.

#### THE NEW POSTAGE STAMPS.

To the Editor of the "Empire State Philatelist."

DEAR SIR:— I beg to send you the following cutting from *The Graphic* of Sept. 6th, 1884.

T. MARTIN WEARS.

ROSEMOUNT, DOWNFIELD, near Dundee,  
14th Sept., 1885.

"Who is responsible for the present issue of postage stamps all of one color? The worry caused among Post Office servants by this innovation has been immense. In the hurry of business—and since the establishment of the Parcel Post the Post Office clerks of both sexes have

had no little work on their hands—stamps worth twopence, halfpenny or three-halfpence are continually being mistaken for penny ones, and the clerks have to bear the cost of these errors. The inconvenience is quite as great in city houses which have much correspondence with the Continent. In fact, it is so obvious that stamps of different value ought to be easily distinguishable at a glance, even to near-sighted persons, that one can only attribute the issue of "mauves" to the influence of that fact-condemning spirit which operates so queerly in politics. A theory is demonstrated by long experience to be irrefutable, but some man suddenly springs up to say: "Never mind the experience; let us start afresh as if time had taught us no lesson," and behold a uni-colored lot of stamps which Rowland Hill with his shrewd insight into popular wants would have condemned forty years ago. Of course, the new stamps are economical in principle; it is only in practice that they will prove troublesome and costly. Meanwhile, as the authorities at St. Martin's will have to consult the public convenience again before long, we may call attention to the Russian stamps as offering the best models. They are pretty, difficult to forge, and impossible to misread, being formed by combinations of two colors—thus in the "field" of one tint, and the escutcheon in an oval of another. Thus: light blue upon grey, green upon red, and yellow upon blue. The merit of this system is shown by the fact that the Russian government has never had to alter its stamps since the first original issue. How often, and at how much cost have we altered ours?"

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Quite a large number of dealers have sent in their votes for manager of the "Dealers' Protective Association;" but not enough, as yet, to insure its success. Now, brother dealers, if you wish to see this

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The *Stamp World* says: "Such an Association should have been formed long ago, and now that it is on a fair way to succeed, let dealers take an interest in its formation."

Dealers, let us hear from you.

THE Winter months are rapidly approaching, and we have decided next month to put on our coat again—and a fine one it will be, too.

NOTES.

—Be sure and see the November number.

—The new postal cards are now well circulated, and the general verdict seems to be that while the colors of card and ink are well chosen, the design is lacking in neatness and taste.

—An exchange says that C. H. McKeel, editor of the *P. J. of A.*, has taken unto himself a wife. If such is the case, we sincerely pity him. The poor fellow always has been unfortunate.

—The *Collector's Companion* uses plain language about the *Capital City* and *Queen City Philatelist* and *Philatelic Herald*, reprinting articles without giving any credit. Don't be cross to the boys, Mr. Raymond. They are not to blame for what they don't know.

—There is talk of forming a stock company in Chicago to carry on the stamp

and publication business. If they can raise the necessary amount of capital they will purchase the *Collector's Companion*.

—The *Stamp Collector's Journal* says: The EMPIRE STATE PHILATELIST has discarded its cover and comes to hand the picture of neatness."

—"American stamp journals are not a success financially. This is due to the large number of dead-beat advertisers, which fill their columns."—S. C. J.—Our English brother is right. We think, however, the same applies to English papers, as the S. C. J. publish the names of over thirty dealers who owe them for advertising.

—The *Philatelic Journal of America* says of the proposed "Dealers' Protective Association": The plans for the working of it are quite elaborate and look very well on paper, but are hardly practicable," etc.—In the same issue it says, there is \$158.40 owing them for advertising. According to that we think it would pay the publisher of that infallible (?) paper to forward his vote and help the thing along, instead of trying to kill it.

—The "Atlanta Philatelic Society" was formed October 2d, and the following officers elected: Pres., W. G. Whilden, jr.; V. Pres., S. Meyer, jr.; Rec. Sec'y, J. B. Campbell, jr.; Corresponding Sec'y, D. M. Parkhurst; Treas., W. B. Symmers.

### AMONG OUR EXCHANGES.

We desire to exchange with every paper in the world, published in the interest of, or having a department pertaining to Philately.

—W. L. Emory has sold the *New England Philatelist* to Chas. P. Henry of Fitchburg, Mass. It will be edited by W. K. Jewett, better known as "Topaz."

—The *Michigan Philatelist* is a new paper under an old name. It is published by H. G. Spaulding of Manchester, Mich.

—The September issue of the *Foreign Stamp Collector's News* completes its second volume. Long may it flourish.

—Our thanks are due to the "Quaker City Philatelic Society" for a copy of their neatly printed *Constitution and By-Laws*.

—Mr. W. F. Bishop, of La Grange, Ill., has entered the ranks again. He announces for next month *The Philatelic Magazine*.

—*Catalogue of U. S. and American Colonial Coins*. Lyman H. Low, Publisher, New York. The most complete and authentic list we have ever seen. If you are interested in the subject, be sure and send for a copy.

—We have received the following papers since our last issue. Publishers will please accept thanks. *Stamp World, Philatelic Monthly, Collector's Companion, Philatelic World, The Hermes, Stamp Collector's Journal, The Gem, Toronto Philatelic Journal, Naturalists' Companion, Capital City Philatelist, Keystone Stamp and Coin Gazette, New England Philatelist, Agazziz Journal, Tidings from Nature, The Hoosier Naturalist, Philatelic Tribune, The Alert, Southern Geologist, Long Island Collector, New York Collector, Our American Youth*.

### Answers to Correspondents.

We hold ourselves in readiness to give here such information as lies in our power and are prepared at all times to assist Philatelists in the solution of such questions as we are able to. All mail not requiring an answer by letter will be replied to here. Correspondents wishing reply by mail, must enclose stamp for return postage.

W. S. T., Washington.—An essay is a design made for a stamp, but never used.

C. A. M., Louisville.—The November number of this paper will contain a full account.

M. R. S., Boston.—It would be impossible to say who has the best collection of stamps in the world, or how much a complete one would cost.

C. N. B., Norwich.—We have arranged with several competent authors for a series of articles in this journal for the new year. We have no doubt that your expectations will be realized.

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By T. MARTIN WEARS.

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have been accustomed to regard as the only kind of fiscal, viz: what are called receipt stamps, the adhesives of the class we are at present dealing with. These adhesive receipt stamps represent a compulsory tax, payable to Government, and have to be used by every person in granting a receipt for money received, provided the amount is two pounds or more. In Britain this distinct class of adhesives is now merged with the postage stamps, and can be used for either purpose. Before the combined Inland Revenue and postage was prepared, it was allowable to use the receipt stamp for postal purposes and *vice versa*, so that specimens cancelled postally are worthy a place in all collections, as are also that class of foreign receipts used postally. These are constantly coming to hand, and can generally command face value prices, after they have franked letters through the post. Such as intending in for this class will find it to their advantage to retain the original envelope, or at least a part of it, so as to be able to show the official marks.

The question "Ought revenues to be collected?" can best be answered by individual collectors themselves. In 1872, Mr. Pemberton wrote "there is now coming on a mania for collecting everything that looks like a stamp, no matter how preposterous or absurd in idea or nature. The present mania is commencing with bung-labels and physic stamps, and will finish with reel-tops and the lunatic asylum." This kind of mania is certainly not so general as it was then, yet the class of maniacs is by no means extinct. In regard to collecting the first named class I pointed out, that simply to collect the stamps found on documents would necessitate their separation from the parchment, but then this could not be accomplished without rendering the document useless, and to collect both would of course be out of the question. Then in reference to the next class, it certainly would not be very edifying to study an album in which were posted huge labels of somebody's "Essence of Ginger;" "Dose for a grown person, one teaspoonful;" "For a child 10 to 12 years old, half a teaspoonful," etc., and "To be taken in sugar and water." The same remarks are applicable to the playing cards; and as to collecting revenue adhesives, I

would point out that these, unlike postage stamps, do not show a service rendered by Government, but simply represents so much mulched from the public.

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## Why Philately is a Science.

By WM. ALLAN KLAPP.

IN almost every edition of the Philaletic papers, one can see something relating to the "Science of Philately," "Our Science," or something to that effect, some few journals indeed, dispute the other's claim; that Philately is a science, these few say, "Our Hobby," "Our Amusement," they steer clear, as it were, of all terms in which the word "science" is mentioned, but it is forced, you can see it at once; there is a doubt in their minds whether they are taking the right course or not, they show it by occasional vicious attacks on the "Scientifics," and yet they don't feel able to say plainly "we have a doubt in our minds, possibly you are right." You find they will admit that Mineralogy is a science, but shake their heads at Philately. Now let us weigh both sides, and see which is in the right.

Let us for a beginning see what a science is, see what it comprises, and what the real distinction is between an amusement or mania, and a science.

I accordingly turn to a dictionary for my basis, and find the following definition for science; "Knowledge—A branch of Knowledge, A collection or system of general principles or leading truths relating to any subject." Mark the two words "any" and "subject." Is Philately a subject of thought?—certainly: now at once we stumble over the fact that Philately is eligible for the rank of science. We must now consider whether it can pass its examination, so to speak. It can, if we can but prove that there are leading truths and a collection of general principles relating to it. This I am going to try to do.

A man who collects plants, vegetables, etc., and subjects them to a study, that is, determines their class and value, studies their manner and place of growth, is called a scientific man. A man who collects stones and metals.

puts them to an analysis, or in other words, studies their parts and properties, is a scientific man. A man who collects insects, animals, etc., studies their organs, their blood &c., is he not also a scientific man? Yes—certainly, you say at once, they are all scientific men, all their respective studies are sciences. Now imagine you never heard of a stamp, and follow me in a description in the same form as above. A man who collects small engravings, called stamps, studies the quality of engraving, puts them to the test of a microscope or magnifying glass, studies the different quality of paper, examines the water-marks, and classifies them. Is he not a scientist? is not his study a science? You exclaim at once "That's well enough to say, but look at those little boys collecting stamps, I suppose these are scientists;" and you laugh at your own wit, and the absurdity of the whole affair. Stop a moment. Who among my brother Philatelists has not seen a boy, not out of school, studiously collecting plants; who has not seen a youth, incited by the little Physiology he learns at school, examining the blood corpuscles in a frog's leg by a poor microscope; who has not, I say, seen these types, and yet who among you would bring these cases up, to prove that Mineralogy and Physiology are not sciences. Thus we have paralleled cases to the young stamp collector; mark me, I do not say a young Philatelist, I make a distinction that is wide, a distinction that goes a considerable way to help me prove my point, for in my mind a stamp collector is one who collects stamps merely as an amusement; a Philatelist is one who studies stamps, and one who could lay claim to being a scientist should he advance his study far enough.

I may be mistaken, but as far as I can see, Philately in the highest form answers the definition at the beginning of this article. It is a knowledge, and it is a collection of general principles or leading truths relating to a subject. In my mind it has passed the examination and is a science, but we Philatelists can never hope to see the day when it will be admitted by the public at large, for how old is Botany, Mineralogy or Physiology; not until it has reached about their age can Philately be classed by the public as a science.

## Chronicle.

By R. R. BOGERT.

All correspondence and information intended for this department, should be addressed to Mr. R. R. BOGERT, Room 38, Tribune Building, New York.

**ANTIOQUIA.**—Five new stamps have just come to hand; 1c. blue green (color chart, II. 2.) on white; 1c. black on pale green paper; 2½c. black on pale buff paper; 5c. green (II. 9.) on white; 10c. lilac (IV. 2.) on white; 20c. blue (III. 15.) on white.

**BRAZIL.**—"Der Philatelist" states that the 300 reis, orange and green, has been found rouletted.

**ECUADOR.**—We have received the new 3c. card. A tablet in the centre bears the words "Tarjeta Postal," while above in a curve is "Union Postale Universelle." At the ends of the tablet are two circular designs, that on the left containing the arms, and "Republique de l'Equateur," and that on the right containing large figure 3, on which is inscribed "Tres centavos de Sucre." There are the usual ruled lines, etc., and a fancy frame, Black impression on pink card.

**HAYTI.**—We have received the 7c. perforated, at last.

**JAPAN.**—The 1 and 2 sen cards are now printed in carmine.

**REUNION I.**—"Le Timbre Poste" mentions the 5c. on 2c. and 25c. on the 20c.

**RIO DE ORO.**—This Spanish African Colony uses the Spanish stamps, with surcharge in three lines, "Africa—Rio de Ore—España."

**SIAM.**—The post card has been increased in value to 4 atts, by surcharging the new value, and the words "Union Postale Universelle."

**SOUTH AFRICAN REPUBLIC.**—The 3d. and 1 s. of 1884 are surcharged "Halve Penny," and the 6d. 1878 is surcharged "Twee-pence—ZAR."

**S. AUSTRALIA.**—The half-penny has been changed to green.

**ST. DOMINGO.**—The 15c. envelope has turned up on amber paper, and the 20c. on blue.

**VICTORIA.**—The new stamp, inscribed "Stamp Duty" has been impressed on the envelopes. We hear of the 2d. lilac and 4d. carmine, the latter being on the flap.

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It is the purpose of the publishers to make this the leading philatelic magazine of America, and the attention of all interested in stamp collecting is called to the December number, which will be issued about Christmas-time, enlarged to *sixteen pages*, and have a circulation of *five thousand* (5000). Our policy has been, and still is, to provide the best matter for the instruction and entertainment of our subscribers, and in pursuance of this plan, we announce important accessions to our list of contributors, which already includes a number of the ablest writers of this country and Great Britain. These additions enable us to promise not only a succession of articles of unusual interest and great value, but in the minor departments of the paper remarkable

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SERIALS.

"The Garland of Philatelic Poetry;" by  
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"Papers for Purchasers;" by  
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SHORT ESSAYS.

"Philately Two Hundred Years from Now;"  
by W. Allan Klapp.

"Forgeries;" by  
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"Philatelic Reminiscences;" by  
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"The Chronicle;" by  
R. R. Bogert.

OTHER FEATURES.—The column "Answers to Correspondents," always interesting and instructive; the "Notes" and an Exchange Column *free to all*. The attention of advertisers is also called to the fact that no better medium than this December issue is to be found in this country.

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From its first advent it has been our determined purpose, that the EMPIRE STATE PHILATELIST should be an example to be emulated by all, but not excelled by any philatelic paper; and further, that all its promises to patrons should be sacredly kept, both in measure and quality. How far that purpose has become a recorded fact, we now leave to its readers to say. At the same

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—Just as we go to press, we learn the sudden death of Dr. Chas. P. Henry, former publisher of the *New England Philatelist*.

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—Mr. Jewett writes us that the *New England Philatelist* is no more. We are indeed sorry. This paper was one of our best exchanges, and deserved a better fate.

—The October number of the *Stamp Collector's Journal* completes its seventh volume. This excellent paper holds the same position in England that the *Stamp World* does in this country.

—The "Collector's Companion Company" have bought out Mr. J. H. Raymond's interest in the *Companion*, and will continue its publication with Mr. Raymond as editor and W. E. Cowles as business manager.

—Mr. W. M. Clemens, formerly publisher of the *Old Curiosity Shop*, of Cleveland, O., has moved to Jamestown, N. Y. He has in preparation, and will shortly issue, the "History of Postage Stamps."

*The Quarterly Inter-Change* is the neatest stamp paper we have ever seen. We should like very much, however, to see it *change inter* a monthly, and contain some original articles.

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—We have received the following papers since our last issue. Publishers will please accept thanks: *Stamp World, Philatelic Monthly, The Hermes, Stamp Collector's Journal, Toronto Philatelic Journal, Naturalists' Companion, Capital City Philatelist, Keystone Stamp and Coin Gazette, New England Philatelist, Agazziz Journal, Tidings from Nature, The Hoosier Naturalist, Philatelic Tribune, The Alert, Southern Geologist, New York Collector, The Michigan Philatelist, The Philatelic Magazine, Our American Youth.*

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royal decree passed on 30th of March, 1836.

The earliest official information we have of the introduction of stamps into Great Britain is in connection with duties levied on legal documents, in terms of the Stamp Act, passed in the middle of the eighteenth century. The amount of these duties was impressed on a small piece of blue paper, in size and appearance resembling an adhesive stamp, affixed in a peculiar manner to sheets or skins of parchment or vellum, a style of impressing duties still in force. A volume, containing samples of Irish stamps from the value of six pounds down to that of one half-penny, was in the possession of the Receiver-General at Dublin in 1774.

The French invention of 1653, exhausts our list of proposals for stamps, and with a brief account of it we will conclude our prefatory remarks to the poems.

In 1653, an officer of the Court of Requests, named De Velay, obtained a privilege or boon from the King for the sole establishment of letter-boxes in divers quarters of Paris, and afterwards set up an office at the Palace, where were sold, certain tickets stamped with a peculiar mark. A preliminary notice was issued to the effect that all who wished to write from one quarter of Paris to another, could have their letters faithfully carried if they fastened round them this ticket, which was marked *Post Paid*. There can be no doubt that this is the forerunner of the cover or wrapper and postage stamp of the present day, as it embodies the principle of prepayment by means of a "Post Paid Ticket," which franked the missive to its destination. At least, such are our sentiments, although hardly sanguine enough to expect all to take the same view as a solution of the much vexed question

#### "WHO INVENTED THE POSTAGE STAMP?"

Who invented the postage Stamp?

"I, Dr. Gray,  
Think I may say

"Twas I who invented the postage stamp."

Who invented the postage stamp?

Says Rowland Hill,  
"Take it not ill,

But you did *not* invent the postage stamp."

"Yes, I *did* invent the postage stamp,"

Says Dr. Gray. "I'm right—  
I told Charles Knight,

On the Blackheath Coach, of the postage stamp."

"Now, who did invent the postage stamp?"

*The public cries,*

"Do all tell lies,

*Who parternity claim to the postage stamp?"*

This poem, in which the reader will recognize a clever parody of a well known nursery rhyme, was quoted by me, as a kind of peroration to the article in the *Record* before alluded to. The remark that as I had brought all the inventors together, there was abundance of room for its enlargement, elicited the subjoined lines from my friend, Mr. Ray Rees.

Who invented the Postage Stamp?

"I, says Charles Knight,  
Hold to it tight;

'Twas I who invented the Postage Stamp.

"Stamp Wrappers! I said,  
For the penny that's paid

For sending a paper by post.

So you see out of claimants a host,

'Twas I who invented the Postage Stamp."

Who invented the Postage Stamp?

"I, Rowland Hill,  
Maintain it still,

'Twas I who invented the Postage Stamp;

I said that for dunces inveterate,  
The stamp must be invented separate.

So I invented the Postage Stamp."

Who invented the Postage Stamp?

Why all this fighting;  
"I, Mr. Whiting,

I invented the Postage Stamp."

"What! all these invent the Postage Stamp,

I, Dr. Gray,  
Firmly cry, nay,

'Twas I who invented the Postage Stamp;

I proposed twisting

The newspaper system,

To make it to letters apply;

So you see, my dear friends, it was I;

'Twas I who invented the Postage Stamp."

Who invented the Postage Stamp?

"My father was he,  
And lived in Dundee;

'Twas he who invented the Postage Stamp."

Thus Chalmers could prove  
His father did move

The invention of Postage Stamps.

Who invented the Postage Stamp?

"Why all these are wrong,  
We French had it long;

The Frenchmen invented the Postage Stamp.

We had it you see

In sixteen, five, three (1653),

So we invented the Postage Stamp."

Now, who invented the Postage Stamp?

It was not found out,  
But we have no doubt

As to how was invented the Postage Stamp;

For Darwin's idea will give the solution,

The stamp was invented by evolution.

(To be Continued.)

Written for the E. S. P.

## Philately Two Hundred Years From Now.

By WM. ALLEN KLAPP.

WE live in the nineteenth century, and we belong to it, every surrounding, every pleasure is a member of it, and will always be associated with it; it is but natural that we should accept things as they are, without looking too thoroughly into the far future. But why should we not for once overstep the boundary of the present, and live a few minutes with our great-great-grand-children in the twenty-one hundredth century, looking into the progress of our great common pleasure, Philately.

Let us imagine ourselves carefully examining an album of that date, criticising the latest Greenland stamp, comparing the engraving of this beautiful specimen from Patagonia, with that from Ireland; let us, I say, put aside all the common sense thoughts of where we are, and undo the chains which bind down our imagination; only giving ourselves a brief respite, while the tiresome facts are gone over.

It is now only forty-five years since the first postage stamp was issued in England, and yet we find ourselves in a labyrinth of stamps, coming from here and there, each month the complication grows larger and stronger, and the beginner looks forward in absolute dismay, to the 7000 stamps behind him and the 25000 before him. "Will it do," he says, "to buy old issues and let the new ones go? Why yes, the older are constantly getting farther and farther beyond my reach. I will ignore the 'new comers' and confine myself to those issued before 1860, or at least to those which are moderately old." A few years pass, he sees the "new comers" triple their former value, and again comes the question, "why did I not buy those when they were common?" Thus it goes on, a never ending stream of stamps, closing up as fast as the forward ranks are conquered. Confining ourselves to figures in the rough, we find that in the year 1884, there were in all about 700 stamps, postals, envelopes and wrappers issued; let us not take this as an average, but be safe and make the common number

500; we have before us these two hundred years, making the number 100,000 without our present sum, adding this, our total shows 107,000 stamps, all different, exclusive of the thousands of varieties which are bound to come, owing to mistakes in engraving, etc., etc.; this immense number makes a complete collection impossible, and to hold the majority, would take a lifetime, for example: it takes the average man about one year to collect one thousand stamps, unless he is attended with unusual advantages for obtaining them, in the shape of a large bank account, or numerous friends abroad, on this scale, to collect the half, viz: 50,000 stamps, would take 50 years; 25 years, should 2000 a year be collected, and 10 should 5000 annually fall to his lot. Of course collections could be handed down from one generation to another, but in this great lapse of time, the number lost would be immense, these heirlooms playing but a small part. To hold a really good collection, one should have at least one-fourth of the total number, and thus, when the Philatelist's collection reaches the enormous number of 25,000 varieties, he could lay claim to having a good collection. With these plain facts, very roughly drawn, but sufficient to illustrate my point, we will end the respite.

The owner of the album of the year 2085, being obliging and proud of his collection, points out to us the different varieties, commencing with United States. Showing us a peculiar stamp, value 3c, color blue, 1869 issue, he relates his experience in obtaining it. In an old collection of letters belonging to his great-great-grand-father, he found an envelope with this identical specimen placed in one corner; upon inquiry, he finds it to be a great rarity, only seen in one album out of a hundred; saying, "I have been offered \$10.00 for it, but refused;" passing on, he points out a 3c. War Dep't, explaining, that it was a kind of local, which he could not find the origin of; he supposed it must have been used in transmitting letters from the field of battle, in the times gone by. Pointing proudly to a half-penny green, English stamp, 1880 issue, he tells us that it is a specimen of the kind used when Great Britain was a monarchy; going farther on, he successfully points out

his new issues, until turning to Canada, he shows a 3c. red, saying, it was supposed to belong to a set issued when Canada was under the Dominion of Great Britain, and that there is a celebrated Philatelist who owns the 2c. green, besides the 3c., for the both of which he was offered \$15.00 by a Mr. Blank, of Philadelphia. So he goes on patiently answering all our questions; at last, coming to the end of his somewhat small collection (I believe he said he had 15,000) we leave, much impressed and enlightened about the stamps these old times in 1880, when they only had about 7000 different stamps to boast of.

Going from there to a dealer, we find that the demand for stamps is so great, that he is kept constantly importing thousands of stamps at a time. He tells us that the number of stamp journals grew so great in 2040, that a grand consolidation was made in America, taking in one hundred different papers. Showing us a volume of some 100 pages, he tells us it is the monthly edition of the "United American Philatelist," having a circulation of 150,000 per month.

Now let us drop back to the century we are fated to live in; let us re-fasten the moorings of our imagination and go back to our paltry 7000 varieties which, nevertheless, suffice to amuse some 2,000,000 Philatelists. These rather extreme sketches may appear entirely imaginary. It may seem absurd that there will be 100,000 stamps, yet upon looking into the present increase, it will be found to be true. Even then, I made no allowance for the vast increase of population, and the corresponding increase in letter-writing. We have no conception of what will happen in the future to stop such growth, such as an International issue, etc., etc., and so all calculations must be based on a stand, that we can only suppose to be correct. There is no doubt, however, that should the present state of things continue, my figures would be dwarfed in comparison with the reality. The value of the stamps of this date, is of course, also only approximate, for all valuations are not set by precedent, but by the valuation, the owner himself determined upon.

We can, however, rest assured, that our pleasure in collecting stamps will be shared by all coming generations, and that Philately

will exert as beneficent an influence on our grand-children, as it does on ourselves.

Written for the E. S. P.

## Philatelic Reminiscences.

By TOPAZ.

THE most interesting things I can recall concerning my Philatelic experiences, are the stamp transactions of my early school days. In the lower grades of the public school where I attended, was a large circle of eager stamp collectors. Every day or two, each one of us was expected to tell how much his collection had increased since the last interview, and if Jennie Brick had one hundred and three "varieties, all different, no two alike," Johnny Stone wasn't going to rest until he possessed one hundred and four. The most popular way of beginning a collection, was to ask father and mother to look over their old letters, and so procure the obsolete U. S. stamps. After this, the would-be collector, generally plucked up courage enough to go to the office of the largest manufacturing establishments, and ask if the gentleman would please let him have the old stamps that came on his foreign letters; which request, was, at first, usually complied with. But soon the repeated applications became a nuisance, and we were apt to meet with a fierce "clear out!" when our faces appeared at the office door. Then our attention was easily turned to revenues, and if big brother smoked cigarettes, we besought him to give us the stamps thereon, the duplicate being traded off to the stampists, whose brothers were non-smokers. When the hired man rejoiced in a clay pipe, and bought his supply of the weed in packages, we begged of him the empty bags, and proudly removed the long two and four-ounce stamps, bearing the portrait of John Quincy Adams. If Mr. Jones kept a grocery, Jones, Jr., would secretly soak off one of the large green stamps that come on the boxes of plug tobacco, and are adorned with portraits of Lincoln, Secretary Fessenden, and other worthies. If, perchance, more than one of these rarities could be obtained, without paternal detection, it was immediately swapped for a great price in match stamps. Many a time would some

stamp enthusiast induce his parents to use some uncommon and inferior kind of matches, in order that he might become the possessor of a stock of match stamps scarcer than the ordinary ones.

Not all of us were mere collectors; not at all. There were several dealers among us between whom raged a strong competition. These were lads, who, on holidays, and after school hours, had walked several miles to the paper mills, and obtained from the waste paper large quantities of common Continentals. One announced to beginners, that he would sell twelve different stamps for a cent. Then the next "dealer" gave out that his rate was thirteen for a cent, and finally, seventeen could be purchased at this magnificent price. This last individual soon "run out" his rivals, the reasons being, as I afterwards learned, that he lived near the paper mills, and also had a cousin in Canada, who supplied him with stamps of the Dominion. Up to this time no such thing as a Philatelic paper, or stamp catalogue, had been heard of, and none of us had an idea of the existence of such articles, till a pioneer number of some paper long since suspended found its way into the city. That was a revelation to us, and straightway the enterprising "dealer" adopted a new method, and sold five-cent packets of——varieties, "including France, Germany, Ireland, etc.," the handsomest stamp stuck on the outside.

From this time our enlightenment and consequent improvement was rapid. One or two of us subscribed to a Philatelic journal, and a few more bought catalogues. All discarded the old blank-books, and bought twenty-five-cent albums. Our former method of arranging the stamps, was to stick all those of the same numeral denomination on a page; thus, on the initial page, were all the one-cent, one-penny, one-kreuzer, etc. But, on the introduction of albums, we disposed our collections as nearly as possible, under the proper headings, having relegated all revenues to the blank pages, in the back of the book. Here I will end my story, as the romance ceases with our initiation into the mysteries of PHILATELY. We were now full-fledged Philatelists, and our "swapping" and "dealing" were things of the past. Yet, I delight to remember the aforesaid experiences, as some of

the most enjoyable that have occurred to me since I became interested in stamps.

In conclusion, let me mention with gratitude, the kindly old gentlemen, who used often to call some of us from the street into his insurance office, and gladden our hearts by presenting us with large document stamps, of one to three dollars in value. Such were the helps we frequently received in those days, but at the present time, the only way to get stamps is to buy them, like any other merchandise, and almost any stamp can be had, if you will only pay the dealer's price for it

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## Papers for Purchasers.

By H. I. R.

FIRST PAPER.

WHILE pondering what should be the title of these articles on counterfeits, I was struck with the fact that it is an extremely uncommon circumstance to have a forged stamp *given* one; indeed, during the whole of my fairly long experience I only remember having one counterfeit presented me, which, by the way, was an early Trinidad, with figure of Britannia; of course my individual experience may not have been that of many collectors, but I feel sure that the majority of amateurs will coincide with me on this point, and agree that it is by *purchase* that the vast majority of imitations finds a place in our albums.

Under these circumstances, then, I have called these notes "Papers for Purchasers;" in them I shall endeavor to point out the leading differences between genuine impressions of certain stamps, and the valueless counterfeits which flood so many collections, especially those of beginners; it will not be my aim to describe *every* forgery, but merely those which are most numerous in the market, most dangerous from their close approximation to the originals, and those which are so scarce that probably few beginners have seen genuine copies.

There is one other point I must notice. I have made a *sine qua non* with the editor that these papers shall *not* be illustrated by the counterfeits themselves; if a magazine has any circulation worth mentioning, it

would be quite a sufficient inducement to any unprincipled manufacturer of forgeries to cut a block of any stamp to order, on the understanding that you illustrated your magazine with them; and even if you did not thus increase the number of forgeries in the market, yet by purchasing copies of those already printed, you will largely increase the sale of trash, and foster with your left hand what you are strangling with your right.

Just one word of advice to purchasers, who are at the same time novices—it is this: go to a respectable dealer for the stamps you require, one who has a character to lose and a reputation to maintain, and do not trust to “picking up” what you want at some little shop where they “sell stamps;” perhaps you may pay a penny or two a copy for some specimens more than at the little place, but remember that you probably have several copies to select from, and that you can depend on what you buy, and show it to your friends with confidence and pride; you may perhaps not get bargains (in the ordinary sense of the word) at a respectable dealer’s, but remember that a low-priced article is not always cheap, and that it would have been greater wisdom on your part to have given \$2.50 for the Naples cross to a trustworthy dealer, than to have paid five cents for a copy at that little “tobacconist’s,” and find when you have carefully mounted it in your album that it is absolutely worthless, and that your money has been literally thrown away.

I am afraid that this month there will be only these preliminary remarks, and that I must defer till next the commencement of the descriptions; as an apology for the length of these observations, I must plead the importance of the subject, and I feel sure that all experienced amateurs will agree with what I have said.

Collectors of the so-called “French School” get very few forgeries in their albums, their greater knowledge of stamps and their belongings, such as paper, watermarks and perforations, render them to a great extent excellent judges, and it is not for such I write, but for those who have not yet seen the advantage, nay, absolute necessity, of making the collection of stamps what it should be, a study and a science, worthy of being prosecuted thoroughly.

It must be a matter of regret to all earnest philatelists that legal measures are not easy to take, towards stopping the open and unblushing trade that is carried on in counterfeits. I saw but a little time since, a whole sheet of labels sent to a friend on approval, they purported to be stamps the value of which would be from fifteen cents to eight dollars each, but the price asked was three cents each; now, if my friend had purchased the whole and obtained a receipt for his money from the vendor, would the latter have been liable to imprisonment for obtaining money under false pretences? I should think he would; he described his goods as *postage stamps*, which they certainly were not in any sense of the word, and on the faith of his representation my friend parted with his money; perhaps before long a similar case may come before a judicial tribunal, when the result will be a matter of great interest and importance to collectors.

While we are still uncertain as to what would be the result of a prosecution, we cannot be too thankful to the editors of those magazines, who so openly expose the dealings of unscrupulous persons, the real benefit they confer on their readers cannot be too highly estimated, now that purchasers are made acquainted with the whereabouts of untrustworthy vendors, it must be with their eyes open if they are deceived by the prescribed parties.

*(To be continued.)*

The portrait of Queen Victoria adorns, by actual count, nine hundred and sixty postage stamps.

The postal card, one of our greatest conveniences, was first issued in this country May 1st, 1873.

Philately is not a waste of time, and a frivolous occupation; there are great men and students engaged in it. Princes, generals, doctors and lawyers can be mentioned.

It is stated, probably upon supposition, that in the United States there are between 150,000 and 200,000, and in Great Britain between 140,000 and 180,000 stamp collectors.

Written for the E. S. P.

## Chronicle.

By R. R. BOGERT.

All correspondence and information intended for this department, should be addressed to Mr. R. R. BOGERT, Room 38, Tribune Building, New York.

**ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.**—The 12c. has been issued, of the same design as the ½c. and 1c., of 1884. It is made by the American Bank Note Co., and is printed in a darker shade of blue (Ill. 3.)

**AZORES.**—The 500 and 1000 reis, of Portugal, have been surcharged "Açores," in red.

**BANGKOK.**—The 32c. of 1867, and 30c. of 1873, have been surcharged with the letter B.

**CONGO FREE STATE.**—Stamps will be issued January 1st, with profile of King Leopold II, of Belgium. This is a provisional issue, and will consist of four values—5c. green, 10c. carmine, 25c. blue, 50c. reseda; also a post card, 15c., brown on buff. These will resemble the stamps of Belgium, being printed from the same dies with a slight alteration. New dies are being prepared, in which the effigy will be full face, and have ornamentation of palms at the sides.

**CURAÇAO.**—Unpaid letter stamps are expected.

**LABUAN.**—The 8c. has been surcharged "2 cents" in black, and the 2c. is to be changed to red, and the 8c. to violet.

**MALTA.**—A wrapper, ½d. green, is reported, and a 5 shilling stamp, rose.

**MEXICO.**—The official stamp is to be changed to green.

**PERSIA.**—Bands of 1 shahi, and envelopes of 6 and 12 shahi are expected; also a new series of stamps with effigy of the Shah in profile.

**REUNION I.**—The 4c. violet has been surcharged 5c. in black, in addition to those already chronicled.

**ROUMANIA.**—A 15 bani, red brown, (V. 5), of the new type with bird at the top, has been issued, and a new set of unpaid letter stamps is expected.

**SHANGHAI.**—The 80 cash has been changed to flesh color, and the 100 cash to yellow.

**SIAM.**—The ½ att stamp has been surcharged "1 Tical."

**ST. LUCIA.**—The 1 sh. orange, of the new type, is reported.

**STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.**—The 5c. blue is now surcharged 3 cents.

**SURINAM.**—Unpaid letter stamps are to be issued, of same design as those of Holland, red violet on white, 2½, 5, 10, 20, 25 and 40c.

**SWEDEN.**—Both the 6 öre and the 6 x 6 öre cards have been surcharged to do duty as 5 öre cards. Stamps of 5, 10 and 20 öre are expected soon, of a new design.

**SOUTH AFRICAN REPUBLIC.**—The new 3d. of 1885 has been surcharged "Halve Penny," in the same manner as the 3d. of 1883.

**TOBAGO.**—We hear that the color of the 1d has been changed to rose. It is probable the ½d will become green.

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couragement they have given us, and in conclusion, wish each one a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Not long since, one of our most able writers, spoke of the two drawbacks to Philately—counterfeits and frauds—and confined himself solely to these two classes. But there is still another class which belongs in this category and has been quite overlooked by Philatelic writers and the stamp press; we refer to the Plagiarist. One cannot look through the pages of our stamp journals today, without noticing some article that has been copied *verbatim*, and given full credit to the would-be author. You ask why should this be so? Our solution, in many cases, is: Publishers of stamp papers have been offering liberal cash prizes for articles on Philately—a most generous and praiseworthy scheme to be sure. Writers of reputation will not send contributions for fear of not giving their younger brothers an opportunity. These young aspirants are so very anxious to secure a prize that they won't trust to their own ability, but obtain some old stamp journal, copy an article word for word; give it a new title; sign their initials or *nom de plume*, and send it to the publishers, asserting that it is their "first attempt," and the article is "strictly original." So, instead of our publishers accomplishing what they so innocently set out to, they are only "adding fuel to the fire," and encouraging the Plagiarist, who does not realize the great wrong he is doing to himself and the science he professes to regard.

But few stamp collectors have any adequate idea of what constitutes a good collection, and it is generally by repeated failures that the foundation for one is laid. Many people supposing that it is only necessary to

procure a fine album, and that by expending a certain amount of money they will have a collection, of which they may justly be proud, commence collecting with great zeal, but soon find that the album is incomplete or has spaces for worthless impostures, or that they have put in many torn or greasy stamps, which ruin the appearance of all, sell out in haste, and represent the whole affair as a swindle. Frequently we are asked: "How much can I buy a full collection of postage stamps for?" This we find very difficult to answer, and those who have tried the experiment of obtaining one, will almost feel inclined to envy the blissful ignorance of the propounder. So its votaries, like the mirage of the desert, its enchanting vision beckons and recedes, and though often, apparently within reach of the pursuer its attainment can never be realized. But while it is impossible to obtain a complete collection, even a moderate number of carefully selected and well arranged stamps are a source of great gratification to the possessor, and when carefully examined, combining as they do the study of geography, history, art and political economy, it is not surprising that what at first sight appears but trifling, could be one of the favorite objects of pursuit with people of culture and taste.

THE following we clip from a recent number of the London *Graphic*: "Mr. C. B. Hainers proposes that the ordinary penny stamp should be perforated diagonally, and that either triangle should be available for use as a half-penny stamp. The necessity of carrying two sorts of stamps will thus be obviated. At present, people often put a penny stamp on a newspaper, in default of having the lower-priced article at hand. Care, however, must be taken if the improvement should be adopted, that both halves of

the perforated stamp are defaced by the post-office clerks, or unscrupulous persons will make the undefaced part do duty another time." Our readers cannot help seeing that such a plan *could not* be carried out.

### EDITORIAL INK DROPS.

—Christmas comes but once a year and lasts one day. THE PHILATELIST comes twelve times a year and lasts 365 days. Moral: **SUBSCRIBE.**

—Read carefully the prospectus for 1886, on second page of cover.

—It is reported that England is to have a new set of stamps. It is unnecessary to mention the design.

—In the *Collectors' Companion* for December, there is an editorial notice that is apt to be misleading. It has no reference whatever to this paper.

—It is said that the Congo Free State will be admitted to the Postal Union about January first. Well, let them come, we don't object, provided, of course, they bring out some good looking stamps.

—Dealers of this city report the stamp trade dull. They look for better times after the holidays.

—"Spero Meliora," in the *S. C. J.*, wants to know: "If it really pays to advertise? If so, in what papers?" Now, these are truly difficult questions to answer. However, let our friend *try* one or two leading papers with large circulations, and see for himself—the *E. S. P.* for instance.

—We would call the attention of our readers to Messrs. Edwards, Peeke & Co's advertisement on another page. They are an old established house, and should receive the patronage of all interested in stamp collecting.

—The science of Philately to-day demands and should have journals that will compare with representative magazines of any contemporary science. But so long as they do not receive the support and hearty cooperation of Philatelists, this grand result can never be accomplished.

—As usual, a large number of new stamp papers are announced for 1886. Well, there is plenty of room for these new ventures. We wish them long life and may the best win.

Mr. Wear's most interesting serial "Garlands of Philatelic Poetry," will be continued in the January number, and will embrace a full history of the famous Connell stamp.

—Mr. John K. Tiffany, of St. Louis, Mo., still keeps at the head of the little army of Philatelists. He began collecting in 1858, and his collection now numbers nearly 16,000 varieties, which is the largest, we believe, in America. He also owns the largest Philatelic Library in the world, consisting of nearly 500 bound volumes.

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—The article "Forgeries," announced for this number, has been unavoidably delayed in the mails. We trust to receive it in time to appear next month.

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—*The Philatelic Helard* for October comes out greatly improved, and takes the place of the *N. E. P.* We wish our enterprising friend much success.

—*The Philatelic Monthly* has completed its eleventh volume. This paper, although issued solely in the interests of its publisher, is most welcome, and often contains notes of much interest.

—*The Capital City Philatelist* comes to hand each month filled with its usual well-chosen clippings. From the cover, it is evident that Mr. Hamlen believes that "Variety is the spice of life."

—Hereafter the *Stamp Collectors' Journal* will be devoted solely to Philately. The Numismatic portion will, after January next, be issued as a monthly, entitled *The Numismatic Magazine*.

—Mr. Geo. A. Lowe, editor of the *Toronto Philatelic Journal*, sailed recently for England, to purchase stock for his winter trade. He will return about the 21st inst.

—*The Quaker City Philatelist* is the name of a new paper announced for 1886. It will be published under the management, and devoted largely to the interests of "The Quaker City Philatelic Society."

—We are indeed pleased to learn that Mr. W. M. Clemens will resume publishing the *Old Curiosity Shop*. The new volume is to begin next month.

—We have received the following papers since our last issue. Publishers will please accept thanks: *Stamp World, Philatelic Monthly, The Hermes, Stamp Collector's Journal, Toronto Philatelic Journal, Naturalists' Companion, Capital City Philatelist, Keystone Stamp and Coin Gazette, Tidings from Nature, The Hoosier Naturalist, Philatelic Tribune, Southern Geologist, The Michigan Philatelist, Collectors' Companion, Philatelic Journal of America, Foreign Stamp Collectors' News, Philatelic Star, Naturalists' Companion, Memphis Philatelist, Philatelic Magazine, The Philatelist.*

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H. L. L., Philadelphia.—“*Correos*” means “Postage.”

F. A. H., New Orleans.—The 1865 issue of Spain is found in all values, both unperforated and perforated 14.

W. T. C., Lockport.—*Rouletted*: stamps separated by means of little slits cut in the paper.

W. F. B., Chicago.—You can get some good suggestions from the article, “Papers for Purchasers.”

F. E. S., New York.—Hidalgo, whose portrait figures on all the stamps of Mexico previous to 1874, was a priest, who in 1812, organized the revolution against Spain, which led to the independence of Mexico. He was captured and shot in 1814.

B. S. C., Newark.—*Laid* paper is paper watermarked with fine parallel lines close together. It has the appearance of being *inlaid* with lines.

J. B. M., Albany.—Mulready is the name of the designer of the first prepaid envelopes. The first pair of English envelopes are usually called Mulready envelopes.

## STUDY YOUR STAMPS.

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## THE STAMPS OF COREA.

By T. COKE.

COREA occupies a peninsular in the north-east of China, and in days gone by has been a bone of contention between the two celestial empires, China and Japan. Both these countries, I believe, now claim a *locus standi* with regard to the internal arrangements and government of the good Coreans, but which power is paramount just at present is not clearly defined. To a certain extent the Coreans claim an independence, and it is alleged to be a native idea that the peninsular should be supplied with a separate set of stamps for its own particular use. To this end two values of stamps were issued; they are:

5 Moun, carmine.  
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in white letters between the upper and "10 moum," between the lower octagons, while the word "Post" is given on both sides of the stamp. They are printed on white paper. A correspondent, not long since, wrote me from Nagasaki, Japan, and enclosed several sheets of both values. He tells me that the stamps were in use but a brief time, and owing to the trouble between China and Japan the idea of a postal service has been given up entirely—at least for the present—and that the officials who went there from Japan to organize the service, have returned to their country. This gentleman is paymaster in the U. S. Navy, so we may consider this information authentic. The Korean postage stamps may thus be desirable from their rarity, and also exceedingly interesting from a historical standpoint.

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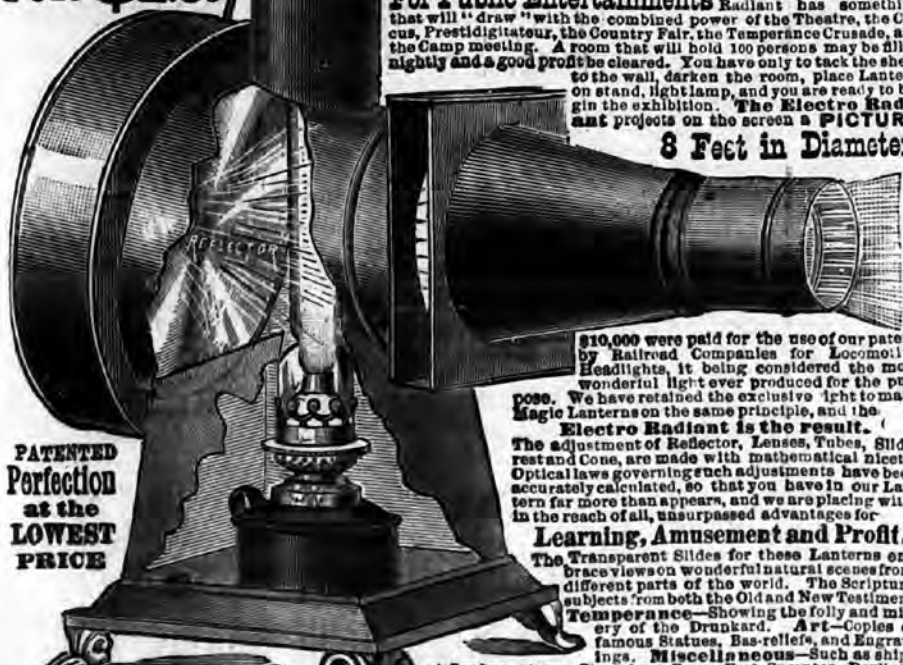
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 That one was grave, the other gay;  
**3** weeks said one, I've worked to clean  
 The master's house, where I have been  
**4** kinds of horrid cleaning stuff  
 I've used, and still I've not enough  
**5** hours each day on wall and floor  
 I've worked until I'm sick and sore  
**6** years of service I've seen, Kate,  
 The other maiden then did state  
**7** days each week in all that time  
 I've used but one to clean and shine  
**8** other girls, too, I know  
 Use nothing but SAPOLIO  
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as to allow "his honest countenance" any longer to grace the stamp, if he could help it. It is not at all unlikely that Mr. Connell's successor would try to have it removed, his own being substituted in its place, and so on *ad infinitum*.

The likeness is an excellent one, it having been copied from a photograph taken in St. John. Several copies of the stamp are said to have passed the post, but I do not think the statement has ever been proved. *Fac-simile* impressions, obtained by means of photography and reprinting, are not rare; but genuine specimens are in the highest degree of rarity.

The accompanying poem is self-explanatory.

### YE CONNELLE.

#### A BALLAD IN YE OLD STYLE.

Ye Connelle is a famous stampe,  
Or ought to be I'm sure,  
Since it's gained a notoritie  
That's likely to endure  
Longer than manye kindes of fame;—  
Such baubles oft are but a name.

For this ye brave designer payed  
Six hundred pounds a yeare,  
Or, rather lost his salarie,  
Which means ye same I feare;  
Six hundred pounds to see his face  
Posting 'round from place to place.

'Twas gallantrie that prompted him,  
As any one might see:  
Such business was too servile for  
Her gracious Majestic:  
A man can rougher usage bear,  
Therefore he placed his visage there.

Some little minds pretend to see  
His vanitie quite playne;  
Yet who e'er hearde of such a sin,  
Lodged in a manlie braine;  
Tho' true upon the stampe you see,  
Ye look of kind complaisancie.

Collector, you should bend before  
That image on your booke,  
Just as ye miser does his gold  
In hidden box or nooke.  
Remember that ye essaye cost  
Ye salarie—oh "lost! lost!! lost!!!"

(*To be continued.*)

THE first postage stamp was issued by England, May 6th, 1840.

## Papers for Purchasers.

By H. J. R.

SECOND PAPER.

**MEXICO**, 1866, Head of Maximilian to left.—I suppose that these counterfeits are intended to do duty for the lithographed issue. They are really not very badly done, but still would not deceive experienced collectors. They have rather a "washy" appearance; the postmarks, too, are unnatural, sometimes consisting of a series of dots, similar to that on some of the early Philippines and Italians; the paper, also, is of a thicker texture than in the originals. The following are the leading differences in the impression:—

13. CENTAVOS, blue.—The color of the forgeries is a very light blue indeed, lighter than it is possible to find in genuine copies; the two figures composing the number 13 are much too far apart—in the originals they nearly touch; this is especially noticeable on the right hand side. The lettering on the counterfeits is very uneven, being smaller on the top of the stamp than elsewhere; in originals it is of the same size throughout. It may be noticed, also, that no name is surcharged on the counterfeits; a lithographed original without a surcharge is a great rarity. All the counterfeits I have seen of this series are from the same die, so this value will serve as a guide to the whole. The 50 centavos green counterfeit is printed pretty nearly in the correct color.

**MEXICO**, 1868, Portrait of Juarez, 100 Cents, brown.—The color of this stamp is a very good imitation, but the execution is poor; the lines composing the background of the forgery are too coarse and too far apart; in genuine copies they are fine, and close together. The word cents in the forgeries is printed in characters which are too thick, the whole execution of the counterfeit is too coarse, and the hair above the left ear of the portrait is badly done. The nose is too sharp, and the corner ornaments are blotchy and unfinished. These counterfeits, like the last, are not surcharged with date or name of town, nor do any that I have seen show traces of perforation of any kind.

(*To be continued.*)

Written for the E. S. P.

## Chronicle.

By R. R. BOGERT.

All correspondence and information intended for this department, should be addressed to Mr. R. R. BOGERT, Room 38, Tribune Building, New York.

**AZORES.**—The 50 reis envelope, rose, is surcharged in small letters.

**BANGKOK.** The 3c. card of Strait's Settlements, is said to be in use with surcharge B.

**BOLIVIA.**—New stamps are expected about April 1st.

**BRITISH GUIANA.**—The 3c. card is surcharged for use as 1 cent.

**CEYLON.**—A 3c. card has been issued without frame. Lilac on buff.

**CHILI.**—The 20c. stamp is now grey (VI. 1.)

**COSTA RICA.**—All the values are surcharged "Guanacaste" in black or red, for use in this province.

**ECUADOR.**—The new 2c. card has been issued, and is similar to the 3c. already described. It is printed in black on white card.

**GWALIOR.**—The Indian envelopes are surcharged for use in this State, as well as the stamps and cards.

**JHIND.**—All the values of the 1882 issue, exist perforated; and the Indian stamps, envelopes and cards are now surcharged for use as in Puttalla and other States.

**MACAS.**—*The Philatelic Monthly* notes two new surcharges; 5 on 25 reis, and 10 on 50 reis. The old value is crossed out, and the numeral 5 or 10 printed in the center.

**MADAGASCAR.**—The British Consul has issued stamps of the value of 1, 2, 3 and 6 pence, all printed in red brown. They are type set, and inscribed "B. C. M." with the weight and value below.

**MEXICO.**—Of the new issues, we have already received the following: 2c. rose, (VII. 16.), 3c. red brown, (I. 17.), 4c. vermilion, (VII. 13.), 5c. blue, (III. 15.), 6c. brown, (V. 13.), 10c. orange, (I. 7.), 12c. olive brown, (V. 9.)

**NORFOLK ISLAND.**—We learn that stamps for this island will be issued shortly.

**SOUTH AFRICAN REPUBLIC.**—The 6d. with

head of Victoria, is surcharged "Halve-penny" and "Z. A. R." A 2d. stamp of current type is issued, brown, and a post card 1d. carmine on buff. The latter is inscribed "Zuid—Africk. Republick Briefkaart."

**UNITED STATES.**—The 2c. envelope has been issued on white paper, sizes 7 and 8, and on amber paper, size 7. There are reports of an intended issue of a 12c. special delivery stamp.

## A few Words about Essays.

By T. COKE.

A FEW words on these somewhat neglected stamps, will not be out of place to the majority of our readers, and although I strongly depreciate the practice of collecting specials to the exclusion of postals proper, still I think a few genuine specimens or essays, add considerably to the beauty of a collection, and to the student are of vast importance. As is not generally known, an essay is a design made for a stamp, but never used; and perhaps the best illustrations we have are the beautiful essays prepared in 1885, for Moldo Wallachia; there is ample food for reflection here; was it that the engraver of the adopted design "feed" the officials higher? or was it that the authorities did not know what beautiful was? certainly they did not believe with Keats, that "a thing of beauty, is a joy forever," or this really beautiful design would have been adopted. The United States has probably furnished more essays than any other country, there having been quite a large number prepared at each change, amongst which may be mentioned the entire set of 1869. Then the almost unique 2ct. essay, bearing the post-card as the principle device; also the 30ct. essay, having for the central picture, the surrender of Burgoyne. While on this subject, I would like to correct the common error of calling the 2ct. 1863 stamp, printed in various colors, an essay, as it is nothing but a specimen; that is, it is printed from the genuine plates in another color, so that the government could not be defrauded by it, but made by the company as a specimen of their work, to send to parties from whom they were likely to get contracts.

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SOMETIME in the distant future, Philatelists will be educated up to that point when it shall be clear to their perception that, as time passes on, the more difficult is their work, and the greater are the obstacles to be overcome. They claim that they are dissatisfied with the course of things; they profess to desire a change; they are patiently waiting "the good time coming," and we ask the question, why patiently? Why not impatiently? Philatelists who see faults in the works of to-day, errors in the philatelic press; collectors led astray by false or incomplete assertions in our journals, should lose no time to correct the error.

The editors will thank you, and the cause of Philately is hereby advanced. Every editor desires to make his journal the very best one published. They really seek to do the best. In Philatelic journalism at least, the emoluments are moderate, very moderate indeed; a complimentary work occasionally, and a long list of more or less stupid exchanges through which they must periodically wade. Poor men; they deserve compassion and consideration, and not reproach and contumely, and with the greatest propriety

might they print at the head of each number of their several journals, the notice stuck up in the orchestra of a "dive," or the western border of our civilization, "don't shoot the fiddlers, they are doing the best they can."

Collectors, we mean those who have at least 15 years experience, should help them. A conversation over a well-filled album, will develop many unknown points; details that have never been made public. The owner of such a collection should add his bricks to the structure, then Philately makes an upward advance.

To-day a stamp springs into existence, and before one-tenth of the collectors are aware of its issue, it is a thing of the past; and in many cases unknown, were it not for the record of its emmission. But the mere catalogue notice is not what is desired. There are side-lights that must be brought to bear on it, and then it is that we know definitely what to do.

Let us look around us; is there not something we can do? A grain of sand may turn the scale; just now the "CONNELL" is in uncertainty. Is it a stamp or an essay, equally reliable authorities are in dispute. Cannot some one step forth and settle it?

There was a time in the past, when collectors could have, if they had been awake to their own interests, known all about it, whether it was used or not; but it has gone by, and now the time has arrived when it is difficult to determine its proper place.

At this day, when there are so many alert Philatelists who watch the various governments, and with pencil and tablet stand ready to chronicle any change, local private stamps are now historic relics of by-gone days.

But with the older stamps, and especially locals, we wish to be understood—what shall we say—the old fashioned local with its simplicity and honesty; why is it discarded and left unheeded, to pass away and be destroyed.

The revelation, of but one of these, or a similar case, will give a Philatelic fame to the one who is happy enough to possess it.

Now, as we launch PHILATELIST upon the unknown sea of 1886, we hope the voyage may prove a profitable and pleasant one, and that it may return to us free from injury.

W. H. M.

## EDITORIAL INK DROPS.

—Exit, J. W. Scott.

—The address of Martinka the trickman, is 489 Sixth ave.

—The offer of Dec. 20th, does not now hold good.

—There is no better advertising medium than this paper. Read what the leading dealers say.

—We learn with surprise, that M. D. Batchelder has retired from the stamp trade.

—Several of our contemporaries are trying to "boom" U. S. Locals. There is no doubt collecting of Locals has been sadly neglected, yet the market is so flooded with counterfeits, that we are not surprised Philatelists ignore them.

—Mr. L. W. Durbin, one of the oldest and largest stamp dealers in this country, owes his success to promptness and reliability.

—Messrs. J. W. Scott & Co., the well-known stamp and coin dealers, have retired from business, and are succeeded by a stock company, known as "The Scott Stamp and Coin Co., Limited." The stamp department is conducted by Mr. Henry Collin, and Mr. Wm. P. Brown has charge of the coin department. The change may seem a sudden one to our readers, but Mr. Scott said recently in a conversation with a representative of the E. S. P., that he had long contemplated selling out, but never could find a man capable of controlling his extensive business. Surely, no man could be more suited for this position than our enterprising friend, Mr. Collin. May the new company have a long and prosperous career.

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We desire to exchange with every paper in the world, published in the interest of, or having a department pertaining to Philately.

Publishers, please send us two (2) copies of your paper each month, and we will be pleased to reciprocate.

—Have you seen the *Standard Directory* for 1886?

—*The Philatelist* published by C. Y. Abbott, of Philadelphia, Pa., is a new paper. Its

pages give evidence of intelligence and careful editing, and it should be well sustained.

—*The Memphis Philatelist* for December is half the size of an ordinary stamp paper, and yet, strange to say, contains more interesting matter than six numbers of the average "journal." May it be a frequent visitor.

—*The Minnesota Philatelist* No. 1, is neat and contents good.

—The January number commences the fourth volume of *The Philatelic World*. The chronicle of new issues is its special feature, and is considered one of the best in this country.

—We are indebted to Mr. E. F. Gambs for back files of *The St. Louis Philatelist* and *Michigan Philatelist*.

—We learn that circumstances will not permit Mr. Clemens to publish the *Old Curiosity Shop* on the date announced. It may appear later.

—*A History of U. S. Envelopes* is in preparation, and will shortly be published by the "National Philatelic Society" of this city. We understand that great care has been taken in compiling this work, and it will be the most complete book ever offered to the Philatelic public.

—*The Arizona Pride of Philately* is the title of a little sheet from the State of that name.

—*The Capital City Philatelist* for December, comes to hand greatly improved in contents. Mr. Jewett writes that he is conducting it, and we may look for numerous improvements.

—Mr. H. G. Spaulding, publisher of *The Michigan Philatelist*, has changed his place of business to Battle Creek, Mich. This will not, however, interfere with the publishing of his paper.

—We have received the following papers since our last issue. Publishers will please accept thanks: *Stamp World, Philatelic Monthly, Stamp Collector's Journal, Toronto Philatelic Journal, Naturalists' Companion, Capital City Philatelist, Keystone Stamp and Coin Gazette, Tidings from Nature, The Hoosier Naturalist, Philatelic Tribune, The Michigan Philatelist, Collectors' Companion, Philatelic Journal of America, Our American Youth, Carson Philatelist, Collector's Monthly, Boy's World, Independent Philatelist, Philatelic World, Stamp News.*

Written for the E. S. P.

## Chats by the Way.

### ON THINGS IN GENERAL.

By J. M. C.

"I delight in telling what I think. I shall go on, just as before, seeing whatever I can, and telling what I see."—EMERSON.

#### I.

I have noticed with much interest the rapid growth of Philately in America, and I cannot but congratulate my *confreres* on the appearance of the present work; supplying, as it doubtless will, the vacancy of a thorough and reliable Magazine. I shall take great pleasure in contributing to its columns such information as I may have gathered from several years experience in stamp collecting, apart from the fascination it creates. Philately is acknowledged to be one of the most profitable pastimes of the age. The location of countries, the laws that govern them, and many other important facts are thus obtained in much less time than that usually devoted to the study of geography and history. Enough praise cannot be bestowed upon such a science—for a *science* it unquestionably is. And now, had I "the pen of a ready writer," I might enter into a lengthy discussion concerning this word *science*, but my readers well know the subject has been so thoroughly treated by abler writers, that my remarks would be but feeble repetitions of their ideas. In these short informal chats, I shall only speak "on things in general," and trust that the stamp collector may find suggestions here and there that may be of service. At present, a very considerable portion of the Philatelic press is taken up with articles on U. S. Local Stamps; and dealer and publisher are doing all they can to awaken an interest among collectors. Surely, the collection of these stamps is a branch of Philately, that in my opinion, has not received the attention it merits; but while advocating the gathering of these—shall I say beautiful?—labels, I wish my younger readers to understand that I do not advise them to be kept with their postage stamps, as that forms a mongrel jumble unintelligible and uninteresting, and, unless arranged with great neatness

and taste, is positively ugly; but even a moderately complete collection of postage or local stamps, kept separate, are both interesting and instructive. There is much more I would like to say concerning the collection of locals, but owing to my greatly limited space, I will be obliged to speak of them more fully at some future day.

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*A. C. F.*, N. Y.—Then were about 1,481, 580 pounds more of second class matter mailed during the second half of '85, than during the first.

*E. C.*, Chicago.—For the latest and most reliable Philatelic Society news, read the Collector's Companion.

*R. F. S.*, London.—Over 1000 "dead letters" are destroyed daily at the Dead Letter Office.

*K. N. O.*, Erie.—During the process of manufacturing, stamps are counted no less than thirteen times; so it would be a difficult task.

*F. T.*, Wilbeshaw.—There are about 4,300 letter carriers in the United States.

*I. P.*,—Princeton.—General Yashinori Takahaska, the Japanese Ass't Postmaster-General, while in this City, said the rate of postage in Japan is 2cts., and there are over 19,000 men employed.—About Corea see Dec. Number.

*F. C.*, Montreal.—The stamps of Vancouver Island, have been obsolete since 1868.

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| *Prince Edward Island, 12 varieties.....               | 60    |
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part in the traffic. A stamp collector of my acquaintance, who has now reached the allotted span of three-score and ten years, being present at one of those meetings, was blandly told by Policeman X, 149, that he was old enough to know better. The fair sex, too, were represented, for in relating his reminiscences of the 'change, the same gentleman observes: "We have occasionally seen ladies, album in hand, on the scene; of whom one contrived to effect a highly advantageous exchange of a very so-so specimen for a rarity, with a young friend of ours, who salvaged his greenness with the apologetic remark, that he could not drive a hard bargain with a lady."

The Birchin Lane Stamp Exchange was never favorably regarded by guardians of the peace, who looked upon it as a nuisance, and doubtless it interfered with the traffic of that quarter. The gatherings were winked at for a short time, but it was not long before they were put a stop to. Besides this, there were in France the meetings in the Luxembourg Gardens and the Champs Elysées, and in Germany the *Briefmarken Börse* of Hamburg, Lübeck, and Bremen. There are generally some dealers and collectors to be seen daily "on 'change" in Gresham street, where several bargains are yet to be had in the shape of purchases from telegraphic messengers and other urchins. In March, 1884, the opening meeting of a new association, the London Stamp Exchange, which lasted but a short time, took place. The meetings were held every Wednesday evening during the season, with an average attendance of about twenty.

### "A STRANGE 'CHANGE.

One sunny noon, with anxious face,  
Round and round the 'Change I pace,  
With stocks and shares so full my head:  
'Sell out,' I thought—for I had dread  
Of strife upon the Yankee land,  
Where Mammon sways with heavy hand.  
I did so, and left that 'Change,  
And then towards Birchin Lane I range—  
A spot where small fry much resort,  
And carry on a curious sport,  
I took a glass of Bass's pale,  
To drown the stocks in sparkling ale,  
Then, slowly wending on my way,  
To seek a spot to pass the day,  
Athwart the bustling crowd I broke,  
When in my ribs I got a poke.  
With rising cholera now I turn,

The object of the blow to learn.  
A group of British youth is there,  
And from their language this I hear:  
'Who'll give a Turkey for a Pole?  
You see the envelope's quite whole.'  
'I'll take a Swedish for a Cape.'  
'If I'm a monkey, you're an ape.'  
'A Pole's worth more than any Russian.'  
'One old Dane's worth a set of Prussian,'  
'I want a Sandwich for a bear.'  
'Why, that is not one-half as rare.'  
This outcry made me turn my head,  
And thus in wonderment I said:  
'Boys, what on earth is all this row?  
'What's up? What is it? Tell me now:  
'And why these signs upon your books;  
'And why these eager, anxious looks?  
'Such trouble youthful minds derange;  
'Tis / should vex—a man on 'Change.'  
I spoke, and taking from the hand  
Of one, the foremost of the band,  
A book bedecked with many a sign,  
Dazzling with all bright colors fine,  
In squares and rounds, in strange device  
(Near every sign was mark'd its price).  
This, Phœbus bears, in noonday glare;  
And that, our Queen upon a chair;  
A bear climbs up a leafless tree:  
A steamer ploughs across the sea:  
A beaver; then a railroad train—  
The portrait of a queen again:  
Black eagles' heads—spread, double, single,  
With other strange devices mingle;  
A lion with a shield and crown:  
The view of a far distant town:  
Heads of both sexes, wreath'd and crown'd.  
With eyes amazed, I stared all around;  
When, sudden, a gruff voice is heard,  
That all the thronging bevy stirr'd:  
I turn'd, and fix'd my eyes upon  
A bobby! crying—'Stamps, move on.'

This poetical effusion describes the situation to a T.

Concerning the allusions made above to the stamps of different countries, it may not be out of place to explain that Phœbus will be found on the stamps of the Argentine Confederation and Republic, Bolivia, Guatemala, Liberia, Uruguay, Nicaragua, Persia, Peru, and Salvador. Victorian stamps, show the Queen seated on a chair, and the bear and tree may be seen in the Russian local for Oustsysolsk. Sailing vessels are represented on various stamps, but those of Buenos Ayres, New Brunswick, Trinidad local, Custendjie and Czernawoda, Peru and the United States, contain the steamer. Canada typifies the beaver; the United States the railroad train; eagles are conspicuous on Russian stamps; The lion, with shield and crown, refers to the

Tuscan adhesive; while the picture of a far distant town, doubtless indicates that the view of Sydney, represented on the first series for New South Wales, is the issue alluded to.

Written for the E. S. P.

## Chronicle.

By R. R. BOGERT.

All correspondence and information intended for this department, should be addressed to Mr. R. R. BOGERT, Room 38, Tribune Building, New York.

**BAVARIA.**—There is a 3 pf. band, green on white, like those of Germany.

**BELGIUM.**—There are stamps of 20c. olive, 50c. bistre and 2 sc. violet. They have the head of the King with full beard on lined ground. The 50c. having "Postes" above, and the other two having that word below.

**CHILI.**—The 2c. card blue on orange, and 3 x 3c. card, blue on rose, have at last appeared.

**CHINA.**—A new set is out, resembling the old one, but smaller, and having the letters at the bottom white. They are 1c. green (Color Chart 24), 3c. mauve (C. C. 72), 5c. brown (C. C. 96.)

**FINLAND.**—The two high value stamps have been issued; 5 marks, green and red and 10 marks, brown and red.

**GIBRALTAR.**—The stamps of Bermuda are now in use in this place with surcharge in black, "Gibraltar."

**GWALIOR.**—*The Universum* notes two errors, "Gwaltor" and "Gwaliob."

**LABUAN.**—The 8c. red is surcharged diagonally, "2 cents" and "2 CENTS."

**SIBERIA.**—New stamps of 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 16, 32 cents.

**PERU.**—We have lately seen two rough-looking stamps, unperforated. The first, 5c. blue, contains the portrait of Admiral Grau in oval, and the other, 10c. brown, has portrait of General Caceres. They have "Correos del Peru" above and the value at the bottom. Some of them have the surcharge "Arequipa" between concentric circles. A change in color is reported in the following: 1c. violet; 2c. green; 5c. orange; 50c. red; 1 sol. brown.

**REUNION ISLAND.**—The surcharged stamps

lately noted, turn out to be humbugs made by dealers in Paris.

**RIO DE ORO.**—These stamps are also humbugs, probably gotten up in Paris.

**ROUMANIA.**—The 50 bani yellow, (C. C. 16) of the new type, has just appeared.

**STELLALAND.**—There seems to be some doubt about the status of these stamps. They are now appearing with surcharge V. R.

**TASMANIA.**—Letter sheets have been issued by a stationer on rose, green, yellow and violet paper.

**TURKEY.**—Early in January were issued stamps of 5 paras, violet on violet; 25 piastres, black on gray; and will be issued shortly 5 paras, black on white; 2 piastres, carmine on blue; 5 piastres, green on green; 25 piastres, brown on brown

## The Stamps of Corrientes.

**CORRIENTES** was the first Province to issue stamps in the Argentine Confederation; in the early part of 1856, the first emission took place. They were engraved on wood by order of the Governor, Justo J. Urquiza; but from the want of skill on the part of the workmen, there is no two out of the eight blocks prepared that are exactly alike. They are, as most of my readers know, nothing but a very poor copy of the stamps of the French Republic. They are printed on blue paper of a very peculiar texture; it is of native manufacture, the value was one real, which was intended to carry a letter to any place within the Confederation. In 1860, for some unknown reason, the postage was raised to three reals, and to save having new dies cut, they simply ran a pen-mark over the old value. In 1861, the postage was lowered to 5 centavos, on which the authorities cut out the portion of the die that contained the value, and printed them with a blank space, instead of the denomination; but they were still impressed on the same paper. In 1863, the postage was further reduced to 3 centavos, and the stamps were still printed from the same dies, but this time on yellowish-green paper. They have since been refined. In 1864, they were discontinued, and the stamps of the Argentine Republic used in their place.—T. C.

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—We wish to extend our sincere thanks to the philatelic public for the many kind words concerning our paper.

—Mr. W. M. Clemens has moved to East Jacksonville, Florida, where he will remain until Spring.

—What might be called "a very queer coincidence," took place in this city, February 15th. There were two auction sales of stamps at the same hour, 7 P.M.; one held at Geo. A. Leavitt & Co's, and the other at Thos. L. Bucken & Co's. The March issue will contain a full account of these sales.

—Mr. M. Isenstein sailed for England last month. He writes that *The Hermes* will be continued, as usual.

—The collection of postal cards is a very interesting branch of Philately, yet it is surprising how few collect them.

—All the Philatelic papers for January are much more interesting than usual, containing a large amount of valuable information, and the majority appear in an enlarged form.

—Mr. E. B. Sterling has promised to write an article on U. S. stamps for this paper. We are sure it will be anxiously looked for.

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—*The Stamp Dealers of the World* is the title of a neat pamphlet published by Mr. J. M. Hubbard. As the name implies, it contains the names and addresses of all the stamp dealers of the world. This book is invaluable to collectors and dealers.

—*The Quaker City Philatelist* has appeared. It is neatly printed and has our best wishes for success.

—*The Garden City Philatelist*, Vol. 1, No. 1, has reached us. It contains several interesting items, but the printing might be improved upon.

—We have received the following papers since our last issue. Publishers will please accept thanks: *Stamp World*, *Philatelic Monthly*, *Stamp Collector's Journal*, *Toronto Philatelic Journal*, *Naturalists' Companion*, *Capital City Philatelist*, *Stamp and Coin Gazette*, *Tidings from Nature*, *The Hoosier Naturalist*, *Philatelic Tribune*, *The Michigan Philatelist*, *Collectors' Companion*, *Philatelic Journal of America*, *Carson Philatelist*, *Collector's Monthly*, *Boy's World*, *Philatelic World*, *Philatelic Magazine*, *Philatelic Herald*, *Monthly Journal*; *Plain Talk*, *Philatelic Observer*, *The Exchange*, *Progressive Youth*, *Insect World*, *Foreign Stamp Collector's News*.

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**J. D. B.**—The 2 and 5c. Nicaragua are found, upon 1st yellowish paper and 2nd greyish white paper, thinner than the first issue.

**S. A. R.**—The blue numbers on the backs of the 1875 issue of Spain, denote where they were taken from the sheet, the stamps being numbered consecutively.

**C. D. W.**—Of the first issue of Canada, the 3, 6, and 2d. are the only ones found upon *laid* paper. It is now undoubtedly ascertained that the 5d issue of 1859, is to be found unperforated.

**D. P.**, Morristown.—Dr. E. Herrmann invented the post-card, which was first used in Austria.

**T. L. W.**, Salt Lake City.—U. S. Stamps are printed in sheets of two hundred each, and then cut in two.

**C. S. B.**—The Colombian stamp of 10 and 20 centavos, 1876, are sometimes found cut in halves, diagonally, and used as 5 and 10 centavos stamps. You will find the stamps of many other countries used in the same manner.

**W. F. W.**—The stamps of Cashmere are printed from ivory blocks, which account for their indistinctness.

**B. G. A.**—The provisional stamps of British Guiana, are perfectly genuine, and are, moreover, varieties. The specimens offered in some dealers' catalogues are, of course, not genuine.

**C. E. D.**—The Island of Helidoland is one mile long, and about half that distance wide. The population is about 2000. The name means Holy Land.

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 The master's house, where I have been  
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 I've worked until I'm sick and sore.  
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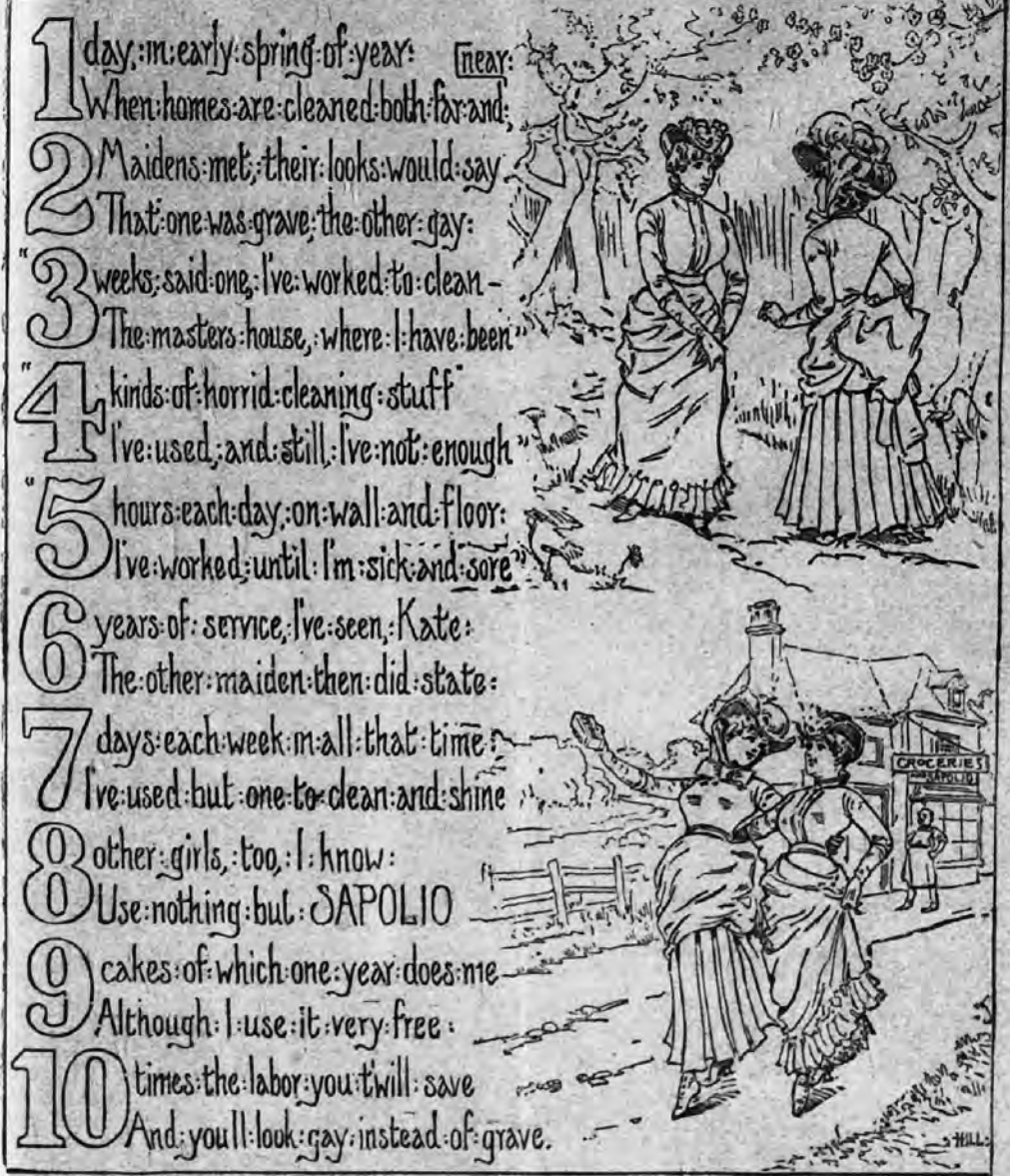
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The: masters: house, : where: I: have: been:

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I've: used; and: still: I've: not: enough

5 hours: each: day: on: wall: and: floor:  
I've: worked: until: I'm: sick: and: sore

6 years: of: service: I've: seen: Kate:  
The: other: maiden: then: did: state:

7 days: each: week: m: all: that: time:  
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"Don't you think we had better be moving in some other direction," suggested Tom, when he saw the array of force before them. He stopped as he spoke, and Rob did the same. As soon as they realized their position, and what the result might be should they continue, they were disposed to make their escape by jumping over the fence, and re-appearing in another direction.

"Stop, there! If you attempt to run away, I'll send my dog after you" shouted the old man. The dog was more dangerous than the man, and the boys concluded to change their course. Putting a bold face on the matter, they continued their walk towards their homes, which were on the same road. When they

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"Let me alone!" screamed Rob, as the whip cut the skin of his leg.

"I'll teach you to steal my apples, you young rascals," roared the infuriated old man.

"My father will give it to you for this!" cried Rob, smarting under the pain. Then Mr. Marley rested Rob, by giving it to Tom.

"Let me alone," groaned Tom, writhing under the torture: "I didn't touch your apples." But the old man continued his chastisement until fully convinced that they had received due punishment.

"They have got apples in their pockets now" said the hired man.

"Empty them," shouted old Marley angrily. The man was a stout fellow, and rather enjoyed the job. He took the apples from the pockets of the culprits, and laid them on the grass.

"That proves that you *did* steal my apples," said Mr. Marley, out of breath with excitement; and then becoming more calm, he told the thieves he had done with them until he caught them stealing again.

"I'll get even with you in some way," muttered Rob, shaking his head in his wrath as he limped away, followed by Tom.

"It has given me some satisfaction, at any rate," called the old farmer. "I want you to understand, that if you are the son of the Squire, you can't rob me of my property without something being done."

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## CHAPTER II.

About sixty miles from the City of New York is the village of Plainsville. It is not a manufacturing town; indeed, it never would have been heard of, was it not for the large farming territory which surrounds it. A number of wealthy men have homes within its limits, and on the road where the apple scrape took place, are the residences of several such; though after the highway passes the hill, it is bordered by no more handsome houses. The next dwelling is that of John Marley, a personage who has already been introduced to our readers "Old Marley"—as he was familiarly called by all who knew him—cared little for the interests of his farm. He was what might be called "comfortably off," and like most men of his class, had his hobby. He was eccentric in the extreme. Everybody in Plainsville had heard of his wonderful collection of curiosities, and especially that of postage stamps. Indeed, quite frequently he was called by the school-children "old stampie John," and whenever in the village he could always be found either at the Post-Office, or in some Insurance office, looking over old letters, documents, &c. Strangers could not visit the village without hearing the history of "Old Marley." But aside from all the "talk," the old man had a most valuable collection, and the one pleasure and pride of his life was to have a friend call in, bringing some stranger to whom he could exhibit and describe his stamps. Often, too, the boys of the village would stop with their collections, to get "points" and "hints." The stamps were mounted neatly on cardboard, and kept in a cabinet not too large to carry easily. Visitors would never leave the house without acknowledging that they knew more about these little missives than before entering.

Some distance beyond Mr. Marley's house, was that of Philip Brooks, the father of Tom; and just beyond Brooks' house was Squire Tarleton's. Living so near together, Rob and Tom had become quite chums. On the afternoon of the apple-orchard adventure, they were returning from school, and Rob, knowing that he was the son of the Squire, thought that he was privileged to "help himself to a few apples" as he termed it, without

its being called stealing. But in this case the farmer's flogging had taken away all dignity, and before the sun had set that evening, he was determined, by the aid of his companion, to have his revenge somehow, cost what it will. "Burn the old man's barn" was the first plan to suggest itself, but on reflection, the boys decided to resort to something else. After making numerous suggestions, during which time they seemed to entirely forget their recent trouble in the one desire of revenge, Rob suddenly stopped with a cry of delight, said: "I have it;" and then lowering his tone, sat down by Tom under an old tree by the road-side, and told his plan. By the expression on Tom's face, he could see as he talked, that his idea was received with approval. The two talked until the setting sun reminded them that evening had already begun; and as they parted, Rob was heard to say, "Remember, here to-night, at nine sharp."

(To be continued.)

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## Chronicle.

By R. R. BOGERT.

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CUNDINAMARCA.—The European papers mention a new set of five values, unperforated. The arms are in an oval band inscribed "Estado Soberano de Cundinamarca—Correos," and at the top of the stamp "E. C. U. U. de Colombia." The value is at the bottom in figures and letters. They are 5c. blue, (color chart 43.); 10c. vermilion, (c. c. 120.); 20c. green, (c. c. 26.); 50c. violet, (c. c. 59.); 1 peso, brown, (c. c. 17).

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JOHORE.—We have just received the 2c. of Straits Settlements, with surcharge "Johor"

in capital letters; size of word  $9 \times 2\frac{1}{2}$  min. No period.

**LIBERIA.**—The new stamps are of three types. The first has large figure of value in hexagon, with "Republic—Postage—Liberia" at the sides and top, and value below. 1c. carmine, (c. c. 138.); 2c. green, (c. c. 35.); 3c. lilac, (c. c. 67.); 4c. brown, (c. c. 89.); 6c. gray, (c. c. 111). The second has figure of value on what looks like an egg in the center, and the same inscription as in type 1, but on fancy scrolls: 8c. blue, (c. c. 55.); 16c. orange, (c. c. 8). The third has view of a ship and rising sun, with plough and palm tree in the foreground, "Thirty two" above and "Cents" below on scrolls. Color dark blue, (c. c. 43).

**MOZAMBIQUE.**—This colony has a new series of stamps which very much resemble the 1871 issue of Portugal. The upper tablet is removed, and the oval band continued round the upper part of the stamp and inscribed in white letters "Provincia de Mosambique." The values are 5 reis, black; 10 reis, green, (c. c. 21.); 20 reis, carmine, (c. c. 137.); 25 reis, lilac, (c. c. 63.); 40 reis, brown, (c. c. 89.); 50 reis, blue, (c. c. 42.); 100 reis, red brown, (c. c. 81.); 200 reis, violet, (c. c. 57.); 300 reis, orange, (c. c. 7).

**NATAL.**—The 3d. is now printed in gray, (c. c. 66.), and surcharged in black "Two-pence" in capital letters, with the original value cancelled by a bar.

**PERSIA.**—*Le Timbre Poste* states that the 5 shahi, green, of 1882, and the 10 centimes, carmine, are surcharged respectively "6" and "12" in black, and also with the word "Official." They are not for official purposes, but for international correspondence. The 50c. printed in black, was in use for a few days, and was then surcharged "toman." A band and two envelopes have been issued with stamp, resembling the 8 shahi of 1876. The band in 1 shahi, carmine on manilla, and the envelope, 6 shahi, carmine on white, and 12 shahi, violet on white.

**PERU.**—*Der Philatelist* informs us that the stamps dated at sides, 1883-1884, 10c. blue and 25c. violet, have been surcharged with a double lined triangle containing "Hobilitado—Arequipa."

**PHILIPPINE I.**—The 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  pale blue, Derecho

Judicial, is now surcharged in red "Habilitado—Correos—6 $\frac{1}{4}$  cen's.

**PORTUGUESE INDIA.**—A new series is in use here similar to those described under Mozambique; they are inscribed "India Portuguesa," and the following are the values; 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  reis, black, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  reis, brown, (c. c. 97.); 6 reis, green, (c. c. 21.); 1 tanga, carmine, (c. c. 137.); 2 tangas, blue, (c. c. 42.); 4 tangas, lilac, (c. c. 62.); 8 tangas, orange, (c. c. 7).

**RÉUNION I.**—Some stamps have been surcharged as follows by authority of the Government. The figure of value is followed by "C," and there is a Roman capital "R" below; the 40c. eagle, 40c. liberty, 40c. figures of commerce, 30c. Napoleon, laureated, are surcharged "5c.;" the 40c. figures of commerce, "10c.;" and the 40c. eagle, "25c."

**SANTANDER.**—The new series somewhat resemble the 1 centavo stamp of Ecuador; the values are the same as before.

**SERVIA.**—There is a new reply paid card, brown on yellow, 10 x 10p. It is inscribed "Reponse payée" instead of "payée."

**ST. PIERRE ET MIQUELON.**—The 35c., 75c. and 1 franc of 1877, and the 20c. of 1881, have been surcharged  $\frac{05}{SPM}$ .

**STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.**—A reply card, 3x3c., blue on buff is reported, and the 32c. stamp has received a surcharge "Three cents" in black.

**TOBAGO.**—We have a new provisional; the 6d. surcharged "1/2 PENNY" in black.

**TOLIMA.**—We note the 5c. of 1879 in orange, (c. c. 15.), and the 10c. in vermilion, (c. c. 125). We have also seen a 20c. violet, (c. c. 57.) of the following design. The arms of Columbia are in the center, enclosed in an arched frame, inscribed in two lines at the top, "Correos del Eo. So. del—Tolima." The word "Centavos" is at the bottom, and figure of value in lower corner.

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WE think, without imposing on the good nature of our patrons, and without egotism, we may, with this issue of the EMPIRE STATE PHILATELIST, congratulate ourselves.

The Philatelic press, with one or two exceptions, has come forward and given us "a warm shake of the hand," showing their thorough appreciation of our efforts to make our journal second to none.

For this we are and shall always be indebted, and if we can at any time be of service to a contemporary, we need not here publish where we are to be found.

All this, of course, has pleased us "mightily," but what of late has gratified us more than any thing else, is to find that our efforts have also been noticed by such a journal as the *New York Critic*.

Speaking of the *Local Official Postal Guide*, the *Critic* of February 13th, says:—

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which is just twenty times as much as that of THE EMPIRE STATE PHILATELIST, a monthly journal for stamp collectors, which has already been mentioned in these columns. The arrival and departure of foreign and domestic mail is not shown in this well edited little pamphlet, but there is no end of information in its narrow pages about old stamps and new, and colorable imitations of rare issues against which collectors need always to be on their guard. The PHILATELIST starts off on its second year with every indication of prosperity."

Don't you think we deserve to be a little conceited with such a criticism? You cannot help saying yes if you have ever read the *Critic*; if not for the edification of the few—

"Not to know it, (*Critic*) argues yourself, unknown."

To its editors we extend our sincere thanks, and hope that one year from now they may be able to say the *same* thing.

THIS month we introduce a new and somewhat original feature in the way of a philatelic story. Its author has taken special care to have it as practical and interesting as possible, and it is our earnest wish that it will be appreciated, especially by our younger readers, whom we know constitute the greater number of our subscribers. Next month we shall begin a series of papers for the advanced collector, and arrangements are being made for several other articles of interest, by well-known writers.

EDITORIAL INK DROPS.

—Read the philatelic story.

—This paper is published promptly on the 20th of each month. If you do not receive a copy in due season, notify us and we will gladly send a duplicate.

—Lyman H. Low has removed to 853 Broadway, (Domestic Building,) Room 5, first floor.

—How the Turkish values do confuse some of our collectors!

—The editor of this paper is to conduct a stamp department in *The Boy's World*.

—Referring to Vol. 1., of this paper, the *New England Philatelist* says:—"THE EMPIRE STATE PHILATELIST pretends to say that twelve numbers have been published; but up to date, only ten have really been issued." We don't "pretend to say" anything of the kind. 'Tis true, we only issued ten numbers during 1885, but all our subscribers have received *twelve* copies, as promised.

—With this number we open a correspondence column, and trust that our readers will take advantage of it, and let us hear from them regarding any doubtful points.

—The publishers of this paper are doing all in their power to improve their Magazine, and if our readers can make any suggestions, they will be appreciated and acted upon by the majority.

—Since last month, very little has occurred in the Philatelic world of special interest. The two recent events were the stamp sales, which took place in this city, on the 8th and 9th inst. Both sales were largely attended, and most of the stamps brought good prices.

—We are very glad to see that Mr. Wilson's bill providing for an increase of postage on fourth-class matter, is not well received by Congress.

### OUR PHILATELIC FRIENDS

We desire to exchange with every paper in the world, published in the interest of, or having a department pertaining to Philately.

Publishers, please send us two (2) copies of your paper each month, and we will be pleased to reciprocate.

—*The Stamp* is the title of a new paper from Denver, Col. It is bright, interesting, and we trust it has come to "stick."

—Number two of the *Quaker City Philatelist* comes to hand greatly improved. Under the able management of Mr. Duborow, it cannot fail to succeed.

—*The Philatelic Herald* for January, looks very well. The omission of the cover being quite an improvement.

—*The National Capital Philatelist* is the name of a new paper from Washington, D. C. It is large, neatly printed, and has our best wishes for success.

—*The Chemung Review* for February, contains several interesting philatelic articles. Better paper would be a great improvement.

—*The Monthly Journal* of Carlisle, Pa., is a new venture; the first number is small, and nearly all clipped matter. We hope to see an improvement in number two.

—Since our last issue, we have received but few journals from England. The most noticeable this month is *The Philatelic Quarterly Review*, a new paper. In glancing over its neatly printed pages, we find several essays relating to our hobby, which are illustrated by colored photographs of stamps—evidently an original idea of its publisher. May it be a frequent visitor.

—For America, we have a new journal in the *Philatelic News*; a neat paper from Chicago. In it we find quite a lot of philatelic literature. We wish the *News* a long and glorious career.

—Sometime during this month, Mr. J. M. Hubbard, of Lake Village, N. H., will publish a book called *Stamps; how to buy and sell to the best advantage*. It is written by a well known dealer, and contains much valuable information, especially to the young dealer, while the old settler will find a few "points," unless we are much mistaken. Send for a copy.

—*The Capital City Philatelist* has enlarged to 16 pages and cover, and presents a splendid appearance. The February issue is very interesting, containing several good articles. Keep it up, brother Hamlin.

—We have received the following papers since our last issue. Publishers will please accept thanks: *Stamp World, Philatelic Monthly, Stamp Collector's Journal, Toronto Philatelic Journal, Naturalists' Companion, Capital City Philatelist, Stamp and Coin Gazette, Tidings from Nature, The Hoosier Naturalist, Philatelic Tribune, The Michigan Philatelist, Philatelic Journal of America, Boy's World, Philatelic World, Philatelic Magazine, Philatelic Herald, Plain Talk, Philatelic Observer, The Exchange, Canadian Philatelic and Coin Advertiser, Garden City Philatelist, Arizona Pride of Philately, The Collector, The Philatelist, Philatelic Exchange List.*

## Correspondence.

We hold ourselves in readiness to give here such information as lies in our power, and are prepared at all times to assist Philatelists in the solution of such questions as we are able to. All mail not requiring an answer by letter will be replied to here. Correspondents wishing reply by mail, *must* enclose stamp for return postage.

*Editor E. S. P.*—Referring to your answer to H. L. L. Phil., permit me to say that "Correos" does not mean postage, but "Post boys," to use an English word, or more nearly, *courier* or *runner*. Spanish has no word for *Postage*, as it is used in English.

J. CLARK HILL, GUATEMALA.

*Editor E. S. P.*—Can any of your readers inform me who engraved the early Prince Edward Island stamps? Also, the engraver of the first issue of Brazil.

F. H. T.

*Editor E. S. P.*—Can you tell me in your valuable journal, what stamps are affected chemically?

S. H. W.

## ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH.

*P. G. H.*—*Timbre* is the French for stamp, and is generally used in connection with *Post*, meaning Postage Stamp

*H. C. M.*—It was in Austria, on the 1st of October, 1869, that the first postal card appeared; and on the following 1st of November, Hungary enjoyed the same advantage. Germany adopted them in July, 1870.

*R. M. C. P.*—The first issue of Bergedorf stamps, appeared in November, 1861, and were in use but eleven days. The rare and the common Bergedorf, are one and all from the same dies.

*H. R. S.*—There are two varieties of the 1 peseta Spain, 1876. The common variety has the numeral 1 in the blocks at the lower angles considerably thicker than are those in the other; whilst the letters forming the word "Peseta" are thinner.

Up to going to press (the 16th) we have not received the March number of *The Stamp World* or *Collector's Companion*. These two papers have always reached us promptly the first of every month. Can it be possible that Mills and Raymond have been unable to decide the question of circulation.

## Philately.

EVERY person who has paid the slightest attention to the interesting science of Phrenology, knows that among the different sections or organs of the brain, each devoted to a separate passion or distinct function, there is one called the organ of acquisitiveness, which finds its gratification in searching after and treasuring up some particular class of things which happens to take its fancy. Like any other organ, when its craving has been long indulged, the organ of acquisitiveness becomes largely developed in all enthusiastic or industrious collectors, the miser for money, or the more intellectual man of taste for pictures, engravings, coins, china, bric-a-brac, or stamps. This habit of acquisitiveness is natural to mankind, and when properly regulated and directed aright, presents an agreeable and instructive pursuit in spare moments from the toil and maddening anxieties of business strife. No wonder, therefore, that among all classes of professions and trades, from the highest to the lowest, we find collectors, whose names are well known to those who administer to their so called "hobbies." One of the most fashionable of the quiet-minded pursuits of the present day—is the collection of stamps. It is a quiet pursuit, light, composed, reflective, and what is more, it is instructive. It conduces to an acquisition of a good deal beyond stamps only—a knowledge of geography, a knowledge of the advancement of civilization, for the first adoption of the stamp system in any country marks a great and pregnant era in its progress; a knowledge of the different kingdoms, commonwealths and republics in the world, a knowledge of the fall of dynasties, the death of rulers, and the appointment of their successors. Neither is it without interest to the student of the fine arts, as it is curious to note and compare the talent or want of it exhibited by different nations in the art of engraving as evinced in the devices on the stamp.

Mr. L. W. DURBIN writes that he has been unable to attend to business on account of sickness.

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I believe that our Society will not have fulfilled its mission until we have acted upon these suggestions; and therefore, before proceeding any further, and before any of our learned colleagues waste their time in delivering able essays before such a limited circle, I entreat you to consider these propositions and to appoint a committee, instructing the same to make preparations for a mass meeting of the philatelists in the City of New York.

### Proceedings of the National Philatelic Society.

THE Semi-Monthly meeting of the National Philatelic Society was held at its rooms on Monday, March 22, at 8.20 P. M.

President Bogert in the chair. Following members were present. Bogert, Rechert, Krebs, Cuno, Osterman, Rosenheim, Collin and Warner.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Received, *The Quaker City Philatelist*, Nos. 1, 2, 3. *The Mittheilungen. Der Philatelist*, No. 3. *Welt. Post* No. 7. *Ill Breismarken Journal* No. 173.

Received, a communication from Mr. Thomas C. Watkins offering the columns of his paper, (THE EMPIRE STATE PHILATELIST), as the Official Organ of the Society, which offer was accepted with thanks.

Mr. Cuno delivered an address before the Society on "Co-operation" applied to the collecting of stamps.

Moved, by Mr. Cuno, that a committee be appointed to make arrangements for a Philatelic Mass Meeting. Seconded and carried.

Messrs Cuno and Rosenheim were appointed on said committee and were limited to \$10.00 to advertise said meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10 P. M. Next meeting to be held on Monday, April 26th, at 7.30 P. M.

WM. A. WARNER, Secy.

### Papers for Purchasers.

By H. J. R.

THIRD PAPER.

**BADEN**, first issue, 1 kr., buff.—This is a very fair counterfeit indeed, but it may be distinguished from the original by the comparative coarseness of the circular-patterned background, and by the whole of the lettering being of a rather heavier type than in the genuine; the stroke at the top of the central numeral 1 is also much thicker in the forgery than in the original.

**BADEN**, 1 kr., black.—This forgery is from a different die to that of the 1 kr., buff, the stroke at the top of the central figure projects far too much to the right; in genuine copies the projection on the right hand side of the figure is scarcely to be noticed, while in the counterfeit it is very prominent. The three points into which the bottom of the numeral is divided in genuine specimens are scarcely distinguishable in the forgeries, the bottom of the figure being nearly level.

**AUSTRIA**.—Newspaper stamps, head of Mercury, yellow and rose.—The old test for these stamps, namely, a comparison with the common blue Mercury, is now hardly necessary, reprints of the other colorshaving become very common; however, for the benefit of those who have neither the reprints nor the blue ones, I may just mention that in genuine copies the bottom of the tunic ends beyond the first letter of the word "stampel"; in the counterfeits, it finishes between the first and second letters of that word. The forgeries are also generally met with used; obliterated genuine copies are amongst the very rarest of stamps, reprints being the only

obtainable specimens. Beginners may therefore make sure that any Mercuries in these colors offered to them at a low rate are either reprints or forgeries; if cancelled, certainly the latter.

HANOVER, half-groschen, crown, and bugle horn.—This is one of the most deceptive counterfeits I know; perhaps the most easy test is, that in the genuine the mouth-piece of the horn is separated from the central curve, very much farther down than in the forgery; in the latter these two parts join close to the top. The shading on the counterfeit is too heavy, and there is too much of it. The period which is placed as a finish to the curve at the top left-hand corner of the stamp, is situated exactly in the middle of the curve in the forgery, and a little to the left in the genuine; the paper also on which the stamp is printed is thinner in the counterfeit than in the original.

(To be continued.)

Written for the E. S. P.

## Chronicle.

By R. R. BOGERT.

All correspondence and information intended for this department, should be addressed to Mr. R. R. BOGERT, President of the National Philatelic Society, Room 38, Tribune Building, New York.

BERMUDA.—The  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. is now green, 2d. violet, 3d. gray, and 1sh. brown.

CEYLON.—We have a new 5c stamp without surcharge, inscribed "Ceylon—Postage—Revenue."

DOMINICA.—The 6d. green is now surcharged to do duty as  $\frac{1}{2}$  penny.

FARIDKOT.—A new stamp is reported of the value of  $\frac{1}{2}$  anna, black.

GIBRALTAR.—The registered envelopes of Barbados, and post card of Malta are in use here, with surcharge "Gibraltar."

GUATEMALA.—Provisional stamps of 25c., 50c., 75c., 100c., 150c., have been made by surcharging the 1 peso, red, of the northern railway, with the words "Correos Nacionales, Guatemala," and the value repeated several times. There are, also, type set ornaments resembling links of chains, &c. It is stated that a new series is in preparation, from 1c. to 2 pesos.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—*The Philatelic Record* says, that on account of a lack of 5sh. stamps, the green *duty* stamps of the same value, have been surcharged "Postage" in black.

PHILIPPINE I.—A new stamp of very low value has just appeared. It is of the current type, with "Filipino — Impresos" at top, value  $\frac{1}{8}$  de centavo, green, (c. c. 26).

ROUMANIA.—We hear of the 25 bani, blue, of the new type.

UNITED STATES.—Notwithstanding the careful examination given to stamps by the thousands of collectors all over the world, we believe Mr. Holton is the first to notice an important variety of the first 3-cent stamp. There seems to have been two types of this value, one in which there is a fine line around the stamp, and the other in which this line is at the sides only. So far as noticed the unperforated stamp of 1851, is of the first type, while the perforated one of 1857, is found of both types. It is curious that the reprints made in 1875, are of the first type.

VENEZUELA.—The 5c. blue, (c. c. 43), and 50c. green, (c. c. 26), prepared several years ago, have just been issued; while the 10c. has not yet appeared.

VICTORIA.—*The Philatelic Record* notes the 2sh. 1881, blue on green, with surcharge in black; the 1sh., 6d. rose "duty" stamp, typographed instead of lithographed; the 3sh. "duty" stamp, changed from scarlet, lake on blue paper, to light brown on white paper, and the 10sh. from dark brown on pink paper, to bluish green on white. Some of the half-penny wrappers are on paper water-marked "N. S. W.," which was sent some years ago to the Sydney Post Office, to supply a temporary want. Eighty per cent. of them were rouletted, the others, not.

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—Read "Ikey's" Letter.  
—Little news this month.  
—Philately is booming, if it *is* spring.  
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—Collectors should always hinge their stamps, as this adds greatly to the value of a collection.

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—The number of Philatelic papers that that have "sprung up" during the past two months is something alarming. If this is a sign of prosperity (?) then Philately is indeed in the advance; but—

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—Owing to the limited space, the "Reviews" are omitted this month.

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EMPIRE STATE PHILATELIST.

DEAR SIR:—What's the use in collecting stamps anyway? I never was much of a collector, but my Uncle and my Pa often give me stamps and I stick them in a copy book and keep them. But sometimes the fellers ask me

what is the use of collecting stamps, and when I try to tell them I get stuck, so I ask you to give me some pointers on the subject.

I get a pile of sample copies of stamp papers and every once in a while some cheeky dealer sends me some sheets of stamps without ever being asked for them.

Some boys tell me that I ought to subscribe for some of them papers, but what's the use when I can get them for nothing.

Some stamp papers are just daisy, but about the best of all is *Our American Youth*; it is such fun counting how many times the editor says "now" in his editorials, and then all the funny excuses that they make for not coming out in time.

My grashus! but Mr. Bachelder must be an awful rich man to advertise so much in the *American Youth*; but I suppose that he gets it a little cheaper because he used to run it.

Oh! but I've found a splendid place to buy stamps, the name is Globe Stamp Co. I got one of their price lists, only it was torn at the top.

They say in their price list that it is only by importing in large quantities that they can sell so cheap. Cracky! but he must import them by the car-load, or mebbly he has a little steam boat that goes around and buys stamps for him. Anyway, I think Mr. Globe must be a very kind man to sell stamps so cheap and give "Boys in Schools" such a fine chance to make money; just think, he sells 8 three-cornered Cape of Good Hope stamps for 15c. 17 Sandwich I. for 20c. and 3 Ionian Islands for 5c.

I am going to buy a lot of them and sell them at 10c. each; whew! won't I make a lot of money, though!

Bob, he's my chum, he says that the Globe Stamp Co. sell bogus stamps, and that there used to be the word "fac-simile" at the top of the circular where it was torn off; but Bob always has such queer notions. But Mr. Fuelcher says that they are a perfectly reliable and honorable firm, and Mr. Fuelcher ought to know, for I guess he is acquainted with Mr. Globe. I wish I could see some of these great men.

It says in *Our American Youth* that Mr. S. Allen Taylor is a good church member, and a Sunday School Teacher. I wish my Sun-

day School Teacher was a stamp maker, for then he would have to give me stamps to keep me quiet. I wonder if he has Side-wiskers; my Teacher has.

I must cloze now, so Good Bye

Your friend

IKEY JUMP.

Written for the E. S. P.

## The Strange Disappearance of a Stamp Collection.

### CHAPTER III.

THE clock on the village church had hardly finished tolling nine, when Rob Tarleton arrived at the old tree. The subdued silvery light of the full moon on the trees and surrounding country, only added to make that September evening a perfect one. The air was so still that one could easily hear the beating of the paddles of a steamer on the river a few miles distant. Rob had not been waiting long when he was attracted by a low whistle, and looking up the road, saw a figure approaching. He could not distinguish any form, but naturally supposed it to be Tom. Imagine his surprise when he discovered that this person, as he stepped out into the bright moonlight, was none other than young Fletcher, the village school-master. He immediately withdrew as close to the tree as possible, and fortunately, was not seen. He did not venture to move, however, until he heard the retreating steps of the master some distance off. Then he began to wonder what was keeping Tom, and more than once the thought entered his mind, "can it be possible he's going to back out?" While thus musing, he was startled by "how long you're been waitin'?" and on turning, saw his companion standing in the road. "Well! I thought you never *would* come" said Rob, "what detained you?"

"Fletcher's been up talking to Father about school matters, and I could'nt get away any sooner," replied Tom.

"He passed here only a few minutes ago." said Rob, lowering his voice, "and I came mighty near calling out, thinking it was you, but discovered my mistake in time."

"Well, hadn't we better be starting?" asked Tom. "It's nearly half-past nine." And so saying, the two boys walked down the road, talking in an undertone as they went. As they neared the house of Mr. Marley, they were surprised at seeing a light in one of the lower windows.

"Shall we risk it?" asked Tom, somewhat timidly. "Of course," replied Rob. "You keep just behind me, step as quietly as possible, don't speak, and watch me." He then walked through the gateway, followed by Tom. They soon reached the porch, avoiding the gravel path, and could plainly see the interior of the room through the window slats. There they saw old Marley, seated by a table, talking very earnestly to some one near by, who was sitting with his back to the window, and it was a long time before either could make out who it was. Finally they recognized Fletcher, who evidently had stopped to talk "stamp" matters over with the old farmer. The boys knew that the school-master was greatly interested in stamps, and often went to Marley for "suggestions." On this evening, he had his collections in full display. Over the table were cards of stamps, and on a chair near by was the cabinet. Every now and then the boys would catch a word, and see the old man pick up a card, talk about it, and carefully replace it in the cabinet. It was fully a half-hour before the conversation ended, and the boys could see that the master was preparing to leave. They were several feet from the door, and had crawled in the shadows of the porch, so as to avoid being seen. They heard the usual "good night," and hearty invitation from old Marley to "come soon again," but did not venture from their hiding-place until sure that the master was out of hearing.

"Now then, for the fun," Rob whispered. "You stand here at the steps, and if necessary, give the alarm." Tom assented, and took his post, while his companion stole quietly up the few steps leading to the porch. This successfully reached, he still more cautiously approached the window, through which he could plainly see old Marley. The farmer had returned to the room, and was placing the collection in its place in the closet; then,

with the lamp in his hand, left the room, and Rob was careful to note that he closed the door after him. He then joined Tom on the lawn, and here the two boys waited until fully convinced that the old man had retired for the night.

Now was the time to act, and quickly too. Rob again returned to the large window, and with very little difficulty, succeeded in opening the shutters. The window was not locked, and in a short time he had it raised high enough to pass under. Owing to the bright moonlight he could see Tom on the lawn, and in case of danger, would have no trouble in seeing the signal. He had no time to waste, and must act at once. So, entering the room, he easily reached the closet, and soon had the precious cabinet on the porch. After closing the window as quietly as it was opened, he was met by Tom, and the two went off in high glee over their successful theft.

(To be continued.)

## Answers to Correspondents.

We hold ourselves in readiness to give here such information as lies in our power, and are prepared at all times to assist Philatelists in the solution of such questions as we are able to. All mail not requiring an answer by letter will be replied to here. \*Correspondents wishing reply by mail, must enclose stamp for return postage.

*Editor E. S. P.*—Referring to query of F. H. T., in your March issue, I beg to state that the engravers of the first issue of Brazilian stamps were Carlos d' Azevedo and Jose de Faria, the mint engravers. The stamps were printed at the National Treasury, Helim.

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This tariff, added to the present, contained among the fixed taxes.

News-papers: . . . . . 2 paras.

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In Article I., we find that the stamp law of Nov. 30th, 1873, would go into force 1st March, 1875. It was at this time that the first issue of the news-paper stamps were issued.

These laws however, though they gave the kind of stamps—paper stamps—did not give a description of the stamps wanted.

Article III. says:—

A provisional stamp of a special design, the value two paras, will be charged for every

journal at Constantinople and in the Provinces: these provisionals must be placed on the principal part of the first page of the journal before they are printed, so as to prevent second use of the same stamp and to be certain that the tax was paid before the journal was printed.

We see that these laws simply indicate the manner in which the stamps were to be used, but did not indicate any detail of design.

The stamp for journals issued 1st March, 1875, was lithographed at Constantinople, blue on white. The design is formed of Arabesques, in the upper part the crescent and star, in the centre is an oval, the lower part of the oval binding inward, in which are interlaced the following words, "Glazelia Mahsong post," which means "Special stamp for journals. Under the oval, in the centre and precisely below the indenture, we find the figure "5" 2" in Turkish, at the right the word piare, plural of para, and at the left, iki, two. The stamp has been issued in but one color, blue, but in many shades, from very dark to very pale. There are, also, several specimens with black lace-work.

These stamps were also issued by a company of Bankers as a guarantee for certain advances made to the Imperial Government. The latter wishing to increase the revenue from this branch, made a law which was subject to the Imperial sanction.

The 6th Safer 1296, (7th Dec., 1882) this new law went into effect, and was to be vigorously enforced from that day.

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This tariff was in Turkish "Shazeta ve efrat bennüedi râpelan elanmamer," which means journals and advertisements made by private persons or firms.

The French text is journals and circulars, ..... 2 paras. No provision was made in this law for a new type of stamp for journals.

However, the central "Stamp-bureau of Constantinople contracted for a new stamp of 2 paras, and received orders subject to approbation, to choose the design which would come to the least possible expense.

The Bureau then submitted a design which had been made at Paris, and which had served for the printing of the Provisional Stamps that had not been put in circulation, of which a large quantity had been printed and held at the depot at Mahlie (Minister of Finance). But the Government was careful to destroy this issue and the design.

Here is a description of a stamp I possess. It is printed in vermilion on white. The inscription is in black; on the upper part in the centre of the circle is the Turkish figure "1." In the back-ground the Turkish inscription "Arzohal varakassi," which means Stamp for petition. (etc.)

This design was approved by letter by the Minister of Finance, 1<sup>st</sup> December, 1884, and was adopted for a new journal stamp. The order was immediately given for the manufacture of these new stamps, and the Administration of the Public Department published the following:

"Administration of Ottomane Public Dept.,  
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Notice.

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The retailers of stamps predicted that the 2 para stamps would be issued about the 15th of March, 1885, and after that date they could exchange their stamps for stamps of the new design at the Central Stamp Bureau, Mehamed Ali Pachathan No. 20.

This Stamp was issued 26th of February,

1885; we know of the design of this stamp, (per above description) that it is in two colors; blue and carmine on white paper, the back-ground in blue, the inscription and frame in carmine, and perforated. The two circles in the upper part contains the figure "2," the inscription is as follows:

"Ghazetaia ve elana maksong poul."

ie. "Special stamp for News-papers and Circulars."

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Though the sketch is very small, this design of news-paper stamps is actually in use in Turkey.

F. MONGUI.

Constantinople, Jan. 5th, 1886.

## Proceedings of the National Philatelic Society.

MONTHLY meeting was held April 26th, 1886. President Bogert occupied the chair. Meeting called at 8.15 P. M. Messrs. Bogert, Cuno, Collin, Terrett and Warner present, and Mr. Rich as a visitor.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Committee on U. S. Envelopes reported progress.

Special Committee on Philatelic Mass-meeting reported that they had written to the various Philatelic Papers, and had received favorable replies, and as the times were dull, proposed to postpone the meeting till fall.

Received, *Der Philatelist*, No. 4. *Mittheilungen*, No. 3. 5th edition of Mr. Sterling's Catalogue, Letter of Resignation from Mr. Hecht, Letter of Acknowledgement from Dr. Kloss of Leipsig, and from Mr. Sterling.

Membership card of The Oesterreichische Philatelisten Club—Viana.

Mr. Joseph J. Casey, the original founder of the Society, was proposed as an Honorary Member by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Rechert, was declared elected by the chair.

Mr. Joseph S. Rich was proposed as an active member by Mr. Rechert, was declared

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An article on The News-paper Stamps of Turkey by Mr. Frederick Mongui, of Constantinople, Cor. Member, was read, and the Secretary was authorized to thank Mr. Mongui on behalf of the Society.

Mr. Bogert exhibited the Envelopes, Bands and Letter-cards of Monaco, "Names," the 5 pa. of Rt. 13, 1886, large and small, perforated and surcharged Katchak, violet on violet. The 5pa. black, 2pi. orange on blue, 5pi. dark green on light green, of March 13th, 1886, Turkey; also, the Postal Telegraph Stamps, 10c. green, 25c. blue, 50c. brown, U. S., Feb. 12th, 1885.

Subject for next meeting, "The Pomroy Express and Stamps by Dr. Wm. H. Mitchell.

Next Meeting, May 10th.

Meeting Adjourned 9.30 P. M.

WM. A. WARNER,  
Secretary.

Written for the E. S. P.

## Chronicle.

By R. R. BOGERT.

*President of the National Philatelic Society,*

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**ANGOLA.**—We have the new 5 reis. black similar to the lately issued Mozambique, and presume the whole set is out.

**AUSTRIA.**—The colors of the 50 kr. and 50 soldi are to be changed, and the letter cards of 3 and 5 kr., and 3 and 5 soldi are expected, each in eight different languages.

**BRITISH BECHUANALAND.**—The stamps of the Cape surcharged in two lines with the name of this colony, are in use.

**CAPE VERDE.**—This colony has a new set, design, values and colors same as that of Mozambique described in March.

**CYPRUS.**—There is a 12 piastres, red, of current type.

**GUINEA.**—The stamps made over a year ago have at last been sent out to this colony. The head of the King is to the right in an oval band inscribed above, "Guiné Portugueza," and the value below. They are smaller than

those just issued for some of the other colonies and not embossed.

**HOLKAR.**—A half anna stamp, mauve, has been issued. It bears the portrait of the Rajah in an oval, with value below.

**ITALY.**—It is intended to issue letter cards of 15 centesimi.

**LAGOS.**—There is a half penny, green, of usual type.

**MACAS.**—The 10 reis green, 20 reis carmine, and 40 reis yellow have been issued.

**MONACO.**—We have seen 1c. and 2c. bands, respectively, olive brown and lilac, both on buff paper; envelopes, 5c. blue and 15c. red; cards 10c. and 10x10c. brown on yellow. All with stamps of type of adhesive.

**PERSIA.**—There are unpaid letter stamps, somewhat resembling those of France; 1, 2, 5, 6, 10, 15 shahi, 1, 2, 5 kraus, 1 toman, all indigo blue. The 5 krau violet of current issue is out and 10 toman yellow brown is expected. The stamps surcharged official are as follows: 6sh. on 5sh. green; 12sh. on 50c. black; 18sh. on 10sh. orange, 1 toman on 5c. red.

**PHILIPPINE I.**—There is a 16c. carmine on the 24c. blue.

**PORTUGAL.**—The 25r. is red brown.

**ROMANIA.**—The new 5b. green is reported.

**SHANGHAI.**—The new 80 cash, flesh color is surcharged 40 cash, and the 100 cash yellow is surcharged 60 cash.

**ST. CHRISTOPHER.**—There are new cards 1x1d. carmine and 1½x1½d. brown of large size.

**STELLALAND.**—These stamps are now obsolete, being superseded by those of British Bechuanaland. "Der Philatelist" informs us that the whole supply amounting to £10,000 has been burned.

**TOLIMA.**—A 5 peso stamp, yellow, is reported, same design as the 5 centavis of 1871.

**VENEZUELA.**—The inscription "Tarjeta Postal" on the cards is now in ornamental instead of plain letters.

—H. C. Jones, whose "ad" figured so conspicuously, of late, has proved himself almost as successful a bunco steerer as "Hungry Joe."

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"That's just the place," exclaimed Rob, "come, let's start at once as it must already be quite late."

"I'll carry the cabinet and you go ahead," said Tom.

"Look out you don't let the drawers fall out," said Rob, and with that the two started across the fields, talking and scheming as they went. Just as they reached the edge of the woods, they were obliged to cross a stone fence, Rob jumped over without any difficulty and walked ahead, supposing that Tom would follow. He had walked but a few steps when he was startled by a crash, and to his surprise saw Tom sprawled out on the ground, the cabinet a few feet off and many of the drawers had fallen out, and the cards of stamps were scattered over the ground. "Well! how did this happen?" asked Rob, beginning to pick up the cards. "Are you hurt?"

"No," said Tom. "I lost my balance and then there was no saving me, but what are we going to do, here are all the old man's duplicates all over. How are we ever going to pick them up?"

"I tell you what," said Rob, "we'll pick up all we can and run the risk of anybody coming this way between now and to-morrow. We'll come here the first thing in the morning." They soon had all the cards gathered and putting the drawers in their places, entered the woods. After some little searching they found the oven. It had been used several years previous as a lime kiln, but now was old and of little use. By the aid of a stick the boys soon cleared away the dead leaves and debris and had the cabinet placed inside. They then covered it with leaves and being satisfied that it was beyond discovery, turned their steps homeward. As they neared the house of Mr. Brooks, the village clock was striking eleven and the moon which had

shone so brightly was now hidden from sight by thick clouds. When the boys parted for the night, it was understood that if nothing prevented, were to meet early the next morning and visit the old oven.

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| 11 | " " .....                                | .20 |
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| 25 | " " .....                                | .75 |
| 9  | " Chili.....                             | .20 |
| 11 | " Denmark.....                           | .05 |
| 16 | " " .....                                | .10 |
| 6  | " Finland.....                           | .10 |
| 7  | " Norway.....                            | .05 |
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## Proceedings of the National Philatelic Society.

REGULAR monthly meeting of the National Philatelic Society was held at its rooms on Monday May 10th. President Bogert occupied the chair. Meeting called at 8.10 P. M. Following members present: Bogert, Rechert, Collin, Isenstein, Mitchell, Cuno and Warner, and a visitor

Reading of minutes of previous meeting, which was objected to by Mr. Collin, on the ground that the election of previous meeting was illegal.

Moved by Dr. Mitchell that the minutes be adopted, seconded by Mr. Collin—carried.

Moved by Dr. Mitchell that the election be re-considered—seconded by Mr. Collin—carried.

Mr. Cuno made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Isenstein.

Dr. Mitchell moved that this motion of Mr. Cuno's be laid on the table, seconded by Mr. Rechert, was put to vote, and was a tie, was decided by the chair, that the motion be laid on the table.

Committee on U. S. Envelopes reported progress.

Received *Der Philatelist*, No. 5. *Weltpost*, No. 8. *Quaker City Philatelist*, No. 5.

Mr. Henry Calman, of N. Y. C., was proposed as an active member by Mr. Collin, and Dr. M. Vedel, of Copenhagen, Denmark, by Mr. Warner as a corresponding member. Were referred to the Executive Committee, who reported favorably thereon, and were elected.

Mr. Isenstein delivered a short address on the European Societies. Dr. Mitchell's essay was postponed till next meeting.

Moved and seconded and carried that 25 copies of the constitution be distributed at the next two auction sales.

The Secretary was authorized to notify each member by note that final action would be taken at the next meeting on the U. S. Envelopes.

Mr. Rechert exhibited the five Reunion Is. surcharges

5c. R on 30c. lt. and dk. brown (laureated head) Empire.

5c. E on 40c. lt. and dk. orange Repub. 1870.

25c. R on 40c. rose Eagle.

the new 25c. Bullitine de Conversation de Telephone, blue, perf., and Peru unpaid 10c. written on the face with pen. "No hay estampilla" have no stamps.

Meeting adjourned at 10 P. M.

Next meeting June 14th, being the annual Election, a full attendance is requested and all new members joining during the present year will be presented with the color chart.

WM. A. WARNER,  
Secretary.

—The two following errors occurred in the "minutes" published last month; Names for Warner and Mongui for Mongeri.

## Auction Sales.

Under this heading we shall be pleased to announce any forthcoming sales and to review the same on receipt of priced catalogue.

As announced last month the valuable collection of Col. Sandford was sold at auction under the supervision of The Scott Co., at Leavitt's, Tuesday the 13th ult. A large number of collectors and dealers were present and it was a rare opportunity for those who had neglected their albums, to obtain many varieties. The following are the prices paid for a few of the most valuable specimens: the Brattleboro, (Vt.) 5c. stamp brought \$145; the St. Louis 5c. \$55; the Goliad 10c. (Tex.) \$95; a War Department 10c. envelope, \$50; and a Baton Rouge 5c. \$50. Among the foreign stamps sold the two Hawaiian 13c. stamps brought \$172; a Canada 12d. \$50; a Newfoundland 1 shilling, \$55; a Cape of Good Hope 1d. \$56; a Roumania 27 paras, \$62, and a half peso of Peru, \$58. As a general thing the stamps brought good prices.

—Dr. F. N. Palmer, who issued the famous Brattleboro stamp in 1846, was recently drowned by jumping from a steamer. rtBsoon

Written for the E. S. P.

## Chronicle.

By R. R. BOGERT.

*President of the National Philatelic Society,*

All correspondence and information intended for this department, should be addressed to Mr. R. R. BOGERT, Room 38, Tribune Building, New York.

**ANTIGUA.**—New postal cards have appeared as follows: 1d., and 1d.x1d. carmine and 1½d.x1½d. red brown.

**ARGENTINE.**—We lately had a copy of the 20c. perforated and used in 1884.

**BELGIUM.**—The new stamps have been impressed on the letter cards, 10c. carmine on blue and 25c. blue on rose.

**BHOPAL.**—The ½a. printed in red, and unperforated with letters in the corners has been received. The ½a. and 4a. of 1881 have been re-engraved.

**BULGARIA.**—It is stated that the portrait of Prince Alexander will adorn a new series of stamps.

**CEYLON.**—The 6c. card has received a surcharge 2½ cents.

**CUBA.**—We are informed upon good authority that the 2½c. was used printed in blue for a short time in 1884 before the present color was given to it.

**CUACO.**—A card, 7½c. blue has been announced.

**DUTCH INDIES.**—We have received the 7½c. card on white instead of buff.

**FRANCE.**—The 25c. on pale rose paper has been received.

**FRENCH COLONIES.**—The card without stamp inscribed "Marine-1876 (1888)" has been noted.

**GREECE.**—On April 1st were issued three new stamps, values, 25l. blue, 50l. bronze green, and 1d. gray. In a pearled circle with a Greek border at the sides is the head of Mercury to the right. Fan like ornaments adorn the upper corner and large figures of value are in the lower corners. "Septa" or "D'rachma" is at the bottom and the name of the country is at the top, in Greek letters. The stamps are all unperforated.

**ITALY.**—10c. olive green and 20c. blue are the values of two new stamps for packets.

**JHIND.**—The surcharge has been changed from "Jhind" to "Jheend."

**NABHA.**—This place has followed the example of Putteialla and printed the surcharge in two horizontal lines.

**PARAGUAY.**—The stamps have been slightly changed in color and are now perforated 12.

**RUSSIA.**—Reply cards rose on buff 3x3R. are now in use. They are printed in the first and third pages and folded at the top.

**SORUTH.**—Both the 1a and 4a. have been received perforated 12.

**TOBAGO.**—The 2½ pence has received the surcharge "½ penny."

**TOLIMA.**—Two new stamps resembling the 1883 issue of Columbia have appeared, values 5c. brown, and 10c. blue. They are perforated 11. Three cubiertas have also been issued and are dated 188-. The inscription read the same as on the last issue but the circles in the corners contained the figures of value only: 5c. yellow, 10c. blue, 50c. red.

**U. S. OF COLUMBIA.**—Instead of the arms, the portrait of Dr. Nunez, President of the Republic, adorns the new 10c. stamp, which we have received. The color is yellow and the design is somewhat like the old one but the inscription is in larger letters and reads "Republic de Columbia."

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—The familiar form of our old friend *The Philatelic News*, is once more before us. This time we trust it has come to stay. "Success to Philately" is its motto. May it prove an organ to advance the good cause.

—A telegram from Ikey says "What's the use of suspending anyway? If you're going to suspend, send back my 25c. P. S.—Never mind, I guess my six copies are worth it." (We haven't "got time" to suspend just yet, but if any other paper has we will make arrangements to take care of their subscription list.—ED.)

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Mr. Mekeel, editor of the *Philatelic Journal of America*, has sent out letters to the leading Philatelists, calling attention to the article "A National Philatelic Organization" which recently appeared in that paper, and requesting their views and any suggestions they could make on the subject. This met with a most liberal response from many leading collectors and dealers throughout the country, and our enterprising friend is to be congratulated on the successful and earnest way in which he is pushing this most worthy scheme.

Anything that is worth doing at all is worth doing well, and if each and every true Philatelist would take hold of this matter, what an organization we would have! Surely the little army of stamp collectors would derive a benefit from a national association which they do not well realize. The members of all well

regulated Philatelic Societies are helped over many hard places by being associated with more advanced collectors, who have had more experience and are better posted on Philatelic matters. By all means let us have a "National Philatelic Association" and let every stamp collector in the land give it his support.

Many stamp journals, even the most prosperous, are constantly complaining about the lack of support from dealers and collectors. 'Tis true, nothing, especially a stamp paper, can succeed without support and encouragement, and yet, can we blame the philatelic public for feeling timid about where they place their money? when almost every mail brings the melancholy news that some paper has "gone under"? Can we be surprised that their confidence should be shaken?

How this evil is to be remedied we shall not undertake to solve, but leave to the common sense of our readers. Only support worthy publications. Of these there are only three such in our estimation, published in this country. Make your choice and resolve that you will do your utmost to help them along, by obtaining subscribers, contributions &c. If one or two of the leading papers received the support devoted to these miserable little three-month-old-sheets, what grand results we would have!

EDITORIAL INK DROPS.

—Every earnest Philatelist should become a member of the "National Organization of Philatelists." Application blanks may be obtained from S. B. Bradt, Grand Crossing, Ill.

—We are glad to notice that the eighth edition of the "International Stamp Album" contains no spaces for the Hamburg Locals.

—We are indeed surprised and sorry to learn that our deserving contemporary *The*

*Collectors Companion* has suspended. "Hello Chicago, is this true, or is there a mistake somewhere?"

—Our predecessor the *The Granite State Philatelist* must have been a pretty good paper judging from the number of philatelic articles that are being constantly clipped from it.

—Mr. Ichabod Jump writes that he is "under the weather" this month and cannot send his letter. This is to be deeply regreted and he has our wishes for a speedy recovery.

—By-the-way, *The Capitol City Philatelist*, published by that enterprising "down easter" L. M. Hamlin, is "picking up" wonderfully. Let the good work go on, Brother.

—*The Stamp Collector*, conducted by "Philo" is a new paper announced for this month. Under the able management of Mr. Bradt, it cannot fail to be a success.

—The publisher of *The Garden City Philatelist* is to be congratulated on the appearance and excellent contents of the May issue. This magazine promises to be one of the leading stamp papers in this country. May it meet with the success it so richly deserves.

—*Briefmarken-Zeitung* mit Inseratentheil "*Universum*" is a very creditable German publication.

—We notice that our friend, Mr. R. R. Bogert has gone into the business of supplying "Chronicles" for the press. A subscriber recently suggested that he supply publishers with copies of his paper *The Philatelic World*, which they could send out with each edition and thus save valuable space and labor, thereby killing many birds with one stone.

Written for the E. S. P.

## The Strange Disappearance of a Stamp Collection.

### CHAPTER V.

It was late in the afternoon when old Marley discovered that his cabinet was missing. Perhaps it is best that we should not attempt to describe the old man's rage, for it was indescribable. An hour later he was seen

walking at an unusual gait toward the house of Squire Tarleton. Three loud raps on the door were answered by a neatly dressed girl, who responded to the old farmer's somewhat impatient question "Is the Squire in?" that he was, and ushered the visitor into a cozy little parlor, which was evidently used exclusively for "company."

Marley did not take a seat but preferred to walk the floor, for he was too excited to sit quietly. "Ah! Marley, what can I do for you to-day?" asked the jovial Squire as he entered the room. The old man startled as found himself face to face with Rob's father. The little speech which he had prepared seemed to fade away and he found to his own surprise that he had no control of his words, so he put on as grave and dignified an appearance as possible and told the Squire that he had something of great importance to consult him about. "Take this seat and we'll see what we can do," said the Squire.

The two seated, old Marley told about the apple orchard scrape and then the strange disappearance of his stamp collection, and although he did not say that his suspicions were on Rob, yet the Squire drew conclusions. The latter admitted that evidence was strong against the boys and as they were about to part he assured the old farmer that he would do all in his power to set matters right. This did not altogether calm old Marley's anger and as he walked toward the village he seemed set on finding the culprits and getting his much prized treasure.

That evening the quiet little village of Plainville was all aglow with excitement over the disappearance of "Stampie John's" collection, and until late that evening a small crowd of people might have been seen gathered around a little placard which read as follows:

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On the evening of the 15th, the valuable stamp collection, belonging to Mr. John Marley, of this village. The back of each stamp is marked M. A Reward of \$50 is offered for the return of said collection and no questions asked.

(To be continued.)

## Answers to Correspondents.

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### BERMUDA.

*Editor E. S. P.*—I see by the January number of the "EMPIRE STATE PHILATELIST" that it is considered doubtful whether the celebrated "Connell" stamp of New Brunswick was ever actually issued or not.

That it was something more than an *essay* is quite certain; it must, at least, be placed under the head of stamps prepared for issue, and among the best informed English collectors, I believe, no doubts are entertained as to its having been in circulation for a day at all events. I possess a photograph of an original, perforated, specimen bearing an obliteration which is apparently the same as that usually found on the earlier stamps of the colony, and I have no doubt that this stamp had passed through the post.

The curious part of the history is, that the most recent information places this type after the 5 cents with head of Queen Victoria. Collectors in New Brunswick should look into this question; the matter must have caused some little excitement at the time, old newspaper files might give some account of the case, and there should be some official correspondence relating to it, if it could be got at. I also notice an enquiry by one of your correspondents as to what stamps are effected chemically; the answer to this would occupy a good deal of space for it would be difficult to say what stamps are *not* effected chemically by some agent or another. Stamps usually printed in *green* and offered as errors in *blue* may generally be looked upon with suspicion, there are also certain stamps which can be changed to brown without much trouble.

Yours faithfully, EDW. B. EVANS.

*Editor E. S. P.*—I have in my possession a stamp, impressed in the envelope with inscription as follows: "SPARGURS" in the first line, "HONEY LAKE" in the next, EXPRESS in large letters on the next, then a dotted line and "paid" under it. It is about 2½ inches long and 1½ wide, with border and is black on buff paper. Can any one tell me if it is worth anything? I think the letter is dated 1850.

N. E. C.

R. A., GOLDEN CITY, MO.—The head on the Dutch Indies '74 issue is to the right, while that on the Netherlands is to the left.

Written for the E. S. P.

## Notes by the Way.

### ON THINGS IN GENERAL.

By J. M. C.

"I delight in telling what I think. I shall go on, just as before, seeing whatever I can, and telling what I see."—EMERSON.

In a recent issue of the *Trenton Times* I notice that my friend Mr. E. B. Sterling is the recipient of a handsome reward from the government for the detection of a counterfeit stamp. The facts are as follows and I trust they will interest your readers.

Not long since a collection of stamps was sent Mr. Sterling for examination. His quick eye instantly singled out a suspicious beer stamp, which he found to be counterfeit. He immediately placed himself in correspondence with the Secret Service Department and in less than a week one of the largest brewing concerns in the country was under seizure, the proprietors arrested, convicted and a payment of \$30,000 made to the Government. In recognition of his services the Treasurer of the United States sent to Mr. Sterling a check for \$2,000, which has just been received.

This is one of the greatest pieces of detective work that has come to the Government's notice for years, and the manner in which the fraud was detected and worked out is highly creditable.

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I have been asked frequently by collectors the best method to unmount stamps. After many trials I have found the best mode is to place the *back* of a stamp on a well wetted piece of flannel; not on any account to lay the flannel upon the stamp. Several can be attended to at once in this manner and the exact moment seized for detaching the stamp before they become too much saturated.

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No. 1.

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WM. A. WARNER, Secretary.

## Read, Wonder, Act.

**B**ELOW is a copy of the circular which is being distributed throughout the country regarding a National Philatelic Society, Please give it your careful attention and act promptly.

NEW YORK, }  
CHICAGO, } June 25, 1886.  
ATLANTA, }

*To the Philatelists of the United States:*

The project of establishing a National Philatelic Society has now been the leading subject with philatelists, philatelic societies, and the philatelic press for a sufficient length of time, and has received enough emphatic and hearty endorsement from leading philatelists, to warrant an effort being made at organization. In order to bring about this result without a delay, a National Committee, consisting of the persons whose names are affixed to this circular, has been formed, to undertake the first efforts in this direction, and to take the steps necessary for organizing at as early a day as may be expedient.

The objects we are striving for through the medium of a National Society are the promotion and advancement of Stamp Collecting in all its branches; the dissemination of philatelic knowledge; facilitating the exchange of duplicates (through a bureau of exchanges); and obtaining new issues at cost price.

There is no reason why philatelists in this country should not have as successful a society, with a complete international correspondence, as any of those that are now flourishing in other lands; on the contrary, there is every reason to look forward to a grand organization that shall eclipse them all. It is only a question of time and united effort, and if you will seize upon the present favorable opportunity, and work together, this year will yet witness the organization of a society that any philatelist will be proud to be a member of.

We desire the aid of every philatelist in the land, and would strongly urge the formation of local societies in every community where six philatelists can be brought together. Let every society communicate with the member of this committee who is most convenient to it;

and let every individual philatelist, who is not connected with any society, do the same. In this way we will soon be able to ascertain how many and who, are willing to unite with us. And we would, furthermore, urge the desirability of doing this *at once*. It is not a question that requires a great amount of time for consideration, but one that needs your prompt and earnest action.

We trust that the philatelists to whom this appeal is sent will extend us their aid and support by forwarding their names without delay for enrollment on our list of prospective members.

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*148 Jefferson Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.*  
S. B. BRADT, (Chicago S. C. U.),  
*Grand Crossing, Ill.*

W. G. WHILDEN, JR.,  
*93 Washington St., Atlanta, Ga.*

The following is the blank form for application. Printed forms worded differently are worthless. Should you not have a blank, you can write the below on a card and mail to one of the committee.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION:

Please enroll my name as a prospective member of the society about to be formed, and advise me when any action is to be taken for permanent organization.

Name,

Address,

Age (if under 21 years),

The National Committee requests all persons intending to join the National Society to carefully consider whom they prefer for temporary officers, and to send to them as early as possible, the names of such persons as each individual member, or each society, may prefer for the offices of president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. If members will respond promptly it will greatly aid the committee in preparing nominations, and will hasten the day when an election of temporary officers can be held. These officers will be elected for the purpose of organizing the soci-

ety, and with full power to draw up a constitution and rules for the government of the society. Their term of office will be but temporary and they will be succeeded by permanent officers as soon as their work is accomplished.

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Written for the E. S. P.

## Chronicle.

By R. R. BOGERT.

*President of the National Philatelic Society,*

All correspondence and information intended for this department, should be addressed to Mr. R. R. BOGERT, Room 38, Tribune Building, New York.

**ANTIOQUIA**—Three new stamps are at hand, unperforated. 1 centavo green on pale rose; 2½ cent. black on orange; and 5 cent. blue on pale buff. The figures denoting values are in the upper corners; the arms underneath in an oval with "Centavos" above and "Correos de Antioquia" below.

**ANTIGUA**—We hear of a one shilling, violet, of the current type.

**BRITISH GUIANA**—Has a post card. One cent, gray on buff.

**CEYLON**—There are three new stamps; viz., 15c. olive green, 25c. light brown ochre, and 28c. gray-green. We have not ascertained the design of the 15c. The others have the Queen's head in octagon on light ground; numerals in a tablet below, "Ceylon Postage" above.

**CURACOA**—The 7½c. card is olive green on blue, reverse white, headed "Briefkaart Mit de Kolonie Curacoa."

**DOMINICA**—The 4d. is changed to gray. We hear of 1d. carmine and 1½d. brown, double cards, printed on buff.

**EGYPT**—Has three money order cards. A green card, French text, for foreign use; blue card, in English and Italian for Great Britain and colonies, Norway, Sweden, and the United States; white card in French and Egyptian for home use.

**ECUADOR**—We hear of double 3c. cards,

with frames of February and April, 1884.

**FRANCE**—The 10c. card is now surcharged "20 paras" in red. We have two cards headed "Carte Lettre"; viz., 15c. blue on buff and 25c. black on rose.

**FRENCH COLONIES**—The unpaid letter stamps 1, 2, 3 and 4c. have been issued.

**GAMBIA**—Has a new 2½c blue (C. C. 54).

**HAWAII**—The 12c. is now red.

**LABUAN**—The 10c. is now black-brown, and the 16c. gray-blue.

**MADAGASCAR**—The stamps spoken of recently are 1, 2, 3 and 4d. black on violet, for packages, and 6d., 1s., 1s. 6d., and 2s., same colors, for letters.

**MAURITIUS**—The 50c. is now colored orange.

**MEXICO**—A new series will soon be issued with large numeral in oval.

**NEVIS**—We hear of new cards; 1d. carmine, single and double, and 1½d. brown, double. Printed on buff.

**PERU**—The new set mentioned heretofore has been issued, as follows; 1c. violet (C. C. 57). 2c. green (C. C. 26). 5c. orange (C. C. 7). 50c. vermilion (C. C. 125). 1sol, brown (C. C. 85).

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA**—We hear of ½d. wrapper, lilac on brown.

**ST. CHRISTOPHER**—Has surcharged "4d." on the 6d. stamp.

**STRAITS SETTLEMENTS**—"Der Philatelist" states that the 10c. on the 12c. blue, has been re-surcharged "8" in blue. The 3c. is said to be surcharged on the 5c. brown-violet, as well as on the blue.

**SWEDEN**—It is stated that the 10c. carmine has a blue horn on the reverse.

**TOLIMA**—Has besides the 5c. and 10c. already mentioned, a 50c. green and 1 peso. red.

**TURK'S ISLAND**—Has, we hear, issued a 4d. lilac.

**VICTORIA**—The 2d. purple, has been changed to violet (C. C. 72).



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Those not of the elect of Philately are often struck with astonishment at the magnitude of the stamp collecting business, the apparent enormous amount of capital sunk and the extended ramifications of the trade. Being engaged, perhaps, in a large business themselves, and knowing all the mysteries of agencies and consignments, and deductions and commissions, they are disposed to regard stamp selling as some new industry which is gradually assuming gigantic proportions.

That there is an extensive legitimate trade carried on in postage stamps must be evident to all collectors of any standing, at the same time there are no more bargains in stamps than in dry-goods; as the latter have a certain market value from which they scarcely fluctuate, so stamps have fixed prices increasing according to variety. The sooner collec-

tors, and particularly beginners, recognize the fact that rare stamps cannot be obtained unless at a liberal outlay, the sooner these mushroom companies and swindling concerns will find themselves not wanted, and the album of the collector will no longer be marred with counterfeits and humbugs.

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Although mid-summer is now upon us, it seems to have little effect upon the progress of Philately. Societies are constantly being formed, and meetings held regularly during the summer months. Stamp dealers report business far better than heretofore in the summer, and they have bright prospects for the Fall and Winter trade. Even collectors themselves, who formerly discarded their collections and took up ball, tennis, and other summer amusements, have not forgotten their albums and seem anxious to keep up with their fellow collectors.

Perhaps the most noticable event at present is the formation of the National Association. The local committee has been succeeded by a National Committee who are doing all in their power to organize. We would call our readers attention, in another column, to a *revelatum* copy of a circular which is being distributed by the committee throughout the country. You are asked to read it *carefully* and *act at once*. It speaks for itself.

Should such a society be formed—and there is no reason why one should not—surely Philately will have witnessed one grand result toward its advancement.

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It will be evident to all our readers that the article on “Bogus Stamps” is indeed true, and that it is about time these things were rooted out. When a prominent foreign dealer catalogues many of the stamps mentioned, it seems to us that the London Philatelic Society, of which he is a member, is very inconsistent and remiss.

### EDITORIAL INK DROPS.

—Read carefully the circular on the "National Philatelic Organization," and *act at once*.

—The St. Louis Stamp Co. informs us that they have sold their entire stock to the well known firm, Messrs Edwards, Peeke & Co., of Chicago, Ill.

—The publishers of the *Stamp and Coin Gazette* have our congratulations on the completion of volume two. May volume three even prove a greater success.

—The Post Master General has awarded to the Morgan Envelope Co. and the Plimpton Mfg Co., of Hartford, Conn., the contract for furnishing the Government with stamped envelopes and news-paper wrappers for the four years beginning October 1st, 1886. The estimated expenditure under this contract will be about \$3,250,000.

—Owing to the rapid increase of business, Mr. Bogert has been obliged to form a co-partnership with Mr. Philip Comstock, and hereafter the firm will be known as R. R. Bogert & Co.

—Collectors of and dealers in South and Central American stamps can hardly find a person in a better position to furnish the stamps of those countries, (at an advance almost nominal), than Mr. C. B. Hill, of Guatemala. Give him a trial.

Written for the E. S. P.

## The Strange Disappearance of a Stamp Collection.

### CHAPTER VI.

An hour had passed before Rob and Tom were fully convinced that some person had visited the old oven and taken away Marley's collection, who that person was and how they ever found the cabinet was a greater mystery than the boys could at present solve. They had seated themselves on an old log not far from the oven: Tom was mechanically poking some dead leaves, evidently those of the previous fall, while his companion, who was indeed the brighter of the two, seemed deep in thought. Finally Rob broke the silence,

"I have been thinking of a plan which I think is best." Here Tom stopped and interposed with "Well let's have it, but I think its all up now. The best thing we can do is to give in and take the consequences." Tom was naturally of a nervous temperament; he had been led on by Rob up to this point, but here to have such a barrier come in his way, seemed to baffle all his brightest schemes. "If you'll just listen to my plan" answered Rob reproachfully, "I'm sure we can manage it all right."

"Let's have it," murmured Tom rather irritably. "It's now about nine o'clock," ventured Rob. "We have just got time to walk to North-Hampton and take the train to the city." "But why do you want to go to the city?" asked Tom. "Well, if you'll listen I'll tell you," answered Rob impatiently. "You know those stamps we picked up I think there are some rare ones among them. Now if we can take them to some big dealer and sell them, then return on an afternoon train, we can get home in time for supper and no one will be the wiser. If Marley does miss his collection and suspects us, he can't prove anything, for we haven't the cabinet, and then we can have the fun of finding out who *has*."

"I wish we'd left the old cabinet alone," sighed Tom. "What's the good of wishing now?" laughed Rob. "The next best thing we can do is to get out of it, and the sooner the better, so come ahead," and with that he started off for the depot. Tom hesitatingly followed, but when he reached the river-road they were both full of excitement over their adventure, and Tom, having been urged on by his companion, now seemed quite ready for anything he might propose.

(To be continued.)

—Take your collection to the country with you, have your stamp journal sent to that address, and through the summer watch its columns for bargains. You will find them.

—Look at premium offer on page 56, and if you can't find the "word" yourself, get some one to help you.

Written for the E. S. P.

## Bogus Stamps.

By A. B. C.

EVER since stamp collecting has been a hobby, collectors have been victimized by shoals of bogus stamps; not counterfeits, but those entirely fictitious things which are put on the market from time to time. We consider some of the great London dealers greatly to blame for catalogueing such rubbish as we find in their publications. We can remember when such vermin as the Amoy stamp, with its wealth of dragons, etc., the "Blockade Postage" with its plaid border; the Utah, with its portrait of Brigham Young, the Dresden, Breslau, and Leitmeritz Express stamps, we eagerly sought after, but the prop has been knocked out from under them for a long time. In the early days of collecting, spaces were reserved for the Hamburg locals, and even at this date we find English and American dealers offering them for sale; and yet these same dealers know them to be entirely fictitious. The finely engraved "Republic of Cuba" stamp, whose parentage was in New York City, sold quite readily for a time, but it was entirely a fanciful affair and made to sell. The parties who made this affair were interested in the floating of sundry Confederate locals. The Guatemala-ship-in-bay—the Paraguayan "steamship" stamp, were similar attempts to take a dishonest penny. They are very pretty, but not worth the ink used in their printing. The prince of philatlic swindles was the introduction of the 2, and 20 cent St. Louis stamps. These were made in New York, and for a time were believed in by some of the most eminent collectors of the day. The dated Bolivian stamps on blue paper we venture to say, never saw the state for which they were intended. The stamp dealer in New York who holds, or did hold, the contract for the manufacture of the Bolivian, San Domingo, Hayti and Venezuelan stamps, has wrought so many worthless changes in the way of surcharges etc., that collectors have become disgusted. Some months ago we received a communication from the U. S. Consul at San Domingo, regarding the sur-

charged stamps. He says: "*I enclose all the stamps at present in use in this Republic. The over-printed stamps that you request specimens of I am not able to procure. The officials do not seem to know anything about them.*" We do not put much faith in official statements, but we hazard the opinion that these surcharged things were made to sell to the collecting public. The Bolivia  $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1, 2 and 4 reals, black, are purely bogus. The decimal currency has been used in that Republic for many years, but still these abominations are catalogueed as "Interior" stamps by a London dealer, and collectors are expected to believe it. The type-set Cundinamarca were introduced by a certain Dr. Michelson, Danish Consul at Bogota, who is also answerable for some varieties of the "no hay'estampillas" stamps. The officials at the Bogota office pronounce these things bogus. The surcharged Columbian 2½c. on 10c., 4c. on 5c., have long since been exploded, but still they are catalogueed by dealers who ought to feel ashamed of themselves. The Magdalena, 5c. pale green, and the Rio de Oro stamps are well known bogies, but they are catalogueed by the same honest (?) dealer who quotes most of the above mentioned stamps. There are many other "curiosities" that we wish to speak of, and at some other time we will give our opinion concerning them.

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—"Notes on the early issues of Peru," is the title of an interesting article by a well-known writer; will appear in the August number.

—One of the brightest papers on our exchange list is *The Stamp*, of Denver, Col. It has evidently come to stick, and we wish it every success.

—We have seen advance sheets of Mr. Heger's *Catalogue of Postage Stamps*, and can say without the least hesitation, that it will be the most complete work of the kind published. As a reference catalogue it will invaluable to collectors. It will be out early this month.

—*Le Collectionneur* is a 16pp. paper from Canada. The June number contains some interesting notes for the Philatelist and Numismatist.

Do not fail in answering these "ads." to mention the Empire State Philatelist.

**STOP! READ THIS SURE!!**

I would like to hear from every reader of the "Empire State Philatelist" who wishes to buy stamps in fine condition at the lowest possible prices. During all the time I have been interested in stamps, (eleven years), I have always been a firm advocate of the principle of allowing collectors the privilege of seeing what they desire to purchase before paying for it.

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**"CHESTNUTS"**

but finish this and you may find something that will hit you. I will send a good selection of stamps to any collector who encloses a two cent stamp for postage, and promises to return the same in ten days or less. It is a fact, that many collections have a vacation in summer along with their owners, however, I am here all the time, and *wide awake* collectors will find that I *do* sell stamps during the next two or three months at way-down prices.

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It has been stated that these frequent variations of the design were intended as a guard against counterfeits; but I think it was more probable that it was owing to the stamps having been poorly lithographed, and so soon becoming indistinct, new stones had to be engraved. The great difference in the appearance of a number of these stamps of any issue, seems to favor this view of the case. In fact, so marked are the differences in the third set, that worn specimens of the one dinero have been catalogued as a distinct variety, owing to the zigzag lines in the corner having the appearance of being formed of distinct dashes instead of continuous zigzag lines. The one peseta, with cornucopia on white ground, is another favorite variety; but it is caused solely by the lines having worn out. In looking over a number of stamps while preparing this article, I came across a 1 dinero in which the lines on the lower division of the shield had entirely disappeared. These issues were all protected as the officials supposed—by secret marks, which, for a long time, baffled the scrutiny of collectors, but were at length discovered by an English philatelist. Should my readers wish, I may at an early date, note them in these pages.

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The design of this series is an entirely novel one, and is executed with the usual finish of the American Bank Note Co's. work. Compared with the last series the design is more elaborate, and while the former was unique in its way, the present retains its essential feature in the Quetzal.

When the last series was introduced Guatemala had just heard the whistle of her first locomotive. As a mark of the progress of the country the railroad is now introduced in the upper left corner and in the opposite the mail steamer. The coat-of-arms of Guate-

mala occupies the centre, surmounted by the Quetzal.

This bird is not a "parrot" as nearly all philatelic writers describe it. It is a much nobler bird. It is the *Trogon Resplendens* and is undoubtedly the most gorgeous bird known. The breast is saphire, the back, wings and tail sparkling emerald. The bird is about the size of a quail, but the tail feathers, four in number, often measure over 30 inches in length. It is the sacred bird of the ancient nations that inhabited Southern Mexico and Guatemala, and has the name that was given to the supreme diety, Quetzalcoatl, abbreviated to Quetzal and gives the title to Lew Wallace's novel "The Fair God." The name appears in the name of the second city of Guatemala, Quezaltenango, *nango* being a termination signifying place.

The Quetzal is the true American "Bird of Liberty," it is an impossibility, even under the most favorable circumstances, to keep it alive in captivity.

The inscription on the scroll "Liberty 15th Sep., 1821," is the date of the declaration of Independence of Central America: having up to that date been most barbarously ruled by Spain.

The branches on the sides are of the coffee tree, coffee being the chief article of export and source of wealth to the republic.

New York, July 30th, 1886.

Editor E. S. P.:

Allow me to report some news from the committee on the National Organization.

Up to date, Mr. Bradt, of Chicago, our secretary, has enrolled 187 members. The St. Louis society, according to a letter by Mr. Mekeel to me, has resolved to join us in a body, but the names of the members have not yet been forwarded. The committee have agreed to let Mr. Bradt act as temporary secretary until the enrolled members have elected the other officers pro-tem. It is the unanimous opinion of this committee that the success of the movement will greatly depend upon the officers to be selected, and that the business of a society of collectors ought to be mainly managed by collectors. The majority

of the committee have not yet agreed as to the limit of the dues, but you may safely state that we believe \$2.00 to be sufficient per year and per member to pay all expenses of the organization, the dues to be paid annually in advance.

Respectfully your,  
THEO. F. CUNO.

Written for the E. S. P.

## Chronicle.

By R. R. BOGERT.

*President of the National Philatelic Society,*

All correspondence and information intended for this department, should be addressed to Mr. R. R. BOGERT, Room 38, Tribune Building, New York.

**ARGENTINE REPUBLIC**—The  $\frac{1}{2}$  on 5, 4 on 5, and 90c., have been surcharged "Official."

**CONGO FREE STATE**—A new card printed in blue on blue, and having the words "address to be written on this side" added, has appeared. Also a new stamp, 5 francs violet.

**COSTA RICA**—Two envelopes have been received; 5c. slate blue, and 10c. orange, both printed on white laid paper. In the upper right corner is a rectangular stamp. A portrait is in the centre surrounded by an oval band, inscribed "Union Postal Universal" above, and "1<sup>o</sup> Enero 1883" below. Figures of value are in the four corners, "Costa Rica" above, "Centavos" below.

**CYPRUS**—The  $\frac{1}{2}$  piastre has been received surcharged again " $\frac{1}{2}$   $\frac{1}{2}$ ". This time in larger numerals.

**DOMINICA**—"One Penny" has been surcharged on the one shilling.

**FARIDKOT**—A new stamp has been received from here,  $\frac{1}{2}$  anna, green.

**FRANCE**—The 10c. card surcharged "20 paras" noted last month, is another swindle.

**FRENCH COLONIES**—The 25c. black on rose has appeared unperforated.

**GAMBIA**—The 3d. is now gray.

**GRENADA**—The following cards have appeared, all printed on buff.  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$ d. green; 1+1d. carmine;  $1\frac{1}{2} + 1\frac{1}{2}$ d. brown.

**GUATEMALA**—The new stamps appeared last month. The values are as follows: 1c. blue, 2c. red brown, 5c. purple, 10c. red, 20, 25, 50, 75, 100, 150, 200.

**INDIA**—A new stamp, value, 4a. 6p. has made its appearance.  $\frac{1}{2}$ a. and 1a. envelopes size 120x94 min, and a registered envelope, 2a. blue, have also appeared.

**MEXICO**—The stamps mentioned last month have come to hand. 1c. green, 2c. lake, 5c. blue, 3c., 4c., 6c., 10c., 12c., 20c., and 25c. all lilac. Beside these, there will appear soon 50c. violet, 1, 2, 5 and 10 peso carmine.

**MONTERRAT**—Another card 1+1d. carmine on buff.

**PERAK**—"1 cent Perak" has been surcharged on the 2c. of Sts. Settlements.

**PUTTIALLA**—The 2 annas, *service*, has been issued. The surcharge is at the bottom in two lines. "Puttialla" is sometimes spelled Puttilla.

**REUNION**—The 30c. (type of France, 1876) has appeared with the surcharge "5c." and also "20c."

**ST. CHRISTOPHER**—The 6d. has appeared with surcharge "One Penny" in two lines. Also cards, 1+1d. carmine, and  $1\frac{1}{2} + 1\frac{1}{2}$ d. brown on buff.

**TAHITI**—The wrappers have lately been surcharged with the same surcharge that appeared on the stamps. There are four values, 5, 10, 15, and 25c. The 15c. is formed by printing the 5 and 10c. side by side.

*The New York Times*, July 26th, says:

"The EMPIRE STATE PHILATELIST, a monthly magazine devoted to the interests of stamp collectors, and published in this city, is now in its third (second) year and appears to be prosperous."—We must be improving. You remember what the *N. Y. Critic* said last February.

Some time ago the Secretary of the Treasury decided that a postage stamp was not a "security of the United States" but only a receipt for money paid. Stamps are therefore not redeemable except at the pleasure of the Postmaster-General.



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Elsewhere we publish a communication from Mr. Cuno, chairman of committee on the National Organization, in which he states the progress the Association has made since our last issue. He also has given us a complete list, up to date, of nominations, which we regret exceedingly we are unable to publish. We trust next month, however, to be able to

give the full list. At the recent meeting of the National Philatetical Society, the gentlemen named at the head of this page were suggested for a ticket.

The ticket is an excellent one and our readers have a chance of discussing the merits of each candidate, while those not satisfied may add their own nominations. The names have been chosen with great care and we trust will receive hearty and unanimous support.

We have received a number of enquiries of late, asking how a *National* society can possibly be organized when *two* bodies are working independently of one another? Having written Mr. Cuno on the subject, we received the following answer, which speaks for itself.

“ \* \* \* \* In regard to Mr. Mekeel  
“ I will say, that from several of his recent  
“ utterances to some of my associates, he  
“ seems to have acted somewhat inconsist-  
“ antly when compared with the letters writ-  
“ ten by him to myself. I have letters in his  
“ handwriting in my possession showing that  
“ that the St. Louis society *does* recognize our  
“ committee, and the secretary of that society  
“ sends me a communication announcing the  
“ election of Mr. Mekeel as a member of the  
“ Organizing Committee, yet *he* has stated  
“ positively that *he* would not recognize any  
“ committee except it were composed of mem-  
“ bers from ‘all the leading’ societies. I  
“ have therefore asked the St. Louis secretary  
“ which, in his and his associates belief, are  
“ the ‘leading societies’ in this country, and  
“ what constitutes them to be ‘leading’ what-  
“ ever the term may imply. Leading! Non-  
“ sense! Do you recognize any ‘leaders’  
“ ‘leading societies’ or ‘leaderships’ in gen-  
“ eral? I do not. And if anyone says he  
“ is a ‘leader’ or any society declares itself  
“ to be ‘leading’ I must consider such a  
“ declaration as utterly ridiculous and sense-  
“ less. We need no ‘leaders’ except the  
“ majority of the votes of our members.

“ Yours truly,

“ THEO. F. CUNO.

## EDITORIAL INK DROPS.

—Every dealer should try an "ad" in the September number. 2500 copies reach the very best class of collectors.

—What has become of our old stand-by—*The Stamp World*?

—Have you sent in your name for the National Philatelic Association?

—An esteemed contemporary has given the title of "Editor's Waste Basket" to the review column of exchanges. Surely this is an appropriate (?) heading.

—The royal portrait on the stamps of England is to be brought down to date. This is one sensible step at anyrate, and it is inconceivable why this was not done years ago. The image and superscription of the sovereign become meaningless if not true, and the "Queen's head" on the postage stamp has had no pretensions to be considered a portrait for the past forty years or more.

—*The Stamp Collector's Journal*, is publishing a series of papers entitled "The Study of Philately," and up to date has given a lengthy biography of Columbus, Franklin, Washington, Lincoln, etc. We should like very much to know what *their* lives have to do with the "the study of *Philately*" and why *stamp* collector wants to waste time reading extracts from Blackie's encyclopedia?

—A new postal card (U. S.) will shortly supersede the one now in use. Probably printed in black on a white card.

—We wish to apologize to our readers, and the author of our philatelic serial, for not giving the story more space each month; but owing to our limited pages, and the amount of matter, has made it simply impossible.

—The Postmaster-General has signed a postal treaty with the Postmaster-General of Tasmania which has been approved by the President. The effect of this treaty is to raise the rate of postage between this country and Tasmania from five cents to twelve cents.

Tasmania as well as the other Australian colonies is not a member of the Postal Union and changes have to be made by treaty.

—The new stamped letter sheet, soon to be issued by the Post Office Department, prom-

ises to be a great convenience to the public. It is a letter-sheet and envelope combined, a perforated line running around the sheet, with the narrow spaces outside overspread with mucilage, so that the sheet may be folded and securely fastened. The letter when ready for mailing resembles the style in use before envelopes were invented. This the Government stamps in loose sheets and collectively in pads and it will be put on sale soon at some of the leading post offices throughout the country. As it can be procured at a very low figure, and affords the same security that an envelope does, it is expected to take the place, to a considerable extent, of the postal card.

Written for the E. S. P.

## The Strange Disappearance of a Stamp Collection.

### CHAPTER VII.

As the two boys approached the little railway station, they were indeed surprised to see seated on some boxes, the familiar form of Mr. Fletcher; for they had just congratulated one another on not having met with any of their acquaintances, and of all persons they wished to avoid—excepting Marley himself—was the school-master. Rob, however, realized their position at once, and told Tom to remain in the rear of the Depot until he purchased the tickets, and they would then try and board the train without being noticed. He had hardly rejoined his companion before the whistle of the train was heard, and in a short time the two were flying toward the great Metropolis. It was nearly twelve o'clock when the boys reached the City, and although Rob had been to New York a number of times with his Father, and was familiar with the principal streets, all was new and strange to Tom. The ride in the stage seemed a long one before they reached the stamp dealers.

Over the door read a sign of gilt letters:  
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 and the large window was filled with sets, packets and albums. After examining this show window, the two hesitatingly entered

the store, Rob having been appointed spokesman. Back of a large counter were two clerks engaged in assorting stamps, and seated at a small desk to the right was a little man briskly writing, - evidently the proprietor of the establishment. Having noticed the boys, he advanced toward the counter and asked rather genially, "What can I show you this morning?" Rob hesitated a moment, and then said: "We do not want to look at any stamps, but would like to know if you want to buy any." "Well, lets see what you have" answered the dealer with a humorous twinkle in his eyes; and as Rob placed specimen after specimen on the counter, the dealer took each one up separately, and examined it with a large magnifying glass. Having gone through the lot, he looked up at the boys and asked rather abruptly, "What'll you take for the lot?" Now fortunately, Rob, had some knowledge of the value of stamps, and knowing there were several rare specimens, said: "We do not care to sell the lot, but if you will buy each stamp separately, and fix *your* price, perhaps we can make some bargains." The little dealer adjusted his glasses and said quietly, "Lets see;" and then he again made a thorough examination, while Rob, and especially Tom, sat anxiously waiting for him to break the silence. Finally he asked, "Where did you boys get these stamps, anyway?" At this Rob seemed at loss to reply, but Tom quickly responded, "They are from a collection my Uncle has given us, and as these were some duplicates, we thought we could make a little money by selling them." "Ah, yes," murmured the dealer, in such a tone as to make Tom blush deeply for his falsehood; but not noticing the nervousness of the boys, he asked, "How is it the're all marked with an M. on the back?" But what Tom answered we shall hear later, for at that moment the door opened, and in walked Mr. Fletcher.

(To be continued.)

--A little bird tells us, that Mr. Bradt, of Chicago, has recently purchased a house from the sale of his stamp collection. Moral: Collect Stamps.

## Proceedings of the National Philatelic Society.

**R**EGULAR monthly meeting of the National Philatelic Society was held at its rooms on July 12th; meeting called at 8.10 P. M. President Bogert occupied the chair; following members present; Bogert, Rechert, Isenstein, Watkins, Cuno, Miller, Osterman, La Tourette, Mitchell, Rosenheim and Warner, Mr. Tackaberry a visitor.

Reading and approval of minutes of previous meeting. Mr. V. Gurdji, of Galveston, Texas, was proposed as corresponding member by Mr. Warner, was referred to executive committee, who reported thereon, and was elected.

Received bill for subscriptions to E. S. P. which was paid.

Committee on National Organization reported progress.

Received, *Empire State Philatelist*, No. 7; *Quaker City Phi.* No. 7, *Briefmarken Zeitung* No. 6, *Metthielungen* No. 6, *Der Philatelist* No. 6, *Le Collectionneur* No. 2, *Mohawk Standard* No. 4, *La Philatelite Universal* No. 1, and a work on the stamps of Greece, by A. E. Griswold.

The following ticket of officers for the National Organization was suggested.

Prest. R. R. Bogert, (N.P.S.) of New York. Secy. S. B. Bradt, (C.S.C.U.) of Chicago, Ill. Treas. L. W. Durbin, (Q.C.P.S.) of Phila. Pa., Librarian, J.K. Tiffnay, St. Louis, Mo. Counterfeit Detector, J. M. Chute, Boston, Mass., Nat. Secy., Joseph Rechert, (N.P.S.) Hoboken, N. J., Exchange Dep't., Dr. Wm. H. Mitchell, Bergen Point, N. J.

Meeting adjourned at 10 P. M.

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The Chancellor proposed a resolution declaring that "it is expedient to reduce the postage on letters of a weight to be hereafter fixed by law; Parliamentary privileges of franking being abolished and official franking strictly regulated; the House pledging itself at the same time to make good any deficiency of revenue which may be occasioned by such an alteration in the rates of the existing duties." Up to this time the rates of postage had been both high and various. They were varying both as to distance and as to the weight and even the size or the shape of a letter. The district or London post was a separate branch of the postal department, and the charge for the transmission of letters was made on a different scale in London from that which prevailed between town and town. The average postage on every chargeable letter throughout the United Kingdom was six-pence, farthing. A letter from London to Brighton cost

eight-pence; to Aberdeen, one shilling and three-pence, half penny; to Belfast, one shilling and four-pence. Nor was this all; for if the letter was written on more than one sheet of paper, it came under the operation of a higher scale of charge. Members of Parliament had the privilege of franking letters to a certain limited extent; members of the Government had the privilege of franking to an unlimited extent. It is, perhaps, as well to mention, for the sake of being intelligible to all readers in an age which has not, in this country at least, known practically the beauty and liberality of the franking privilege, that it consisted in the right of the privileged person to send his own or any other person's letters through the post, free of charge, by merely writing his name on the outside. This meant, in plain words, that the letters of the class who could best afford to pay for them went free of charge, and that those who could least afford to pay had to pay double the expense, that is to say, of carrying their own letters and the letters of the privileged and exempt.

The greatest grievances were felt everywhere because of this absurd system. It had along with its other disadvantages that of encouraging what may be called the smuggling of letters. Everywhere sprang up organizations for the illicit conveyance of correspondence at lower rates than those imposed by the Government. The proprietors of almost every kind of public conveyance are said to have been engaged in this unlawful, but certainly not very

\* From Justin McCarthy's "History of Our Own Times."



unnatural or unjustifiable traffic. Five-sixths of all the letters sent between Manchester and London were said to have been conveyed for years by this process. One great mercantile house was proved to have been in the habit of sending sixty-seven letters by what we may call this underground post-office, for every one on which they paid the Government charges. It was not merely to escape heavy cost that these stratagems were employed. As there was an additional charge when a letter was written on more sheets than one, there was a frequent and almost a constant tampering by officials with the sanctity of sealed letters, for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not they ought to be taxed on the higher scale. It was proved that in the years between 1815 and 1835, while the population had increased thirty per cent., and the stage-coach duty had increased one hundred and twenty-eight per cent., the post-office revenues had shown no increase at all. In other countries the postal revenue had been on the increase steadily during that time; in the United States the revenue had actually trebled, although then and later the postal system of America was full of faults, which at that day only seemed intelligible or excusable when placed in comparison with our own system.

Mr. (afterwards Sir Rowland) Hill is the man to whom this country, and indeed, all civilization, owes the adoption of the cheap and uniform system. His plan has been adopted by every state which professes to have a postal system at all. Mr. Hill belonged to a remarkable family. His father, Thomas Wright Hill, was a teacher, a man of advanced and practical views in popular education; a devoted lover of science, an advocate of civil and religious liberty, and a sort of celebrity in the Birmingham of his day, where he took a bold and active part in trying to defend the house of Dr. Priestley against the mob who attacked it. He had five sons, every one of whom made himself more or less conspicuous as a practical reformer in one path or another. The eldest was Matthew Davenport Hill, the philanthropic recorder of

Birmingham, who did so much for prison reform and for the reclamation of youthful offenders.

The third son was Rowland Hill, the author of the cheap postal system. Rowland Hill, when a little weakly child, began to show some such precocious love for arithmetical calculations as Pascal showed for mathematics. His favorite amusement as a child, was to lie on the hearth-rug and count up figures by the hour together. As he grew up he became teacher of mathematics in his father's school. Afterwards he was appointed Secretary to the South Australian Commission, and rendered much valuable service in the organization of the colony of South Australia. His early love of masses of figures it may have been, which in the first instance turned his attention to the number of letters passing through the Post Office, the proportion they bore to the number of population, the cost of carrying them, and the amount which the Post Office authorities charged for the conveyance of a single letter.

*(To be continued.)*

Written for the E. S. P.

## RECORD OF NEW ISSUES.

By R. R. BOGERT,

*President of the National Philatelic Society*

All correspondence and information intended for this department, should be addressed to Mr. R. R. Bogert, Room 38, Tribune Building, New York.

**Antioquia.**—In our July issue, three new stamps were described: 1, 2½ and 5 centavos. We have now to add five more denominations of the same design, viz, 10c., carmine; 20c. violet; and 50c. yellow-brown, all on buff: 1 peso, brown on green, and 2 pesos, green on violet. We also hear of the 5c. brown of 1884, on buff paper.

**Boer Republic.**—The *Philatelic Record* has received from a correspondent, an envelope bearing a stamp with the following inscription:—"Nieuwe Republiek—2d.—13 Jan. 86—Zuid. Afrika" in five lines. The stamp is printed in violet on straw-colored paper and meas-

ures  $22\frac{1}{2} \times 32$  mm. The inscription is within a rectangular frame, ornamented at the corners. The stamp has apparently prepaid postage on the envelope from St. Lucia Bay to Maritzburg.

**British Bechuanaland.**—The Cape of Good Hope 1d. post card and 4d. blue envelope have been surcharged "British Bechuanaland." in two lines, upright block letters in black.

**Curacao.**—There are about to be issued, a post card, 5c. and an adhesive stamp,  $12\frac{1}{2}$ c.

**Gambia.**—The 1s. has also been changed in color from green to brown.

**German Empire.**—Is soon to issue a reply post card,  $10 \times 10$  pfg., headed with the inscription, "Deutschland. Allemagne."

**Gold Coast.**—The water-mark C. A. has been found on both the  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. bistre and the 1d. blue.

**Great Britain.**—We hear of a surcharge "Gov't Parcels," in black in two lines, on the  $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. lilac, and 6d. green.

**Grenada.**—A registered letter envelope, similar to those now used by the other British Colonies. The stamp is blue. Also bands as follows:— $\frac{1}{2}$ d. green, 1d. carmine,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. red brown and 2d. indigo; all on buff; and cards,  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and  $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$ d. green on buff; 1d. and  $1 \times 1$ d. carmine on buff;  $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. and  $1\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ d. red brown on buff.

**Guatemala.**—The following completes the list of colors of the new set; of which we described the first four last month; 20c. green, 25c. orange, 50c. green, 75c. rose, 100c. brown, 150c. blue and 200c. yellow.

**Hayti.**—The 20c. is reported perforated 16 instead of 14.

**Hungary.**—Two letter-cards printed on paper, yellow outside but white inside, size  $143 \times 85$ mm. and inscribed "Zart-Levelezö-Lap." The stamps are 3kr. green and 5kr. red.

**Iceland.**—A wrapper, 5aur. green, stamp similar to the 1882 type.

**India.**—*Le Timbre Post* describes a stamped sheet, said to have been issued in 1857. It bears a 1 anna, brown stamp and is on blue.

**Martinique.**—The 20c. red on green has been surcharged "Martinique-5," in black.

**Mexico.**—Has issued an official seal  $43 \times 26$ mm. The color is brown. We have a "Wells, Fargo" envelope with the new 10c. stamp in lilac; also two bands, 1c. green and 2c. red, on orange paper. At the left is the eagle, and inscription "Servicio Postal de los Estados Unidos Mexicanos—Fajilla para Impresos."

**Norway.**—The 10 öre, carmine has a blue horn on the reverse.

**Paraguay.**—Two sets of official stamps are expected soon; one for domestic, and one for foreign use.

**Peru.**—We here of the  $5 \times 5$ c. card, surcharged with sun in black.

**Sweden.**—We find the 4 öre gray, and the 20 öre as well as the 10 öre, bearing the blue post-horn on the reverse. We presume the whole set have been similarly printed.

**Tolima.**—The following errors in color are reported 2c. 1884, *blue* and 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. *red*. The 5c. ochre Cubierta and the 50c. with A, in a star are declared to be false. The Cubiertas of 1879, in three colors, are of three values; 5, 10 and 50c. In 1885, 1 peso was added. The 5 pesos brown of 1878 is also false. The genuine is red on white.

**United States.**—The new 2c. letter sheet.

**United States of Columbia.**—We have an illustration of a cubierta,  $122 \times 70$ mm., and printed in black, bistre and brown violet. The upper corners have designs of lozenge shaped figures in scrolls. There are also two other cubiertas used in 1883, of new designs. Mr. Carbonell has shown us a 50c. of 1863, *red*, cancelled.

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## CORRESPONDENT'S COLUMN.

We solicit contributions from all our readers, and suggest that scraps and clippings relating to postal matters; notes, news and items appertaining to the different branches of Philately, would be most acceptable.

*Editor E. S. P.*—The arrangements for an election of officers of the National Philatelic Society of America have not yet been completed, but it has been proposed that on September 13th, the vote is to be counted by the representatives of three societies.

The nominations will be sent out within a few days to about 300 members, who will be requested to address their ballots with a postal note for 25 cents inclosed in an envelope marked VOTE to the undersigned who will open them in the presence of the representatives above mentioned at the rooms of the New York Local Society, in the Metropolitan Assembly Rooms, 62 East 4th Street. Members living in New York and vicinity are requested to be present. On September 14th, we expect to have a convention at 8 p. m., in the same rooms of delegates from different parts of the country, for the purpose of discussing and adopting a constitution, a draft of which has already been submitted to the members of our committee. But these arrangements may undergo a change yet.

The New England Society will probably join us in a body. They have according to the statement of their Secretary, over 300 members. We would then start with more than 600 members, a beginning unprecedented in the history of Philatelic Organizations.

Yours truly, THEO. F. CUNO,

Chairman Org. Committee, N. P. S.

148 Jefferson Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL PHILATELICAL SOCIETY.

Regular monthly meeting of the National Philatelic Society was held at the rooms on Monday, August 9th; Vice-President Rechert occupied the chair; meeting called at 8. o P. M.

Reading and approval of Minutes of previous meeting.

Mr. Chas. H. Mekeel of St. Louis, Mo., was proposed by Mr. Rechert, as corresponding Member, was referred to Executive Committee.

Committee on National Organization reported progress.

Mr. Rechert presented to the Society two photographs of letter from the "Oregon," (front and back view), and Mr. Mekeel "The Philatelic Journal of America," No. 3 to 17 inclusive; Mr. Watkins, "The Empire State Philatelist" No. 1 to July 1886.

Received, *Empire State Philatelist*, No. 8, *Quaker City Philatelist* No. 8, *Metthielungen* No. 7, *Briefmarken Zeitung* No. 7, *Le Timbre Levantin* No. 2.

Meeting adjourned at 9.15 P. M.

Next meeting September 13th, 1886, at 7.30 P. M.

WM. A. WARNER, Secretary.

Written for the E. S. P.

## SECRET MARKS ON THE PERUVIAN STAMPS.

An engraver's secret mark ought to be, either one without which the design on a stamp would be complete, and yet which when added, does not disturb the harmony of the design; or else it should be such a trifling variation of some not very prominent part of the design as would not attract the general eye, yet would be unmistakably distinct to the initiated. I have found by careful examination that one or other species of secret marks is to be found on every genuine specimen of the five stamps constituting the first two issues of Peru. The large pair being the simplest to explain, I shall begin with them. The *un dinero* blue; in the *left hand upper corner*, at the intersection of the *inner* pair of double lines, occurs a dot of the same color as the stamp, or it may be in other words described as having a minute square formed by the inner intersecting lines, which in the other three corners is *white*, filled in with color, in that one left hand upper corner. The same may be observed in the *una peseta* red, only varied by being in the *right hand* upper corner, instead of in the left. The secret marks on the smaller, and now admitted, earlier series, were less distinct, not being probably formed to answer the purpose, and were superseded by the simpler one I have just described. The *una peseta* red; in the left hand lower corner, the wavy lines forming the spandrels, cease to be regular about a tenth of an inch from the left lower side, and are replaced by a *marqueterie* pattern like minute blocks, geometrically placed edgeways.

The *un dinero* blue; being the most generally used, seems to have been the only one forged and therefore is most carefully protected by secret marks.

The lettering of value is most carefully arranged, being alternately one letter on lower line and then two a line higher, all of these being of one level on the top of each letter. Thus *u* long, *n d* short, *i* long, *n e* short, *r* long, *o* short. Secondly; under the lettering and within the outer line, are two lines close together. This double line does not occur on either of the other three sides; thus counting nine fine lines at bottom, while there are only eight elsewhere. Thirdly; at the right hand lower corner, the point of spandrel is slightly curtailed, in order to admit an additional fine line putting out, and passing down by the *o* of *dinero* resembling somewhat the prong of a fork. On the *medio peso* the secret mark occurs only, as far as I have observed, in the lower border, the *lower fine* line of which, instead of joining the border line on the right side, turns up by the side of *s* of *correos*, nearly, if not quite, to the top of that letter, forming a double line on that side and on that side only, as far as it goes.

In the *un dinero* (the broken or dis-united zig-zag type) the *fourth* line from the *outside*, in its downward course, breaks off half way through *correos* leaving a flaw, as it were in the border; a sort of "daylight" between the lines; while in the *una peseta* the same occurs in the *fourth* line from the *inside* and in the upper instead of the lower part.

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## THE STRANGE DISAPPEARANCE OF A STAMP COLLECTION.

### CHAPTER VIII.

"WHY! good morning, boys; where did you come from?" exclaimed the schoolmaster, who seemed quite as surprised at this unexpected meeting as were both Rob and Tom. "Buying some stamps?" he asked, before his scholars had time to recover their senses or reply. "We came

down from Plainville this morning to sell a few duplicate stamps we had," responded Rob, putting particular emphasis on Plainville. "Well," continued the master; "I came to the city this morning, too, but my mission is to *buy* some special issues for Mr. Marley. Let's see what you are selling?" and, with that he took a seat near the counter, and began looking at the stamps the boys had been showing the dealer. At the mention of Marley's name they were particularly uneasy, and Tom got very nervous. "What can I show you this morning, Mr. Fletcher?" asked the dealer anxiously. "Just fill this order, while I see what my young friends have here," replied the schoolmaster, taking from his pocket a written list and handing it to the dealer. "Now, Rob, hand that envelope over here and let's see." And Rob gave the stamps to his teacher, who spread them out on the counter. He had examined but a few specimens, when he startled both the boys by exclaiming; "Why, boys, where did you get these stamps?" "That's what I was asking when you came in," interposed the dealer. "They have Mr. Marley's mark upon them," continued Fletcher. "Yes," said Tom, speaking for the first time, "Old Marley gave them to us the other day." But this plain lie was too much and he and his companion blushed deeply. "He certainly must have made some mistake. Have you any idea what the value of these three stamps alone are?" earnestly asked the schoolmaster. "No, sir," murmured the boys in chorus. "Well, that twelve pence Canada is worth fifty dollars; this five cent St. Louis another fifty, and this New Haven about fifteen dollars. Just a little over a hundred dollars!" and he looked at the pale and astonished boys, who seemed lost for words. "Surely there is a mistake, and I think the wisest thing for you to do is to return them to Mr. Marley, eh?" "Yes, sir," said Rob, meekly. "Well, then, suppose we go back on the train together; you take dinner with me and we will then call on Mr. Marley and see if we can't get matters straightened out. Can you do that?" There was a pause. Rob looked at his companion and



then answered "Yes, sir." "There is a train, I think at 1:55," said Mr. Fletcher, "and we just have time to get it, so let's be off." And the boys mechanically gathered up the stamps and handed them to the master, who paying the dealer for what he had bought left the store and took the Elevated to the Depot, and in a short time all three were homeward bound.

#### CHAPTER IX.

It was quite late in the afternoon when the schoolmaster and his pupils reached their destination, and a few minutes later saw them in the comfortable dining-room of his small but cozy home, on the outskirts of the village. Under the circumstances the boys were extremely quiet, and during the meal replied only in monosyllables to the questions asked by their teacher. In fact, they were as uncomfortable as two boys well could be. After a somewhat frugal meal they returned to the study, and it was there the following conversation took place: Rob and Tom were seated on a sofa and Mr. Fletcher had taken his accustomed seat at his desk. "Now, boys," said he, rather gravely; "I have a matter of very great importance to speak to you about, and I want you to listen attentively until I have finished; it is for this reason I have brought you here. Last evening, I called on Mr. Marley, and in the course of our conversation he gave me a full account of the apple-orchard scrape and how he flogged you both. After I had started for home, I found I had forgotten my overcoat and at once returned for it, but as I approached the house I heard voices and saw a figure trying to open Mr. Marley's window. I determined to see what was up. To my great surprise, I distinguished Tom's form in the bright moonlight—and then the thought flashed through my mind that you were taking a revenge. I need not tell you what followed; you know only too well," and here the schoolmaster paused, and if ever two boys felt like sinking through the floor, it was Rob Tarleton and Tom Brooks at that moment. Tears were already in the eyes of Tom, and Rob was

so completely overcome that he could only sit quietly and stare blankly at the floor. "I followed you to the barn and then to the old oven," continued the schoolmaster, "and after you returned I took the cabinet and have it here in this desk!" There was another pause; the schoolmaster arose from his seat and stood by the bewildered and suffering scholars. "Rob, my boy," he said, placing his hand on his pupil's shoulder and speaking earnestly, "I never would have thought all this of you; and as for you, Tom, well, perhaps I can make allowances. I saw you take the train to the city this morning and guessed rightly your object, so I understand now where you got those stamps. Indeed, boys, this is bad business, and I trust you feel keenly how much wrong you have done—principally to yourselves. Now do not think I have done all this to get you into a scrape; on the contrary I want you to see your great folly. I am interested in you both, for you are among my brightest scholars, and I have only said all this for your good. Don't you think so?" Rob made an effort to reply, but a large lump came in his throat and he mumbled a feeble answer. "Now, boys," continued Fletcher, "the wisest thing for you both to do is to take the cabinet and go with me direct to Mr. Marley and make a clean breast of it all. I promise you no one in this village shall know one word of what has occurred between us. Come let's go," and the three left the room. \* \* \* \* \*

It is hardly necessary for me to relate what occurred at the house of Mr. Marley that evening. Suffice it to say that after the old man had heard the story told by his friend, the schoolmaster, and had seen that the young culprits were truly penitent, there was a general reconciliation. Rob and Tom were taught a severe lesson which they will not forget as long as they live.

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## THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

THE American Philatelic Association was organized at the convention held in this city on September 13th and 14th. 198 members were present or represented by proxy. The Organizing Committee which consisted of Messrs. Theo. F. Cuno, S. B. Bradt, Geo. Henderson and C. H. Mekeel commenced by counting the ballots cast for officers; 219 ballots accompanied with 25 cents each to defray the expenses of the committee, were received. The following officers were elected by a large majority: John K. Tiffany, President; R. R. Bogert, Vice-President; S. B. Bradt, Secretary; I. W. Durbin, Treasurer; J. M. Chute, Counterfeit Detector; J. Rechert, International Secretary; Wm. H. Mitchell, Superintendent of Exchange; John W. Hubbard, Librarian. For Official Editor, Theo. F. Cuno received the highest number of votes, but he declined to accept the office, having declared positively that he was not a candidate for any office.

The result of the election having been declared, the convention called on the Committee on Organization to present a constitution. A draft of such a document having been previously prepared by Theo. F. Cuno, was read section by section, and with a few changes, adopted as originally framed. It provides for a Department of Exchange by means of approval sheets; a Department for the Purchase of Stamps

at cost price; and the establishing of a journal to be called *The American Philatelist*, organ of the American Philatelic Association. The Managers of the Exchange and Purchasing Departments, the Counterfeit Detector, Librarian and Editor are to be appointed henceforth by the Board of Officers.

The only two officers to be salaried, are the Secretary and Editor. The officers will be responsible to three trustees. The Secretary, Treasurer and Purchasing Agent will be required to give bonds.

The age for admission to membership has not been limited, but members to be eligible to any office, must be 21 years of age, and delegates or members to be represented by proxy in the convention, must have attained their 17th year. The annual dues were fixed at two dollars, and an initiation fee of twenty-five cents will be charged to new members. All applications for memberships will be printed in the *The American Philatelist*, and the trustees will report whether any objection has been made to any of the applicants. The numbered card of membership will then be sent to the applicant as soon as they forward their annual dues.

The constitution and cards will be ready within a few weeks, when Mr. Bradt will distribute the same among all those who are entitled to receive them. A "black list" of frauds, bad debtors and other disreputable persons, known to have been imposing upon collectors, will be kept by the trustees.

The convention was harmonious and successful in every respect. The "proxy vote" decided that the next convention would be held in Chicago, August, 1887, although many were in favor of Philadelphia.

Editors of Philatelic Papers will please send their papers containing the first notices in regard to organizing the "American Philatelic Association," to Theo F. Cuno, 148 Jefferson Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y., to enable him to compile a correct record of the movement leading to the organization of this society. The numbers of March, April, May and June, are the ones principally needed for that purpose.

### THE FIVE-CENT RED-BROWN, 1856 ISSUE.

THE five-cent red-brown which was issued by the United States Government in 1856, is not mentioned in any of our American catalogues of present date, and consequently but little known to many Philatelists, although it is chronicled in Major Evans', R. A. "Philatelic Hand-book" 1885, and also in "Kline's Manual," 1863.

The stamp is perforated and has a projection at top and bottom, same as the five-cent unperforated of 1851 issue; the color is of a very light shade, and nearly red, and could not possibly be mistaken for the five-cent brown of same date and design.

Not long ago I purchased a lot of unused U. S. stamps from an ex-employee of a southern Post Office, among which were twenty-nine of the five-cent red-brown which attracted my attention, as they were the first that had come to my notice. Upon inquiring I was informed that the stamps were the remainder in that office at the outbreak of the rebellion, and had been left undisturbed in his desk for twenty-six years.

Since then I purchased an old collection of postage stamps in which I found a used one, post-marked "Chicago, Apr. 23," in semi-circle on lower half of the stamp. I would not have taken so much of your valuable space, but believing the stamp to be the scarcest of U. S. adhesives, and so little having been written about it, I take

pleasure in informing the philatelic public through your magazine, of the fact that the five-cent perforated red-brown, 1856 issue, is to be found both used and unused.

*C. F. Rothfuchs.*

### THE SURCHARGED AUSTRIAN FOREIGN OFFICE. 3 SLDI.

AUSTRIA has at last followed suit in sur-charging, and to prevent errors of opinion as to the reason of this, I give below the particulars.

In one of the philatelic papers it was claimed that the English sur-charges of Constantinople were sur-charged for the convenience of the English residents, which was not the case.

This new sur-charge was directed by a decree of the Turkish and Russian Ministry of Commerce, on August 2nd, 1886, decree No. 27907, which said that the Austrian Post Office in the east, must sell the 3 sldi. stamp for 10 paras. These directions were communicated to the Austrian Post Offices by a circular of the Turkish and Russian Commissary of Constantinople Post Office, by circular No. 1650, on August 26th, 1886.

The cause of these stamps (3 sldi. of 1883) being sur-charged, is as follows: the stamps of 10 sldi. are sold for 1 piastre or 40 paras, therefore 1 sldi. = 4 paras, and 3 sldi. = 12 paras. In Turkey there is no money of 2 paras and people were obliged to pay for the 3 sldi. 10 paras or 15 paras, so to make the price equal for all, the Austrian Ministry of Commerce decided to fix the price at 10 paras.

These were issued September 1st, 1886, and are sur-charged in black across the bottom of the stamp, thus; 10 PARA 10. The figures are 3mm. high and PARA 2mm.

These stamps cannot be used for letters but only for newspapers, samples, etc.

*Wm. A. Warner*

A gentleman's linen cuff, directed to the owner and stamped with a penny stamp, recently went through the Post Office. It bore this message:—"Please call and pay your washing bill. Your Laundress."

Written for the E. S. P.

## RECORD OF NEW ISSUES.

By R. R. BOGERT.

*President of the National Philatelic Society*

All correspondence and information intended for this department, should be addressed to Mr. R. R. Bogert, Room 38, Tribune Building, New York.

**Argentine Republic.**—The stamp on the 2c. card has been re-engraved.

**Boer Republic.**—It is said that other stamps of the design noted previously have appeared. 1d., violet on straw, and 1d. and 2d., violet on blue.

**Bosnia.**—A 5kr. letter-card with stamp of the same type as adhesives, has appeared. The card is gray, with inside white.

**Bulgaria.**—A new 1 stotinka stamp has appeared. The only difference is in the first word at the bottom, which now has four letters instead of five, and the following word ends with the letter "A."

**Dominica.**—The ½d. is now green.

**Gambia.**—The 6d. has been changed from blue to olive-green.

**Great Britain.**—The new series will not be ready before next year, and some of the values will be printed in two colors.

**Hong Kong.**—On March 28th of this year, the three-cent card received the sur-charge "one cent," in two lines.

**New Caledonia.**—This colony has again sur-charged its stamp. This time the one franc has been sur-charged to do duty as 5c.

**Perak.**—The 1c. on 2c. comes in two varieties. One has "Perak" in roman capitals with "one cent" in italics below. The other has "one cent" with "Perak" under it, both in block letters running vertically. "Two Cents-Perak" in two vertical lines has been sur-charged on the four-cent brown.

**Persia.**—The unpaid letter stamps that have been circulated lately, were never ordered by the authorities, but got up by some private parties.

**Pouch.**—The ½a. and 4a. red, are on buff wove paper.

**Reunion Islands.**—The 25c. on 40c.

has been seen with the sur-charge 52 instead of 25.

**Salvador.**—Five hundred thousand each, of the 3c. brown and 10c. yellow, have been ordered to be made in New York.

**St. Lucia.**—The 3d. lilac has been sur-charged "Three pence" and "St. Lucia" in green.

**United States.**—On October 1st a new schedule of stamped envelopes went into effect. The 10c., 30c. and 90c. are omitted and there are four new sizes. The papers are white, amber, oriental buff, blue, manila, manila 3rd quality and amber 3rd quality. There are nine 1c., forty-one 2c. twelve 4c. and four 5c. envelopes.

**United States of Columbia.**—Some of the cubiertas are printed on laid paper water-marked with arms enclosed in garter bearing a legend. The 5 and 10 pesos stamps are now printed in brown on white and are perforated.

**Victoria.**—New half-penny and one-penny wrappers and one-penny cards are out. The stamp on the half-penny wrapper is a transverse oblong in shape and has the head of the queen in a circle in the centre. Above in an arched label is "Victoria" and below, the value in letters "one-half" is on each side, and the word "stamp" at the left, and "duty" on the right. The one-penny stamp on the cards and wrapper has the head of the Queen in an upright rectangular frame, with arched top, above which is "Victoria" and below the value on a curved label, with the words "stamp duty" at the sides. The half-penny band is mauve on white; the one-penny is green on white and the one-penny card is brown-red on buff.

The "special delivery" stamp is less of a success than was expected. The sales of it in New York are now limited to about 600 a day. It is found that however brilliant may be the service it obtains in places where the ordinary local mail deliveries are customarily infrequent and slow, it does not shine conspicuously in New York, where the system is exceptionally good and well carried out without the "special" impetus of a blue ten-cent stamp.



THE  
**Empire State Philatelist.**

OCTOBER 5th, 1886.

There has been much talk of late, concerning the lack of original articles in our American stamp papers. Why the many stamp collectors scattered throughout the country, do not contribute more freely to the philatelic press, is something we cannot well understand. Surely we have competent men and there is an endless number of subjects to choose from, but, strange to say there is a lack of enthusiasm which should prevail among true philatelists.

Years ago, when philately was apparently in its infancy, the stamp magazines were entirely filled with ably written and interesting articles, but to-day, on the other hand, it is the constant struggle of editor and publisher to obtain original and readable matter, and it is only by great expense and the offering of liberal prizes, that collectors will at all make an effort. Surely this is a deplorable state of affairs! Now, in the new era of philately, when our science is flourishing so prosperously throughout the land, can there not be a revolution in this direction? Cannot and will not all earnest philatelists step to the front and have their fellow-collectors profit by the experience, ideas, and suggestions they can give?

No doubt there are many who have knowledge of stamps that would interest us all, but perhaps the thought does not occur to them to write about them; perhaps they think they cannot write well enough to have it published; thus much valuable information is lost. Let this class come forward; never mind grammar or rhetoric but do the best you can so long as there

are new and original ideas to present, and thus, by one grand interchange of thought bring to light much that would otherwise remain unknown.

It is needless for us to add that this paper is established for the advancement of philately, and all are welcome as contributors; therefore, do not hesitate in forwarding articles or items of general philatelic interest for publication. We solicit good, original articles on any branch of our science for examination.

Collectors, let us hear from you.

The entire philatelic fraternity will be pleased to learn of the successful organization of the American Philatelic Association. For many months past the scheme has been widely talked of and written about, and it is certainly gratifying to see how efficiently the committee have accomplished their work. It is to them we extend our sincere thanks, for their individual and combined efforts.

The first annual convention was held in this city last month, and the election of officers resulted as will be seen on our first page. The names are too well known to require any further mention. Under the direction of such an able body of men the association cannot fail to flourish, for they will form a society that all American collectors will be justly proud of, and we are confident our readers will heartily unite in wishing long life and great prosperity to the American Philatelic Association.

How contemptibly mean, (to say nothing of the dishonesty of the transaction), for a journal to "slide out" without the least warning, or without ever giving the slightest satisfaction to either the collectors or dealers whom it may have fleeced. If this is not fraudulent use of the mails, what is

## NOTES BY THE WAY.

## ON THINGS IN GENERAL.

"I delight in telling what I think. I shall go on, just as before, seeing whatever I can, and telling what I see."—Emerson.

The leading daily papers of this city contained complete reports of the convention of the A. P. A. This certainly shows that the rapid growth of Philately is being recognized by the public.

At a meeting of "The Philatelic Association of Mt. Gilead," held September 7th the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: F. B. McMillin, President; H. B. McMillin, Secretary; S. W. Eaglesons, Treasurer; E. T. Pollock, Stamp Agent; M. B. Cohn, Director.

Messrs. Mann & Kendig of the *Stamp and Coin Gazette*, returned last week from quite an extended bicycle tour, having visited Harrisburg, Philadelphia, Gettysburg and Cape May on their machines. We trust our friends had an enjoyable trip, and regret it did not include this city.

*The Stamp Collector*, of Chicago, is one of our most interesting exchanges, and for thickness undoubtedly takes the lead. We wish it long life, and may its "shadow never grow less." Where is No. 3?

The administration has developed a humorist. Mr. Graves, the Chief of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, was asked the other day what design would be selected for the new Government oleomargarine stamps. "A stuffed goat—a bogus 'butter' as it were—would be about the right thing," he answered.

We are pleased to announce that Mr. J. M. Hubbard will again enter the publishing field, this time with *The Curiosity World*. Mr. Hubbard's large experience

will enable him to give the public a paper worthy of the name, and we predict for it the greatest success.

Number one of *The Canadian Philatelist* is before us. It is neatly printed and the original (?) design of the cover adds greatly to its appearance. What will become of the top of the tree when the beaver eats through, is a problem which greatly distresses us, however.

*The Stamp World* for September, has been received and again looks quite its old self. Under the able management of Mr. Collins we are sure it will be kept up to the standard.

Too little time has elapsed since the introduction of the new letter sheet, to enable the forming of any decided opinion as to whether it comes to supply "a long felt want," or not. The sales of it have reached about what was expected—in the neighborhood of 10,000 a day—but whether that is merely because it is simply a novelty as yet, or is any indication of what they will continue to be when everybody has given the thing a trial, is still an open question.

The crude postal system now in operation in China, is exceedingly limited in scope and can only be used by royalty and the nobility. When the new service is perfected, however, efforts will be made to have China admitted into the Universal Postal Union. In addition to the United States postal agency at Shanghai, England, Germany, Spain, Italy and Japan also maintain agencies in China to receive and distribute mails originating in those countries.

There are now 211 stamp-issuing countries. It is estimated that every year some 50,000,000,000 letters are posted in the world. America leads with about 2,500,000,000 and England follows with 700,000,000. Japan now mails annually 95,000,000 letters and the cancelled stamps on these letters

are worth an average of one cent each. Last year there were 26,000 letters posted in England without any address on them. In 1,600, gold coin was enclosed. The cancelled postage stamps of many countries are worth quite as much as unused specimens, and many are issued solely for collections, the revenue being an important item.

#### A PAGE FROM ENGLISH HISTORY.\*

A picturesque and touching little illustration of the veritable hardships of the existing system seems to have quickened his interest in a reform of it. Miss Martineau thus tells the story:

"Coleridge, when a young man, was walking through the Lake district, when he one day saw the postman deliver a letter to a woman at a cottage door. The woman turned it over and examined it, saying she could not pay the postage, which was a shilling. Hearing that the letter was from her brother, Coleridge paid the postage in spite of the manifest unwillingness of the woman. As soon as the postman was out of sight she showed Coleridge how his money had been wasted as far as she was concerned. The sheet was blank. There was an agreement between her brother and herself that as long as all went well with him he should send a blank sheet in this way once a quarter; and she thus had tidings of him without expense of postage. Most persons would have remembered this incident as a curious story to tell; but there was one mind which wakened up at once to a sense of the significance of the fact. It struck Mr. Rowland Hill that there must be something wrong in a system which drove a brother and sister to cheating, in order to gratify their desire to hear of one another's welfare."

Mr. Hill gradually worked out for himself a comprehensive scheme of reform. He put it before the world early in 1837. The public were taken by surprise when the plan came before them in the shape of a pamphlet, which its author modestly en-

titled "Post Office Reform; its importance and practicability." The root of Mr. Hill's system lay in the fact, made evident by him beyond dispute, that actual cost of the conveyance of letters through the post was very trifling, and was but little increased by the distance over which they had to be carried. His proposal was, therefore, that the rates of postage should be diminished to the minimum; that at the same time the speed of conveyance should be increased, and that there should be much greater frequency of dispatch. His principle was, in fact, the very opposite of that which had prevailed in the calculations of the authorities. Their idea was that the higher the charge for letters the greater the return to the revenue. He started on the assumption that the smaller the charge the greater the profit. He, therefore, recommended the substitution of one penny the half-ounce, without reference to the distance within the United Kingdom which the letter had to be carried. The post-office authorities were at first uncompromising in their opposition to the scheme. The Postmaster-general, Lord Litchfield, said in the House of Lords, that of all the wild and extravagant schemes he had ever heard of, it was the wildest and most extravagant. "The mails," he said, "will have to carry twelve times as much weight, and therefore the charge for transmission, instead of £100,000, as now must be twelve times the amount. The walls of the Post-office would burst; the whole area in which the building stands would not be large enough to receive the clerks and the letters."

It is impossible not to be struck by the paradoxical peculiarity of this argument. Because the change would be so much welcomed by the public, Lord Litchfield argued that it ought not to be made. He did not fall back upon the then familiar assertion that the public would not send anything like the number of letters the advocates of the scheme expected. He argued that they would send so many as to make it troublesome for the post-office authorities to deal with them. In plain words, it would be such an immense accommodation to the population in general that

\* From Justin McCarthy's "History of Our Own Times."

the officials could not undertake the trouble of carrying it into effect. Another post-office official, Colonel Maberly, was, at all events more liberal. "My constant language," he said afterwards, "to the heads of the departments was—This plan we know will fail. It is our duty to take care that no obstruction is placed in the way of it by the heads of the departments, and by the Post-office. The allegation, I have not the least doubt, will be made at a subsequent period, that this plan has failed in consequence of the unwillingness of the Government to carry it into fair execution. It is our duty, as servants of the Government to take care that no blame eventually shall fall on the Government through any unwillingness of ours to carry it into effect." It is, perhaps, less surprising that the routine mind of officials should have seen no future but failure for the scheme, when so vigorous and untrammelled a thinker as Sydney Smith spoke with anger and contempt of the fact that "a million of revenue is given up to the nonsensical Penny-post scheme, to please my old, excellent, and universally dissentient friend, Noah Warburton." Mr. Warburton was then member for Bridport, and with Mr. Wallace, another member of Parliament, was very active in supporting and promoting the views of Mr. Hill. "I admire the Whig ministry," Sydney Smith went on to say, "and think they have done more good things than all the ministries since the Revolution; but these concessions are sad and unworthy marks of weakness, and fill reasonable men with alarm."

It will be seen from this remark alone that the ministry had yielded somewhat more readily than might have been expected to the argument of Mr. Hill. At the time his pamphlet appeared a commission was actually engaged in inquiring into the condition of the Post-office department. Their attention was drawn to Mr. Hill's plan, and they gave it a careful consideration and reported in its favor; although the Post-office authorities were convinced that it must involve an unbearable loss of revenue. In Parliament Mr. Wallace, whose name has been already mentioned,

moved for a committee to inquire into the subject, and especially to examine the mode recommended for changing and collecting postage in the pamphlet of Mr. Hill. The committee gave the subject a very patient consideration, and at length made a report recommending uniform charges and prepayment by stamps.

*(To be continued.)*

## THE STAMPS OF GUADALAJARA.

THE stamps of Guadalajara constitute a series by themselves, in the annals of philately. That a town, one among many, in the interior of a large country like Mexico should issue its own stamps, of a design peculiar to itself, to frank postage to all parts, domestic as well as foreign, and this at a time when legal governmental issues were in full course through the rest of the country, nay, even in the very town itself, is a fact well known to those whose attention has been directed to the history of postal matters, but which may truly be affirmed to be unique in their knowledge; and to the uninitiated, must appear inexplicable, if not incredible.

The records of our science are, however, full of instances which at first sight are strange, they yield to patient investigation and furnish results valuable alike to the historian and to the chronicler of postal issues.—*Ed.*

The most accurate stamp likeness is that of President Garfield, which ornaments the United States five cent brown. It is a copy of the portrait selected by Mrs. Garfield to send to Queen Victoria, and is a triumph of the engraver's art.

This is the twelfth issue the EMPIRE STATE PHILATELIST since it enlarged and put on its "Designed Cover." Although November is the birthday of the cover, the birthday of our paper dates back to January, 1885.

Queen Victoria pays postage like an ordinary woman, although she may frank all her letters if she desires to do so.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Regular monthly meeting of the National Philatelic Society was held at its rooms on Monday, September 13th. Meeting called at 8 P. M. Pres't Bogert occupied the chair.

Messrs. Bogert, Rechert, Miller, Terrette, Krebs, Isenstein, Mitchell, Cuno, H. L. Calman, Osterman and Warner present, and Mr. Geo. Henderson, of Q. C. P. S. as a visitor.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

Report of Standing Committee.

Committee on Rooms. Mr. Isenstein reported that he had found one in Fifty-seventh street, and would report more fully at next meeting.

Executive Committee reported favorably on Mr. Mekeel, and he was elected.

Moved, seconded and carried, that bill of expenses on National Organization for \$8.65 be paid.

Moved, seconded and carried, that the society meet on Tuesday evening (14th) and extend our courtesy to out of town Philatelists now in the city.

Mr. Miller gave notice that at the next meeting of the society he should offer an amendment to the constitution of the society, "That rules of order be adopted as the society's standard."

Received: *Der Philatelist*, Nos. 8 and 9; *The Tag World*, No. 3; *Le Timbre*, No. 1; *Le Timbre Levantin*, No. 1; *The Philatelic Journal of America*, Nos. 18 and 19; *The Stamp and Coin Gazette*, No. 26; *The Philatelic Herald*, Vols. 1, 2 and 5 to No. 19; *The Stamp Collector*, No. 2; *The Capital City Philatelist*, No. 6; *Briefmarken Zeitung*, No. 8; *Carson City Philatelist*, No. 12; *Quaker City Philatelist*, No. 9; *Youth's Ledger*, Nos. 7, 8, 9 and 10; *Der Metthelungen*, No. 8.

Adjourned at 8.30 P. M.

WILLIAM A. WARNER, *Secretary*.

Next meeting, October 17th, at 7.30 P. M.

## CORRESPONDENT'S COLUMN.

We solicit contributions from all our readers, and suggest that scraps and clippings relating to postal matters; notes, news and items appertaining to the different branches of Philately, would be most acceptable.

P. O. DEPT., WASHINGTON, D. C.

*Editor E. S. P.*—The design of the new postal now in preparation consists of one piece of engraving instead of two as at present. The head of Jefferson, a miniature portrait after the original in the State Department, occupies a central place on the upper third of the card. Over this head, in light letters are the words "United States." In panels, supported by scroll work at the left and right, are the words "Postal Card." Under the head are the words "One Cent" and beneath the border line inclosing the designation: "nothing but the address to be on this side." The design is graceful and light.

The series of oleomargarine stamps has been completed and they will be supplied to Collectors of Internal Revenue as rapidly as they can be printed. The first of the series of the denomination of \$600 is for manufacturers, and bears a picture of the Treasury Building. The second stamp of the series is intended for packages. The borders and ornamentation are printed in bright green and in the centre is a pretty design in black ink, representing a farmer and a mechanic on either side of a shield bearing the Stars and Stripes. Attached to the body of the stamp are a number of coupons, each indicating ten pounds, so that the value of the stamp may be made to correspond to the weight of the package. The last of the series is the export stamp, which is also printed in green and bears a medallion representing a magnificent ocean steamship under full headway. Blanks are left on this stamp to be filled up by the collector, showing the weight of the package and giving the other information required by law.

*Editor E. S. P.*—Accept our congratulations upon fine appearance and financial prospects. Cannot help comparing with the *Granite State Philatelist* of former days. What a contrast!

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## A PAGE FROM ENGLISH HISTORY.\*

THAT part of Mr. Hill's plan which suggested the use of postage stamps was adopted by him on the advice of Mr. Charles Knight. The Government took up the scheme with some spirit and liberality. The revenue that year showed a deficiency, but they determined to run the further risk, which the proposal involved. The commercial community had naturally been stirred greatly by the project which promised so much relief and advantage. Sydney Smith was very much mistaken, indeed, when he fancied that it was only to please his old and excellent friend, Mr. Warburton, that the ministry gave way to the innovation. Petitions from all the commercial communities were pouring in to support the plan, and to ask that at least it should have a fair trial. The Government at length determined to bring in a bill which should provide for the almost immediate introduction of Mr. Hill's scheme, and for the abolition of the franking system, except in case of official letters actually sent on business directly belonging to her Majesty's service. The bill declared, as an introductory step, that the charge for postage should be at the rate of fourpence for each letter under half an ounce in weight, irrespective of distance, within the limits of the United Kingdom. This, however, was to be only the beginning; for on January 10th, 1840, the postage was

fixed at the uniform rate of one penny per letter of not more than half an ounce in weight. The introductory measure was not, of course, carried without opposition in both Houses of Parliament. The Duke of Wellington, in his characteristic way, declared that he strongly objected to the scheme; but, as the Government had evidently set their hearts upon it, he recommended the House of Lords not to offer any opposition to it. In the House of Commons, it was opposed by Sir Robert Peel and Mr. Gomburn, both of whom strongly condemned the whole scheme as likely to involve the country in vast loss of revenue. The measure, however, passed into law. Some idea of the effect it has produced upon the postal correspondence of the country may be gathered from the fact that in 1839, the last year of the heavy postage, the number of letters delivered in Great Britain and Ireland were a little more than eighty-two millions, which included some five millions and a half of franked letters returning nothing to the revenue of the country; whereas, in 1875, more than a thousand millions of letters were delivered in the United Kingdom. The population during the same time had not nearly doubled itself. It has already been remarked that the principle of Sir Rowland Hill's reform has since been put into operation in every civilized country in the world. It may be added that before long we shall, in all human probability, see an interoceanic postage established at a rate as low as people sometimes thought

\*From Justin McCarthy's "History of Our Own Times."

Sir Rowland Hill a madman for recommending as applicable to our inland post. The time is not far distant when a letter will be carried from London to San Francisco or to Tokio in Japan, at a rate of charge as small as that which made financiers stare and laugh when it was suggested as profitable remuneration for carrying a letter from London to the towns of Sussex or Hertfordshire. The "Penny post," let it be said, is an older institution than that which Sir Rowland Hill introduced. A penny post for the conveyance of letters had been set up in London so long ago as 1683, and it was adopted or annexed by the Government some years after. An effort was even made to set up a half-penny post in London, in opposition to the official penny post, in 1708, but the Government soon crushed this vexatious and intrusive rival. In 1738, Dr. Johnson writes to Mr. Cave "to entreat that you will be pleased to inform me, by the penny post, whether you resolve to print the poem." After a while the Government changed their penny-post, and gradually made a distinction between district and other postal systems, and contrived to swell the price for deliveries of all kinds. Long before even this time of penny post, the old records of the city of Bristol contain an account of the payment of one penny for carriage of letters to London. It need hardly be explained, however, that a penny in that time, or even in 1683, was a payment of very different value indeed from the modest sum which Sir Rowland Hill was successful in establishing. The ancient penny post resembles the modern penny post only in name.

### THE PIERCY'S EXPRESS CO.

ON May 1st, this express company opened its office at No. 8 Lafayette Place for business in New York City and Brooklyn, and issued stamps for parcels of different weight and certain distances.

These stamps were issued to prepay parcels, and as a preventative against the drivers collecting on prepaid parcels.

These, when placed on parcels are

stamped PAID in block letters, and are of three values, 10c., 15c. and 25c. and are of the same design. A large oblong 78x52 mm. perforated 58 on white paper. An ornamental border of lathe-work, enclosed by two lines, containing disks with value in figures and words on solid ground, in each corner, this lathe-work surrounds a large rayed tablet, bearing on its left "PARCEL STAMPS," New York, below 50th street, 10 lbs. or under, 10c., over 10 lbs. and under 25 lbs. 15c., over 25 lbs. and under 50 lbs. 25c. At the right "PREPAID" city, above 50th street, Harlem and Brooklyn, 10 lbs. or under 15c., over 10 lbs. and under 50 lbs. 25c.

In the centre is a vignette in black of two horses' heads, surrounded by a black band bearing "PIERCY'S EXPRESS CO. (Limited), in white block letters, across the bottom of this band is a lined scroll tablet having "No." in black, above the band, and in the middle of stamp, and crossing it from top to bottom, under the vignette, a fancy open work scroll, at the bottom of which is a lined tablet, the color of the stamp bearing the frank number in the lower right hand corner, "Ed. E. Hurber, Secretary and Treasurer."

The 10c. is pale green and black, 15c. brown and black, and 25c. vermilion and black. These New York express stamps may be termed justly a local, and are of fine workmanship. I have never seen them described in any philatelic paper, and why they were omitted is more than I can tell, it cannot be that they are not known for they have been in use for over 10 years. *William A. Warner*

One noticeable and pleasing feature of the past year's experience is the increased number of lady collectors. We go to nearly one hundred of the above and can sincerely say that we should like to hear from each and all as often as possible.

Strange to say, we still exist, although one of our contemporaries reviewing the past year, imagines that his journal is the only one left.

Written for the E. S. P.

## RECORD OF NEW ISSUES.

By R. R. BOGERT.

*President of the National Philatelic Society*

All correspondence and information intended for this department should be addressed to Mr. R. R. Bogert, Room 38, Tribune Building, New York.

**Antioquia.**—On the sheet of 10c. stamp there is a 50c. the color of which is of course, carmine.

**Austria.**—The current 3 soldi stamp has been surcharged "10 para 10" in black, for use in the Levant, and a letter card has been issued, 10 soldi, blue on gray, with interior white. It is inscribed "Karton--Brief--Cartolina--lettera--Carte--lettera."

**Bulgaria.**—The 2sto. has been changed in the same manner as the 1sto.

**Chamba.**—This native Indian State uses the British Indian stamp with surcharge in two lines "Chamba State." They come also with the word "Service" above,  $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1, 2, 4 anna. The  $\frac{1}{4}$ a. card and  $\frac{1}{2}$ a. envelope, are also surcharged and bear in addition the representation of the sun below the stamp.

**Faridkot.**—The British Indian stamps are in use here with surcharge "Faridkot State" in two lines,  $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8 anna and 1 rupee, and the same with "Service" in addition.

**Gaboon.**—This French Colony has some of its stamps with "G. A. B." in a dotted oval and new values as follows: 5-10 25 on 20c. red on green, 50-75 on 15c. blue.

**Greece.**—The new stamps have received a Greek inscription in blue, meaning minister of foreign affairs.

**Hayti.**—The 1c. and 2c. have been re-engraved and show differences in the shading in the neck and in the size of the figure of value.

**Hong Kong.**—A 20 cent stamp is said to be in preparation.

**Madagascar.**—The British Consul here has issued two stamps of larger size than those already chronicled, and printed

in rose and black. The values are 1d. and 2d.

**Martinique.**—There are two varieties of the surcharged 5c. on 20c., in one of which the "5" is followed by the letter "C."

**Monaco.**—Letter cards are reported, 15c. rose on buff, and 25c. green on rose.

**Moresnet.**—On October 1st, a series of 8 stamps was received here. Will give details in our next.

**New Caledonia.**—There is a second variety of the 5c. on 1 franc in which the surcharged value is large and heavy.

**North Borneo.**—Of the well known type there were issued,  $\frac{1}{2}$ c. rose, 1c. orange, 10c. blue, and of a new type inscribed "British North Borneo"  $\frac{1}{2}$ c. rose, 1c. orange, 25c. blue gray, and 2 dollar olive green.

**Tobago.**—The  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. has been changed in color to green.

**United States.**—The letter sheets are now perforated 6 across the top, instead of 12 as at first. The water-mark on the new envelopes is simply "U. S." in monogram, the "P. O. D." and the date "'82" having been left off.

**U. S. Colombia.**—There is a new 5c. stamp with portrait of General Boliver in oval band inscribed "Correos de la Republica de Colombia." Blue on blue.

**Victoria.**—There are  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and 1d. stamps of the same design and color as those on the bands noted last month, also a 6d. stamp blue, with a crown above the circle containing the head of the Queen.

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Although all the offices in the A. P. A. were supposed to have been filled at the last election, it seems that it was afterwards decided by the convention that only the President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretaries were chosen, and that they, as a board of officers, would appoint the others. We think the best they can do will be to confirm the "people's choice."

THE  
**Empire State Philatelist.**

NOVEMBER 5th, 1886.

Since philately was introduced in this community there has been many attempts made to give the stamp collecting public a first-class magazine; one that could not be read through at a glance; in a word, a paper that would compare favorably with any contemporary science. Perhaps one of the best illustrations of such an effort was *The Stamp Collector* which appeared a few months ago. It had an able editor, and the publisher apparently spared no expense to give his readers the cream of philatelic literature, but it is obvious, at least to those who have had any experience at publishing, that to run such a voluminous magazine, especially one devoted to philately, it requires plenty of capital and judicious management. It also necessitates higher advertising rates than the average dealer can well afford. And indeed *The Stamp Collector* is not alone in the list. We can mention hundreds, nay, we might safely say thousands of similar efforts to publish "first-class journals," but they have all been obliged to suspend for "lack of support," that is, interpreted, *cash*.

Any sensible person would suppose that one publisher would profit by the experience of another. But such is not the case, for they all have ideals of what a stamp paper should be, and make a desperate effort to realize this "life-long dream."

That these publications do not receive sufficient support, only demonstrates the plain fact that the science of philately does not demand such journals. A propriety of conceit warns us from calling our readers

attention to our own paper as a model, but we think we can safely state that never in the history of Philately has any philatelic paper met with such grand success, as THE EMPIRE STATE PHILATELIST. Dealers and collectors have made it what it is. Indeed it is only necessary to glance over volume one and then the present, to be convinced of its rapid growth and improvement, and its success does not terminate here. Our subscription list is rapidly increasing, and as will be seen, dealers are appreciating the paper as an advertising medium. We have need for every encouragement and can promise that volume three will even surpass previous years in interest and attractiveness. Collectors and dealers we most earnestly thank you for past favors, and trust for a continuance of the same.

To us, it seems not a little strange that those of our contemporaries who profess to use all their influence with their constituents in furthering the interests of the N. P. A. should so thoroughly injure that cause by such petty grievances as running down the place of meeting, personalities, and the like.

To be sure, the convention was not held in the Metropolitan Opera House, but the Metropolitan Assembly Rooms answered the purpose just as well, considering the amount of money on hand and the number of persons present. As to slurring the men who have worked the hardest and given time and money to a cause from which they will reap small benefit, if any, by using such terms as "socialist," "crank," etc., is almost beneath the notice of decent collectors.

We suppose, shortly, religion and political opinions will be considered in connection with elections; such subjects have so much (?) to do with stamp collecting.

## NOTES BY THE WAY.

## ON THINGS IN GENERAL.

"I delight in telling what I think. I shall go on, just as before, seeing whatever I can, and telling what I see."—*Emerson*.

The Chinese do not patronize Post Offices much. When a Chinaman has a letter to mail he takes a year off and carries it to the party addressed himself.

With all the safeguards thrown around our mails, and they are many and ingenious, yet the last annual report of the Inspection Bureau of the Post Office Department shows that during the past year four hundred and eighty-seven Post Offices were robbed, and 260 burned, 76 postal cars were burned or wrecked, 27 mail stages robbed, 7 mail passengers on their wagons robbed, 79 pouches lost, and 127 stolen, cut or injured by falling under trains.

"Any Time" is the name of a Kentucky Post Office. It is supposed to have been named in honor of the special delivery system.

This month's issue of the paper is sent to many who are not subscribers, in the belief that they will find it to their interest to subscribe and become permanent patrons. We invite comparison with others—many of them are excellent, some of them very good indeed, but we have no hesitation in saying that no other Philatelic Journal gives so great and so excellent a variety for the collector for thirty-five cents as the E. S. P. This is what our subscribers tell us. It is their almost uniform testimony, and many of them take more than one philatelic paper, and hence are able to compare intelligently. This month's paper is a good one, so will next month's be and the next, and the next—each one better than the preceding if we can make it so.

The departments are fast becoming rare and we would urge all beginners to "buy up" what specimens they wish before they become unobtainable.

The winter months are again upon us and the collector returns to his Album with renewed interest. In our advertising columns will be found some bargains that should receive special attention from all.

Mr. Bogert's Catalogue, mention of which was made in these columns a few months ago, has finally reached us, and exceeds our highest expectations. For lack of space, we cannot give a lengthy review, but suffice it to say that no collector should be without a copy of this most valuable work.

On Oct. 8, the C. S. C. U. was disbanded and reorganized under the name of the Chicago Philatelic Society. S. B. Bradt, Pres., C. R. Gadsden, Sec., 308 W. Monroe St.

The *Stamp Collector* is no more. The same old story,—lack of "the necessary."

The annual issue of the *California Philatelist* has reached us and retains its usual brightness. Too bad it is not a more frequent visitor.

Among the many attractive features of our December number will begin a series of papers entitled "Stamps, what to collect and how to collect them," by T. Coke. These articles have been carefully prepared and will prove valuable to beginners, as well as the experienced collector.

Mr. S. B. Bradt, formerly editor of the *Stamp Collector*, has become assistant editor of the that enterprising exchange, *The Stamp*. He will no doubt greatly aid to improve the already increasing popularity of that journal.



## THE PONY EXPRESS.

HOWEVER, in a little while all interest was taken up in stretching our necks and watching for the "pony rider"—the fleet messenger who sped across the continent from St. Joe to Sacramento, carrying letters nineteen hundred miles in eight days! Think of that for perishable horse and human flesh and blood to do! The pony rider was usually a little bit of a man, brim full of spirit and endurance. No matter what time of night his watch came on, and no matter whether it was winter or summer, raining, snowing, hailing or sleeting, or whether his "beat" was a level, straight road or a crazy trail over mountain crags and precipices, or whether it led through peaceful regions, or regions that swarmed with hostile Indians, he must be always ready to leap into the saddle and be off like the wind.

There was no idling for a pony rider on duty. He rode 40 miles without stopping, by daylight, moonlight, starlight, or through the blackness of darkness, just as it happened. He rode a splendid horse, that was born for a racer, and fed and lodged like a gentleman, kept him at his utmost speed for ten miles, and then, as he came crashing up to a station, where stood two men holding a fresh, impatient steed, the transfer of rider and mail bag was made in the twinkling of an eye, and away flew the eager pair, and were out of sight before the spectator could get hardly the ghost of a look. Both rider and horse went "flying light."

The rider's dress was thin and fitted close; he wore a "round about" and "skull cap," and tucked his pantaloons into boot-tops, like a race rider. He carried no arms—he carried nothing that was not absolutely necessary, for even his postage on his literary freight was worth \$2 an ounce. He got but little frivolous correspondence to carry; his bag had business letters in it mostly. His horse was stripped of all unnecessary weight too. He wore a little wafer of a racing-saddle, and no

visible blanket. He wore light shoes or none at all. The little flat mail pockets strapped under the rider's thighs, would hold about the bulk of a child's primer.

They held many and many an important business chapter and newspaper letter, but these were written on paper as airy and thin as gold-leaf nearly, and thus bulk and weight were economized. The stage coach traveled about a hundred to a hundred and twenty-five miles a day (twenty-four hours); the pony rider two hundred and fifty. There were about eighty pony riders in the saddle all the time, night and day, stretching in a long scattering procession from Missouri to California—forty flying eastward and forty toward the west, and among them making four hundred gallant horses earn a stirring livelihood, and see a great deal of scenery every single day in the year.

We had a consuming desire from the beginning to see a pony rider, but somehow or other, all that passed us, and all that met us, managed to streak by in the night, and so we heard only a whiz and a hail, and the swift phantom of the desert was gone before we could get our heads out of the windows. But now we were expecting one along every moment, and would see him in broad daylight. Presently the driver exclaims:

"Here he comes!"

Every neck is strained further, and every eye wider. Away across the endless dead level prairie, a black speck appears against the sky, and it is plain that it moves. Well, I should think so! In a second or so it becomes a horse and rider, rising and falling—sweeping towards us nearer and nearer—growing more and more distinct more and more sharply defined—nearer and nearer, and the flutter of the hoofs comes faintly to the ear—another instant a whoop and a hurrah from our upper deck, a wave of the rider's hand, but no reply, and man and horse burst past our excited faces, and so winging away like a belated fragment of a storm.

So sudden is it all, and so like a flash of unreal fancy, that but for the flake of white

foam left quivering and perishing on a mail sack, after the vision had flashed by and disappeared, we might have doubted whether we had seen any actual horse and man at all, may be.

*Mark Twain.*

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL PHILATELICAL SOCIETY.

Regular monthly meeting of the National Philatelic Society was held at its rooms on Monday, October 11th. Meeting called at 8.10 P. M. Pres't Bogert occupied the chair.

Messrs. Bogert, Terrette, Rechert, Mitchell, Miller, Isenstein, Rosenheim and Warner were present.

Reading and approval of minutes of previous meeting.

Report of Committee on Rooms: Mr. Isenstein reported that he had seen the room mentioned by him, and that it could be had for \$6.00 per month. Mr. Warner reported that he had found a room at 156 2d Avenue, and that the same could be had for \$2.00 per night. It was decided that the members present visit the rooms after the meeting.

Mr. Terrette suggested that we make our meetings more attractive and interesting, and that we have auctions of stamps at each meeting.

Received several communications, among which one from Mr. Davison asking for the agency for the Color Chart. It was moved, seconded and carried that we make a reduction on them to him, at the rate of 50c. for 25. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Warner that the Society donate its publication to the Redwood Library and Historical Society at Newport, R. I. Seconded by Mr. Miller. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Rechert that a circular be printed calling the attention of the Philatelists in the city to the Society. Seconded and carried. Messrs. Rechert and Isenstein were appointed by the chair to draw up the same.

Moved by Mr. Miller that Robert's Manual shall be made the Society's guide in all matters of parliamentary laws. Seconded and carried.

Mr. Rechert exhibited the 10kr. blue, 1874. Hungarian surcharged 20 in red, the 3d value obliterated by two horizontal lines, 5mm. wide x 15mm. long, blue 20 under them, and 6mm. higher x 10mm. long.

Mr. Warner: The 3 sldi., green and black, 1873, Austria, (For Foreign Offices) 1883, surcharged in black 10 PARA 10, issued Sept. 1st, 1886. The letter card for same country, 10 sldi., blue on blue card, issued Sept. 15th, 10 bani and 25 bani. Roumania, 1886, 10b. red, 25b. blue; also 10c. green, 15c. brown and 25c. vermilion. Piercy's Express, (parcel stamp), large oblong, issued May 1st, 1884.

Dr. Mitchell was appointed to read an article at the next meeting.

Received: *The Carson Philatelist*, No. 1; *The Stamp and Coin Gazette*, No. 27; *The Stamp* No. 1 to 7; *Youth's Ledger*, No. 9; *Mohawk Standard*, No. 7; *Quaker City Philatelist*, No. 7 to 10; *Plain Talk*, No. 6; *Der Metthiel-ungen*, No. 9; *Der Briefmarken Zeitung*, No. 9; *Der Philatelist*, No. 10; *Philatelisten Borsen Courier* No. 5, and the *First Ed. of Mr. Bogert's Catalogue*.

Adjourned at 9 P. M.

WILLIAM A. WARNER, *Secretary*.

Next meeting, October 25th.

REGULAR semi-monthly meeting of the National Philatelic Society was held at its rooms on Monday, Oct. 25th. Owing to the absence of both president and vice-president, Dr. Mitchell was elected to the chair. Meeting called at 8.15 P. M. Messrs. Mitchell, Terrette, Rosenheim, Isenstein, Miller, Henry L. Calman and Warner present.

It was moved by Mr. Terrette that the reading of the minutes be suspended, seconded, carried.

Committee on Rooms, reported that, those members present at the last meeting, went after the meeting to the rooms re-

ported by Mr. Warner, and found them satisfactory.

Moved and seconded that the Committee on Rooms be discharged. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Terrette that the next meeting be held at the new rooms, No. 156 Second avenue. Seconded by Mr. Miller. Carried.

It was moved by Mr. Miller that we change our night of meeting from the second and fourth Monday to the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Seconded and carried.

Mr. Isenstein reported that Mr. Rechert and himself had progressed with the circular, and that they had some suggestions to offer for the improvement of the Society, and to make the meetings more interesting.

Mr. Miller delivered a short address on the same subject.

Received a communication from the Redwood Library, Newport, R. I., thanking the secretary for their donation.

It was moved and seconded that the exchange of stamps be omitted this evening. Carried.

Mr. Isenstein exhibited the New Morton Letter Post for the Levant, blue on rose, blue on carmine, red on blue, green and yellow, and rose on yellow. Also the Belgium Telegraph Stamps used postally.

Received: *The Stamp No. 8*; *The Capital City Philatelist, Vol. 2, Nos. 1 to 10*; *The Philatelic Herald, Vol. 3, No. 8*; *The Philatelist, Vol. 2, No. 3, (16)*; *The Philatelic Journal of America, No. 20*; *Philatistischer Borsen Courvior, Vol. 1, No. 4*; *Briefmarken Zeitung, No. 10*.

Meeting adjourned at 9 P. M.

Next meeting Thursday, Nov. 11th, at 7.30 P. M.

WILLIAM A. WARNER, *Secretary*.

N. B.—Publishers of philatelic papers, (either French, German, Italian, Spanish or English,) will please send copies of their papers to the society for its library, to Wm. A. Warner, 75 Second avenue, N. Y. City, or to Max Isenstein, Librarian, 231 East 48th street, N. Y. City.

WM. A. WARNER.

## CORRESPONDENTS' COLUMN.

We solicit contributions from all our readers, and suggest that scraps and clippings relating to postal matters; notes, news and items appertaining to the different branches of Philately, would be most acceptable.

*To the Editor*.—I was interested in the description of a letter cover in the museum of the German Post Office Department, showing the postage on the letter to have been about \$4.50 from Philadelphia to Hamburg. I have before me four old letter covers folded and sealed with wafers. They were mailed in 1837 from the Adjutant-General's Office, in Harrisburg, to an officer in the State militia, at Smithfield, Bradford County, Penn., a distance not much exceeding 100 miles. They are prepaid. On one, marked  $\frac{1}{2}$  ounce, the postage was 37 cents, and on one weighing an ounce it was 74 cents. A wrapper marked  $1\frac{1}{2}$  ounce, was \$1.11. The remaining one was marked  $2\frac{3}{4}$  ounce, and the postage was \$2.03 $\frac{1}{2}$ . This was less than half a century ago, and taking the distance into consideration, the German Postage was not comparatively high. A. M. B.

*T. L. J., Troy*.—The General Postal Union originated in an International Treaty concluded at Berne, 1876, between the whole of the States of Europe, the United States, the Argentine Confederation and Egypt, respecting uniformity in rates and regulations in the transmission of Postal matter. A complete list of the countries, now members of that union, may be seen in the Official Postal Guides.

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| Baden Land Post.....                   | \$.06 |
| Bavaria return letter, 6 var. com..... | .08   |
| Bergedorf, 5 var.....                  | .10   |
| Guatemala, 1882, 5 var. com.....       | .50   |
| Heligoland wrappers, 3 var. com.....   | .10   |
| Porto Rico, 1882, 6 var.....           | .10   |
| Sardinia, 10 var.....                  | .10   |
| Saxony, Arms, 5 var.....               | .10   |
| Salvador, 2 var.....                   | .10   |
| Turkey, 1865, 8 var.....               | .20   |

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| Bavarian, 1870, 7 var.....  | \$.03 |
| Bermuda, 4 var.....         | .10   |
| Chili, 9 var.....           | .20   |
| Egypt, 4 var. complete..... | .15   |
| Hungary, 5 var.....         | .05   |
| Honduras, 5 var.....        | .10   |
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| Spain, 10 var.....          | .12   |
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## NOTES ON THE FOREIGN SUR- CHARGED STAMPS USED IN THE ORIENT.

By FREDERICK MONGERI,

*Corresponding Member of the National Philatetical  
Society of New York.*

BY "Firman" or Imperial Sanctions, delivered at different times, upon which we will not dwell for the present, also leaving aside all chronological details and reasons for issuing these special permissions, some European governments and even certain Steam Navigation companies secured for themselves the privilege of establishing post offices either at Constantinople or at points where said lines used to call on their way, or even in the interior of the Empire.

The English as well as the Germans have a post office at Constantinople. France has an office in Constantinople, and in several other towns in the Empire. The Russian Steam Navigation Company in the East have an office at the capital, also offices in most of the places where they have agencies; Austria, besides the service done by the Austro-Hungarian Lloyd for all parts of the Ottoman Empire, where they call, has a post office for international correspondence here, and many others in the principal towns of the Empire. Greece also had, at one time, different post offices throughout Turkey, but they were all closed

in November and December of 1881, owing to numerous diplomatic notes exchanged between Monsieur Coundourioti, the Greek Minister in Constantinople, and H. E., the Grand-Vizir of the Ottoman Empire.

The majority, or even all these post offices accept international correspondence and are placed as far as their service goes, under the Central Postal Administration of their mother countries, whose stamps they make use of, with the exception of Russia and Austria, who always had special stamps for their Oriental offices.

Their service, in general, is more limited than that of the metropolis. For instance; the French post do not issue money orders but for France, the English post for Great Britain and the Colonies, the German post, more practical than the others, issue orders for different countries, except of course those who have already post offices in the Empire. It is the same with parcel post, for which however the English post office have not as yet opened a special service.

Referring now to the international service of the Turkish post, we may safely say that the same is altogether in a state of formation. It was only in 1875 or '76 that Turkey organized a service for international correspondence, such as we have up to this day, slightly improved from time to time, it is true, but far as yet from offering to the public of the Empire all the conveniences, advantages and securities which are to be found, as a rule, in every

postal administration in Europe. The International Ottoman Posts do not issue money orders yet, and have not a service for parcel post.

This prologue, rather too long, perhaps, was necessary, however, to thoroughly understand the subject upon which I am writing, though in haste, and may be with some very slight divergencies as to the dates, I am quoting.

In accordance with the treaty of Berne, which stipulated the fee of 25 centimes for 15 grammes ( $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. more or less), the International Ottoman Post charged at first  $1\frac{1}{4}$  piastre (see issue of January, 1876) for a letter weighing 15 grammes, that is to say, as much as for the value of 25 centimes abroad.

It is known that the account money in Turkey is the piastre (*ghrouch*, in Turk) divided into 40 paras, the exact value of which in francs is 0.227. Thus the Ottoman Post, by charging  $1\frac{1}{4}$  piastre or 50 paras (see issue September 15, 1876) actually got 0.28 $\frac{1}{2}$  centimes, a price which was also charged in every other post office who sold the 25 centimes, the 20 pfennigs, the 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  pence and the 10 soldi at the same price of 50 paras.

As the International Ottoman Post did not offer, at the start, the same securities as the other offices who accepted letters at the same price, and gave all the best guarantees, there were only some of the administrations of the Empire, and a few local patrons who actually availed themselves of it. Even at that time, these very same customers made use of the foreign offices whenever greater security would be required).

Very soon, however, the Ottoman Post, either to adopt the tariff prescribed by the treaty of Berne, of 25 centimes per 15 grammes, or to secure a larger demand, reduced their prices to 1 piastre and later on, May, 1880, issued the stamp 1 piastre (error corrected in April, 1881).

Then the Austrian and German posts sold the 10 soldi and the 20 pfennigs at 1 piastre as well. But at this German post office, through their using German stamps surcharged, something unforeseen occurred

which could not happen with Austrian stamps to be used abroad and bearing their face value in soldi. The 20 pfennigs really worth more than 0.227 centimes, some speculators bought out at this price a large stock of stamps and shipped them back to Germany, where they cleared a nice profit by selling the same at 20 pfennigs a piece.

When the German postal statistics were made in Constantinople, it was easily seen that the stamps sold represented rather a big sum, while the service done by this post and the small stock supposed to be in the hands of customers could never reach the enormous figure of stamp sale made by the same here. Thus the trick was found out, and in order to put a stop to it it was thought advisable to state on the face of German stamps the Turkish rates at which they should be sold.

On January 1st, 1884, the German post office sold the stamps of the issue of March, 1880, surcharged in black;

|             |    |            |            |     |       |       |
|-------------|----|------------|------------|-----|-------|-------|
| 10 paras    | on | 5 pfennigs | violet     | No. | 6ca.  | C. C. |
| 20 "        | "  | 10 "       | rose       | "   | 136a. | "     |
| 1 piastre   | "  | 25 "       | blue       | "   | 48c.  | "     |
| 1-4 piastre | "  | 25 "       | brown      | "   | 88a.  | "     |
| 2 1-2 "     | "  | 50 "       | grey-green | "   | 48a.  | "     |
| 1 "         | "  | 25 "       | blue       | "   | 48c.  | "     |

This last one with the value surcharged in blue, used only for a few months.

Almost at the same time the Russian Steam Navigation Company sold the 7 kopecks at 1 piastre. The French and English Post-offices went on selling the 25 centimes, and the 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  pence at 50 paras as before.

At a meeting held by the French colony in January, 1885, a letter was drawn out and voted to M. Cochery, Telegraphic and Postal Minister of the French Republic, pointing out to him the advantage for the French Post here of selling French stamps at the rate of 1 piastre for 25 centimes, like all other Bureaus; as at the rates then in force it paid better the majority of French business men to send their mails through all other posts, thereby saving 0.05 $\frac{1}{2}$  centimes per 15 grammes, and getting the same guarantee for it. No decision was arrived at just then.

The English Post, getting ahead of the French, announced that on and after August 1st, 1885, their rate would be reduced

at 1 piastre, or 40 paras, for the 2½ pence. And at the same time they opened the sale of English stamps of the issue of 1883, and April, 1884, surcharged with the Turkish value, so as to avoid any such "spec" as with German stamps. The English stamps issued on August 1st, 1885, are as follows:

|             |             |                      |              |
|-------------|-------------|----------------------|--------------|
| 40 paras    | in black on | 2 1-2 pence of 1884, | 71a. C. C.   |
| 80 "        | "           | 5 "                  | 40a. "       |
| 12 piastres | "           | 5s. 6d.              | 1883, 71a. " |

England was closely followed by France in the announcement that stamps would be sold at reduced rates on and after August 16th, 1885.

And on this date the following were delivered to the public, surcharged in black:

|              |            |             |                    |             |
|--------------|------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Yellow,      | 1 piastre  | 1, on 25c., | iss. of Aug. 1879, | 10a. C. C.  |
| Carmine,     | 3 piastres | 3, on 75c., | iss. of 8bre 1876, | 136a. C. C. |
| Olive-green, | 4 "        | 4, on 1fr., | iss. of 7bre 1876, | 37a. C. C.  |

The Italian stamps surcharged with the word "*Esters*" are used under the same conditions and for the same object by the Italian Post Offices in Tunis and Egypt.

Such is the origin of the different surcharges on foreign postage stamps used in the Orient. I shall resume the same subject, going more fully into details, when I may be allowed to submit to the public a lengthier essay on "*Postes et Timbres—Poste in Turguie*," which will be favorably received, I hope, by all those who devote their attention to philatelic studies.

Written for the E. S. P.

## RECORD OF NEW ISSUES.

By R. R. BOBERT.

*President of the National Philatelic Society.*

All correspondence and information intended for this department, should be addressed to Mr. R. R. Bobert, Room 36, Tribune Building, New York.

**Afghanistan.**—These stamps now come printed in red on yellow, orange, rose, green and lilac paper.

**Austria.**—The 5, 10, 20 and 50 soldi are to be surcharged 20 para and 1, 2 and 5 piastres.

**Barbados.**—Reported 6d. gray brown, 1sh. red brown, 5sh. brown yellow.

**Bulgaria.**—We have the 5sto. in the color of the 10 (an error), and it is said the 5 is now black on gray and the 15 dark blue on light blue. The 5sto. card has inscriptions in green instead of black.

**Bhopal.**—The ¼ anna green is now unperforated.

**Curacoa.**—The 12½ yellow is reported.

**France.**—The 25c. black on rose is now surcharged in red "1 piastre 1."

**Gambia.**—The 1sh. is violet, and not brown, as reported.

**German Colonies.**—Dr. Mitchell informs us that on Jan. 1st stamps are to be issued of the same type as those used in Germany.

**Grenada.**—We hear the 1½d. fiscal stamp has been surcharged "D—1—POSTAGE."

**Hawaii.**—Some of the envelopes now have Wells, Fargo & Co's frank.

**Hungary.**—The letter cards are of two varieties.

**Jhind.**—The surcharge is now spelled "Jhind," instead of "Jeend."

**Martinique.**—We have the surcharge "05," as well as "5" and "5c."

**Monaco.**—The letter cards are 15c. and 25c.

**Moresnet.**—These turn out to be private stamps. 1pf. green, 2pf. blue, 3pf. violet, 4pf. yellow, 5pf. brown, 10pf. carmine, 20pf. gray, 50pf. vermilion.

**North Borneo.**—The 50c. and \$1.00 are inscribed "British North Borneo."

**Paraguay.**—New stamps are to be issued when the present supply is exhausted. Values are 2c., 5c., 7c., 10c., 15c., 20c. These stamps have already been issued, with surcharge "Oficial," as follows: Unperforated: 1c. orange, 2c. violet, 5c. red, 7c. green, 10c. maroon, 15c. blue, 20c. carmine; and perforated: 1c. green, 2c. red, 5c. blue, 7c. orange, 10c. carmine, 15c. maroon, 20c. blue.

THE  
 Empire State Philatelist.

DECEMBER 5th, 1886.

No other journal in this country can wish its patrons "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" with more sincerity than THE EMPIRE STATE PHILATELIST does this season. We owe everything to them and cannot do less.

The rapid growth of Philately in America has never been so evident as during the past year; for while it is impossible to estimate, or even approximate the number of persons who are, or have become, stamp collectors, yet the increase in *interest* is only too marked.

On looking over the files of a few of our most prominent exchanges perhaps the most striking and noticeable feature of this prosperity was the formation of "The American Philatelic Association," and it is, indeed, encouraging to notice how collectors all over the land caught up the spirit of the scheme and successfully organized a society that will increase in numbers and strength as the years roll on.

And then, too, a most prominent sign of the progress Philately is making is the greatly improved condition of its literature. True, we have lost during the past year two or three papers that, should they have continued to exist, might have elevated and helped our science; but, sad indeed, their suspension had just the opposite effect, causing dealers and collectors

to lose confidence in the philatelic press. However, we must not allow these facts to discourage us: on the contrary, we think the fewer the papers the better. What Philately wants and all she demands is *less* of these worthless little sheets, termed "stamp papers," and more of the real, solid, reliable magazines. And as to the increase in the stamp trade, we not being dealers, can only re-echo the expressions and opinions of several old-established firms. They write us that never in their experience has Philately shown such signs of rapid growth; and yet there are persons to-day—to be sure, *not* true philatelists—constantly shouting in our ears that the interest of stamp collecting is dying out! *Dying out?* With such signs of prosperity before our eyes? Never!

The year 1886 has shown a decisive step in the right direction, bringing stamp collectors closer together than ever before. And we may truly say that the year 1886 is in every respect the most prosperous year Philately has ever had.

If the above is the result of 1886, what of 1887?

Among other events of the year we cannot fail to mention several severe losses from the foremost ranks of Philately. Comment is unnecessary, for here, as elsewhere, the Grecian apothegm applies: "Call no man happy until he is dead."

Special attention is called to those of our readers whose subscriptions expire with this number, and there are not a few, to the prospectus on page VI., which announces what we intend to do through 1887. We sincerely hope they will support us as well through the coming year as they have through the past.

## NOTES BY THE WAY.

## ON THINGS IN GENERAL.

"I delight in telling what I think. I shall go on, just as before, seeing whatever I can, and telling what I see."—Emerson.

We are in receipt of "Submission of the Sir Rowland Hill Committee" (second edition) with opinions from the press on "The Adhesive Postage Stamp" by Patrick Chalmers. This gentleman sets forth, with apparently good foundation, his father's claim as inventor of the adhesive postage stamp.

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*The Western Philatelist*, edited by "Philo," will shortly appear from Chicago.

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Although little has been said recently of the American Philatelic Association, progress is being made in getting the departments on a firm business footing. Mr. Bradt, the Secretary (Grand Crossing, Ill.) has issued the application blanks and also the first official circular, and Mr. Haines, Superintendent of Exchange (45 Hammond street, Providence R. I.) will shortly issue the exchange sheets, blanks, &c.

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We have made arrangements with Mr. H. Morell, late publisher of *The Toronto Philatelic Journal*, by which his subscription list has been transferred to us.

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The October number of *The Le Timbre Levantin* has been received and reflects credit upon Turkey.

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We leave the decision of the jury acquitting F. Stahl, of St. Paul, to be cussed and discussed by our readers and those interested. We have our own opinions, of course, but are not in a position to make comment.

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Among the really remarkable additions to philatelic literature of late are the new

and revised catalogues. Messrs. Sterling, Durbin, Bogert and the Scott Stamp and Coin Co. must spend half of their time in compiling these valuable and interesting publications. We have just received from the latter, three of their 1887 editions, Stamps, Gold and Silver, and Copper Coins. We are yet too young and modest to attempt to review 48th editions!

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We are compelled to announce with considerable sadness and surprise the death of our esteemed contemporary Lewis Morton Hamlin, late publisher of *The Capital City Philatelist*. For nearly two years and until quite recently Mr. Hamlin both edited and published this paper greatly to his credit, and it is only a few weeks since its sale to W. W. Jewett was announced. The ranks of philatelic publishers are thin, very thin, and can ill afford such a loss.

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The National Philatelic Society, 156 Second avenue, New York City, has issued an invitation to New York and suburban collectors, asking them to attend the regular meetings with the object of becoming permanent members. As only a limited number of these were issued, our readers must consider themselves welcome although they do not receive one.

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The Post Office Department is preparing to issue a stamped envelope with a new stamp design. The old design is considered antiquated, and the new one, besides being a better representation of Washington, is more symmetrical in form, with better lettering and general appearance. A new design for the stamp of the one-cent envelope is also being prepared. It will be an improved head of Franklin, with a change of lettering.

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Mr. R. P. Sawyer, of Washington, D. C., estimates that the U. S. Government is yearly losing thousands of dollars by stamps being washed and used a second time. He has been at work for years on a device to prevent the fraud and now



claims success. His plan is to gum a portion of the back of each stamp in such a manner that the inner margin of the gummed part shall present a broken or irregular line of separation from the ungummed part. The stamp is to be affixed on the envelope as usual, and the ungummed portion torn off by the proper postal officer. The tearing is effected in an irregular line, so as to make it practically impossible to match the ungummed portion of another. His invention is a simple machine by means of which the stamp is gummed in wave-like or undefined lines.

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The first anniversary of the New Milford Philatelic Society was celebrated on Thursday evening, November 18, 1886.

## HOW I TRAPPED A STAMP THIEF.

A TRUE INCIDENT OF NOV. 10.

BY E. B. STERLING.

HAVING been detained down town quite late, and not reaching my home until 6.15 P. M. on the evening of the 10th of November, I had just entered the door and proceeded to take off my hat and coat, when my attention was attracted to a telegram addressed to myself on the hat rack. As I reached out my hand to take it my son Welling came in from the dining room and exclaimed in rapid words: "Papa, a young man has just gone, and says he will be back between 6 and 7 o'clock to see you, as he has some very rare Locals to sell, and must see you without fail." I had but a few minutes to think the best course to pursue, and after reading the telegram called my boy aside, and getting a full description of the young man from him, showed him the telegram, which read as follows:

FRIEND STERLING:

If a young man offers you a Baton Rouge and two other rare locals have him arrested at once, for the stamps are stolen.

BUYER.

Now, I had not my supper. The young man was expected shortly, and what had to be done must be determined at once.

I therefore requested my son to put on his coat and hat, go down to the house of the Police Sergeant, who I thought would be home about that time, tell him the facts, and request his presence at once at my house. The boy started. I went to my supper. After eating hurriedly I thought best to have things arranged for the young man's reception in my office, which, being on the third floor of my residence, where quiet can be had, and nothing to disturb me by the ring of the door bell or callers, and where no one could see the arrest. I had been there but a short time when my son arrived from the search in quest of the officer, who had stationed himself around the house. I told Welling, my son, to invite him in at once, as the young man had not yet arrived, and we proceeded up to the office, where I asked the Sergeant to be seated and showed him the telegram. After chatting pleasantly a few minutes the bell rang and the young man was shown into the parlor. I asked the Sergeant to step into an adjoining room and wait until I called him, or gave the signal for him to come in and arrest the fellow. Having gone down stairs and met the young man, who was a stranger to me, he gave his name as George Decker, from New York, and said he desired to show me some rare Locals at once. As I never transact business of that nature down stairs I invited him to walk up to my office and I would examine his stamps. He assented, and after being seated in my office pulled out three Locals, which proved to be the Baton Rouge, and two others that corresponded with the telegram from "Buyer." I asked to see other stamps he might have with him, but he could only produce these and no others, which at once placed the young man as being in a peculiar light. Here was a thief and a Police Sergeant in my house. I questioned the fellow and found he was not familiar with the actual rarity of the three stamps.

(To be continued.)

## STAMPS: WHAT TO COLLECT AND HOW TO COLLECT THEM.

BY T. COKE WATKINS.

WHEN I began to collect postage stamps, some years ago, I was entirely in the dark in regard to the petty details of the most fascinating study—Philately; how to commence; what album to use; of whom to purchase, and how to prepare the stamps. All these points I have been obliged to learn by actual practice, and desiring to obviate these difficulties, under which most new collectors labor, and to enable them to decide what *branch* of stamp collecting they will take up, I have been tempted to give the results of my experience under the above title, and should any of the readers of THE EMPIRE STATE PHILATELIST profit by what advice I give my one desire and purpose will have been accomplished.

To determine *what* to collect, and *how* to collect, is the greatest difficulty the stamp amateur has to contend with; far greater than procuring the stamps, for there is hardly a person who cannot, with diligence, obtain a most respectable collection by searching the papers and letters of his own family and trading the duplicates with his friends. But, of course, money makes the stamps accumulate much faster and the assortment is likely to be more varied, but these advantages are more than counterbalanced by the lack of interest felt in the collection. Directly the number of stamps is looked upon as representing so much cash the chief pleasure of this delightful pursuit is lost. The main object is so to manage as to make the stamps more than a plaything for a few weeks, and in order to accomplish this it is necessary to have a certain amount of ambition. Wherever there is ambition there must be somewhat of restraint exercised, for almost every collector might say, with as much truth as did the poet:

Sometimes ambition, brushing by, would twitch  
My mantle, and with winning looks sublime  
Allure to folly."

Hence we must look for quality in a collection in proportion as ambition has been

restrained. There is as much difference between the collection of the skilled philatelist and that of one who has been ambitious of quantity rather than quality in the making of it as there is between the production of the masterly and refined artist and that of the ungifted dauber.

When a person's mind is made up to "collect stamps" the first thing wanted is an album. Now, it is deeply to be regretted that so little has been written, *pro* or *con*, about stamp albums, for a *permanent* method of keeping safely and conveniently one's stamps is the greatest problem a philatelist has to solve. Certainly no *album* has as yet been invented, to my knowledge, that accomplishes this purpose. There are many excellent works of this sort published, but the *main* feature is still lacking. However, I will speak on this subject more fully later. For the *beginner* I should strongly advise an "Imperial album," or what is still better, an "International album." Either of these is so simple that one can make no mistake in arranging the stamps in their proper places, and will not, at least for the present, be bothered with intricate variations of shade and perforation. It is of far more importance to have a large number of totally different stamps, and thus become acquainted with a great variety of issues, series and designs than to have an intimate knowledge of some particular country with all the phases of its stamps. By thus getting many different specimens you will soon be able to make a good show, and gratify the eyes both of yourself and friends. This object is, of course, a minor one, but at this period of your pursuit it will be found not so unimportant as it will afterwards appear. The next step is to procure a good, reliable classified catalogue from an honest and trustworthy dealer. Of these there are several, one of which has been published in this city. I purposely omit several English publications as the expense of postage in getting them is heavy and useless. This brings me to the next point, namely, "obtaining specimens," of which I will treat in detail next month.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL PHILATELICAL SOCIETY.

REGULAR monthly meeting of the National Philatelic Society was held at its new rooms, No. 156 Second avenue, on Thursday, November 11, 1886. Meeting called at 8.10 P. M. Pres't Bogert occupied the chair. Messrs. Bogert, Rechert, Ostermann, Mitchell, Miller, Isenstein, Collin and Warner present, and Messrs. Aur and Shedden as visitors.

Reading and approval of minutes of previous meetings, October 11th and 25th. Committee on Circular reported that they had drawn up a circular calling the attention of philatelists of New York and vicinity to the existence of the National Philatelic Society, and requesting them to visit the meetings of the society.

A proposition was offered by Mr. Rechert which was not accepted.

Moved by Mr. Isenstein that the committee be authorized to have 500 circulars printed. Seconded by Mr. Rechert. Carried.

It was agreed that as the next meeting night would fall on Thanksgiving to hold the meeting on Tuesday, November 23d, 1886.

Moved by Mr. Isenstein that the Society form a Revenue Collection. Seconded and carried. Messrs. Isenstein and Warner were appointed by the Chair to take charge of the same.

Dr. William H. Mitchell read an essay on "The Pomeroy Express and Stamps."

It was moved and seconded that a vote of thanks be tendered to Dr. Mitchell. Seconded and carried.

Mr. Warner was appointed essayist for the next meeting, Mr. Miller for the next (first in December), and Mr. Henry I. Calman for the next following meeting.

Dr. Mitchell exhibited a "Western Frank," "Coupe's Express" in flat oval, in black, on 3c. envelope of 1864.

Mr. Warner: The 25c. France, 1886, black on rose, surcharged 1 PIASTRE 1, red,

for the Levant, issued Oct. 16th, and the Vienna issue of the surcharged 3 soldi, surcharged 10 PARA 10, the word "para" being on a line with the bottom of the figures.

Received: *The Mohawk Standard*, No. 8; *Le Timbre Levantin*, No. 4; *The Youth's Ledger*, No. 12; *The Stamp and Coin Gazette*, No. 28; *The Quaker City Philatelist*, No. 11; *Metthielungen*, No. 10; *156th Annual Report of the Rivewood Library and Athenaeum*, Newport R. I.

Meeting adjourned 10 P. M.

Next meeting Nov. 23d, at 7.30 P. M.

WILLIAM A. WARNER, *Secretary*.

## CORRESPONDENTS' COLUMN.

We solicit contributions from all our readers, and suggest that scraps and clippings relating to postal matters; notes, news and items appertaining to the different branches of Philately, would be most acceptable.

TRENTON, N. J.

T. C. WATKINS & Co.

Will you please examine the enclosed letters and mail one to H. A. Burbank and then return me the official letter for the Secret Service Division. I had my clerk, Mr. C. C. Gallagher, write for these counterfeit stamps, and find the only way we can get rid of such dealers is to expose them and publish them, as you will find all are marked genuine and only two are such. Comment is unnecessary.

Respectfully,

E. B. STERLING.

BRUSSELS, Belgium.

GENTLEMEN:

Though my time is very much occupied, I will certainly write to your journal when occasion presents.

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

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## THE HISTORY TAUGHT BY THE MEXICAN POSTAGE STAMP.

TO fulfil all the designs of stamp collecting as an instructive, as well as pleasurable pursuit, some means should be provided by which the collector can satisfy the desire for historical knowledge excited by a well arranged collection. General historical works and encyclopedias give the collector all the information he desires about the most important countries represented in his collection, but general histories and encyclopedias are silent or inaccurate in regard to some countries which require considerable space in a collector's album. Such a country is Mexico. It changes its stamps so frequently—nearly every year, now—that it has nearly as many as the United States, and yet it is almost impossible for the collector in this country to obtain any information of the men whose heads are engraved on those stamps. I have been so frequently asked by those to whom I have sent Mexican stamps, to tell who were the men whose faces adorn them, and why they were selected for that purpose, that I am prompted to prepare a brief sketch of Mexican history as illustrated by the postage stamps of Mexico, for the benefit of collectors generally. Long residence in Mexico enables me to do this, though it is difficult to give in brief outline a history so interesting as that of Mexico could be made if greater space were at my disposal.

### I. HIDALGO.

The most frequently used portrait on the postage stamps of Mexico, is that of Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla. The left side of a famous portrait bust of him appears on all the stamps of recent issue. In one of the oldest issues a rude full portrait is given.

Hidalgo is considered the Father of Mexican Independence, and is sometimes called the "Washington of Mexico." His history is quite remarkable, but it will be necessary, in order to understand it, to relate briefly the history of Mexico up to the time of his appearance on the scene.

About seventeen years after the country was conquered by the Spaniards in 1521, Mexico began to be governed by Viceroy's, and they continued to rule for nearly three centuries. Naturally among sixty-two Viceroy's some would be found good, some bad, and most of them indifferent. The good ones were very few in number. During those three centuries the affairs of the colonies grew gradually worse, until about the beginning of the present century when they were very bad indeed. In a few words, the relations between Mexico and Spain were much the same as those existing between our country and Great Britain prior to the Revolutionary War. The result was that Mexico tried to follow the example of the United States and throw off the yoke of the mother country. A great many Mexicans were prepared to fight for independence, and there were several little incidents during the early years of this century which indicated that a revolutionary spirit was

ripening. Evidently the people were only waiting for some one to lead them, and at that time Hidalgo was preparing himself to be their leader.

He was born in 1753. He was educated with rather more care than was usual among people of his class in those days, and became "rector" of the school in which he studied. In 1779 he went to the City of Mexico, and was then ordained priest and had the degree of Bachelor of Theology conferred upon him. He had several parishes in succession, and finally settled down as the parish priest of Dolores, a little village near the rich mining town of Guserajusto. All the while he was giving his attention to the wants of his country, studying the problem of Mexican independence, and trying to devise some means for securing it. He pursued several branches of industry which he thought would aid him in his designs. He acquired an immense influence over the Indians, the native population of the country, and he managed, also, to secure the cooperation of two officers of the Spanish army.

Some especial act of tyranny on the part of the Spanish army hastened the movements of Hidalgo and his friends, and he acted before his plans were fully matured. At one o'clock, on the morning of the 16th of September, 1810, he celebrated mass in the church of Dolores, and called upon the men who were present to follow him. With their aid he released some Mexicans whom the Spaniards had imprisoned, and put the Spanish authorities of Dolores in their places in prison. He then publicly declared his intention to rise up against the Spanish power and overthrow it. He set out from Dolores, gathering followers as he proceeded, until he found himself at the head of an army of at least fifty thousand men. As they advanced toward the capital, Hidalgo took from a church on the route a banner having on it a painting of the Virgin Mary as she is alleged to have appeared in the sixteenth century in the town of Gaudalupe. This was adopted as the standard of the army. Having such a standard and with a priest as their general, the religious enthusiasm of the people was

awakened as well as their desire for freedom. They shouted as they marched along "*Viva la religion, Viva our mother of Gaudalupe, Viva America and death to bad Government!*"

They won several battles but as they approached the capital they encountered the main body of the Spanish army and the result of the battle between the well disciplined Spanish troops and Hidalgo's unorganized and badly equipped army was disastrous to the latter.

Hidalgo was forced to retreat toward the north and his army began to decrease. He lost one battle after another and in the following March his army was broken up and he and his brave lieutenants were captured. They were taken to the city of Chihuahua and imprisoned in the building now used as a mint. After a trial they were condemned to death, and on the 30th of July, 1811, Hidalgo was shot.

The revolution headed by this patriot-priest was an aimless affair. Had it possessed a definite aim, it would doubtless have met with success. After the death of Hidalgo, it died out for a while. It was after two similar movements had been started and failed, that Mexican independence was finally secured in 1821, under a leader less honest and less heroic than Hidalgo. Hidalgo is regarded as the first great martyr to the cause of Mexican independence, Dolores is called its birthplace, and the 16th of September is celebrated every year as the birthday of the Mexican nation.

## II. JUAREZ.

The homely face which appears on stamps issued in 1868, and upon some of a later issue, is that of Benito Juarez. As Hidalgo is called the Washington of Mexico, Juarez is called the Mexican Lincoln. He was as much unlike Lincoln as Hidalgo was unlike Washington, but he was a celebrated character in Mexican history and is worthy of attention.

After repeated struggles, which several heroic men rose up and sacrificed themselves for the cause of Mexican independence.

(To be continued.)

## PHILATELY AND ITS RELATIONS TO THE FINE ARTS.\*

ANY Philatelic writers contend that Philately is not a science, while others take the affirmative side of the question. Now let us see what constitutes a science. Webster gives as a definition for the word: "knowledge, collection of general principles." Walker gives, "knowledge, certainly grounded on demonstration: Art attained by precepts or built on principles: Any art or species of knowledge."

Our constitution says, Article I., Sec. 2, "The procuring and dissemination of knowledge in relation thereto." Sec. 4, "The consideration of stamps in their relation to Geography, History, Chronology, Politics, Languages and the Fine Arts."

Take any of the above definitions of the word science, for example, "Any art or species of knowledge," and does it not clearly demonstrate that Philately is a science? By its relation to the fine arts, does it not bring to our notice the art of the several, or many countries, that issue stamps? The progress that these countries have made in designing, engraving, lithographing and printing of the same.

I shall present to your notice, but two or three examples of the art in the stamp-issuing countries; for example, let us take almost any of the semi-independent or native states of India, *i. e.*, the stamps of native design and workmanship. And what is the condition of the fine arts there? We find an art that verifies the old saying, "that distance lends enchantment to the view," and in an artistic point of view, the further they are off, the better.

Now, at the present, what do these stamps show to us? But that the native designing, and general tendency in art is in its decline, or that it is in its retrograde movement, and why? The solution of the problem is very easily arrived at.

The prevailing religion in these states is the Mohamedtan, which, like the "Mosaic Law," forbids the reproduction of any living

thing, (beast, bird, fish or human being), in any design or on any substance. And yet, it is to this law, that we are indebted for the exquisite designs of the Saracenic, Moresque, Arabesque, and the Indian or Hindoo of later years.

When these styles sprang into life, it was "to beat around the bush," and to keep within bounds of these laws; and thus they conceived the idea of the fairy-like lace work, and flowers twined in every conceivable form; geometrical figures were employed, lines that have no apparent beginning or end, to decorate temple, mosque, palace, and articles of ornament. Turn to the wonderful carvings at Delhi and Benares in India, or to the Alhambra, at Grenada, Spain, where the domes are the chalices of flowers many times repeated; and where arabesques and delicate tracery adorn the walls, floors, fountains and arches.\*

Look again at the banks of the river Jumma, near the ancient city of Agra, India, where stands the marvelous Taj. Mahal; and so glorious is it in its chaste beauty and costly perfectness, that, though two-hundred and fifty-seven years have passed over its lofty domes and pinnacles, its lustre is undimmed, and the conquerors of India, as well as the rebellious Sepoys, have never lifted a violent hand against it. Here are thousands and tens of thousands of pounds of precious stones, (opal, rubies, emeralds, sapphires, camelian, coral, lapis, lazelli, agate, and onyx) wrought into flowers and vines.

In it are tombs, surrounded by marble screens, carved in open work, representing flowers, some of which have eighty different stones, so delicately inserted, and so finely polished, that they seem to be a national growth in the marble, rather than the cunning workmanship of the human hand.

The most costly and exquisite designs are reserved for the Cenotaph of the Empress "Moom-taj-i-Mahal." The choicest flowers, delicately formed in the richest mosaic, may be compared to elegant embroidery on white satin.

(To be continued.)

\*Read before the N. P. S. by Wm. A. Warner. See'y.

\*See Bayard Taylor's "Land of the Sultans."

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We are constantly receiving inquiries from our readers about counterfeit stamps, and we are not at all astonished, for similar inquiries have been made ever since the time when philately came into vogue; still, we think a few words of warning would not be amiss, especially at this season when collectors are making new additions to their albums. Collectors have been swindled in the past, and collectors will continue to be swindled until the millenium; but we do not want you to be among these unfortunates.

Whenever there is an opportunity to cheat—no matter how small the amount to be gained—there is always found somebody ready to take advantage of it. Years ago, in the early days of stamp collecting, hardly a collector could escape the swindlers: either in the shape of forgeries of well-known stamps, or out-and-out humbugs in the shape of stamps that never existed. But with increased study came knowledge, and this knowledge was wisely directed in great part to exposing the vile frauds. But, sad, the trade was not conquered. All postage stamps, common and rare, were counterfeited in enormous quantities and sent to agents, who, by high-sounding ad-

vertisements sold these counterfeits to the beginner as "great bargains." We are safe in saying that thousands of collectors have been swindled, more or less, by this trade in counterfeit stamps. Indeed, it is impossible to estimate the injury resulting to philately. If it were the money thrown away to be considered, the loss might in time be repaired; but it is the utter disgust, the doubt, following the disclosure, the loss of confidence, that cause thousands of our young collectors, who were enthusiastic in their new hobby, to lay aside their collections and take up other pastimes.

Should you decide to purchase your stamps deal only with dealers of established reputation and ignore these small "Stamp Companies" which so often prove mere cloaks for swindling concerns. Keep clear of *great bargains*. Remember that stamps have a market value, and that any great departure from this value is suspicious. And, in conclusion, if you have any doubt about your specimens, send them to some advanced collector for his opinion, and we are sure he will gladly enlighten you.

With this issue we assume the subscription list of the *Toronto Philatelic Journal* which discontinued publication some time since. Subscribers of that paper will now receive the **EMPIRE STATE PHILATELIST** for the balance of their unexpired contracts and those of *our* readers who were its patrons will have their term to this paper properly lengthened.

## NOTES BY THE WAY.

## ON THINGS IN GENERAL.

"I delight in telling what I think. I shall go on, just as before, seeing whatever I can, and telling what I see."—Emerson.

The *Western Philatelist* has come promptly to hand, and is all that could be expected for an initial number. We have the assurance that it will appear *regularly*, and thus have assigned a place for it among our older contemporaries.

We have received Circular No. 2 of the A. P. A., giving the reports of officers and list of members. It is indeed gratifying to see the rapid progress the Association is making. Mr. Fraser, the official editor, announces that the *American Philatelist* will be mailed about January 10th. We look for a treat.

The Scott Stamp and Coin Co. (limited), of this city, has opened a branch at 155 Broadway. This will give business men a chance to invest.

The American Bank Note Company, of this city, has a four-years contract for making all the postage stamps used in the United States. This concern and its predecessors have done nearly all this work since the use of stamps became general (1847), and since then the use of stamps in this country has increased to such an extent that it will be necessary to make about two billions this year.

The U. S. Government formerly paid 27½ cents per thousand for the postage stamps which now cost it 6.99 cents. On stamped envelopes the profit is one cent per thousand.

Postal cards are made at Castleton, near Albany, N. Y. About 350,000,000 will be used this year; 400,000,000 were used in 1883. Postal cards were first issued in 1874.

Mr. T. F. Cuno advises our representative that a chapter of the A. P. A. will be formed in Brooklyn, and that the first meeting will be held at his residence, 148 Jefferson Avenue. We respectfully request all our readers in that city to communicate with Mr. Cuno, or to call on him, in regard to this matter.

The *International Philatelic Advertiser* is announced for January 1st. Krebs Bros., of this city, will publish it.

In Great Britain, ten different classes of postage stamps will be supplied in all to the public on January 1st. Of these the penny stamp alone remains unaltered.

For the present we shall omit the "Record of New Issues." This step has been taken believing that the majority of our readers, and especially the advanced collectors, take more than one stamp journal, and therefore have no difficulty on being posted. The space usually occupied by the "list" will be devoted to more profitable and interesting matter. What think you? Let us hear.

Owing to our extremely limited space, the second part of the article, "Stamps: What to Collect, and How to Collect Them," will not appear until later.

Trustworthy estimates place the number of letters mailed during the last year in this country at 100,000,000 more than were mailed in Great Britain—long the leading letter-writing nation—and nearly that number more than were mailed in Germany, France, and Austria combined.

The question, "Are imported foreign stamps dutiable?" was propounded to acting Secretary Fairchild, who has just answered in the affirmative, saying that "packages of foreign postage stamps, whether cancelled or uncanceled, received in the mails from abroad, and apparently intended for trade, are dutiable as printed matter."



## HOW I TRAPPED A STAMP THIEF.

A TRUE INCIDENT OF NOV. 10.

BY E. B. STERLING.

*(Continued.)*

HE stated that he had paid twenty-five dollars for them, and came to Trenton to sell them to me for thirty-five (their actual value was above one hundred dollars). Having stated that he was "hard up" and wanted money, that being the only reason why he would sell at such a small advance, after paying his fare and expenses, and desired to go on to Philadelphia, I replied that it was against my rules to buy rare stamps of any one unless I knew them, or they could give me satisfactory reasons for selling (which he could not), and stating that the stamps were those that had been sent me a short time ago by a Mr. Burger, of New York, for examination, and which I had returned some weeks ago, as I did not care for them.

No surprise was elicited, and the actions of the young man were of the coolest kind. He did not know Mr. Burger, but stated that having seen my catalogue in New York, and knowing that I bought rare stamps, he had taken the liberty to come out and see me, and thought that I would jump at the offer. Instead, I quietly called the officer from the next room, stating that this was the young man referred to in the telegram, and the stamps were those described.

He did not seem at least surprised, but took the arrest as a matter of fact, not even looking up at the officer as he entered, whom I had called in by the name of my son, thus taking young Decker off his guard. He was perfectly willing to go with the sergeant, and, after being searched for pistols, etc., and reading the telegram from "Burger," he stated that he was ready. Upon the officer taking out his nippers, he wilted, but soon recovered, and, after arranging matters in my office, we started down stairs.

By this time my family was excited and manifested some fears as to the result, but,

*Errata*—In last issue, for "Bayer" read "Burger."

after quieting the younger children and assuring all that I would return by nine o'clock, we left the house. On the way down stairs, young Decker coolly helped himself to matches, adjusted his hat and coat, and put on his gloves. Down stairs we found he had left a cab waiting for him at the gate. Addressing the cabman, he informed him that Mr. Sterling, to whose residence he had at his order driven him, would now direct him where to go. Imagine the cab-driver's surprise; his occupant of a few minutes before, coming out of my house in custody of the police sergeant! But a word well directed led him to be silent, and we started for the telegraph office.

Once inside, young Decker selected some cigarettes from his pocket, invited the sergeant and myself to have a smoke at his expense, which, however, was declined. Decker puffed away upon his cigarette and chatted as gaily as if he was going to a ball instead of the county jail.

On our arrival at the telegraph office, on the main street, at 8 P. M., attention was quickly called to the fact that a prisoner was in the cab with Sergeant Sweeny, and that Mr. Sterling had made the capture. By the time the cab had reached the City Hall, a large crowd had collected. Some thought best to drive at once to the county jail, and then send for the police justice and have him committed in a quiet way, as the matter had attracted attention and would be generally known if he was tried at the City Hall; hence we were driven at once to the Court House and taken to the office. In the meantime the justice had been sent for, and George was removed to the office in the basement, where he could rest and not be disturbed by any one coming in the regular office to learn the news. The justice not being acquainted with stamp matters, some explanation of the value of these bits of paper was in order. Commitment being made out in proper form, we proceeded down stairs to interview George. The justice ordered his pockets searched, and letters were found showing that he was engaged in very bad business, giving three different aliases in Scranton, Allentown, and Philadelphia—

fact, such things as were unfit for one to read. The character of the man was at once shown, and he himself gave his correct name, which was not Decker, but which, on account of his family, I will not divulge.

No telegram being received up to 9 P. M., he was committed to a cell until morning, when word was expected from Mr. Burger, which arrived in the following form: "If you have possession of the three Locals, release him, as I will prosecute him on his arrival in New York." That was easier said than done; Jersey law does not give up a man so soon, for the young man could not be released without taking the stamps with him. Hence, a lawyer was engaged for Mr. Burger, and the young man detained until the next evening. Mr. Burger and young Decker then left for New York, the matter having been satisfactorily settled.

#### PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL PHILATELICAL SOCIETY.

REGULAR monthly meeting of the National Philatelic Society was held at its room, on Thursday, Dec. 9th, 1886. Meeting called at 7.45 P. M., President Bogert occupied the chair. Messrs. H. S. Kramer, A. J. S. Edwards and Gustav Aue were present as visitors.

Reading and approval of minutes of previous meeting. Moved by Mr. H. L. Calman that the circular be accepted, seconded and carried.

Mr. Robert F. Shedden was proposed as an active member by Mr. T. C. Watkins, and Mr. Gustav Aue, as an active member by Mr. Wm. A. Warner, were reported on favorably by the Executive Committee, and were elected.

Mr. A. J. S. Edwards, and H. S. Kramer were proposed by Mr. Joseph Rechert as active members, were referred to the Executive Committee.

Mr. Isenstein reported progress on the Revenue Collection. Mr. H. L. Calman, donated to this collection 150 revenue with the privilege of increasing the number.

It was moved and seconded that a vote of thanks be tendered to Mr. Calman for his offer, carried.

Moved by Mr. Calman that the name of Mr. Joseph J. Casey be stricken from the roll of the Society for charges given.

The motion of Mr. Calman was seconded, and put to vote, and unanimously carried.

Moved and seconded that when an honorary member is proposed, the Secretary give notice to each member, carried.

Moved by Mr. Warner, that the Colon Chart be extended to July 1st, 1887, seconded by Mr. Calman, carried.

WHEREAS, There is at the present time much discussion, in the press and the sessions of the various associations devoted to science of Philately, as to the proper form of the adjective of the noun Philately, and,

WHEREAS, We firmly believe that while both are grammatically correct, that Philatelic is much to be preferred to Philatelly, and in our opinion it more fully expresses the meaning intended, aside from its reading smoother, and conveying to the general reader a more exalted opinion of Philately, except in such cases where the rhythm or meter would be destroyed by the use.

Therefore, be it Resolved, that we, the members of the National Philatelic Society, in session, do encourage the use of the adjective Philatelic in all instances, and,

Be it further Resolved, that while the Society recognizes the right of individual members to use such etymological terms as may best suit their convenience, or to their mind better express the meaning intended by the writer, we, as a society, will set the example to the Philatelists of the English Speaking World, and cause the said adjective, Philatelic, to be used in all records and reports of our Society.

And, be it Resolved, that the thanks of this Society are due to Mr. S. B. Bradt of Grand Crossing, Ill., for the act he rendered the members of the National Philatelic Society in the recent Convention of the American Philatelic Association, in Philatelic Nomenclature.

Resolved, that these resolutions be spread in full in the minutes of the Society, and a copy be forwarded to Mr. Bradt and furnished to the Philatelic press.

Moved, seconded and carried, that these resolutions be laid over until next meeting.

Mr. Isenstein informed the society that he had received word from Washington that stills were dutiable.

Mr. Miller was appointed essayist for the next meeting, and Mr. Calman for the first meeting in January.

Mr. Warner read an essay on "Philately and its Relations to the Fine Arts."

Moved by Mr. Calman that Mr. Warner be thanked for his essay. Seconded and carried.

Mr. Rechert exhibited a Confederate local, Jonesboro, Tenn, in black circle on orange envelope, with Postmaster's certification written on the envelope.

Mr. Warner exhibited the new U. S. Postal Card, issue December 4th, 1886, bearing a portrait of Jefferson to the right on lined background surrounded by a lined circle, "UNITED STATES" above, "ONE CENT" below, "POSTAL" to the left, "CARD" to the right, on tablet running under the portrait, and ending in an ornament, fancy scroll under the portrait, and under the whole, "NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS TO BE ON THIS SIDE." The whole design is placed on the top-center of the card, black on pale-buff, 73x87 mm.

Mexican Newsbands, issued October, 1886. Eagle and serpent on a background of mountains, having under the eagle, "SERVICIO POSTAL DE LOS ESTADOS MEXICANOS." Under this is "Fajilla para impresos," "Sr." and three dotted lines for the address, on bottom line. "Estado de" On left end, under picture, is "Esta fajilla sirve para impresos cuyo peso no exceda de 60 grammos;" to the right end "SERVICIO INTERIOR," to the right, along side, is the stamp in black-lined frame, 1 ctvo. blue, type of 1884. 2 ctvos. carmine, type of 1884. The third has "SERVICIO POSTAL MEXICANO" in curve over eagle and serpent "Fajilla para impresos" in curve below. "UNION POSTAL UNIVERSAL—UNION POSTAL UNIVERSALLE" "MEXICO—MEXIQUE," below, four dotted lines for the address, black frame for stamp, 2 ctvos. carmine, type of 1886, all in black on orange paper, 245x83 mm.

Mr. Calman exhibited the 3c. rose on white, U. S. Envelope, 1864, full letter size having Wells, Fargo & Co.'s stamp, 25c. red printed along side of the U. S. Stamp, together with the usual frank.

Received: *The Curiosity World*, No. 2; *The Mystic World*, Vol. 2, No. 1; *The Clyde Press*, Vol. 2, No. 2; *Borsen Courier*, No. 5; *Plain Talk*, Vol. 4, No. 2; *The Stamp and Coin Gazette*, Vol. 3, No. 29; *The Youth's Ledger*, Vol. 2, No. 13; *The Quaker City Philatelist*, No. 11; *Der Philatelist*, No. 11; *Metthielungen*, No. 11;

Meeting adjourned at 9.30 P. M.

Next meeting Dec. 23d, 1886.

WILLIAM A. WARNER, *Secretary*.

Mr. Isenstein wishes to inquire if any of the readers of the *Empire State Philatelist* can inform him whether there was a stamp used for Stills by the U. S. Government, as he is compiling a catalogue of these. Any information will be thankfully received.

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We solicit contributions from all our readers, and suggest that scraps and clippings relating to postal matters; notes, news and items appertaining to the different branches of Philately, would be most acceptable.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27, 1886.

TO THE EDITOR:

The annual count of stamps in the Internal Revenue Bureau, amounting to about 40,000,000, began to-day. It is conducted by a committee consisting of E. L. Mills, V. M. Stiles and George Northrup, who have the assistance of fifty counters and helpers.

J. M. Mc.

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We announced in our January issue that our advertising rates would be increased, to commence on March 1. Since the issue of our January number we have received several letters from dealers, who, while admitting that the EMPIRE STATE PHILATELIST was worth more for advertising purposes than almost *all* the other stamp papers combined, still did not think it good policy to raise.

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HOW ENGLISH MONEY IS MADE.

A VISIT TO THE MINT.

"THAT'S the Mint! That's where they make the money, sir. But how they do it, or what they do with it, I don't know. Precious little comes my way—and yours too, eh? Good morning!"

It is curious what an interest is taken in making money. Even this seafaring stranger seems to fancy we are thirsting for gold. And we are merely looking towards the Mint, whose plausibly classic front finishes off the far corner of Tower Hill.

Like the bullion, we enter the office, ignorant of the fate in store for us, to emerge we hope, properly impressed. Like it, we are duly tested and assayed, and handed over to the chief of the operative department, who makes himself personally responsible for us, and, as a special favor, which we much appreciate, takes us through all the processes in the huge laboratory for which he has done so much.

Leaving the office, we cross a quadrangle down a sloping tramway. The lines branch at the centre. Down one branch glides the metal; up the other comes the coin. Over it there has therefore passed all the money made in London during the last seventy-six years. What that may be we leave to others to tell. When numbers get very large their effect is not in proportion to their increase. An extra million or two makes little difference to the average mind. And so we follow the bullion road, with no other thought of the statistics beyond a general feeling of vastness. There is a strange quiet all around us; we might, as far as freedom from noise is concerned, be in an Oxford college. We listen in vain for the familiar chink of falling coin. It may be raining sovereigns behind the windows, but there is no sound of the shower. Assuredly none of the drops have run loose into this courtyard. The stream is apparently kept well within its banks.

A door is unlocked and all is changed. We are within the Mint. On our left as we enter are two pairs of scales, of chemical balance pattern, in which all the metal is weighed on its receipt. One of them will carry three thousand ounces in each pan, and then turn with the hundredth of an ounce. Exact weighing is, however, not the simple affair it looks. Were the sun to shine on one end of that beam and not on the other, the end in the sunlight would lengthen, and the additional leverage would send down the scale. Absolute accuracy is seemingly unattainable by man; no two men even here weigh goods exactly alike, and

there is a personal equation to be dealt with, as in all matters of observation. In combination and division, too, there is always an allowance, though the allowance may be so small as to be barely perceptible.

Weight is everything in the mint, and in the coining department *℥. s. d.* columns are unknown. Every department weighs against the other, in troy divisions for gold and silver, in avoirdupois for the humbler bronze. It is with the bronze that to-day we will chiefly deal. We will look after the pence and leave the pounds to take care of themselves—for a time at least.

The bronze from which the pence are made comes in here in ingots—its composition is ninety-five parts of copper, four of tin, and one of zinc—and, after weighing, it passes into the melting house. This melting house is a roomy kitchen with a hot-plate along the right and left sides. For pots and pans there are the plumbago crucibles in which the root of all evil is cooked. At a bold angle from the hot-plates rise the flues, and these lead the eye upwards to the wooden roof, from one of the beams of which hangs the electric lamp. The roof is old and admits but half the daylight one expects. The machinery and appliances are of the most recent type.

In the middle of the room are two swinging cranes, and at the ends to which the cranes can swing are small railways, on the farthest of which is an iron carriage with a row of moulds. This carriage is the casting rack; and in it the moulds stand side by side much as they do in a candle-frame. They are iron, like the rack, and turn out the metal in flat slabs about a foot long, four inches wide, and a quarter of an inch thick. They have been heated before being brought into position, and now stand ready for the pour.

A round lid is slipped off one of the holes in the hot-plate. The farthest crane swings round over it and drops its curious forceps down on to the crucible, which it grips round its sides as carefully as if it were a baby, and with its broad hands slowly raises it out of the hole in which we can see the white-hot bricks. As the crucible rises above the plate the lid is replaced, and the only sign of fire in the room is the glowing-red crucible which is steadily swung round by the crane and placed on the plate as far forward as it can reach. It is then as carefully lifted by the second crane and gracefully swung and lowered into the cradle in front of the casting rack. This cradle is an ingenious combination of toothed racks and wheels which seems to be able to do everything but speak. Before it is set in motion a little oil is poured into each of the moulds, for much the same reason as lard is rubbed round a pie dish. Then the handle is turned and the crucible is tilted. Before it was put into the furnace the surface of the metal it holds was dusted over with charcoal to prevent oxidation, and a layer of coke placed on the top. The coke cinders are knocked about a little with a crowbar and the spout is cleared; and then like burning treacle the melted bronze is poured into the moulds, from which spring up the flames of the boiling oil. The carriage is moved backwards and forwards till all the moulds are filled, and then with the oil flames still playing along it, it is pushed up the rail to the side and replaced by another while the crucible is lifted off, and the far crane begins its deliberate swing to fish another cup of fire from out of the hidden furnace.

Under the cradle is the lid of a well into which copper is poured when it is desired to granulate it for alloy. Then it is, as the falling charge splutters and explodes on the water, that fireworks fill the melting house. There is nothing of this now; all is quiet and orderly. The bronze makes no sound.

From another set of moulds that have been cooled we see the bars withdrawn and trundled off to the other end of the room; where revolving files soon trim off the burrs and shears square the edges; and then we move off to the gold

melting house. The door, which was locked after we entered, is locked behind us as we leave. And all through the Mint this practice holds. The men work in locked rooms. They come in at eight o'clock in the morning and do not leave the building till six o'clock at night. They have their meals on the premises. Their work is piece work, but their wages are never allowed to drop below a certain sum; they are thus sure of so much and may make a good deal more. They enter as boys and are sorted out according to conduct and ability. They form a class by themselves much of the engineer type.

The gold melting house is on a different plan to the other, in which, by the way, silver as well as bronze is dealt with. On one side is a hot-plate and the crucibles, but on the other side are four Piat furnaces which do all the work. In appearance these furnaces are not unlike the domestic copper. They consist, in the main, of an iron cylinder about two feet across, with a fire-tile lining; hung in the centre is the crucible, which, to save waste, has a long spout, guarded on the outside like the spout of a tankard. The crucible has a muffle and a lid; the muffle is merely a plumbago ring about five inches high. A hole at the back of the furnace fits up to the flue in the wall when the coke fire is lighted; when the gold is melted the furnace is run forward bodily to the edge of a low platform, and by an arrangement at the side tilts the metal into the moulds. By this means cranes and cradle are dispensed with and the saving of fuel is considerable. The "charge" of each crucible is 1,200 ounces, worth about £5,000; the charge of silver crucibles is 3,000 ounces; the charge of bronze crucibles is 2 cwt.

Leading out of this gold kitchen is the grinding room, to which come all the old crucibles and sweepings to be ground up in the mortar-mill. After being reduced to mud and dried into dust, they are sold by tender to the speculative. In a bin at the side there is a heap labeled 1 ton 13 cwt. 1 qr. of silver sweep waiting for offers, which cannot be inconsiderable, inasmuch as in 1885 the amount received for these sweepings was over £220. Let it not be supposed that the uncracked crucible meets its fate at once. It is used over and over again as a whole, and then it is used in pieces, for its bottom serves for a lid and its sections are used for muffles before it finds its way here.

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## THE HISTORY TAUGHT BY THE MEXICAN POSTAGE STAMPS.

H. JAUREZ.—*Continued.*

**A**FTER repeated struggles in which several heroic men rose up and sacrificed themselves for the cause of independence, Mexico became free in 1821, and an empire was established under Augustin de Iturbide, who was emperor as Augustin I. It was not exactly by honest means that Iturbide came into possession of the throne and the empire was short lived. The popular feeling turned against him in less than a year. He was crowned June 21, 1822, and on the 20th of March, 1823, he was forced to abdicate and left Mexico for Europe. He unwisely returned in July, 1824, hoping to regain the throne, but he was taken prisoner immediately after he landed and was executed five days later.

After the empire a republic was established intended to be modelled after our own, but it has been far from a peaceful republic. It was almost constantly involved in some revolution designed to overthrow one ruler and set up another.



Until the time of Juarez only two presidents had served full terms of office. The office was changing hands frequently. One restless and ambitious man, Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna, managed to get into it six times. In the years 1858 and 1859 there were five anti-presidents in rapid succession in the capital while the constitutional president was peripatetic, trying to set up his government first in one city and then in another until he could fight his way back into the capital. The constitutional president was Benito Juarez and such were the stormy times in which he lived.

Juarez was a full blooded Indian. He was born in a little Indian village in the mountains of Oaxaca in 1806. He was very poor and was left an orphan when a mere child. Until twelve years of age he never knew a word of Spanish, the official language of his country. He spoke only the dialect of the Zapoteca Indians. In 1818 he went to the capital of his state and there found friends who put him in school. He exhibited great aptness for learning, and when he reached his majority he began the study of law. His political career began soon afterwards. He served as a deputy in the legislature, as civil judge, and as secretary of the governor and finally in 1847 was elected governor of Oaxaca. Then he began to have the experiences common to all the politicians of those days. He was imprisoned and exiled. For a time he resided in New Orleans. He returned to Mexico and was again elected governor of Oaxaca, and afterwards a member of congress, and was made a cabinet officer. In 1857 he was elected President of the Supreme Court of Justice in the term of President Comonfort. When Comonfort was forced by the clerical party and the anti-presidents in the capital to resign and flee, Juarez became *ex-officio* president of the republic.

Failing to establish his government elsewhere, he forced his way around to Vera Cruz where he was successful. He supported his government out of the revenues of the Gulf ports of entry and he received the recognition of the United States. In 1861 he won a battle over the troops of the anti-president and returned to the capital in triumph. He was so bitter to the clerical party for opposing his government that he sought revenge by confiscating all the property in Mexico belonging to the church. By this cruel and dishonest measure he is said to have raised twenty millions of dollars for the support of his government.

Immediately after the return of the constitutional government to the capital a new trouble arose. It was the Foreign Intervention or French Invasion as it is sometimes called, of which I shall give a fuller account hereafter. Juarez and his government were again driven from the capital and wandered about from city to city in the northern part of Mexico. In 1867 he triumphed over these enemies and was, upon the restoration of peace, regularly elected president. He was re-elected in 1871, and died suddenly while in office on the 18th of July, 1872. He was carried to the tomb by an immense concourse of citizens, and to the memory of no man in the history of Mexico is more honor accorded.

### III. MAXIMILIAN.

On an issue of stamps of 1866, now quite rare, even in Mexico, there appears a face that suggests a very sad chapter in Mexican history. It is the face of Ferdinando Maximiliano, or Ferdinand Maximilian. In this sketch I propose to tell something of events within the recollection of all those who are old enough to remember our late war, and yet those events were not fully understood at the time of their occurrence, and about them some curious mistakes are sometimes made now.

When the independence of Mexico was secured in 1821 that country was largely in debt to England and Spain and in a comparatively small amount to

France. In the years that followed so much money was expended in civil wars constantly going on in the country that it continued to grow poorer and deeper in debt. While the war was raging between the North and the South in our country in the years 1861-1865, Napoleon III. of France thought an opportunity had come for establishing an empire on this continent, to be somewhat under his control. He expected that the Southern States would succeed in establishing their independence, and that he would be able to secure them as his ally as against the United States. The United States were opposed to any colonization or to any interference on the part of any European power in the internal affairs of any country on this continent. That is the famous "Monroe Doctrine." It originated at the time of the independence of Mexico.

Napoleon III. proposed that England, Spain and France should together send an army to Mexico to occupy the ports of entry on the coast and collect money enough to pay the debts due those countries and to obtain satisfaction for outrages alleged to have been committed on citizens of those three countries. This was agreed to, but when the united army arrived in Vera Cruz it was discovered that France had a different object in view than the one stated. The English and Spanish troops were therefore quickly withdrawn. France, left alone, made demands upon the Mexican Government which it was impossible to allow, and the French army, in violation of all treaties, marched towards the capital. Juarez had not the army to resist this invasion, and he fled with his cabinet to the North of Mexico, where he maintained his government in several cities as best he could.

A. H. N.

*(To be continued.)*

## COINS, AND HINTS TO COLLECTORS OF THEM.

FROM an early period of history, coins of gold, silver, platinum, copper, nickel, bronze, iron, tin, lead, brass, wood or shell have been used as a means of exchange, thus doing away with the need of actually "swapping" goods. Coins furnish a kind of index to the world's history, since they are marked with names and often with portraits of rulers, together with dates of reigns, while the appearance of a coin usually shows what degree of progress, at least in art, has been attained by the nation for whose use it is struck. Coin collecting is, therefore, an aid to the study of history and art. Some collectors restrict themselves to the coins of a single country, and many try to secure American coins and tokens only; but American coins in good condition rival in cost those of any country in the world; a cent of 1793 is worth as much as a silver drachma of Alexander the Great, and the silver dollar of 1804 commands a price of about \$700. Hence, it is easier and wiser to gather specimens from all quarters, illustrating, as far as possible, the coinage of the world.

The readiest way to obtain coins is to buy them of dealers who are found in all large cities; but if you have a friend who is a sailor, or who is accustomed to travel extensively, he can secure many for you; and the nearest broker and money-changer will generally have some specimens that he will sell at lower rates than the dealers in old coins. Shop-keepers, horse-car conductors and ferry-men can also be found who are willing to save for you such foreign pieces and tokens as fall in their way; and perhaps you will be enabled to make a good beginning by ransacking old family trunks and cupboards. It is easy to obtain the copper, nickel and small silver coins of the United States in this way, and;

as they undergo frequent change, at least one coin of each type should be secured.

Our first regular coinage was begun in 1793, before which time each colony issued its own cents, and a few pieces were struck in France and England for colonial circulation. Since 1793 the United States mints have issued: in gold, 1 kind of \$50 piece, 2 kinds of \$20 pieces, 6 kinds of \$10 pieces, 8 kinds of \$5 pieces, 1 kind of \$3 piece, 6 kinds of \$2.50 pieces, and 2 kinds \$1 pieces; in silver, 7 kinds of dollars, 5 half dollars, 7 quarter dollars, 1 twenty cent piece, 6 dimes, 5 half dimes, and 2 three-cent pieces; in nickel, 6 kinds of five-cent pieces, and 1 kind of three-cent piece; in copper, 7 kinds of cents and 5 half-cents; in copper-nickel, 2 kinds of cents; in bronze, 1 kind of two-cent piece and 1 kind of cent. It is advisable to secure at once copper cents and half cents, which went out of date in 1857; "flying-eagle cents," struck only in 1856-7-8; cents of the present type, but struck in copper-nickel, from 1858 to 1864; silver three and five-cent pieces and bronze two-cent pieces, struck only from 1875 to 1878, and older types of current coins. Such of these coins as remain in circulation will soon become so badly worn that they will be useless for cabinet specimens, and coin dealers already demand from two to five times their face value for uncirculated copies. Proof sets of silver and minor coins, struck from published dies, can be ordered from the Philadelphia mint for \$4.10. The minor coin proof set costs 25 cents. Coins of the current year only can be had from the mint.

Do not collect worn, scratched or broken coins, unless they are so rare that no good ones of the same types can be procured. A small collection of coins in good condition is worth twice as much as a collection double its size in bad order. Poor coins are worth buying only as old copper. Examine your coins carefully before you buy them; see that the dates and designs are clear, that the copper is not smoothed or defaced except by natural wear, and if the coin be a thick one observe the rim, to see that the inscription, if it has one, is legible. The first American dollars were marked about the edge, "One dollar, or, Unit, Hundred, Cents;" the early half dollars are similarly stamped, "Fifty Cents, or Half a Dollar;" the old cents are marked, "One hundred in a dollar," and the old half-cents, "Two hundred in a dollar." Beware of counterfeits and copies, as many of them are sold. Electrotype copies of copper coins and medals can be detected by posing them on a finger tip and striking them with a knife. If it gives out a soft, clear ring, the metal is genuine; but if it has only a dull click, it is an electrotype, and is made of lead with a facing of copper. Good electrotypes are worth from 10 to 50 cents, and they enable collectors to secure copies of coins that often sell for as many dollars, but they should be sold honestly, for what they are.

Age does not always make a coin rare or valuable. Rarity depends in most cases upon the limited issue of coins from the mints. Thus, a coin of Cromwell, or of the early English, Scotch or Irish kings, is more difficult to find than coins of many of the Roman emperors. Roman coins are often found by the bushel in tombs and among ruins, and those that were not reached by air and moisture are often as clear and fine as the small change in your pockets. I have four coins that were plowed up from the ground occupied by a Roman camp in England, but, although they lay in the ground for centuries, they are quite legible, and figures are clearer than most of those on American cents after they have been for twenty years in circulation. Most of the copper coins of Greece, Rome, Bactria, (the existence of which empire was but lately revealed through its coins,) Byzantium and Judea, that are found now-a-days, are covered with a thin, hard rust called the *patina*, which is often beautiful in color, varying from

the yellow green of unripe lemons to dark olive. This *patina* cannot be counterfeited. And, speaking of counterfeits, you may come into possession of Roman coins that are represented as silver, but that prove to be an alloy of silver and lead. The chances are, however, that your coins are genuine, because many of the Roman emperors, though they punished counterfeiting with death, debased their coinage and profited by the silver and gold that should have been circulated among their people.

As to the care of your specimens: some collectors prefer to keep their coins as greasy and dirty as they found them, but dirt adds nothing to the worth or interest of a coin, no matter how noble a nation supplies the dirt. Clean your pieces with suds and a tooth-brush, rinse in warm water and wipe them dry. Never clean them with acids, strong alkalies, brick-dust, sand or things of that kind. Gold and silver, especially, require delicate treatment. If a copper coin is very rusty, let it soak in sweet oil for a few days before cleaning it. Occasionally wipe the coins with a bit of flannel, plush or chamois leather, to remove dust and dampness and give them lustre. They should be kept in a cabinet of shallow, velvet-lined drawers, and catalogued.

Do not collect for the mere sake of accumulating a pile of coins without knowing what they are. Ascertain the value of each coin, secure a translation of its inscription, and find out what you can of the ruler who struck it and the people who used it. The more you know of history, the deeper will be the pleasure and interest that coin collecting will afford you.

*Charles M. Skinner.*

## STAMPS, VIEWED FROM AN HISTORICAL STANDPOINT.

THE science of Philately has frequently been compared with that of Numismatics, and the resemblance is certainly well founded. The object of Numismatics is the study of coins and medals; Philately occupies itself with paper money *sui generis*, which can, in many ways, be assimilated with money, properly speaking. If in effect stamps are not as generally employed as money (which is the universal medium of exchange, and consequently also of the adjustment of accounts), they fill, at the same time, for certain payments, and in decided cases, the place of money.

It is for this reason that stamps are made with peculiar care, and that they generally bear, as do coins, the effigy of the reigning prince or the national arms, or various other attributes of sovereignty. There is unquestionably this difference between coins and stamps—that the value of one is represented by a greater or less quantity of precious metal, which is real and intrinsic; while the worth of the other is merely conventional. Beyond doubt it will be conceded that stamps are not as durable as coins, which, surviving the lapse of ages, transmit to us the most valuable information concerning past events, with regard to which all other proofs have been destroyed by the hand of time. But taking all these differences into account, it will be admitted that stamps, as well as money, are truly interesting from an historical point of view. Prompted by curiosity, we have inquired, What influence the occurrences of latter years have excited in this respect, and have found that almost invariably these events are reflected, so to speak, in the various alterations to which the stamps themselves have been submitted, and in several instances they have furnished proofs of political or dynastical movements of certain states that are entirely wanting in coins.

The first example that we have to cite, in following the chronological order, is attached to the question of Schleswig-Holstein, which was attended later on with such serious consequences, and which contained the germ of the most terrible complications. March 24th, 1848, an insurrection burst forth in Holstein (which had formed, since the treaty of 1815 a part of the Germanic Confederation), and Schleswig, from near relations, become involved in the common cause with Holstein. The two duchies, elected for sovereign, the Duke Christian, of Schleswig-Holstein, Augustenbourg, a descendant of an ancient (male) branch of Danish kings.

Assisted by Prussia they maintained their position until 1851. During this time (1850), the two stamps—blue and rose—bearing the letters S and H (which recall the name of the two duchies), were omitted. These stamps have an historical value, of still greater importance, since no coinage of money took place by the Government during the period of its independance.

December 2d, 1851, took place in France, the "Coup-d'etat," which being ratified by the plebiscit of the 10th of December, followed and sanctioned by the Constitution of January 14th, 1852, assigned the power to the Prince Louis—Napoleon Bonaparte, whose title of President of the Republic was duly acknowledged. The type of the postage stamps issued to this time was the symbolic figure of the Republic; now it is modified and two stamps, one of 10 and the other of 20 centimes are emitted (1852) with the effigy of the Prince-President, accompanied by the legend, "Republique Française." The two stamps are the characteristic representation of this transitory reign, during which the prince possessed in reality a monarchical power, while the government retained, for some time to come, its Republic forms.

T. Coke Watkins.

(To be continued.)

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### BIRDS' NESTS AND EGGS.\*

THE philosophy of birds' nests and eggs involves questions far too profound to be settled in an hour's lecture. The extreme partizans of one school regard birds as *organic automata*. They take a Calvinistic view of bird-life; they assume that the hedge-sparrow lays a blue egg because, under the stern law of protective selection, every hedge-sparrow's egg that was not blue was tried in the high court of Evolution, under the clause relative to the survival of the fittest, and condemned, a hungry magpie or crow being the executioner. The extreme partizans of the other school take an entirely opposite view. They regard the little hedge-sparrow, not only as a free agent, but as a highly intelligent one, who lays blue eggs because the inherited experience of many generations has convinced her that, everything considered, blue is the most suitable color for eggs.

Perhaps the first generalization that the egg-collector is likely to make is the fact that birds that breed in holes lay white eggs. The sand-martin and the kingfisher, which lay their eggs at the end of a long burrow in a bank, as well as the owl and the woodpecker, which breed in holes in trees, all lay white eggs. The fact of the eggs being white, and consequently very conspicuous, may have been the cause, the effect being that only those kingfishers which bred in holes survived in the struggle for existence against the marauding mag-

\*Abstract of a lecture delivered by Mr. H. Seebohm at the London Institution on December 30, 1886.

pie. But the converse argument is equally intelligible. The fact that kingfishers breed in holes may have been the cause, and the whiteness of the eggs the effect; for why should Nature, who is generally so economical, waste her coloring-matter on an egg which, being incubated in the dark, can never be seen? The fact that many petrels and most puffins, which breed in holes, have traces of spots on their eggs, whilst their relations the auks and the gulls, who lay their eggs in open nests, nearly all lay highly-colored eggs, suggests the theory that the former birds have comparatively recently adopted the habit of breeding in holes, and that consequently the color being no longer of use is gradually fading away. Hence, we assume that the color of the egg is probably the effect of the nature of the locality in which it is laid.

The second generalization which the egg-collector is likely to make is the fact that so many of these birds which breed in holes are gorgeously colored, such as kingfishers, parrots, bee-eaters, etc. The question naturally arises, Why is it so? The advocates of protective selection reply, Because their gay plumage made them so conspicuous as they sat upon their nests, that those that did not breed in holes became the victims of the devouring hawk, exactly as the conspicuous white eggs were eaten by the marauding magpie. But the advocates of sexual selection say that all birds are equally vain, and wear as fine clothes as Nature will let them, and that the kingfisher is able to dress as gorgeously as he does because he is prudent enough to breed in a hole safe from the prying eyes of the devouring hawk. The fact that many birds, such as the sand-martin and dipper, which breed in holes, are not gorgeously colored, while others, such as the pheasants and the humming-birds, are gorgeously colored, and do not breed in holes, is evidence, as far as it goes, that the gorgeous color of the bird is not the effect of its breeding in a hole, though the white color of the egg probably is. It must be admitted, however, that the latter cases are not parallel. Whilst the hen kingfishers and bee-eaters are as gorgeous as their mates, the hen pheasants and the hen humming-birds are plainly, not to say shabbily, dressed. If birds be as vain as the advocates of sexual selection deem them, it must be a source of mortification to a hen humming-bird to have to pass through life as a foil to her rainbow-hued mate. Whilst the kingfisher relies for the safety of its eggs upon the concealed situation of its nest, the humming bird depends upon the unobtrusiveness of the plumage of the sitting hen.

A very large number of birds, such as grouse, the merlin, most gulls and terns, and all sandpipers and plovers rely for the safety of their eggs upon the similarity of their color to the ground on which they are placed. It may be an open question whether these birds select a site for their breeding ground to match the color of their eggs, or whether they have gradually changed the color of their eggs to match the ground on which they breed; but in the absence of any evidence to the contrary, it is perhaps fair to assume, as in the previous mentioned case, that the position of the nest is the cause, and the color of the egg the effect.

Many birds make their nests in lofty trees, or on the ledges of precipitous cliffs. Of these, the eagles, vultures, and crows are conspicuous examples. They are, for the most part, too powerful to be afraid of the marauding magpie, and only fear the human race. They rely for the safety of their eggs on the inaccessible positions of the nest. Many of them also belong to a still larger group of birds who rely for the safety of their eggs upon their own ability, either singly, in pairs, or in colonies, to defend them against all aggressors. Few colonies of birds are more interesting than those of herons, cormorants, and their respective allies. These birds lay white or nearly white eggs. Nature,

with her customary thrift, has lavished no color upon them, because, apparently, it would have been wasted effort to do so; but the eggs of the guillemot are a remarkable exception to this rule. Few eggs are more gorgeously colored, and no egg exhibits such a variety of color. It is impossible to suppose that productive selection can have produced colors so conspicuous on the white ledges of the chalk cliffs; the sexual selection must have been equally powerless. It would be too ludicrous a suggestion to suppose that a cock guillemot fell in love with a plain-colored hen because he remembered that last season she lay a gay-colored egg. It cannot be accident that causes the guillemot's eggs to be so handsome and so varied. In the case of birds breeding in holes secure from the prying eyes of the marauding magpie, no color is wasted where it is not wanted.

The more deep Nature is studied, the more certain seems to be the conclusion that all her endless variety is the result of evolution. It seems also to be more and more certain that natural selection is not the cause of evolution, but only its guide. Variation is the cause of evolution, but the cause of variation is *unknown*. It seems to be a mistake to call variation spontaneous, fortuitous, or accidental, than which expressions no adjectives less accurate or more misleading could be found. The Athenian philosophers displayed a less unscientific attitude of mind towards the Unknown when they built an altar in its honor.

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### STAMPS OF THE ORANGE FREE STATE.

SOON after Natal became a British colony, the Dutch Boers withdrew from that place and formed a Republic known as the Orange River Free State. They established themselves in the country lying between the two great branches of the Orange River. It comprises an area of some 60,000 square miles. The population is estimated to be 50,000 whites, and 25,000 colored inhabitants.

This Republic issued its first series of stamps in 1868; the set consisted of three, the design plain and neat, color on white, perforated, three post horns with orange tree above on a lineal back ground, enclosed by a marginal border, bearing the inscriptions, "Orange" at left, "Vrig" above, "Staat" at right, and value below. The colors and values are as follows: one penny, brown; sixpence, rose; and one shilling, orange.

In 1877, the government deeming the denomination of a fourpence necessary, the sixpence rose was surcharged fourpence, this is the first surcharge we have by this government.

In 1878 the fourpence appears in blue; also a new value, that of five shillings, green, both being of the same design as the first issue.

The Republic having commenced to disfigure their stamps by surcharging them, it seems as if they could not discontinue the practice, as in 1881 there appears another surcharge. This time it is one penny on five shillings, green.

In 1882 there appears two more surcharges, one halfpenny on five shillings, green, and three pence on four pence, blue.

The next series was issued in 1883, bearing the same design as the first series, their values and colors being, one halfpenny, red brown; one penny, white; two pence, violet, and three pence, blue.

This makes a total of 13 varieties exclusive of the five revenues used as postage in 1882. The value and color of these stamps are, six shillings, blue; one shilling, brown violet; ten shillings, olive; four pounds, carmine, and five pounds, green.

These make a total of 18 varieties for this Republic.

### THE USE OF THE CAMERA.

MANY people imagine that the photographer's camera is only fit to take portraits with or an occasional landscape; that it is a difficult tool to handle, and that the work is dirty and disagreeable. They have seen the photographer's blackened fingers or caught a whiff of ill-smelling air from his workshop, and declare they could never touch such an unpleasant profession.

All this is a mistake. Photography, as now carried on, is a clean, light and pleasant accomplishment, suitable for any young lady or gentleman, and within the reach of any boy or girl. The camera is one of the best, most convenient, and most useful tools ever invented. It will picture more than the eyes can see and outstrip pen, pencil or memory. It will fix the likeness of anything, from the infinitely little to the infinitely great, from the minutest creature in a drop of water to the whole starry sky. It will copy books, letters, maps, and pictures, report any action and tell all about any visible event, process or occurrence of any kind. In school, at home, in the field, in the laboratory, the mill, the shop, or board ship—anywhere the camera will prove a friend, reporter and helper. It sees everything, and it will remember all it sees. No young person can be said to be fully accomplished who cannot use a camera with skill and precision.

A series of practical lessons in photography will be begun in the next issue of the *E.S.P.* The author's aim has been to bring the theory and practice of photography well within the comprehension of young people; and we are sure he will be found a trustworthy as well as agreeable guide to this beautiful art, whether for pastime or as a means of profitable employment.

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### CARELESS LETTER WRITING.

THE number of letters received at the Dead Letter Office during the last year was 4,207,496, or more than 13,600 each working day. Of this number, nearly 20,000 contained money to the aggregate value of upwards of \$44,000; 25,000 contained checks, drafts, money orders, and other papers to the total value of about \$2,000,000; while 52,000 had enclosures of postage stamps.

This vast amount of mail matter was sent to the Dead Letter Office because three-fourths of the addresses could not be found; one-eighth were addressed to guests in hotels who had departed without leaving addresses; nearly 300,000 were insufficiently prepaid, and as many more were either erroneously or improperly addressed. Eleven thousand bore no superscription whatever.

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### PHLATELY AND ITS RELATIONS TO THE FINE ARTS.

(CONCLUDED.)

THIS noble work of art was built by native artizans, though designed by a renegade French architect, Austin de Bordeaux. This was his masterpiece and gave him the name of the "Jewel-handed," and by his contemporaries in India "The Wonderful of the Age." Here we all stand with uncovered heads in mute admiration, be they Hindoo, Mohammedan, Hebrew or Christian.

\* Read before the N. P. S. by Wm. A. Warner, Secretary.



Egypt, Turkey, Persia, Mexico and Peru have their wonders in designing, and in the former it was springing into new life and vigor under the rule of the Memlukes; but also its glory has passed away and became a thing of the past.

Look at the stamps of these countries, where art once flourished! and do they show an advancement in the fine arts? No, but rather that of its retrograde, which Philately plainly and clearly proves. It certainly shows that native India cannot produce such work as her designers and artizans once produced.

I have cited the above example of art to bring to your notice of at least one of the benefits that Philatelic studies prove as an instructor in art, and that when the designings of the past of these Native States, are compared with the work they have given us of later years, and that you may see by the contrast that the fine arts have fallen there.

And now let us take the other examples of its relation to the fine arts. Look at the stamps of our native land, and compare the first general issue, 1847, with either of the other issues, that of 1869-70 or the Departments of '73, or with those gems of the designer's and engraver's art—the newspaper and periodicals of 1875-85—that are worthy of a place of honor in any gallery of the fine arts in the land.

Does not this work of our designers, engravers and printers show a decided advancement in art, in the Philatelic branches, if in no other?

Compare the stamps made by any of our bank note companies with those of any country in the world and they will show the advancement in Philatelic designing, engraving and printing.

How many Philatelists know or take the trouble to inquire the amount of hard labor it takes to produce these gems of our collections? Do they understand that the mind, as well as the hand and eye, must be educated to enable the designer to convey his thoughts to the hand and eye, to know how his design will look when printed in color, though in black and white? And with the engraver, he, too, must know how to cut the metal plate, how far one line must be from another to produce the different degrees of light, shade and solid color.

But few Philatelists ever think of this, nor of the metal, as well as the manual labor these gems of art require in their production. 'Tis true that there are many mechanical appliances used in this branch of engraving, but the designing must be accomplished by the mind and hand. Not only at home have we fine specimens of Philatelic art, for other countries produce some excellent work; yet much of their work is made in our great city. Peru, Argentine Republic, Bolivia, Paraguay, Japan and others depend on our bank note companies for their stamps.

Philately has produced a class of designers among which are found the portrait, figure, heraldic and arabesque artist; even the photographer must play his part.

The Philatelist has his or her mission, and that is the preservation of these samples of the designer's and engraver's art; to hand down to future generations these specimens of the postal facilities, revenue laws and telegraphic communications of the world. That should the world, or part of it, undergo the catastrophe that is said to have been the fate of the lost continent of Atlantis or that of Pompeii, that some future explorer (like Layard at Ninevah and Babylon, or Squires in Peru) would find and look with wonder at the advancement of the country in the fine arts of designing and engraving of these stamps to convey our letters, to pay our revenue-tax and our telegraphic communications. Just as we look to-day at the immense slabs of alabaster, covered with Cuneiform writing of Assyria and Chalden, or at the hieroglyphs painted on the sarcophagus from Egypt, or carved on the stone from Mexico, Central America and

Peru. As we look at the remains of ancient art, so will the future man look at what we leave behind us.

I have endeavored in the foregoing to show the relation that our science bears to the fine arts, and to prove by this relation, and the knowledge it gives us of the advancement or retrograde movement in art, that it is a science. And in closing, would it not be well and of marked importance for those countries that issue stamps, and have representative art and ornament,\* to employ these on their stamps, *i. e.*, Mexico, the Aztec, Peru and Bolivia, the Inca, Central American States, the Maya, Greece, the Ionian and Doric. Turkey, Persia and Egypt do employ their respective representative art on their stamps†.

These styles of ornamental art might be employed with good effect and in many pleasing combinations.

And we, if I may use the term, who are the pioneers in Philately, for it is but in its infancy, may not live to see it recognized as a science; but in the future there will come a time when the muse Philatelia will stand proudly side by side with the nine. And be ye not faint-hearted, but take the proverb of old Virgil for your own:

*"Tu ne cede malis, sed contra audentior ito."*

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### NOTES BY THE WAY.

THE Prince of Naples has a collection of rare coins and medals valued at more than \$40,000.

THIS month we publish a letter from our correspondent in Paris. He writes that there are over 150 business houses in that city which deal in postage stamps at wholesale. Our readers may look for future letters from the pen of this popular and well-known writer.

WE HAVE received No. 1. of the *International Philatelic Advertiser*, published in this city. It is well filled with advertisements, neatly got up and shows signs of success. It has our best wishes.

*The Quaker City Philatelist* for January comes out greatly improved, with a most appropriately designed cover and interesting contents. It is now published by a "company" of enterprising gentlemen who evidently mean business.

COLLECTORS should never paste their stamps in their albums, but mount them on hinges. This is a far more convenient way, and adds greatly to the value of your specimens.

M. DE ROTHSCHILD'S collection is valued at £10,000, and it is only to special friends that the volume containing the rarest specimens are ever shown.

AT THE Paris Mint a remarkable collection of French and foreign postage stamps is kept, and the collection at the Admiralty is famous throughout the world. As a rule, rare postage stamps vary in price according to their appearance; if they are well preserved they are far more expensive than those on which the design and color are obliterated. For instance, old black Brazil stamps are paid for at 20s. to 50s. a piece; those from Buenos Ayres are valued according to their color; green and yellow ones are worth from 50s. to £5 and red ones from £5 to £6 a piece. One of the most expensive of all stamps is that from English Guiana of the year 1856, which is paid for with £50. The most expensive stamp in France is the vermilion one-franc stamp of 1849; it has been paid for with £10.—*Pall Mall Gazette*.

\* See Solon's Works. † See Owen Jones' "Grammar of Ornaments."

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THE SON of the Duchess de Galliera probably has the finest collections of stamps in the world. It fills 300 volumes, and has cost him more than \$350,000.

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AS WE predicted, Mr. Hubbard is making a great success of his paper, *The Curiosity World*. The January number is literally overflowing with the most interesting matter about stamps, coins and curiosities. We eagerly await number six which even promises a better treat.

*The Keystone State Philatelist* is the title of a new venture from Philadelphia. Its publishers promise great things. Well, "time will tell."

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THE collecting of U. S. entire envelopes is becoming more popular as the months go by. This branch of philately is a most interesting one, and should be given more attention by all stamp collectors.

AS WE predicted, Mr. Hubbard is making a great success of his paper, *The Curiosity World*. The January number is literally overflowing with the most interesting matter about stamps, coins and curiosities. We eagerly await number six which even promises a better treat.

*The Keystone State Philatelist* is the title of a new venture from Philadelphia. Its publishers promise great things. Well, "time will tell."

OUR esteemed contemporary, Mr. C. H. Mekell, says he has never heard of any one who got rich by publishing a stamp journal, and unconsciously (?) implies

that *he* doesn't make a cent. Well, Mr. M——, you have our deepest sympathies. If you don't believe that *any one* ever got rich by publishing a stamp paper, why just come North and examine the books of the E. S. P.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL PHILATELICAL SOCIETY.

MEETING OF JAN. 13TH, 1887.

Regular monthly meeting of the National Philatelic Society was held at its room on Thursday, Jan. 13th. President Bogert occupied the chair. Meeting called at 8.15 P. M.

Reading of minutes of previous meeting (Dec. 9th, 1886), which were objected to by Mr. Isenstein, on the ground that the charges against Mr. Casey had been omitted in the printed report, and that the clause relating to the Color Chart was incorrect, and that Dr. Mitchell's resolutions were inserted.

Mr. H. L. Calman moved that the incorrect clause to read as follows:

1st. That the clause relating to the Color Chart to read: "That the donation of the Color Chart will be extended to all members joining before July 1st, 1887."

2d. That the clause relating to Dr. Mitchell's resolution be credited to him, "and that it was laid on the table through serious opposition."

The minutes, as amended, were then approved.

Messrs. A. J. S. Edwards and H. S. Kramer were proposed by Mr. Rechart as active members, and Messrs. Warner P. Crosby, of Detroit, Mich., and Edward Frémy, of Donia, France, by Mr. Warner, as corresponding members, were reported favorably on by the Ex. Committee, and were elected.

The following resolution was offered by Dr. Mitchell: Resolved, That as it is expedient that the National Philatelic Society shall not be backward in the advancement of Philately, and in order to further the advancement of science,

Resolved, That the President be authorized to appoint a Committee on Nomenclature and Literature, who shall report on the comparative worth of all publications, and to report to the Society in the case of all new words and phrases introduced into our nomenclature.

Seconded by Mr. Calman. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Rechart, that a committee of one be appointed. Amended by Mr. Calman, that three be appointed. Seconded by Mr. Warner. Carried. Messrs. H. L. Calman, Miller and Mitchell were appointed by the chair.

Moved by Mr. Isenstein, that the President will inform the Secretary to write to Mr. Watkins that no omissions are to be made from the minutes, and that the proof is to be sent to the President before publication. Seconded and carried.

Moved by Mr. Isenstein, that every applicant for membership furnish reference. Seconded and carried.

Dr. Mitchell exhibited the special delivery card of Chicago (private) stamp; liberty head in square frame, type set, Postal Card Galop, with fac simile of card of 1873, by Wm. A. Pond, Jr.; Stamp Galop, by Arthur O'Leary; "Good-by, Old Stamp, Good-by!" words and music, by Uncle Sam, Jr.

Mr. Rechart exhibited the Mauritius, 1848, native print, 1p. brown on bluish paper, back ground of original lines; Trinidad, 1850, 6p. and 1sh., bad lithograph; 1851, 1p. on bluish paper, 4p. violet on bluish paper, 6p. blue on white, engraved, and 1856, 6p. blue, lithographed.

Received Quaker City Philatelist, Vol. 2, No. 1; Youth's Leger, No. 14; Stamp and Coin Gazette, No. 50; Carson Philatelist, No. 14; Philatelist's Magazine, Vol. 2, No. 6; Mohawk Standard, No. 6; Curiosity World, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4; Philatelic Journal of America, No. 22; Mittheilungen, No. 12; Briefmarken Zeitung, No. 12; General Anzeiger für Philatelists, No. 6. Meeting adjourned at 10.20 P. M.

Next meeting Jan. 27th.

WM. A. WARNER, Sec'y.

JANUARY 27TH, 1887.

Regular semi-monthly meeting of the National Philatelic Society was held at its rooms on Thursday, Jan. 27th. Vice-President Rechart in the chair. Meeting called at 8.20 P. M.

Reading and approval of minutes of previous meeting. Mr. Frederick J. Baldwin, of Lansing, Mich., was proposed by Mr. Watkins as a corresponding member. The Executive Committee reported favorably, was put to vote and elected. The following gentlemen were pro-

posed as honorary members by Dr. Mitchell: The Hon. Wm. Vilas, Postmaster-General U. S. of A., and the Hon. H. G. Pierson, Postmaster of N. Y. City. Mr. Aue offered a set of resolutions, which were referred to the Executive Committee to report thereon at the next meeting.

Mr. Rechart exhibited the 1p. black, 1840, V. R. in upper corners, used, and ½p. red and white, 2½p. purple on blue, 5p. blue on red, 1887, Great Britain. Mr. Warner, ½ of 20, paper, rose, of 1884, cut diagonally, on original envelope, used Jan. 3d, 1887, and Mr. Warner was informed that the same came perforated across the middle, diagonally, and surcharged "10," in black and used in Dec., 1886, Turkey; 15c. blue, on yellow envelope, Oct. 1st, 1889, France.

Received Mohawk Standard, No. 11; The Texas Stamp, No. 2; Plain Talk, No. 20; Der Philatelist, No. 12.

Meeting adjourned at 9.30 P. M.

Next meeting Feb. 10th, at 7.20 P. M. *sharp*.

WM. A. WARNER, Sec'y.

## NOTICES OF EXCHANGE.

Under this head will be inserted (free of charge to everybody) notices of exchange for stamps, coins, minerals, relics, etc. All notices should reach us by the 25th of this month, to insure insertion in next number. Would advise exchangers to write for particulars before sending articles to avoid misunderstandings. Notices must be written on a separate sheet of paper, and must not contain over 30 words.

## AUCTION SALES.

Under this heading we shall be pleased to announce any forthcoming sales and to review the same on receipt of priced catalogue.

## CORRESPONDENTS' COLUMN.

In this department we desire our readers to express their view on the various questions relating to Philately and coin collecting. Should any one wish to have any point explained, upon which their mind is not quite clear, we shall be glad to insert the problem in this department, and in the next number will insert the solutions as given by our readers, so that the questions will be fully answered by different parties, and from different standpoints. Those who think they can give any information on any of the subjects inquired about, are cordially invited to give their ideas by writing to the editor of this paper, mentioning the signature to the query, and the communication will be published in the next issue.

We solicit contributions from all our readers, and suggest that scraps and clippings relating to postal matters, notes, news and items appertaining to the different branches of our magazine, would be most acceptable.

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POMEROY'S LETTER-EXPRESS.

BY DR. WM. H. MITCHELL.

**I**N these days when railroads traverse this country in all directions, and by means of them all our large cities are brought into close and intimate relations with each other, it is a difficult matter for the majority of collectors to understand how, without them, or with the few that then existed, it was possible to convey communications from the East to the young West in as short a time as they did.

At this time the Post-office Department had not perfected its machinery, and to a certain extent was uncertain, and then there was a need of a safe and reliable means of transporting valuables and money from place to place.

In *Harper's Magazine* for August, 1875, under the title of "An American Enterprise," appeared an article on the origin of the Express Business in the United States from Boston to New York; New York to Albany; Albany to Buffalo; and from Buffalo to Chicago and the West.

Between Boston and New York there was Harnden's Express, and it is due to Mr. William F. Harnden, who doubtless originated the enterprise of forwarding packages and letters; philatelists, and, in fact every one should give him credit for the inception of the idea that has developed the express business of today, and which improved the Government Postal service by showing them that in many cases individuals could often do better for the public than the Government post.

Besides *Harnden's Express*, there were afterward, between Boston and New York, *Hale & Co.*, *American Letter Mail Co.*, *Overton & Co.*, *Wyman's Post*, *Hartford Mail*.

Between New York and Albany, Harnden established a continuation of this New York and Boston Express, this being its terminus; Central New York and large population West were so irregularly and badly served by the methods of transportation then in existence, that Mr. Geo. E. Pomeroy, then of Albany, N. Y., early in the spring of 1841, conceived the idea that that route through New York State could be made a matter of profit, and he accordingly made arrangements to run an express from Albany to Buffalo. At this time Harnden was running his express from Boston to Albany via New York, and Mr. Henry Wells was his agent in Albany.

When first established, his business was the carrying of monies for various banks. He first made offers to the State Bank, City Bank and the Canal Bank of Albany. The bank officials treated him with courtesy and were willing to encourage the enterprise, but at that time the banks in the country districts had their own regu-

lar messengers, Jerome Humphrey and Sol. Hayes. The City Banks sent out John O. Cole and one Tows, who was a clerk in the City Bank, twice each month, and were adverse to a change.

After a while, however, the banks agreed to give Pomeroy their western business, and wanted him to give a bond of \$20,000. This Mr. Pomeroy indignantly refused, stating that such a bond would be of no use as the amounts carried were often sixty and even as high as eighty and a hundred thousand dollars per trip, and stated at once that he could not do it on such an arrangement.

Watts Sherman, R. H. King, A. D. Patchen, Erastus Corning and others who had faith in the scheme sent \$86,000 for redemption at different places along the route. A. C. Flagg, Comptroller of Currency for State of New York, used to give business to him, so great was his faith in Pomeroy.

As far as possible, Mr. Pomeroy used the railways that are now known as the New York Central and Hudson River, although at this time it was under six different companies, and afterward seven, and even these did not extend further than Batavia—the route from Batavia was by stage-coach to Buffalo. The fact that all passengers, etc., were compelled to change cars at every terminus of each road, there was some antagonism manifested. C. W. Young, who was at this time superintendent of the Utica and Schenectady R. R., thought that would injure the passenger traffic of the road, as the express would do business that would otherwise have to be attended to personally, business men being compelled to travel over the road. The other roads, however, were favorable, and did the best they could to help on the success of the enterprise, and every facility was extended.

When he first started his express, Mr. Pomeroy acted as his own messenger, his schedule being as follows :

Leave Albany, Monday, 7.00 P. M.

Arrive Buffalo, Wednesday, 6.00 A. M.

Leave Buffalo, Wednesday, 5.00 P. M.

Arrive Albany, Friday, 7 A. M.

At Batavia, matter destined for Lockport and Albion, given to Mr. Jerome Clarke, an old and trusted friend of Mr. Pomeroy's, who was then a successful merchant in Batavia, and who personally attended to the transfer of packages, letters, etc., delivering and collecting in time to connect with the express on its arrival in Batavia on its way East the next night.

The time occupied in making a trip from Albany to Buffalo or return was 36 hours, and on its way West was 12 hours ahead of the Government mail at Utica, 24 hours at Rochester and 36 at Buffalo.

This great advance over mail time excited the attention of business men, and they were not tardy in availing themselves of the new enterprise. The press in particular was greatly benefited by it and did their business over the route.

Mr. Pomeroy continued from this time until the following August (1841), to act as his own agent, boy and messenger. He then found it impossible to run in conjunction with Harnden's Express, then running from New York to Albany on the Hudson River boats. So, as a matter of self-preservation, he determined, if possible, to break up Harnden's western business. As we said before, Mr. Henry Wells was Harnden's agent at Albany, and a Mr. Grey being sent out to succeed him, Mr. Pomeroy lost no time in securing his services, and in this manner succeeded in obtaining control of the business, and Harnden abandoned the river route.

In the fall of 1841 Mr. Wells became a partner of Mr. Pomeroy's, and not long after Mr. Crawford Livingston entered the firm, and the firm became styled "*Pomeroy & Co.*"

To quote from the article in *Harper's*, "Wells was so confident, however, that the population (referring to the population of the country west of Albany) was sufficiently numerous to support an express, that he mentioned his idea to George Pomeroy, who was favorably impressed with it and lost no time in putting it into effect.

"An express was accordingly started between Albany and Buffalo, Pomeroy acting as his own messenger, clerk and boy, as Adams and Harnden had done before.

"But for some unknown reason, of which we are uninformed, he broke down after making three trips, and the business was suspended until Wells and Crawford Livingston offered to join him. Under the new firm the express was established upon an enduring foundation."

Coster also seems to have been lead astray to the above, for on page 97 of his book he quotes from a San Francisco paper on the history of Wells, Fargo & Co. "\* \* \* \* Having confidence in his idea (of a system of companies to the West), Wells induced one Pomeroy to run an express between Albany and Buffalo, and after a short time joined him in the undertaking, along with Crawford Livingston, the firm being Livingston, Wells & Co."

The facts of the case are, that Pomeroy did not break down, but instead, had been pushing the express business with great energy for several months, and, moreover, it was continued without any interruption, and after the admission of Messrs. Wells and Livingston to a partnership, Mr. Pomeroy continued to be at the head of affairs, directing the enterprise wisely, and "laying broad and deep the foundation of the great express business of to-day."

(To be Continued).

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A VISIT TO THE MINT.

(CONTINUED.)

AND now we will take up our pennies again and follow the bars to the rolling room. Here amid a tremendous clatter the bars are placed between the rollers and run out to double their length. The yellowish brassy tint they had on leaving the mould is lost as they pass through the first squeeze, and their color is now more like that of the coin. The tough bronze is as putty in the grip of these relentless rollers, and there is something quite vindictive in the way in which the bar is seized by the mangle and doubled in stature during the embrace. After the rolling the slips are annealed in the furnace close by and cleaned in an acid bath, and before they leave this room they have been trimmed and made generally presentable. The slip is passed through the rollers over and over again until the desired thickness is obtained, and in the latter stages the rolling becomes a very delicate operation. In gold a difference in thickness of the ten-thousandth of an inch will throw the coin out of remedy, as it is called—that is, make it illegally light or heavy. With bronze such accuracy is not needed, but the range of error is slight. So small is the angle of the gauge that a very trifling excess would keep back the sample an appreciable distance on the scale.

The Gold-rolling Room is a well-proportioned hall, with the mills down the centre, and the gratings on which the men stand stacked by their side. The gratings are to keep the fallen gold from adhering to the soles of the men's boots, for a very small fragment would make a difference in the accounts. Every night the books are balanced before the men leave, and the floor is swept,

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with pride, that my collection, in this respect at least, will compare most favorably with those of most amateur collectors.

I also soon found it an impossibility to collect uncanceled specimens only, as many of them cannot only not be had in that condition, but with others it is questionable whether they are genuine, and I now take them as they come, provided they are clean and in perfect condition, and not too much blurred by cancellation marks.

Up to a certain time last fall, all went along harmoniously, and by slow degrees I was adding one rare stamp after another to my collection, until by occasionally reading the numerous advertisements of dealers, I logically came to the conclusion that, where so many advertise continuously, there must also be very many purchasers; and as I knew of at least two enterprising firms in my immediate vicinity, who were apparently making money, and who at the same time were extensively adding to their private collections, I caught the infection, and I at once sent my entire available capital—consisting of the enormous sum of two dollars and a half—to an extensive wholesale dealer, with instructions to send me in return, as large a variety of the cheaper foreign sets as he could, and which are so well calculated to catch the eye of the unwary school boy. I also ordered a number of blank approval sheets, and some hinge paper; all, as a matter of course, to be delivered to me at the wholesaler's wholesale rates.

In due time my magnificent assortment arrived, and I had all reason to be satisfied with my purchase; but, having also exhausted my capital, I was unable to insert a flaming advertisement in at least one of the monthlies, and not wishing to remain inactive, until I could replenish my coffers, I forthwith arranged my stock in trade in the most tempting manner upon approval sheets, and having also marked the price under each specimen in red ink, and which, in all cases, was either double or treble that of the cost, I lost no time in informing "Young America" that I was in the market for their patronage, and that I was not only prepared to sell and exchange, but that I was also ready to purchase postage stamps in any quantity, not excepting entire collections; and that, being engaged in other business during the entire day, my office hours would be from 7.30 P. M., till ten, or even later, if necessary.

Having exhibited my magnificent sheets to a few of my former schoolmates, the bait took at once; and I soon had the delightful satisfaction of being occupied, till late every night, in showing and selling stamps, and ere long I was obliged to send for a second supply, fully believing that I was now firmly established in business, that my fortune was secure, and that I should soon be able to inform the world at large, by means of the various journals, where matchless bargains might be had.

Alas! how short-lived was my joy. After a successful run of about a month, I seemed to have gathered in all the spare pennies and bursted all the savings banks of the juvenile community, and though many a wishful eye rested nightly upon my tempting display, yet the actual purchasers were few and far between. Such a sorrowful state of affairs I had not anticipated, and becoming disgusted with the entire business, I threw out a hint or two that, for want of time, my entire stock was for sale at cost price for cash, or in exchange for rare native or foreign stamps. I did not have to wait long. Among my patrons was a bright youth of about fourteen summers, Ed. Nortup by name, and who had been purchasing of my wares more extensively than others, and whose one ambition had been (seeing my success) to also become a dealer, and he informed me one evening that he was not averse to parting with a few rare specimens out of his album in exchange for my stock in trade: "For," as he remarked,

"I am still visiting schools, and my chances of selling are therefore much better than yours; and after all, I would rather be a dealer than a collector." Now, as I had by actual experience arrived at the opposite conclusion, and having felt how hard it is to part with rare stamps which you might wish to retain for your album, yet, which, being a "dealer," you cannot well refuse to sell, I informed him that I was willing to make the exchange.

By agreement he brought *his* album on the following evening, and in which I had but a few days before coveted and admired an 1845 Basel, an 1844 5 C Port Local, an 1845 5 C Geneva, an 1848 4 Ct. Vaud, an 1851 5 Centimes Neufchatel, and an 1843 6 R. Zurich, all in excellent condition and genuine beyond the shadow of a doubt. These I agreed to take in exchange for my entire stock, good-will, pictures and all, of the value of about four dollars, wholesale rates. He readily assented; and after carefully soaking out the coveted stamps between two moistened cloths, for they were pasted in, I dried them, and neatly hinged them into my album, more than delighted with my newly acquired beauties, determined not to part with them at any price, no matter how temptingly large might be the offer, little dreaming how short-lived should be my pleasure.

Scarcely a week after I had so advantageously sold out, I met a gentleman of casual acquaintance, and who, as I had been informed, had a fine collection of stamps, and among them a number of Swiss locals, and as he had, some months before, offered his entire collection to a friend of mine for sale, I thought that I might possibly be able to add a few more to my lately acquired treasures, and I accordingly asked him if his collection was still in the market. He informed me that it was not, but added, that he would take pleasure in showing me his album any evening I should feel inclined to call at his residence.

The evening after I made the call, and after a few minutes of pleasant chat, and of which, as the reader may readily infer, our hobby was the subject, he produced his album. Was I dreaming? Had I not seen this very album before? Page after page I turned in speechless awe, until at last a dread suspicion seized me. There! right before me, were the identical spaces from which I had but a few short evenings before carefully removed my treasures—my priceless "Swiss Cantonals;" and though pained to the heart at knowing what must inevitably follow, I so informed my friend; and it was now his turn to be surprised.

"How can it be?" he exclaimed, excitedly; "to my knowledge, this album has not been out of my hands for months; yet, I notice that the stamps are not there, and you claim to have removed them with your own hands; and that but a week ago."

"Such certainly is the case," I replied, and then I related the circumstances attending my exchange with young Nortup.

Calling his younger brother, who was still attending school, the mystery was soon solved. He stated that for some time there had been a rivalry going on among his classmates, as to who had the best collection of stamps, and in a desire to eclipse them all, he had—unknown to his brother—taken the album with him to school, where all had to admit that his collection was the finest and most varied of all. Young Nortup, who had been the loudest in its praise, and who was looked upon by the boys as a certain authority on such matters, had requested the loan of the album for a few days, in order to quietly look it over in company with a friend, and who, he knew, would greatly enjoy the treat. Trusting to his classmate's honesty, he had foolishly granted the request, not dreaming for a moment how shamefully his confidence should be abused.

What was to be done? My friend was of course indignant, and showered vengeance upon the young offender's head. I offered to purchase the stamps, but, prizing them as highly as I did, he informed me that he did not care to part with them, as they had been given to him by a friend, many years ago; but that, should he be the first one to die, he would leave me the entire collection by will. Poor comfort!

Seeing how things stood, I of course at once agreed to restore the stolen treasure to the rightful owner, and to take my chances with young Nortup.

To such an agreement, however, my friend demurred; he was willing enough, he said, to take back his stamps, and was loud in the praise of my honesty, but he was unwilling that I should have to run the risk of regaining my property, and learning that I valued the stamps, which I gave in exchange, at four dollars, he at once repaired to Nortup senior, and informed him of his son's dishonesty, leaving him the choice of paying me four dollars cash, or to have the matter placed in the hands of the proper authorities.

The culprit at first stoutly denied the theft, but being now also confronted by me, who had for this purpose remained out-doors, the proof against him was so convincing that he at last admitted his guilt. He had in an unguarded moment, he said, yielded to a desire to possess so large a number of stamps, and on this account resorted to the theft, thinking, that in so large a collection, so few would never be missed, and with tears of repentance in his eyes he begged to be forgiven, and promised never to sin again.

The sorrowing father, much grieved by his son's dishonesty, paid the cash, and we in turn promised secrecy, so long as our repentant young friend should keep his word, never to pilfer again.

Months have since passed, and still a void exists in my album, which, I fear will not again be filled for a long, long time to come, and whenever, in scanning the pages of my album, I come to the space set apart for Switzerland, my heart fairly aches, as I am reminded of the loss of my treasure—my cherished, priceless Cantonal.

*Letterbox.*

## THE ISSUE OF 1869 U. S. STAMPS.

### I. HISTORY.

**O**f all the various issues of our country probably none is sought after more eagerly than the one to be considered; and I hope that the few remarks I have to make will not come amiss.

The old standby, the three-cent red, had been in use for a number of years, and was time-worn and ancient, and its beauty had long departed; so that, like everything else, the changing times demanded something new. Consequently, early in 1869, the old set was superseded by a new one, of ten varieties. These were square stamps, considerably smaller than the previous emissions, as every one knows; they look very neat and the designs are quite a novelty. But, contrary to all expectations, they did not meet with the approbation of the public; the wits of the times exhausted their energies in endeavoring to ridicule them. The "steam engine," which replaced the bust of Washington on the three-cent variety, particularly excited their opposition, as the people deemed it an insult to the "father of his country;" and their national pride was severely wounded. Consider the analogy between this and the famous Connell stamp of New Brunswick.

Apart from this fact, I do not see that they had any sensible reason for com-

plaint, as I have no hesitation in pronouncing them the most beautiful set of postage stamps that our country has ever issued, and most collectors, I think, will agree with me. In the first place, consider what a magnificent contrast of colors there are in the higher values, and the neatness and appropriateness of the designs, making them comparable with any other set ever issued. Moreover, how representative they are of our country; that single set contains an unwritten history of our nation. The fifteen cent recalls to our memory the discovery by Columbus, while the one cent, with the head of Franklin, reminds us of that stage in our history when the spirit of liberty commenced to be manifested, which resulted, as represented by the 24 cent, in the "Declaration of Independence." Closely following this, we find on the six cent, a fine likeness of him who is dear to us all; recalling to our minds the "Passage of the Delaware," "Valley Forge," and the final victory at "Yorktown." The two and three cent represent the progress which we have made in the modes of travel—from horses to steam power—the great means whereby the transit of mails has been considerably facilitated; the twelve reminds us of that great achievement, the passage of the Atlantic by steam; on the ninety cent we have a fine portrait of our martyred President "Lincoln," and last of all we see on the ten and thirty cent, the emblems of the greatest nation that the world has ever produced.

From these considerations, do we wonder that they are interesting to the inquiring collector? With the exception of the higher values of the State Department, it was the first and last attempt of the Government to print stamps in two colors.

Recently there has arisen a question concerning the "non-grilling" of these stamps, and I think I may be able to throw one small ray of light on that subject.

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## II.—VARIETIES AND GRILLING.

**I**N the last chapter I endeavored to give a brief history of these stamps as well as my limited knowledge would permit. There is also another interesting feature in these stamps, and that is, the varieties; although few, yet they are of sufficient importance to claim our attention. In the first place the three cent exists in both dark and light colors—the darker one being much the handsomer. The same is true of the six cent, though the distinction is less marked. Passing the ten and twelve, we come to the most important, the fifteen cent. In the regular design, right above the picture of the "Landing of Columbus," is a small diamond, while in the variety, it is entirely absent, leaving a blank, white space.

Just at this stage, in the history of Philately, there is considerable doubt as to whether these stamps were issued without being grilled or not. Some certainly exist, unless our eyes deceive us; but might these not be the Government reprints which were issued a few years ago? That might be so, but then there are those who possess specimens ungrilled and cancelled. Here we come across a difficulty which was unexplicable to my mind until I made a very simple experiment not long ago. I wished to find out whether they pass the post-office officials or not; and for this purpose I addressed an envelope to myself and placed on it two one cent Government reprints of 1869 issue, and deposited it in the letter-box.

By the next mail it came promptly to hand, cancelled like any other letter. This shows that the Government reprints, which are ungrilled, are capable of passing through the mails, and so be cancelled. Hence, here arises a means

by which the ungrilled specimens may exist cancelled, and yet be the reprints, and we are no nearer the truth than before. Upon writing to headquarters at Washington, I received the following communication :

POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT, Sept. 30th, '86.

MR. A. E. HANCOCK, 1621 N. 15th St., Philadelphia.

*Sir* : Your letter of the 14th inst., addressed to the Postmaster General, in regard to what you term the "grilling" of postage stamps of the issue of 1869, has been referred to this office. Without some examination of the old records of the Department, which examination, I regret to say, I cannot spare the time just now to make, it will be impossible for me to give in full the information you seek. You may be positively assured, however, that stamps of the higher denominations of the issue of 1869, the 15, 24, 30 and 90 cent denominations, were issued without "grilling" or embossing. I would also inform you that the Department is not selling reprints of its old issues of postage stamps.

Yours very respectfully,

A. D. WAYNE, Third Ass't Postmaster General.

This, I think, should settle the matter as far as the higher denominations are concerned. But the lower values, which are more likely to have been used lately, must wait for further developments before we can class them as a separate and authentic emission. There were, no doubt, a large number of the reprints used lately, as many dealers, a few years ago, advertised to use them in sending orders to their customers. I shall be forever indebted to any one who can furnish any further information.

*A. E. Hancock.*

### THE LAST GUATEMALA PROVISIONAL.

SEVERAL editors have attempted to discredit this stamp. Some charging the Government with "speculating," others saying it looks like a "bogus" issue ; others saying, it is "doubtful," as *they* can't see why a provisional issue should be required so soon after a regular issue.

The facts are these : The local correspondence in the Capitol has increased enormously within a year, and when the proportions for the first order for the new issue were made out, this great increase was not taken into consideration, and the consequence was that the new stamps were hardly in use before it was seen that an order should be sent for more at once. But for some reason a delay occurred in the receipt of the new stamps, and 60,000, "2 Centavos" stamps, were surcharged by order of the Government. In fact, 60,000 was about the remaining stock of "2 Centavos" on hand.

One thing certain about these stamps is, that there is practically no room for forgeries, or reprints. They were made from the lithographed issue, of which no more are to be had ; the new 1c., 2c., and 25c., being engraved ; the difference, while not great, can be easily seen by a practised eye.

A very great range of shade is seen in the lithographed 5 centavo. Some of them are almost as light a blue as the 1 centavo. While others are almost a black. The color of the engraved 5c. is almost constant—a reddish purple.

*J. Clark Hill.*

GUATEMALA CITY, C. A.

## THE HISTORY TAUGHT BY THE MEXICAN POSTAGE STAMPS.

## III. MAXIMILIAN.

AS soon as the French army occupied the Capitol, all the political parties opposed to Juarez united and organized a monarchial party. An election was held, and, as only Monarchists voted, the result was a declaration in favor of an Empire with a European prince as Emperor. Ferdinand Maximilian, Archduke of Austria, and brother of the Austrian Emperor, was elected to the Imperial throne thus created.

Maximilian was then thirty-two years old. He was not only of royal blood, but he had received a princely education, was an excellent scholar, and had travelled extensively. He had exhibited considerable executive ability as commander of the Austrian navy, for which post he had been especially trained, and he had also administered the government of Lombardy and Venice with success. He had written several books of travels and a work on the navy. In 1857 he was married to the Princess Carlota, the charming daughter of Leopold I., of Belgium.

He was ambitious, but he was honorable. The prospect of founding an Empire in the land of the Montezumas was dazzling, but he would not accept the throne offered him by the Mexican monarchists until assured that he had been elected by a majority of the people. He required another election. By that time the French army occupied not only the Capitol, but all the central portion of Mexico as well, and the second election was under the control of the French arms—even more than the first had been. It was, of course, overwhelmingly in favor of the Empire and of Maximilian. Probably, however, no election in Mexico, before or since, has been any more honest, for elections are always controlled by those in power. Maximilian knew nothing of the character of the people with whom he had to deal. He listened to the persuasions of Napoleon III., and signified his satisfaction with the result of the election and his willingness to accept the throne.

In April, 1864, Maximilian and Carlota set out from Europe and arrived in the City of Mexico in June. They quickly won the hearts of all with whom they came in contact, for they were personally very charming and tried to be good rulers. They were constantly giving money to charities. There are noble institutions now in the City of Mexico which owe their existence to Carlota's kind, womanly heart and ever-open purse. For a while the Empire seemed to flourish. Then clouds came, and finally a terrible storm burst.

As long as the United States were at war the French Emperor, who furnished Maximilian with an army and with money for the support of the Mexican Empire, paid no attention to the demands of our Government that he should withdraw his troops and stop all interference with the internal affairs of Mexico. But, contrary to Napoleon's expectations, the war in the United States ended without a rupture of the union, and then our Government was able to make a more emphatic demand that the French project in Mexico be abandoned. All the while it recognized the Juarez government, and was prepared to aid it with an army, if necessary. It disclaimed any right to interfere with any form of government which the Mexicans might choose for themselves, but it denied the right of France or any other European nation to intervene to set up an empire for them. Napoleon had to accede to the demands and notified Maximilian of his intention to withdraw the French troops.

To poor Maximilian it seemed at first as if there was nothing to be done but abdicate and leave the country. But his heroic wife urged him not to be too hasty. She offered to go to France and plead with Napoleon III. to reconsider

his determination to abandon the Empire. She set out at once for Paris, but her interviews with Napoleon were of no avail. He was prepared to break all his promises of support to Maximilian as he has broken all his other treaties. Carlota went to Rome to seek consolation of the Pope in her affliction. While in Rome she was taken ill and became hopelessly insane. She was removed to Belgium, and there she now remains in the palace where she was born. Her reason has never returned, and she has never known the sad fate which befel her devoted husband and the Empire she tried to save.

For some time Maximilian was undecided what to do. He saw that he had been cruelly deceived by Napoleon III., but he still had confidence in his followers in Mexico. By them he was urged not to abdicate, but to continue the struggle. He was not unmindful of duties which he owed to the political parties supporting him, and he finally concluded to establish himself at Queretaro and fight for the Empire. By occupying that town with his entire army—not very large after the withdrawal of the French troops—he gave the Republican army an immense advantage over him. Seeing it, the Republicans in all parts of the country began to unite, and gradually surrounded the town. After a siege of about two months, Queretaro was taken, and Maximilian and his whole army fell into the hands of the Republicans. The Emperor was tried for a number of political crimes before a court-martial composed of young artillery officers. The oldest judge was twenty-three years old, the youngest was only eighteen. He was of course found guilty and ordered to be shot. Every effort to save his life failed. Mexicans of all parties, Europeans and Americans, all pleaded for him in vain. On the 19th of June he was taken, with two of his bravest generals, to a hill near Queretaro, and there the three were shot. He died like a brave prince, for such he was. Thus ended the second Mexican Empire.

Maximilian was only thirty-five years of age at the time of his death. He was a man of pure and noble character, and few doubt that he strove hard as Emperor for the good of his people. His reign was really beneficial to Mexico, and had it been possible to maintain the Empire, it would have proved the best government Mexico ever had. Certainly the country never had a purer ruler. His Empire was founded on injustice, but that was the fault of Napoleon III. The fault of Maximilian was that he was too easily deceived by the French Emperor, and for that fault he suffered.

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The earliest issue of Mexican postage stamps—not portraits—but the arms of the Republic, recalls a famous legend of the founders of what is now the City of Mexico. In their wanderings about the country in the year 1327, in search of a place in which to found a nation, they arrived on the banks of some lakes, and then saw an eagle perched upon a branch of *nopal*—(a species of cactus known to us as the prickly pear)—growing out of a rock. The eagle was devouring a serpent which it held in its talons. Taking this as a sign from the gods they proceeded to build there a city in the lake, and called it Tenochtitlan, meaning “the place where the *nopal* grew.” *French*—the *nopal* plant, and *than*—place.) The City became the Capitol of the great Aztec Empire, and has continued to be the Capitol of the country up to the present day. Its name was changed to Mexico, probably derived from the name of the war god Mexitli, and has given a name to the entire country. This legend has stamped the cactus, the eagle and the serpent upon the arms of the Republic of Mexico.

The revenue stamps of Mexico contain quite a gallery of Mexican heroes. But the postage stamps only present portraits of Hidalgo, Juarez and Maximilian.

## NOTES BY THE WAY.

THIS magazine can be obtained from any newsdealer in the United States. If he hasn't it, he can soon get it through the American News Company, who supply the trade.

HEREAFTER, our "Chronicle" will be furnished by the Scott Stamp and Coin Co., and our readers may expect the latest and fullest news on new issues.

POSTAL notes are now payable at any money order office in the United States.

THERE are in the United States twenty-four firms with capitals ranging from \$2,500 to \$50,000 engaged solely in selling stamps to collectors, which issue monthly catalogues of prices, and keep their customers informed of each new stamp issued. England has eight firms, and on the Continent there are over thirty firms of the same grade.

WE HAVE received the sixteenth edition of Mr. Durbin's standard catalogue. It contains every issue up to date, the location of all the countries, their form of government, value of their currency, etc. There is also a list of words and phrases by which a stamp can be located without difficulty, besides numerous illustrations of the arms, portraits and devices found upon stamps; in a word, we believe it the most complete and cheapest catalogue ever issued. Every collector should have a copy of this "Standard."

WE ARE pleased to notice that at last the eyes of our Philadelphia friends are open, and they seem in earnest to advance the interests of the A. P. A. instead of placing so many barriers in its path. Well, "Truth crushed to earth will rise again."

WE ARE not a little surprised to notice that four whole pages are wasted in the February *Quaker City Philatelist* by giving a "List of stamps issued in 1886." We surely thought our esteemed contemporary was better off for matter to fill its valuable (?) columns.

THROUGH the kindness of Mr. William A. Warner, we have a description of the new Gibraltar postage, 1 p., rose. Head of Queen, sinister, in horizontal lines, sexagon, with curved sides, and framed the same; white rings enclosing five dots, in spandrels on solid ground; "Gibraltar" on top in white label. "One Penny" at bottom, in same; perforated. 2 p., brown. Head of Queen, sinister, in horizontal lines rectangle, arched top and bottom, white triangles in spandrels on solid ground; seven stars (composed of five white dots) at sides, on solid ground, vertical; "Gibraltar" at top on white label; "Two pence" at bottom, on same; perforated. 2½ p., blue. Head of Queen, sinister, in horizontal line, oval, pointed at top and bottom, white band, same shape, enclosing oval, "Gibraltar" over top; "Two Pence" sinister, and "Halfpenny" dexter below on white band; colored letters; ornamental spandrels on solid ground; perforated. The above were issued on January 1st, 1887.

IT is certainly very gratifying to notice the marked and increasing interest the public press is taking in philately. It only shows that the rapid growth of stamp collecting is at last reaching a firm footing. Among the many recent and pleasing evidences, the most prominent is, perhaps, the lengthy and interesting article which appeared in the *Telegram*, of this city, dated February 19th.

THE *Western Philatelist* for March has been received, and among its contents contains a letter entitled, "A Flatlist's Ecksperiens." While this is cleverly written, yet the spelling becomes tiresome and is funny to a fault. Our readers will remember that some months ago we published similar letters from "Ikey," so this form of amusing younger reader can hardly be claimed as original by our esteemed contemporary.



MR. JNO. K. TIFFANY, President of the A. P. A., says that, up to date, 473 different stamp papers have been published all over the world. Mr. Tiffany is surely an authority, being the possessor of the largest and most complete philatelic library extant.

THE Scott Stamp and Coin Co. will publish this month an album for revenue stamps. This branch of collection has been sadly neglected by collectors, and we trust this most admirable work will stimulate philatelists to give this branch of our science more attention.

WE HAVE received recently several pamphlets from Mr. Patrick Chalmers, of England, in which he claims his father, Mr. James Chalmers, was the real inventor of the postage stamp. There is now no doubt in our mind that he was the inventor of the adhesive postage stamp, and we feel he should receive from press and public due recognition as such.

WE clip the following from the February issue of the *Philatelic Journal of America*: "Never in the history of philatelic journalism has a paper developed the progress we have been pleased to notice in the EMPIRE STATE PHILATELIST, since it started two years ago. It now ranks among the best, and the publishers may well be proud of its typographical appearance. As official organ of the National Philatelic Society of New York City, it occupies a position which greatly increases its importance."

THE *Western Philatelist* for February, already shows signs of improvement, and we believe it has come to supply a felt want for a reliable journal in the West. Long may it live.

MR. DURBIN says an epidemic of locals is raging in Germany. Already about a dozen local posts are announced in various cities of the Empire.

No. 2 of the *American Philatelist* is before us, and in many respects is an improvement over No. 1. The reports of the various officers show the increasing interest collectors are taking, and the list of new members is constantly being added to. There is no doubt that the A. P. A. is just what the collectors of America needed.

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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL PHILATELICAL SOCIETY.

FEBRUARY 10TH, 1887.

Regular monthly meeting of the National Philatelic Society was held at the rooms on Thursday, Feb. 10th. The President and Vice-President being absent, Dr. Mitchell was voted to the chair. Meeting called at 8.20 P. M. Reading and approval of minutes of previous meeting.

The Executive Committee, not having reported on Mr. Aue's resolution, it was left till next meeting.

Received a communication from Mr. F. E. P. Lynde and Mr. Wm. H. Corfield on behalf of the "Quaker City Philatelic Society," requesting the National Philatelic Society to send representatives to attend the Second Anniversary and Banquet of their Society, to be held on February 18th, 1887.

Moved by Mr. Miller, that as the time was short, and that there being no meeting between the date of anniversary and present meeting, that the Secretary send our congratulations to the Q. C. P. S. Seconded and carried.

Received a short essay by Mr. W. P. Crosby, entitled, "Before the Postage Stamp Era in the U. S.," which was read by Mr. Miller.

Moved, seconded and carried, that the Society tender their thanks to Mr. Crosby.

Mr. Aue exhibited the "Musical Album," containing the Philatelist's Polka, Postage Stamp Waltz and Collectors' Quadrille, by Mary Francis Palmer. Mr. Kres, the 3 p. brown on yellow, 6 p. purple on rose, Great Britain, Jan. 1st, 1887. Mr. Warner, 9 p., same, purple-blue,  $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1, 2,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  p., Gibraltar, 1887. 1 p., carmine Tonga Is., December, 1886,  $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1, 2, 4c., North British Borneo, 1886.

Meeting adjourned at 9.30 P. M.

WILLIAM A. WARNER, *Secretary*.

FEBRUARY 24TH, 1887.

Regular semi-monthly meeting of the National Philatelic Society was held at the rooms on Thursday, Feb. 24th. President Bogert in the chair. Meeting called at 8 P. M. Reading and approval of minutes of previous meeting.

The Executive Committee reported favorably on the proposal for Honorary Membership. It was moved, and seconded, that the Hon. Henry G. Pearson, Postmaster of New York City, be elected. Was put to vote and unanimously elected.

The Executive Committee, not reporting on Mr. Aue's resolution, it was moved and seconded that the resolution be referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Which, after much discussion, was put to vote, and resulted in a tie; was decided by the chair as not carried.

Moved by Mr. Rich, that Section 1, Article 4 of the Constitution be amended to read as follows: "The annual election for officers shall take place at the first meeting in December," instead of June, and that the officers now in office hold the same till then.

Vice-President Rechert occupied the chair. Mr. Bogert informed the Society that when he decided against the resolution of Mr. Aue (that the society become a branch of the A. P. A.), he was under the impression that our Constitution would have to be altered to conform with the A. P. A.

It was then moved and seconded that the question be reconsidered; was put to vote, and resulted in a tie; was decided by the chair in favor of reconsideration.

The question was then put to vote, with the same result. Decided by the chair "that the National Philatelic Society become a branch of the American Philatelic Association."

Mr. F. E. P. Lynde, Cor. Sec. Q. C. P. S., delivered a short speech,

Mr. Rich exhibited his collection of United States stamps. Mr. Rechert the new Madagascar 1,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ , 2 and 3d., Uruguay 5c. violet (error of 1884), also officials, surcharged in black on 1c. of 1877, 1882, 1884 and Provisosio of 1884; 2c. of 1884; 5c. of 1879-84; 7c. of 1884; 10 and 20c. of 1877. Guatemala, surcharged in black on 2c., of July, 1886; Provisional, 1886; 1. Uncentavo, in four lines; Prince Edwards Island, 3, 6, 9 p. of 1860, and 4 p. of 1869, unperforated; Turkey 5 pa., black, and 2 pi., orange and blue, of March 13th, 1886, unperforated; New Republic 3 p., violet on yellow, unperforated; Faridkot,  $\frac{1}{2}$  a., green; Tonga, 2 p., violet, perforated; Republica de Columbia, 5c. blue; Curacoa,  $12\frac{1}{2}$ c. yellow, 1887; Dutch Indies,  $12\frac{1}{2}$ c. gray; Russian Levant, large "7" in black on 10 k., of 1870, small, perforated; Hungary, 1 kr., orange (newspaper), water-marked with loops.

Meeting adjourned at 10 P. M.

WILLIAM A. WARNER, *Secretary*.

## CHRONICLE.

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**Angola.**—The remainder of the new issue has now made its appearance.

**Azores.**—The 50 reis, blue, of the type of the 1871 issue, has been seen with small surcharge in black.

**Barbadoes.**—The 1½d. postal card is now printed in mauve.

**British Bechuanaland.**—The 4 pence, blue, and 1 shilling, green, of Cape of Good Hope, with black surcharge, have been added to the current series.

**British North Borneo.**—Two of the stamps of the "North Borneo" series have been surcharged, as follows: 3 cents, black, on 4 cents rose; 5 cents, black, on 8 cents, green.

**Ceylon.**—The 16 cents, yellow, surcharged 15 cents, which was announced sometime ago, has just been issued.

**Denmark.**—On December 28, 1886, the following were added to the new set: 1 ore, yellow; 2 ore, yellow-green; 5 ore, violet.

**Germany.**—The flood of new locals continues, but as these stamps are of no interest to collectors in this country, it would be useless to enumerate them.

**Greece.**—Mr. Moens announces a stamp, without value indicated, supposed to be intended for a 5 lepta green.

**Hyderabad.**—A new envelope of 2½ annas has been issued, and will replace the 4½ annas hitherto in use.

**Macao.**—As was to be expected, the stamps of this country are now of the new type, with embossed head. The values and colors are as follows:

|               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| 5 reis, black | 50 reis, blue   |
| 10 " yellow   | 80 " gray       |
| 20 " rose     | 100 " red-brown |
| 25 " lilac    | 200 " slate     |
| 40 " brown    | 300 " orange    |

**Mexico.**—We have had a 1c. newsband, with green stamp of the same design as the current issue of postage stamps.

**New Republic of South Africa.**—We give a complete list of all the stamps that have been seen up to date:

|                      |                     |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1d., violet on straw | 2d., violet on gray |
| 2d., " " "           | 3d., " " "          |
| 3d., " " "           | 4d., " " "          |
| 4d., " " "           | 6d., " " "          |
| 1d., " " gray        | 1s., " " "          |

**St. Vincent.**—The 1d. is now lilac-rose.

**Samoa.**—A new set of an entirely new design was issued in 1886. The design consists of a large palm tree and two small ones, in a circle, with "Samoa Postage" above and value below. The values that have been seen are:

|                   |             |
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| ½d., brown-violet | 2d., orange |
| 1d., green        | 4d., blue   |

**Timor.**—A new set of same design, values and colors as the Macao, mentioned above, has been issued.

**Tolima.**—The new set has received two additions in the shape of a 1 cent gray and a 2 cent rose.

**Turkey.**—The 20 paras carmine of the present issue has been surcharged "10" in the upper left hand and lower right hand corners.

**United States of America.**—We have just made two most remarkable discoveries in the stamps of our country, as follows: Navy, 2c., emerald green, 1875; 2c., vermilion, unperforated.

## NOTICES OF EXCHANGE.

Under this head will be issued (free of charge to everybody) notices of exchange for stamps, coins, minerals, relics, etc. All notices should reach us by the 25th of this month, to insure insertion in next number. Would advise exchangers to write for particulars before sending articles, to avoid misunderstandings. Notices must be written on a separate sheet of paper, and must not contain over 30 words.

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Five foreign stamps for every revenue; not less than 10 of the latter taken; no tobacco, revenues or match and medicine stamps accepted. John W. Halsey, Box 485, Montclair, N. J.

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Priced catalogue of Bogert & Co.'s first auction sale for 10 Philatelic papers not in my collection. W. R. King, Grand Island, Neb.

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change for others not in my collection, or for U. S. Fractional of any kind. All letters answered. Frank P. Adams, Box 942, Decorah, Iowa.

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OFFICE EMPIRE STATE PHILATELIST,  
No. 12 Jacob Street,  
NEW YORK, April 5th, 1887.

*To Members of the American Philatelic Association.*

GENTLEMEN.—Notwithstanding comments by our esteemed contemporaries of the philatelic press to the contrary, the publishers of the EMPIRE STATE PHILATELIST have the interests of Philately at heart, and with your permission would present the following to the members of the Association :

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## POMEROY'S LETTER-EXPRESS.

(CONCLUDED.)

BY DR. WM. H. MITCHELL.

THE confidence of the business world had been secured, and a reputation won, and the following correspondence will prove this, and also that Pomeroy & Co. were established previous to '42.

POMEROY &amp; Co.'S EXPRESS OFFICE,

ALBANY, May 23, 1842.

GENTS:—Having for some time past transacted business for you, will you do us the favor to state whether we have served you with such promptitude and fidelity as to entitle us to your confidence and patronage.

With great respect,

Your most obedient servants,

POMEROY &amp; COMPANY.

This was replied to as follows:

ALBANY, May 23, 1842.

GENTS:—In reply to yours of this date, we take pleasure in stating to you all our business which has been entrusted to your care has been conducted with great promptitude and to our entire satisfaction, and we assure you of our continued confidence.

Respectfully yours,

ERASTUS CORNING.

On the 25th of May, the large house of Prime, Ward & King add their testimony. "We have great pleasure in recommending Pomeroy & Co. to the patronage of the public." And Maitland, Kennedy & Co., also of New York, in a letter of commendation state: "We have every confidence in Messrs. Pomeroy & Co."

Then the leading business men of Albany, Rufus H. King, Drew, Robinson & Co., J. H. Ten Eyck, Thos. W. Olcott, and many others join in their commendation of Pomeroy's ability.

The foregoing show conclusively that Geo. E. Pomeroy was the recognized head of the enterprise, and the great esteem in which he was held.

In August, 1841, after having secured the services of Henry Wells, and those of his brother, Thaddeus Pomeroy, Mr. Pomeroy established a semi-weekly express. The position of Henry Wells in the company is proven by reference to the letter and bill books of the old firm. Thaddeus Pomeroy and Henry Wells at this time were the messengers.

The business of the company increased with such great rapidity, that a daily express was looked forward to as a necessity.

The business men of Rochester made the generous offer to contribute \$6,000 toward the additional expense that it would involve if a daily trip was made, and in a little over a year it was established.

But return to the article in *Harper's* again. "One day when the style of the firm had been changed to Livingston, Wells & Co., Mr. Wells came into the office with a shrewd idea, which gave the concern an important impetus in its march toward prosperity. In the year preceeding to the reduction of letter postage by act of Congress, and the post-office was supporting some 16,000 politicians, by charging twenty-five cents for every letter from Buffalo to New York,

Wells's idea was to start an opposition; \* \* \* \* \* and in several columns of neat little figures, he showed his partners how a letter could be carried for six cents at a handsome profit."

The following will dispute any claim of Mr. Wells to start an opposition as well as his "*shrewd*" idea.

ALBANY, N. Y., Sept. 1, 1842.

*To the Honorable, the Postmaster General, Washington.*

SIR:—Understanding that the connection between your department and Mr. E. J. Humphrey has ceased, we beg to commend to your favorable notice George E. Pomeroy, of the city of Albany, as a most proper person to supply the vacancy occasioned by the discontinuance of Mr. Humphrey's services.

Mr. Pomeroy is the principal proprietor of Pomeroy & Co.'s Express, which departs daily from New York, Albany and Buffalo, and extends into Canada, Ohio, &c. This express is in high favor with the community on the line of its travel; has transacted a large business for many of us, and enjoys our confidence. We believe your department would essentially promote its own interests, and the interests and wishes of the public by making this appointment.

To this petition was signed the names of thirty of the most prominent men in the state: bankers, editors and railway presidents.

The reply was as follows:

P. O. DEP'T, CONTRACT OFFICE, }  
September 30, 1842. }

SIR:—Your letter accompanying a proposition to take charge of the mails from New York to Buffalo has been received. Action thereon will be postponed until the return of Mr. Wickliffe to the seat of government.

I am respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

WM. H. DUNDAS,

For First Ass't P. M. General.

GEO. E. POMEROY, ESQ., Albany, N. Y.

The Government did not see fit to give the contract to Mr. Pomeroy, and the result was that he engaged in the private mail service.

In 1844, Mr. Pomeroy issued a set of adhesive stamps for the use of his customers, although it must be understood that Pomeroy had carried mail matter for nearly two years without their use. They were engraved by John E. Gavit, then of Albany, who also designed and printed them. The design consists of the portrait of Mary Pomeroy, the daughter of Geo. E. Pomeroy, in oval. *Pomeroy's* above *Letter-Express*. Above and forming a part of the border are the words *Free Stamp*, and below *20 for \$1*. These stamps were printed on thin crisp, glazed or sized bank-note paper of the following colors and values:

|             |                                  |
|-------------|----------------------------------|
| Black,      | ( 5 cents,)                      |
| Blue,       | " (Chart No. (III., 2a.)         |
| Yellow,     | " " (I., 11b.)                   |
| Orange Red, | (10 cents,) Chart No. (I., 3a.)  |
| Vermilion,  | (10 cents, Chart No. (VII., 5a.) |

The black stamp was afterward supplied on a heavy yellow paper and a second type of the stamp was made by cutting \$1 from the margin. This has

only been found on the heavy paper black on yellow, and it is to be presumed that this was used as some other value; in all possibility, 10 cents.

Right here, is well to mention, that a large label rectangular in form, is found in black on green and red, and it maybe some other colors. This, however, Coster states to be of no value to the collector, and no information we have been able to procure disputes it, so it is well established that it is of no consideration. The design consists of a "locomotive" *Pomeroy & Co.*, a low *letter-express* below, and was used for packages after the same plan as express labels to-day. At this time Mr. Pomeroy suggested the prepayment of postage by means of stamps to the department, but no notice was taken of him.

That business men and others appreciated the advantages of the postage stamp as well as the company as managed by Mr. Pomeroy, will be seen from the sale of the stamps, and the receipts as shown from a letter book in possession of Mr. Pomeroy (in 1876) shows that the sales amounted to between \$2,000 and \$3,000 during June and July 1844. During this time the expense of defending his business against the Government prosecution was \$1,500; the profit from the sale of the stamp was enough for all contingencies. Mr. Pomeroy as the responsible man of the firm was the one that the Government prosecuted for the infringement of the postal laws and regulations. That defendant got the best of the suit will be seen by the extra issued by the *Utica Daily Gazette*, to which the decision of Judge Conklin is given in full; and clearly shows whose "idea" it was to run a private mail service, as well as who was the principal proprietor of the *Western Express*.—And Mr. Pomeroy continued to run his Express until the United States Government rates reduced to his rates—that is twenty letters for \$1.00; and he was continually suggesting to the post office authorities where they could improve the service. He was the first man that mentioned the distribution of mail matter for different points on the cars, a plan that is utilized to-day, without which the service could not be carried on in its present perfection.

Mr. Pomeroy, in making reference to his opposition to the Government Post says that "while carrying on his post, 'I had forty writs served on me by the post office department for carrying the mail. The first suits required bonds for \$250,000; myself in \$50,000, with two sureties justifying in \$100,000.

"The bonds in two or three suits were cheerfully given by Erastus Corning and Thomas W. Scott, but when there come three and four suits in a day, I positively declined to furnish any such bail, but offered Mr. Samuel Carter, a clerk in the office, who lacked \$99,999 of the amount to justify, but who was accepted rather than the department should take board for me at the Eagle Hotel or the Hill."

Forming as they did the connecting link between the East and West, Pomeroy & Co., had many connections with other well known posts. After Pomeroy & Co. discontinued to run with Harnden's Express from New York to Albany and established themselves for New York to Buffalo. The following table will be of interest:

Boston to New York—Harnden's Express, 1841-6; Hale & Co., 1842; Housford Mail, 1844-5; W. Wyman, 1844-5; American Letter Mail Co., 1843-5; Overton & Co., 1844-5.

Philadelphia to New York—Hale & Co., Harnden's Express, Hartford Mail, Overton & Co., American Letter Mail Co.

New York City—Mail matter was collected by the following and delivered to Pomeroy & Co.: Boyd, Swarts, Homdfords' Express and their own messengers.

New York to Albany—Harnden's Express, Pomeroy & Co., Brainard & Co., 1843-6; Overton & Co.

Troy to Albany—Brainard & Co., Troy & Albany Express Post (?)

Albany to Buffalo—Pomeroy & Co.

Branch to Albion and Locton—(P. & Co.), Jerome Clark; (?) to Rochester, Hoyt's Letter Express, 1844 (?)

Of Pomeroy & Co's extension into Canada, we have no record; and nothing up to present writing has been found that can verify it; but that Pomeroy had had a Canadian extension is proven by the petition in 1842 to the Post Office Department; it may have been by means of Hoyt's Letter Express, or an extension of the Lockport and Albion branch, or from Buffalo; but however, this is all speculation.

In the Ohio extension it may have been with Adams & Co., or with Livingston and Fargo, from Buffalo to Cincinnati and by Steamer Detroit and Chicago.\*

Mr. Geo. E. Pomeroy continued with the company until late in 1844, when he disposed of his interest to his brother Thaddeus, the transfer becoming necessary on account of outside matters, to which he had been connected to a transportation company that had failed and involved him to the amount of \$30,000 or so, and as a consequence the firm became known as *Livingston, Wells & Pomeroy (T.)* This continued for nearly a year, when Mr. Thaddeus Pomeroy also retired with his and his brother's utensils which was sold to Mr. Crawford Livingston, and the firm became known as *Livingston, Wells & Co.*

This ended Mr. Geo. E. Pomeroy's connection with the Express business in the United States. Mr. John Butterfield who absorbed *Berford & Co's* express via Isthmus of Darien (Panama), and his express with this addition and *Livingston, Wells & Co.*, became merged into the *American Express Co.* *Livingston, Wells & Co.*, *Livingston & Fargo*, (Wm. G. Fargo), *Wells & Co.* *Wells, Butterfield & Co.*, with the smaller concerns absorbed by them finally in 1852 developed into *Wells, Fargo & Co.*, the only one of the old private mail companies that is in existence to-day. They have not only spread over the great West but have pushed into British Columbia, Van Couver Island and Mexico, but have reached even as Hawaii, and we would not be surprised to learn that on a day not far distant their doing business in even China and Japan.

Mr. George E. Pomeroy developed the Express business from nothing until it commanded the attention of the mercantile world, and from whose "Letter Express" is developed one of the greatest institutions of its kind in the world. *Wells, Fargo & Co.*, is fully substantiated by historical facts. But few of those who used and were acquainted with the express business in the United States from 1840-60 are now living; but the facts relating to Pomeroy's Express were fully verified by Mr. John Costigan, at that time superintendent of the Mohawk and Hudson Rail Road (now a portion of the New York Central and Hudson River R. R.), Mr. Geo. Dawson, then editor of the Rochester *Democrat* as well as the Hon. Thurlow Weed.

To conclude this article, we would state to those who pay little, if any, attention to the study of United States locals, so-called, but more properly United States private stamps, that there is no field in the widening science of Philately that will pay the searcher after Truth so well, and prove such a reward for his labors, and we feel that collectors must be awakened from their present lethargy to send out and prove beyond a doubt the many undecided and doubtful points that overhang the history of many of these:

Then work, while yet ye may;  
Let your deceit in the efforts be thrown,  
E're all traces fade away  
And be lost in the Great Unknown.

\* See *INDICATOR PHILATELIST*, Vol. II., page forty-three.

## POSTAGE STAMP SWINDLE.

[*The World*, March 17th, 1887.]

ONE of the greatest swindles that has ever been perpetrated upon mankind is the work of a German dealer in old postage stamps. There are in the world about four hundred and fifty thousand persons making collections of postage stamps—one specimen of each issue of each country—who may be classed as retail buyers. There are several thousand dealers, big and little, who buy to sell again, and about a thousand publications devoted exclusively to postage-stamps and their history. Some stamps are very rare and very high prices are paid for them. The purchase of stamps in bulk from the non-philatelist is a lottery. No man knows when he is going to get a prize in any loose boxful that may be sent to him by some person not a collector.

About ten years ago a dealer in a small German town, whose capital was his brains, conceived the brilliant idea of making all the world collect stamps for him without charge and send him, also without charge, vast collections to sort out and sell again. Others dealers have to pay for this work, and they have to charge high prices for their stamps. He would have all but the sorting done for nothing. To-day this dealer has a capital represented by seven figures and a million enthusiastic agents collecting in every section of the civilized globe. His daily mail contains hundreds of thousands of postage stamps sent to him without cost. He has the largest stock of any dealer, and his prices cut under all others in the trade.

How has he done it? This was his brilliant idea: "People who are not willing to give money will give work to help the poor. I will represent the poor, and they shall work for me. I have a brother in Palestine. He shall start a 'Syrian Orphans' Home' on the Mount of Olives or in his imagination, — but we will advertise it as the Mount of Olives. We will send a description of this great charity to all the churches throughout the world, telling them that for 1,000,000 stamps we will board, clothe and educate an orphan until old enough to support itself. The stamps will come to me. My brother will supply the orphan — in his mind."

His happy thought found a response wherever a Christian congregation gathered. There is not in any little hamlet in the United States, or England, or India, or Australia, or any civilized country, a christian congregation that has not from one to ten members saving up postage stamps — begging, borrowing and even stealing them in order to help make up the million that will go to clothe and educate a Syrian orphan in this mythical "Syrian Orphans' Home."

But there are many people, not church members, who do not take much interest in Syrian orphans. They require a little stronger meat. The Syrian orphan dodge worked so well that our little blue-eyed German stamp dealer five years ago started an imaginary mission in the City of Chang Kiang, China, the Holy Sisters of which agreed, for every million stamps sent to him to save from the jaws of the crocodiles of the Yellow River at least one Chinese baby. Furthermore, they agreed that after saving it from the jaws of the crocodiles that they would support, educate and Christianize it. All the stamps, however, were to be remitted to Munich or Stettin. They were not to be sent to the asylum at Chang Kiang, nor to the Orphan Home at Jerusalem. If any conservative soul did send them there they would not be lost. The brother or an agent secured them, sorted them and sent the prizes to Stettin.

New circulars have gone out lately promising that for 1,000,000 stamps a home will be found for an old lady or an old gentleman for the remainder of their lives in one of three homes — one located in London, another in New York

and a third in Cincinnati. For half a million stamps a bed will be endowed in a hospital. For 100,000 stamps a home will be found for some fatherless or motherless child for one year.

This is a bolder game than any of the others. No address is given for either of the homes, but the names of reputable people are given—clergymen, physicians, well-known philanthropists, society ladies—to whom the stamps are to be sent, to be forwarded. Inquiry shows that in every case those whose names are given have agreed to forward the stamps to someone else, and that they know nothing about the location of the home or hospital, except that it is in New York or Cincinnati.

Twenty scattered inquiries revealed agencies in Boston, New York and Philadelphia to receive these stamps, the ultimate destination for all that are valuable being Stettin.

American stamps are the rarest and dearest in the world. There are very few not of current issue that are not valuable. Some are priceless. The set of either 1869 or 1870 is worth from \$10 to \$15, and there are single stamps worth from \$1 to \$50 each. The 3-cent red stamps of 1851 and 1856 have no market value. The 3-cent red with outer line retail at two cents, and are worth 20 cents per 100. The 3-cent pink of 1861 retails for 10 cents, and dealers pay two cents. The 3-cent rose (1863) has no value. The 3-cent scarlet of 1866 retails for \$10; dealers pay \$5. When embossed all over the back, the cancelled (used) 3-cent rose (1868) is worth \$5 and dealers pay \$2. If the embossing is only in a rect-angle they pay 10 cents per 100. The 3-cent blue (1869) has no value; neither has the 3-cent green of 1872, but the 3-cent green of 1870 retails for 10 cents and dealers pay 2 cents. The difference is that the latter is embossed and the former is not. These 3-cent stamps, together with the 1-cent of 1861, the 2-cent (brown horseman) and 3-cent (blue locomotive) of 1869; the 1, 2, 3, 6, 10 unembossed of 1872, and the 1, 2, 4, 5, 10 of the current issue, are the only cheap and common American stamps. There are half a dozen—1-cent 1857, 2-cent black, the 12, 15, 30 and 90 of 1872—that are quoted at 5 cents retail; but all others range in price from 10 cents to \$25, very few being quoted at the lower price.

All postage stamps issued by the Confederacy have a market value, whether used or unused. The following table gives the prices charged by dealers. They usually pay from one-third to one-half of the prices quoted for the same stamps:

|                                  | NEW.   | USED. |
|----------------------------------|--------|-------|
| 1861—5c. green.....              | 40     | 25    |
| 1861—5c. dark green.....         | 40     | 25    |
| 1861—10c. blue.....              | \$1 00 | 35    |
| 1862—2c. green.....              | 2 50   | 2 50  |
| 1862—5c. blue.....               | 30     | 25    |
| 1862—5c. dark blue.....          | 30     | 25    |
| 1862—10c. rose.....              | 1 00   | 1 00  |
| 1862—5c. blue.....               | 5      | 5     |
| 1862—5c. pale blue.....          | 2      | 3     |
| 1862—5c. blue lithographed.....  | —      | 10    |
| 1862—5c. blue perforated.....    | 2 00   | —     |
| 1863—2c. rose.....               | 25     | 1 00  |
| 1863—10c. blue.....              | 3      | 5     |
| 1863—10c. pale blue.....         | 5      | 15    |
| 1863—10c. blue (outer line)..... | —      | 2     |
| 1863—10c. blue perforated.....   | 2 00   | —     |

|                        |      |      |
|------------------------|------|------|
| 1863—15c. blue .....   | 2 00 | 2 00 |
| 1863—20c. green .....  | 5    | —    |
| 1864— 1c. orange ..... | 15   | —    |
| 1864—10c. rose.....    | 5 00 | —    |

The provisional stamps issued by the towns in the Confederate States have a market value, used or unused, from 90 cents to \$150. The 5-cent and 10-cent black of Goidad, Tex., issue of 1861, are worth \$90. The 2-cent black, issue of 1861, of Mobile, Ala., is worth, new, \$35; used, \$30. The 5-cent blue of Mobile, Ala., issue of 1861, is worth \$7.50 used. The 5-cent blue of Charleston, S. C., issue of 1861, used or unused, is worth \$7.50. The 5-cent red issue of 1861, of Knoxville, Tenn., is worth \$2.50. The 5-cent blue, issue of 1861, of Lynchburg, Va., is worth, new, \$10. The 5-cent red and 2-cent blue issue of 1861, of Memphis, Tenn., are worth \$1 each, if new. The 2-cent blue and 2-cent red, of New Orleans, La., issue of 1861, are worth, new, \$1.50 each, and the 5-cent red, issue of 1861, of Petersburg, Va., is worth, new, \$6.

It is estimated that this swindler has collected over 100,000,000 postage stamps in the United States alone, and that he has obtained among them rare stamps worth from \$500,000 to \$1,500,000.

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## STAMPS VIEWED FROM AN HISTORICAL STANDPOINT.

(CONCLUDED FROM FEBRUARY ISSUE.)

ON December 2nd, 1852, the French Empire was re-established, and the prince Louis Napoleon proclaimed Emperor under the title of Napoleon III.

Postage stamps were emitted bearing his portrait, with the legend "Empire Français."

This type existed until September 4th, 1870. Nevertheless, it received in 1863 a modification, by consequence of the campaign of Italy; from this period, conformably with the laws of ancient numismatics, the brow of the Emperor was laureated, as a token of victory won under his personal command. Telegraph stamps, the postage stamps of the Colonies and the fiscal stamps, bore equally, either the effigy of Napoleon III. or the escutcheon of the imperial arms, or the eagle, which is one of the main features.

The same campaign of Italy, alluded to above, (*apropos* of the stamps of France,) brought with it numerous changes in the postal administration of Italy itself. The war against Austria had scarcely commenced when the grand duke of Modena, and the reigning duchess of Parma, were obliged to follow the same step; Romagna placed itself under the protection of Victor Emanuel.

Provisional Governments were speedily established: at Florence, August 1st, 1859; in Modena and Parma, July 27th and August 18th, and at Bologna, August 2nd. The assemblies renounced their sovereigns, and declared the four provinces to be annexed to the Kingdom of Sardinia; but later they leagued with Central Italy,—then divided into two distinct states—Tuscany and Emilie. A second vote of the assemblies, (March 14th and 16th, 1866) consummated the annexation, which was accepted March 18th and 22nd by King Victor Emanuel II.

These successive revolutions brought with them notable changes in the current series of stamps. Those with the lion of Tuscany, the eagle of Modena, the *fleur-de-lis* of Parma, and the pontifical stamp of Romagna were replaced by

others, issued by order of the revolutionary government. They were unprovided, so to speak, under the pressure of circumstances, and were circulated as rapidly as possible among the people, as a sign of the new sovereignty. Their design was extremely simple, and reduced in some cases to a legend composed of simply typographical characters; the impressions were defective, in a word, the execution of the new vignettes suffered in all points, owing to the eagerness to suppress the old stamps. Perhaps it would be well for me to add just here that those of Tuscany and Modena, bore the cross of Savoy, symbolical of the annexing tendencies that were then prevailing. They replaced on the Modena stamps the legend "Poste estensi," (which recalled the ducal dynasty) with the words "Provincie Modonesi." The provisional government of Parma was left limited to the use of the stamps bearing the arms of Savoy; it had, since August 1st, 1859, prescribed, that those of Sardinia should be employed; but this measure having raised difficulties, and Sardinia itself having deemed it premature, a provisional emission took place, the 16th to 27th of August, which remained in use until April, 1860. Nevertheless there was pressed into vigorous service, from the 12th of January, a re-issue of the Sardinians.

So far as Romagna is concerned, it is a singular fact that the pontifical stamps are found surcharged with a sort of cross of St. Andrew, which proves, I think, that the provisional administration did not consider the stamps valid unless they were so designated; thus indicating the abolition of the ancient sovereignty.

In southern Italy, the stamps of the kingdom of the two Sicilies,—the effigy of Ferdinand II. of Sicily, and the arms of the *Trinacrie* for Naples—were not slow in disappearing with the reigning dynasty. On May 10th, 1860, Garibaldi landed at Marsala, and on the 14th proclaimed himself dictator, in the name of Victor Emanuel, and organized a provincial government. The 27th of May he took possession of Palermo, and entered Naples on the 7th of September; the 22nd of October the annexation of the Neapolitan provinces of Marches and Umbria were concluded. The 13th of February, 1861, Francis II. (whose reign was too short for the preparation of stamps bearing his portrait) quitted Gaeta and took refuge in Rome.

At last, the 17th of March, 1861, the first Italian parliament proclaimed Victor Emanuel King of Italy. A stamp whose rarity enhances its historic value remains; a precious token of all these events. In this stamp, the ancient armorials of the Two Sicilies were erased from the face of the die, and were replaced by the cross of Savoy, but a few traces of the first design have resisted the graver, as if to render more obvious and striking the rapidity with which this sudden political commotion was accomplished.

Other stamps bearing the effigy of Victor Emanuel II., were issued in 1861, and continued in use to the moment when the same currency (lire and centesimi) were current in all Italy, and then the stamps of the kingdom of Italy were uniformly employed in every part of the peninsula.

And here, reader, I leave you, trusting at some future day I will be able to continue these, to me, instructive papers on STAMPS VIEWED FROM AN HISTORICAL STANDPOINT.

*Thomas Coke Watkins.*

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THE attention of the readers of the EMPIRE STATE PHILATELIST is called to the rapidly widening influence of this magazine as an advertising medium. This issue contains new announcements from Brazil and England, the last to stay with us for one year.



## HOW ENGLISH MONEY IS MADE.

A VISIT TO THE MINT.

(CONTINUED.)

IN the Coining Room are fourteen presses, in a double row. Those that are working are running with singular quiet and lightness, and shedding out halfpennies at the rate of a hundred a minute, much as if they were peas. The lower die is fixed, the ring that gives the edge is movable, and so is the upper die. The rise and fall of this die is controlled by a weighted lever, and the nip is given by a toggle action. As the blanks slip down the slide on to the table a metal finger pushes them forward on to the lower die, the ring rises, and the top die descends and gives them a squeeze, which at once converts the hitherto patternless disk into a coin of the realm. As the die rises, ready for the next, the metal finger bringing the new-comer pushes forward the finished coin, which slides off down a slope and drops out of a spring-capped shoot into the tray below. We are amid a shower of halfpence! Were the halfpence, sovereigns, and all the machines at work, it would be raining £1,400 a minute! — that is, if all the coins were perfect, which they are not. A few of them crack in the squeeze, or are not struck fairly in the centre. And at the foot of every machine is a small copper bucket with a partition in the centre, and into one or other of the divisions the failures find their way.

The Uhlhorn coining-press has developed through a simian ancestor. In the adjoining room we are shown the machines of the old school, in which the blow was struck by a monkey. Before the monkey period the blow was given by a hammer; the lower die was fastened on a large block of wood, the upper die was held in a holder round which a large piece of lead was fixed to protect the hand, the lead and hand afterwards giving place to a pair of tongs. The first mill and screw came in when the Merry Monarch was our king. Steam was first used in 1810, when the Mint was moved from the Tower to its present site, the Uhlhorn press being introduced twenty-nine years later.

The screw-press, with its large weighted wheel, is a familiar object at most exhibitions. One is in use in the Mint, in the Medal-room, where the miscellaneous work is done. For the Exhibition medals, the medals of the Royal Society, the University of London, and other public bodies, are here made. On the day of our visit the medal-press is busy on the very substantial studies in bronze given by the Board of Trade for saving life at sea. The army and navy medals are all made at the Mint, and we leave the main running for a few minutes to watch the finishing of the holders and clasps with which the glory marks are fitted. This is mere jewellery work, the tapping together of tiny bits of silver with a crispness and celerity generally thought peculiar to Birmingham.

The work in the Coining Room runs into somewhat large figures. In 1885, for instance, the good pieces struck amounted to 63,493,476. And these were of thirty-eight varieties. There were sovereigns and half-sovereigns, 717,723 of the first and 4,468,871 of the other; though the coinage of gold in this country is now much less than it used to be owing to the work done by the Mints of Sydney and Melbourne, which by coining save us the cost of carrying bullion. There were 1,600,000 half-crowns, 1,750,000 florins, 3,330,000 shillings, 4,600,000 sixpences, and 5,000,000 threepences. Besides these there were coined that relic of the past, the £200 worth of Maundy money — fourpences, twopences, and pennies — the "journey" of silver specially struck for the Queen's almsgiving on that day before Good Friday, which derives its name from the maunds or baskets in which the gifts used to be packed, and which in earlier days was

known as Shere Thursday, "because people would that day shere theyr hedes and clypp theyr berdes, and so make them honest against Easter-day."

Of bronze pence there was struck nearly £30,000 worth, of halfpence £18,000 worth, of farthings £5,600 worth; so that altogether the imperial pieces amounted to 42,963,476.

But what has become of the 20,000,000 balance? This is made up of the miscellaneous coinages for the colonies. Newfoundland had its gold double dollars, silver fifty cents, twenty cents, ten cents, and five cents, and its bronze cents; Hong Kong had its silver twenty cents, ten cents, and five cents; the Straits Settlements had their silver twenty cents, ten cents, and five cents, and bronze cents and quarter cents; Canada had its silver twenty-five cents, ten cents, and five cents; Cyprus had its bronze piastres, half-piastres, and quarter-piastres; British Honduras had its bronze cents, the first it has issued; Malta had its insignificant one-third farthings; and Jamaica had its pence, half-pence, and farthings in nickel. In short there were a dozen colonial coinages of unusual importance, the Straits Settlements claiming the lion share with their 2,840,000 cents and 8,000,000 diminutive quarter cents. These figures mean that the metal cast into bars amounted to 476 tons—70 tons being gold and 222 tons being silver. To get the 63 millions of good coins out of these bars, over 76 millions of blanks passed through all the stages to the weighing room, where 13 millions of them were rejected as badly struck, imperfect in ring, or incorrect in weight.

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### TINY LITTLE STATES:—SAN MARINO, MORESNET AND MONACO.

**I** BELIEVE that, if some of the middle-aged readers of the EMPIRE STATE PHILATELIST were asked off-hand to name the smallest state in the world, there would be many erroneous answers given. I should not be afraid to put the question to any boy or girl who is still at school. It is a source of great astonishment to Europeans, the knowledge which the youth of America have of foreign lands, especially of states, towns and capitals. French children are taught very little about countries other than their own, and the English classes generally are not one bit better educated in the details of modern geography. But I never saw one of our fresh-from-school girls who could not glibly repeat not only the names of all the states and territories in northern America, but all the states in Mexico and south of that as far as Cape Horn, also all the countries of the old world. Now, to the average reader, the first thought would be that Delaware is the smallest state in the world; it may be the tiniest of the nearly forty that now make up the national Union, but do you know that the sovereign conglomeration of villages, towns and counties which calls Mr. Bayard its greatest son, is simply enormous in size when compared to two or three states that I can name you as existing here in Europe?

It was only last winter that I wrote letters about one of them—about the principality of Monaco; but there is a republic over here—that of San Marino, which is much older as a sovereign state than Monaco, or indeed any other in the world. The two are about the same size, and both are exceptions to the present political organization of Europe. San Marino is situated in a spur of the eastern slope of the Apennines, fifty-six miles northeast of Florence, and ten

from the Adriatic. Its territory contains forty square miles and a population of about 10,000 souls, who, in manners, language and race do not in any way differ from the Romagnol population of that portion of Italy. The capital of the republic is San Marino, a little town of not more than 1,500 inhabitants, perched on the summit and western slope of Mount Titan, and is very strongly fortified by nature. The streets are for most part flights of steps cut in the natural rock, and the houses rest on equally solid foundations. There is in the place a fine old Corinthian church, an imposing looking citadel and a palace. This last mentioned building is the seat of government. In it are preserved portraits and busts of citizens who have rendered service to the state, or have made a mark in literature, the arts or in science. The country is divided into eight parishes, the whole under the ecclesiastical authority of the bishops of Montefeltre and Rimini. The national government is intrusted to a sovereign council, composed of sixty members, who are elected for life, whose jurisdiction is exclusively legislative, and who receive no pay or other recompense for their services. This body selects two of its members to exercise the executive power, but these captain regents, or "gonfaloniers," only hold office for six months—one of them governing the capital and the other the rural people in the country round about.

The judicial power of the republic of San Marino is exercised by a man, who must not only be a doctor of laws, but be a foreign citizen. He is elected for a term of three years, and an appeal lies from his decisions to a sort of tribunal formed whenever the occasion arises from among the members of the council. Beside these public officials, there is a secretary of foreign affairs, also a state physician, who, in return for his salary, is required to look after the sanitary arrangements of the republic, and attend all its citizens without charging them for his services. When a public emergency arises the great bell of the castle is rung, and at its sound, which can be heard all over town and country, it is the duty of every citizen to assemble in the capital for a general meeting known as the "Arringo," and the deliberations of which are very dignified, for its decisions are always final. The military force consists of a national militia, to which every able-bodied citizen belongs, and which numbers about 1,500 men, all well armed and equipped. There is also a noble guard, composed of twenty-four picked men, whose special duty it is to protect the regents and the sovereign council. There is also a battery of four guns, presented to the republic by Napoleon in 1797. The state has for a coat of arms three blue towers perched on rocks in a silver field. From the top of each tower issues a red flame, and under the shield is the motto "libertas."

The city and country of San Marino take their name from a hermit who lived in the fourth century. He was a native of Dalmatia, whence he emigrated to Italy, followed the trade of a stone mason, helping to build the walls of Rimini. When converted to christianity he was ordained a deacon by the bishop of Brescia, and it was after this that he retired to the forest that covered Mount Titan, took up his abode in a grotto which is still in existence, and is one of the curiosities of the place, and devoted himself to the work of converting the pagan inhabitants of the neighborhood. Whenever he succeeded in making a convert, he baptized the person in a spring of water that gushed out of the grotto floor. One of his first converts was a Roman lady who owned the entire mountain. She made him a present of it, and, when he died, he bequeathed the estate to those whom he had converted to Christianity, and it is their descendants who now form the native population of the republic. There was a chapel built over the good man's grave. It became a place of pilgrimage, and around it sprang up the present city of San Marino. The people whom the saint had thus formed into a sort of political and religious family were hardy mountaineers,

and managed to maintain their independence against the petty feudal princes who filled the country after the downfall of the Roman empire. They also had a long struggle against the political encroachments of the Papal power, and when Cæsar Borgia conquered the Romagnes, the San Marinoans pretended to accept his sovereignty. At the very first opportunity, however, they rebelled against the governor that he sent to town. They joined forces with the feudal nobles of the neighborhood and resisted successfully until the death of Alexander VI. put an end to the power of the Borgias.

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### BEFORE THE POSTAGE STAMP ERA IN THE U. S. (1838).

**B**EFORE the present system of postage was introduced in this country the system was very crude. Since the second war with Great Britain, the cry raised by the people in general, and business men in particular, was for a more substantial system. In the year 1842 the country was relieved somewhat from this momentous difficulty through the adoption of the present system, though the rates were still high. It is before this year I wish to write about.

Letters were at this time (1838) generally sent C. O. D., as in England, ("A Page from English History," in *E. S. P.*, September, October and November issues), but could be prepaid by the sender if so wished, and when so paid for were stamped "Paid" and price.

The rate was for local letters 10 cents for  $\frac{1}{2}$  ounce or fraction, and 25 cents for foreign or the old country, as there were not many countries in the postal union. Letters were carried mostly by stage, and were often months in reaching their destination, which can now be done in almost as many days.

In country households envelopes were made from any sheet of paper, blank on one side, the edges folded over backward so as to enclose the letter (which, if social, were generally written cross lines), and sealed with wax.

Every home kept a stock of sealing wax for this purpose. Very soon after sealing wax was introduced, which were used to a great extent. Envelopes came gradually into use, but were at first not gummed as now-a-days, but were sealed with these wafers.

In conclusion would relate a little incident showing the tricks used to defraud the Government. A letter once arrived in a Michigan town for an Irishman who went to the postmaster and asked him to read it to him, saying at the same time he did not know how. The postmaster complied by opening the letter and reading it to him. When he had finished the Irishman commenced to walk away, when the postmaster called to him and asked him if he didn't want the letter, to which the Irishman answered, "No; I know what's in it and you can have it."

*Warner P. Crosby.*

### AUCTION SALES.

On the 13th ult., at the auction rooms of Messrs. Bangs & Co., of this city, the duplicate collection of Mr. James M. Chute was sold.

The stamp collection belonging to Prof. J. L. Wilson was sold on the 8th; too late for us to quote leading prices.

We learn there were several interesting sales in this city, last month, but as catalogues were not received, we cannot review same. Parties will please furnish us with catalogues so that proper mention may be made.

## CORRESPONDENTS' COLUMN.

*Editor Empire State Philatelist:* Can any of your readers tell me something about the following stamp: Color almost same as cover of EMPIRE STATE PHILATELIST; square, perforated; size about 24x24; circle inclosing horse's head to left; "Union Dispatch" above, and "Five Cents" below, surrounded by another circle. Figure "5" in each corner. P.

*Editor Empire State Philatelist:* Can your readers explain the following? I have a letter on which is an ordinary Swiss stamp, value 25 francs current issue, that was mailed in England under the following circumstance. The writer, not knowing the proper address, sent the letter under cover to England to a friend there, who simply addressed the letter, and without affixing an English stamp, dropped it into the mail. On the face of the envelope is simply the stamp of the mailing office (Brandon), and date on back New York, "paid all," and the stamp of the receiving office. Am only an amateur in Philately, so am unable to understand how a Swiss stamp carries a letter mailed in England to the United States. W. WRIGHT.

*Editor Empire State Philatelist:* I notice in the February EMPIRE STATE PHILATELIST an article under the caption "Fraud,?" in which you state Mr. Risdon received two postals, one signed T. A. Rae, the other F. James McMillan, etc. I would state that I have also received postals from same party or parties, with the difference that one is signed James McMillan, the other F. P. Rae, and still another signed A. McMillan, all evidently written by same party with a very labored attempt at disguising the writing. I would add that they got no stamps from me as I take no notice of postals applying for approval sheets. One W. J. Thompson, of Oshawa, applied about a year ago for sheet of stamps, which I sent him to value of 60 cents, from which I have not as yet received any returns. There would seem to be a regular organized gang of them in Oshawa, Canada, and it would be well, as you say for dealers to look out for these parties. W. J. PARRISH.

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 NOT "CHESTNUTS" (?)

That the columns of the EMPIRE STATE PHILATELIST as an investment for stamp dealers are profitable, the following will attest:

Mr. C. J. Fuelscher, of St. Louis, in a letter dated March 25, 1887, mentions the E. S. P., as "a fine paying paper." He now uses one-half page monthly.

Mr. Frederic Noyes, Collins, Texas, in a letter bearing date of March 22, 1887, says "My adv. in your journal is bringing me new customers every mail, and I manage to retain most of them. I have now quite a number of customers obtained through my first "adv." in the August number of the E. S. P." Mr. Noyes is now using one-half column every issue.

Mr. I. B. Cohen, Charleston, S. C., in his letter of March 26, 1887, speaks very highly of the paying qualities of the E. S. P. Mr. Cohen now uses two spaces of one-half column each, monthly. Four months and more ago, he only used *one inch*.

The Scott Stamp and Coin Co., New York, for eight months used four inches space monthly. In February they made a contract for one year for *one page* every month. They found it paid. One very peculiar fact about the larger advertisers in the E. S. P. of to-day, is, that they all commenced with small advertisements—one or two inches space. It is a fact that should speak *very* loudly for itself.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL PHILATELICAL SOCIETY.

MARCH 10TH, 1887.

The regular monthly meeting of the National Philatelic Society was held at its rooms on Tuesday, March 10th. Meeting called at 8.10 p. m. President Bogert occupied the chair. The following members were present: Rechert, Miller, Wuesthoff, Rosenheim, Ostenman, Rich, Bogert, Terrett, Edwards, Aue and Warner.

Reading and approval of minutes of previous meeting.

Received a communication from Mr. C. D. Smith of Deta, N. Y., requesting that the Society allow him to publish the names of its "members and officers" in a hand-book of the Collectors of New York State.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that Mr. Smith's request be complied with.

Received a letter of acceptance from the Hon. H. G. Pearson, as an Honorary member.

Mr. Miller read a newspaper article on "Postage Stamps." Mr. Rechert exhibited the 2½ c. de p. blue; surcharged UN. CENTIMO in centre, and HABILITADO PORLANACION in oval; same surcharged 10 CENTIMOS, etc., and same Telegraphed surcharged UNCEN-TIMO etc., Phillipine Island 1 c. green; Lima Correos and Sun, used Peru official Post Card (no stamp), Austria; 5 c. Garfield, double perforations; 5 c. on 2 c., French Colonies, Cochin-China. Mr. Wuesthoff, 1d. on 4d., and on 1 shilling Grenada, 2 p. lilac New South Wales (native print) 20 Kop Russian Levant, 1 p. and 2 p., lilac on blue, New Republic; 1 p. lilac, 1 shilling orange, St. Lucia, 1886.

Meeting adjourned at 9. p. m.

WM. A. WARNER,

Secretary.

MARCH 24TH, 1887.

Regular semi-monthly meeting of the National Philatelic Society was held at its rooms on Thursday, March 24th. Vice-President Rechert occupied the chair; meeting called at 8.15 p. m. The following members were present: Rechert, Wuesthoff, Edwards, Colman, Aue, Miller, Rich and Warner.

Reading and approval of minutes of previous meeting. Moved by Mr. Miller, that the names of the members present at the meeting be inserted in the printed report, and that the list of papers received be omitted, carried.

Moved by Mr. Rich that the amendment to the Constitution, Sec. 1, Act IV. be amended. "That the usual election take place in June, and that the officers then elected, to hold office till Dec., when the annual election shall take place." Seconded, and carried.

Moved by Mr. Rich, that a committee of two be appointed by the chair to wait on Mr. W. F. Smith. Seconded and carried. Messrs Miller and Rich were appointed.

Received Treasurer's Report. Moved, seconded and carried that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Moved, seconded and carried, that 10 per cent. of the auction sales, go to the treasury of the Society.

Moved by Mr. Miller, that a temporary librarian be appointed during the absence of the librarian. Seconded and carried. Mr. Rich was appointed. Mr. Miller read an essay on "Our National Organization." Moved, seconded and carried, that a vote of thanks be tendered to Mr. Miller. Mr. Rich presented the Society with two "Scientific Americans," containing an illustrated article on "the postal system, past and present, illustrated."

Mr. Wuesthoff exhibited the 300 v. olive-green, 500 v. slate, 1887, Brazil; 1 sh. brown, Turks Island; 7 sh. grey, British Honduras, 1887; 20 l. rose on blue, Greece; 500 State Dept. (Fac-simile). Mr. Warner, 5 and 10 c., ctvo, Costa-Rica, Feb. 23rd, 1887. Baltimore and Ohio Tel. Franks, 1885-6. Mr. Calman, the 10 c. brown (Error) thin paper 1882, Mexico; and envelope, 25c. ctvo, containing three 5 cts. and one 10 ct. 5 c. purple brown in upper right corner; 5 c. green in upper left and lower right, 10 c. green in lower right corner, the upper left being clipped.

Meeting adjourned at 9.45 p. m.

W. A. WARNER,

Secretary.

## CHRONICLE.

FURNISHED BY SCOTT STAMP AND COIN CO. (LIMITED).

**Bosni.**—An official post card, without value, has been issued. It bears an inscription in German and Croation.

**Brazil.**—Two new stamps of native print have made their appearance, viz: 300 reis with five stars in the centre of the design, the red being similar to the twenty reis of the last issue. 500 reis with imperial crown in centre, surrounding designs also similar to the 20 reis.

**British Bechuanaland.**—The Cape of Good Hope 1 d. newsband has been surcharged in black for this colony.

**British Honduras.**—The 1 shilling is now printed in slate, instead of green.

**Bulgaria.**—The inscription of the 1 franc stamp has been changed to 1 lev.

**Ceylon.**—A 5 cent. postal union card was issued recently.

**Cochin China.**—The French Colonies 2 cent. brown has been surcharged 5 c. C. C. H.

**Columbia.**—A 2½ cent. "two late" stamp has just put in an appearance. It is printed in lilac, and is similar in design to the 1 cent. of the present issue, with the word "retardo" in a broad curved band running across the face.

**Costa Rica.**—The 5 and 10 cent. stamps are now of the same design as the envelopes, and are printed in the same colors as heretofore.

**Curacao.**—A "postal union card," is announced. Value, 5 c.; red or rose.

**Fandkot.**—This country has been enriched by a stock of envelopes and post cards, made by surcharging the British Indian issues, with the name and arms of Fandkot. The values are ½ anna green, envelope; 1 anna, brown envelope; ¼ anna brown post card; ¼ and ¼ anna, brown, reply card.

**German Colonies.**—*Der Philatelist* states that the German colonies in Africa are to be supplied with stamps at sometime during the current year. The design is to be the same as the current stamps of the empire, with inscription "Coloniendes Deutschen Reichs" above, and "Afrika" or "New Guinea" below.

**Gibraltar.**—The new set is approaching completion. We now have ½ d. green, 1 sh. light brown.

**Maurities.**—On the 15th of January, the 50c. yellow was issued.

**Mexico.**—Again we must take back our readers a little distance in order to chronicle two discoveries. 1st., 1882, then paper, 10c. brown, instead of blue; (error). 2nd. Provisional envelope 25c., consisting of 4 stamps, as follows: 5c. brown, 5c. green, and 10c. green, thus creating another error, the 5c. green. It appears that the 5c. green was an error of the printer, and was rejected by the government, as the upper left hand corner of the envelope is cut off.

**Perak.**—The 1c. card of Straits Settlements has been surcharged in black for Perak.

**Philippine Islands.**—A rather curious double surcharge has been applied to the 2 reales blue, Judicial, to wit: "Habilitado, pa. re postal 8c. reis," in red, and "Habilitado pura Correos de des reales" in carmine. Why the 2 reales surcharge has been used we cannot discover.

**South Australia.**—Three new stamps have been seen: 3 pence, pale green; ordinary size, 2. 6d. lilac, 22 x 38 in; 5 s., rose, 22 x 38 in.

**Tolima.**—We understand that the following values have been added to the latest set:

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| 2½c., orange.    | 20c. yellow.     |
| 25 c., black.    | 2 pesos, lilac.  |
| 5 pesos, orange. | 10 pesos claret. |

## NOTICES OF EXCHANGE.

Under this head will be issued (free of charge to everybody) notices of exchange for stamps, coins, minerals, relics, etc. All notices should reach us by the 25th of this month, to insure insertion in next number. Would advise exchangers to write for particulars before sending articles, to avoid misunderstandings. Notices must be written on a separate sheet of paper, and must not contain over 30 words.

An 1856 Nickel cent. (eagle), to exchange for a complete unused executive department set (not specimen). W. W. Care, P. O. Box 3,487, New York City.

Tom Brown's School Days (bound in cloth and gold), and "Little by Little" by Optic, for any complete set of U. S. department stamps except War, Treasury and Interior. Rare foreign stamps for U. S. An 8d. yellow New South Wales (surcharged O. S.) for the 12, 10 or 6c., 1869 issue U. S. John W. Halsey., Montclair, N. J., Box 485.

Will exchange twenty-five good foreign stamps, (Ceylon, Finland, South Australia, Thurn and Taxis, Hamburg, Eng.; Heilgoland, New Zealand, India, etc., etc.) for a silver dime of 1842 or 1853. F. E. Collis, Box 36, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

A stenographic pen in perfect order, a flute harmonica, and a large mouth organ for an unused set complete of either Navy, Justice or State, 1 to 90c. A. F. Rice, 91 Smith St., Providence, R. I.

First-class foreign stamps to exchange for U. S. Philatelic papers and approval sheets. Wm. W. Hartmann, 216 Sackett Street, Brooklyn.

U. S. Revenue, Document, Match, Medicine, Proprietary, Playing Card and U. S. and Foreign Postage Stamps to exchange. Philatelic papers to exchange for others or for stamps. B. G. A., P. O. Box 67, Brooklyn, N. Y.

A pair of Perfection Roller Skates, No. 5., with revolving axles, hemacite rollers in good condition, for the best offer of Fractional Currency. Benjamin Frank, Box 306, Logansport, Ind.

Will give 100 variety stamps, 1,000 mixed stamps, five novels, and 100 *fac-simile* U. S. Locals for either the 24c. Treasury Department, or the 15 or 90c. State. C. Forbes, Belleville, Mich.

1,400 cards, 4,000 stamps, 1,200 tags, 1,000 Postmarks, 25 Indian Arrow Heads, 75 stamp journals and lead ore to exchange for type and V nickles (without cents). Paulo Loth, 14 Barr St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Twenty amateur papers, and a Mexican

newspaper, for the "Empire State Philatelist," vol. 2, Nos. 6 and 7. Irwin L. Hartman, Hokendauqua, Pa.

One number Golden Days for every five department stamps sent me. John G. Meachem 3'd., 745 College Ave., Racine, Wis.

Will give No. 12, Vol. 1, E. S. P., for No. 2., Vol. 2, Col. Comp., No. 4, Vol. 2, E. S. P., for No. 12, Vol. 1, Col. Comp., 10 Australian stamps for every two Philatelic papers sent me. W. F. Jillson, 2 Bradford St., Pittsfield, Mass.

A large number of Philatelic papers, Magazines, Postal Cards and Envelopes entire for Confederate Stamps or other stamps. Geo. A. Hauschild, South Euclid, Ohio.

100 mixed foreign stamps for every copy of the Empire State Philatelist, the Stamp World, Quaker City Phil., Philatelic Journal of America, or the Keystone Philatelic Gazette. Stamps exchanged for other stamps. J. W. Jones, Schenectady, N. Y., Box 170.

The 30c., 1869, for the 24c. 1868; the 1, 2, 3, 6 and 12 cts., 1869, for the 10c., 1870; the 1, 3 and 7 cts., 1870, for the 30c., 1870, (all embossed). Jackson Kemper Garrett, 521 Columbia St., Burlington, Iowa.

A collection of 1580 postage stamps, all warranted genuine, mounted on gummed paper in a Stanley Gibbon's No. 8, Imperial Album, (valued at \$5.50), and just as good as new. A. W. Burnham, Whitby, Ont., Can.

Vols. IV. and V. of Golden Days, for back vols. Golden Argosy. Coins, a spy glass and a microscope, for stamps. Philip H. R. Pearson, Newburyport, Box 746, Mass.

Good Stamp papers and Stamps to exchange for any of the following: Empire State Philatelist, 1 to 6 inclusive; Collector's Companion, 1 to 4 inclusive. All of vol. 1. Quaker City Phil., except 6, 9 and 10; January, 1887, number Q. C. P. for Feb. number. M. H. Garrett, 521 Columbia Street, Burlington, Iowa.



I have books, magazines, post-marks, etc., to exchange for stamps. Will T. Smith, York, Pa.

I have for exchange Vol. II, Nos. 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 of the *EMPIRE STATE PHILATELIST*. F. E. Bell, Belleville, Kan.

I will give a year's subscription to this paper for a complete file of either Vol. I or II of the same. Send list of duplicate U. S. for exchange. Chas. D. Reimers, Rock Island, Ill., box 841.

Revenue stamps, coins and currency for complete file or odd numbers in fine condition of *EMPIRE STATE PHILATELIST*, *Collectors Companion* or *Philatelic Journal of America*. Send along with list of wants. Frank P. Adams, Decorah, Iowa, box 942.

The 5, 15, 20 and 25c. "Rapid Telegraph" stamps and 50 different U. S. and foreign stamps for any genuine Executive, Justice, State, Navy, except 2, 3, 6, and 10c.; Agriculture, except 3c. Sheets to exchange. Lester A. Greene, Little Falls, N. Y.

A set of Treasury (except 24c.) used and unused State Department for unused foreign and Department stamps. Justice, Agriculture or Post-Office wanted in preference to others. J. Wilkins, 1308 F. St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

A stylographic pen, a harmonica and a dark lantern, for stamps not in my collection, and U. S. and foreign coins. Percy Parish, 53 Washington St., Newport, R. I.

Stamps, postal-cards, stamp and old newspapers, specimens of gold quartz, lead, sulphrets and quartz crystals for best offers. Ora L. Dibble, Grass Valley, Cala, Nevada Co., box 42.

Good exchange given for philatelic publications; U. S. and Confederate stamps wanted. Collectors send list of varieties which they have for exchange. Foreign correspondents wanted. A. L. Lawrence, P. O. box 1334, Le Mars, Iowa.

I will give a stamp paper for every Department stamp sent me in lots of five or more. J. Steed, 57 Oak St., Binghamton, N. Y.

I will exchange music and post-marks for stamps of all kinds. Send for my latest list of songs. Address P. M. Wolsieffer, 665 Sedgwick St., Chicago, Ill.

Articles too numerous to mention here. I will give good exchange for rare stamps, albums, musical instruments, etc. If you have anything of good value to trade, write at once. Address Edward Herbener, Appleton, Cecil Co., Md.

Will exchange a two line rubber stamp with fixtures (any name and address) for \$1.00 worth of U. S. stamps by any catalogue. A. Melvin Jones, Hoosick Falls, N. Y.

I have for exchange one \$2.00 magic lantern, good as new; 1853 U. S. envelopes, white or buff entire, Special Delivery on entire envelope, also stamps for U. S. officials unused specially, 7c. Navy, 12 and 15c. State. Address Joseph M. Nye, 820 Bush St., San Francisco, Cal.

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NO one was better known in A—, than little Major Rush, the lawyer, and none better liked. Besides being Notary Public, Alderman and Town Poet—for the Major could write excellent poems, he was an ardent, enthusiastic stamp collector, and the time he could spare from his other duties, he devoted to his collection, and philately in general. The A— Stamp Union, of which I was the proud head, voted him a life membership; which honor the Major acknowledged in a happy well-timed speech, at the following meeting.

From this time out, the Major was the life of the "Union," and many were the jolly times we had at the Major's house, and many were the interesting Philatelic talks we had with him. The club numbered ten members, including the Major;—instead of collecting individually, we all contributed to the Club collection, of which we were very proud—it was really a fine collection, and each page had a history. It consisted for the most part of uncanceled stamps, though many were cancelled—all however, were in excellent condition. The idea of having but one collection, and each member contributing to it, was suggested by my chum, Charley Fox by name; and was unanimously adopted by the club. But to return to the Major: the most valuable specimens, by far, were those contributed by Major Rush, our hero, and upon this particular occasion is our story based. It was the third year of the club, and we proposed to give a grand banquet, and a prize to the person or persons who turned in the handsomest contribution of stamps.

Our families and friends were all interested, and promised their aid pecuniarily and otherwise. Our friend, the Major, proposed writing a poem for the occasion, and "everything was lovely." I neglected to mention that, though President of the club, I was the last to join it.

In order to join the club, you pay a slight fee, and obtain the consent of two-thirds of the members. But one opposed my becoming a member, and that was Rufus Barr.

A more disagreeable fellow than Rufus Barr, I never had the misfortune to know.

As he and one or two others were the founders of the "Union," he considered himself a necessary to its existence. His contributions were always quite valuable, however; and though the sharp eyes of Charley Fox sometimes detected a counterfeit, Barr's ready tongue would be profuse in explanations and regrets. I should add that Charley Fox, had been appointed keeper of the Album, the most important office in the "Union."

Barr's father was the wealthiest man in A—, and unlike his son, was highly esteemed and very popular. Rufus was his only child, and as his wife was dead he lavished all his love upon him.

He kept his boy well supplied with pocket money; the most injudicious thing he could possibly do; and it is needless to say, that as fast as the young man got it, he squandered it away. But enough of Rufus Barr, I will return to a more pleasant subject. The approaching feast was near at hand; the prize for the best contribution had been selected, and all worked with a will. At last the eventful day was upon us; the banquet was to take place in the spacious parlors of Mr. Barr. Even Rufus was strangely good-humored, and agreeable. "He is not such a bad fellow after all," thought I.

The parlors were crowded with our friends, and we were all there, waiting for the Major.

"I hope that the Major will contribute something more beside that poem," said Rufus to me. "Of course he will!" said I indignantly. "I hope so" said he sneeringly. The Major entered in a few minutes, with a large package under his arm; "I hope you will all excuse me," said he, as he took a seat after depositing his package on the piano. "I had to finish that—" said, he pointing to the package.

In a few minutes the doors of the adjoining room were thrown open, and a long table groaning with the delicacies of the season, was revealed. All were seated except Rufus, who had good naturedly given up his seat to a lady friend. "I can wait" said he smiling. No one was very much affected, and he was for the time forgotten.

Much gay talk was indulged in, and Mr. Barr rising, proposed the Major's health, which we all drank with much merriment; then, "Success to the Club" by Charley Fox; "Philately" by the Major, and a lady friend rising, with eyes full of fun, proposed "The President of the Club," to which honor I, embarrassingly replied.

But enough of this; we returned to the parlor; upon turning to the piano, I noticed that the package had been moved, and hastily replaced, as the piano cover was away, and the package occupied a different position than at first. This I thought was strange, but I had no time to reflect upon it, as I was called to my place at the head of the room.

I made a brief address congratulating the club, upon successfully attaining its third year, and introduced the Major. He was received with much enthusiasm.

"Before I read my poem I shall present to the Club my collection; it is not generally known to you that I have one, but there it is"—pointing to the package on the piano. I handed it to him, and he in turn put it in Charley Fox's hands. Rufus, who had just entered the room, stood up and proposed three cheers for the Major; they were given with a will. The Major read his poem, a very fine one it was too, and then the visitors departed, leaving the Club alone. We crowded around Dick who was opening the package, and the Major said, "boys, that book has been opened since I brought it here." This created some excitement. But on turning over a page or two it became apparent. "Those U. S. Departments, with the exception of one or two, were all uncanceled—look at them now!" said the Major excitedly. He turned over a page or two, and threw the book on the floor angrily.

"This thing should be looked into," said Rufus quietly, with a death-like pallor on his face.

"Looked into!" screamed the little man, his whole frame shaking with passion,

"Looked into! I shall find out the thief, and—what have I here," said he looking at one of the Navy Departments. "Aha, I gave this stamp to you Mr. Rufus Barr, several weeks ago, don't speak sir" said the Major sternly. "Don't speak you thief! thief!—Boys" said the Major coldly—"there is the thief, I now am able to account for his voluntary absence from the table to-night!" Every one turned to the culprit, who was about to leave the room, but Charley Fox caught him by the shoulder and said, "You had better stay—Major, it would not do for his poor father to know this," at the mention of his father the boy began to cry. "If you give up the stamps," said the Major, "we will say nothing of this unhappy affair to any one, but we cannot keep company with a thief, we must and will expell you from the Club; do you agree to this, boys?" said the Major turning to us. "We do." It is needless to say that Rufus returned the stamps, and that we never mentioned the fact to Mr. Barr; but we saw little of Rufus, as he was shortly afterwards sent to boarding school, and is there yet to my certain knowledge.

The Club of course awarded the prize to the Major, whose collection was the finest we ever saw.

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### TINY LITTLE STATES:—SAN MARINO, MORESNET AND MONACO.

(CONCLUDED.)

LATER on Cardinal Alberoni took possession of the republic by means of a wily trick, but the inhabitants sent a deputation to Rome which succeeded in inducing Clement XII. to disavow the act of his legate. Often as was the existence of the little nation endangered, the diplomatic skill, wisdom, prudence and moderation of its magistrates always saved it, and even Bonaparte after beating the Austrians, willingly agreed not to interfere with its ancient liberties. He went so far as to offer it an increase of territory, but it was politely declined, an act of wisdom which very likely saved the republic from being interfered with when the map of Europe was rearranged at Vienna after Waterloo. When the modern kingdom of Italy was formed, King Victor Emmanuel solemnly promised that he and his successors would always respect the independence of San Marino, and in 1862 this pledge was confirmed by a commercial treaty in which Italy recognized the little republic as an existing power. In 1859 the council instituted the order of San Marino as a reward for those who serve the republic faithfully or add to its glory. The right to confer this decoration is held by the council. The order has five classes; that is to say, grand crosses, grand officers, officers major, officers and chevaliers. The decoration is a Greek cross, medallion in the centre, containing the arms of the republic, surmounted by a princely crown, and hung to a ribbon striped white and blue. This decoration has been so judiciously bestowed that I assure you it is one of the most highly prized crosses in Europe. The inhabitants of San Marino are all engaged in agriculture; cereals, olive oil and an excellent red muscat wine being the principal products of the country. A great many horned

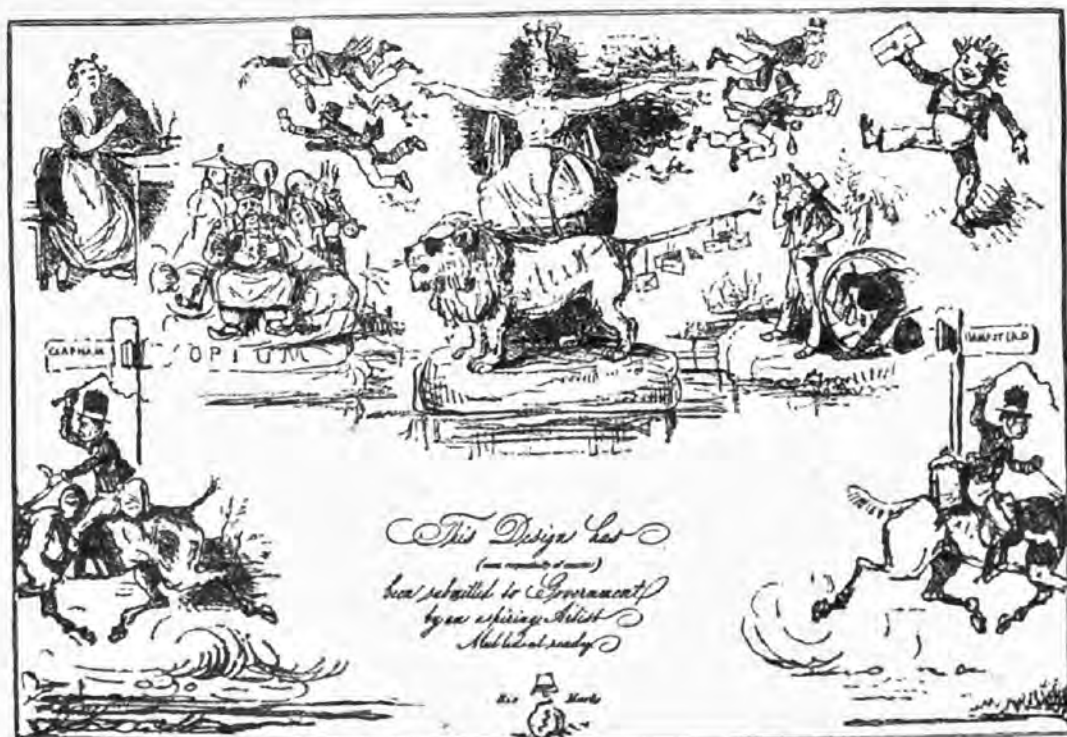
cattle are also raised, and the market of San Marino is frequented by all the cattle breeders of central Italy.

But when it comes to minuteness, neither San Marino nor Monaco are the smallest states in Europe. Those two are, it is true, very microscopic, but I know another state compared with which they are quite enormous. Did you ever hear of Moresnet, a state which has an area of less than four square miles and not more than 2000 inhabitants. Well, there is such a country. It lies between Belgium and Prussia just half way between Velviers and Aix-la-Chapelle, and it owes its independence not to successful resistance against foreign encroachments, but to the possession of zinc mines that are the sole wealth of the country. When in 1815 the map of the continent was being rearranged at Vienna, a commission was sent to trace the line of demarcation between Prussia and the Low countries. Everything went smoothly until they came to certain valuable Zinc Mines, which each nation wanted to have in its possession. As their titles were about equally clear, it was finally agreed that the territory should belong to neither, but become a semi-independent state, the neutrality of which was guaranteed by both. For 70 years Moresnet has had no history, but meanwhile, its peace and prosperity have been uninterrupted by any invasion, foreign war or domestic revolution. Belgium and Prussia have each of them a resident commissioner, who represent their interests, and who get along together most amicably. The Belgian has held his office these 50 years, while his Prussian colleague has been in almost as long a time. They form what is called the condominium, and it is they who appoint the burgomaster and his assistants. These two officials select 10 citizens, who form a council, which only meets when the executive power thinks it advisable to call them together. This may seem to some people a rather primitive political organization, but it has worked well, and gives complete satisfaction to the population, who do not know what such things as party lines, caucuses and wire pullings are. The inhabitants of Moresnet have no military service to perform, there is no national debt, and taxation is limited to a per capita assessment of \$1.20, the proceeds of which are divided equally into three appropriations—for education, police, and roads and public works. Half a dozen well-kept highways traverse the country; education is taught in the one public school, and the regular police force consists of a single constable. The vexed question of church and state was long ago settled to the satisfaction of everybody. The one priest who looks after the spiritual wants of the parish is paid neither by the state nor by the parishioners, but by the Zinc Mines Company. All the inhabitants who are not engaged in agriculture find employment in these mines, and their wages are regulated by certain rules, and strikes are things unheard of to the present day.

The State ordered some postage stamps to be printed in Paris without asking authority of Prussia, nor Belgium. They have the inscription in French and German, NEUTRAL TERRITORY OF MORESNET above, and value indicated below. The stamps are of the denomination of 1, 10, 20, 40 and 60 centimes, and are to be used in the State of Moresnet for letters and packages. As the Post Office department of Belgium has already sued the authorities at Moresnet, collectors will not be able to get many *genuine* used sets of these stamps. However, there will be many unused ones around.

As for the principality of Monaco, although it is hardly so old as the high rocky cliffs which encircle it, it can boast of much antiquity. It is, and always has been an absolute monarchy, nevertheless, I a good citizen of a great republic, am going to start for it just as soon as I post this letter. My travelling trunk

is packed; the black bag ditto, and both are in the carriage that stands in the *porte cocherie* below. I shall stop at the post-office on my way to the station, and in another hour, I shall be on my way south in search of warmth and sunshine. The cold, bad weather has quite done me up lately; the doctor says "be off," and why should I not follow his advice? Now for a few days at Monte Carlo again, to see if fortune will smile or frown on me, and to enjoy the lovely climate. Then to Nice for the carnival, to Cannes for social reasons, to Mentone to see Boston friends, and then back to Paris.



### WHAT HELPED TO KILL THE MULREADY ENVELOPE.

Among the maiden efforts in political caricature of Leech the great English caricaturist and one which brought him into general notice was a successful hit on the Mulready envelope.

On this envelope, which was designed by Mulready, Britannia was represented in the act of despatching winged messengers to all parts of the globe and down the sides of the paper were groups of personages eagerly welcoming the despatches, a small space being left for the address.

It was published by the Government in aid of the cheap postal system, but the exceedingly unbusiness like character of the device, and certain hints afforded by the design, struck the young satirist, and he executed a caricature en-



velope, in which the original was so ludicrously parodied that, had it been less absurd as a practical affair, it could hardly have survived.

The caricature which was duly got up as a postal envelope, sold enormously though of course, but a small pecuniary reward came to the comparatively unknown artist, and it was largely used for letters by the irreverent.

The illustration is considerably reduced from the original.

*W. K. Watkins.*

## HOW ENGLISH MONEY IS MADE.

A VISIT TO THE MINT.

(CONCLUDED.)

OF ALL the perfect pieces, and the various trial designs that led up to them, specimens are to be seen in the Mint Museum. Here is kept the Banksian collection of coins and medals, which has been largely added to. A fair idea of the story of the currency can be made out from the contents of the cases. Here are the old sceattas, to which we trace our "paying the shot," and "Scot and lot;" here are Northumbrian stycas. Here are the silver pennies of the nursery rhymes, and the silver halfpence and farthings of the Edwards. Here are the nobles of Edward III, that succeeded the short-lived florins of Henry III, the first gold pieces in this country—barring the trientes—since the days of the Britons, whose coinage, with the chariot of Apollo betraying its Massilian origin, was in existence a century before Julius Cæsar was born. Here are angels of Henry VI; coins of Henry VII, the first monarch to have a presentable portrait on his money; sovereigns deriving their name from the figure of Henry VIII, by whom they were introduced; "siege pieces" of Charles I—"Caroli fortuna resurgam"—Commonwealth farthings, "for Charitie and Change;" guineas, with the elephant on them, of Charles II; and tin halfpence with a copper plug, as issued by the second James. Even of the reign of Victoria, counting patterns and proofs, there are—of home coins alone—over one hundred and fifty specimens. In gold there are, with several proof and pattern sovereigns, a five-pound pattern piece, and two pattern quarter-sovereigns. Here, among the silver, is the two-shilling piece in all stages of development, first as "one dime," then as "one centum," then as "100 milles," then as "one decade," and then as "one florin," much as we now have it; and here, among the copper, are Mr. Gladstone's "half-farthings" and "quarter-farthings," that perished so early in their infancy. For the metric people there is almost a case full of poor possibilities, whose struggle seemeth in vain. Here are a "gold ducat"—"one hundred pence"—and a gold "double florin," with "5 francs" and "international" on it; and here is actually a silver franc, "one franc—tenpence." But it is in copper that the decimalities multiply; here is a "decimal penny—one-tenth of a shilling;" and here is a "five farthings—ten centimes;" and here are "ten cents—one-tenth of a shilling," "five cents," "two cents," and "one cent." Here are a "decimal penny," a "decimal halfpenny," and a "half decimal penny," "one farthing—2 centimes," and "half farthing—1 centime," and many other efforts that go no further than experiment—coins that were made merely to see what they would look like. Here are dies by the dozen; here is a model coining press brought into court

to convict a gang of smashers ; and the very punch that was found in the possession of the last two men who were hanged for an offence against the Mint.

The amount of work done by a die is noteworthy. The average of pieces struck by each pair during 1885 was nearly 69,000 ! The die is not made in a day. It has to pass through many stages, and receive careful treatment in each. First the matrix has to be cut, the engraver, Mr. Leonard Wyon at present, being responsible for the portrait and artistic details, the letters and figures being worked in with small punches. Every year the date is altered, and on the first of January the new dies are issued with the old figure cleared out and the new figure punched in its place. The punch from the complete design is taken from the matrix and hardened, and from it the cylinder of soft steel that is to form the future die has its head squeezed into shape. This head, to begin with, is formed as a low cone so as to afford enough metal, and resistance, to keep the die flat and full. In fact the die is made on the same principle as a seal in sealing wax, which is always at its best when made from a mound of wax. The die, having been punched, is then annealed and softened, and sent to the turning shop to have its collar fitted. It is then hardened again and polished, and tempered for use. A year's work in the die department means over 3,000 matrices, punches and dies. Of these, 175 dies were sent to Melbourne and 101 to Sydney, where the bulk of the gold coinage is now done, the branch Mints of Bombay and Calcutta undertaking the Indian coinage, which is principally of silver, as the public are aware from the noise made by the ever falling rupee

But the coin is not yet done with. It has been struck ; it has now, if of gold or silver, to be weighed ; if of bronze to be overlooked. In the weighing-room is a long series of small glass cases, each on its own table, like a sewing-machine, each similar in every respect, and each containing what seems to be a brass working model or a strangely-built quick-running clock. These are the automatic balances, the prettiest pieces of mechanism in the Mint. In the top corner is the scale-pan delivering into a three-mouthed shoot. In the lower opposite corner is a glass weight of the true weight of the coin, and also a little arm with the merest trifle of steel representing the "remed," that is, the margin within which the coin may legally vary. By the side of these is an ivory tray containing the remedy weights not in use ; what they are like may be guessed from the fact of one of them weighing the tenth of a grain. The machine is worked by an endless band over a pulley in the usual way. A rocking frame brings forward the coin from the hopper on to the pan. If the coin is too light the pan rises and slips it off down the outer mouth of the shoot into the "light" tray. If the coin is within the proper weight it is slipped off into the centre mouth ; if it is too heavy, down goes the pan, and the coin passes into the "heavy" drawer. Twenty-three a minute is the rate of weighing, and as we look down the row of balances we see the little knob traveling leisurely backwards and forwards on the top of the glass cages, a little clink at every second journey telling us that a shilling has received its judgment. Down the centre of the room is a line of chemical balances of the ordinary type, which are used as a court of appeal on the verdicts of the machines.

In a corner is the overlooking table, on which a detachment of halfpence is being reviewed. It consists of a broad cloth band, so arranged on rollers that as the coins are showered on at one end they are carried along the top and turned over the roller to pass along the bottom. Should a coin fall head upwards on the top journey, it thus does the bottom journey tail upwards. Two

men watch the top of the table, two men watch the bottom, and such coins as are discolored or in any way imperfect are picked out as they slowly march past.

As it happens, we have timed our visit to a nicety. This is the last stage in the making of money, and as we finish with it the machinery stops and all is silent. The dinner-hour has struck; the engines that give life to the apparatus in every room have slowed to rest.

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### THEY MEAN THE "QUAKER CITY PHILATELIST"!

*Stamp News*, London, March, 1887.

"WHAT think you, gentleman,—ye who are accustomed to dealers' stocks and collections in this country,—of the following? An association is to be started in the United States, which boasts a board of management, directors, &c., &c., for the purpose of publishing a stamp magazine and other philatelic literature. The capital is—300 dollars! £ 60! This makes our publishers sigh to be across the herring pond, where such little capital appears to be necessary."

Every issue of the EMPIRE STATE PHILATELIST costs over SIXTY per cent., of the Capital Stock of the *Quaker City Philatelist*!

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### NOTES BY THE WAY.

WE regret that the press of business in the printing house managed by Mr. Calvert, our business manager, has been such as to prevent our issuing the EMPIRE STATE PHILATELIST in its regular size for May. He promises us, however, to give our readers a thirty-two (reading) pages in a month or so.

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THE action of the Board of Trustees of the *American Philatelic Association* shows these gentlemen in rather a curious light. By what reason they should over-rule the decision of a large majority of the members of the A. P. A. as expressed in their late vote on the question of the selection of the official organ, and award the prize to the *Western Philatelist* gets us. The *Philatelic Journal of America* fairly won, and by every right should have been selected. Who can enlighten us as to the causes of the effect?

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THE petty jealousy displayed by some of the philatelic press of the United States regarding the EMPIRE STATE PHILATELIST's offer to supply the A. P. A. with an official organ, *free*, rather amuses us. We publish the E. S. P. as a business enterprise—not for pastime. When we purchased its good will and business from T. C. Watkins & Co., in January, we paid them a sum of money, in cash, sufficient to run almost any philatelic journal now published for six-months—and of some for two years. We took hold with the determination of placing the E. S. P. *on top*! Not by personal begging or solicitation among friends or by getting them to "chip in" and help pay, but by placing our journal squarely before the philatelic world ON ITS MERITS; and we think that those who will compare the numbers issued since February first, will agree that we have done so.

IT was our desire that the A. P. A. have an official organ of its own—hence our offer in these pages last month. Suppose by way of illustrating what we did offer we use a few figures. Our offer was: "One thousand copies per month, of eight pages each."

To print 8 pp. it will take 250 sheets, 28x42, and twelve issues would make 3000 sheets or 6 reams of paper, which costs us now \$5.25 per ream—making \$31.50 for paper alone. The amount of composition in each issue is 15,400 ems Long Primer, making 184,800 for the year; which at the lowest rate it can be done for in New York (60c.) would cost \$110. In addition is the cost for printing (\$3. per month) which is \$36. The total thus amounting to \$177.50.

That is what our offer was exactly. *One hundred and seventy-seven dollars and a half*—and in return for which we could not have gained an atom.

Before ridiculing the next offer, kindly use your pencil and paper, gentlemen!

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WE would state here, *finally and forever*, that we cannot give "puffs" or "reading notices" to advertisers in our reading pages. Our tinted annex is wide open for whatever they may wish to say—rates on application.

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THE *Stamp* is a good paper, and has our best wishes for success. It is well-edited, well-printed and appears to be well-conducted.

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BARRING a few to-be-expected errors Mr. G. H. Richmond's Directory for 1887 is worthy of considerable praise. That it will prove a success commensurate with the sagacity and enterprise displayed is our wish.

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THE *P. J. of A.* for April is a splendid issue. Its typographical appearance is far superior to previous issues, and we trust it will so continue.

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THE EMPIRE STATE PHILATELIST for April, makes two very good offers to the A. P. A. We would suggest that if they accept either, let it be the first and then we would see a Philatelic magazine of the first magnitude."—*Keystone State Philatelist*.

But they haven't, Brother Durborrow, and therein *we* think they displayed poor taste.

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NOW that the *Western Philatelist* is to be the official organ we expect great things. As the two hundred and odd members of the A. P. A., will become subscribers, it will doubtless have to double its circulation.

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PLAIN TALK for June will contain twelve pages.

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S. ALLEN TAYLOR, a dealer in foreign stamps at 24 Congress street, Boston Mass., and living in Chelsea, was arrested by United States Deputy Marshall Snow lately on a charge of manufacturing and counterfeiting foreign postage stamps. On being arraigned before Commissioner Hallett he was held in \$300 for examination. The defendant claims that he only uses the stamps to sell to collectors.

OUR Exchange Department appears to be flourishing and we are glad that our readers take such an interest in it. We would caution them however on one point "no offers necessitating an interchange of money will be permitted." For those who wish to purchase or sell, our advertising pages are open.

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IT was really refreshing to find that Mr. E. W. Voûte, of the *Figaro*, Chicago, could be an exception to the general rule and in his issue for May, commend the E. S. P.'s offer of a free organ to the A. P. A. We are glad to notice that at least *one* editor can get above *self* in the interest of philately in general.

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THE *American Philatelist* for May is a disgrace to the Association and philatelic journalism. "The Altar," "the Cradle," "the Hospital," and "the Grave," may be exceedingly appropriate and witty headlines, but are sadly out of place in an organ published by an Association which claims to lead all others.

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### CHRONICLE.

FURNISHED BY THE SCOTT STAMP AND COIN CO. (LIMITED).

**Bolivia.**—The issue announced a long time ago has at last made its appearance. The stamps are rouletted and of exactly the same design as the 11 star issue of 1871. The values are: 1c. carmine, 2c. dark purple, 5c. blue, 10c. orange.

**Brazil.**—A 50 reis blue, similar in design to the current 20 reis, has been issued.

**British North Borneo.**—We hear of a 3c. violet surcharged, postage and revenue, having been added to the current series.

**Ceylon.**—The 4c. envelope has received a new surcharge, 5 cents, in black.

**Cochin China.**—Two new stamps have made their appearance here; 5c. on 4c. French Colonies; 5c. on 25c. black and rose French Colonies.

**Ecuador.**—Mr. A. Wursthoff has kindly shown us the following stamps which will be put in circulation in a few months: (Designs annexed.) 1c'



green, 2c. rose, 5c. blue, 80c. greenish. The 2c. and 5c. are of the same design as the 1c. Also envelopes, 5c. for interior postage, 5c. for foreign postage, 10c. for foreign postage. We suppose that other values will be added to these we have seen.

**Fandkot.**—Following the lead of the other native Indian States this country now uses the Indian envelopes,  $\frac{1}{2}$  a green, 1 a brown, surcharged with the native arms.

**Fernando, Po.**—The 5c. blue has now received the same surcharge as the 2c. rose, viz., "Habilitado per Comis, 50c. pta."

**Grenada.**—*Le Timbre Poste* announces 1d carmine, with inscription, "Postage and Revenue" at top. No doubt the legend and the entire series will be changed accordingly.

**Guatemala.**—We have twelve errors in surcharge, in the provincial issues of 1886, as follows:

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| 25c. Centovos for Centavos. | 75c., Centanos for Centavos.         |
| Centanos for Centavos.      | 75c.—50c. for 75c.—75c.              |
| 50c. Carreos for Correos.   | 100c., 110c.—100c. } for 100c.—100c. |
| Centovos for Centavos.      | a 00c.—100c. } for 100c.—100c.       |
| Centanos for Centavos.      | 150c. Guatemala for Guatemala.       |
| 75c. Carreos for Correos.   | Guatemala for Guatemala.             |
| Centavos for Centavos.      |                                      |

**Madagascar.**—We hear that the 1 shilling has been surcharged "penny" in ink.

**New Republic.**—To the list given in our last we must add the following: 9d. violet on straw, 9d. violet on blue, 10sh. violet on blue, 13sh. violet on blue, 30sh. violet on blue.

**Persia.**—Mr. V. Gurdji has shown us two stamps of the new issue. They are lithographed and of the same design as the first issue. The values we have seen are 1s. black and 2s. blue.

**Puttilla.**—The East Indian envelope,  $\frac{1}{2}$  a. and 1 a. have undergone the same treatment here as in Fandkot.

**Roumania.**—The 3 bani is now lilac.

**St. Christopher.**—A 1 shilling purple has just been issued.

**St. Thomas and Prince Islands.**—The new set has now been issued.

**Salvador.**—We have a 10c. orange, new design, as per cut. As far as we know, none of the other values have been changed.

**Samoa.**—Besides the new stamps mentioned in our last, we have seen a 1 shilling crimson.

**South African Republic.**—The 3d. violet has been surcharged with the figure "2" in black.

**Victoria.**—The  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. stamp duty is now rose. We also hear of two new envelopes with inscription "Stamp Duty;" 2d. violet on white, 2d. violet on blue.

**Turkey.**—Mr. Warner informs us that the present series is now printed on heavy paper. The colors are not changed.

We hope to be able to fully illustrate the chronicle in our next number.

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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL PHILATELICAL SOCIETY.

APRIL 14TH, 1887.

**T**HE regular monthly meeting of the National Philatelic Society was held at its rooms on Thursday, April 14th. President Bogert occupied the chair. Meeting called at 8 p. m. The following members were present: Bogert, Rechert, H. L. Calman, Cuno, Aue, Rich, Krebs, Wuesthof, Mitchell and Warner.

Reading and approval of minutes of previous meeting.

Mr. S. B. Bradt, of Grand Crossing, Ill., was proposed as a corresponding member by Mr. Warner; was referred to the Executive Committee, who reported favorably thereon.

Moved by Mr. Calman that the rules be suspended, and that the election of Mr. Bradt proceed; seconded and carried.

Moved, seconded and carried that the Secretary cast the vote, which resulted in the election of Mr. Bradt.

Received report of Special Committee relating to Mr. W. F. Smith.

"Mr. President.—The committee appointed at the last meeting to investigate, as to papers, magazines, etc., in possession of Mr. Smith, and belonging to the Society, reports that he states that all books, papers, records, and other property of the Society were, at the expiration of his term of office, handed to his successor, or some other officer of the Society.

"And your committee further report that they have been unable to trace this property.

"We would recommend that some steps be taken to ascertain, from the records in the possession of the Society, what this consists of, and if possible to trace it to its present custodian.

Respectfully submitted,

JOS. S. RICH,  
CHAUNCY L. L. MILLER, } Committee.

N. Y., 4, 14, 1887.

Moved by Mr. Cuno, that the report be accepted and the committee be discharged. Seconded and carried.

Received a communication from Mr. J. M. Williamson, tendering his resignation as a member of the Society, also from Mr. H. J. Calvert (*E. S. P.*), stating his ignorance of the Society having taken 50 subs. The Secretary was authorized to answer these.

Received a communication from the Hon. Wm. F. Vilas, P. M. Gen'l. U. S. A., accepting the honorary membership.

Moved, seconded and carried, that the Hon. Wm. F. Vilas be elected an honorary member of the Society. The vote was unanimous.

Received communication from Mr. E. B. Hanes, ex-Supt. U. S. A.

Read resolution of the Pomeroy Philatelic Society, Toledo, Ohio, Denver Stamp Collectors League, Col., Chicago Philatelic Society, Ill.

Petitioning that permission be given to Messrs. Bogert and Rechert to use the dies of the U. S. Envelopes in their forthcoming work, Mr. Calman offered this resolution, seconded by Mr. Warner. Carried:

*Whereas*, Messrs. R. R. Bogert and Joseph Rechert, are at present engaged in the publication of a descriptive work on the "Stamped Envelopes of the U. S.," and

*Whereas*, it is necessary in order that *such work* may be of the desired value to the collectors of these envelopes, that the numerous slight varieties existing between the various issues of these envelopes, be shown by illustrations, be it advisable,

*Resolved*, that we, the members of the National Philatelic Society of New York city, petition that permission be given to Messrs. Bogert and Rechert to use electrotype cuts of the stamped envelopes, for the purpose of illustrating this work.

Moved, seconded and carried, that Mr. Wuesthof be appointed Exchange Superintendent of the N. Y. branch of the A. P. A.

Mr. Wuesthof exhibited the new Ecuador envelopes, 5c. blue on white, U. P. U., 5c. blue, 10c. orange on white, for interior. Adhesives 1c. green, 2c. vermilion, 5c. blue, new design, 8c. olive, design of 1887. Revenues, 1887-8, dated at bottom, 1c. olive, 2c. lake, 4c. brown, 10c. orange, 1 sucre green, 5s. blue, 10s. vermilion. Salvador 10c. orange. Victoria  $\frac{1}{2}$  and 1p. rose. Mr. Krebs, 1 sh. Samoa Postage, used, 1p. rose Grenada, postage and revenue.

The first auction sale was held, which netted \$750.

Meeting adjourned at 10.30 p. m.

WM. A. WARNER, Sec'y.

N. B.—All members of the A. P. A., in New York, Brooklyn and vicinity, are requested to meet at the room of R. R. Bogert, room 37, Tribune Building.

## NOTICES OF EXCHANGE.

Under this head will be issued (free of charge to everybody) notices of exchange for stamps, coins, minerals, relics, etc. All notices should reach us by the 25th of this month, to insure insertion in next number. Would advise exchangers to write for particulars before sending articles, to avoid misunderstandings. Notices must be written on a separate sheet of paper, and must not contain over 30 words.

A Giant Self-Inking Printing Press and Outfit, costing \$10.00 for the largest offer of foreign and rare coins. W. T. Laing, 226 6th street, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

275 varieties Canadian post-marks for best offer in stamps, 50 varieties U. S. Revenues for complete set Treasury. 40 varieties for complete set War. Canadian Revenue and foreign stamps to exchange. A. E. Wanen, Box 1981, Montreal, Can.

Rare specimens from Niagara Falls for stamps and coins, H. E. French, Box 60, Niagara Falls, S. Ont., Can.

Will exchange stamps for the same, also stamps for Confederate money and coins. Jno. S. Speirs, P. O. Box 469, Galveston, Tex.

U. S. postage, depart, envelope, document, match, medicine and playing card stamps, for some, not in my collection. Entire, unused, envelopes, for same. Send list. E. B. Cornwell, Rubicon, Wis.

Tin and paper tags, tag albums, curiosities, etc., for U. S. Department stamps; send list of Duplicates and receive offers by return mail. F. E. Jones, No. 730 E. Jefferson St., Louisville, Ky.

I will exchange 75 stamps, no two alike, for every V Nickel sent me without the word cents on it, or 25 for every large copper cent. C. W. Teugh, Kossuth, Ind.

Newfoundland stamps to exchange with collectors and dealers in S. and Central America, Africa, and Asia. Harrison L. Hart, 71 Gottingen St., Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Will give good exchange in stamps and coins, papers and other articles for U. S. stamps or Indian relics. Collectors having philatelic papers to exchange. Wm. D. Acker, 144 Montgomery street, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

U. S. Revenue stamps for odd numbers or complete files of stamp papers of all kinds Revenue stamps for same; send list. Frank P. Adams, Box 942, Decorah, Iowa.

500 foreign stamps for No. 4 *Ph. Journal of America*, and 200 for either number 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16 or 17. Will give

good exchange in philatelic papers for same if preferred. K. Brewster Cox, Long Beach, Los Angeles Co., Cal.

Will exchange one copy Golden Days or Harper's Young People for every special delivery stamp. Department stamps to exchange for Department stamps. Harry C. Russell, Marlboro, Mass.

Stamps, postmarks, novels and papers to exchange for both domestic and foreign stamps. Correspondence solicited. Miss S. Brumby, Delhi, La., Richland parish.

100 foreign and U. S. Stamps for a silver dime of 1876; 150 stamps for envelopes of 1853. W. R. Tillon, Ithaca, N. Y.

A magic lantern with 15 slides for the best offer of stamps, no common continentals taken. 75 mixed stamps for either a stamp from Brazil or Ecuador, 100 mixed for two of Finland. C. C. Everett, 21 Sachem St., Lynn, Mass., U. S. A.

Philatelic papers for stamps or coins not in my collection. Will exchange Nebraska soil for soil in some other State. Correspondence solicited. Chas. H. Edee, Pawnee City, Neb.

Three varieties foreign coins and a unused British Colonial stamp for every U. S. half-cent in good condition. W. A. Rowley, 541 37th St., Chicago, Ill.

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A TROUBLESOME FIB.

“ O sweet pale Margaret,  
O rare pale Margaret,

wilt thou ever be able to forgive us?” and the disconsolate Fred finished his tattoo on the window pane by a grand crash, as if in his miserable despair, ready to send his fist all the way through

“ It is, indeed, a very bad scrape, the worst I have ever been in,” answered his companion, a fine looking specimen of nineteen or thereabouts.

“ What *shall* we do?” and with renewed groans Fred paced about the room, throwing his arms around in a tragic manner, which caused the other to burst out laughing in spite of himself; then with a great effort at self-control, he said, between what were almost convulsions of laughter.

“ Forgive me, old fellow, but you are so very tragic, and that kind of thing always strikes me ludicrously: come, cheer up, and don't look so much like that picture in one of my old school books of the King—I cannot for the life of me remember just now which one it was, who never smiled again.”

“ I'll never smile again,” returned the other, at the same time giving a faint lie to his words by a lurid smile which flickered over his face. “ I vow I never *will* smile again until we have repaired this abominable mischief.”

The facts were these—the two friends had been spending a delightful summer, having the *entree* of one of the pleasantest houses in West Philadelphia. They, with the “ sweet pale Margaret,” mentioned in such despairing tones, and her young sister Jessie had formed a most congenial quartette. Margaret, the elder by six or seven years, had from the first taken a friendly interest in the “ boys,” as she regarded them. She had encouraged their visits for the sake of her sister, who had hitherto led rather a dull life, as far as outward amusements were concerned, and it was wonderful how their coming had enlivened the house. Margaret had been kind to them in that motherly way, which sometimes proves such a fascinating way to very young men, and in consequence, each, after his own manner, had fallen in love, not with the attainable Jessie, who might have found a suitable companion in either, but with Margaret, the impossible, who seemed, not only by her six years of seniority, but by an indefinable something to be placed on a pedestal far out of their reach.

Had Margaret been other than her own sweet and honorable self, she might have used her conquests, as Jessie finely called them, to minister to a selfish vanity, (which course of action under like circumstances, is I fear, all too com-

mon) but with gentle tact she turned the boys' love for her into channels tending towards their own improvement. It needed no harsh repulse from her to show them that for neither could she ever feel more than a sisterly affection, or as it seemed to her a real *mother* love, and his she used for the highest ends, insensibly interesting them in good and noble aims, which caused them to look back on their past rather wild lives with wonder and regret.

And now, without intending it, they had brought a cloud of sorrow into her life—*her*, for whom each would have professed himself willing to die. This was the manner of it :

A delightful picnic up the Schuylkill had been planned for the day previous. They were to take the 11 o'clock boat, fully equipped with sketching materials, entertaining reading, and substantial luncheon, everything to sustain them mentally and physically, until evening, when, oh ! lovely thought, they would return in the witching moonlight.

Wednesday had come at last, that day being chosen as freest for the young ladies from their household duties. The very hour had arrived at which all had agreed to be ready, and the young men found themselves waiting most impatiently for their friends to appear. At that time Margaret and her sister might have been found like the queen in the poem, out in the kitchen, not eating but spreading bread and butter, for to them had devolved the substantial part of the entertainment. Of course, had either of them been the ideal "woman," everything would have been ready in ample time, but it was pronounced the one fault of these girls, that they were never on time, or if they were, it was only by dint of such hurrying and scurrying, as took away at least half the credit of punctuality.

The young men were becoming more and more impatient ; the University clock had struck ten some time ago, and as every one knew, it was rather apt to be slow than otherwise ; half an hour had rolled slowly away, and—

"If there is not some one coming up the steps," exclaimed Harry, almost angrily. "If it is any visitor I'll just tell a fib, for I know they would rather miss seeing the King of England, I mean the queen, than not get the 11 o'clock boat."

The house was situated on a high terrace, so high indeed, that it had long ago been called the Mountain House, and the name had clung to it ever since. By the time the stranger had mounted the outer steps, opened the gate, ascended those inside the yard, and reached the porch where the young men were disconsolately sitting, Harry had made up his mind as to what to reply in case the young ladies were asked for.

"Does Miss Nelson still live here ?" The speaker was a stalwart man of about thirty or thereabouts, not handsome, but good-looking, and there was that about him which prevented Harry from looking him straight in the face as he replied :

'She left here some months ago for New York.'

'Are you sure ? Miss Margaret Nelson, I mean.'

'Oh ! they both went, and Miss Margaret was married there.'

Without another word the stranger turned around and descended the steps, much more rapidly than he had mounted them.

"Wasn't that a poser ?" said Harry triumphantly, "and you know I did not tell a regular lie, for Miss Margaret did go to New York some time ago to attend the wedding of a cousin whose name is the same as her own."

"I'm glad he's gone," responded Fred, a little uneasily ; "here comes Miss Jessie, and I hope we're off now."

"Sister says to go on and she will catch up; who was that came in just now? I heard the gate click, but could not peep out just then."

"Some stranger who inquired for Miss Margaret; but I settled him, for I knew she would not want to see anyone just then."

"A beggar?"

"Oh, no!" exclaimed both at once, as if such an idea were preposterous, and Harry added "A gentleman, I feel sure, though dressed rather shabbily." And he glanced down at his own exquisite attire.

"Oh! do describe him to me," said Jessie as the pavement was reached. "Did he ask for Miss Margaret in particular?"

"Yes; he asked if she still lived here, as if he had known you there a good while ago; he looked to me as though he had been away from civilized folks for ever so long; you know how even a gentleman will look after spending a year or so in the back woods. I told him that Miss Margaret Nelson had been married in New York some months ago."

"Oh! what a fib," "you knew that was not *sister* Margaret."

"Neither did I say *sister* Margaret; but here she comes, *mum's* the word."

The four proceeded rapidly, and managed to reach the boat just three minutes before the last bell had rung.

Jessie was full of curiosity about the stranger, but by some instinct all three avoided the subject in Margaret's presence. She seemed to be enjoying herself in her own quiet way, but the sincerity of the others was evidently disturbed by their weighty secret.

By some law of affinity which had manifested itself on more than one occasion during that memorable summer, Jessie and Harry found themselves wandering off from the others, having left them setting romantically on the lower deck, listening to the splash of the water over the wheel.

"Now, do describe him to me," exclaimed Jessie, then seeing that the other would probably answer her in his usual teasing manner, continued, "Indeed I have a very particular reason for wanting to know; was he tall or short, old or young, light or dark?"

"About my height, but a good deal broader, and about ten years older; he had a right heavy beard, which might have made him look older than he really was, but what I noticed particularly was that he had lost one of his thumbs, let me see—it must have been the right one, I just saw it, or rather did *not* see it as he was opening the gate to go out; but what is the matter with you? You're not going to faint? I'll call your sister."

"No, oh! no—not for worlds—just wait a minute—you don't know what you've done."

"Who under the sun was it? here, smell this cologne—now, feel better? *Do* tell me what it is, that is, when you can."

"I don't know whether I ought, but I'll have to, for if I don't I'll burst, I am afraid, it must have been her Mr. Day; they were as good as engaged about five years ago, then they had some kind of a misunderstanding and he went off in a huff to the mines. We heard some time ago, in a very roundabout way, that in some accident he had lost a thumb, so it must have been *he*; was he *very* good looking?"

"Miss Margaret might perhaps think so." (Jealously.)

"She has never been the same since, and I always hoped he would come back like they do in novels—and now—what have you done; we couldn't send for him even if we knew where he is, which we don't; but I must not make a

scene on the boat. Oh! if we only had not come; couldn't we go back? What did possess you to tell such a fib?"

Harry found it vain to defend himself, and indeed he felt almost too unhappy to make the attempt. The day was a miserable failure altogether. Margaret's was too sympathizing a nature not to feel that something was amiss, and the others were not sorry to agree to her proposition, not to wait for the moonlight before returning.

The next morning the boys had called, and Miss Margaret had excused herself on the ground of a sick headache. Jessie had appeared for a few moments, and the three had held a solemn council of war as to what was best to be done. Although Fred had not even spoken to the gentleman, he found himself, very naturally, included in an equal share of the blame; nor did he resent this, for of course the whole trouble might have been prevented had he had the moral courage to speak out.

And now we find the two friends in their room, at one moment nursing their misery, and at the other trying to devise some means of bringing the stranger back to his "ain true love."

This from Harry, who, though the chief cause of the affair, took a much less lugubrious view of it than did his friend.

"If the minus-a-thumb gentleman, who called at No. 36— Chestnut street, will repeat his call, he will probably hear of something to his advantage."

This and other advertisements, more or less feasible, were suggested, and at last they decided upon one which answered their purpose without the aid of any allusion to the missing member.

Then they started off for the city, hoping to be in time for some of the evening papers, agreeing to stop for a few moments on the way, and obtain Miss Jessie's sanction to what they had written.

They rang the bell, but obtaining now answer, walked into the parlor through the low window, as had been their privileged custom. However, they did not stay very long, for through the half-open door of the adjoining room they saw—well we need not describe just *what* they saw—but enough to make them turn away quickly with light conscience, but heavy hearts, convinced that Miss Margaret had been made happy without the need of their advertisement.

M. GRAHAM.

#### WARNING NOTE TO EXCHANGERS.

*Philatelist Publishing Co.*—I inserted an exchange notice in the March issue offering to exchange a collection of coins, paper money etc., valued at \$40.00 for a first-class collection of stamps in a \$5.00 International Album.

I received an answer from one, Fred Murdock, Norwich, Conn., offering to exchange a collection of 2000 varieties stamps in a \$2.50 International album together with a new \$5.00 album, for my collection.

I accepted his offer and he wrote me that he had sent his collection of stamps by express prepaid and asking me to send mine prepaid, and but for my being delayed in sending mine, I should have been swindled out of over \$40.00 worth of coins, etc., as when I received the package (on which I had to pay the expressage) upon opening it I found it to contain a worthless lot of trash such as old newspapers, old wood type, albums, etc. Now I do not hold you in any way responsible, but I do think that you would save some one from being swindled if you would publish this fellow up in his true light.

April 27, 1887.

J. H. GOODBY, JR., Saginaw, Mich.

*Editor Empire State Philatelist :*

Being favorably impressed with the independent manner of your conducting a journal, as well as disgusted by the shabby manner you have been treated by your contemporaries, who if they wished the A. P. A. to be a success, should have accepted one of your offers; as it is, I fear it will prove a failure. Being a subscriber to your valuable paper, and wishing to contribute something to it, I have prepared the enclosed article, which you will please publish in your next issue. I printed half a dozen copies for my own use, one of which I send for "copy." It may not altogether agree with your views on the subject, but you know an editor should be impartial and present all sides to his readers. Wishing you every success,

I am confidentially,

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### THE FIRST PREPARED STAMPS.

BY YUM YUM.

*"How difficult it is to save the bark of reputation from the rocks of ignorance."*  
PETRARCA.

*"But he that filches from me my good name,  
Robs me of that which not enriches him,  
And makes me poor indeed."*

SHAKESPERE.

Whilst there is considerable discussion going on at the present time, between the adherents of James Chalmers and Roland Hill, in regard to the invention of the adhesive postage stamp I will here state for the information of these wranglers that Roland Hill or his son never claimed the invention, (and I challenge proof to the contrary.) All that he ever contended for, or claimed, was that he was originator, agitator and inaugurator of the great postal reform that took place in 1840 in England, and has now become universal, and for which he was duly honored by the British government; it looks very much like as if some body was trying to traduce and steal the honors from a dead man, who would not dare to, were he alive and able to defend himself, and reminds one very forcibly of the celebrated "Tichborne claimant" case, who afterwards was proved to be an imposter. The real inventor of "Port paye" (i. e. pay for carriage and delivery, *literally* "Prepaid") postage stamps was M. De Valayer "Master of Requests" in 1653 during the reign of Louis XIV. who authorized them, and were ratified by decree of the French Parliament; He was the first to introduce cheap local "sou" (what is now called penny) postage "for public accommodation and expedition of business, (But for Paris only)", he was also the first to establish letter boxes at the corner of the streets "For public convenience."

The first came into use on August 8th, 1653. The following is a literal translation of a quaint hand bill of instructions announcing them to the public in the French language, printed and circulated at the time, one of which is now in the National Library at Paris, which explains itself:—

"Instructions for those who wish to write from one part of Paris to another, and have a reply quickly, without sending a special messenger, by means of the establishment which his majesty (Louis XIV.) has allowed to be constituted, by decree ratified by Parliament for public accomodation and expedition of business:—

*"Be it known to all who wish to write from one part of Paris to another, that their letters or notes will be faithfully carried and diligently delivered to address:*

and that they will have a speedy reply, provided that when they write they put with their letters a ticket which will bear the words 'Port paye,' because money payment will not be taken; which ticket will be attached to the said letter, or put around it, or slipped in, or any way that may be found convenient, so long as the clerk can see it and remove it easily.

"Every one is informed that no letter or reply will be carried unless accompanied by a 'Port paye' ticket, with the day or month filled in on which it is sent.

"The Commissioner General at the palace will sell these tickets to those who desire them, at the price of one sou, and no more, under the penalty of extortion.

"Solicitors are invited to buy tickets for their clients, parents for their children. Petitioners on behalf of charities, porters of colleges, jailers of prisons are all exhorted to lay in a stock.

"The clerks will empty the boxes three times daily. Those who do not choose, will not take advantage of this or write by it, but those who have no valets, those whose valets are ill, those who want them at home, those who wish to spare them the trouble, those who have valets who do not know the streets or dwellings, those who have idle ones, or such as go walking and afterwards say that they could not find the place, or go to see their relations or fellow-countrymen, instead of doing as they are ordered—will find great comfort and facility in this method. Those who are prevented by their health, or by their creditors!—In short, the sons of pain and of pleasure, the industrious, and the idle, school boys and fathers, the healthy and the sick, those of the cloister and those of the world, masters and the servants, rich and poor—in a word, almost every man and woman will have need and will gladly avail themselves of this accommodation."

"The clerks will commence the carriage of letters on August 8th, 1653. This date is fixed so that every one may have time to buy tickets."

In further corroboration of the above, the following translation of a poem on the same subject, addressed to Mdlle. De Longueville, by J. Loret, a French poet of the time, will no doubt prove interesting to a great many readers—

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| "Soon will be started              | Will look for and take there       |
| For public convenience             | In order, with skilful speed       |
| A certain establishment            | To carry them through the town.    |
| (But for Paris only)               | Further, I say and announce        |
| Boxes many and close               | That in case a reply is wanted,    |
| In small and large streets         | One can have it by same means:     |
| Where, personally or by servant,   | And if you ask how much            |
| One can take packets               | The carriage of a letter will cost |
| And place there at all hours—      | (A thing not to be omitted)        |
| Advice, note, missive, or letter,  | So that nobody may mistake.        |
| Which especially appointed persons | It will be only a minted sou."     |

WITHIN the last month nine counterfeit stamps have been shown to us by different collectors, and in every case the dealers claim to have been ignorant of their nature and offered to refund the money. This "didn't know it was counterfeit" class of dealers are becoming too numerous of late. If they are not capable of distinguishing a counterfeit from a genuine they should retire from the business. It is our private opinion, however, that four out of five know just what they are selling, and trust to the ignorance of the collector to dispose of them.

## AN OPEN LETTER.

*Editor Empire State Philatelist.*

It is not for the purpose of having anything published concerning the attack made on me by Mr. S. B. Bradt in the last number of the *W. P.* that I write to you. I would prefer that nothing should be said on the subject in any of the papers devoted to our "hobby" until the time arrives when the matter can be properly ventilated. But as the EMPIRE STATE PHILATELIST made a very generous offer to the Association, I write now to call your attention to the other side of the case that you may know the way the wind seems to blow. Mr. S. B. Bradt has given himself away in that number, or rather so much of himself as was left after he lost his temper. It is claimed by the last number of *Q. C. P.* that the said Bradt's letters show that the matter was a cut and dried affair. In the late number of the *A. P.* Fraser stated that the Board had sat down on all his propositions for the conduct of the *A. P.* I immediately demanded to whom he had made any proposition as no vote had been taken on any proposition of his, except that of illustrating, and that this was the first I had heard of any suggestions of his. He answered that he had made them to S. B. Bradt, secretary, and had been informed by him that the Board did not approve. Other members claim they made suggestions through the same source, and their letters are in all cases the first intimation I have had of any suggestions being received. Bradt has always claimed that the members should not be consulted, the Board should do everything, and there is a good deal to indicate that he thinks he is the Board. If there is any truth in the assertions of the *Q. C. P.*, *A. P.*, and Fraser's letters, it looks as if a persistent effort had been made by Bradt, first to kill the *A. P.*, and second to have the *W. P.* take its place. I have no proof of this myself, but his conduct looks that way. As soon as he learned that petitions were on foot asking to have the *A. P.* abolished, and a paper selected by the vote of members, and the several societies had endorsed that idea, he prepared and sent out the resolutions to do it in another way by the action of the Board. He admits he knew what paper would be selected by them before the vote of the Board was taken, how much sooner, and whether it was before the vote of members was taken, I do not know. As a member, I will not vote for any paper existing, but threw my vote for a dead one, having expressed the opinion that the paper desired by the larger number should have it. To get that opinion fairly, I wanted all the offers obtained and given to members. Bradt opposed that, he says: "I think it unnecessary for us to place any information for the guidance of votes before members." "The Board is to weigh the question of expenses." I am foolish enough to think the opinion of the majority of an association like ours is as good as that of Mr. Bradt, who gave the decisive vote in this case.

When I called for the vote of the Board, immediately two new propositions were sent in, but owing to my absence from my office I got them, and the votes of four members of the Board simultaneously. I happened to open the new proposition first, and immediately decided to lay them before the Board; so I did not vote, determined to call for a new vote. The by-law regulating the manner of taking the vote of the Board provides for this in my opinion, besides on another occasion I had held the vote back without certifying to it for some days at the request of the two members who did not vote as the rest did. On another Bradt had asked me to be ready with a substitute when the vote came in if I did not approve. I had both law and precedent for my action. The new proposition of the *P. J. of A.* was \$75 per annum, with 35 cents additional for each new member elected; that of the *W. P.*, \$120 per



annum, better at once, and more in the future. What sort of a business man would he be who would accept a contract when he had a better offer from the same party. Had I certified the vote at once, one paper could have claimed this \$120, the other that the vote was taken without consideration of the better propositions. I did not intend that either should have this chance. But it now appears that Mr. Bradt was by the action taken prevented from becoming the official organ as soon as he wished, and of posing as the donator of \$120 per annum to the Association. He was therefore very angry it appears. Well a number of persons knew the vote had been called for, others may have guessed it, and numerous parties wanted to know what was going on, and I said a preliminary vote indicated the selection of the *W. P.*, but a new vote would be taken on the new propositions. Mr. Bradt objected, protested, etc. I will have no gag law if I can help it. Mekeel told me he would appeal if the Board did not select the paper that got the most votes, both before the first vote of members was known and afterwards. In calling for the new vote, I considered it proper to call the attention of the Board to the fact that such was the case. *The spectacle of a Board selecting the paper that made the highest bid against the expressed wish of members* was novel. I had not the least idea or reason after that to expect any change in the vote, but because I did not think it would be proper to certify to it until I had cut off any chance to dispute it, I called for it. Mekeel got out his petition. I am accused of having delayed the matter to enable him to do so. This is a fabrication of Bradt's, knowing that I have no connection with Mekeel more than any other publisher, and am on no better terms with him than I was with Bradt before he made this absurd charge, that I conspired with Mekeel to get the petition out, etc. I suppose he wants to get the vote again. I certainly don't care if the members give it to him, but he must have it not only legally but honestly if he gets it finally. If there is any truth in these charges against Bradt they will be investigated before we get through. The A. P. A. made Mr. Bradt and not Mr. Bradt the A. P. A. If he owns the Association and is going to control it then he can flock by himself. I am very much surprised at his action, but I am more surprised that he has got Bogert and Rechert to act with him. If he has told them the truth, which I am sure he has not, then there is some reason behind it all that I do not know.

I am very much obliged to you for the kindness of reading this long personal note, and I beg you will excuse my trespassing on your time with a personal matter. It is not in any proper shape for publication, and I hope you will not print it. I merely wish to call your attention to these matters that you may say what you do say, and I suppose you will have your say on the general subject, with at least a partial understanding of the case. I am for having the majority rule and not a board, therefore I hope the amendment giving the selection to members will pass.

Very truly,

JOHN K. TIFFANY, President A. P. A.

THE question of greatest interest before the stamp collectors in the United States at the present time is that of the official journal of the American Philatelic Association.

The projectors and founders of the Association were almost unanimous in their opinion that a separate paper should be published, and when the Association met in this city on Sept. 14, 1886, it decided to issue an independent paper

to be known as the *American Philatelist*. Unfortunately for the delegates, they left all arrangements for its publication with the board of officers, and that body seem to have left it to the Secretary. About the 16th of November an editor was appointed, who began at once to make all necessary arrangements to have a journal worthy of the body it was intended to represent, hoping in time to make it the standard philatelic journal, not only of this country, but of the entire world; but these hopes were doomed to an early death. A few persons in Chicago, of whom the Secretary was one, conceived the idea of having the official journal in Chicago, and with this object in view they started the *Western Philatelist*, with S. B. Bradt, Secretary of the American Philatelic Association as its editor; from this time on the condition of the *American Philatelist* was one not to be envied, every proposition put forth by the editor was promptly rejected. Finding his efforts useless, and that the board of officers had no disposition to consult him in any of its affairs, he concluded to let the Secretary run it. In the mean time the Chicago parties had not been idle, they had expressed their intentions to several friends and had been working quietly in their interest. As soon as it was thought the *Western Philatelist* had gained sufficient strength a break was made; they were careful, however, to conceal the matter from the editor until after they had mailed the *Philatelist*, lest he might frustrate their scheme by a statement of facts. Offers were received from the *Philatelic Journal of America*, *Western Philatelist*, *Quaker City Philatelist*, and EMPIRE STATE PHILATELIST to publish the official matter of the Association. The *Western Philatelist* took particular pains to belittle this journal, daubing it the "charity offer," yet it turned around and offered to print the matter free, later.

Fearing the *Western Philatelist* might not be the choice of the members, Mr. Braut gave the board of officers power to select the official journal from the highest number of votes. The vote went against him, yet he managed to get two of the officers to vote for his paper in spite of the wishes of the members. Some 80 voters have taken exception to this arbitrary way of doing business, and with the assistance of President Tiffany, have decided to "make their wishes known." Official Circular No. 4 has been issued calling for a new vote, the result of which will be awaited with interest by all. Should the vote turn out unfavorable to the *W. P.*, we may expect a wail of anguish, the echo of which will be heard from ocean to ocean.

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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL PHILATELICAL SOCIETY,

MAY 12th, 1887.

THE regular monthly meeting of the National Philatelic Society was held at its rooms on Thursday, May 12th, 1887. Meeting called at 8:15 P. M. Vice-Pres. Rechert occupied the chair. Following members present: Rechert, Terret, H. L. Calman, Wuesthoff, Mitchell, Aue, Miller, Kerbs, Rich and Warner.

Mr. William Reppen as a visitor.

Reading and approving of minutes of previous meeting.

Mr. Wm. Reppen, of Galveston, Texas, and T. Freeman Neefur, of Newark, N. J., were proposed as corresponding members by Mr. Warner, were referred to the Executive Committee, who reported favorable thereon.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Secretary cast the ballot, and the candidates were declared elected.

Mr. Patrick Chalmers, of Wimbledon, Eng., was proposed as an honorary member by Mr. Aue.

Moved by Mr. Calman that the proposal be laid on the table, seconded and carried.

Received from the Staten Island Philatelic Society an invitation to attend its third Anniversary to be held on May 18th, '87, at Stapleton, S. I., N. Y.

Moved by Mr. Calman that we accept with thanks, and that the Chair appoint a committee of four, to be composed of its officers to attend. Seconded and carried.

Messrs. Rechert, Calman, Rich and Warner were appointed.

Moved, seconded and carried, that Mr. Williamson's resignation be accepted.

Moved, seconded and carried, that Mr. Watkin's resignation be laid on the table.

Moved, seconded and carried, that the communication of Mr. Chalmers be laid on the table.

Moved, seconded and carried, that the resolutions of the Quaker City Philatelic Society be accepted with thanks.

Moved by Dr. Mitchell that the Quaker City Philatelic Society be added to the list of Corresponding Societies; seconded and carried.

Moved, seconded and carried, that the Treasurer be instructed to write to delinquent members.

Moved, seconded and carried, that the Society be instructed to write to Messrs. G. B. Calman, Henry Collin, W. F. Smith and Scott Coin & Stamp Co., requesting them that if they have any claim against the Society to present the same in person at the next meeting.

Moved by Mr. Miller that the members in arrears, and not paid up at the next meeting, be denied the privilege of voting, and where the Constitution interferes with the above clause, it to be suspended; seconded by Mr. Rich. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Calman that Messrs. Rechert and Rich wait on Mr. Calvert in relation to the E. S. P.; seconded and carried.

Mr. Calman informed the Society that the 6d. orange and 1sh. purple Gibraltia had been issued, also that he had several unsevered pairs of U. S. 24c 1860 unperforated.

Mr. Rechert exhibited 5c. on 1 fr., bronze green in black, and same inverted. New Caladonia. 2 p. on 3 p., violet, and 2p. on 3p. violet in black, Trausvaal, also a set of locals for Transuaal. (Pretoria, 1p.; Marabastad, 1p.; Mylsbrom  $\frac{1}{2}$ p. and  $\frac{1}{2}$ p., unpaid. Puttiaslla surch'd "Auttialla," on  $\frac{1}{2}$  and 2 annar. "1 PIASTRE" in red on 25c. France, black and rose, surch'd. "P. O. Constantinople," 25 pis. unpaid, 1867. Turkey, 5c. on 25c., yellow. Ch. China, 75c. of 1877-81. French Colonies, Belgium Letter Card, carmine on bluish, white inside, 10c. Hungarian, Letter Card, carmine on grey, grey inside, 5 kr., and on amber, white inside, 5kr. Monaco, Letter Card, red on amber, amber inside, 15c, green on rose, rose inside, 25c. P. C., brown on lilac, 10c. Italy, reply card, brown on grey, 15x15c.

Western Franks, J. C. Truman's Express, black on 3c, rose, 1861 encol on white.

" " " blue " " " 1764 " " "

Bamber & Co. " black " " green, 1870 " " "

Second auction netted \$9.50.

Meeting adjourned at 10.05 P. M.

WM. A. WARNER, *Secretary.*

JUNE 9th, 1887. \*

Regular monthly meeting of the National Philatelic Society was held at its rooms on Thursday, June 9th. President Bogert occupied the chair. Meeting called at 8.10 P. M. Following members were present: Ane, Miller, Rechert, Rich, Bogert, Terrett, Calman, Wuenthoff, Reppes, Cuno, Rosenhiens and Warner.

Reading and approval of minutes of previous meeting.

Received report of Special Committee appointed to wait on Mr. Calvert. They reported the rate that he would furnish the E. S. P. for the coming year. It was moved, seconded and carried, that the report of the Committee be accepted.

Received resignations from J. Walter Scott and Philip La Tourette. Moved, seconded and carried, that the resignations be accepted.

Received communications from The Q. C. P., offering to furnish 50 subscriptions at 12c. per copy.

Received invitation from the Dresden Society to attend its 10th anniversary to be held on May 28, 29, 30, and 31st, which invitations the Secretary was authorized to answer with thanks.

Moved, seconded and carried, that the Committee wait on Mr. Calvert again, and that they be empowered to act as they see fit.

Mr. H. L. Calman offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Society, (The National Philatelic Society of N. Y. C., a branch of the A. P. A.), that the action of the Board of the A. P. A., in electing the "*Western Philatelist*" as the official organ of the A. P. A., to be concurred in." Seconded and carried unanimously.

Moved, seconded and carried, that the above resolution be sent to the President and official organ.

Received resolutions of Chicago Philatelic Society.

The Treasurer reported that there was \$81.16 in the treasury.

Moved, seconded and carried, that the Secretary be authorized to write to the delinquents, notifying them that unless their indebtedness was paid within 30 days, they would be dropped from the roll, and that such dropping from the roll does not release them from their obligation to the Society.

Moved, seconded and carried, that Mr. J. N. T. Levick be allowed to become a life member.

Received bill from Mr. G. B. Calman, which the Treasurer was authorized to pay in installments.

Moved, seconded and carried, that Mr. Bradt be thanked for the file of papers sent to the Society.

The following officers were nominated:

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|----------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| MR. JOSEPH RECHERT,  | <i>President.</i>      |                    |
| " R. WUESTHOFF,      | <i>Vice-President.</i> |                    |
| " WM. A. WARNER,     | <i>Secretary.</i>      |                    |
| " H. L. CALMAN,      | <i>Treasurer.</i>      |                    |
| " JOSEPH RICH,       | <i>Librarian.</i>      |                    |
| " R. R. BOGERT,      |                        | } <i>Ex. Comm.</i> |
| " C. S. S. MILLER,   |                        |                    |
| " H. NELSON TERRETT, |                        |                    |

Was put to vote, and elected, to serve till annual election in December. Meeting adjourned at 10 P. M. WM. A. WARNER, *Secretary.*

## CHRONICLE.

FURNISHED BY THE SCOTT STAMP AND COIN CO. (LIMITED).

**Cundinamarca.**—A registration stamp has been issued by this department of Columbia. The design consists of the arms of Columbia, surrounded by the inscription "Districts Federal Segun, D. E., No. 33, De 1886," and with the word *registrado* beneath the arms. All this included in a circle, and the circle in a frame of engine-turned work.

**Falkland Islands.**—The *Philatelic Record* announces that the 6 pence will be watermarked C. A., and crown at sides.

**Gambia.**—The *Timbre Poste* chronicles stamps of the old design:  $\frac{1}{2}$ d., green; 1d., carmine; 2d., orange.

**Mexico.**—We have a fifteen cent envelope consisting of a 5 cent brown on the right hand side, and two 5 cent green on the left.

**Lagos.**—The following values have been added to the current series: 2s. 5p., dark brown; 5s., blue; 10s., violet brown.

**Madagascar.**—The *Philatelic Record* informs us that the 4d., 6d., 1s., 1s. 6d., and 20s., have been issued in the new design, with surcharge "British Consular Mail."

**New Republic.**—We understand that the entire current, etc., is to be changed, and thus far the following values have been issued: 1d., greenish blue; 2d., greenish blue; 3d., greenish blue on straw; 4d., straw.

**Paraguay.**—We understand that the issue at present in use will soon be discontinued, and thus far the 5c. has been seen; color, pale blue. The upper half contains the arms of the country, and the lower half the words 5 centavos, placed under each other. At the sides, running up and down, is the inscription, "Union Postal Universal," and the design is complete by a number of straight lines and sundry ornaments.

**Salvador.**—In addition to the 10c. chronicled in our last issue, we have a new value, 3c., brown, as per illustration.

The *Timbre Poste* also chronicles 3 envelopes as follows: 5c., blue; 10c. orange; 11c. ultramarine. We shall give illustrations in our next issue.

**Samba.**—The new set has been increased by a new value: 2s. 6d., violet.

**Siam.**—A new set appeared here April 1st., as follows: 2 attos, green and carmine; 3 attos, green and blue; 4 attos, green and brown; 8 attos, green and yellow. 12 attos, lilac and blue;

64 attos, lilac and brown.

**South Australia.**—According to the *Timbre Poste*, the following has been added to the present series: 10 shillings, blue; £3, yellow green; £10, gold.

**Venzuela.**—A 20 Bolivar, of the same design and color as the 10 Bolivar, has been put in use.



## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

*Editor Empire State Philatelist:*—In the April number of your paper W. Wright mentioned the case of a Swiss stamp carrying a letter from England to America and asks an explanation. In my opinion the only explanation which can be made is that the postmaster at Brandon was careless and failed to note the difference between a 2½d. and a 25 franc stamp. The difference, however, is about as marked as could be wished for and the postmaster has very little excuse for such an error.—NOTO.

## NOTICES OF EXCHANGE.

Under this head will be issued (free of charge to everybody) notices of exchange for stamps, coins, minerals, relics, etc. All notices should reach us by the 25th of this month, to insure insertion in next number. Would advise exchangers to write for particulars before sending articles, to avoid misunderstandings. Notices must be written on a separate sheet of paper, and must not contain over 30 words.

Wanted—Nos. 1 and 3 of the *Halifax Philatelist*; No. 5, Vol. 1 *Keystone Philatelic Gazette*; Vol. I, Nos. 5, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of the *New England Philatelist*. Highest cash price or fine exchange given. E. W. Vonte, 307 Webster ave., Chicago, Ill.

Stamps, tags, bird eggs, and philatelic literature to exchange for a stamp album. Anyone having one to exchange will please write stating particulars. Ulysses Clark, Pissestone, Minn.

100 foreign stamps for 100 square cut envelope stamps. 200 varieties for a dime of 1852-3-4-5-7, or 1861; or cent of 1793-1809. Goods to exchange for minerals or stamps. C. Herbert, Marshall, Ill.

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100 postmarks, all different, for every *old style* (shield) nickel of 1883. Ed. L. Parish, Akodu, Plymouth Co., Iowa.

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A Burrell 20 ohn Giant sounder and steel lever key (combined) with battery, etc. to exchange for press, camera, or best offer rare stamps. (Send list). W. H. Baka, Jr., 621 Market street, Philadelphia, Pa.

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
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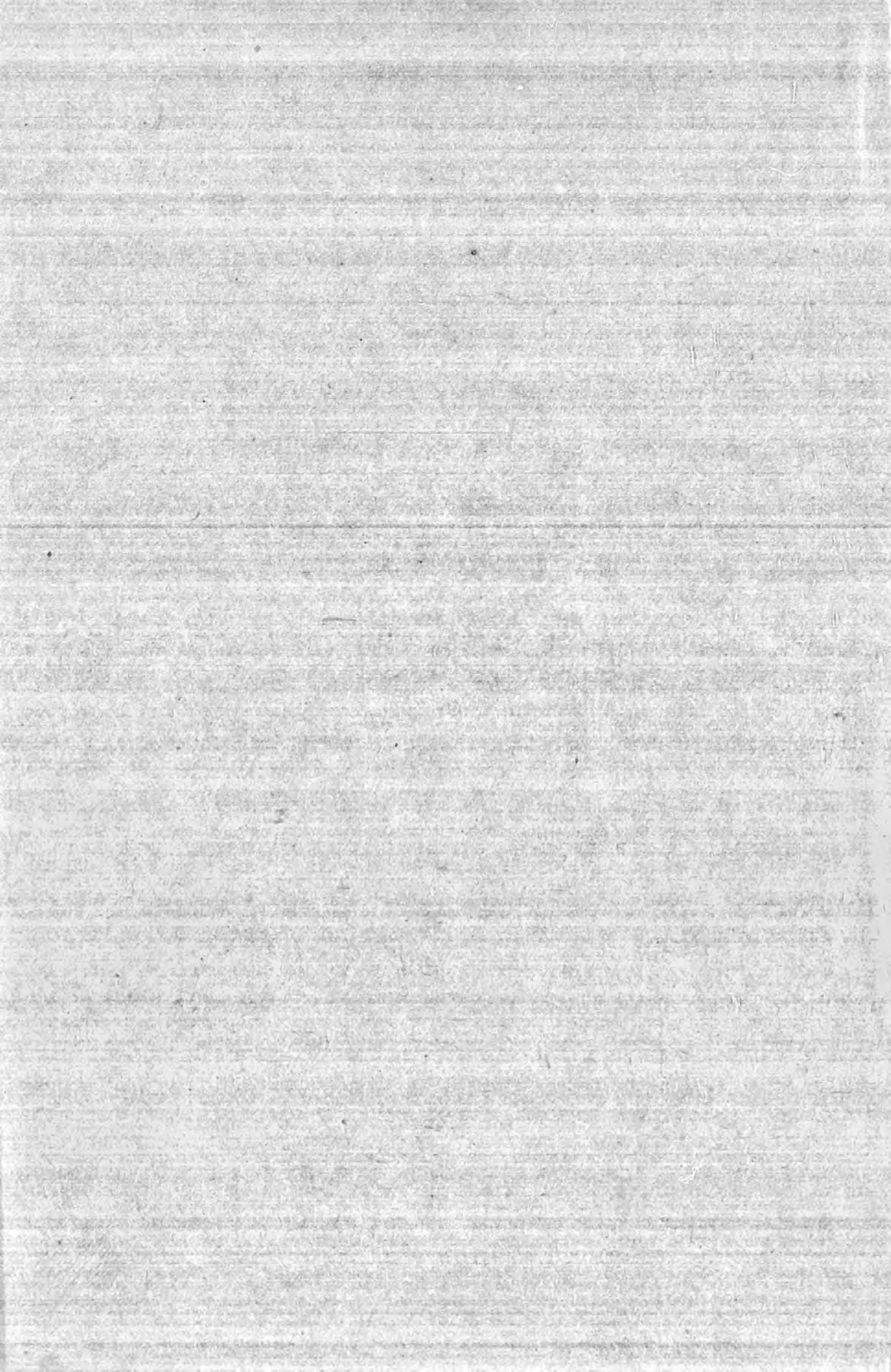
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