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Andorra, but whether this be so I have no means of ascertaining. The day is probably not far distant when the entire trio will be members of the Postal Union.

There is another small realm whose name is now receiving philatelic mention. The story is going the rounds of the press that postal labels are being prepared for the kingdom of Tonga, also known as the Friendly Islands. The place is just east of Fiji and the native monarch rejoices in the civilized name of George. Notwithstanding this happy circumstance philatelists should not pin their faith to any Tonga stamps until specimens arrive. Exactly the same report was circulated in the spring of 1882, but nothing came of it and I am inclined to doubt the reliability of the statement now current. The "New Issue" departments of several papers have said that on the first of the new year the Congo Free State will join the Postal Union and naturally issue postage stamps. Indeed later intelligence says they are even now prepared and on sale. This may be so but it is indeed puzzling to perceive who will use the stamps when they are ready. Congo is a wild, barbarous region mainly uninhabited by any save the savage tribes of negroes constantly at war with each other. Along the Congo river are a few small stations where a handful of European employes manage to exist, and near the mouth of the river is a settlement in which there are several Dutch, English and French agents. These scattered forts referred to comprise all of the Congo Free State except on paper. As for any commerce or cities of civilized people who need a postal service or stamps, why there is absolutely none. Perhaps the issue is to be made for the benefit

of dealers alone and in this case we may look for envelopes, wrappers, cards, telegraph and revenue stamps with perhaps a set of unpaid or special delivery

The year 1885 has been a fertile one for the surcharge; indeed the surcharge has waxed fat and multiplied and his progeny bids fair to outnumber the legitimate species. This matter has seriously disturbed the minds of our German friends and some of the prominent lights among them think philatelists ought to ignore all surcharged stamps, but this would seem to be too stringent a measure. A few of the fraternity not residents of the Fatherland are of the opinion that the obnoxious stamps should be excluded from our albums at least. Other noted American collectors make a specialty of collecting the abused surcharges and would be very sorry to see their favorites snubbed in any way. The Straits Settlements formerly took the lead in producing surcharges and indeed acquired quite a notoriety on this account. But this year Ceylon bears away the palm, (always excepting Peru, whose productions in this line we cannot begin to estimate).

Many stamps have been surcharged the past year from motives of profit alone. That is to say, they were fixed up by somebody connected with the post office and then sold only to dealers, not one being offered to the public. Such cheats should be exposed at every opportunity, and no reputable dealer should knowingly help on the fraud. A notable instance is the 32 cent Bangkok stamp, and the perforated new issues of Reunion and St. Pierre & Miquelon are of a similar nature. This game has been worked for all it is worth in the British colonies, but is now stale, so that the French possessions have a good chance

make money at present.

One class of European philatelists who are discouraged at the rapidly increasing number of stamps but are unwilling to throw overboard the surcharges, propose to reject all local stamps of any kind, government or private. This plan would meet with a pronounced opposition in the U. S. we are certain, although a step has been taken in that direction. Our press no longer notices the continual emissions of Russian locals as do the pioneer journals of France and Belgium; neither are they included in our catalogues. Very few locals have appeared during 1885 except from Russia and Denmark, which latter country has hitherto been "locally" known only by the Copenhagen and the bogus Holtes. There is no evidence against the Danish locals of 1885, so that in the writer's opinion, they are, unlike many of the Norwegian, perfectly collectible. Our own country has not tormented the philatelic public with any new specimens of private stamps, but knotty points concerning old ones still agitate the minds of writers. Talking about private stamps is a reminder that the collection of proprietary U. S. revenues is more popular now than ever, many having taken up this branch since the abolition of the stamp tax, who had never thought of it before.

As a final thought about new issues I have one suggestion to make, which if carried out, would relieve the columns of our periodicals of considerable tedious matter. The suggestion is that stamp journals omit postal cards in their reports of new issues. There are several reasons why this should be done. The first is, most readers have not the slightest interest in postal cards and

would be glad to see the space filled with other matter. Another is, our catalogues and albums make no mention of cards, so that editors are not usually familiar with them and copy all items about postals from some other paper. In this state of things they are liable to make mistakes and may not know whether they are chronicling an old card or a new one; hence the information about cards in the average American periodical is not to be depended on. The study of them is a distinct branch of philately, as is the collection of telegraphs or revenues and should be left to publications devoted to these specialties. This plan would meet the enthusiastic approval of all my philatelic acquaintances, and doubtless of many who have not yet expressed their opinion.

### Talks With Collectors.

BY WILL M. CLEMENS.

The best guide to the detection of forged stamps is a catalogue of an old and respectable dealer. The prices he quotes are the lowest at which genuine stamps can be sold, and if stamps which are offered by a dealer of integrity at fifty cents are advertised by some other dealer at ten cents, it is only fair to presume that the cheap dealer sells counterfeit stamps. I would advise all collectors to fight shy of so-called great bargains, and make up their minds to pay a reasonable price for their stamps, if they wish to secure genuine specimens.

Angola is a Portuguese colony on the west coast of Africa; Corrientes is a province of the Argentine Republic; Sarawak is in Borneo. The letters in the corners of the Sarawak stamps stand for Charles Brook, the rajah of Sarawak.

In 1835 there were 1,035 penny posts in England and 225 in Scotland.

An Englishman writes 25 letters per year, a Swiss 18, an American 15, a German 9, an Austrian 4, a Frenchman 3, and a Russian 1.

The letters "C. R." on the Fiji stamps are the initials of the former king Cakombau.

The figure on the low values of the U. S. newspaper stamps is not that of an Indian warrior as many suppose, but the statue of America, drawn from the original on the dome of the capitol at Washington.

"Fentonia" is the assumed name of a wealthy lady collector of England.

The portrait on the ten cent stamp of Antioquia is that of the eminent Dr. Pedro Justo Barrio, who was born May 28. 1827.

The collection of Mr. J. K. Tiffany, of St. Louis, which is the largest in the country, is contained in 13 large quarto volumes.

The Confederate post office began its services officially on the first day of June, 1861.

The first U. S. Post Master General was Samuel Osgood, of Massachusetts, in 1789.

Bolivia is one of the states of Colombia, and issued stamps in 1863.

The New South Wales stamps were engraved by De La Rue & Co., of London, England.

Genuine New Caledonia stamps are very scarce.

The portraits on the Argentine stamps are as follows: one cent, Gen. Antonio Balcarce; 4c., Dr. Mariano Moreno; 30c., Gen. Carlos De Alvear; 60c., Don Antonia de Posadas; 90c., Gen. Cornelio Saavedra.

French colonial stamps are used in Martinique, French Guiana, Bourbon, Cochin China, Pondicherry, Marie Galante, Les Saintes, Desiderada, St. Martin and other colonies, except Algeria, which uses the regular French issues.

### The Samoa Stamps Again.

Mr. Mekeel's little paper, the *Corsican Philatelist*, declares that Mr. Mekeel's big paper the *Philatelic Journal of America*, "is without doubt, the most enterprising and best journal devoted to philately published." To prove this it mentions the fact that the Jan. No. of the big paper will contain correspondence between its editor and the U. S. Consul at Samoa which will prove the character of the Samoan stamps about which, it says, "some of our contemporaries are groping in darkness." This correspondence, it is claimed, will show that the Samoan stamps were issued without any authority, by the editor of a paper there, who was a stamp collector.

It is a little curious, however, that this editor of "the most enterprising journal," who has long been a leading stamp dealer and claims to be thoroughly posted in philately, who regards with pity the insignificant twenty five cent stamp papers, should never, until recently, have had his suspicions aroused concerning these stamps. We find him advertising them as genuine for other dealers, and even selling them himself until within a few months. What was it that, after these years of silence on the subject, set him to investigating? Was it because we questioned the character of these stamps in the Sept. No. of the GAZETTE, and announced in the Oct. No. that we had written the U. S. Consul (Mr. Greenbaum) for full information concerning them? Be this as it may, Mr. Mekeel has succeeded in getting the desired information first, and will of course pose as an enterprising journalist, and the little journals that have been "groping in darkness" will now walk in the bright daylight.



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J. H. Brousdore, 92 King St., E. Toronto, Ont. A Leslie 2d. Gagnon and Fanchon tokens and old English silver for best offer in English silver, Canadian coins and medals not in my coll. Write what you have to ex.

G. B. A., Box 67, Brooklyn, N. Y. U. S. rev., doc., match, med., prop., pl. and postage and dept. for others of same not in my collection. Correspondence with adv. coll. desired.

Box 399, Baldwinsville, N. Y. Roman bronze and silver coins for a pair of club roller skates, No. 8½ or 9, Vineyard preferred.

A. S. Thomson, Box 171, Halifax, N. S. 200 for. stamps for 24c. Treas.; 100 for 2c. N. Brunswick; 200 for 24c. U. S. 69; 250 for 30c. do. Large lot of papers for stamps.

J. H. Goodby, Jr., box 610 Saginaw, Mich. 70 var. foreign stamps and 25 var. U. S., including 12 envelope stamps, for Vol. I. of THE K. S. & C. GAZETTE, and Vol. I. of the "Empire State Philatelist." A number of "Harper's Young People" for every number of Vol. II. of the K. S. & C. GAZETTE, not less than 3 taken at one time.

Jos. Hooper, box 124, Port Hope, Ont. 6 numbers "Picturesque Canada," com-

plete, new, not a soil, cost me 60c. per number—\$21.60, for English, U. S. or Canadian coin, also several very old books for coins of above countries. I have a lot of fine rare duplicate Canadian to exchange for others not in my collection.

F. E. Cornwell, Rubicon, Dodge Co. Wis. One tambourine and one Automatic shading pen, valued at 1.50 for foreign and U. S. stamps. Send list.

A. T. Stewart, 1252 Franklin St., Oakland, Cal. Rare stamps and odd numbers of stamp papers for the same. Stamps for the same.

E. B. Cornwell, Rubicon, Wis. 37 U. S. cents, 1798 to 1856, war tokens and foreign coins for U. S. postage, department and revenue stamps. Send lists for same.

Theodore C. Bacon, Box 73, Middletown, Conn. A cent from Canada for every five green 3c. stamps used, or for every 3c. stamp unused.

P. McGinty, Box 404, Ishpeming, Mich. A lot of old cents, ½ cents, dimes and nickels for others or stamps.

B. F. Rastatter, rear 644 N. 7th St., Philadelphia, Pa. Collection Roman, Greek and foreign coins, (many silver), half dollar of 1796 etc., for a first class self-inking printing press with enough type to print an amateur paper.

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We regret that time and space prevent us from noting, in this month's issue, the coin sale held in Philada. and the three which took place in New York during the month of December.

To Messrs. W. H. Warner & Bro. of Philadelphia, we are indebted for a very pretty Christmas medal which we unintentionally omitted noticing last month.

Mr. Lyman H. Low will sell at Bangs & Co's, N. Y., on Saturday, January 30th about 500 lots of coins and medals consisting of issues of the U. S. mints together with some Greek and Roman coins and miscellaneous foreign. Catalogues are now ready.

Mr. H. G. Spaulding of the *Michigan Philatelist* has removed to Battle Creek, Mich., where his paper will now be published.

It is now in order for Mr Edwin England of Lorne St., Hull, England, to inform the philatelic public as to who makes the Suez Canal stamps he is offering for sale. There are some overcurious people who would like to know.

One of our exchanges describes with great particularity what it calls an "officially sealed stamp" used in England. In our humble opinion this label bears about the same relation to philately that a mustard plaster does.

In Stanley, Gibbons & Co's latest price-list the letter R is placed after Argentine 1862, U. S. locals and some others. No explanation is given as to the meaning of this letter, but we presume it it stands for "rubbish," and in that case the stamps are properly listed, and they should long ago have been thus designated.

Occasionally we are asked by dealers to call attention to their advertisements in an editorial paragraph. While we would be glad to do this in certain cases, it is obvious that if we do it for one we must do it for all, and this is utterly out of the question. We have no hesitation, however, in saying that we have had business transactions with nearly all whose advertisements appear in this issue, and we can assure our readers of their reliability. We invite a careful examination of what they offer, feeling assured that many bargains may be found therein. Do not fail to mention this paper when ordering any goods.

## Alsace &amp; Lorraine.

We have received the following letter which we print for the benefit of those concerned:

Ipswich, England, Jan. 8th, 1886.

Messrs. Mann & Kendig,

Altoona, Pa., U. S. A.

Dear Sirs:

With reference to the remarks in No. of your paper, the Alsace & Lorraine stamps with reversed net are reprints furnished by the postal authorities of the German Empire, whence the original stamps themselves were issued.

We consider them perfectly legitimate, and will continue to offer them for sale, but if any one has purchased any of us under the impression that the stamps were original, they are at liberty to return them to us if dissatisfied, and we will exchange them for other stamps of the same value according to our current wholesale list, provided they are returned in the same condition as received. These stamps are of precisely the same nature as the reprints of old U. S. stamps and departmentals, until recently supplied to dealers by the Washington post office. We presume you believe in these because they are American.

Yours truly,

Whitfield, King & Co.

According to this letter these stamps are of those referred to in our June, '85, No. and which were printed at the German Imperial printing office for a Hamburg man in consideration of his making a contribution to a fund for the benefit of employes of the German P. O. Dept. The best evidence we have shows that they were not made from the original plates but from new ones, or at least partly such, and they cannot even be called reprints, and, therefore, are not on the same footing with the reprints formerly made by the U. S. P. O. Dept., which were from the original plates. An imitation of an obsolete stamp made by government authority has no more philatelic value than one made by a private individual.

A great deal of misunderstanding might be avoided if dealers would properly designate their stamps. If they are reprints, let them say so, and purchasers will know what they are buying.

## NEW ISSUES.

From the "Philatelic Monthly."

**Azores.**—The 50 reis envelope stamp has been issued with small surcharge.

**Costa Rica.**—We have the 1 and 2 centavo stamps surcharged "Guanacasto," but are not advised as yet of the signification of the surcharge.

**French Col.**—A card similar to that employed in France, but with a 10 centime stamp of the current issue of French Colonies, is now in use. The impression is black on lilac.

**Gwalior.**—The 4 anna and 6 pies envelope of India have been surcharged for Gwalior.

**Labuan.**—We have the 8 cents, red, surcharged "2 cents" in large letters printed diagonally across.

**Macau.**—This colony appears to have gone into the surcharge business to stay. Two more varieties have come to hand, made by striking out the original value and printing a numeral representing the new value in the centre. They are:

"5" on 25 reis, red;

"10" on 50 reis, green.

**Malta.**—A very handsome 5 shilling stamp has been issued. The head of Victoria appears in a circle within a maltese cross. The color is rose.

**Norfolk Island.**—Stamps for this colony are already printed at the Government Printing Office, Sydney, and will be issued in a short time.

**Persia.**—Three more values of the new design are in use, viz: 1 kran, slate; 5 krans, lilac; 10 krans, bistre.

**Roumania.**—We have the 50 bani, bistre, of the new type.

**Shanghai.**—The new 80 and 100 cash have come to hand. The colors are salmon and yellow respectively.

**Western Australia.**—A complete new issue of stamps will appear shortly.

## FOREIGN COPPER COINS.

BY FRANK W. DOUGHTY.

## Ancient Copper Coins.—V.

Passing over in silence that highly interesting series, the family *Denarii* of the Roman Republic, which, being silver, does not come within the scope of our subject, let us now consider the second series of Roman copper coins, those struck under the Empire, that greatest of all political organizations, at one time including within its boundaries the entire then known world.

"The form of coinage which became firmly established during the reign of the first emperor and his immediate successors," says Humphrey, *Coin Collector's Manual*, "was that which laid the foundation of the coinage of Modern Europe after the fall of Rome, and which, in fact, continued to be issued from the Roman mints until the last fragment of the Eastern Empire, the city of Constantinople, was taken by the Turks in the year 1453 of our era." These are the Roman brass or bronze coins which hold the highest place in every well arranged cabinet. They are three in number as regards size and value, viz., the *Sestertius*, commonly termed "first brass," the *Dupondius*, "second brass," and the reduced form of the *as* or "third brass."

It is upon the successive issues of this superb series that we find impressed accurate portraits of the long line of Roman emperors, representations of the gods and goddesses worshipped in those distant days, and last but by no means least, indelible records of historic events which otherwise would have been either forgotten or involved in a maze of doubt. Indeed so

extensive is this record that it has, by Addison, been compared to a "state gazette;" a comparison most happy, for upon these humble bits of bronze we find related such occurrences as the subjection of the antique realm of Egypt and its creation as a Roman province, compressed into two words, *Aegyptus capta*; the destruction of Jerusalem with like conciseness, *Judæa capta*; the celebrated arbitration of Rome in the disputed succession to the throne of Parthia, *Rex Parthis datus* (she gave to Parthia a king), and the fine device in which the emperor Trajan, after paying the debt of state, is seen in the act of burning the cancelled bonds. In short, as has been said in a well-known work on the subject: "they delineate with fidelity and preserve with little variation more portraits of real characters, give more perfect representations of implements, dresses, buildings and symbols; fix more chronological dates, record a greater number of historical events and afford better traces of manners and customs, than any other class of coins."

To give in our limited space a detailed account of this, the most interesting series pertaining to a cabinet of copper coins, would be simply impossible. In the next paper, will be found, however, a brief account of their inscriptions and devices; together with a few hints as to the sources whence more extended information may be derived.

Meanwhile, let us say to the collector that this series is entirely within the range of the most moderate purse. Of course there are many rare and costly varieties; but specimens of the issues of nearly all the emperors are obtainable from any reliable coin dealer at figures

which place them within the reach of all. In fair condition, at prices ranging from fifty cents to one dollar, an exceedingly interesting cabinet of Roman bronze coins can be formed; one which will afford to the student of history an inexhaustible treasury of knowledge; to the true numismatist a never ending source of delight.

(To be continued.)

### Modern Coinage.

The coinage subsequent to 1600, though it receives more attention from collectors than any others, must be pronounced, upon all historical grounds, by far the least interesting. And for this reason, if for no other, that our historical documents for this period are so voluminous that the coins can serve little purpose, save as illustrations of these documents; we cannot hope to gain from them any important light upon the times. Still, it cannot be denied that they have an interest regarded as illustrations merely, and some phases of this interest must be briefly indicated.

And first, in a general way, the modern coinage illustrates well the rise of the commercial spirit of the West, which, making a fresh start with the discovery of America in the fifteenth century has become perhaps the chief determining force of our modern civilization. For now the coinage of all countries becomes much improved for commercial purposes as it is artificially debased. The introduction of the "mill" in the manufacture of coins, in place of the older device of striking them with a hammer, greatly improved their symmetry and the facility with which the money could be counted, while the use of an indented edge (commonly called "a milled edge") prevented the practice of clipping, which

was so frequent in earlier times, and thus tended to keep coins to a just weight, and so greatly to simplify exchange.

In a more particular way the coins of each nation are interesting, as now always, or nearly always, bearing the head of the reigning sovereign of the country. By this means we get a series of historic portraits, which, if not of much artistic excellence, are, on the whole trustworthy. These are the better from the fact that large silver coins (crowns or thalers) were now generally current in Europe, having been introduced during the preceding epoch. Gustavus Adolphus, Frederick the Winter King of Bohemia, and other heroes of the Thirty Years' War; Christina, Queen of Sweden; the "Great Elector" of Brandenburg; Charles XII. and Peter the Great; Louis XIV. and the contemporary Emperors of the House of Austria; Frederick William I. of Prussia; Frederick the Great and Maria Theresa; an excellent series of the Popes; and finally the English sovereign, may be cited as the coin portraits most likely to interest the historical student. The money of the Czar Peter deserves, indeed, a special attention, as it is the first regularly ordered series of coins issued in Russia, and, when compared with the money which preceded it, is a type by itself of the improvements which Peter introduced into the condition of the country.

Another feature connected with the large silver coins is a certain tendency which we find to make use of these for medallic purposes. This is especially the case in Germany. Among the earliest examples of this use may be cited the Luther celebration medals, issued in Saxony on the jubilees of the Reformation.—CHAS. F. KEARY.

### Answers to Correspondents.

We shall take pleasure in answering, as far as possible, all numismatic and philatelic questions which may be submitted to us.

A. B., Albany.—The piece you send rubbing of is a token belonging to Schliestedt. Obverse has three shuttles arranged in triangle. Rev., 1 | Qu(art): BIER.

C. J. F., Chelsea.—Your piece belongs to Dalmatia and Albania, under Venetian rule. The numeral II in exergue on obverse is to represent two soldi or one gazetta, by which latter name the coin is generally known.

Several of our subscribers have forwarded to us a list of Mexican mints, a small premium for which was offered in our last number. We have concluded to defer our decision until February.

### The Very Latest Canadian Issues.

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We have to thank Dr. Le Roux for a specimen of each of the above which are at hand just in time to make our readers acquainted thus early, with fresh acquisitions to the Canadian series.

### Values of Foreign Coins.

Dr. James P. Kimball, Director of the Mint, has estimated the value of the standard coins of the various nations of the world to be proclaimed by the Secretary of the Treasury on Jan. 1. The value of the gold coins in circulation is fixed by comparing the amount of pure gold in such coins with the amount in the gold dollar of the United States. In countries having the double standard the silver coins are given the same valuation as the gold coins of the same unit. The value of silver coins of countries of the silver standard is fixed at the value of the pure silver in such coins, taken at the mean price of silver in the London market for the last three months of the year. The mean price of silver for the last three months compared with its price for the corresponding period in 1884 declined over six cents per fine ounce. This gives a reduced valuation to the following coins from that proclaimed Jan. 1, 1885, namely: Florin of Austria from 39.3 to 37.1 cents; boliviano of Bolivia, from 79.5 to 75.1 cents; peso of Ecuador from 79.5 to 75.1 cents; rouble of Russia from 63.6 to 50.1 cents; rupee of India from 37.8 to 35.7 cents; yen of Japan from 85.8 to 81 cents; dollar of Mexico from 86.4 to 81.6 cents; sol of Peru from 79.5 to 75.1 cents; mahbut of Tripoli from 71.7 to 67.7 cents; peso of U. S. of Columbia from 79.5 to 75.1 cents.

The venders of fabrications and copies of rare Chinese and Japanese coins seem to have abandoned the field, and the disappearance of their wares from the market is a satisfaction to collectors.

The 13th annual mint report, for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1885, has just been issued.

## Numismatic Items.

**Chili.**—We recently had the pleasure of seeing the centavo and medio centavo of 1835 in bronze proof.

**Coinage of the world.**—Between 1850 and 1880 the world coined £1,022,000,000 of gold, yet the stock of gold coin in the latter year exceeded that of 1850 by only £490,000,000; the money had been twice minted in thirty years. During that interval the average coinage of the world had been £34,000,000 per annum, of which £18,000,000 consisted of old coin and the remaining £16,000,000 were made up partly from the mines, partly from old candlesticks, snuff boxes, &c., of the last generation.—*N. Y. Telegram.*

**Coins cut into pieces.**—It was a custom in some of the small South American countries, until a few years since, to cut both silver and copper coins into equal portions to represent fractions of the original coin, and as such they were current. The 8 real piece (or dollar) and the 4, 2 and 1 real were all thus utilized.

**Electrotypes.**—The United States government now forbids the manufacture and sale of electrotypes of any of its coins, of whatever denomination or issue, or the imitation of any of the devices. It further prohibits the selling of any counterfeit foreign coin which is an imitation of the issues of the present century.

**England.**—The tokens of the 18th century in denominations of penny, half-penny and farthing, as a class, are unequalled in any period or country, in point of number, magnificent design and beautiful execution. They were a medium of exchange which, properly, should have been supplied by legal coins.

The numismatic tastes of the English collectors and dealers of the period had its influence in bringing them to a high grade of art and the compounding of varieties.

**Monaco.**—The dicime and five centimes of Honore V., issued in 1837-38, were struck in both copper and brass, in the latter metal they rate as very scarce.

**Montreal.**—The reverse of one variety of the Green & Wetmore, New York store card is from the reverse die of the T. S. Brown & Co., Montreal, card. It is in white metal. A single specimen is all we have been able to learn of. That was in the Levick collection and is now the property of a prominent Brooklyn collector, whose cabinet of American store cards is simply matchless.

**Mysteries.**—Some pieces are made to appear wonderful to the inexperienced. A clean circular cut from the center of a coin is a common mystery. The best specimen we have recently had our attention called to, was one of the five impressions of a Swedish two daler piece (plate money), neatly extracted. Of course the reverse was blank.

**San Domingo.**—We should like to accumulate some evidence to further satisfy ourselves as to the proper attribution of the copper coin of Ferdinand 7 which has for its reverse s. d. |  $\frac{1}{4}$ . There seems to be reasonable grounds for a difference of opinion whether to read the letters as abbreviations of San Domingo or Saragossa Defenso. American collectors generally place it under the former head.

**Sweden.**—The half, quarter and sixth skilling of Charles XIV., issue of 1832-33 is a set difficult to complete.

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Dutch Indies, 9 varieties,	15
Egypt, 1879, 9 var. complete, includ. 20 pa. prov.,	25
France, unpaid, 10 varieties,	30
*Honduras, 1865, 2 varieties, complete,	25
*Mauritius Britannia, 5 varieties,	90
*Prince Edwards Island, 12 varieties,	60
*Samoa, 8 varieties, complete,	90
*Serbia, 8 varieties,	20
Sweden, unpaid, 11 varieties, complete,	18
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BY WM. ALLAN KLAMP.

My reason for discussing Locals so frequently is, that there seems to be so much ignorance concerning all locals except our own, that the foreign ones suffer. It is true that in a short space of time there were more locals issued in the United States than in any other country, indeed twice as many, but this is not reason why the foreign ones should be so little known. One reason why they receive so little attention is the arrangement of the International Convention, which only provides space for the U. S. locals and the Hants. Besides a few number ones, no little interest in America influences the Convention in general, everything pertaining thereto is carefully. Thus the Division of the Swiss locals and the English ones are all cast in the shadow. This is a great pity, and as the collecting of these stamps is the most interesting and profitable. Who does not feel in the name of a local when he has just found a genuine one? Who does not feel in showing his collection, or a local with a keener sense of appreciation be felt in any regular issue except, perhaps, the great rarities? It is not pay more for the common issue of a local than for perhaps a rare one of the regular issue, which he does not have more of?

We begin with the best known and perhaps the most valuable of English

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The Ellensburg locals are five in number. They are rectangular and perforated at the top. "Smith" above on a scroll. In the center are two shields, slanting toward each other, in one are the arms of Ellensburg, in the other those of Smith, at the bottom is inscribed, "Parcel Delivery Company, 12 St. Andrew Square." The colors are rose, yellow, lilac and orange. The fifth stamp is smaller,

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having "Clark & Co." printed upon it. These are the regular Ebinburg Seith locals. I find besides, a stamp of the same device, much smaller and badly lithographed, red, on white background. At the bottom is "12 Elder St." instead of "12 Andrews Square." Also two stamps about the same size as those I first described, "Edin B - Seith," at top on straight line. Horse, driver and two wheeled cart in a diamond below this, then inscription "Parcel Delivery" and value straight across. Colors, 2d. yellow, 3d. rose. Then come two London stamps, rect., blue and drab, cross of St. Andrew on shield in the middle, "London" above, "Circular Delivery Co." below on ribbon; value at the extreme bottom straight across, 1 farthing and 1 half-penny. Next two Glasgow stamps, tree in center, "Glasgow" above, "Circular Delivery Co." below,  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. violet,  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. red. The value is written across the bottom. There is also a set of "National Delivery Co." stamps, "National" above coat of arms of Great Britain, "Delivery Company" below, and at bottom "15 Basingham St. No value is expressed; colors, blue, violet, red and green. There are two smaller stamps, same design except that "one farthing" and "half penny" are respectively in place of the address. These with two Liverpool stamps similar in design, with bird upon shield, 1 farthing, and half penny, both violet, and a local identical with those of London, except "Metropolitan" in place of "London" above, one farthing, red, make all that have come under my notice.

In writing on locals, one can never give a complete list from even so small a district without going upon the ground and giving the subject special attention and study; even then little firms issue

locals which may escape notice, so that those I have given I do not claim to be all. Very probably the sets I have spoken of may not be complete, but the foregoing may serve as a guide to any who may be uncertain whether such stamps ever existed. All the stamps mentioned were collected in 1875 or thereabouts, in England, so I have good reason to believe in their genuineness.

### PHILATELIC JOURNALS.

BY G. W. H.

Of the large number of stamp papers published in the United States and Canada, there are not more than six or eight deserving the name of really good journals, and of these not more than three can be called first class. Many of them are well got up as to appearance, but are filled with the most absurd matter which is of little or no benefit to their readers. Others again, are satisfactory in every way but the price is too high to suit the mass of collectors, and as a consequence such papers fail of the support necessary to maintain them. Many promise well at first, but in a little while they drift into mere advertising sheets and what was announced as "a fine 16 page journal, filled with bright, spicy, original articles," etc., is found to consist of four pages of reading matter and twelve pages of advertisements.

Now, when a collector subscribes for a stamp paper, it is not for the purpose of reading the advertisements and paying for the privilege of doing so, but to receive information about stamps.

There is another class which depend altogether on a pair of scissors for an editor. Imagine how very provoking it is for a collector who takes several papers, to find, on subscribing for another,

that it contains only what he has already seen in others. Then there are those which, to use a trite expression, are "everlastingly blowing their own horns," and telling the public what they are going to do when they get ten thousand subscribers. All this is of no possible interest to the collector, and only disgusts him. Many of the defects in philatelic journals are, of course, such as are necessarily incidental to new publications and can only be remedied by time and experience.

It is not my purpose to deter young collectors from taking stamp papers, but to point out the greatest defects which must be remedied before philatelic journalism can attain the excellence which will command the respect and support of the most intelligent collectors.

In conclusion, let me advise every stamp collector in the United States to subscribe for some good stamp paper, and by this means keep posted about philatelic occurrences.

#### Inventor of the Adhesive Stamp.

One of our exchanges prints as a late bit of Philatelic news, a London dispatch of January 30th, in which it is stated that it has been decided that James Chalmers of Dundee and not Sir Rowland Hill, is the inventor of the adhesive postage stamp. We had that same information a good while ago in vol. xix of the *Encyclopædia Britannica*, a publication not particularly noted for the freshness of its news, but finding it there, we supposed everybody knew it, and therefore made no mention of it. Since the facts do not seem to be generally known we copy the following from the above named work:

"Finally, and in its results most important of all, the adhesive stamp was

made experimentally by Mr. James Chalmers in his printing-office at Dundee in August, 1834. These experimental stamps were printed from ordinary type, and were made adhesive by a wash of gum. Their inventor had already won local distinction in matters of postal reform by his strenuous and successful efforts, made as early as the year 1822, for the acceleration of the Scottish mails from London. Those efforts resulted in a saving of forty-eight hours on the double mail journey, and were highly appreciated in Scotland. There is evidence that from 1822 onwards his attention was much directed towards postal questions, and that he held correspondence with the postal reformers of his day, both in and out of parliament. It is also plain that he was far more intent upon aiding public improvements than upon winning credit for them.

He made adhesive stamps in 1834, and showed them to his neighbors, but took no step for publicly recommending their adoption by the post-office until long after such a recommendation had been published—although very hesitatingly—by the author of the now famous pamphlet, entitled *Post-Office Reform*. Mr. Hill brought the adhesive stamp under the notice of the commissioners of post-office inquiry on 13th February, 1837. Mr. Chalmers made no public mention of his stamp of 1834 until December, 1837."

All the evidence relating to the subject clearly tends towards establishing the fact that while Mr. Hill is entitled to priority of publication; Mr. Chalmers must be credited with priority of invention. But hasn't it taken philatelists a long time to find all this out?

### "A Representative Magazine."

*Our American Youth*, lately revived by a St. Louis partnership, seems to be run on a pretty low plane, if the January No. is to be regarded as a fair sample. If it is "representative," as it pretends to be, of stamp collectors generally, then philately is in such an unhealthy condition that its friends, if it has any worth mentioning, should look after it. In the issue of this delectable journal above referred to, we are told that "to the majority of collectors, counterfeits, fac-similes, reprints or anything, as long as it has holes around the edges, is just as good as a dollar stamp," that "if Mr. Isenstein did sell fac-simile periodicals it is nothing against him," that "the Globe Stamp Co. sell their (fac-simile) stamps for just what they are, and such a firm has long been needed," that S. Allan Taylor is "a devoted church member and Sunday school teacher," and so on *ad nauseam*. This is philatelic journalism with a vengeance, and if this twaddle does not find favor with the knaves and simpletons who buy and sell imitations of postage stamps, then the writer has not accomplished what he set out to do. His evident purpose is to make the small boy believe that the accumulating of fac-similes and the like, is what is known as "stamp collecting," and at the same time prepare him to become an easy victim of the unconscionable scalawags who have this stuff for sale.

It needs no argument to convince any one who has the intelligence of a well developed oyster, that these pitiful pieces of paper called, by courtesy, facsimiles, are not stamps in any sense of the word, and their collection is not philately; but that makes no difference to the fellows

who, whether publishers of so-called stamp papers or dealers in so-called stamps, have no scruples as to how they get the money out of the pockets of the inexperienced youngster. What a virtue they make of the fact that they sell their trash "for just what it is." They want credit for being honest because they tell you they are frauds. Of course they do not proclaim themselves frauds, but the avowed nature of their business makes them such. The paper in question contains the advertisement of one of these "firms" in which fac-similes of stamps of many different countries are offered for sale. The attention of *school boys*—especially called to these as *officers*—is a fine chance to make money by placing them on approval sheets and selling them to their school-fellows, as genuine. Of course, for nobody outside of a mob-house would think for a moment of buying these wretched things to place in an album; they are made to swindle with for knaves to sell and fools to buy.

The practical workings of this trade in fac-similes are quite familiar to us. Every month we receive one or more advertisements from incipient dealers who have just laid in a fine stock of elegant counterfeits and are prepared to sell stamps worth two dollars for a cent each. Such ads. we invariably return with the money as we do not want the patronage of any dealer in fac-similes or counterfeits.

There is another class of frauds, however, which publishers and dealers of the kind we have been considering have no hesitation in denouncing. We refer to those who obtain their worthless goods without paying for them. Then a tremendous howl is raised, and long lists are published as though they were themselves paragons of honesty.

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From the Philatelic World & Philatelic Monthly.

**Antioquia.**—A new type of 20 centavos has made its appearance. The color is blue.

**Bavaria.**—A 3pf. band, green on white, resembling those of Germany and Wurtemberg.

**Belgium.**—Three new stamps, 20c. olive, 50c. bistre, 2f. violet. Head of King Leopold, with full beard, on lined ground, the 50c. having "Postes" above, and the other two having that word below.

**China.**—The following set has appeared: 1 candareen, green, 3c. mauve, and 5c. brown. They are similar to the old set but smaller, and the inscriptions on the four sides are in oval labels, that at the bottom being in white letters or colored ground.

**Finland.**—The 5 marks, green and red, and 10 marks, brown and red, have been issued.

**Liberia.**—A new set of stamps has made its appearance: 1c., red, 2c., pale green, 3c., violet, 4c., brown, 6c., gray, 8c., lilac, 16c., yellow, 32c., blue.

**Peru.**—Two stamps of rough design, unperforated, have lately appeared. The values are 5c. blue, with portrait of Admiral Grau in oval, and 10c. brown, with portrait of General Cardenas. They are inscribed "Correos del Peru" above and the value below.

**Roumania.**—The 50 bani, yellow, of the new type has appeared.

**Siam.**—The  $\frac{1}{2}$  att has been surcharged "1 tical."

**Tahiti.**—Two more varieties of these stamps have lately turned up, 4 centimes on 35c., and 5 centimes on 35c.

**Transvaal.**—A new 2d., brown, of the same design as the others of the current set has been issued.

**Turkey.**—On Jan. 6th issued 6,000 stamps of 5 para, violet on violet, and 1,500 stamps of 25 piastres, black on gray. Of the latter, 750 have large perforation, 700 small perforation, and 50 without perforation.

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FEBRUARY, 1886

The next issue of the GAZETTE will be out March 25th. Advertisements will be received until the 15th.

The Philatelists of this city have been a little tardy in organizing a society, but this was accomplished last month under the name of the "Altoona Philatelic Society," with W. R. Fraser as President, E. C. Mann, Secretary and Edw. E. Kendig, Treasurer.

Sterling's Catalogue of U. S. adhesive postage and stamped envelopes, a copy of which the publisher has kindly sent us, is a most excellent and complete compilation, and will be a great help to those especially who are making collections of the stamped envelopes of this country.

A combination of unfavorable circumstances have delayed this issue of the GAZETTE beyond the usual time. We trust a similar state of affairs may not soon again occur.

*The Capital City Philatelist* for February shows great improvement in appearance and contents, but that "Supply Agency" ad. is a serious blemish and should not have been inserted. A stamp paper ought to be clean.

Here's a conundrum: Does the money received for advertising counterfeits and facsimiles compensate the publisher for the consequent loss of self-respect, provided he has any to lose?

The publishers of the *New England Philatelist* have issued another number of that paper for the purpose of getting square, as far as possible, with W. E. Skinner. This action was of very doubtful propriety, to say the least, for nothing contained in this paper throws any new light on the character of Mr. Skinner, concerning whom the philatelic public knows about all it cares to, but the publishers made a serious blunder when, with no apparent reason, they allowed a fellow with Wise's antecedents an opportunity to slander and malign respectable and honorable dealers as we believe Messrs. Mercer and Savage to be, and as we know Mr. Low to be. It would seem to be a desperate case that is obliged to make use of such testimony as that of the Denver witness. If Skinner is to be squelched it will require a different class of evidence. We happen to know something about Wise's dealings with Mr. Low, and his talk about black-mailing is utterly baseless, of course. Upon the whole, we think No. 12 should never have been printed and we are inclined to believe the publishers are of the same opinion.

Every collector who reads the "enterprising" stamp journals is posted in regard to the so-called Samoa stamps, and we only print the letter given below as a sort of clincher to what has been said as to their real character:—

*United States Consulate.*

*Apia, Samoa, Dec. 14th, 1885.*

Messrs Mann & Kendig, Altoona, Pa.  
Sirs:—

In answer to your favor of Oct. 6th, I inform you that by last mail a similar request I answered to a St. Louis firm.

Several years ago the proprietor of a newspaper here issued these stamps; at no time were they legal, if bought, they were as a *toy*, so to say. We never had a Government Post Office; our postmaster gets 12½ cents for each ½ ounce from anybody, 5c. thereof he sends to the P. M. at San Francisco, the balance belongs to him., while for the incoming mail he receives nothing.

I give you authority for saying that the stamps referred to, do not exist and are a swindle upon the public.

Respectfully,

B. GREENEBAUM,

U. S. Consul.

If we had written to the post-master at Apia, as was suggested by Whitfield, King & Co., we should probably have received a different report, but we thought it best to inquire of some one not interested. The firm just named will keep on selling these things, however, to the gudgeons, and our English contemporary, "The Stamp Collectors' Journal," will not dare copy the above letter under penalty of losing advertising patronage.

By the way, is it not a little strange that philatelists are so ready to accept as genuine an issue of bogus stamps by a remote country, without question as to their authenticity? Yet these have been bought and sold and catalogued as if they were of the highest respectability.

### Answers to Correspondents.

We shall take pleasure in answering, as well as we can, all Numismatic and Philatelic questions which may be submitted to us.

E. M. L., Forrester.—1, Prussian Poland; 2, Prussia; 3, Sweden, Oscar I. 4, Russia, Nicholas I. 5, Prussia, Frederick William IV. 6, Mecklenburg Stralitz; 7, Hanover, George V. 8, Hungary; 9, Austria; 10, Lombardy; 11, Tuscany; 12, Gambler's check or chip.

L. R., Trumansburg.—Your offer is respectfully declined.

E. D. Downer. 87 Jay St., Utica, N. Y., asks: Have you seen the Bermuda ½d. green, 1885, Scott's 46th catalogue? Is there such a stamp? I am aware that there is a 1 shilling surcharged ½d. but I do not mean this." Can any of our readers answer these questions?

The same correspondent states concerning the stamps of Bermuda, that the 2d. is no longer in use and that there is a new 3d. out, of a dark grayish color, and a new international card, 1½d. rose.

The stamp collector who is not merely skirmishing around the outskirts of Philately, picking up a few straggling stamps here and there, but who does his collecting in a thorough, intelligent and sensible manner, and who of course takes at least half a dozen of the best stamp papers, will find it greatly to his advantage to have those which are of corresponding size, bound, each year in one volume, and an index prepared of all articles, paragraphs and notes which relate to particular stamps. This will save what has been said in regard to certain much time when he wishes to refer to issues, and will amply repay the labor spent in preparing it.

## FOREIGN COPPER COINS.

BY FRANK W. DOUGHTY.

## Ancient Copper Coins.

As the inscriptions found upon the coins of the Roman empire are often

somewhat puzzling to the uninitiated, for the benefit of such collectors as propose attempting the formation of a cabinet embracing this series, we append the following list which will in a measure furnish a clue to their meaning.

The series begins with Augustus, who lived between the years 63 B. C. and 14 A. D.

NAME.	PERIOD.	BEGINNING OF INSCRIPTIONS UPON COINS.
Augustus.	29 B. C.—14 A.D.	Caesar Avgvstvs Divi. etc.
Tiberius.	14—37 A. D.	Ti. Caesar Avgvsti, etc.
Caligula.	37—41.	C. Caesar. Germanicvs. etc.
Claudius.	41—54.	Ti. Clavdivs. Avg. P. M., etc.
Nero.	54—68.	Imp. Nero. Caesar Avg., etc.
Galba.	68—69.	Ser. Galba. Imp., etc.
Otho.	69.	Issued only Colonial brass.
Vitellius.	69—	A. Vitellivs. German. etc.
Vespasian.	69—79.	Imp. Caes. Vespasian, etc.
Titus.	79—81.	Imp. T. Caesar Vesp. Avg., etc.
Domitian.	81—96.	Imp. Caes. Domit. Avg. etc.
Nerva.	96—98.	Imp. Nerva Caes. Avg., etc.
Trajan.	98—117.	Imp. Caes. Nerva. Traino. Avg. etc.
Hadrian.	117—138.	Imp. Caes. Trainvs. Hadrianvs, etc.
Antoninus Pius.	138—161.	Antoninvs. P. P. Tr. P. Co. III.
Marcus Aurelius. )	161—180.	Imp. Caes. M. Avrel. Antoninvs. etc.
Lucius Verus. )		Imp. Caes. L. Avrel. Vervs. Avg. etc.
Commodus.	180—193.	L. Avrel. Commodo. Caesar Avg. etc.
Pertinax.	193.	Imp. Caes. P. Helv. Pertinax Avg. etc.
Julianus Didius.	193.	Imp. Caes. M. Did. Sever., etc.
Pescennius Niger.	193—195.	Issued only Colonial coins.
Albinus.	193—197.	Issued a few coins, all very rare.
Septimus Severus.	193—211.	Sept. Severvs. Pivs. Avg.
Caracalla. )	211—217.	M. Avrel. Antoninvs. Pivs, etc.
Geta. )		Pvblivs. Sept. Geta Caes.
Macrinus.	217—218.	Imp. Caes. M. Opel. Ser. Macrinvs. Avg.
Heliogabulus.	218—222.	Imp. Caes. M. Avr. Antoninvs. Pivs. Avg.
Alexander Severus.	222—235.	Imp. Sev. Alexander. Avg.
Maximinus.	235—238.	Imp. Maximvs, Pivs. Avg.
Gordianus Africanus.	237.	Brass very rare.
Balbinus.	237.	Imp. Caes. D. Cael. Balbinvs. Avg.
Pupienus.	237.	Imp. Caes. M. Clod. Pvpianvs. Avg.
Gordianus III. Pius.	238—244.	Imp. Gordianvs Pivs Per. Avg.
Philip, the Arabian.	244—249.	Brass all rare.
Philip II.	244—249.	Brass all rare.
Trajanus Decius.	249—251.	Imp. C. M. Q. Trainvs Decivs. Avg.
Trebonianus Gallus.	252—254.	Imp. Caes. C. Vibivs. Trebonianvs. Decivs Avg.
Æmilianus.	254.	All coins very rare.
Valerianus.	254—263.	Brass all rare.
Gallienus.	263—278.	Imp. Gallienvs P.F. Avg.

After Gallienus, followed a series of ephemeral emperors known as the



"Thirty Tyrants," with the close of whose reigns the Lower Empire begins. The coinage now began to deteriorate and its ancient glory was never restored. The noble "First Brass" gave place to smaller and much ruder coins, many being base, or of copper coated with silver. Of these, which occur in great variety, we cannot treat in detail.

The devices upon the coins of the emperors given are generally, upon the obverse, the head of the imperial personage, upon the reverse, some god or goddess, the genius of Rome or other city, figures of Hope, Joy, Faith, Victory etc., or the representation of some historic event.

With the aid of the list given above, almost all the coins of the more important emperors of the variety termed "First Brass" can be readily assigned to their proper places. To those who contemplate attempting the formation of a cabinet of these highly interesting antiquities, the purchase of Humpfrey's *Coin Collector's Manual* is recommended. This excellent work contains sufficient information to form an accurate guide to all ordinary coins of the series, together with much other interesting matter. It is inexpensive and can be readily obtained from any reliable dealer in coins. The great authority upon the coins of the Roman Empire, is the extensive work of Mr. H. Cohen, a costly octavo, in the French language, and of many volumes. While of great value, its aid can be dispensed with by the beginner. A careful perusal of the descriptions in the auction sale catalogues is also recommended. Much valuable assistance can be obtained in this way. The catalogue of the Anthon collection, Part IV, will be found particularly useful in this respect.

A fair selection of the "First" and "Second Brass" of the Roman Empire, should form the basis of every well arranged cabinet of foreign copper coins.

(To be continued.)

## Hints on Collecting.

BY PROF. F. M. HIRD.

I once visited a collection in Chicago on which thousands of dollars were said to have been spent. The owner took the drawers containing it out of a safe (the only safe place to keep them) to show them to me. They contained a number of magnificent gold coins, splendid tetradrachms, rare old dollars and a great variety of the precious metals, jumbled together without arrangement. I noticed three or four five-franc pieces of Louis Philippe, in ordinary condition, and apparently exactly alike.

This struck me as all wrong, and I think so still. Any collector is liable to get duplicates, but they have no place in his cabinet; they should be sold, or exchanged, or if he is rich and generous enough, given away. One may gather minute varieties, or different dates if he likes, but two pieces from the same die have no business together, unless in a frame or show case which is not to be opened, and where the object is to exhibit both sides.

Further, coins should be put and kept in order. If they are worth buying, they are worth arranging. That fine Chicago collection produced an effect of waste and misuse. It looked as if the owner's motive were a mere whim; as if he cared not at all to learn from his coins what they were abundantly able to teach; as if he was proud of them merely as representing the money he had spent on them.

There is reason to fear that the great majority of "collections" throughout our land are mere accumulations, thrown together without rule or reason. Sometimes they cannot be seen at all. An acquaintance once told me how he went

to see a costly collection, in Cincinnati, I think. "My coins are in the bank;" said the owner, "it is not safe to keep them in the house." To the bank they went; a vault was opened and a box shown. "There they are," said the owner proudly. "But I don't care for the box," the visitor protested, "I want to see the coins." "Well, I tell you they are all there!" Now this fool could not get from his coins even the satisfaction which the misers in the story-books get from their hoards; for the miser can at least handle his treasures, and gloat over the sight and touch.

A collection—whether of coins or books, or minerals, or shells, or pictures, or what not—exists for an intellectual end, and fulfils its purpose in proportion as it is kept in such shape that can be examined and studied by its owner and his friends. Therefore, every collector should have a cabinet of some kind. It may be objected that cabinets cost money; but any reasonable cabinet will hold many times its cost in coins, and the coins are of value, for any purpose except selling (and largely even for that), as they are properly arranged. The proper arrangement is, of course, mainly on geographical and historical principles; ancient coins should not be mixed with modern, nor those of Europe with our own. The natural division is by countries, and within by reigns or dates. Arrangement by metals or sizes rests on lower grounds—those of convenience or taste. To arrange one's coins always brings knowledge, and fosters habits of method, and any collector whose object is merely to accumulate, and not at all to get his accumulations into shape and learn something from them, is wasting his time and money and might as well quit.

Mr. Lyman H. Low's 11th sale which took place at the Auction rooms of Bangs & Co. N. Y., on the 30th ult. was a most successful venture. We quote a few of the prices realized. Half dollar 1802, very good, \$4.10; half dime 1794, very fine, \$6.40; do, 1865 very fair, \$4.50; do, 1840-41, uncirculated, 70c. each; three cents silver, 1863-4, proof and fine, \$1.25 each; Cent 1793, chain, very good, \$6.50; do. Liberty cap, head weak, otherwise good, \$6.30; do. 1799 over '98, very fair, \$7.80; do. 1804, perfect dies, \$8.75; same, broken dies, \$7.75; do. 1816, unci., \$1.35; Four medals of cathedrals at Canterbury, Cologne, Oxford and Paris, averaged \$2.90 each; a medal of Wagner, \$3.10, and another of Beethoven, \$2.10. The 499 lots brought a total of \$560. The attendance was far beyond what was anticipated, in consideration of the fact that the coins offered were such as are frequently obtainable.

Messrs. S. H. & H. Chapman of Philadelphia are now cataloguing a large collection of coins and medals for public sale which we understand will take place in the latter part of March.

Mr. Gaston L. Feuardent is now in Europe. It is expected that he will return with his usual choice selections of unismatic gems.

Three hundred dollars is the paltry sum the U. S. Government permits to be expended annually in making additions to the national cabinet of coins at the Philadelphia mint. The gold half eagle of 1815, purchased last year, wiped out the entire appropriation.

The proceedings of the 27th annual meeting of the American Numismatic and Archaeological society of New York has just been printed.

### Numismatic Items.

**Caracas.**—Venezuela is represented in monogram on the  $\frac{1}{4}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$  real pieces of Caracas, type of 1810-20.

**Cohen, Part V.**—Second edition, "Description historique des monnaies frappées sous l'empire Romain communément appelées médailles Imperiales," is received. The volume concludes with Valerian I. It is probable that at least seven parts will be necessary to complete the series and edition.

**Collection Robert.**—The collection of Ch. Robert, of Paris, who has contributed to numismatic literature is to be sold during the latter part of February. Parts I. to IV. of the catalogue are received. They contain 2308 lots in 80 pages, interspersed with cuts, to which is appended 14 plates. The style of the catalogue is similar to Fonrobert, but in point of typography it far excels it. It is to be regretted that the catalogue in its completeness cannot be placed before American collectors prior to the sale.

**Electrotypes.**—Mr. W. T. Ready of the British Museum, produces the finest electrotypes of coins that are met with; they are even dangerous to the inexperienced. His work may be identified by the letter R indented on the edge.

**Gibraltar.**—The scarcest of the small series of tokens of this important English possession is that of Richard Cottons. Its description is as follows: PAYABLE AT RICHARD CATTONS. GOLDSMITH. LION seated l., holding key; beneath, GIBRALTAR | 1813. Rev. 1 | QUARTO. crowned with wreath.

**Granby Piece.**—In demolishing an old dwelling near Waterford, Conn., in August last, another specimen of

these interesting pieces was found. It is the variety which has date 1737. THE VALVE OF THREE PENCE. is in a good state of preservation and was but recently placed on the market by a prominent New York dealer. The sale of it was immediately effected.

**London Sales.**—Messrs. Sotheby, Wilkinson & Hodge were to sell between the 9th and 19th inst., the collection of Mr. Steven, of Epsom, the stock of Mr. Webster, a London dealer, deceased, and the duplicates from the cabinet of Mr. Montagu. Catalogues of the first sale were not received in time for American collectors to compete.

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**St. John, N. B.**—Mr. McDermott, in speaking of his token to an old New York collector some years ago, stated that he had a few struck in silver. We conclude a specimen will some day come to light.

**Siam.**—The current copper coin of Siam, issued in Feb'y, 1875, represent the values of 4, 2, 1 and  $\frac{1}{2}$  At. They were struck in England. The obverse bears the Siamese crown with the king's signature.

**Thin Copper Coins.**—Jewelers frequently use nitric acid on copper coins to extract the metal for alloying purposes. The effect is such, that although the piece may become as thin as a wafer, the type is still distinguishable.

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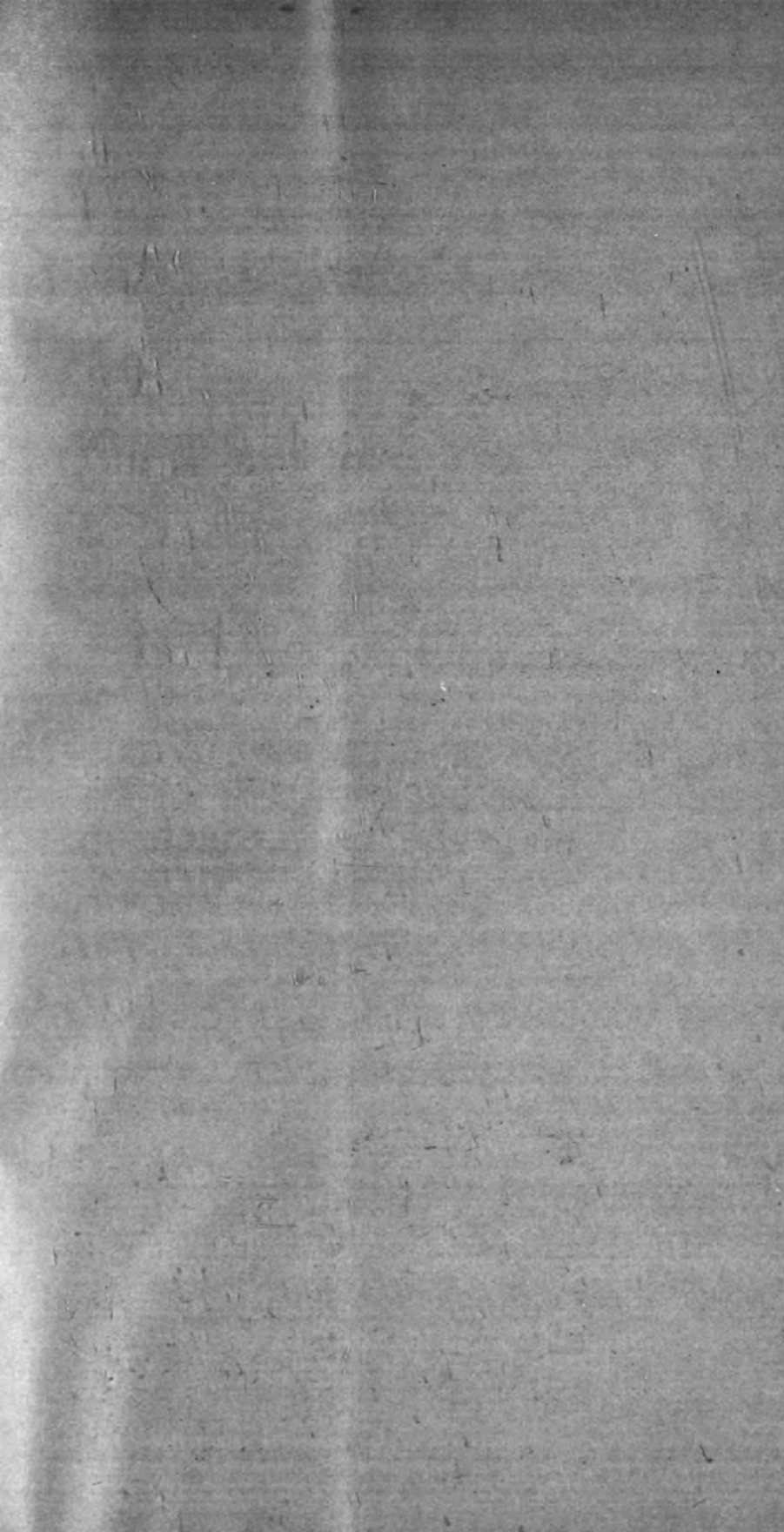
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## The Hamburg Locals.

BY WM. ALLAN KLAPP.

Of the whole 5600 or 6000 stamps which, in a greater or less degree, the attention of collectors is directed, there are none which have been more in dispute than the Hamburg Locals. Month after month one can hear such questions as these: "Are they genuine?" "Are they reprints?" "Were there ever such stamps?" It is a well-known fact that a large dealer in New York City provides spaces in an album which he publishes, for 116 of these plates, and sells them in such large quantities that in almost any young collector's book one can find these hideous ugly things, disfiguring the pages to which they are attached as well as the adjacent. The advertisement that describes a lot of 116 can be bought for 100 to fifty cents lures many unfortunates into buying them. I, myself, in former days, was duped in the manner, and for years my album was disgraced by their presence, though they have long since been removed and consigned to the waste basket.

Like Allen's Chicago Locals, there is to be an unlimited number of these kind stamps, since for years they have found a market yet the supply has perceptibly diminished. It is there are rumors that the N. Y. dealer above referred to bought the original plates from the companies who

first issued them, and that those who sold are genuine reprints, but I have never heard a direct affirmation or denial of this rumor by those most concerned, so I am inclined to think they mean to keep on the safe side by saying nothing, thus keeping the same uncertainty always aglow.

Of course the companies supposed to have used these stamps have long since disappeared, so it is impossible to get any direct information from those who alone could decide the vexed question. But it is my purpose to show, as far as possible that the N. Y. dealer has no more right to say he has the original plates than the French gentleman, whose set I compare with the American one, has to claim the same. Owing to the importance of the subject, I shall be careful to take up all points bearing on the question, making, I am afraid, this article more or less technical and tedious, but I trust many will be patient enough to follow me.

In the first place, I will say that in looking over a private collection made about the year 1875 I came across a set of Hamburg Locals which I supposed the owner had obtained from the usual source in this country, but on closer inspection I saw something peculiar about them: they looked strange, and at last I saw the colors were different, and in many cases the designs were quite unfamiliar. Upon inquiry I found they had been bought in Paris in 1874, or there

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## The Hamburg Locals.

BY WM. ALLAN KLAPP.

Of the whole 5600 or 6000 stamps which, in a greater or less degree, the attention of collectors is directed, there are none which have been more in dispute than the Hamburg Locals. Month after month one can hear such questions as these: "Are they genuine?" "Are they reprints?" "Were there ever such stamps?" It is a well-known fact that a large dealer in New York city provides spaces in an album which he publishes, for 116 of these stamps, and sells them in such large quantities that in almost any young collector's book one can find these hideously ugly things, disfiguring the pages which they are attached as well as those adjacent. The advertisement that the entire lot of 116 can be bought for thirty to fifty cents lures many unfortunates into buying them. I, myself, in my younger days, was duped in the same manner, and for years my album was disgraced by their presence, though they have long since been removed and assigned to the waste basket.

Like Allen's Chicago Locals, there seems to be an unlimited number of these so-called stamps, since for years they have found a market yet the supply has not been perceptibly diminished. It is true there are rumors that the N. Y. dealer above referred to bought the original plates from the companies who

first issued them, and that those who sold are genuine reprints, but I have never heard a direct affirmation or denial of this rumor by those most concerned, so I am inclined to think they mean to keep on the safe side by saying nothing, thus keeping the same uncertainty always aglow.

Of course the companies supposed to have used these stamps have long since disappeared, so it is impossible to get any direct information from those who alone could decide the vexed question. But it is my purpose to show, as far as possible that the N. Y. dealer has no more right to say he has the original plates than the French gentleman, whose set I compare with the American one, has to claim the same. Owing to the importance of the subject, I shall be careful to take up all points bearing on the question, making, I am afraid, this article more or less technical and tedious, but I trust many will be patient enough to follow me.

In the first place, I will say that in looking over a private collection made about the year 1875 I came across a set of Hamburg Locals which I supposed the owner had obtained from the usual source in this country, but on closer inspection I saw something peculiar about them; they looked strange, and at last I saw the colors were different, and in many cases the designs were quite unfamiliar. Upon inquiry I found they had been bought in Paris in 1874, or there-

abouts. They were in a book issued in Paris by Justin Sallier who, on the alternate pages gave descriptions of all. This fact caused me to change one idea to which I had been slowly drifting, until then, namely, that the Hamburg locals were never issued at all, but were a pure invention of some speculative genius. This discovery removed one doubt only to give rise to a host of others just as perplexing. I then concluded to compare these with the set issued by the New York dealer, and, obtaining the owner's permission, began my comparison which resulted quite satisfactorily, insomuch as I found wide differences in every case. I will add that in M. Sallier's book he gives dates and other information which are entirely wanting in the American album, and I therefore judge M. Sallier knew what he was about.

In the book I speak of I found 122 Hamburg locals, all different from the New York set of 116. In due time I will come to the set which differs numerically as well as in design. The set last mentioned commences with the only six stamps in the lot which can really lay claim to being called decent looking stamps. These, as all know, are the only perforated ones, and the only ones in which the printing, or lithographing is at all presentable. These six in my friend's book are cancelled, and appear to be genuinely used. They are stamped with a circle inside of which is in script type, "Chard," and the figure "1" below. Over this is a cancellation of small dots. I do not claim that this is proof of their genuineness, but at all events, it is an indication that they are. They differ from the American ones only very slightly, less in fact than any of the 116 except in one case. The colors are all alike with the exception of this one which is

of a more grayish tinge than the American one shilling stamp. The perforation in the latter one is larger, the ground-work not so exact and of a more smaller check, the figure "3" in the corners of the 3 schilling is much more drawn out and the band which crosses the large numeral in the centre is narrower. These points of difference however good in all. Next come the large square stamps issued in 1862, by the "Institut Hamburger Boten," H. Scheerenbeck. These are vastly different. The colors are not at all the same; colors appearing in one set and not in the other. The star between "Institut Hamburger Boten" and "H. Scheerenbeck" in the American ones is much larger and of a different kind from the French set. The script work in the corners is much less distinct in the French set and also much smaller. The name, "H. Scheerenbeck" is in entirely different type.

The next set issued by Scheerenbeck having boy in oval holding out a letter is as different as the preceding one. In the American set there is no period after "Scheerenbeck," which appears in the others. Between "Institut" and "Hamburger" there is no star in the American set, and a hyphen appears between "Hamburger" and "Boten" which not being needed there shows badly for the set. It may be meant for a dash, but has not that appearance. The last set of H. Scheerenbeck is the rectangular stamp with numerals in oval, surrounded by "Vier-eingte Corporation." These differ so much that I at first thought they were not meant to be the same. The "1" in the American set is entirely different from the French set, being larger, lower and of a different style. After the "1" appears a dot in the latter which is the size of the figure in the other

renders invisible. The outside lettering should be "G. Vereingte." This no one would suspect from the New York dealer's set in which in all cases the "G" is a perfect O. The scroll-work, coloring and back-ground are all considerably different. Again, in the set issued by Th. Lafreuz, great differences occur. The star in those produced in this country is twice or three times the size of the other, while the printing is much larger and coarser in every respect.

We have left now the two sets issued by W. Krautz, and C. Hamer & Co. I will first take up the Institute Hamburger Boten set in which a youth appears in an oval holding out a letter. In this set occurs the difference in the number of stamps. In the 1 schilling, printed in colors, there are nine in the French set and in the other seven. The former has in addition two more  $\frac{1}{2}$  sch. stamps. The colors differ greatly. The last set but one are the gaudy "Hannovers" issued by W. Krautz. These differ in printing, but I must say in justice to the New York dealer that his are the better, both in coloring and printing in this particular instance. Last are the stamps issued by C. Hamer & Co. which are square and all of the  $\frac{1}{2}$  value. These differ chiefly in the rays of light diverging from the circle in the centre, which are more prominent in the French set. The two envelopes are almost identical, the only difference lying in the period which is in the American set after "Hamb." In addition to these two envelopes is another of same design but rose on white paper.

It is evident that there are at least two sets of plates for these stamps. In Mr. Sallier's book they are all described, though none of them were bought of him, nor were they all bought at once.

The gentleman who made the collection lived in Hamburg three years and does not seem to doubt their genuineness. He thinks he got one or two of the perforates off letters, but of this he is not certain. One thing is pretty clear to me, and that is, if either set is genuine it must be the French one.

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*The Philatelist* says that a careful canvass of the city of Philadelphia discovered only about thirty collectors who were eligible, as to age, (seventeen years) to membership in the Quaker City Philatelic Society. This number is, of course, much below the real figures, as there are many who for various reasons collect quietly, but it shows that the great multitude of stamp collectors are under 17 years old, and that before they reach that age they cease to be interested in what was once a favorite pursuit.

This is not encouraging to those philatelists who are now so much devoted to their hobby as to have no idea of abandoning it, but who will begin to feel rather lonely as they find their comrades day by day drop out of the ranks as they grow older. It is not pleasant for the older collectors to be obliged to admit that stamp collecting is a device to amuse children, but it is, nevertheless, a fact that a very small proportion of collectors have reached manhood. The hold which philately takes on the youngster is very easily shaken off. To-day, he is an enthusiast on the subject; to-morrow, he will lay his collection aside and his hobby will have lost all its charms. This, however, proves nothing against stamp collecting. It has for its votaries men whose judgment cannot be questioned.

All the fine writing about the beauties and excellences of stamp collecting are cruel and cutting irony to the collector who has bought, for genuine, some of those inventions and imitations sold by some of the "reputable" English dealers who part their names in the middle.

We are in receipt of quite a number of philatelic articles which are mere compilations from encyclopædias and stamp catalogues. The writers' intentions are no doubt of the best, but their contributions add nothing to the present stock of philatelic knowledge. There is a great deal that might be written about stamps which would be of real and permanent value, but it takes time and labor to hunt up the facts. This kind of information is worth paying for but the other is worth nothing.

The great majority of collectors can never expect to see, much less own, a complete collection of all the postage stamps it is possible to procure, because of the great outlay of money required. This, of course, constitutes a great source of regret to those whose interest in philately is in excess of their means, and there are few earnest philatelists who would not like to see complete sets of the stamps of the various countries even though they did not own them. This desire can be met in a great measure where several collectors go together and each takes some country of which neither has all the stamps obtainable, and completes it. When this is done, another country can be assigned each, and so on. This plan has the advantage of the interest which is inspired by association in any work, and besides increasing his own collection with reference to particular countries, each one is enabled

to see and study the stamps obtained by his associates, without cost to himself.

It is said that in 1872 a plate was engraved for the English three half pence postage stamp by the celebrated artist, W. Wyon. The stamp was circulated for some time before it was discovered that Wyon had placed his initials W. W. in microscopic characters upon the plate. The discovery created much indignation in England; the offending letters were removed, and a stringent law was passed to prevent a recurrence of the offence. In France, during the Presidency of Napoleon, in 1852, the plates for the ten and twenty-five cent stamps had the letter "B" inserted by the engraver, whose initial it was. Eventual discovery was followed by the same results as in the similar affair in England.

It seems to be a favorite idea with some young men desirous of entering the field to compete for the sale of stamps, to announce themselves to an indulgent public under the nom de plume of a "company," by which their identity is entirely hidden. This we think is a grave error, and not likely to inspire confidence in buyers who prefer to deal with those who give their names as a guarantee of good faith. This form is no doubt adopted in imitation of large and successful mercantile corporations, but it cannot be wisely or properly applied to the small trading which must ever be the limit of those who simply give their spare time to business. John Smith may do an honorable and profitable business in his own name, and build up for himself an enviable reputation, but as the "Jonesboro Stamp & Trading Co." his progress, we predict, will be slow and uncertain.

## NEW ISSUES.

from the Philatelic World.

**Gibraltar.**—Since the 1st of January the stamps of Bermuda have been used here, with the word "Gibraltar" surcharged in black. We hear of the 1d. green, 1d. and 2½d. In addition to these we hear of the 2d. lilac-brown, 3½d. blue, 4d. vermilion, 6d. violet and 1sh. pale brown, all of Bermuda, and the ½d. and 1d. band of Natal and 1d. card of St. Vincent. These are all surcharged "Gibraltar" in black.

**Liberia.**—The stamps mentioned last month are of three types; the first resembles the 8c. of 1882, with value in hexagon, 1c. carmine, 2c. green, 3c. lilac, 4c. brown, 6c. gray. The second type has figure of value in oval, with "Republic—Postage—Liberia" on a scroll extending around the top and sides and value on scroll at bottom. 8c. blue. 16c. orange. The third type has a view of a ship and rising sun, with palm tree and plough in the foreground. "Thirty cents" above and "cents" below on scrolls, color dark blue.

**Mozambique.**—A new series has been issued resembling the stamps of Portugal 1870. The embossed head of the king is surrounded by an oval band inscribed "Provincia de Mocambique" in blue. 5r. black, 10r. green, 20r. carmine, 50r. blue, 40r. brown, 50r. blue, 100r. red brown, 200r. violet, 300r. orange.

**Peru.**—"Der Philatelist" states that the stamps dated at sides 1883—1884, 10c. blue and 25c. violet, have been surcharged in black with triangle inscribed "Habilitado—Arequipa."

**Reunion I.**—In December were issued 300,000 surcharged stamps as follows: 5c. on 40c. (eagle), 40c. (Liberty), 10c. (Figures of Commerce &c), 30c. (Napoleon, laureated), 10c. on 40c. (Fig. of Com. &c.) 25c. on 40c., (eagle). The surcharges are all in black and consist of the figure of value followed by "C." with a Roman capital "R" below.

**Santander.**—The *Ill. Br. Journal* illustrates the new series: the stamps somewhat resemble the 1c. of Ecuador; the values and colors same as first series.

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MARCH, 1886.

ERRATUM: Page 201, second column, first line, read "now" for "who."

Mr. W. G. Jerrens, Jr. of Chicago, has our thanks for a couple of packets of very fine copper coins and tokens.

Each issue of the *P. J. of A.* is to be copyrighted hereafter. We shall therefore have to worry along without having its columns to select from.

We should like very much to say a good word about some of our excellent exchanges, but we have not the space even to "blow our own horn."

A Charleston, S. C. correspondent asks: Can any of your readers state the real value of the Brattleboro Vt. local on original envelope? We pause for a reply.

An English paper which calls itself *The Stamp Collectors' Journal* says:

"The wholesale manner in which certain well-known dealers in imitative stamps are advertising in some of our American and Continental contemporaries is truly surprising."

Very surprising, indeed; but remarkable of that kind would read a great deal better in a journal that did not have in the same issue advertisements of such things as Samon, Suez Canal, etc., and which had not admitted but a short time since, an advertisement of 250 imitations of U. S. locals.

It must become very monotonous to the readers of those stamp papers whose editors are forever telling them what good journals theirs are and how much better they are going to be. Why don't they give their papers a chance to talk for themselves? Collectors are supposed to know a good thing when they see it.

The American Numismatic and Archaeological Society held their fifth meeting devoted exclusively to the science, on the 7th inst. There was a good attendance. The feature of the evening was a paper by President Parish on "Some Dutch Jetons of the sixteenth century," to which he found an attentive and appreciative audience.

Mr. Lyman H. Low is now preparing the manuscript for the catalogue of a collection of Mexican coins and tokens, the property of Mr. Winslow J. Howard of Silver City, N. M. The sale will take place during the latter part of April. Intending purchasers should place their orders early for the catalogue.

We do not deal in either coins or stamps, and have no price lists. We are collectors only.



The *Collector's Companion* for March is a splendid number, and we congratulate the publishers. By the way, we have not received the Jan. and Feb. Nos.

There are some fine bargains offered collectors and dealers in this issue of the *GAZETTE* which our readers will do well to look up. Don't forget to mention this paper when writing to advertisers.

Some of the definitions of the word "philately" which we find in our exchanges are as clear as mud. Here is one: "*philos*, (dear) *ateleia*, (exemption from tax) translated thus: exemption from dear tax." Until we read this our notion was that *philos* could be as easily translated *loving*, and postage stamps (or any duty stamps) being evidence of exemption from tax, "philately" might therefore mean "love of (or loving) postage stamps."

There are a number of stamps offered certain dealers concerning which many experienced collectors have doubts as to whether they are remainders, or reprints, or counterfeits, or whether such stamps ever had a legal existence. The dealers to whose enterprise is due their being before the public, do not condescend to give any explanation as to their real character or how they came by them. Quite likely they think it none of our business. We are inclined to take a different view, and are seeking information from official sources. We should be glad if the philatelic papers generally would give this subject a little more attention. Some of them lament, in a general way, the prevalence of frauds and counterfeits, but are careful not to mention particular stamps or dealers. That kind of talk does the frauds no harm and philately no good.

Messrs. Bangs & Co.; N. Y., sold at their rooms, March 10th and 11th a large collection of autographs, manuscripts, documents, etc., catalogued by Dr. Geo. W. Massamore, which brought together a large assemblage of people who make their collecting in various lines, among whom were found the historian, bibliographer, numismatist, antiquarian and those interested in autography, competing for their specialties in the science. Of the most important figures reached we mention the following: *Autographs*—Charles Carroll, signer Dec. Ind., \$5.00; Nellie Curtis, adopted daughter of Washington, \$5.00; John Stark Ravenscraft, \$4.50; Wm. M. Stone, Bishop of Md., \$11.50; Gen. Jubal A. Early \$13.00; Robt. Eden, Prop. Gov. of Md. \$5.00; Frederick, Lord Baltimore, \$10.00; Gen. Horatio Gates, \$5.00; Gladstone, \$2.38; Sam'l Hahnemann, founder of homeopathy, \$5.00; Washington Irving, \$5.25; Andrew Jackson, \$5.00; Thos. Johnson, member first Congress, \$6.00; Lafayette, \$5.00; Longfellow, \$4.25; John Penn, \$5.00; Washington, \$30.50; Abraham Lincoln, \$15.00; Gen. J. E. B. Stewart, \$17.00. Total amount of sale, \$865.00.

The 28th annual meeting of the American Numismatic and Archaeological Society was held at their room in University building, Washington Square, N. Y. city, Tuesday evening, March 16th, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

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## FOREIGN COPPER COINS.

BY FRANK W. DOUGHTY.

### Ancient Copper Coins.—VII.

The progress of our survey of foreign copper coins has now brought us to the Byzantine period, but before proceeding to examine the coinage of the emperors of the East, we must correct an error which inadvertently crept into our last contribution. In the list of inscriptions upon Roman bronze coins, it was stated that the brass issues of Philip the Arabian, Philip II. and Valerianus are all rare. This statement must be qualified. Of the brass coins of the Philips certain ones are very rare, ordinary types selling at about one dollar. Their legends read as follows: Philip the Arabian: "Imp. M. Ivl. Philippus Avg." Philip II: "M. Ivl. Philippus Caes." The same is true of the brass coins of Valerianus, certain types, not "all brass," are rare. The legend on the coins of this emperor is: "Imp. C. P. Lic. Valerianvs Avg."

Let us now scan briefly that exceedingly peculiar series, the issues of the Byzantine emperors, which form the connecting link between ancient and mediæval coins.

The Eastern Empire, or Byzantium, grew up from the ruins of the Roman Empire. It had its seat of government for several centuries at Constantinople, and was finally overthrown by the invading Turks, in 1453. The copper coins of the Byzantine rulers are most peculiar. All attempts at artistic beauty seem with the last issues of the Western Empire to have suddenly disappeared. Instead of the noble "first brass" and its divisions, we now find coins of odd shapes and sizes; for a

while there is an attempt made to preserve a regular standard as to weight, but with the progress of time even that is neglected, and the size of the planchet offers but a slight guide to the value of the coin. Some are round, others square; some are concave and others again are of such rude shapes that it is hard to find for them an appropriate name. Among the copper issues were the *Follis*, *Half Follis* and *Decanummium*. The legends and inscriptions began with a direct imitation of the Roman, but finally drifted into an absurd jumble of Latin and Greek, which make them exceedingly difficult to decipher without the aid of books.

The earliest Byzantine copper coins easily obtained are those of Anastasius I. 491—518. They bear upon them a half length figure of the emperor, with the obverse legend: "D N Anastasius P P Avg." Upon the reverses of some of these and the coins of many succeeding emperors, appear a large M taking up nearly the entire field; upon others an equally large K is found, while upon others still, the letters I and I—B occur. These letters are called "indexes" and refer to the value of the coin. Thus the *Follis*, K the *Half-Follis* and I the *Decanummium*, etc. There is also a little coin called the *Pentanummium*, upon which the index C, and sometimes V occurs. In later reigns the indexes change, and the letters X, XX, XXX and XXXX appear, as well as others which cannot be here enumerated. Below the index the abbreviations CON, NIK, KYZ, ROM and others are found. These refer to the mints which issued the coins. CON is Constantinople, NIK is Nicomedia, KYZ Cyzicus and ROM Rome. Many of these mint-marks are very obscure, and have formed a fruit-

ful subject of discussion among collectors of Byzantine coins.

Among the most common of the copper coins of this series are those of Justinus II. and Sophia, 565—578. Upon these appear full length figures of the imperial personages seated upon their throne. About the heads of both is the crucifixial nimbus, or circle sometimes seen surrounding the head of Christ in Catholic prints. Upon the reverses are the letters described above with the addition of ANNO (year) and a figure indicating the particular year of the reign. Another very common variety is of the reign of John Zimisces, 964—976. These bear the bust of Christ with the nimbus, the hand holding the sacred book of the Evangelists, with the letters known as the monogram of Christ, I-C-X-C. The reverses are in Greek and cannot be intelligibly rendered here. Some of the Byzantine copper coins are larger than the German crowns. Toward the last they attained a degree of crudeness which renders them almost unintelligible save to the student who makes the series a life study.

We cannot recommend the collection of Byzantine copper coins to beginners in numismatic science as the series is too complex. They are, however, for the most part easy to obtain and at prices not exceeding fifty cents. The most valuable book of reference treating upon the subject is that of J. Sabatier, published in Paris in 1862. It is in French and contains seventy beautiful plates, and is obtainable with difficulty at the high price of twenty dollars.

With the Byzantine series our remarks on ancient copper coins close. There are other series, of which the Roman colonial is the most important, but we feel that we have dwelt too long

upon this branch of the subject and shall advance to the consideration of mediæval copper coins in our next paper.

### Sale of the White Collection.

The sale of the cabinet of Mr. Chas. White of New York City, consisting of United States silver and copper coins, took place at Messrs. Bangs and Co.'s on the 9th inst. The catalogue was compiled by Mr. H. P. Smith and was well arranged, and fairly described 506 lots. A novel feature of the catalogue was its being printed in red ink. There was a good attendance, and by reason of the large number of fine and uncirculated pieces, together with many acknowledged rarities, competition was strong and good prices were realized.

The following quotations will serve to show the result of collectors' efforts and disposition to procure fine and valuable specimens: *Half dimes*, 1794, fine \$4.50; 1846, fine, \$6.50. *Dimes*, 1798 over '97, uncirculated, \$15.00; 1824 over '22, fine, \$4.50; 1828, large date, \$2.40; 1838, without stars, fine, \$1.10; 1846, fine, \$2. *Quarters*, 1796, fine, \$9.25; 1807, uncirculated, \$26.00; 1815, uncir., \$2.90; 1820, '21 and '22, uncir., averaged \$2.27; 1823, fair, \$30.00; 1824, fine, \$5.00; 1825, uncir., \$2.80; 1852, uncir., \$1.25; 1853, no arrows, uncir., \$10.50. *Half-dollars*, 1794, fine, \$7.00; 1796, 15 stars, good, \$59.00; 1797, fine, \$50.00; 1836, milled edge, fine, \$4.20; 1852, uncir., \$5.10; 1885, uncir., \$1.55. *Dollars*, 1794, very fair, \$29.00; 1838, proof, \$67.00; 1839, proof, \$38.50; 1851, proof, \$49.25; 1852, uncir., \$45.50; 1858, proof, \$30.00. *Cents*, 1795, fine, \$6.00; 1804, good, \$7.10; 1807, fine, \$7.25; 1810 over '09, fine, \$4.00; 1826, uncir., \$3.05; 1832, uncir., \$5.25; 1839, "Booby-head," unc. \$3.20. Total of the sale, \$1051.47.

### Numismatic Items.

**Blank Reverses.**—Pieces which are without inscription or device on the reverse, indicate rudeness and necessity.

**Collection Billoin.**—This magnificent cabinet of Autonomous Greek coins was to be sold in Paris on 22nd of March. This is, by far, the most important sale of choice and rare pieces of the series that has occurred in years, and we regret that American collectors are again left with insufficient time to compete for the coins. The catalogue, compiled by Messrs. Rollin and Feuardent, is the usual French edition and contains 997 lots, to which is appended four fine autotype plates.

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This movement toward becoming specialists will, in all likelihood, steadily continue, and it will not be long before it will be an exception to find a person collecting even all varieties of postage stamps. Of course, this will only be the case if new issues continue to appear as often as they do now, and from present appearances we should judge that they would. But none of us know what the future may have in store for philately, and indeed in the onward march of invention it is not at all improbable that some new and improved system of prepayment of postage may be devised which will entirely do away with the use of stamps, so that but for collectors their very existence might be forgotten a few centuries hence.

#### A Philatelic Album.

Among the various stamp albums that have come under our notice none equal in design or "get up" the one owned by Mr. W. R. Fraser of this city. As yet, but Vol. I., comprising all the American countries, is completed. The album is made of heavy "Duplex" drawing paper, each page of an entirely different design, both as to border and arrangement of stamps. It is so arranged that new issues can be inserted at any time without altering the design. Stamps are put on one side of the leaf and a map and brief sketch of the country on the opposite page. One great advantage this album has over those in general use is, that while it contains space for every stamp issued, any one or an entire set

can be omitted without leaving a blank space or wood cut to mar the beauty of the page. The pages are  $9\frac{1}{2} \times 11\frac{1}{4}$  in., and are enclosed in a neat walnut frame. Leaves can be added or removed at any time. Mr. Fraser is a painstaking philatelist and a collector who believes that if stamps are worth collecting at considerable expense they are worth preserving in a manner which will give the owner the greatest pleasure in looking over them. We presume Mr. Fraser would be pleased to give a fuller description or show a page to collectors on application. He is now at work on Vol. II.

#### Among Our Exchanges.

Apart from the egotism of its editor and his hostility to the little stamp papers which have come into existence without first obtaining his permission, the *Philatelic Journal of America* is a very creditable magazine, and there is always something to be found in its pages of interest to philatelists. In the March No. Bro. Mekeel struggles, through a page and a half, with the meaning of the word "philately" without developing anything new, except that he has advanced from his former position that philately is only "an amusing pastime," and is now willing to admit that it is capable of "even scientific study." There is a good article (as all his contributions are) by J. M. Chute, on the "Stamps of British Guiana," and some rather interesting "Notes" by Robt. S. Hatcher.

The *Philatelic Star*, (England) has changed hands and is now published by Edward Roberts, Nottingham. The contents of the March No. are quite interesting, especially that portion where in the editor refers to Stanley Gibbons & Co., Whitfield King & Co. and the rest of that class of English dealers.



pay for their advertising with the trash manufactured by Allan Taylor and others of his ilk. This is, so far as we know, the first English stamp journal to declare its independence of these harpies. We welcome it to the ranks of those journals that wouldn't do their dirty work at any price.

The *Toronto Philatelic Journal* now appears in the form adopted by most journals of its class, and is quite attractive as to looks and interesting as to contents. It has a numismatic department which is well edited by Mr. Joseph Hooper.

The April No. of the *Philatelic Tribune* is nearly all monopolized by the advertisements of the publisher, but it has a little diluted philately designed especially for "young philatelists" who, we are led to infer, find it superior to anything ever prepared by Mrs. Pinkham. The publisher has not yet found out that there never were any Samoa postage stamps, but offers them in what he calls a "daisy" packet.

*The Stamp*, (Denver, Col.) is one of the new stamp papers which need no apologise for entering the journalistic field. It has something to say each month which philatelists are the wiser for knowing, and it is not backward about calling a fraud a *fraud*.

Our steady and reliable contemporary, the *Stamp World*, is trying the experiment of printing a philatelic story. We were afraid to risk the new department on ourselves, preferring that some older paper should lead off. If the publication of the stories is continued we shall conclude the experiment was successful.

Only a few days ago in looking over our files we came across the first number of the *Philatelic Herald*. As a work of art it could hardly be considered a success, and we only refer to it here because of the great contrast between it and the last number received. Bro. Jewett is certainly entitled to great credit for his pluck and perseverance, and for the marked improvement in his paper. He deserves success.

## Notices of Exchange.

G. W. Havlin, Dayton, Ky. Seven stamp papers for 7 others of same kind not in my collection.

E. M. French, Amesbury, Mass. A U. S. cent of 1797, '98, or 1803 in good condition for one of 1813.

E. B. Cornwell, Rubicon, Wis. Foreign coins, war tokens and U. S. cents for match, med. and dept. stamps. U. S. stamps for same not in my collection.

Clarence George, Box 101, Independence, Iowa. Fugio, Constellatio and U. S. cent 1796, Roman coin, coin sale catalogues, etc. for stamps, coins and curiosities.

M. A. MacDonald, Eldon, P. E. Island, Can. Canadian and provincial coins, stamps and curiosities for U. S. ditto. Send lists of what you have and want.

W. S. Ginglen, Bordentown, N. J. 250 varieties postmarks for stamps and autographs.

Frank Cornell, Rubicon, Wis. 3 Chinese coins, 1 Canada cent and 1 Sainte Anne medal for 30 dept. stamps.

Hugo Kuentler, 296 10th Ave., N. Y. City. Rare U. S. and for. stamps for U. S. 1851-60, imperf. 5 and 24c.; 1857-60, 30 and 90c.; 1869, 90c.; 1861-66, 5c. yel. brown and rare foreign stamps.

E. W. Voute, 203 Lincoln Ave, Chicago, Ill. 25 var. for. stamps for every special delivery stamp, 75 var. for 4, 100 for 5, 200 for 25, 250 for 75; must be in good condition. Send lists of duplicates priced per Scott or Durbin's latest.

H. A. Malin, Fort Scott, Kan. 220 varieties stamps in "Excelsior" album. (new), all in good condition, for stamps not in my coll. Correspondence desired.

W. C. Michaels, Fort Dodge, Iowa. Minerals, fossils, coins and good U. S. stamps for U. S. stamps not in my coll.

Woodley Parks, Pickett, Wis. A Waterbury watch and chain for Internat'l album with stamps. 100 philatelic papers for rare stamps. U. S. & S. A. pref.

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### About Samoa.

It would seem as though enough had been said in reference to what are called the Samoa stamps to satisfy any one as to their worthlessness, but Bro. Durbin is not quite willing to admit what seems so clear to others. He believes "they were really and regularly employed for postal purposes for a considerable time," having himself "had numerous specimens of them cancelled with regular postmarks." He distinctly remembers seeing one on a letter which passed through the Philadelphia post-office, and which bore no other stamp. All this is easily explained in the light of the letters from Samoa, recently printed in the *P. J. of A.* and the *GAZETTE*. It should be understood in the first place, that the Samoan islands never had a post-office established by the native government. The principal town, Apia, on the only island of the group which is of any importance, has been, since 1879, governed by a commission composed of the consuls of the United States, Germany and Great Britain, as the business is nearly all in the hands of resident foreigners. This commission no doubt appoints the local postmaster, who, in 1879 was Mr. Agar, editor of the *Samoa Times*, and said to have been a stamp collector. He introduced these stamps, it is reasonable to suppose for his own convenience, as well as for the accommodation of those who used the mails. The fee for letters is 12½ cents for each half ounce, all but 5 cents of this sum going to the postmaster for his services, while the 5 cents which is required to pay the postage to its destination, he sends with the letter to Sydney or San Francisco, as the case may be, where the necessary stamps are placed on it by the post-office authori-

ties. It will be readily seen that would be an accommodation to the using the mails to be able to purchase these Samoa stamps in quantities and by placing them on their letters avoid the trouble of sending the money to the post-office, the postmaster recognizing them as so much cash, obliging him to pay the postage. He would not take the trouble to remove his own stamp if its presence did no harm, but would cancel it as an obligation of his which had been paid. Thus it was that the labels went to all parts of the world cancelled as though they were real postage stamps. There is nothing remarkable in the fact that a letter with nothing but a Samoa stamp on it should pass through the Philadelphia post-office, being more likely to occur there than at a small office, while the clerks are more exempt from errors and oversights than ordinary mortals. We have known a revenue stamp to do duty as a postage stamp although it was as invalid for that purpose as a Samoa stamp.

It does not follow that the stamps in question were originally brought out for a money making or swindling scheme but to be honestly used as we have indicated above. If unused ones were bought of the issuer by dealers or collectors, it was so much clear gain to him, yet we have no right to presume that he sold them as postage stamps. Four years ago Mr. Agar died, and with his death the use of the stamps ceased, his successor, the present postmaster, evidently concluding he could get along as well without them. It was that Whitfield King & Co. who purchased the stock remaining on hand and the appliances for making more stamps they are now trying to sell to creditable collectors.

## CHRONICLE.

BY R. R. BOGERT.

**Bermuda.**—The following changes in color are reported:  $\frac{1}{2}$ d., green, 2d., violet, 3d., gray, 1sh., brown.

**British Bechuanaland.**—The  $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d., 2d. and 6d. of Cape of Good Hope are surcharged with the name of this colony in two lines in black.

**Ceylon.**—The numerous varieties of surcharged 5c. are now obsolete, a new stamp of this value having just been issued. It bears the head of Victoria to left in oval, and is inscribed on the four sides "Ceylon-Postage-Revenue-Five Cents." Color lilac.

**Cundinamarca.**—A new series is reported in the European stamp journals. The arms of the U. S. of Colombia are enclosed in oval band and inscribed "Estado Soberano de Cundinamarca—Correos." At the top is "E. E. U. U. de Colombia." and below the value. The set consists of five values; 5c. blue, 10c. vermilion, 20c. green, 50c. violet and one peso, red brown. They are unperforated.

**Dominica.**—The postmaster here has been surcharging the 6d. green, "Halfpenny" in black.

**Faridkot.**—A new stamp of  $\frac{1}{2}$  anna, black, has appeared.

**Guatemala.**—A temporary issue has taken place here, consisting of the 1 peso stamp of the Northern Railway surcharged with the new values, 25c., 50c., 75c., 100c. and 150c. The stamp is red with portrait of Gen. Barrios, and the surcharge black.

**Mexico.**—We have a letter card with the new 4c. red in the upper right corner.

**Natal.**—The 3d. has been printed in gray, and surcharged in black "Two pence" with the original value crossed out by a black line.

**New South Wales.**—The 5sh. green, "Stamp Duty," has been surcharged "Postage" on account of a deficiency in the postage stamps of that value.

**Persia.**—An unpaid letter stamp has appeared, evidently copied after that of France. On a broad label crossing the stamp diagonally is "A Percevoir." At the top "Perse" and in circle in lower right corner, "1 ch." Color dark-blue; perforated 14.

**Philippine.**—We have a stamp whose value is  $\frac{1}{8}$  de centavo. It is of the current type, but headed "Filip<sup>as</sup> Impresos." Color green (No. 26 of color chart).

**Portuguese India.**—A new series is in use here, very similar in design to that of Mozambique noted last month. The inscription above the head reads "India Portuguesa." The values and colors are; 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  reis, black; 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ r., brown; 6r., green; 1 tanga, carmine; 2t., blue; 4t., lilac and 8t. orange.

**Roumania.**—The 25 bani, blue, of the new type, has appeared.

**St. Pierre et Miquelon.**—More provisionals arrive; the 35c., 75c. and 1f. of 1877 and the 20c. of 1881 are surcharged 05 above the letters S P M.

**Straits Settlements.**—The 32c. has been surcharged "Three cents."

**Tobago.**—"Half penny" on 6 pence brown is the latest from this island.

**Tolima.**—We have just come across a 20c. stamp we have not seen noted. The usual arms are in the centre, with "Correos del E. S. del Tolima" in two lines above, and the value below. There are pillars at the sides; color lilac (No. 61, color chart).

**Venezuela.**—The 5c. blue, and 50c. green, prepared several years ago, have just been issued.

**Victoria.**—We have lately received envelopes with the stamp inscribed "Stamp duty," 1d. green on white and blue paper; 2d. violet on white, 4 sizes; 4d. registration, rose on white, 2 sizes; also  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. wrapper, watermarked N.S.W. This paper was sent to Melbourne by the Sydney post-office some years ago to supply a temporary want, but was not used until last September.

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*Plain Talk*, we are pleased to note, has started a Philatelic department which is placed in charge of that energetic philatelist, Mr. C. E. Swope.

In the advertisement of Chas. J. Deahl & Co. on page 224 the price of Executive dept. stamps is given at \$5.00 per set and Justice \$4.00. These prices should be reversed.

Where postal notes cannot be had conveniently, subscriptions may be safely remitted in silver quarters. They suit us much better than postage stamps.

Mr. Lyman H. Low has just received from Europe upwards of \$2,000 worth of crowns and their rare multiples, which he is now describing and preparing to place in his stock, on sale.

We acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of the following publications: From Henry Phillips, Jr., "Proceedings of Numismatic and Antiquarian Society Phila., 1885." from Lyman H. Low, "Illustrated Catalogue Hard Times Tokens; from Jos. J. Casey, Catalogue of rare stamps and envelopes, to be sold by Leavitt & Co., N. Y., May 3d; from C. T. Tatman, Pocket Manual of coins.

Mr. F. B. McMillin informs us that "The Philatelic Association," a society for the benefit of collectors, was formed at Mt. Gilead, O., April 5th, 1886. The society would be pleased to receive samples of philatelic papers. Address: "Philatelic Association," Box 284, Mt. Gilead, O.

It now transpires that Horace T. Jones, whose ad. was in our last issue as well as in most of the philatelic papers, is a swindler, and the "Rev. M. C. Jones" whom he gave as reference is a myth. Those who sent him money have received no return, while some letters sent him were not taken from the office, the rascal having no doubt decamped. It is mortifying to have to admit being deceived in this manner, but the clever trick to which he resorted threw us off our guard. His letter and advertisement were written on a neatly gotten up letter sheet supposed to be in use in the office of *The Rector's Messenger* of which the "Rev. Jones" was publisher. Such scoundrels destroy all confidence in new dealers, however honest they may be, and make it necessary for them to furnish certificates of character in order to allay distrust.

Messrs. Stan. V. Henkels & Co. sold in Philadelphia, from the 6th to 9th inst., 2378 lots of coins and medals, the property of a prominent collector relinquishing the pursuit, together with the collections of J. F. Calder, of Utica, and H. C. Burk of Phila. Catalogue by S. H. & H. Chapman. There was a fair line of early issues of American gold. The highest figure reached for any piece was \$25. for a quarter eagle of 1796, with stars. The Mormon and private issues of gold brought the usual prices, though not in such state of preservation as to bring out strong competition. The feature of the sale was the large and magnificent line of medals of the kings and queens of France, especially of Napoleon I., for which better prices were obtained than have been realized in several years. The sale brought upwards of \$4,000. The attendance was fair throughout. New York was represented by Mr. Lyman H. Low during the entire four days; Messrs. Scott & Co. were present during the second day, and Maj. C. P. Nichols of Springfield, Mass., who seldom misses a sale, made no exception in this instance.

Messrs. Leavitt & Co., N. Y., offered on the 10th inst. 552 lots of coins and medals. So many notable varieties in ancient Greek and Roman numismatic treasures have rarely, if ever, been offered in a single sale in this country. Although the sale was personally attended by several numismatists of prominence, in addition to the usual number of dealers who represent the great multitude of American collectors, their purchases were few. The opinion generally shared by those present was that the rarities were the property of foreign dealers who had been induced to believe that their

gems could be catalogued and profitably disposed of in this country by auction, but the tariff, in most instances, proved to be beyond the American idea.

Part I. of the long-looked-for second edition of Cohen's "Monnaies de la Republique Romaine" is received. The work has been rendered by that eminent archæologist and numismatist, Ernest Babelon, whose name appears on the title page. There is little to be recognized that is contained in the first edition save the cuts and some of the values placed against the pieces. The work must take the first in rank, and be acknowledged as *the* authority on the Roman Family coins. It is 8vo. 552 pp. and profusely illustrated. The volume, which is arranged alphabetically, concludes with Hosatilia, followed by an 8 page index. It is obtainable only upon order, and costs \$8.30, postage or express extra.

Mr. Bogert writes us that "Two plates of the first 3c. U. S. stamp have been discovered, one in which there is a fine line around the stamp while in the other this line is at the sides only. I believe the unperforated stamp of 1851 is found in the first type only, while I have seen both perforated."

We hope those publishers who print Whitfield King & Co.'s advertisement are getting their quota of "Samoa Express" regularly in payment for same.

W. H. P. Cin.—A "mule" is a coin which presents two obverse types, or two reverse types, or of which the types of the obverse and reverse do not correspond. It is the result of mistake or caprice. We cannot answer your other questions.

## FOREIGN COPPER COINS.

BY FRANK W. DOUGHTY.

## Mediæval Copper Coins.—VIII.

The mediæval period are the centuries included between the fall of the Roman Empire, A. D. 540, and the year 1540, when, as concerns coins, the modern period may be said to fairly begin. It is to the copper coins of the former period that we must now give attention. They are not numerous nor are they beautiful; but viewed from a historical standpoint, their interest cannot be excelled. As a rule they are of small size and rude workmanship, and included among them are many quaint looking *jetons*, a kind of token issued by corporations, cities, monasteries, abbeys and private individuals for circulation as money solely within the narrow limits of their own domain. Let us glance briefly at a few specimen coins of this series, beginning with those of Sicily, where the custom of coining copper was first revived; meanwhile let it be remembered that while, with a few scattering exceptions, all the nations of Europe had abandoned the use of copper, the Byzantine, or Eastern Empire, still adhered to the old Roman standard as described in our last paper.

We will begin with the coins of that noble old knight, Roger the Norman, who, by his bravery, drove the Saracens from Sicily and turned them back in their attempt to possess themselves of the whole of Christendom, as but for his efforts, they would undoubtedly have done. Here we have a coin about the size of our old cent. Upon the obverse it bears a representation of Count Roger

mounted to left, holding a buckler and spear, with the legend ROGERIVS COMES—|— Upon the reverse is the Virgin holding the Holy Child, with the legend—|— MARIA MATER DNI (Mary mother of our Lord). These coins—there are several varieties—were struck between the years 1085—1101. Upon the issues of Roger II. (1105—1130) Arabic legends appear side by side with the cross. This singular combination occurs upon the coins of no other country. Upon the issues of William II. (1166—1189), we find the head of a lion upon the obverse; the reverses bearing in some instances a palm tree, in other Arabic legends in praise of the king.

Contemporaneous with these interesting coins are the issues of the "Little Kings of Armenia," as they are termed. These were certain crusading knights who possessed themselves of the throne of that distant country and issued in imitation of the Byzantine system a series of copper coins. Upon a specimen in our own collection we find obverse; a crowned head, with the beard braided in Oriental style. Legend, in Armenian, reads: "Hethum King." Reverse: a long cross between two stars. Legend; "of all the Armenians." This is a coin of Hethum II. (1280—1308). Upon another, of Sempad, who temporarily occupied the throne between the years 1295 and 1298, we find obverse: the king mounted to right, holding a sceptre. Legend, "Sempad King of the Armenians." Reverse: a large cross with four stars in the angles.

The coins of Hungary during this period were particularly curious. We will describe one of Bela IV. and Stephen V. who reigned in conjunction between the years 1285 and 1272. Obverse: the two kings seated upon

double throne, each holding a sceptre and the crucifixial globe, an emblem which indicated that the cross had conquered the world. Legend: REX BELA REX STS. Reverse: the Virgin seated, holding a sceptre. Legend: SANCTA MARIA. These coins were cup-shaped and executed in imitation of the Byzantine type.

Nearly all the cities and towns of Italy during the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries issued copper coins. For the most part these were small, not exceeding our *dime* in size. Their legends are obscure and hard to decipher, but arranged as a series they are highly interesting from a historical standpoint. We will describe a few in our own collection.

*Ancona*.—Obv., V. P. P. SIXTUS. Papal arms. Rev., ANCONA. Urban VI (1378—89.)

*Asti*.—Obv., monogram REX in the field. CVNRADVS II. Rev., cross in field. ASTENSIS. Conrad II. (A. D. 1140).

*Burma*.—Obv., monogram REX in the field. + FILIPVS. Rev., gateway with three towers. + P.A.R.M.A. Philip of Suabia (1207—08).

*Pesugia*.—Obv., a cross. S. ERCVLANVS. Rev., the letter P + DE PERVSIA. Coin of the city, struck about the year 1476.

*Siena*.—Obv., letter S SENA VETVS. Rev., cross. ALFA ETO. Issue of an uncertain prince about the year 1390.

*Urbino*.—Obv., eagle within a wreath. V R Rev., a large tree, crowned. F MA VRBI DVX VI. Issue of the duke Francis Maria (1508—16).

Of similar type are the coins of Cat-taro, a Venetian city in Dalmatia. Obv., a saint standing and holding a palm

branch. S. TRIFON CATARI Rev., winged lion of St. Mark within a square. S(anctus) M(arcus) V(enetus). Issue of Michael Morosini, Doge of Venice (1382—1400).

Another differs thus: Obverse: Saint Trifons standing holding a palm branch in one hand, a church in the other. S TR I FON CATA FS Reverse: same as last. Issue of Sabastian Vanieri, Doge of Venice (1577—78). This coin properly belongs to the modern period, but maintaining the characteristics of the Mediæval, is here introduced. We shall continue this branch of our subject in the next paper.

The 250th anniversary of the organization of the town of Springfield, Mass., will be celebrated on the 25th and 26th of May. The event is to be commemorated by the striking of a medal, the dies for which are now ready. The order calls for the medals pierced and mounted with an eagle, but we are assured that a limited number for collectors will be spared this mutilation. A few are also promised in bronze.

Those who attended the meeting of the American Numismatic and Archaeological Society at their rooms in the University building in New York City, on the evening of the 8th inst, were most agreeably entertained by Mr. C. Wyllis Betts in his address upon the coinage of Vermont and Connecticut, particularly citing the reference each has to the other in the matter of dies and the muling of them. His thorough familiarity with the subject impressed those who had the pleasure of listening to him.

We learn that our numismatic friends in Washington meditate forming a society. We believe our National Capital has more coin collectors than some other cities which have successfully maintained incorporated bodies whose aim is to promote the science.

### Numismatic Items.

**Auction Experiments.**—If there is anything that will make coin collectors lose interest in auction sales, and thereby withdraw their support from them, it is protection of the pieces, either by the owner or cataloguer. The usual and popular catalogue in this country represents *bona fide* collections or duplicates from them, whether the property of a dealer or collector, and the assuring guarantee that it is all that it pretends to be, is the name of the owner adorning the title-page. Under such circumstances, all that is choice or desirable will take care of itself, realizing prices that an intelligent and appreciative public will give, which will be in all instances, if properly described, and offered under favorable auspices, a healthful indication of values of the period, and, doubtless, a satisfactory result to the owners. Thus, reputation, good will and general confidence are maintained. In this connection it may not be out of place to inform those whose custom it is to offer, for pieces which are known to be valuable, a trifling sum, in the expectation of obtaining them, that there are always in attendance those who both know and appreciate their worth and are not likely to allow them to be knocked down by the auctioneer for one quarter or one-half the price they command in the market. Such efforts result in continued disappointment, and a waste of time to bidders and those they commission.

**Count de Fleury.**—Recently, while looking through the government records, in the bureau of accounts at Washington, trying to fix some dates, the following was noted by the numismatically

inclined searcher:

“May 19, 1780.”

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**North-West Medal.**—In September last queen Victoria gave notice of her intention to award medals to the Canadian troops engaged in suppressing rebellion in the North-West territories of Canada. We learn that the dies have been prepared and that the medals are about to be distributed to the nearly 6000 soldiers who participated. The description is as follows: VICTORIA REGINA ET IMPERATRIX. Head of Victoria in profile l., diademed and draped. REV. NORTH WEST | 1885 | CANADA. Within the wreath. A swivel attaches a bar to the medal to which is appended a ribbon of red and blue.

**Private issues of North Carolina Gold.**—These are known as the Bechtler pieces and were first struck at the private mint of C. Bechtler, in 1833. Subsequently, in 1842, A. Bechtler became the purchaser of the mint. At this time there had been coined at least \$2,000,000 in the denominations of \$5, \$2½ and \$1. Those pieces struck in 1834 are dated. Of those dated some are stamped “Carolina gold” and others “Georgia gold.” It is, though an indisputable fact that all of them were of North Carolina gold; Georgia gold being of superior quality, we can readily account for the mistake.

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not patent to every one who collect with his eyes open.

The young philatelic writer who is ambitious to render a real service to the science has before him a wide field which he may enter without fear of much competition, where he can have full scope for the exercise of his powers in exploring the records of the last half century and bringing to light facts concerning postage stamps which are unknown save to a limited number mostly occupying official positions or to whom these records are readily accessible. A page of such facts are worth volumes of the theories and speculations which burden our philatelic journals. Surely an inquiry of this kind is worthy of the endeavors of any who have the tact and perseverance necessary for the work.

QUERIES

### A Word for Revenue Stamps.

BY G. W. HAVLIN.

The object of this article is to call the attention of the philatelic public to the fact that there is comparatively little said or written, and as little known, about this most interesting branch of philately, and to demonstrate as logically as possible the connection existing between revenue and postage stamps. Not in ten regards these beautiful stamps as worthy a place in his collection. Indeed many collectors claim that revenue is not a branch of philately, but in my opinion this view is not borne out by the facts. Philately, according to high authority, is the art or science of collecting, arranging and classifying stamps, but there is no warrant for limiting this definition to postage stamps. The great majority of collectors construe it in the latter sense, but I do not. Even supposing that to be the case

construction to put upon the word, have not revenues time and again been used for postage? In a great number of the stamps of Great Britain and her colonies this may be noticed in particular. So there does not seem to be any good reason for not regarding them a branch of philately, and there will come a time when the facts I have stated can be no longer ignored.

The revenue has many points to commend it to collectors. Many of the U. S. document stamps are much more attractive than the majority of postage stamps. There are new varieties being discovered (particularly in document stamps) when all collectors had settled to the belief that they knew all about them and that no unknown varieties existed. I do not mean varieties that owe their origin to the counterfeiter, but real ones. One reason that may go far to account for the neglect with which this class of stamps is regarded is the fact that there is a dearth of literature on the subject. There is an abundance written about all kinds of postage, but very little about revenue stamps. Collectors must be educated up to the point where they can take up the study, as no one can collect in a systematic way that of which they know nothing, and to this end a journal devoted to revenues would be in order. Such a magazine might not flourish at first, but with industry and perseverance it would reach as high a standard as any of our stamp papers, and if properly conducted would receive the support of enough philatelists to make the enterprise successful.

Revenues have taken an upward course since the tax on proprietary articles was abolished, and will soon occupy its proper place by the side of its twin sister—Postage.

### Exchange Notices.

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E. R. Aldrich, 322 N. Wells St., Chicago, Ill. 25 good foreign and U. S. stamps for every Roman coin, or 2 coins before 1800, or triangular Cape or other stamps of equal value.

L. S. M. Morrison, Marshall, Mich. 100 document stamps for every 50 match and Medicine, 30 revenue for every special delivery, or 50 for same on orig. envelope. Send list.

O. H. Giveler, Naperville, Ill. An \$8. magic lantern, min. steam engine, pair climbers and all clamp Vin. roller skates for offers in coins. Old U. S. copper cents for others not in my collection.

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E. M. Lantz, Forreston, Ill. Youth's Companion for 1880 to '83, a lot of other magazines in good condition and 1883 "V" nickles without "cents" for U. S. or foreign coins not in my collection.

W. G. Jerroms, Jr., 38 Aldine Sqr., Chicago, Ill. 5 diff. foreign coins or 3 U. S. cents from 1839 to 1857 for No. 3 or 5 of "Keystone Philatelic Gazette." 17 So. American coins for coppers of Saxony and Hesse in good condition.

S. W. Eagleson, Mt. Gilead, O. Books, "Golden Days," Youths' Companions," postmarks, foreign stamps, and tobacco tags for revenue stamps. Stamps for same.

C. T. Tatman, 93 Piedmont St., Worcester, Mass. Coins for same. Send for lists. Papers send samples.

L. E. Curtis, Box 45, Freeport, Me. 10 var. Spanish stamps for every special delivery stamp, in good condition. Good stamps for same not in my collection.

(Continued on page 235.)

### Philatelic Fiction.

*The World* (New York) is one of the very few leading newspapers of this country which recognize the value of philately as a medium of instruction and amusement by giving their readers, from time to time, articles on the subject the purpose of which is to create and foster an interest in stamp collecting. As a rule, our great journals ignore the subject entirely or give it a merely casual notice in which it is generally referred to as a "craze" and not as a rational pursuit deserving serious treatment.

The weekly edition of *The World* of May 5th contains a philatelic love story the chief interest of which centres in an old hair trunk. The narrative portrays the financial straits of a worthy old couple who are about to lose their homestead because of their inability to pay off a mortgage on it. In anticipation of a speedy removal to another dwelling, they overhaul the old rubbish on the garret to see what is worth taking with them. Susie, a neighbor's daughter, engaged to their only son, Dick, comes in at this juncture to sympathize with the family. Being a stamp collector, her attention is attracted to a large number of old letters in an antiquated trunk which Dick has just opened, and to the rare stamps they bear, and at his request makes an examination of them the result of which she sums up as follows:

"Here are two used Brattleboros on letterbacks worth almost any price, but a dealer will pay \$250 each. For these eight St. Louis he will give, say, \$125. He will sell them for four times that. This set of three on one letter is alone worth more than \$125. Here are six New Havens, the first I ever heard of. The genuine signed-reprints sell for \$15

each. Put them at \$100. These two 3-cent stamps of '69—notice that the shield is upside down—are worth \$50 and would bring \$100 at a sale. Here are thirteen red horsemen one-cent stamps of '51, worth \$10 each. Here are six 6-cent envelopes of '67, worth \$300 if we could wait for buyers. See these four curious double stamps, one cent and three cents? They are worth \$10 each, but the fourth is one I never heard of. The one-cent head is upside down. It must be worth \$50. Here are over a dozen of the rare 3-cent envelopes of '53. Prof. Jennings paid \$40 for the one he has. These two War Department envelopes are worth \$50 each. These two Goliad and these five of Baton Rouge cannot be bought for \$400. Here's one envelope with twelve 1-cent stamps on it. They have V. R. on the corners. Dealers charge \$40 each and pay \$20. Here are five rare Sandwich Island stamps any dealer will pay \$200 for." She gathered up the remaining letters. "For all these dealers charge twenty dollars or more each. No matter how you are cheated, you can get from one thousand dollars to twelve hundred dollars and what is lacking we can borrow."

Of course, the homestead was saved as a result due to Susie's knowledge of philately. But that was certainly a remarkable find and we doubt whether a similar garret in all this broad land contains a similar treasure or anything approaching it, and we would caution our readers against an indiscriminate ransacking of old trunks which may result in disappointment. Stories of this kind may entertain the general reader, but they furnish but little information to the collector who is more interested in knowing facts concerning his hobby.

## CHRONICLE.

BY R. R. BOGERT.

**Angola.**—The 5 reis black of the new type, which is similar to that of Portuguese India, has appeared, "Provincia de Angola" is inscribed above the head.

**Austria.**—The 50 kr., and 50 sld., are to be changed in color, and letter cards, in eight different languages, of the value of 3 kr., 3 sld., 5 kr., and 5 sld. are to be issued.

**Bolivia.**—It is stated that the following values of the new stamps have been shipped: 1c., rose; 2c., violet; 5c., blue; 10c., green; orange; post cards 1c., brown on green, and 2c., blue on cream. The other values, which will be prepared later, as follows: 3c., 15c., 20c., 25c. and 50c., also Registry stamps, 10c., 15c., 20c.

**Cape Verde.**—There is a new series in use here also, similar to those of Portuguese India and Angola. "Provincia de Cabo-Verde" is inscribed above the head; 5r., black; 10r., green; 20r., carmine; 25r., lilac; 40r., brown; 50r., blue; 100r., brown, 200r., violet; 300., orange.

**Cyprus.**—12 piastres, Venetian red, is the latest appearance from here.

**Holkar.**—We have received a stamp from this state of India, value  $\frac{1}{2}$  anna, mauve. It bears the portrait of the rajah, in an oval; on the right is "Holkar State Postage," on the bottom is "Half anna," and on the left and top are native inscriptions.

**Lagos.**—A half penny green stamp has been issued. It is of the same type as the other values.

**Macao.**—The following have been received in these new colors, 10r. green 20r. carmine, 40r. yellow.

**Monaco.**—Bands of the value of 1c. olive brown, and 2c. lilac, both on buff paper have been received; also envelopes 5c. blue and 15c. carmine. The 15c. has been printed on three sizes of envelopes. There are also two cards, 10c. and 10x10c., brown on yellow. All of the above bear stamps of the same type as the adhesives.

**Portugal.**—The 25 reis is red-brown.

**Roumania.**—It is reported that the 5 bani of the new type has appeared.

**Santander.**—The 5c. has been found in violet instead of red.

**Shanghai.**—We have received the 80 cash, flesh, surcharged 40 cash, and the 100 cash, orange, surcharged 60 cash.

**St. Christopher.**—Cards of the value of 1x1d. carmine, and  $1\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$  d. brown, have been received. Stamp similar to that on the St. Vincent cards.

**U. S. of Colombia.**—A new stamp, 10c. orange, has appeared. It bears the portrait of Dr. Nunez, President of the Republic, instead of the usual arms. It is similar in design to those of 1883, but the inscription is larger and reads as follows: "Republica de Colombia."

**St. Pierre.**—*Le Timbre Poste* gives the following as the approximate number of stamps surcharged:

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"	" 26 5 on 4c.	900
"	July 27 10 on 40c.	20000
"	" 15 on 40c.	20000
"	Dec. 17 5 on 40c.	6500
"	Dec. 21 05 on 1fr.	13500
"	Dec. 31 05 on 75c.	1800
"	Dec. 31 05 on 35c.	1500
"	Dec. 31 05 on 20c.	13500

**Tolima.** The *Ph. Record* illustrates a 5 pesos, bright yellow, which is identical with the 5 centavos of 1871, with the exception of the word "Pesos."

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*The Cumberland Collector*, an eight page monthly journal in the interest of stamp, coin and curiosity collectors, is the latest candidate for the favor of the collecting public. It is issued by the Cumberland Collector Pub. Co., 157 Union St., Nashville, Tenn.

Wm. H. Warner & Bro. of Philadelphia, have issued a very beautiful medal, a copy of which has been received by us, in honor of the one-hundredth anniversary of the organization of the Chatham Artillery of Savannah, Ga., which was celebrated on the 1st inst. It is of white metal, size 24.

We were shown some unused stamps of Baden, 1862-64, Saxony, 1863, and German Empire, 1871-72, which were supposed to be counterfeit because of

the very low prices at which they were sold, all of them being out of use. These are genuine remainders which were sold by these governments at a price evidently much below their face value. There is, however, considerable difference in the price at which they are sold by different dealers.

Mr. F. Merritt Alden, of Springfield, Mass., has sent us a very finely executed medal, (described on page 235), which he designed and had struck in commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the above named city. He has a limited number in white metal and bronze, not pierced, for collectors, at 25c. and 75c. respectively. Sent by mail on receipt of price.

Stanley Gibbons & Co., write us, under date of April 30, as follows: "We send you per same post copy for an advt. which you can insert in your paper if you are agreeable to accept Argentine 1862, 5c. and sets, Spain, Don Carlos, blue, and Hamburg 1½ and 2½ sch. Why, bless you! Stanley, we couldn't think of taking a cart load of this stuff for a single insertion. It might do to sell to such little English noodles as want it but we have no use for it over here."

When a publisher tries to leave the impression on your mind that printing a stamp paper is not a lucrative business, there is good reason to suspect that he is merely trying to frighten away competition. Pay no attention to him. He knows he has a good thing and wants as few as possible to share it. Half the "long felt wants" in the stamp paper line have not yet been filled and you may be the very one to stop one of these gaps. You, perhaps, are full—bulging out, as it were—with philatelic knowledge acquired during a six months' period of collecting and a stamp paper promises the most available safety valve. By all means, start it up.



### Talk with Correspondents.

F. C. B.—We can find nothing regarding the East Indian coin called a "chuckrum." If it is local it must be of recent origin.

L. W. R.—In the absence of a better description we cannot say what the Roman coins are, or what they are worth. The 2d. copper, Geo. III. 1797, is worth from 75c. to \$1.50.

C. J. V.—The bronzed proofs of Bermuda, Sierra Leone, etc. are plentiful, and this fact is strong evidence that the dies are in existence, and occasionally doing duty. We are not aware that there is any way of distinguishing the originals from the re-strikes. It must be remembered, however, that at the time of the issue of these pieces, coin collecting in England (where all these issues were struck) was at fever height. The dies of many of the series of English tokens of 1787 to 1797 were manipulated in various ways, and impressions were made in light copper proof, bronze proof and gilt proof, and an effort was seemingly made to satisfy all. (2) We do not remember having seen a 1 centime piece of Leopold II. of Belgium. (3) You only give rubbing of obverse of the Egyptian coin and this has head of Zeus Ammon. The reverse alone determines the Ptolemy to which it belongs.

Mr. W. J. Parrish of Lawrence, Kan. writes us that a Mr. Fricker of that town is the possessor of an 1804 dollar which he received from Gen. Jackson while he was President, for holding his horse and for which he has refused one thousand dollars as he declines parting with it at any price. It would be discourteous to intimate that there might be some mistake as to its being a *bona fide* U. S. dollar of that date, but we can furnish

the addresses of at least ten persons who claimed to have the piece but investigation invariably proved them to be casts, electrotypes, altered dates, or some other dollar *not* American.

Mr. Jas. Oliver entertained the members of the American Numismatic and Archæological Society on Thursday evening, May 6th, at the rooms, by the reading of a paper upon British war medals relating to America. He found an unusual number of members in attendance and an appreciative audience. The display of medals from his magnificent cabinet, illustrating the subject in an almost unbroken line, was a rare sight. A regular meeting of the society was held on the 20th inst. which will be followed shortly by one more numismatic meeting with the reading of another paper when the season will close.

The organization of a National philatelic society is a subject which is now engaging the attention of some of our leading philatelists. There can hardly be two opinions as to the value of such a society to all who have sufficient interest in stamps to justify their being called philatelists. Its success, however, will largely depend on the practical advantages it will afford its members and the fairness and discretion with which its affairs are conducted. It should make little difference where its headquarters are located provided it is not run in the interest of any clique or ring, or used to bolster up any business enterprise. It is to be hoped that those who have taken the lead in this matter have so far considered the subject as to be able to present a plan of operations which will commend itself to collectors everywhere and insure their earnest co operation.

## MEXICAN MINT-MARKS.

BROOKLYN, L. I., March 30, 1886.

Lyman H. Low, Esq.,

Dear Sir:

In partial fulfilment of my promise made some time ago, I herewith hand you for publication in the *STAMP AND COIN GAZETTE* some memoranda concerning the establishment of the Mexican mints, the marks by which they may be identified, etc. The time at my command for the consideration of the subject being very limited, must serve as an apology for the delay, as well as for the brevity of this paper. It was intended to add to the matter here presented some notes concerning the coinage in the different metals, the years in which they were coined and the amounts so coined at the different mints, together with any other information germane to the subject which might be deemed of sufficient interest to warrant the undertaking.

This paper will therefore treat only of the dates at which the different mints were established, and the marks by which they are known. The authorities consulted in its preparation are the following: "Memoria de Hacienda sobre casas de Monedas en la Republica," Mexico, 1849, (from which the data relating to the establishment of the mints has been derived), "Riddel's Monograph of the Dollar" and the "Fonrobert Catalogue" published at Berlin in 1868, which have furnished some mint-marks not found elsewhere, the remainder being supplied from specimens in my own collection. These are meagre enough, but are probably conclusive so far as they have been made available; an extended investigation would doubtless be

productive of more satisfactory results.

According to the authority above quoted the Mints were established in the following order:

MEXICO,	Established in 1535.
SOMBRERETE,	" Oct. 18, 1810.
ZACATECAS,	" Nov. 14, 1810.
DURANGO,	" Feb. 1, 1811.
CHIHUAHUA,	" in 1811.
GUADALAJARA,	" in 1812.
GUANAJUATO,	" Dec. 1812.
SAN LUIS POTOSI,	" Oct. 1, 1827.
TLALPAM,	" Feb. 23, 1828.
GUADELUPE Y CALVO,	" in 1844.
CULIACAN,	" in 1846.

The foregoing are all that are mentioned as having been established prior to 1847. Since that time, however, at least two others have been put into operation, namely, OAJACA and ALAMOS, and a third, HUATUSCO or HERMOSILLO (see note) would seem to have been in existence as early as 1835, although not mentioned in the work quoted. The following marks are known to exist:

For Mexico— $\overset{\cdot}{M}$ — $\overset{\cdot}{M}$ , $\overset{\cdot}{E}$ , $\overset{\circ}{M}$ , $\overset{\circ}{W}$ , $\overset{\circ}{A}$ , $\overset{\circ}{M}$ , $\overset{\circ}{M}$ , $\overset{\circ}{MM}$ , $\overset{\circ}{M}$ , $\overset{\circ}{M}$ , $\overset{\circ}{E}$ , $\overset{\circ}{M}$ , $\overset{\circ}{M}$ .
For Sombrerete*—(probably S or S <sup>o</sup> ).
For Zacatecas—Z, Z <sup>o</sup> .
For Durango—D, D <sup>o</sup> , D <sup>o</sup> .
For Chihuahua—C <sup>o</sup> .
For Guadalajara—G <sup>o</sup> .
For Guanajuato—G with letter in centre, G <sup>o</sup> , G.
For San Luis Potosi—P <sup>o</sup> , S. L. P., P.
For Tlalpam†—(probably T or T <sup>o</sup> ).
For Guadalupe y Calvo—G C.
For Culiacan—C <sup>o</sup> , C <sup>o</sup> .
For Oajaca—O <sup>o</sup> , O encircling the letter A, O.
For Alamos—A, A <sup>o</sup> .

\* The Vargas pieces are counterstamped with a crowned S between two pillars: have seen no other mark.

† Have never seen a specimen from this mint: should be glad to know if any are to be found.

For Huatusco or Hermosillo—H<sup>o</sup>,

○  
H.

Note—The mark H<sup>o</sup> is credited by Fomrobert to the *Huatusco* mint, the date being 1835; the other marks  $\overline{\text{H}}$  and  $\hat{\text{H}}$  are among my own specimens, and I have heretofore attributed them to the *Hermosillo* mint; the dates are 1866 and 1867 respectively. These marks may therefore represent either or both of the above mentioned mints.

On the pillar dollars as well as some of the smaller denominations of Philip V., Ferdinand VI. and Charles III. the mint-mark is always repeated thus  $\hat{\text{M}}\text{---}\hat{\text{M}}$  (the dash representing the space occupied by the date), and on the coinage authorized by the provisional Congress of 1812 and 1813 the following are to be found, viz:  $\hat{\text{S}}$ ,  $\hat{\text{M}}$ , and S. M.

Counterfeits have appeared bearing all the regular mint-marks, and also the following which are, of course, *all* counterfeit, viz: M<sup>s</sup>, D<sup>s</sup>,  $\hat{\text{D}}$ , T.F. and I<sup>s</sup>, and there are probably others.

Having thus scratched the surface, it would be pleasant to know the result of a little deep ploughing in this numismatic half-acre, and should be glad to have any additions or corrections which may be available in the hands of any of your correspondents, for which I shall be duly thankful.

Trusting that in the absence of anything more definite on the subject, you will find the foregoing acceptable, I remain

Yours Truly,

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### Auction Sale of Coins.

The Twining collection of gold, silver and copper American coins, together with important additions from other sources, was sold by Messrs. Bangs & Co. on the 27th, 28th and 29th of April. The first lots worthy of mention are the dollars which begin with that of 1794. It fell for \$55.00 and was a bargain. One of 1798, fifteen stars, fine, brought \$16.00, and another with thirteen stars \$5.25, (both small eagles); 1799, five stars facing, \$3.75; 1854, fine \$6.00; 1855, proof, \$7.60. *half-dollars*: 1794, nearly fine, \$8.25; 1802, very fine, \$14; 1815, sharp impression, \$6.35; *quarter dollars*: 1824, fine, \$2.50. *dimes*: 1800, \$4.75; 1801, \$7.75; both fine; 1803, good, \$5.10; *half-dimes*: 1796, fine, \$15; 1802, better than fair, \$20.50, and the greatest bargain obtained at the sale; 1803, fine, \$5.35; *cents*: 1795, thick planchet, fine, \$7.38; do. thin, \$10.00. Lot 679, purporting to be a 1799 cent, was an alteration that was readily recognized by all who saw it. Not a large amount of numismatic intelligence can be credited to its former owner, while, to the gentleman from whom he states he purchased it, and the buyer of the piece at this sale for \$14.00, we are not willing to credit honorable dealing in the instance of either buying or selling this piece. Another of 1804, very good, (not *very fine*, although a desirable specimen of this rare date), \$48.00; 1807 over 06, very fine, (and in such condition very rare), \$38.25; 1809, unusually good, \$5.25; 1814, sharp and fine \$3.20; 1821, *not* a proof but still a fine cent, \$4.25; 1828, uncir., \$6.75; 1830, uncir. \$13.25; 1832, fine, \$3.25; *half-cent*; 1796, very fair, \$16.00; *half-eagle*; 1797, sixteen stars, \$35.50; *quarter*

*eagle*; 1796, with stars, \$36.00; 1806, six stars facing, \$17.00; *double rial* of Elizabeth, very fine, \$39.00. The *quarter crown*, *Gloriam Regni*, was sacrificed at \$50.50, the same piece having recently changed hands at \$100.00. A Carolina elephant piece brought \$25.00. The gem of the sale, however, was the "bit" or 100 units (described in No. 10 of the GAZETTE) which brought \$272.00. This piece is believed to be unique.

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The collection of coins, etc. sold at Bangs & Co.'s on the 30th of April was in some respects a remarkable one. The catalogue represented the *Store Cards* (which made up the greater portion of the lots) as the property of Mr. J. M. Tilton of Cincinnati, who has for years been mentioned as a prominent collector in this special line, and was supposed to possess a large, fine and rare cabinet of these cards, or pledges of money, of American merchants which, at various periods since 1789, have had an extensive local circulation. It was surprising to note the small number of acknowledged rarities and the ordinary and impaired condition of the pieces generally. There were few specimens in the collection that had not been subjected to the cleaning and brightening process; even the little *War tokens* were scoured. Those which escaped this were only left to be silvered or plated—a still worse fate in the eyes of those who have learned by long experience that no desirable change of condition can possibly be made to improve or equal the piece in its primitive state. As a result which is sure to follow in all such instances, they were not wanted, and they sold for an insignificant sum, the grand total of the sale being but \$217.

Still more surprising was it that a gentleman of so much experience in cataloguing and selling coins should have spread over 33 pages of a catalogue what ought not to have occupied more than 10 pages. Thus we feel that we cannot too often call the attention of collectors (and *some* dealers) to the real injury they inflict upon their pieces when they brush, clean, brighten, plate, oil or varnish them. Do not place coins in a frame nor tack or fasten them in any manner. Let them lie upon almost any kind of cloth in a drawer, and by the edges you may handle them to your hearts content without injuring them, but above all remember that you *cannot* improve their appearance.

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**Fictitious value of Coins**—Those who have given this branch of numismatics attention, have much to contend with in forming their conclusions, and especially those who have competed at auction and made a practice of reviewing the prices realized at such sales. It must be admitted that in nearly every sale some coins are recorded below their value and seeming reason, and the large fluctuations are, to many, something unaccountable, but as a rule, they occur in the case of pieces which are common or lacking in historical interest. The desire never seems to be wanting in the instance of really rare and valuable specimens. It is from the lack of competition that a piece may make a low record, and investigation would prove in most instances that a sale had not been effected, but that the piece was bought in to be offered to the public again, when the spirit would move those who really wished to possess it, to offer something approaching its real value. We have known the same coin to appear

in catalogues several times in succession before the final disposition of it, and by this means, the degree of rarity of many pieces has been misjudged.

**Springfield, Mass.**—The medal referred to in our last issue is now at hand. Its description is as follows: Obv: SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS—250 ANNIVERSARY HELD MAY 25, 26, 1886. A large shield bearing the arms of the city. Upper field has a view of the railroad depot, lower quarterings contain river scene and old Fort Pynchon house. The oval crest has a view of the arsenal. Rev: ORGANIZED | A TOWN | MAY 14, 1636. | —O. S.— | A CITY MAY 25 | 1852 within a laurel wreath. Bronze and white metal, size 24.

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Continued from page 227.

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I have never met him since, but I have not the slightest doubt that, if living, he is still a devoted stamp collector, as he was one of those who, when they enlist heartily in any good work, are not easily diverted from their purpose.

It is this kind of collectors and advocates to whom philately must look for its main support; those who by their thoroughness and zeal leave no room to doubt their faith in its practical utility.

W. ALLAN KLAPP.

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### National Organization.

At the meeting of the Chicago Society held June 4th, the subject of a National Philatelic Society occupied the entire evening. On the question of dues the society were agreed that not more than \$3.00 nor less than \$2.00 should be charged, although most of the members were willing to pay more if necessary. The vexed question of eligibility for membership was disposed of in the following manner: Any person who is seventeen years of age, or older, of good character, and who is a collector of stamps shall be eligible to membership; and furthermore, any person who has not yet arrived at that age may be eligible, provided that his name be presented, accompanied by a written recommendation to the effect that the candidate would make a desirable member,

signed by three members of the society, each of whom shall be not less than twenty years of age.

The committee on national organization proposed that it should unite with the committee of the New York Society, and the plan was approved. This new committee will consist of the chairmen of the two former committees and, perhaps, a third person who has not yet been determined upon. It is to be hoped this committee will take such steps as will insure a speedy organization.

While the advantages the society would afford members for exchanging duplicates and purchasing new issues have been prominently brought forward, little or no attention has been paid to the exchange of *ideas*. It is my opinion that the principal object of the society should be to bring out all possible information in regard to stamps, and to urge members to make public any points of interest that come under their notice. A society based upon this principle cannot fail of the support of all mature collectors. It would afford such returns as money cannot buy, and would offer an inducement to many whom the mere exchanging of stamps, or their purchase at reduced prices, would fail to attract.

PHILA.

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We can't understand why so many stamp papers have suspended unless it is because their publishers have too much other business to look after. It surely could not have been because the papers were not profitable. Just as likely as not the editors of some of them developed, during a brilliant career of a few months, such a high order of talent that they have been called to more exalted positions of usefulness. If this be true, it suggests a drawback to which philatelic journalism will always be liable.



## Chronicle.

BY R. R. BOGERT.

**Antigua.**—New post cards have appeared here; 1d. and 1x1d. carmine and 1½x1½ red brown.

**Argentine Republic.**—We lately had a copy of the 20c. perforated. It was postmarked in 1884.

**Austria.**—The letter cards noted last month are 3kr. green, and 5kr. red. The card is blue outside and white inside.

**Belgium.**—The new stamps have been impressed on the letter cards. 10c. carmine on blue and 25c. blue on rose.

**Bhopal.**—The ½anna unperforated, printed in red with letters in the corners, has been received. The ½ and 4a of 1881 have been re-engraved.

**Bulgaria.**—A new series is expected from here.

**Ceylon.**—The *Philatelic Record* reports two new stamps; 25 cents light brown, and 28 cents gray-green. In an octagon on lined ground is the diademed head of the queen; the numerals of value are on a fancy shaped tablet below; "Ceylon Postage" is at the top. Watermark C A and crown. Perforated 14. The 6c. card has been surcharged 2½c.

**Corea.**—The three highest values which were reported some time ago have been received. The designs are somewhat similar to those of the two lower values. 25 mons orange, 50 mons green, and 100 mons blue and red.

**Cuba.**—We are informed that the 2½c. was in use for a short time in 1884 printed in blue.

**Curacoa.**—A 7½c. card is reported, color blue.

**Dutch Indies.**—We have received the 7½ cent card printed on white instead of buff.

**France.**—The 25c. is now printed in pale rose.

**Greece.**—New stamps have appeared. Values, 25l. blue, 50l. bronze-green, and 1d. gray, all unperforated. In a pearly circle with Greek border at the sides is the head of Mercury to the right. Fancy ornaments are in the upper corners, and in the lower corners are large figures of value. The name of the country is at the top and "Lepta" or "Drachma" is at the bottom in Greek letters.

**Guatemala.**—The *Phil. Monthly* describes a proof of the 1 centavo stamp of the new series to be issued soon. A scroll inscribed "Libertad 15 de Septiembre, 1821" is in the center, on which the national bird is seated. A horse-shoe inscribed "Union Postal Universal" surrounds it. A train of cars is in the upper left corner and a steamship in the upper right corner. The value is at the bottom and "Guatemala C. A." is below the horse-shoe.

**Holkar.**—Other values are soon to be issued; 1, 2, 4 and 8 annas.

**Italy.**—There are two new stamps for packets; 10c. olive green, and 20c. blue.

**Jhind.**—The surcharge is now spelled "Jeend."

**Nabha.**—The surcharge is now in two horizontal lines.

**Peru.**—It is reported that the new issue went into use May 15.

**Roumania.**—The 10 bani red of the new type has appeared.

**Shanghai.**—The 40 cash has been changed to brown.

**Soruth.**—We have received both values perforated 12.

**Tobago.**—The 2½d. has also been surcharged "½ penny"

**Tolima.**—Two new stamps have appeared here—5c. brown and 10c. blue. They resemble the 1883 Colombia and are perforated 11.

### The Stamps of Don Carlos.

The following article appeared originally in the French *Timbre Poste* and was translated into German by M. Moens for the *Brief-Marken Zeitung* from which we have rendered it in English.

The circumstances under which the Carlist stamps were originated are well known. Don Carlos, who had been on the alert for the slightest chance which gave him a prospect of seizing the Spanish throne, succeeded, in 1873, in creating disturbances in the North of Spain at a time when the government was already embarrassed by all kinds of internal strife and difficulties. When the pretender saw that his efforts in fomenting party strife were crowned with quite perceptible success, he ventured among his adherents in order to be better able to accomplish his purpose, believing that his royal person was not endangered in the slightest by doing so.

It was necessary to establish intercourse with foreign countries and correspondence was carried through France by special messengers, the letters being franked with stamps of the French republic. These stamps, however, were surcharged with a lily which was to indicate the origin of the correspondence, and subsequently became the cause of their depreciation. As the sending of letters by special messengers was a disadvantage, and the use of these stamps brought no gain, they were only employed until regular post offices were established.

It has been said that philatelists have perhaps erred in not collecting these French stamps since they are clearly not without interest, and are certainly the first Carlist stamps used. While we are of the same opinion it is probable that collectors had as little knowl-

edge of this franking method as we had ourselves, and were therefore prevented from collecting stamps of the existence of which they were not aware. However this may be, according to our correspondent from whom we received this information concerning these stamps, and who was himself mixed up in the Don Carlos affair, there was a whole series with the above mentioned surcharge as follows :

1862,	5	centimes,	green,
1872,	1	"	bronze-green,
	2	"	red-brown,
	5	"	green,
	12	"	yellow-brown,
	25	"	blue,
	40	"	orange,
	80	"	carmine.

The first of these stamps had the head of Napoleon III. without the laurel wreath, and this is one of the rarest.

This condition was only transitory. The notorious priest Santa Cruz, who was entrusted with the establishment of the post, created regular postal service in the northern provinces of Spain which commenced January 1st, 1874. The Count of C. B. was made director general of this postal service and his office was transferred to Bayonne, in France. At first there were four sub-directors—at Elizendo, Vergara, Durango and Alava. The messengers who brought the foreign mail all went to Urdax and Valcarlos, while the exchange took place at Ainho. The letters were in double envelopes. On one was written "Al encargado de correspondencia Bayona," franked with a 1 real stamp of Don Carlos and contained the amount of postage due in unused stamps of Don Carlos or France, at the rate of one stamp for each 10 grammes. The second wrapper bore the address of the

receiver and the words "Franked letter to Bayonne through the service of the post director Count C. B."

The Intendant-General of the Carlist army prohibited the circulation of all letters which did not bear the stamp of the pretender, and all persons or officers who did not obey this order were to be court-martialed. Much correspondence was burned on that account at Vendrell, Villafranca, Calaf, &c.

The first Carlist stamps appeared before the establishment of post offices, and were for the provinces of Biscay, Guipuscoa, Navarre and Alava. They were issued July 1st 1873, and bore the head of Don Carlos, looking left, in a horizontally lined oval which was inscribed on the outer and upper side "Franqueo" (free); below was the word "España," and in the lower corners 1 r and r l. The surrounding frame is a parallelogram and the space between it and the oval is filled in with horizontal lines. These stamps were lithographed by Closeau in Bayonne and printed in the following colors: 1 real, pale-blue, on white paper, and the same on thicker paper. There are two plates from which to print these stamps—one of 7 vertical rows of 12 in each row and the other with 11 rows each way.

One of our colleagues who, in 1867, had been imposed on in regard to the stamps of Moresnet, was extremely incredulous when the *Timbre Poste* announced the existence of these Carlist stamps. On comparing the picture of Don Carlos on the stamp with his photograph he criticised the want of resemblance; only the fine, curled hair he found correct, but the absence of the accent or tilde over the n in España was a fatal error, and he at once pronounced them spurious. This type, as above stat-

ed, was produced at Bayonne, and the lithographer being a Frenchman and unacquainted with Spanish orthography it was quite natural that he should make the above mistake. It was rectified, however, as soon as discovered.

In August 1881 the Count of C, who was the illegal possessor of the plates from which the Don Carlos stamps were printed, entrusted them with a lithographer in Paris for the purpose of having some proof impressions made from them. A stamp dealer who heard of this had the impudence to have a large lot of these stamps printed on his own account, but as Don Carlos was, about this time, preparing to re-enact the disturbances of 1873, the lithographer was afraid he would get himself into trouble and therefore notified the police of the printing of the stamps. As a consequence the plates were confiscated, and it was only after great trouble and the exertion of considerable influence that they were restored to the rightful owner.

The stamps printed were 1 real blue. There were proofs made at the same time in black, carmine, lilac, light lilac and scarlet-red, though we only know of the first two. In order to rectify the mistake made by the lithographer a slight change was made in the first plate of 84 stamps by erasing the white curved line over the word España and making an insertion resembling the accent over the letter n.

In September, 1873, another issue was made similar to the first but with the accent over the s in España and the omission of the lower white line under the oval. This stamp was 1 real blue, light-blue, on thick white paper. Afterwards a new plate was made for 180 stamps, having 15 horizontal rows.

Reprints of this stamp were made in 1881 under the same circumstances as those before stated which were made of the issue of July 1873. Fancy proofs were made at the same time in blue, red, lilac, scarlet-red, carmine and black, all on white paper.

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JUNE, 1886.

We have a few complete files of Vol. II. of the GAZETTE which may be had for 25 cents each.

Mr. R. R. Bogert's stamp business has increased so rapidly that he has been obliged to take a partner in the person of Mr. Philip Comstock.

A bill has been introduced in the United States Senate authorizing the postmaster general to issue a double or return postal card.

Mr. Lyman H. Low, to whom we have been largely indebted for whatever of value and interest has appeared in our numismatic department, has consented to take entire charge of that department, and all communications relating thereto should be addressed to him at 853 Broadway, N. Y.

*Plain Talk* is a very nicely printed paper, and awfully funny too, but the crocodile has allowed some advertisements to go in the later issues which other respectable papers would have excluded.

A copy of the 15th edition of Mr. L. W. Durbin's Standard Catalogue is to hand. So well established is Mr. D.'s reputation for compiling stamp catalogues that no comment on it is necessary. Send him 25 cents for a copy.

The 20th annual encampment of the G. A. R. at San Francisco, Aug. 3, 1886, is to be commemorated by a medal which has been struck by W. H. Warner & Bro., Phil'a. It is one of the finest of this class which we have seen.

With this issue we complete our second volume. All will agree that it is an improvement on the first, and we are now making arrangements which we trust will commend it, in a still greater degree, to the intelligent collectors of coins and stamps. Subscribe now and commence with volume III.

The *E. S. P.* says: "Dr. F. N. Palmer, who issued the famous Brattleboro stamp in 1846, was recently drowned by jumping from a steamboat. That's the very worst kind of a thing to jump from."

None of our foreign exchanges are more welcome than the *Illustrated Briefmarken-Journal*, Leipzig, Germany. The illustrations are numerous and excellent, and the letter-press is always entertaining. It is published twice a month.

It may interest some collectors to know that of a very large number of applicants for sample copies received by us within the last two years, 83 per cent. were from the Northern States, 12 per cent. from the Southern and 5 per cent. from Canada. Of our subscribers, 85 per cent live in the North, 9 per cent. in the South and 6 per cent. in Canada. These figures may perhaps be taken as showing the relative proportion of collectors in the different sections.

**National Philatelic Society.**

NEW YORK, JUNE 2, 1886.

Editor S. and C. GAZETTE:

The National Philatelic Society which it is proposed shall be organized, cannot but be successful, as it will have a department of exchange conducted by some able, self-sacrificing collector as superintendent, and a department of purchase at cost, conducted by another collector. Both will serve the Society gratuitously, and will be held to strict accountability. The president will be in one city, the secretary in another, the treasurer somewhere else, and so forth; so you see the organization will not be localized, and could not very well be controlled by a clique.

Every city of any account will have its local philatelic society whose president is to be a vice president of the national body, and the other officers of the latter will be balloted for by the membership at large, each local society having a right to nominate its own ticket. Can you desire or propose anything more equitable and fair? If so, I wish you would do it in your next issue.

I would be obliged if you would tell your readers that they should organize local societies immediately, and let their secretaries communicate with me for further particulars. Yours truly,

THEO. F. CUNO,

Chairman of National organization Committee of the Nat'l Phil. Soc., N. Y. City. Residence, 148, Jefferson Ave. Brooklyn, N. Y.

The above letter and the communication from Philo (S. B. Bradt) printed elsewhere, may be taken as fairly representative of the views of the two leading philatelic societies of this country in regard to the purpose of the proposed national society. While we cannot subscribe to all of the suggestions as to what might be accomplished by this organization, we are free to say that its main objects, as outlined, are entirely satisfactory, and we ask stamp collectors who desire to see philately occupy its true position to organize societies wher-

ever practicable, and communicate with either of the gentlemen named above. Where societies cannot be formed let individual collectors signify their approval of the project. It is perhaps best that the society be not at the outset embarrassed with a host of conflicting views as to what it should do. Let all true philatelists unite in the effort to effect an organization, trusting to time and experience for the development of the best methods for benefiting philately in general.

Morells Philatelic *Directory* contains the names of 251 foreign and Canadian stamp dealers and collectors, and 375 belonging to the United States, at least 20 per cent. of the latter being dealers. Of the 375 names, a little over one half were copied (errors and all) from the first numbers of the *P. J. of A.* which were printed a year ago and more. To our knowledge, many of these changed their residences and others ceased collecting months before the *Directory* went to press. We have enough names on our books for half a dozen such directories, and their owners have all been collecting within the last twenty months, yet we should not think of wasting any sample copies on them without positive evidence that they were still collecting. Verily, the philatelic directory business is a farce.

Very often we are obliged to re-write and condense exchange notices to save room. One young man don't like this way of doing and wants us to put them in "the way he writes them." If we were to do this in all cases we might be blamed for the bad orthography, and for that reason alone we must decline such requests until all our correspondents learn to spell.

## NUMISMATICS.

**Some early Engraving in the U. S. mint.**—The very grave errors which occur in some of the dies of our early issues, can only be excused on the ground of ignorance. Most noteworthy are the following in cents: In 1796 we find one of the second type of that year (the first issue of what is commonly called the "Fillet head") LIBERTY instead of Liberty. There is also the date 1790 distinguishable under 1800. The error was discovered after the first three figures were cut. Failure to discover this would have resulted in another 1799, but there is a probability of its having been an unfinished die of this year for some reason set aside or delayed. In 1801 there is UNITED for United, and in this year and the two succeeding ones occurs  $\frac{1}{100}$  for  $\frac{1}{100}$ . The fraction must have been interpreted as a mere ornament, by the intelligent die-sinker. It is about this period (1800) that LIBERTY is found upon a half-dime. We have no hesitation in attributing all of these errors to one artist. The custom of using old or erroneous dies after sinking corrections or new figures, has been discontinued since 1853, and it is to be hoped it will ever be considered beneath the dignity of our country for the mint officials to permit a recurrence of such economy.

**Gustavus III., Sweden.**—Medallic art is again illustrated in a well executed medal we have recently received from Madam Lea Ahlborn of the royal mint, Stockholm, Sweden, and we comment upon it as meriting rank among this able lady's finest productions. It was struck in commemoration of the centennial of the opening of the Swedish Academy of Music, April 5th,

1886, founded by Gustavus III., March 20th 1786. Obv: \* OSCAR II SVENSKA AKADEMIENS BESKYDDARE \*—SVENSKA AKADEMIENS HUNDRADE ARSFEST DEN 5 APRIL 1886. Head of the king in profile l. resting upon lyre, through which two olive branches twine. Rev: TILL MINNE AF GUSTAF III SVENSKA AKADEMIENS STIFTARE Mercury l. holds a small medallion of Gustavus III. Euterpe r. holds wreath above. Light copper proof, size 28.

Translation—Obv: Swedish Academy's protector—Swedish Academy's one hundredth year's jubilee: April 5, 1886. Rev: In memory of Gustavus III. founder of the Swedish Academy.

**English Collectors.**—A review of London catalogues demonstrates that English collectors form the finest and most valuable collections of coins. The important cabinets that have so frequently come before the public for competition is sufficient to verify this statement. Not in any series are there so many expensive pieces to be found as in the English, and perhaps it is not too much to assert, so many that approach perfection in design and execution, if not in historical interest.

**Forgeries of the 1804 Dollar.**—Two well executed alterations of 1804 dollars were sent to New York last month. One was deposited with the Chemical National Bank and the other with the U. S. Express Co., both innocently submitted as genuine, to be offered to New York experts, and each at \$600. They came from Des Moines and Omaha. There is no abatement in the regular appearance of these impositions and each time some one connected with it probably gets burned a little.

**Why we prize Coins.**—It is an undeniable fact that pieces which are easily obtained, are, as a general rule,

lightly prized by the possessor, regardless of the interest there may be in them from whatever standpoint it emanates. What everybody has no one cares for; what few possess all others desire, and here the pride of the collector is evinced when he calls your attention to his rarest gems.

**Tokens in Soap.**—Rubber and celluloid have received the impress of dies for tokens or mediums of exchange, but at last we have the best authority that soap was at one time used in Mexico, and received the stamp of merchants for the same purpose. A monograph on soap issues would indeed be interesting.

**Examination of coins.**—Never satisfy yourself with looking at one side of a coin; give both obverse and reverse equal inspection; nor should you neglect the edge. Accustom yourself to this mode of investigation and you will be the gainer.

**Odd.**—The greatest number of rarities in the American coinage occur in the odd years. The coinage began in one and the only year the cents were not coined is also an odd year.

**Wonders.**—Coins are the most wonderful to those who have no knowledge of the science, nevertheless, under these circumstances much information is frequently tendered.

### New Books

**COINS OF THE SULTANS OF DELHI**, in the British Museum. xxii and 199 pp. 9 plates, by Stanley Lane-Poole. Svo. London, 1884. 642 pieces are described. The work contains indexes of years, mints and names, and point ornaments and border. There is a table of the relative weights of English grains and French grammes, and a comparative table of the Hijrah and of the Christian era; also a map of mediæval India, illustrating the mints of the Muhammadan rulers, with lists of Kings, Sultans and governors and date of reign.

**COINS OF THE MUHAMMADAN STATES OF INDIA**, in the British Museum, by Stanley Lane-Poole. lxxix and 239 pp. 12 plates. Svo. London, 1885. Indexes and tables same as in preceding.

Collectors of the coins of India welcome these two volumes which scientifically treat and illustrate this coinage which is so imperfectly understood by many who have gathered specimens of it. They have been obliged to content themselves in selecting, with being guided alone by positive difference in type and size.

### Auction sales of Coins, Stamps, Minerals, etc.

May 6th and 7th.—A collection of ancient and modern coins, political and other medals, revenue and postage stamps, etc. 1083 lots. By Bangs & Co. N. Y. Catalogue by David Proskey.

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### Coinage of the Mexican Chief Morelos.

At a meeting of the American Numismatic and Archaeological Society, N. Y. held on the 2nd of June, Mr. Lyman H. Low, one of its members, read before the Society a very thorough and elaborate essay on the coins of the Mexican General Jose Maria Morelos, illustrated by the finest collection of specimens of that General's coinage which the society had ever seen gathered together, and which is probably unrivalled, Mr. Low having secured the whole of a late "find" of that coinage.

Mr. Low's paper added materially to the little which was heretofore known in regard to Morelos and his coinage, and was one of the most valuable of the contributions made to the Society's list of papers on numismatic subjects.

D. L. W.

### Pounds, Shillings and Pence.

In remarking on a recent lecture delivered by Mr. John Evans, D.C.L., LL.D., on "L. S. D., or the origin of pounds, shillings and pence," the *London Post* says: In treating of the development of the three principal English coins, the lecturer proceeded to trace the history of the penny downward, and exhibited interesting specimen of Offa's (King of Mercia, A. D. 757-796) coinage, that monarch being probably the originator of the penny coin. The earliest English piece with a date is one supposed to have been struck for Perkin Warbeck in 1414. From the time of Edward I. the penny silver coinage underwent a steady process of degradation, until in 1797 copper pennies, weighing one ounce avoirdupois each, were first issued by the royal authority. The der-

ivation of the name 'Shilling' is doubtful, but in mediæval times the word was always Latinized as *solidus*, a Roman coin which was originally of gold, and about seventy grains in weight. Though the term was well known in Saxon times, it was only in use in accounts. Henry VII., who was the first to introduce the pound in gold, also struck the first shilling in silver in 1504. Edward VI. was the first to introduce silver crowns, half crowns, and sixpences, and he also reformed the coinage of shillings, which his father had greatly debased. In 1816 the great recoinage commenced, and by 1819 upwards of 60,000,000 shillings and 30,000,000 sixpences were struck. The pound weight of silver originally corresponded with the money pound of account, there being in it 240 dwts. No gold currency existed in England until nearly two centuries after the Norman conquest, the first gold coin struck having been a gold penny, in the year 1259, which Henry III. ordered to be current for twenty pence. In 1343 another attempt to introduce a gold coinage was made, gold florins of six shillings, and half and quarter florins being then issued, but they were almost at once called in. They were succeeded by the noble, and in the reign of Edward IV. the angel, each being originally current for 6s. 8d.

In 1489, the sovereign, equivalent to 20s., was coined, the name being derived from the representation on the obverse of the sovereign seated. With various changes in quality and value the sovereign or pound remained in currency until after the Restoration, when the piece obtained the name of guinea, from the gold of which they were made having been brought from Guinea by the African Company, and their value was enhanced to twenty-one shillings.



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C. A. Jenkins, Chittenango N. Y. A V nickel without "cents" and No. 3 of "P. J. of A." for numbers of the Quaker City Philatelist. Stamps and papers for papers. Send list.

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So far as affording facilities for the exchange of stamps is concerned, there can hardly be a doubt that in this respect the society can be made of great interest and benefit to a very large portion of its members, provided the exchanging is done on a well understood basis which is strictly adhered to, but we fear there will be some trouble in finding the "self-sacrificing" individual to superintend the business without compensation. No competent person should be asked to do this work without reasonable pay.

We have no sympathy with the proposition to organize within the society a bureau for the purpose of detecting, exposing and prosecuting frauds. If the society undertakes this work it will have no time nor money to do anything else, and its energies will be diverted from what we conceive to be its true object. As well might it be made an agency for the collection of bad debts due dealers and publishers. The sale of stamps and the prosecution of frauds should be left in the hands of the dealers where they properly belong.

As we regard it, the society should have no official connection with the local philatelic societies. Let it be made up of individual philatelists whether they belong to other societies or not, and no officer of these societies should,

on that account, be entitled to any special recognition. The meetings of the national society should be open to every member in good standing, and not simply to the representatives of the local societies. Those who attend in the latter capacity should have one vote and no more. Each local society will want to manage its own affairs in its own way and the national society should be free to act in the same manner.

It is possible that we may be harboring a misconception of the purposes of the national society as entertained by its originators and promoters, and we may have been criticising above what they and the majority of philatelists consider its best features, and if that is the kind of a society wanted we have nothing more to say. Perhaps every one who has given the matter any thought has a plan of his own which he thinks better than all the others, and it is quite natural that we should have our notion of the best methods of obtaining the following results, namely: the advantages arising from acquaintance and intercourse with the leading philatelists and between the members generally; the formulating of the most advanced views as to the best methods of making stamp collections and as to what objects may properly claim the attention of the collector as a philatelist; the investigating and clearing up of the mystery which envelopes many of the stamps offered collectors; the exchange of duplicates; the preparation of papers on important philatelic subjects, and the general advancement of the science in such a way as to command the respect of those who consider it unworthy their attention.

Let our most experienced and ablest headed philatelists be put in the lead and we have little doubt that they will adopt that course which will secure the best results.

## Chronicle.

BY R. R. BOBERT.

**Antioquia.**—There are three new stamps; 1c. green on pale rose, 2½c. black on orange, 5c. blue on pale buff. The arms are in an oval band inscribed "Centavos—Correos de Antioquia." Large numerals in upper corners.

**Antigua.**—A 1 sh. stamp, violet, is reported, of the current type.

**Ceylon.**—There is a 15c. stamp, olive green, of the new type.

**Dominica.**—The 4d. has been changed to gray, and there are three new cards; 1d., and 1x1d. carmine, and 1½x1½d brown, all on buff.

**France.**—The 10c. card is surcharged in red "20 paras," and two letter cards have been issued; 15c. blue on buff and 25c. black on rose.

**French Colonies.**—The unpaid letter stamps, 1, 2, 3 and 4c. have just been issued.

**Gambia.**—There is a new value, 2½d. blue; no change in design.

**Hawaii.**—The color of the 12c. has been changed again, this time to red.

**Labuan.**—The 10c. is now black brown, and the 16c. gray blue.

**Mauritius.**—The 50c. is now orange instead of green.

**Mexico.**—It is stated that there will soon be a new issue with figure of value in the centre instead of the head.

**Nevis.**—There are three new cards same as Dominica noted above.

**Peru.**—The new stamps were issued June 1st, of the old type, but new colors, as follows: 1c. violet, 2c. green, 5c. orange, 50c. vermilion, 1 sol. brown. They are perforated 12 and without grill.

**St. Christopher.**—The 6d. has again been surcharged "4d." ;this time in figures instead of letters.

**Straits Settlements.**—The 10c. on the 12c. blue, has been surcharged "8" in blue, and the 5c. brown violet

**Sweden.**—The 10 ore has now a post horn printed on the revenue, in blue.

**Tolima.**—In addition to the 5c. and 10c. noted last month, there are a 50c. green and 1 peso, red.

**Turks Island.**—We hear of 4da lilac.

The number of persons in this country who are interested in collecting postage and other kinds of stamps is estimated at two hundred thousand. This may seem a great many, but there are many times this number who not only do not collect stamps, but who do not even know that there is such a pursuit. I will venture to say that if you should mention the term "philately" in a mixed assemblage of a thousand persons, not five per cent., or fifty persons, would know what you meant. Many of those who are ignorant of the meaning of this word "philately" understand, or think they understand, what is meant by *stamp collecting*. "O, yes," they will say, "that is a little boy's pastime. My little one is a stamp collector," and thus dismiss the subject as not worthy of any further attention.

This class of persons is just the one that this article is largely intended for. Philately is something more than mere child's play, and can no longer be dismissed by a word—often a contemptuous one when addressed to a collector of mature years. It is indulged in extensively by children, to be sure—in fact the majority of stamp collectors are children—but is this in itself any reason why persons who have passed the period of childhood should not be stamp collectors?—*The Stamp Collector*

### The Samoa Stamps Again.

When any one is personally and peculiarly interested in maintaining one side or the other of a question it is a hopeless task to endeavor to change his views with regard to it. A case in point is the publisher of the *Stamp Collectors' Journal*, England. His paper does a large amount of advertising for dealers who sell what they call the postage stamps of Samoa. In fact the publisher himself will furnish them to you at 4 shillings a set. It is quite natural that he should contend that they really are postage stamps, and he accordingly devotes considerable space in the June issue of his paper to a refutation of our remarks in No. 22 concerning these labels. We may be very sure he has made the best possible defence of them and in order that our readers may judge how well he has succeeded we print so much of his article as bears directly on the subject, as follows:

"The proprietors of the Samoa Post had to find steamships for carrying the mails to San Francisco, Sydney, or to New Zealand, whence they were dispatched to all parts of the world. Of course the Samoa postmaster had to pay the cost of transmission from Sydney, &c. None of the local Indian States' stamps will frank a letter beyond their own frontiers, yet they are perfectly legitimate stamps, as everybody knows. Up to very recently, Transvaal stamps could only frank letters to the frontier, and letters for England bore both Transvaal and Cape stamps. Yet nobody has dared to attack the Transvaal stamps on that account.

Even at the present time, North Borneo stamps will not frank a letter beyond Singapore. Letters from Borneo, as well as Sarawak, are prepaid with Straits Settlements stamps, in addition to their own.

The *modus operandi* in Samoa was exactly the same as in the above-mentioned places. If a resident of Samoa wanted to send a letter to England, or elsewhere, he simply took it to the Samoa post office, bought a Samoa stamp, and affixed it to the letter. This stamp paid the postage to its destination in any part of the world, but as the Samoan Post had no official convention with other countries, its agent at Sydney had to affix New South Wales stamps sufficient to pay the postage from Sydney to the destination. But, bear in mind, the Samoan stamp affixed first, represented the whole of the postage to its destination. The affixing of the New South Wales or New Zealand stamp afterwards was an arrangement between the postmasters with which the sender of the letter had nothing to do. The main fact is, that a letter dropped into the post-office box at Samoa would be delivered at its destination in any part of the world, free of any extra charge, provided it was franked with the requisite amount of Samoan postage stamps.

We think it a pity the Altoona people do not attack some of the rubbishy United States locals, which many Yankee collectors go crazy over, but which stamps would not be recognized outside the village where they were made, whereas Samoan stamps franked letters to every corner of the globe."

Here is a very ingenious effort to dignify the simplest form of communicating with the rest of the world, with all the belongings of an extensive postal arrangement, in which the stamps in question are supposed to play an important part. Thus we have "the proprietors of the Samoa Post," "finding steamships for carrying the mails," "agent at Sydney," "arrangement between the postmasters" &c., all of which is intended to throw dust in the eyes of the reader. The "Samoa post" is located in the town of Apia, on the principal of a group of small islands, where the only persons

who use the mails are some 300 resident foreigners. The "proprietor" of this "post" at the time the stamps were introduced was the publisher of the local paper and was also a stamp collector. He was selected by the resident consuls to take charge of the mail matter to be sent and received. The "finding of the steamships" consisted in keeping a lookout for any trading vessels which came along and through whose courtesy the letters &c. might be carried to the nearest mailing station on their route.

The postmaster had no "agent at Sydney" nor anywhere else, unless we regard as such the officer of the vessel who, without compensation, took charge of the mail bag and left it at the nearest postoffice where the matter could be properly stamped.

As to the stamps themselves, according to the *Journal's* showing, they were entirely useless. It says: "If a resident of Samoa wanted to send a letter to England he simply took it to the Samoa post office, bought a Samoa stamp and affixed it to the letter." Now, almost anybody except the writer of this paragraph would wonder why the sender of the letter should go to the trouble of sticking one of these stamps on it. It had got to the office without one, and all the stamps of this kind that could be crowded on it would not move it any further unless accompanied with enough money to pay the postage. Of what use then was the Samoa stamp? The only thing the sender of the letter had to do was to hand 12 cents with it to the postmaster who put 7 of them in his pocket for his fee and sent the remaining 5 with the letter. If he put one of his labels on it was only to gratify his local pride and make it appear that Samoa really was a place of some consequence. The postmaster who succeeded the original one of these stamps did not think them worth bothering with, readily perceiving that the only thing they were good for

was to sell to the credulous collector.

There is no parallel between these stamps and those of the local Indian states, N. Borneo, Sarawak &c. As we understand it, these countries have an inland postal service and these stamps frank letters within their own borders from one point to another, but it was not so with the Samoa stamps. It is not claimed, nor is there evidence, that these people had any local postal service. Those who wrote letters delivered them themselves to the only post-office on the islands—that at Apia. If the stamps of the countries named above are of no more use within or out of their own territories than those of Samoa were, then they are not entitled to collection as postage stamps.

Those who have held that these stamps *alone* franked letters to countries in the Postal Union must now abandon that position, since those most interested in them only claim that they were of local value, and we trust we have made clear the absurdity of even this pretension. If, however, there are those who, in spite of the facts cited above, choose to regard them as objects worthy of their attention as philatelists, that is no concern of ours. We have no idea that anything we can say will induce unscrupulous dealers to quit selling them, and there will always be ignorant collectors to buy them.

Our contemporary wants us to turn our attention to some of our own "rubbishy locals." We certainly have not neglected them and it is only a short time since we called the *Journal's* attention to the advertisement of Skinner & Co. which was in its columns and which is still there. The "locals" there offered are the trashiest kind of trash. Not a stamp journal in this country or our exchange list prints, or word print, such advertisements. Nobody in this country buys this stuff and there is no occasion for "attacking" it now. It is much to be regretted that our English contemporary has so little regard for the interests of its readers that it is ever ready to help conscienceless dealers to swindle them.

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*The Stamp Collector* is a high class philatelic paper which made its appearance this month under such able editorial management as to insure its success. It is published in Chicago, Ill., at \$1.00 per year.

Some of our contemporaries are very much exercised about the relative merits of the different stamp papers. Don't worry about it boys, just go ahead and make yours as good as possible and let the philatelic public settle the question of superiority.

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As stated last month, Mr. Lyman H. Low has kindly consented to take charge of the Numismatic Department of the GAZETTE. He needs no introduction from us as he is widely known as a thorough numismatist and one of the largest dealers in coins and numismatic works in this country. His location, business and culture qualify him in every way to make this department of especial interest to the collector of coins, and are a guarantee that all matter contained therein will be scientifically accurate and reliable.

Mr. D. B. McCann, Phillipsburgh, N. J., under date of July 9th, writes us as follows: "In the March, 1886, issue of the S. and C. GAZETTE you have an adv. of Horace C. Jones, Box 376, Minneapolis, Minn., dealer in U. S. stamps only. I sent him a postal note for \$1.15 for some of his stamps and the letter was returned to me marked "fictitious."

We are glad to know that our correspondent got his money back, and in this respect he was more fortunate than a good many others. Mr. "Jones" turned out to be F. Stahl, of St. Paul, Minn., and we are happy to say he is now in jail awaiting trial for this same swindling operation.



The following is a fair sample of many letters we receive from a certain class of collectors :

Dear sir: I enclose a couple of stamps I received from J. M. Randall, of Boston. Will you please send him up Salt Lake River for a week in your paper. I also enclose price lists of his. he is a fraud from way back, if you put him up send me a copy for I want to send it to him. Send him up for all you are worth he is a fraud to his backbone."

Accompanying this was a copy of the "Philatelic Squeal," and three abominable counterfeits. The writer evidently belongs to that large class of young collectors who don't see that they can learn anything from stamp papers, and who are just smart enough to find out where to buy rare old stamps for half a cent apiece. This young man has had no use for this paper until now when he proposes to make it the instrument by which to get even with the fellow who cheated him. We have no time or space to waste in lampooning J. M. Randall, *alias* S. Allan Taylor. Nothing we could say would have the slightest effect on him. Those who read the stamp papers know all they need to about him and are not likely to order any of his stamps.

We cannot too often remind young collectors of the importance of becoming thoroughly acquainted with every stamp that goes into their albums. Learn, if possible, every thing there is to be known about it. It may sometimes require a little labor and research to do this, but the satisfaction this knowledge will bring them will more than repay the trouble. If you want your intelligent non collecting friends to admit your good sense in becoming collectors, you ought to be able when showing them your collections to give them some proof of the fact by exhibiting your familiarity with all the information it contains and which you have gained in making it.

### Altoona Philatelic Society.

At the last meeting of the above society, the by-laws were so amended as to admit corresponding members, who are defined to be "those who because of their residence at a distance from the place of meeting cannot be present. They are expected to take an active interest in the objects and welfare of the society." The dues from this class of members are 25c. upon admission and 25c. quarterly thereafter. They shall have the use of any books and papers in the society's library upon their paying the necessary postage on them. Any member may retain a book or paper for a period not exceeding one month and a fine of 5c. is imposed for each week it is kept beyond that time. The dues of active, or resident, members are 50c. upon admission and 25c. per month thereafter.

All the money received from dues is to be expended in the purchase of philatelic literature and in this way it is hoped to accumulate in time a valuable library which collectors living where there is no society can have the use of at a small cost. A list of the publications in the library will be prepared and sent to each corresponding member from which to make selections. Those desiring to become corresponding members will be required to furnish satisfactory references as to character and standing, and are requested to communicate with the undersigned for further information.

E. C. MANN,  
Secretary.

It is our misfortune to be unexpectedly late this month—no matter why, but our subscribers will no doubt agree with us that it is better to be late than not to come at all.

# : Numismatic Department. :-

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All communications or inquiries relating to this department should be addressed to the Editor at No. 851, Broadway, New York.

## Odd Tokens.

We shall be pleased to credit our readers in future issues, who may locate any of the following:

1. Obv.: H.  
Rev.: 1 | HALF | M. . . . DE  
All in Gothic letters, size 16.
2. Obv.: P. P. in script monogram.  
Serrated line around border.  
Rev.: 1775. Border same as on obverse.  
Triangle, copper, size 17.
3. Obv.: H Wreath around border.  
Rev.: HALFPENNY TOKEN, — 1816.  
In field within circle an anchor.
4. Obv.: C F | 54  
Rev.: 1829 above, wine-glass below, two twigs of leaves crossed.  
Copper, size 9.
5. Obv.: HALF TON. — LANDSALE.  
Dot in center of field.  
Rev.: Blank. Thin, copper, size 16.
6. Obv.: J B in script.  
Rev.: HALFPENNY above front of a three story building.  
Copper, thin, size 17.
7. Obv.: 2 | PENCE | M. M Circle of 38 stars around border.  
Rev.: Blank.  
Brass, size 17.
8. Obv.: R. O. S | T  
Rev.: Sprig of oak with three leaves and acorn.  
Copper, size 14.
9. Obv.: M. S. F. within a wreath.  
Rev.: Vase filled with flowers.  
Copper, size 12.
10. Obv.: C H Beaded circle around border.  
Rev.: A quail, wings closed, standing l.  
Brass, size 16.
11. Obv.: S. D.  
Rev.: An anchor.  
Lead, size 14.  
This has been attributed to San Domingo, and with seeming good reason, but we desire further assurance.
12. Obv.: P  
Rev.: An anchor.  
Brass, size 14.
13. Obv.: FERRY | TOKEN  
Rev.: Blank.  
Brass, size 17.
14. Obv.: FERRY TOKEN \*  
Rev.: Blank.  
Brass, size 17. Hole in center  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch in diameter.
15. Obv.: FINANZA | PORTE  
Rev.: SOLDI | QUATTRO.  
Brass, size 18.
16. Obv.: MAXI—MUS Head in profile l., beneath, \*  
Rev.: NON . PLUS . ULTRA \* In field, a plain shield.  
Copper, size 14.
17. Obv.: HEAD QUARTERS—SALOON  
In field G A I F in script monogram.  
Rev.: GOOD FOR | 6<sup>D</sup> | WORTCAV THE BAR.  
Copper, size 16. Struck over the P. E. Island codfish token.
18. Obv.: The outlines of a fort with five bastions, in four of the outer corners, a star, in the fifth (the exergue) the numeral I. Within fort, front and side view of a gable roofed house.  
Rev.: Incuse.  
Brass, size 11.

(To be continued)

## Magdalen Island Penny Token.

We are indebted to Mr. James Oliver of New York city for the following scrap of history which we are not aware has ever before been cited to numismatists:

Sir Edward Thomason in his "Memoirs during half a Century," gives the following amusing account of the Magdalen Island Penny Token:

"1815—I had manufactured this year a large quantity of tokens for Admiral Sir Isaac Coffin, Bart., who is the sole possessor and king, as he called himself, of the Magdalen Islands, situated in the gulf of St. Lawrence, in North America. They were principally of copper, pence and half-pence. The obverse was a seal, and the legend around the edge, "Magdalen Island Token, 1815." The reverse, a split codfish; the legend, "Success to the Fishery. One Penny."

As soon as a large quantity of these were struck off, Sir Isaac sailed off with them, packed up in casks, and took with him a powerful coining press and machinery, and dies ready engraved, to establish what he called a little mint for his subjects, to manufacture their coin for the future, on receiving the rolled copper from England and so disposing of the scrap part to the Americans. All this I arranged for him, agreeably to his wishes.

On Sir Isaac's return to England, he informed me that the inhabitants paid him every attention and courtesy, and were much delighted with the new coin, which Sir Isaac advanced by way of loans to some of the superiors, at a fair interest, and for the expense that he had been at for their well-doing, they allowed him to institute a kind of poll tax, a trifle for each to pay annually to the committee of management; but no sooner had he left the island, than they broke faith, and, at the water's edge, shouted out "Fouettez king George, and king Coffin!" I have reason to believe that the admiral never again went to visit his subjects."

[Note.—As we have never met with the half-penny we infer that the scheme ended with the issue of the penny. Clay Catalogue, lot 44, mentions Mag-

dalén Island half-penny, but we have no hesitation in giving it as our opinion that they were the common P. E. Island codfish half-penny token.]

GUIDA NUMISMATICA UNIVERSALE, compiled by Messrs. Francesco and Ercole Gneccchi of Milan, Italy, has just been received. It is printed in the Italian language and with the good taste customary with the press of that country, but here our commendations must end. It is a small 8vo., paper, 351 pp. and published at 7 lira 50 centesimi. In reviewing the American portion we find the names of many friends sadly drawn or twisted from their original christening, while the names of towns and streets are spelled in a manner which renders some of them positively unrecognizable. There is a painful mingling of the Italian and English languages. Some of the collectors whose names are given are known to have long since departed this life, others are out of the field and a few were never known to be in it, while old and incorrect addresses are frequent. Altogether, it appears to us the most useless of the few numismatic directories with which the fraternity has been inflicted. Mr. Alfred Grenser of Frankfort a m., in 1884 made a far better effort. Our friend Mercer when comparing these with his two editions, has reason to be fairly satisfied notwithstanding his own grave errors.

A recent issue of the London *Numismatic Chronicle* makes mention of the following exhibits at a meeting of the society: A Bank of England dollar of 1804 struck over a Spanish dollar of 1808, showing that the dollars dated 1804 could not all have been struck in that year. Also, a Bahama halfpenny dated 1807.

### New Books.

THE COINS OF THE GREEK AND SCYTHIC KINGS OF BACTRIA AND INDIA, in the British museum. By Percy Gardner. lxxvi and 193 pp. 29 Heliotype plates and 3 pages of wood cuts. 8vo. London, 1886. The following is an extract from the editor's preface:

"The work has been long and laborious, alike to compiler, editor and printer. The number of unusual characters which it contains has greatly hindered its progress; but the typographical difficulties have not been the only ones. The history of the kings is very obscure, and the types employed on their coins often of a mixed and uncertain character. On the other hand, few fields of numismatics offer richer material, historical, archaeological, and even philological; the philological theories are necessarily excluded from these pages."

### Auction Sales of Coins, Stamps &c.

June 21st.—Colonial and United States coins and pattern pieces from the cabinet of Dr. Edward Maris of Phila. 501 lots. Stan. V. Henkels & Co., Phila. Catalogue by H. P. Smith.

June 28th–29th.—American coins and medals together with a consignment of ancient Roman coins from a New York cabinet. 1028 lots. Bangs & Co. N. Y. Catalogue by W. Elliot Woodward.

July 1st & 2nd.—A Russian collection of ancient and modern coins and medals in gold, silver and copper. 883 lots. Leavitt & Co., N. Y. Catalogue by E. Frossard.

July 29th.—A collection of Colonial, ancient and foreign gold, silver and copper coins, postage stamps, etc. G. A. Leavitt & Co. New York. 566 lots. Catalogue by E. Frossard.

July 15th.—Executor's sale. A large and fine collection of bronze medals, and a few gold, silver and copper coins, the property of the late A. W. Morgan of New York, together with several consignments of coins, stamps, etc. 480 lots. Bangs & Co., New York. Catalogue by Henry G. Sampson.

To our correspondent, E. G. W., we would say that there are no genuine Confederate \$20 notes of date July 25, 1861, with female on deer. The specimens of this false issue were printed by S. C. Upham of Philadelphia. The design was copied from \$1 notes issued by Monroe county, Tenn., Jan. 5, 1863, at Madisonville, printed by Hawes & Dunkerly at Knoxville.

C. T. T., Worcester. There is nothing remarkable in your dimes of 1847, all three may be found in Low's catalogue. No mint mark appears on United States coins prior to 188.

Messrs. David L. Walter and Lyman H. Low have announced their intention to jointly prepare a work on Modern Counterstamps. They are now gathering material and hope to get it in type within a few months. Private issues of marks are to be excluded.

**Libertas Americana.**—Restrikes of this medal may be recognized by a small break in the obverse die above the figure 4. Lincoln, of London, is said to own the dies, and to have struck the medal in silver.

**The Cent of 1886** bids fair to become a rarity. Thus far none have been struck for circulation. They have only been issued with proof sets.

The Chinese are credited with the first use of paper money. Native records establish the fact that it was inaugurated in the 9th century.

**Coinage of the U. S. Mints During The Year 1885.**

From advance sheets of report on the production of precious metals in the United States for 1885, by the director of the mint, we copy the following statement of the coinage executed at the mints of the United States during the year ending Dec. 31, 1885:

	PIECES.	VALUE.
<b>PHILADELPHIA.</b>		
<b>GOLD.</b>		
Double eagles,	828	\$16,560.00
Eagles,	253,527	2,535,270.00
Half eagles,	601,506	3,007,530.00
Three dollars,	910	2,730.00
Quarter eagles,	887	2,217.50
Dollars,	12,205	12,205.00
Total gold,	869,863	5,576,512.50

<b>SILVER.</b>		
Dollars,	*17,787,767	17,787,767.00
Half dollars,	6,130	3,065.00
Quarter dollars,	14,530	3,632.50
Dimes,	2,533,427	253,342.70
Total silver,	20,341,854	18,047,807.20

<b>MINOR.</b>		
Five cents,	1,476,490	73,824.50
Three cents,	4,790	143.70
One cent,	11,765,384	117,653.84
Total minor,	13,246,664	191,622.04
Total coin'ge,	34,458,381	23,815,941.74

<b>SAN FRANCISCO.</b>		
<b>GOLD.</b>		
Double eagles,	683,500	13,670,000.00
Eagles,	228,000	2,280,000.00
Half eagles,	1,211,500	6,057,500.00
Total gold,	2,123,000	22,007,500.00

<b>SILVER.</b>		
Dollars,	1,497,600	1,497,000.00
Dimes,	43,690	4,369.00

<b>CARSON.†</b>		
<b>GOLD.</b>		
Double eagles,	9,450	189,000.00

\* Includes 1887 recoined. † Discontinued M'ch 8 '85

<b>SILVER.</b>		
Dollars.	228,000	228,000.00

<b>NEW ORLEANS.</b>		
<b>SILVER.</b>		
Dollars.	9,185,000	9,185,000.00

The aggregate coinage at all the mints being as follows:

Gold. Double eagles,	693,778	pieces,
" Eagles,	481,527	"
" Half eagles,	1,813,006	"
" Three dollars,	910	"
" Quar. eagles,	887	"
" Dollars,	12,205	"
Silver, Dollars,	28,697,767	"
" Half dollars,	6,130	"
" Quar. dollars,	14,530	"
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## First-Class Philatelic Journals.

Whenever an effort is made to publish what is called a "first-class" philatelic magazine there comes up from a portion of our advanced philatelists a chorus of approval and congratulations which usually winds up with a wail of grief over the wretched inefficiency of the current stamp papers. Reference is feelingly made to the "good old days" when stamp journals worthy of the name were published, but which it is vain to hope can ever again be equalled. The American stamp literature of the day is characterized as lacking originality, unfaithful and "disgusting." There is an earnest longing for a journal which cannot "be read through in a few minutes," and of which the price is proportioned to the size. In short, the little, unpretending stamp papers are soundly berated all round for their numerous shortcomings, and there is a plain intimation that if they were all to cease publication it would be a good thing for philately.

Now, these gentlemen have our heartfelt sympathy in their aspirations for a journal which would cater to their cultured philatelic tastes, and we beg to remind them that there has not been a time since the "good old days" referred to, when the field was not open to them to establish just such a paper as suited their fancy. Surely the insignificant little papers cannot be in the way. Why, then, has the field been so long unoccupied? Indeed, the experiment has been made, but it seems there are not enough

of these "higher philatelic attainment" gentlemen to make it a success. And that is, perhaps, the secret of these failures. But whatever may be the cause (and we will not stop to discuss it) there is no occasion for the contemptuous manner in which some of our advanced philatelists sneer at those journals which have been laboring as best they could to promote intelligent stamp collecting. Their publishers have not been able to accomplish all they desired, yet we believe they have no apology to make for their failure to do more—least of all do they wish to apologize to their eminent critics. So far as we ourselves are concerned, we are under no obligations to them and have not presumed to enlighten them on the subject of philately.

The point we wish to make is, that since these gentlemen are not required to support these useless philatelic papers, and since the latter are not printed for their benefit their comments are entirely gratuitous. Let them pursue the course we have indicated and produce a journal which will meet all the requirements.

While our philatelic papers have not been models in every respect, they have been as good as circumstances would allow. The information they have furnished has been such as was adapted to the vast majority of stamp collectors, who have neither leisure nor inclination to enter into a minute scrutiny of the infinitesimal variations of type, paper, color, perforation and the like,—a study which so enraptures the soul of the enthusiast. We may ardently wish it were

otherwise, but the fact remains that ninety nine out of a hundred collectors either want no paper at all or are content with the average of those published. Of course, the advanced collector looks with pity on those who are so easily satisfied, but the latter pursue the even tenor of their way unmoved by ridicule and utterly oblivious of the value of a first class philatelic journal.

There are constant additions to the ranks of the stamp collecting fraternity, of those who are ignorant of the simplest matters pertaining to philately, but the able, high-toned journal could not give information of this character without incurring the displeasure of those of its patrons who have reached the topmost round of the philatelic ladder.

On the whole, we conclude that the little stamp journals will have to continue publication until the big ones become so popular as to drive the former out of existence.

### What a Collector Ought to Know.

In an article "On the Study of Postage Stamps," written in 1864, by M. Regnard, a French collector of distinction, he gives a summary of what every collector ought to know, as follows:

The different countries where the stamps have been successively employed.

The dates when the stamps were created or suppressed.

The classifying of the stamps of each country in the order in which they were issued.

Their classification according to type.

The details necessary to distinguish genuine stamps from imitations.

The kind of printing adopted for every stamp; and consequently the characteristic features of lithography, typography, and engraving on wood, stone, or metal.

The various kinds of paper employed for the impression, whether thick or thin, dull or glazed, watermarked or plain.

The various watermarks in the paper and what stamps have been struck on watermarked paper.

What stamps have never been perforated; those which were issued first unperforate, and have been perforated subsequently; and lastly, those which have never been issued otherwise than perforated.

What are the stamps where the sheets are composed of different types.

What stamps are struck on the sheets in groups of types, differing from each other only in some slight particulars.

What stamps are found only in one type.

What stamps have been printed by mistake in colors that were not their distinguishing mark of value.

What stamps have been reprinted, and how the reprints are to be distinguished from the original impression.

What are the countries where the reprints are available for postal purposes.

The various sizes of the envelopes on which stamps have been affixed.

On which side or sides the stamp was affixed.

What envelopes have or have not inscriptions on them.

The color of such inscriptions.

Whether the inscriptions are to the right or the left, or on any other part.

Whether the paper of the envelopes is wove, laid or watermarked.

The designs of the stamps on envelopes that have been affixed on various kinds of paper.

What stamps have been created for any special service; that is to say, for simple letters, registered letters, too late letters, newspapers, official correspondence, &c.

When an amateur has devoted himself to a somewhat serious study of these particulars, he will be in a condition to give a rational classification to his collection, to keep it free from every false or doubtful specimen, and to talk of stamps with some degree of authority regarding with pitying indifference those jests which are in such good taste but are only variations of that well known refrain, "Can anything be more stupid than this mania for collecting postage stamps."



## Chronicle.

BY R. R. BOGERT.

**Argentine.**—The  $\frac{1}{2}$  on 5, 4 on 5 and 90c. have been surcharged "Official."

**Cochin China.**—This colony has surcharged the 25c. with the figure "5" in black.

**Congo Free State.**—This place has issued a new adhesive stamp, 5 francs violet, and the card is now printed in blue on blue and has the words "Address to be written on this side" added.

**Costa Rica.**—Two stamped envelopes have been received. A portrait is in an oval band inscribed "Union Postal Universal. 1<sup>o</sup> Enero Costa Rica," at top and "Centavos" at bottom. Values, 5c. slate blue and 10c. orange.

**Cyprus.**—The  $\frac{1}{2}$  piastre has received the surcharge " $\frac{1}{2}$ " again. This time in larger type.

**Dominica.**—"One Penny" has been surcharged on the 1sh.

**Faridkot.**—Another stamp has appeared— $\frac{1}{2}$  anna green.

**France.**—The surcharge "20 paras" on the post card is a humbug.

**French Colonies.**—The 25c. black on rose has appeared unperforated.

**Gambia.**—The 3d. is now gray and the 1sh., brown.

**Grenada.**—New postals have appeared, all printed on buff card.  $\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$ d green, 1x1d. carmine,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ x $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. brown.

**Guatemala.**—The new stamps have appeared. 1c., blue; 2c., red-brown; 5c., purple; 10c., red; 20, 25, 50, 75, 100, 150 and 200.

**India.**—A new stamp, value 4a. 6p. has appeared. The head of the Queen is in an octagonal frame. Color, pale green. Envelopes,  $\frac{1}{2}$ a. and 1a. have been issued of a new size, 94x120 mm., and a registered envelope, 2a. blue (two sizes) with stamp on flap.

**Mexico.**—The stamps mentioned last month have been received. 1c. green 2c. lake, 5c. blue, 3, 4, 6, 10, 12, 20 and 25 centavos, all lilac. There will also be 50c. lilac and 1, 2, 5 and 10 pesos carmine.

**Montserrat.**—Another card, 1x1d. carmine on buff.

**Perak.**—The 2c. rose of Straits Settlements has been surcharged "1 Cent Perak" in three lines in italics.

**Puttialla.**—The 2 annas official has appeared. The surcharge is "Puttialla State" and is sometimes spelled "Puttilla State."

**Reunion Is.**—The 30c. unperforated has received the surcharge "5c." and "20c."

**Russia.**—There is a 3 kopek card for Postal Union use, printed in blue.

**Santander.**—The error mentioned some time ago has been received. The figures "10" are in the upper corners, but the words "Cinco Centavos" are below.

**Siam.**—The  $\frac{1}{2}$  att stamp surcharged "1 tical" appears in two different types as follows; "1 Tical" and "1 TICAL."

**St. Christopher.**—The 6d. has been surcharged "One Penny" in two lines, and cards 1x1d. carmine and  $1\frac{1}{2}$ x $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. brown on buff, have been received.

**Tahiti.**—The wrappers are now in use with the same surcharge that was used for the adhesives. There are four values, 5, 10, 15 and 25; the 15 being formed by printing the 5 and 10 side by side.

**United States.**—In a few months a new post-card will be in use. The head of Jefferson will be in the middle at the top of the card, "United States" above, and "Postal Card" at the sides. "Nothing but the address to be on this side" will be under the stamp.

**Victoria.**—The *Philatelic Record* reports the following:  $\frac{1}{2}$  and 1d. wrappers, 1d. cards and  $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d., 6d. and 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 pound stamps.

**The National Philatelic Society.**

EDITORS S. AND C. GAZETTE:

To avoid mistakes, allow me to briefly outline the aims and objects of the National Philatelic Society to be organized by the stamp collectors of America. The society's constitution will be shaped after that of several European societies which have been in existence for many years; a fact which in itself proves that the objections you have raised in your issue of July are untenable. The society as such will *not* engage in purchasing new issues of stamps, but it will have a department to which every member desiring new issues must apply and pay, in advance, a certain sum to defray expenses. The stamps will *not* be bought from any dealer, but directly in the different countries through the agents of the society whose addresses have been offered to us by the International Philatelic Society, Dresden. Consequently no dealer has any right to grumble.

The detection of frauds and counterfeits will *not* be left to the dealers. The society will have its own black list, and its experts to shield its members from swindling concerns. You have not advanced any reasons why the society should not protect itself.

It will not be required of any member of a local society to join the national organization, nor will any one have two or more votes. And it will have its own independent organ for the discussion of scientific questions, and publication of all news interesting and concerning its members; an organ which will not serve any individual or individuals to further their own personal interests; an organ managed by men to be elected by the society at large upon whom no dealer or advertiser will have any influ-

ence, as advertisements will not be required to defray its expenses. We are going to do what the European collectors have been doing for years: we are going to get our new stamps at cost price; we will exchange our duplicates at five per cent on the cost; we will shield ourselves against imposition; we will have a good, scientific stamp paper, and we will be a grand, strong, harmonious body of collectors, notwithstanding any opposition and intrigues on the part of those who profit by the ignorance and isolation from which we have been suffering all these years.

THEO. F. CUNO,

*Chairman Nat. Org. Committee.*

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We find we have been so far astray in our idea as to what the National Philatelic Society should do that we are glad to publish the views of those who have had more experience in this line, and which seem to be more generally acceptable. We have not materially modified our opinions on the subject but have concluded to waive them for the present, feeling assured that a society which is satisfactory to everybody else cannot fail to suit us too. Since it is seriously proposed to have a claim agency annex, we shall not be surprised at any suggestion which may be made, and are prepared for the worst. We hope no one will be deterred from joining, because of their dislike of this or that plan. We have an abiding faith that in some mysterious way, a good, practical, common sense organization will be evolved out of the seeming chaos.

We may be allowed to suggest, however, that the work of completing the organization should be pushed with a little more energy. Unnecessary delay will have an unfavorable effect.

### A Valuable Postage Stamp.

A treasure quite as important to the philatelic world as the famous Brattleboro' has been unearthed by Mr. Collin, this time in Virginia. It is an envelope postmarked "Baltimore," in the upper right hand corner of which there is a cancelled postage stamp, very different from our modern notions of what a stamp should be. It is a slip of white paper two inches long and a half of an inch broad, bearing the inscription: "James M. Buchanan, 5 Cents."

It is one of the very earliest of the "American locals." One specimen in the splendid collection of J. W. Scott, of Brooklyn, is the only one that has hitherto been known. Mr. Scott's specimen had been torn from the envelope before it came into his possession, and every effort to recover the envelope was fruitless, so that this "original letter-back," like the Brattleboro', is unique.

The stamp will be sent to England in a few days, but while it remains in this country it will be on exhibition at 721 Broadway, New York. There are about 350,000 stamp collectors in the United States to 250,000 in all the rest of the world, but very few of these in this country are wealthy and many are young. On the other side of the ocean philately is a "fad" of the rich, who can afford to pay high prices, and this old envelope is valued at \$400, and as much more as a collector will pay. It will be the gem of any collection in which it may be placed, and there are collections on the continent valued at \$100,000.—*N. Y. World.*

[The stamp above referred to was one of a pair in the collection of Mr. Thomas Semmes, of this city, who, during the past five years, has been almost indefat-

igable in hunting up these old relics, and some of the rarest of the old U. S. and Confederate States have passed through his hands to figure in the collections of the rich philatelists of the North and Europe. The specimen of this rare local in Mr. Semmes' collection is finer than the one he sold to Mr. Collin, and comes up to all the requirements of the most fastidious collector. It is valued at \$200, and doubtless will bring that amount if offered for sale.—*Alexandria Gazette.*]

Our correspondent who writes under the *nom de plume* of "Spero Meliora" sent his notes last month too late for insertion. He raised therein the question as to the genuineness of the large stock of Unused remainders which have recently been put into the market, such as Argentine, Alsace and Lorraine, Costa Rica (surcharges), Spain (Don Carlos) &c. We scarcely see why some of our more insignificant contemporaries should attack our leading English firms in the manner they have done, and must certainly congratulate those attacked for treating their mentors with the contempt they so undoubtedly deserve. Last month we treated fully on the question of authenticity so far as the stamps of Samoa were concerned, and, for our own part, we can see no very great offence if a dealer more wealthy than some of his fellows should happen to be fortunate enough to come to terms with any foreign government or state for the purchase of its unused remainders.—*Stamp Collectors' Journal.*

"Spero Meliora" will always be "too late for insertion" with anything that questions the genuineness of any stamps sold by the "leading English dealers," whose patronage is so valuable to our contemporary. But the child-like innocence with which the above stamps are referred to as "unused remainders" is truly refreshing. It has been shown over and over again that every one which is not a reprint is a counterfeit.

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In answer to numerous inquiries we will state that we cannot supply any more complete files of Volumes I. and II. of the GAZETTE, and only a few odd numbers of either volume. We had no idea there would be such a demand or we should have reserved many more copies than we did.

"A Sketch of the Coinage of the Mexican Revolutionary General Morelos" is the title of an interesting monograph by Lyman Haynes Low, of which three hundred copies have been reprinted from the *American Journal of Numismatics*. We are indebted to the author for a copy.

## \$35 In Prizes.

We offer the above amount in cash prizes for the best articles on philatelic subjects which may be sent us not later than the 1st of November next, to be distributed as follows: One prize of \$15.00, two prizes of \$5 00 each, and five prizes of \$2.00 each.

We reserve the right to use any articles which may not be considered as entitled to any of these prizes, but in case any such contribution is printed, the writer will receive a copy of this paper for one year.

Competition is open to philatelic writers everywhere. Articles must not contain less than 800 words. Fictitious names may be used by the writers. The cash prizes will be awarded the best eight articles and will be sent out not later than Nov. 10th.

The collectors of revenue stamps will soon be enabled to add to their collections the Oleomargarine stamps which are now in course of preparation. The design is said to be simply a bull trampling a serpent under foot in the center, while around the margin are the words "Oleomargarine" "Internal Revenue," the denomination of the stamp being indicated in the corners. There will be three varieties of stamps needed to operate the oleomargarine law—one kind for retailers, another for wholesale dealers and a third for manufacturers. These will be made of several denominations, and coupons will be attached in order to make any intermediate number required.

"The Early Coins of America," by S. S. Crosby, the most valuable work in existence on this subject, can now be had at a price which is almost nominal. See advt. on last page of cover.

An interesting controversy has been going on in the columns of the *P. J. of A.* between Mr. J. J. Casey and Mr. Henry Collin, stamp dealer, both of New York. These gentlemen have been cataloguing stamp collections for recent auction sales, and each charges the other with "over description" of certain lots in their respective catalogues with a view to deceiving bidders. Mr. Casey (who began the attack) seems to have the best of the argument so far, having pretty generally sustained his charges, while Mr. Collin dodges those of the most consequence made against himself and, we think, fails to substantiate his own. We are not sure whether this controversy originated in the interest of *teeth*, or from a spirit of *rivalry*, but at all events it is useful to collectors as showing the tricks to which dealers and cataloguers sometimes resort to get high prices from unwary purchasers.

The printers, or whoever they are, who do the surcharging of stamps, in some cases seem to understand their business pretty well, and have evidently taken a hint from some of the leading dealers, for they manage to get a good many varieties of surcharges on a single sheet, and this adds greatly to the interest of philately. This surcharging business is capable of almost infinite variation. A sheet of 100 stamps might bear as many different surcharges. The type may be made to vary as much as possible, and when the different kinds are exhausted, words could be wrongly spelled, letters misplaced or inverted, the surcharge put on horizontally, vertically or diagonally, or in any manner to make a different variety. What a study such a sheet of stamps would be to the scientific philatelist.

It is more than a year since the Corea stamps made their appearance and yet it is an open question with the best informed philatelists whether such stamps were ever authorized. The set is now increased to five, and since they find favor with collectors we may look for further additions. Quite likely they will turn out as worthless as the Samoa.

The *Philatelic Record* for July acknowledges its obligation to a correspondent for sending it some particulars concerning a stamp "of which" it says, "no description has ever yet been given." The stamp is the Millbury, Mass. Local, a full description of which was given in our issue of Feb. '85, and which was copied from the *Philatelic Monthly*. It went the rounds of all the little stamp papers which we are told never contain anything new or reliable. A year and a half afterwards our able English contemporary comes gleefully to the front with this bit of intelligence under the impression that it is new.

"Letter Sheet Envelopes" have just been issued by the Post Office Department. The new device consists of a single sheet of unruled paper, on which the space for writing measures  $9\frac{1}{4}$  by  $5\frac{1}{2}$  inches, with gummed sides and flap, and perforated lines to serve as guides in folding and opening. On the face is an ornamental design and the words "United States Letter Sheet Envelope," also a two-cent stamp bearing a portrait of General U. S. Grant, all engraved on steel and printed in green ink. The letter sheet envelopes are of one denomination only, two cents, and they are sold at \$2.30 per hundred, or at that rate for a smaller or larger quantity. For the present they are to be furnished only to a few of the larger offices.

## : Numismatic Department. :

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### Gambler's Counters.

In Siam gambling is practised on a large scale; not only is it sanctioned by the authorities, but it actually forms a source of revenue to the government.

As gambling became more and more a recognized institution the bullet-shaped small coins—*Sab'ing* and *Pi'ang*—were found inconvenient to handle; namely, the gambler squatting down on an oblong mat, at one end of which the cashier or croupier was seated in a kneeling attitude, the coin had often to be thrown to a considerable distance to reach the croupier, and it was very apt to roll off in the wrong direction. To remedy this inconvenience the owners of gambling establishments introduced special *Counters*, made of porcelain, glass, or lead, and representing various shapes, such as stars, cash, butterflies, door-tablets, etc., on which were inscribed, in Chinese characters, the name of the Hong, the value, and some favorite motto or classical quotation, and also in Siamese characters, again, the value which the counter is supposed to represent. With very few exceptions, these gambling houses are farmed by Chinese and the majority of the customers are of the same nationality.

These counters being issued under authority granted in the gambling license or concession, they rapidly became a favorite medium of exchange, and were found to fill a long felt want of small money so well, that the circulation went much beyond its legal sphere.

Such a facile field for foreigners was, however, not to be left long unexplored by the enterprising Celestials. Gradually a large quantity of imitations were thrown into circulation, and in self defence, the gambling Hongs were compelled to call in and exchange for money their counters, which they continually substituted by new ones of varied colors and shapes.

In this way originated the great variety of counters consisting, as far as I can ascertain, of about 890 different kinds. The control by the government became naturally more and more difficult, and at last in 1871, it became necessary to prohibit and stop completely all circulation of these counters. They are however still to be seen in some parts of the country.—From "*Siam Coinage*," by Joseph Haas.

**Albany.**—The two hundredth anniversary of the city of Albany was commemorated in appropriate festivities, continuing several days. Various medals (five in all, we have learned) were struck and offered for sale during the celebration. We give a description of the official medal issued under the auspices of the city:

IN COMMEMORATION OF THE TWO HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, N. Y. \*1886\* Two sheaves of wheat above, beaver gnawing at fallen tree. Shield of two parts. Crest, a sloop in full sail. Below shield, ASSIDUITY ON A BEL. G. H. LOVETT, N. Y. REV: PIETERSCHUYLER RECEIVING THE CHARTER FROM GOVERNOR DONGAN \* JULY 22 1686 \* In field, DONGAN seated at table, at his right, SCHUYLER, left, LIVINGSTON, both standing. White metal, size 32. A few were prepared in bronze, and it was stated there would be five in silver and one in gold. We are unable, however, to verify these last statements.

**Canada.**—The miniature medal of the one issued to the Canadian troops engaged in suppressing rebellion in the North-west territories of Canada, described in our issue of April last, has just come to hand. It is in silver, size 11. The issue of this copy is authorized by Her Majesty, the Queen. We congratulate our near neighbors on the accession of another gem to their already historic and varied series.

**Fenian Medal.**—Asbury Park.—Mrs E. A. Poillard was robbed yesterday of a valuable gold medal presented to her while lecturing in California. The medal is one of three cast in commemoration of the escape of Fenians from penal institutions in Australia.—*N. Y. World*, July 23d.

It seems improbable that the medals are casts. It would be gratifying to numismatists to positively learn if they are from dies.

**Martin Luther.**—METALLIC RECORDS

OF MARTIN LUTHER, by Henry Scadding, D. D., Canon of Toronto. 16pp. 8vo. Toronto, 1884. We trust to be pardoned for noticing, at this late date, a paper that was read at the celebration in Toronto, Nov. 10th, 1883, commemorating the 400th anniversary of the birth of Luther. We are frank to admit, however, that the pamphlet has just come to our notice, and we are glad to record another numismatic author on this side of the water. The author's remarks are chiefly based upon the metallic illustrations found in Christian Funcker's "Vita Mart. Lutheri et Historia Reformationis numis illustrata," published in 1699.

**Preservation of Coins.**—A subscriber asks for instructions how to preserve proof and uncirculated coins. We will state that all pieces are best protected to their original state when placed in a draw made of almost any wood except-

ing oak and cedar, the bottom to be lined with heavy unbleached cotton flannel, such as is used by neck-tie manufacturers; it has a trifle of sizing from which no harm will come. Velvet and velveteen are also used excepting black and blue; the flannel, however, is preferable. Proofs require greater care than uncirculated pieces. Some collectors keep them in the original paper they are received in from the mint, but time is sure to tarnish them. Drawers may be partitioned off and even individual spaces made for coins, but they should have ample room in order that they may be easily taken up and replaced. Coins should never be allowed to come in contact with one another.

**Steamship Oregon.**—LONDON, July 28.—The Board of Trade have awarded a silver cup to the captain, gold medals to mates Franke and Siebert and silver medals to the crews of the boats of the steamer Fulda, which assisted in the rescue of the passengers of the steamer Oregon when she was sinking off Fire Island. Gold medals have also been awarded to pilots Samson, Mitchell and Parker, and silver medals to the crew of the pilot boat Phantom and a gold medal to the captain of the schooner Fannie Gorham, which also assisted in the rescue.—*N. Y. Telegram*.

We conclude these medals are to be struck from dies.

**Trade Dollars.**—The following from the *N. Y. Evening Telegram* may be of interest to the present and future generations who peruse our columns, to learn that the trade dollar issued from 1873 to 1878 inclusive, is no longer current money but simply an article of merchandise, having bullion value only:

Buffalo, July 23.—The City Controller to-day opened bids for the purchase of 5159 silver trade dollars in the city treasury. The whole amount was awarded to James B. Colgate & Co., of Wall-street, New York, at their bid of 75.04 cents each.

**England.**—Queen Victoria will have reigned fifty years in 1887. Preparations are now being made for a new coinage which will mark the era, and present a likeness of her majesty as she appears today. We shall expect to see a large number of medals commemorating this important event.

**New Paper Money.**—Silver certificates of the denominations of ten, five, two and one dollars are now in preparation. The ten is likely to be issued first; the smaller values will follow during the fall.

### Odd Tokens.

(Continued from page 8.)

We shall be pleased to credit in future issues those of our readers who may locate any of the following:

19. Obv: A square cross.  
Rev: Two sets of parallel lines crossing at right angles. Milled borders. Copper, size 17.
20. Obv: A very large figure 2.  
Rev: Same as last. Milled borders. Copper, size 17.
21. Obv: A hippopotamus walking l. in crowned shield; within, two palm branches, stems crossed beneath.  
Rev: Blank. Copper, size 16.
22. Obv: A harp crowned.  
Rev: Fox running l.  
Copper, size 17.
23. Obv: F. B. in German text.  
Rev: Dog lying l., head erect, tail curves above his back.  
Copper, size 11.
24. Obv: Laur. head of Napoleon, in profile l.  
Rev: C'EST DU CUIVRE.  
Brass, size 16.
25. Obv: A ship in full sail r.  
Rev: Blank. Copper, size 17.  
Struck over a  $\frac{1}{2}$  stuber of Gulich and Berg.

26. Obv: Y. J. in script, within wreath.

Rev: Blank.

Lead, thick, size 9.

27. Obv: D. reversed before, and joining upright of R; above, a dot. Upright has a foot r. combining what appears to be the monogram of DLIR.

Rev: Blank. Lead, size 16.

B. F. R., Phila.—Your No. 1 is a political medallet issued in 1840 in favor of Maj. Gen. Harrison who was elected president in that year. He was inaugurated March 4, 1841, and died the month following. It rates as scarce, and a dealer would ask about 40¢ for it. The reverse represents an engagement between soldiers and Indians. No. 2 is a half dollar of 1818 over 1817. No. 3, half dollar of 1839, is first year of type with liberty seated, on half dollar. In either fine or strictly uncirculated condition neither this nor the preceding commands more than a small premium. No. 4 clearly shows by the rubbing to be a wretched alteration, probably from 1798, but the rubbing is too indistinct to determine.

The announcement made to members of the American Numismatic and Archaeological Society of N. Y. City, that the rooms of the society would be open on the evenings of each alternate Thursday, has resulted in an unexpectedly good attendance, despite the winter weather. The stay-at-homes and short journeymen seem unwilling to relinquish the pursuit of their researches in the science, while their fellow members, sojourning in the rural districts, true to their calling, are ransacking bureaus and closets in the old homesteads.



The collections of Mr. H. Allen Tenney of New York, and Mr. Wilmot D. Porter of Charleston, S. C., are to be sold at auction by Messrs. Bangs & Co., N. Y. on the 20th of Sept. The catalogue, prepared by Mr. Lyman H. Low, is now ready for distribution. This is Mr. Low's thirteenth sale. Dealers have forwarded to their European correspondents an early edition supplied for the purpose.

Two more fraudulent 1804 dollars have made their appearance since our last issue. This time Indianapolis was afflicted and an Iowa banker. The latter forwarded his specimen to a prominent New York bank, who, in turn, submitted it to a New York coin dealer. It may be said that the specimens which have been so shrewdly placed on the market during the past few months, are the most skillful and dangerous alterations that have ever been executed. An artist of the first order has been employed, and to detect his spurious productions, the experience of bankers and money-changers is insufficient, it requires a numismatist who thoroughly understands the obverse and reverse of the dollars of each year and who has given special attention to this particular branch of imposition.

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The present coinage of Siam is superior to anything of the kind yet produced in that country. This marked progress, however, is principally due to the dies having been made in London. With the silver coin the obverse bears the portrait of the young king, the reverse the Siamese Arms, and for the first time we see a Siamese coin with an inscription and a properly milled border.

For general use, minting is at present confined to silver and copper coins; of the former there are pieces of the value of 1 Tical, 1 Salu'ng, and 1 Fu'ang; of copper coins: pieces of 4, 2, 1, and  $\frac{1}{2}$  At.

Gold is only coined for the King, who on great state occasions, such as cremation-ceremonies, coronations, etc., distributes gold coins together with silver coins of 4 and 2 Tical, 2 Salu'ng, Song-pei, Pei and At;—the former are therefore rare and highly prized by the people. In other respects the gold coin does not differ from that of silver or copper; it bears the same stamp and is named from its weight. The value of coined gold is fixed at 16 times its weight in silver.

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who, judging from his manner of collecting, evidently finds little pleasure in it, and who will, after a short period of aimless effort with unsatisfactory results, relinquish it altogether. I am speaking of those who engage in collecting for its own sake, who have a proper idea of what it involves, who have a clearly defined object in view and who proceed in a sensible and methodical manner to attain it. To these, philately is a diversion which opens up a large field for the exercise of certain mental traits which are not equally developed in everybody and which especially qualify them for the work.

I think it a mistake to urge young people indiscriminately to take up stamp collecting, and that it does the cause more harm than good to have persons commence who are not adapted to it and whose ludicrous efforts at making collections only tend to make philately ridiculous in the eyes of those who know nothing about it.

I do not mean that their ambition to become philatelists should be restrained in the least, for though collecting may not prove to be what they fancied it, it will do them no harm, and they will benefit the dealers who have already made their profit on thousands of embryo collections all over the land which are now laid peacefully to rest, and while much the greater portion of those who enter the ranks will sooner or later drop out, there will remain a few who will find the pursuit congenial and become, in time, thoroughly versed philat-

elists, and as such they will find no occasion for giving reasons to anybody for devoting a portion of their leisure time and spare cash to the gratification of a natural propensity which every thorough collector must have.

Every one will concede that stamp collecting at least does no harm, and that being admitted, it is unnecessary to show that it does any good. It is sufficient for the collector to know that it interests and amuses him and that is all the endorsement it needs. F. C.H.

What a pity it is that some of the young men who feel it their duty to help along the cause of philately by publishing a stamp paper for a few months, cannot go out of the business in a little more courteous and honorable manner. The *Collector's Companion*, for instance considered it the proper thing to pass out of existence without any previous notice, or, so far as we know, any settlement with those of its subscribers with whom its contracts were unfulfilled. Failing to get the paper in exchange for our own, we sent in our subscription the first of the year and received one number. A very respectable dealer in New York City complains that he too subscribed but can get neither the paper nor the money, nor can he get any response from the publisher to his inquiries. Is it any wonder that collectors lose all confidence in the reliability of those engaged in publishing papers of this kind, and refuse to become possible victims to such contemptible swindles?

While it is very desirable that the literary standard of our stamp journals should be elevated as much as possible, we feel sure that philately would not be the loser if there was a slight improvement in the moral tone of some of the publishers.

### The Korean Stamps.

Dr. Geo. W. Massamore, 415 Madison Ave., Baltimore, Md. writes us in regard to the above stamps as follows:

"I notice your comments in the August number of the STAMP AND COIN GAZETTE in reference to the stamps of Corea, viz: 'It is an open question with the best informed philatelists whether such stamps were ever authorized.' My information on that point precludes the possibility of a doubt in my mind but that the 5 and 10 mon stamps were issued by the Korean government. The three additional stamps now offered for sale, I know nothing about. That nineteen out of twenty of the 5 and 10 mon are counterfeits or reprints, is most likely true. It is well known that the Post Office, the Mint and other public buildings with all their contents, were destroyed during the great conflagration at the Capital of Corea several years ago. The Korean authorities had just begun issuing the 5 and 10 mon stamps, and very few had got out when the fire occurred. Lieut. Mintzer of the U. S. N. arrived at Chemolpo (a trading post on the coast) some time after the fire, and remaining there for six months, visited the capital frequently, and after diligently searching the city for stamps he succeeded in finding a merchant who had a sheet of the 10 mon stamps which Lt. M. bought from him, but was unable to secure any of the 5 mon, but was informed that such a stamp was issued. Lt. Mintzer has been in the U. S. Navy for twenty-five years, and is a gentleman of high character and intelligence and his word in regard to the Corea stamps is evidence sufficient for all. He is now on the retired list and lives in Baltimore.

### Notes on the Convention and Organization of The American Philatelic Association.

New York, Sept. 14, 1886.

The Convention assembled at 2 P. M. at 61 east 4th St. All the members of the committee on organization were present except Mr. Whilden. Mr. Cuno presided and read the ballots as they were handed him by Mr. Henderson, while the votes were recorded by Messrs. Bradt and Mekeel. The attendance was less than was expected, the New York philatelists being apparently unaware that so important a meeting was in progress, though brief notices to that effect were to be found in all the leading N. Y. dailies of the 10th and 11th inst. Quite a number of our philatelic journals were represented by more or less energetic reporters, and there were three reporters for the Associated Press.

The committee decided that if less than one hundred votes were cast for any office that office or position would not be recognized or considered filled, and further, that the officers now to be elected were permanent and should serve until the next election under the constitution. Mr. Durbin sent word by Mr. Henderson that he could not accept the office of President under any circumstances, but would do all he could to aid the association. This action left a doubt in the minds of many whether he would act as treasurer to which office he was subsequently elected.

At 6 P. M. the committee announced the following as the result of the vote :

President, Jno. K Tiffany,	127
“ L. W. Durbin,	43
“ R. R. Bogert,	35
Vice Pres't, R. R. Bogert,	105
“ E. B. Sterling,	20
“ T. F. Cuno,	10
Secretary, S. B. Bradt,	137
“ T. F. Cuno,	47
“ C. H. Mekeel,	10

Treasurer, L. W. Durbin,	100
“ W. G. Whilden,	48
“ R. R. Bogert,	25
Internat. Sec'y, Jos. Rechert,	58
Supt. Exch. W. H. Mitchell,	101
“ W. G. Whilden,	7
“ W. A. Warner,	13
Count't Det'r, J. M. Chute,	71
“ R. R. Bogert,	24
Librarian, J. K. Tiffany,	53
“ J. M. Hubbard,	21
“ R. R. Shuman,	14
Official Editor, J. M. Chute,	46
“ T. F. Cuno,	34
“ — — Abbott,	17

For each of the above offices there were a number of scattering votes which I made no effort to obtain. The committee adjourned at 6.30 P. M. to meet after adjournment of the New York Society, which was at 8.45 P. M.

After a brief address of welcome by Mr. Cuno on accepting the chairmanship of the convention, Mr. Mekeel was elected secretary and Messrs. Bogert and Isenstein were appointed a committee on credentials. On motion of your correspondent the constitution of the Association was next taken up. After a lively debate it was decided to call the new society the “American Philatelic Association,” those favoring “philatelic” slightly outnumbering those who preferred “philatelic.” Vigorous objection was made to a clause in the preamble which read “and the procurement of stamps at cost prices.” It was argued that this clause should remain, as many had and would become members for this purpose only. This was met with the rejoinder that it was contrary to the general idea of philatelists throughout the country to head the constitution with anything having so mercantile a flavor. The clause was stricken out. “The American Philatelist” is to be the name of the journal to be created and supported by the association; the editor to be selected by the Board of Officers who are to be elected biennially by the members not under 17 years of age and in good standing. While discussing the

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## Notes.

**Alsace and Lorraine.**—In the opinion of some of those who ought to know, the stamps known by this name were not used in the provinces of Alsace and Lorraine, but in those parts of France occupied temporarily by the German army in 1870-71. After the fall of Metz and Strasbourg, it was well understood that whatever other concessions might be demanded of the French by their conquerors, these provinces should thenceforward form a part of the German empire, and it is quite probable that with this in view the stamps of the No. German Confederation were at once put in use in the captured territory. There is nothing about them to identify them with the provinces from which they take their name and they partake more of the character of a provisional stamp, as we understand the term, than anything else. They are type set stamps printed on a background of network which is sometimes inverted. In the regular type the points in the net are up and in the others down.

The most of these stamps sold by European dealers are imitations (not reprints) made for "the trade" a year or two since by the German P. O. Dept. The genuine originals are of great interest as commemorating an important event, but unlike others they do not tell their story on their face.

**Bogus Stamps.**—It is gratifying to note that there has been a pretty general withdrawal of certain bogus stamps which have been receiving attention from the philatelic press, showing a disposition in the dealers to act in harmony with what seems to be the prevailing sentiment among collectors. Dealers may be, and no doubt often are, themselves deceived in regard to stamps which somehow find their way into the market, but when they learn the facts they do not defy philatelic sentiment by continuing to sell them. Even such a pachydermatous curmudgeon as Stanley Gibbons has been obliged to yield to the clamor of the stamp papers and in his later price-lists marks certain stamps

"reprints" which he formerly insisted were genuine originals.

**Grenada.**—In an article in the *P. J. of A.* on the stamps of Grenada, it is stated that "In the spring of 1860, the finely engraved set with the head of the Queen in oval, 'Grenada' above, 'Postage' below, appeared." Not being "advanced collectors" we shall not presume to say the writer is in error, but that we were not aware of the existence of such a stamp.

**Lubeck Errors.**—There is so much to be learned in philately that collectors who have not given much attention to the careful study of stamps are easily deceived, and sometimes they discover frauds which do not exist. Most collectors are aware of the error which was made in printing the 2 sch. brown, of the first issue of Lubeck, where on some of the stamps on each sheet, the words "ZWEI EIN HALB" (two and a half) were printed on the scroll surrounding the arms, instead of "ZWEI," while the correct numeral, 2, was in each corner. There is, however, another error which consists in the 2½ sch. rose, being printed in brown, and it was the latter that a collector of our acquaintance recently met with and which he supposed was a clear case of forgery.

**Secret Marks.**—A writer in the *E. S. P.* points out what he believes to be the engraver's secret marks on the first two issues of the stamps of Peru. He may have discovered them, and he may not. Nothing but the testimony of the engraver of the plates will settle the question. Well versed philatelists are not willing to admit that such marks exist at all. The plates were very poorly engraved, and that which a fertile imagination may conceive to be secret marks may only be defective workmanship. Some of those mentioned are so obvious that he would be a stupid forger who would overlook them. But whether they are there or not we advise our readers to look for them, and if they do not find them they will at least become better acquainted with the stamps themselves.

**Confederate States.**—The “TEN CENTS” blue, issue of 1863, is not very rare yet it has been thought worth while to counterfeit it, and according to the *Briefmarken Journal* which gives a description of the forged stamp, the work has been fairly well done.

In the genuine, the ground of the oval in which is the head of Davis, consists of fine vertical lines which in the upper half are very distinct, while in the counterfeit they are hardly visible. In the latter the hair bends over the forehead like a helmet, but in the genuine the hair and forehead are almost in a straight line. The etching of the hair in the genuine is very good while in the counterfeit the lines are too straight and simple, and above the indistinct ear much too thick. The inscriptions on the sides of the genuine stamp are rather heavy and allow only a small part of the white back-ground to be seen; in the other the letters are thinner and the white underground around and between them is quite prominent. The arabesque, or ornament, below the value in the genuine is distinct and forms an abrupt ending to the stamp; in the counterfeit it is indistinct, pale, and almost without shading.

Most of the specimens are unused, and the indications are that they have been manufactured in Dresden.

**More Forgeries.**—A correspondent of the *Philatelic Record* calls attention to the large number of Roumelian stamps surcharged with “Lion,” all forgeries, with which the market is flooded. He also states that a small dealer who appears to have been formerly employed in some chemical works in Paris, is now turning his knowledge so acquired to account by doctoring the 1 franc, carmine, of 1848, so as to make it orange vermilion. The process seems to abstract the size from the paper, for if the doctored stamp is wetted, it absorbs the water like blotting paper.

Another correspondent (a dealer) says he lately received a large parcel of Azores and Madeira stamps from another dealer, who himself appears to have been victimized. The surcharges on the

whole, on examination, proved to be false, and to have been affixed in water color on ordinary Portuguese stamps. Among the lot was a Madeira 25 rose, imperforate, and an Azores with inverted surcharge, so that the fabricators were desirous of being agreeable to all classes of amateurs.

**Exchanging Stamps.**—Every little while someone writes us complaining of having been cheated by some swindler with whom he was exchanging stamps. The latest case is that of J. W. Witty, Box 706, Sherbrooke, Can., who writes that in making exchanges with one J. H. Miller, 82 S. 7th St., Columbus, O., the latter imposed on him a lot of counterfeits of rare stamps at the catalogue prices of genuine ones, and has refused to explain or to redeem them. Some of the stamps in question were enclosed to us and they speak for themselves. Mr. Witty has lost a large sum in this transaction and he is anxious to have others warned. There should be no necessity for cautioning collectors against trusting valuable stamps in the hands of strangers without any knowledge of their character for honesty. Ordinary prudence should suggest the precautions to be observed. It is always better to go to the trouble of making inquiry concerning parties with whom it is proposed to exchange anything of value.

**Official Seals.**—We have been greatly surprised to find in a leading philatelic paper illustrations of the official seals with which postmasters close letters which have been opened by mistake. These labels have not the remotest connection with philately, and have no more business in a stamp collection than a postmaster's receipt for box rent. We feel sure the publishers of the paper referred to would ridicule the idea of placing such things in their collections. By illustrating and cataloguing them, young people are led to think they are proper objects to collect. If we are going to take in everything with gum on its back we shall have to look up a new name for our hobby.

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The "Chronicle" and "Exchange Notices" have been crowded out this month but both will receive attention in our next issue.

Philatelists have reason to congratulate themselves on the successful organization of "The National Philatelic Association" which was accomplished last week. No better selection of officers could have been made, and their names will tend greatly to inspire confidence among collectors that the affairs of the Association will be managed in a way which will be businesslike and satisfactory to all concerned. The Constitution and By-Laws, so far as we have been able to learn will, no doubt, be generally approved. We hope to print them in full in our next issue.

### \$35,00 In Prizes.

We offer the above amount in cash prizes for the best articles on philatelic subjects which may be sent us not later than the 1st of November next, to be distributed as follows: One prize of \$15.00, two prizes of \$5.00 each, and five prizes of \$2.00 each.

We reserve the right to use any articles which may not be considered as entitled to any of these prizes, but in case any such contribution is printed, the writer will receive a copy of this paper for one year.

Competition is open to philatelic writers everywhere. Articles must not contain less than 800 words. Fictitious names may be used by the writers. The cash prizes will be awarded the best eight articles and will be sent out not later than Nov. 10th.

The *Stamp World* came bobbing up serenely, the other day after a disappearance of a few months. Mr. Mills, we regret to say, has withdrawn as publisher, but we have no doubt his successor, Mr. Collins, will keep it up to its old standard.

The season is now at hand when the interest in making collections is usually revived, due in part to the absence of the usual summer attractions and diversions, and in part to the re-opening of the schools. We are prompted to say that now is the time to send for the approval sheets which the dealers everywhere are calling attention to. There can be no risk on the part of the collector in taking advantage of these offers. The more stamps he has to select from the better, and a comparison of the prices of the different dealers enables him to see who sells the cheapest. It should not be forgotten, however, that it is a serious annoyance to the dealer to keep his stamps beyond the usual time, and it is a still more serious matter to him if they are not returned at all.



### The National Philatelic Association.

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third article of the constitution, Mr. Cuno severely arraigned Mr. Mekeel for having done his best, first, to disregard the plans of the New York and other societies, and then, when compelled to recognize them, he did what he could to delay and thwart them. Mr. Mekeel replied by referring to his actions which he said clearly showed that he favored a national organization and had labored to create a feeling in its favor.

After settling the first two articles and six sections of the third, the convention adjourned until 9 A. M. Tuesday.

A long debate occurred in regard to the age which should entitle a member to a vote or proxy. Bradt and Cuno said if the limit were less than 21 the tone of the society would be lowered. Bogert and Mekeel said that many collectors of 14 were better qualified for membership than some of 25, and if the young collector could not enjoy all the privileges he would not join. Mr. Davison and your correspondent suggested that if, as proposed, the annual dues be \$2.00, few collectors would take enough interest in it to join. It was finally agreed that officers must be at least 21 years of age while all below that age entitled to membership might vote or send proxies though not eligible for office.

Mr. Mekeel had a stenographer taking complete notes of the proceedings for his journal. He shrewdly introduced and had passed a resolution that the association pay half the bill; the stenographer to give four copies of the constitution and by-laws.

Ninety-two persons were represented by proxy at Monday night's session; only five votes being rejected because of unsatisfactory credentials.

Mr. Collin probably expressed the general opinion among dealers when he said, in response to your correspondent's inquiries, that the fall trade will be brisk, the convention giving it a certain impetus.

The first meeting of the Association was held at 12.26 P. M. with Mr. Bogert in the chair, Mr. Tiffany being absent. The officers elected were installed, and the constitution framed by the convention was adopted subject to revision by a committee consisting of Messrs. Cuno, Bradt and Miller.

Mr. Bogert introduced a resolution to the effect that the Association looks with disfavor upon the indiscriminate collecting of other than government reprints; it was adopted.

The duties of Supt. of Exchange as defined at length in the By-Laws are arduous and complicated, moreover he receives no remuneration, except the first choice of all new stamps.

The editor of the *American Philatelist* will receive \$10.00 per month. This was decided upon only after a long discussion, some thinking it might as well be \$15, others contending that \$120 per annum was enough at present.

By a vote of 76 to 61 it was decided to hold the next convention in Chicago, the minority favoring Philadelphia, and August next was fixed as the time. The yearly dues being settled at two dollars, a number of those present promptly paid the amount as soon as it was announced. Much to my surprise, Mr. Mekeel was not present at the meeting on Tuesday evening, he having handed over his proxies to Mr. Bogert. Mr. Sterling, in response to repeated calls, made a graceful and witty speech, and then, on motion of Mr. Calman the Association adjourned.

CHAUNCEY S. S. MILLER.

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## FOREIGN COPPER COINS.

BY FRANK W. DOUGHTY.

### Mediæval Copper Coins.—IX.

Continuing our survey of the copper issues of the mediæval period, last treated of in No. 22 of the second volume of the GAZETTE, we have an issue of John I., of Portugal, 1383—1433, a rare and interesting coin.

Obv. IHVS . DEI . GRA . REX . The letter Y crowned between I. B. Rev., -|- ADIVTORIVM NOST. Five shields in form of a cross.

The kingdom of Naples was one of the earliest Italian states to issue copper money. In our own collection we find the following :

Obv. KAROLVS : DEI : GRA : RX. Three bands which are joined in the centre by a rosette. Rev., -|- CRVX : PELLIT : DE : CRI : Cross within a double circle of four lobes. This is an issue of Charles III. de Durazzo, king of Hungary and Naples, 1382—1386. It is one of the rarest coins of the Neapolitan series.

We have also an interesting coin of Brabant, struck during the reign of John II., the Peaceful, 1294—1312.

Obv. Border of twelve lillies, each within a double lobe. Shield of four lions (arms of Brabant and Limburg). Rev., -|-BRABANTIE DVX surrounding a cross. Exterior legend : -|-BORNEH : DOMINI : NOSTRI : SIT : BEHEDICTO .

One of the earliest copper coins of France is an issue of the bishopric of St Omer.

Obv. MO(neta) ECC(lesiæ) SANCTI AVS MATRI. Three trees within a shield. Rev., F. II. 1526 PRESENTIVS DANIVS.

Scotland struck copper coins more than one hundred years before England. In our collection we find two of these pieces, which we will describe.

Obv., -|- IACOBVS DEI GRA REX SCOT. Bust, full face, crowned. Rev., VIII. DE EDINBURG cross cutting the legend with two crowns and two lillies in the angles. Issue of James II., 1438—1460.

Obv., IACOBVS \* DEI GRATIA \* REX SCOTTORVM, Shield bearing a lion facing left, surrounded by one small and two large crowns within a circle of four lobes. Rev., -|- VILLA \* DE EDINBURGH. Flowering cross cutting the legend. Four crowns in the angles. Issue of James III., 1460—1488. This interesting piece was called a *Plack*. It was not of pure copper, but of a composition known as billon.

The ducal houses of France issued, during the middle ages, large numbers of brass tokens supposed to be redeemable by themselves, which circulated as money within the limits of their own domains. They were called *jetons* and *mercure* and as a rule bore religious inscriptions and the cross. Following this custom came also the abbey with a host of similar pieces used partly as money and partly for the purpose of aiding in the calculation of the revenue by a system of units and tens, very similar to the balls strung on wire used to-day by the Chinese. The *Comptours* or public counters, also had their *jetons*. These were persons who made a regular business of arithmetical calculation. They sat at the street corners and counted for those who could not count for themselves. Their tokens usually bear upon the obverse the representa-

sion of a *Comptoir*, seated at his table, upon which lies a book and a number of the counters with which he performs his work. The reverses have, as a rule, the letters of the alphabet within a square.

The prices charged by dealers for mediæval copper coins are, as a rule, exceedingly low. It would be difficult, in this country, to form a large collection of these interesting coins, but for a very moderate expenditure a respectable cabinet could be gathered together in time, which would be second in interest to no other line from an historic point of view.

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**The 1804 Dollar Again.**—The philatelist has been severely inflicted with remarks upon the Samoan stamps during the past few months, and the numismatist has been confronted with observations on the 1804 dollar. The latter, however, is a more serious matter, as the change of this noted piece of money from one ownership to another involves an outlay of several hundred dollars in each instance, and so successfully have they been imitated, that we feel it a duty to record its progress. The last specimen was found in August in the stock of a wellknown and reliable European dealer who offered it to a New York collector sojourning abroad. The gentleman cabled to his New York dealer, giving the price and asking if purchase could be advised. A reply was sent to obtain on approval, or purchase under an absolute guarantee. Upon the latter terms it was brought here. The foreign dealer expressed his utmost confidence of its genuineness, that he knew a struck coin, and his opinion would not be shaken by any one to whom it might be submitted, yet he would yield to the ultimatum of his

purchaser, should he decide to return it, and refund his money. The piece proved to be an alteration. The last figure in the original date (1803) had been artistically removed and a clean cut, faultless 4 was inserted in its place. No finer piece of workmanship in this line was ever produced. We shall expect to hear of others in Europe, and that dealers in good repute may continue to be taken in.

**Numismatic Periodicals.**—The London *Numismatic Chronicle*, III Series, No. 22, is received. The following are the contents: "L'Ere de Tyr," By J. B. Six. "The debased coinage bearing the name of Henry VIII." By John Evans, P. S. A. "Recent hoards of coins" By G. A. Grueber. Notices of recent numismatic publications, Miscellanea, Plate of coins of Henry VIII. and Edward IV.

*The American Numismatic Journal* is now in its twentieth year, and we think American numismatists are to be congratulated on having a periodical so firmly established and ably conducted. There is no branch of the science which has not been represented and discussed at length in its columns. Illustrations are frequent from the beginning, while there are in several instances, full plate pages, engraved and heliotype. Its contributors have been many, embracing eminent writers abroad as well as the most learned on the subject from the ranks of our own collectors. 113 numbers have been issued, and a complete file of them is now valuable and difficult to obtain.

**Brasher's Doubloon.**—Another specimen of Brasher's New York Doubloon has come to light. They may be termed the rarest of American coins that were issued prior to the establishment

of the United States mint. The National cabinet at the mint in Philadelphia, Mr. Stickney, of Salem, Mass., Mr. Parmlee of Boston and Mr. Garrett of Baltimore possessed the only specimens known to the numismatic world until the 8th of the present month, when Mr. Lyman H. Low of New York secured another of these gold pieces from an old Maryland family, with whom it has had a quiet resting place for upwards of eighty years.

**Coin Sale.**—Messrs. G. A. Leavitt & Co., N. Y., sold on the 10th inst. the collections of coins and medals belonging to Messrs. G. E. Taylor, Pendleton, S. C.; J. L. W. Huntington, Norwich, Conn., and Henry Metzger of New York city. 500 lots. Catalogue by E. Frossard. —Messrs. Proskey, Sampson, Chapman, Frossard and Low are each preparing manuscripts for sales to take place this fall. The latter has a very important American collection to offer; the date is fixed in November.

As the season for recreation is drawing to a close, we find collectors returning to their homes and taking up their accustomed routine. As a rule they have secured additions for their cabinets, and generally such specimens as are not commonly met with in the usual coin channels. These are notably rare or fine Colonials and early United States cents in good condition. They find a pleasure in comparing notes with their fellow numismatists.

C. A. C., Halifax.—Your first piece tells you as plainly as possible what it is—TOKEN MONTREAL. It belongs to a series of sous privately issued in Montreal about 1837, of which there are in types and varieties upwards of forty. The piece is common and worth but a few cents. It may be found described by McL., lxxvii and Le Roux, 179. Your second is also a token, struck in England; it however found a circulation in Canada. There are several varieties of the type and all rate as common. See Le Roux, No. 205.

We are anxiously looking for the next volumes of Cohen, and the British Museum Catalogue of Greek coins. More than the usual time has elapsed which has intervened between the issues of previous volumes. Of the former we now have five and the latter eight.

### Odd Tokens.

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28. Obv. A fleur de lis and D | ACT | 1804.  
Rev. Incuse. Copper, size 17½.
29. Obv. D N within small circle, a second circle near edge, both in low relief.  
Rev. Blank. Copper, size 14.
30. Obv. E above wool pack (?) below, 1691; broad irregular milling around border.  
Rev. Blank. Copper, size 15.
31. Obv. A very large 4.  
Rev. ½ Borders have small seal top circle. Copper, size 16.
32. Rev. I \* H  
Rev. A crest, with two lion's claws holding crescent. Copper, size 15.

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the other, "One Cent" above and "Perak" below, in vertical block letters. The 4c. brown is also surcharged "2 cents—Perak" in two vertical lines.

**Reunion Island.**—An error is reported in the surcharge 25c. on 40c.—"52" instead of "25."

**Salvador.**—Has ordered, in New York, 500,000 each of the following stamps: 3c., brown, and 10c., yellow.

**United States.**—The new envelope schedule which went into effect Oct. 1st differs radically from the former. There are 66 varieties in all, 41 of which are 2c. envelopes; 1c. 2c. 4c. and 5c. are the only denominations represented. There are several new sizes, viz: 130x80mm., 130x104mm., 117x89mm. and 171x95mm. The dies are, we believe the same. It has thus far been impossible to procure any of them, most of the post-offices having a stock of the old style on hand which they will sell before laying in a supply of the new ones.

**U. S. of Colombia.**—The 5 and 10 pesos come in brown on white, perf. The 10 pesos is also said to have been issued in black on pink.

**Victoria.**—The  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and 1d. bands and the 1d. card chronicled in August are as follows:  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. band, lilac stamp, head of Queen in circle in oblong frame, "Victoria" above and value below and at the sides; 1d. band, green stamp, Queen's head in frame, curved above, value below. The 1d. card has a similar stamp.

A rather pretty set of local stamps has lately been issued by the town of Arendal in Norway. They are of the values of 2, 5, 7 and 10 ore. Those who prefer stamps that are showy should procure these.



**Philatelic Societies.**

The Chicago Stamp Collectors Union, having disbanded, a number of the members met together and proceeded to organize a new society. There was no difficulty in doing this as a Constitution and By-Laws had previously been prepared. After their adoption the new "Chicago Philatelic Society" proceeded to the election of officers which resulted as follows:

S. B. Bradt, Pres't.,  
M. P. Woelsifer, Vice Pres't.,  
C. R. Gadsden, Secy.  
T. J. Mitchell, Treas.  
W. H. Shelton, Librarian.

At a meeting of the Philatelic Association of Mt. Gilead, O., the following officers were elected for one year:

F. B. McMillan, Pres.  
H. B. McMillan, Secy.  
S. W. Eagleson, Treas.  
E. T. Pollock, Stamp Agent.  
M. B. Cohn, Director.

We had intended printing in this issue the constitution of the American Philatelic Association but find we have not the room. We will state, however, for the information of those who may wish to join that the membership fee is 25c. and the annual dues \$2.00, each member being entitled to a copy, free, of the *American Philatelist*, the Society's proposed organ. Applications for membership and remittances of dues should be made to the Secretary, S. B. Bradt, Grand Crossing, Ill. If there are as many stamp collectors in this country as is claimed, there is no reason why the membership should not be run up to a figure which would cause a feeling of pride in all philatelists.

No readers enjoy a long list of new issues, a review of the latest publications, or even an article headed "The Stamps of Mexico," simply for the reason that you don't want to know anything about the stamps of Mexico that

you have not got, and as soon as you have them you know all there is to know about them.—*Stamp World*.

We must confess this rather staggers us, coming as it does from the oldest stamp journal in the country. If stamp collectors are such ninnies as these remarks would imply, they are a sorry lot and we cannot see why Bro. Collins is anxious to get up a good journal for people who have no use for it and do not wish to learn anything from it. A price list is all that is necessary.

**Notices of Exchange.**

W. B. Symmers, Box 317, Atlanta, Ga. 50 varieties of stamps for each of Nos. 3, 4, 7 and 8 of "Keystone Philatelic Gazette" and Nos. 10, 11 and 14 of this paper, or cash or philatelic papers for the same.

E. W. Vouie, Room 26, 200 La Salle St., Chicago, Ill. Fine foreign stamps for volume I. and No. 14 of volume II. of this paper. State what you have and what you want in exchange. Correspondence desired.

A. F. Law, Carbondale, Pa. Will give 10c. cash or 15c. in exchange for each of Nos. 3, 5, 6, 7 and 11 of vol. I. of this paper.

M. A. Mac Donald, Eldon, P. E. I. Canada. Provincial coins, silver and copper, for the same from the U. S. Samples of papers and dealers price-lists wanted.

E. M. O'Donnell, 602 Vanderbilt Av. Brooklyn, N. Y. File of this paper, No. 8 to 27 incl. and subscription until next April, other philatelic papers and V nickels without cents to exchange for stamps or coins.

J. H. Goodby, Jr., Saginaw, Mich. A Roman coin over 1400 years old for every 5 different dates of old U. S. copper cents and half cents in good condition.

Jno. M. Hubbard, Lake Village, N. H. A new "Ideal" stamp album for 100 match, medicine or document stamps.

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## NOTES.

**Austria.**—The first surcharge of an Austrian postage stamp has recently been recorded. The 3 soldi, green, of the series for use in Austrian Italy and Austrian offices in the Levant, has been surcharged "10 PARAS 10" in black, to be used in franking newspapers mailed through the Austrian branch office in Constantinople. This surcharge was made necessary by the fact that the smallest Turkish coin is five paras, and as the 3 soldi stamp (the one used in franking newspapers) was equal in value to 12 paras the purchasers, not being able to make the exact change, were obliged to pay 15 paras. Similar surcharges for like reasons have been made on the stamps of Great Britain, France and Germany for use in the branch offices of these countries in Constantinople.

**Antioquia.**—Six of the nine states which form the U. S. of Colombia have issued postage stamps. These, it seems, are only used within the limits of the respective states, and interstate and international correspondence requires to be franked with stamps issued by the central government. The reasons for this duplex postal system we have not yet learned and cannot now conjecture. The new series of eight values recently issued by Antioquia are all of the same type and the only thing about them to identify them with the Confederation is the coat of arms—the usual inscription relative to the U. S. of Colombia being omitted. They are lithographed in colors on colored paper and the execution is rather ordinary. We learn from the *Briefmarken Journal* that through an error each sheet of the 10c. stamps contains one 50c. and the latter

is therefore *rose* instead of brown-orange which is the proper color. After a quantity of the sheets were issued the error was discovered and the intruder was cut out by the postal authorities. Collectors should be on the lookout for the 50c. rose.

**France.**—Among the stamps that were surcharged some months since for Reunion, were two issues of the Empire the 30c. 1868, Napoleon, and the 40c. 1866, eagle. One can hardly imagine why these stamps, which must always recall the hated empire, should be continued in use by the republican government, even in the colonies. It can hardly be possible that they are still being printed, and the wonder is that the remainders were not long since destroyed or sold to some enterprising dealer. Those who collect the various surcharges will do well to note the fact that just prior to the announcement of those above referred to, a swindler in Paris surcharged the 2, 4 and 20 centimes, French Colonies, 1881, with the words and values in two lines, perpendicularly, "LA REUNION" and "5c." on the first two and "25 c." on the last one. This false surcharge was duly chronicled in good faith in the best philatelic papers, and not for several months was the fraud discovered. So difficult is it to get at the facts in regard to many of these surcharges that the cautious collector will be in no haste to place them in his collection until he is satisfied of their authenticity. In this connection one cannot help thinking of those collectors who go on gathering stamps without the aid of the light, even though it be feeble, which our best philatelic papers afford. They have the advantage, however, of not knowing when they are swindled, and he who is robbed and don't know it isn't robbed at all.

**Persia.**—We omitted noting at the proper time that the following stamps were recently surcharged "officiel" with a new value, viz: 6 shahi on 5 shahi green and dark green, type of 1881; 12 shahi on 50c. black, 1882; 18sh. on 10s. black, buff and red, 1882; 18sh. on 50c. black and orange, 1881, and 1 toman on 5 francs black and red. The surcharge "officiel" is horizontal and in the case of the first mentioned is also diagonal, and it is said that it does not imply that the stamps are for international use but that the new value was officially applied. The 5 and 10 francs which are frequently met with cancelled while the gum on the backs is undisturbed, may give rise to the suspicion that there is something wrong about them. The stamps are all right but have been cancelled by the authorities from whom they were obtained at a nominal price, and are sold to collectors much below their face value. These stamps are part of a series which was issued in 1882 after Persia had entered the Postal Union, the currency having been changed to francs and centimes, but as this system of money caused much inconvenience there was a return to the shahi currency. Specimens of the 5 and 10 francs which have passed through the mails are, we should judge, exceedingly scarce, as we know of no dealer who offers them for sale. It is probable that on account of reverting to the old currency the stamps were little used except with the surcharge.

**Investigation.**—Nothing, to our mind, helps the young collector so much to a thorough acquaintance with the objects of his attention as the habit of carefully testing any statements concerning them he may meet, by comparing them with what has been said on the

same subject by others. Errors, through ignorance or carelessness, are frequent, and it is only by careful scrutiny that we get nearest to the truth. Let nothing be accepted as a fact without an effort to confirm or deny it whenever the means for doing so are available. Such investigations are a source of pleasure to the true collector as well as of growing interest in his hobby.

### Number of Stamp Collectors.

—We frequently meet with estimates, made by philatelic writers, of the number of persons in this country who collect stamps, which range anywhere from 200,000 to 350,000. No data are given on which these figures are based, and their conclusions are evidently pure guesswork. It is quite a common failing with those belonging to a party or class to make extravagant statements of the number of their associates, and philatelists are clearly no exception to the rule. While we have no definite grounds on which to base an opinion as to the real number of stamp collectors, we have good reason to believe that the lowest figures given above are too high. It is true that in making an estimate, much depends on what constitutes a collector, that is, the degree of energy he displays in the work and the amount of annual additions to his collection. We do not see how any one can be called a stamp collector who does not add at least five dollars' worth to his collection each year. Most of those we know very much exceed this amount, but assuming the average to be the sum named, it would indicate a *retail* stamp business in this country of one million dollars. Is it to be believed that the stamp traffic, exclusive of wholesale transactions, reaches this large figure? If it does, the profits which must accrue from it are well worthy of consideration, and knowing the number of regular dealers our readers can draw their own conclusions as to whether the business is a paying one. But our impression is there are not nearly so many collectors nor such a large volume of business.

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Mr. Lyman H. Low, 853 Broadway, New York, will receive Subscriptions and Advertisements for this paper.

OCTOBER, 1886.

Owing to the increase in his business which now occupies all his time, Mr. Lyman H. Low has informed us that he will be unable, after the close of this year, to further continue in charge of the numismatic department of the GAZETTE. We shall be obliged to discontinue the same after the December issue, and this paper will thereafter be given up exclusively to Philately. With the expiration of this year Mr. Low will have had, for two full years, practical control of that portion of our paper, and much of our success is due to the excellent manner in which he has performed his part, while our relations have been of the most pleasant character.

All who have subscribed for the GAZETTE on account of the numismatic department, and who will so advise us by postal card, will have the amount of their unexpired subscriptions refunded after the issue of the December number.

Until the 1st of Jan'y next, **Fifteen Cents** will be received for a year's subscription to this journal. As stated elsewhere, after that date it will be devoted entirely to philately. There will be no reduction in the size, and every effort will be made to make it more useful than ever, and especially so to those having only moderate collections. At this low price no real collector need be without it. One and two cent stamps will be received in payment.

Last month while on a bicycle tour we had the pleasure of calling on Mr. Joseph Bosler, Jr., of the *Monthly Journal*, Carlisle, Penn. After looking over his fine collection of U. S. Cents and a well filled stamp album, we were invited to the orchard and materially reduced Mr. Bosler's crop of delicious peaches. Promising to call on our return trip, (which we are sorry we could not do, owing to circumstances), we mounted our wheels and resumed our journey.

We have received the new price catalogue of postage stamps issued by R. R. Bogert & Co., and are free to say it contains some improvements over those heretofore issued by other publishers. Instead of having the countries arranged in alphabetical order they are grouped according to the natural grand divisions of the globe, in the order in which they issued postage stamps. This may be considered, by some collectors, a drawback, but the difficulty is overcome by an index by which any country can be readily found.

The response in the way of philatelic articles to our offer of prizes in August and September Nos., has not been such as we had expected, and much as we regret it we are obliged to extend the time for closing the competition until the 15th of December next with the hope that abler writers may be induced to compete. Of the half dozen articles received, only two or three are of real merit or such as we would print, and we should like at least one article for each of the cash prizes offered. There should be no lack of competent writers among such a large number of collectors. Fifteen dollars is not a large sum, yet we think it worth competing for.

Mr. W. G. Whilden writes us that he has formed a partnership with Mr. J. C. Crankshaw for the purpose of dealing in stamps, and another with Mr. L. J. Brumby to publish the *Dicic Stamp Collector*. This journal was to have appeared Sept. 15th, but a copy has not yet reached us.

Mr. B. M. Wilson, Phila. wishes us to say to our readers that he was unable to issue his paper, the *Philatelic Advocate*, at the time promised, but will do so in the course of a few months.

The new issue of Guatemala stamps recently mentioned—two million in number—were furnished, according to the *Timbre Poste*, by a Mr. Parker, the consul of that government, at New York, who bore all the expense of engraving and printing and placing them in possession of the postal authorities, for which he received as compensation the stock remaining on hand of the issue of 1881. These the consul will now turn into cash by disposing of them to the dealers.

### Auction Sales.

**Philadelphia.**—Oct. 19th & 20th.—The collection of coins of the United States and a few ancient Greek coins, together with various medals, the property of Thos. S. Collier of New London, Conn. 1037 lots, 38pp. Stan. V. Henkels & Co. Catalogue by S. H. & H. Chapman.

**Boston.**—Oct. 20th.—Various collections and invoices of American and foreign gold, silver, copper and nickel coins medals, books, etc. 352 lots. 10pp. C. I. Libbie & Co. Catalogue by Mason & Co.

**New York.**—Oct. 25, 26 & 27.—A collection of coins, medals, etc., American and foreign, mostly of the stock late of J. Calvin Randall of Phil'a. 1661 lots. 74pp. Bangs & Co. Catalogue by W. Elliot Woodward.

—Oct. 28th.—Postage and Revenue stamps, fractional currency, war envelopes, etc. 513 lots. 27pp. Bangs & Co. Catalogue by W. Elliot Woodward.

—Oct. 25th.—Postage and Revenue stamps, stamped envelopes and philatelic publications. 583 lots. 18pp. Thos. L. Bucken & Co. Catalogue by Joseph J. Casey.

—Nov. 23d & 24th.—Russian collection, Part II. Ancient, modern and American coins and medals. Leavitt & Co. 911 lots. 50pp. Catalogue by E. Frossard.

Mr. Lyman H. Low has just published a Premium List, or in detail, all of the United States and American Colonial coins, that are rated as rare, which he desires to purchase, and the prices he will pay for the same. It is illustrated with finely executed engravings of coins, the same as used in Crosby's Early Coins of America. It has been carefully prepared, and should be in the hands of every collector.

The Room Committee of the American Numismatic and Archaeological Society of New York have appointed Friday evening, Oct. 29th, for the first numismatic meeting of the season. A paper is promised by one who is most constant in his attendance and a leading and active member.

## Notices of Exchange.

(Continued from page 39.)

E. T. Oberholtzer, Hatfield, Pa. A coin manual of 125 pages, over 200 illustrations, giving history of U. S. mint, values of coins, etc., for best offer U. S. copper cents, fractional currency or good Indian relics.

Delos S. Dunbar, Baldwinville, N. Y. Vol. III. "Harper's Young People," in best condition for 300 varieties postage stamps; 170 match and med. stamps; 100 var. entire foreign post cards, or 300 old U. S. stamps.

C. J. Vercouter, 80 E. Superior St. Chicago, Ill. Several unused Roumanian stamps, 50 bani, 1871, bearded king, Bermuda 1c., proof, and some ancient Roman, Russian and Siberian coins for others. U. S. colonial coins preferred.

N. E. Carter, Box 314, Delavan, Wis. A piece of Indian pottery for every Navy Justice, Agriculture or Executive dept. stamp, or for 20 var tin tobacco tags. Tags and stamps for stamps.

Wm. M. Christie, Mumford, Monroe Co., N. Y. Will exchange for best offer of U. S. Coins, "Tammen's Rocky Mountain Cabinet, series one," containing twenty (20) correctly named minerals and gems. Cost \$1.35. Cabinet not damaged whatever.

C. C. Joy, Box V, La Hoyt, Iowa. Sets of Corean stamps for any kind of rare stamps. Send lists. Stamp papers for others.

P. S. Johnson, Bolivar, N. Y. Three pieces of petrified calamite, facsimile of "Vicksburg Citizen," or two old U. S. copper cents for a coin of Native India, or quartz crystals.

H. A. Malin, Fort Scott, Kan. P. O. Dept. stamps (unused) for stamps not in my collection. Would be pleased to correspond with advanced collectors.

C. T. Tatman, 93 Piedmont St., Worcester, Mass. Books, papers, magazines and coins for U. S. cents 1793, 1799, and 1804; 2 cents 1873, and eagle cent of 1856.

Lynn Comfort, Twin Bridges, Mont.

Stamp papers for the same. Half dollars of 1880, '81 and '83 for Confederate money.

J. W. Witty, Box 706, Sherbrooke, P. Q. Canada. For every dollar's worth of U. S. dept. or periodical stamps sent me I will give \$2 worth of foreign stamps and send approval sheets to select from.

Ulysses Clark, Pipestone, Minn. Foreign stamps from my sheets for back Nos. of philatelic papers. Send list with price wanted in stamps and I will send sheets to select from for those I want.

E. C. Miller, Box 603, Parkersburg, W. Va. Arrow heads, tin tags, foreign stamps and philatelic papers for U. S. and foreign and ancient coins.

Clarence George, Independence, Ia. The 30c. '69, 12c. '70, 5c. '61, 6c. State and other good U. S. stamps for equal value of 30 and 90c. Int., 7 and 24c. Treas., 50c. unpaid and others not in my collection.

Geo. T. Deming, Wellsboro, Pa. A used specimen die C, 1879 issue 3c. green on white paper, for the same on amber paper.

W. C. Michaels, Fort Dodge, Iowa. Canadian provincial coins, foreign and U. S. stamps for U. S. stamps and tags.

F. B. Wright, Box 263, Goshen, N. Y. Boyd's Franked Envelope for either the 24 or 30c. U. S. 1869,

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J. M. Gray, Jr., 113 S. Spruce St. Nashville, Tenn. Postage and revenue stamps, coins, postmarks, Indian relics and curiosities for stamp, coin and currency papers, those published before 1883 especially desired.

Frank E. Cornwell, Rubicon, Wis. A large lot of philatelic papers to exchange for tin and paper tags or a collection of not less than 220 varieties. Send for list.

# Numismatic Department.

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All communications or inquiries relating to this department should be addressed to the Editor at No. 531 Broadway, New York.

## BRANT.

The city of Brantford, Canada, has suitably honored the memory and history of this brave Indian chief, by unveiling, on the 13th and 14th of October, with appropriate ceremonies, a very beautiful monument which has been made in England. Joseph Brant, or Thayendanagea, was born 1742; his parents resided in the valley of the Mohawk, New York state. When only 13 years old he entered the war-path under Gen. Hardvick. After being in several campaigns of the bloody French war, he was placed in an institute at Lebanon, Conn., and received an English education. During the Revolutionary war, Brant sided with the British, and the six nations thereby lost their fertile country, now the garden of New York, and removed to the Grand River tract in Canada. After making two visits to England, where he was received with marked attention, on his return he built the Mokawk Church on the banks of the Grand River, a short distance from the now flourishing city of Brantford, formerly Brant's Ford. This venerable house of God, now nearly 100 years old, was the first protestant church in upper Canada. Here are to be seen a large bible, a set of silver communion plate and the church-bell, all the gift of Her Majesty, Queen Anne, to the Indian chapel.

This noble red man died in 1807 and was interred near the church erected by his efforts. In view of the historical importance of this monument, a medal has been prepared to commemorate the event, from designs furnished by F. J.

Grenny, of which the following is a description: Obverse, bust in high relief to right. Inscription: THAYENDANAGEA—CAPTAIN JOSEPH BRANT, BORN 1742, DIED 1807. Reverse, Brant monument. Inscription: BRANT MEMORIAL UNVEILED AT BRANTFORD, CANADA, 1886. Size 24, W. M., bronze and silver.

**Class Collections.**—The inclination among collectors to draw subjects together, irrespective of country, seems to be on the increase. Thus we find searchers for medals under the various headings of Masonic, Medical, Marriage, Coronation, War, Peace, Presidential, Political, Centennial and many other classes, each chosen according to the fancy of the collector, who may be especially interested by reason of his profession or occupation, past or present, being relevant to the subject. We know of a gentleman in Brooklyn who has accumulated in Marriage and Peace medals, upwards of 900.

**Herara's Uncerti.**—In reviewing the plates of Herara's excellent work on the Proclamation Medals of Spain, we note quite a number which he designates as Uncertain, or perhaps a plainer word would be Unattributed. It is probable that Mr. H. has not had the experience in the early and rude coins and medals of Mexico and South American countries, as the identity of several belonging within these localities has been fully established by an American collector in the series.

**Loops.**—It is astonishing to note the large percentage of Thalers and Crowns dated prior to the 19th century which have had loops attached to them, showing that they have at sometime been suspended and worn as an ornament. The custom must have been most prevalent in Germany as by far the greatest number of pieces so impaired are from that country. Such specimens generally have the attachment removed before finding their way into coin cabinets. However slight the blemish may be, restoration is never complete, and the numismatic value is proportionally lessened.

**Counterstamp P.**—We are indebted to Mr. F. W. Doughty for the information that the letter p incused on center Mexican dollar, was thus stamped by A. Thacher, Triumpho, Lower California, for the Progreso Mining Co.

**Hartford Memorial.**—A very pretty commemorative medal was issued in this city, the description of which gives all the information we are able to furnish: *Obv.* SOLDIERS & SAILORS MEMORIAL—\* HARTFORD CONN \* An archway between two towers. *Rev.* DEDICATED | SEPTEMBER | 17 | 1886 | \* | G. E. FOWNES MEDALS. N. Y. within wreath; around border, a dotted circle. W. M. size 24.

### New Books.

**GREEK COINS IN THE BRITISH MUSEUM.** Catalogue of the Greek coins of Crete and the Aegean Islands. By Warwick Wroth. lii and 152pp. 29 plates. Svo. London, 1886. It is now nearly a year since the last volume (Central Greece) of this series was published. Mr. Wroth is in the Department of Coins in the British Museum. This, we believe, is his first contribution to the literature of the science. The character of the preceding books is fully maintained.

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must naturally be disheartened when they learn that to gather a creditable collection often requires thousands of dollars and the odd moments of a lifetime. Thus many turn to the happy substitute of collecting United States stamps alone, of which the many varieties and rarities offer a field sufficiently productive to satisfy even the most exacting. Many have done this, and still more are likely to follow their example. Since each year rolling on brings with it many new issues, each of which must be collected as well as its predecessors, at some future time not far distant, the vast number of varieties coming from the many stamp issuing countries will place it beyond the power of any but professionals to make a satisfactory collection.

Perhaps the science—if we may call it so—or study of philately will live and die with civilization. In years to come, presuming that human nature will remain identical with the present edition, the number of collectors will increase precisely as the population does. Therefore, the stamps of the past, whose unhappy lot it is never to increase, but diminish, in number, will be in greater demand as each new collector covets them. It is in this proportion that the stamps of the world have become scarcer with each succeeding year, and thus it would have continued to be were it not for this United States movement—let us call it—which has lifted the stamps of our country far above their wonted sphere, only to retard the more the advancement of the foreigners. This rapid ascent will continue, no doubt, for many years to come, until each and every philatelist of our nationality, seeing the advantage of collecting his countrymen alone, has fol-

lowed the example now so wisely given. The authors of this new idea, having foreseen the result, will reap their reward, not only in the praise of their followers, but also by making themselves the possessors of a paying investment in the form of old domestic rarities so carefully preserved until great demand and high prices shall call forth the old warriors from their temporary graves of obscurity to place them in command of the forces so long destitute of leaders. When that time comes—for come it will then only will our country's stamps permit themselves to advance at the slower pace of their foreign contemporaries.

This movement has been sanctioned by all those who have rightly considered its merits, being derided only by those collectors already sunken too deep in the mire of a general collection to begin anew. This is the age of specialists! May those of philately succeed equally well with those of law and medicine—in late years far more successful than their colleagues called general practitioners.

**Gaboon.**—The surcharge of stamps for this French colony, noted elsewhere, was made in obedience to a decree of the authorities dated at Libreville, July 31, 1886, by which the clerk of the Interior was directed to change

300 15c. stamps	to	75c. stamps.
300 15c. "		50c. "
10,500 20c. "		25c. "
900 20c. "		10c. "
900 20c. "		5c. "

The surcharge is in black and in the 5c. the numeral is across the original value with GAB diagonally above. With the other four GAB is over the original value diagonally, reading downwards, except the 50c where it reads upwards. The new values of these are above.

## CHRONICLE.

BY R. R. BOGERT.

**Antioquia.**—The 50c. printed on the sheet of 10c. has been received.

**Argentine Republic.**—The 12c. has been surcharged "Oficial" diagonally in black.

**Bulgaria.**—The 2s. has been changed as well as the 1s.

**Chamba.**—British India stamps are now used in this native state with the surcharge "Chamba State" in two horizontal lines. The  $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1, 2 and 4a. have been reported so far. The first three are also used with the surcharge "Service" above. The  $\frac{1}{2}$ a. envelope and  $\frac{1}{4}$ a. card are also reported.

**Faridkot.**—The  $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8a. and 1 rupee stamps of India have been surcharged "Faridkot-State" in two lines, for use here instead of those with native inscriptions. They are also used with surcharge "Service" above.

**France.**—There are two varieties of the 15c. letter card, the second having an inscription at the bottom.

**Gaboon.**—Surcharges have appeared from this French colony. "G. A. B." is in an oval formed of large dots, and the figure of value either above or below. The 20c. has been surcharged 5c., 10c. and 25c., and the 15c. has been surcharged 50c. and 75c.

**Gibraltar.**—The new set is expected shortly.

**Greece.**—The "Timbre Poste" has received three new stamps with a surcharge in Greek letters meaning "Minister of Foreign affairs."

**Hayti.**—The 1c. and 2c. stamps have been reengraved, the shading on the neck being horizontal instead of diagonal and the figures of value are longer.

**Hong Kong.**—A new 20c. stamp is in preparation.

**Madagascar.**—Some more labels larger than the first have appeared. They measure 45x70 mm. and have an ornamental frame in color with large figure of value in centre in rose. "Postage" at the top, and the value below in black.

**Martinique.**—There are two varieties of the surcharged stamp, one having a large figure "5" and the other with "5c" in smaller type.

**Monaco.**—15c. and 25c. letter cards arc out.

**Moresnet.**—On Oct. 1, stamps were issued in this place; more particulars will be given later.

**New Caledonia.**—The 5c. on 1fr. comes in two types; the last one having the surcharge "5c" in large type and not shaded.

**North Borneo.**—The following have been issued: Of the old type,  $\frac{1}{2}$ c. rose, 1c. orange, 10c. blue. Of a new type with "British North Borneo" above and "Postage" below;  $\frac{1}{2}$ c. rose, 1c. orange; and with "Postage & Revenue" below, 25c. blue-gray, 50c. violet, 1 dollar carmine and 2 dollars olive-green.

**Orange Free State.**—The 8sh. fiscal surcharged 6p. has been used for postage.

**Tobago.**—The  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. green has been issued.

**United States.**—There are two different sizes of perforations across the top of the new letter sheets 6 and 12.

**U. S. of Colombia.**—We have received a copy of the new 5c. stamp. In the centre is the head of Bolivar to the left in an oval, inscribed "Correos de la Republica de Colombia." The figure "5" is at the bottom, below which in a straight line is "centavcs." Blue on blue paper, perforated 11.

**Victoria.**— $\frac{1}{2}$  and 1d. stamps same as those on the bands, and 6d. blue with head of Queen in circle and crown above, "Stamp Duty" below. Two envelopes have appeared with the new 1d. stamp impressed; green on white and on blue.

## Notes.

**Mexico.**—Every stamp collector familiar with history will note in his collection certain stamps bearing portraits or designs which lend to them a special interest on account of the important epochs or events which they commemorate. As an example of this we may instance the stamps of Mexico, two of the portraits on which are those of men prominently connected with the history of that unhappy country, and who will long be remembered though for essentially different reasons. To the collector who has read with interest of the first effort of the Mexicans, under the leadership of the cure Hidalgo, to throw off the Spanish yoke, the portrait of this patriot will have a deeper meaning than that of any hereditary monarch whose effigy adorns his country's stamps simply by virtue of his position. In the case of Hidalgo, it is a tribute of his countrymen to unselfish patriotism which cost him his life. The other portrait is that of Maximilian, the noble-hearted but misguided prince who reluctantly accepted the imperial crown of an empire which had no existence save that which was derived from the army of Napoleon III. Poor Maximilian paid the forfeit of his life for his temerity, while his beautiful wife, Carlotta, on account of her husband's sad fate, lost her reason which to this day she has not recovered.

Taken all together, the stamps of Mexico seem to us of special interest. Aside from the numerous types, the peculiar system of surcharges is in itself a study which may profitably engage the attention of collectors. There are no doubt many who have noticed the various numbers and names of towns with which these stamps are surcharged, without understanding their import. From an article printed originally in the *Timbre Poste* we learn that the system of surcharging may be divided into three principal periods, the first extending from 1856 to 1864 in which the name of the town only is surcharged; the second from 1864 to 1868 in which in

addition to the name of the town there is a rotation number and a date; and the third from 1868 to 1883 during which the number to the left of the date is no longer a rotation number but a fixed one allotted to each office. After January, 1884, the system of rurcharging seems to have been entirely abandoned. Of the stamps bearing the head of Maximilian there are many unused and unsurcharged remainders, especially of the engraved series. Those surcharged with number and date are to be preferred.

We are obliged to confess that we have not yet definitely learned the use for which the *Porte de Mar* stamps were intended, and we shall be obliged to any one who will kindly enlighten us on the subject. The price at which they are sold ought to make it worth while to know something about them.

**Peru.**—We have received the first number of a philatelic paper printed in Lima, Peru, called *El Mercurio*. It is about the size of the *GAZETTE* and the typography is decidedly amateurish. Our limited knowledge of the Spanish language does not enable us to judge accurately of the contents, but they seem quite varied and interesting. There are a couple of articles in English "as she is spoke" in Peru, which though faulty in diction are in quite as good style as if we had written them in Spanish. The following is quoted *verbatim* from an editorial: "The peruvian collectors and dealers in postage stamps did not have up to the present date; an organ through which they could express their ideas, while smaller and less important american countries, already possessed one. It was therefore necessary to establish a monthly, thus remedying this necessity, and thus saving us from recurring to other countries for news on philately. To arrive at this and, a thousand difficulties beset our path, but now we offer and first number; we shall omit no sacrifice to obtain an exit, which we hope will produce satisfactory results." If this journal is as successful as most of the kind in this

country we have no doubt the "exit" will come in due time.

The same paper has an article on the Arequipa stamps from which we quote: "What must other countries have thought of our Arequipa stamps? We might imagine ourselves in the year 1849 or more backwards, for certainly in these years there was good paper, but our Arequipas are on tissue paper that is to say the real ones, the forged are on foreign post paper. The whole set viz 10c. (tissue paper) blue, 10c. red, 25c. red. 1 sol brown, 10c. blue, 25c. violet, 5c. lea and 10c. grey, 5c. Grau and 10c. Bolognesi; the whole crowd have been printed off by sheets. Therefore their comparative cheapness in Europe. With the 10c. blue on tissue paper the 18 at the bottom of the false stamp stands vertically on top of the R in Peru, while in the genuine the whole 1886 is on the curve."

**Surcharges.**—Among the many things which vex and perplex the collector of stamps, not the least is the never-ending, ever-recurring surcharge. Most of us think ourselves fortunate when we get one specimen of a stamp, but when we have to buy the same one again simply because it has had some badly printed words and figures put on it by some postal official, our usually sweet dispositions become ruffled. It is true we need not buy it any more than we need buy any other stamp, but since it has come into existence, no matter why, we do not feel satisfied without it, provided we have the money to buy it with. Here, for instance, is the  $\frac{1}{2}$  anna, green, of India, which cost us two cents. It comes surcharged "Putialla State" and we pay ten cents for it. Then the printer makes a blunder and spells it "Antialla," and we have to pay a dollar for it, so that the printer's blunder, if it be one, costs us just a dollar. We make no objection to the first surcharge, for without it a new stamp would have to be designed for Putialla, and we should have to buy that anyway. It is bad enough when this surcharging is done from necessity but when we think how much of it is done, even officially

simply to multiply varieties for speculative purposes, we are almost disheartened. Then, worst of all, come the fictitious ones which so mysteriously find their way into the market and which so few collectors are able to detect that, if we collect such things at all, we are likely to have them in our albums before the fraud is discovered.

Against legitimate surcharging nothing can be said; we might as well argue against the issuing of stamps themselves; but it opens the door to so many opportunities for fraud that we sometimes are inclined to think it would be a good thing for philately if collectors everywhere would accept none but those concerning which we have the clearest evidence of authenticity. We may be able to detect counterfeit stamps but when it comes to distinguishing between genuine and fraudulent surcharges, we are utterly at the mercy of the swindler, and our own safety lies in discarding them altogether.

If, however, we are collecting the stamps of but one country, or of those within certain geographical limits, (to which every beginner should confine himself), we shall not have so many stamps of the *genus surcharge* to bother with. It is only the foolish philatelist who attempts to collect everything who has the disheartening experience we have alluded to. There are those who collect surcharges only and their experience in this line makes the work less difficult because of their having made it a special study.

Some time since the Dresden Philatelic Society endeavored to solve the surcharge problem by gravely resolving not to pay more for a stamp with a surcharged value than that which it temporarily replaces. This is of course unreasonable; a more sensible resolve would have been to not buy it at all. Prices of rare or desirable stamps cannot be regulated by the action of a Society. The Bavarian Society also resolved that "the repeated issue of surcharged stamps had reached such a pitch as to bring the science of philately into disrepute."

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Subscribers who fail to receive the GAZETTE within a reasonable time will please notify us.

This issue has been unavoidably delayed on account of the protracted illness of the Junior who, we are glad to say, is now convalescent. The paper is just as timely and good, however, as if it had been out a month sooner.

In answer to an inquirer we will say that with the January, 1887 number the name of this paper will be changed to THE PHILATELIC GAZETTE, the title under which it was first published, omitting the word "Keystone." This name we expect to retain during our connection with philatelic journalism, be the time long or short.

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The trial of Fred Stahl, Jr., who was arrested some months ago for using the mails for illicit purposes under the name of Horace C. Jones, came off in St. Paul, Minn., in the latter part of October. The prosecution failed to identify Stahl with Jones, and he was acquitted. It was developed in the trial that Jones sent Stahl a check in payment for an advertisement in his *Minnesota Philatelist*, which was cashed by a bank in St. Paul, the check being submitted as evidence. If Jones had a bank account he could not have been a myth, and the wonder is that he was not himself arrested and tried. The case is still involved in considerable mystery.

We have received from Mr Lyman H. Low a copy of his "List of premiums offered for U. S. and colonial coins." It contains a number of illustrations and much information of value to those who wish to know which coins command a premium.

A somewhat similar work comes to us from Mr. C. C. Simmons, Sec. of the Iowa Num. Society, being a catalogue of rare U. S. coins and the prices paid for them by the leading dealers.

Active stamp collectors are invited to send their names to J. M. Hubbard, Lake Village, N. H., for insertion, free, in his "Stamp Collectors of the World."



The organization of the National Philatelic Association seems now to be complete and all that is necessary to put the machinery in motion is the prompt payment of dues by the members. On Oct. 29th, as we learn from a circular issued by the secretary, Mr. Bradt, the following appointments were made:

Librarian—E. D. Kline, Toledo, O.

Exchange Sup't—E. B. Hanes, Providence, R. I.

Official Editor—W. R. Fraser, Altoona, Pa.

Purchasing Agent—Theo. F. Cuno, Brooklyn, N. Y.

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The appointment of Counterfeit Detector has been temporarily postponed.

The board could not have made better selections than the above, and we are especially pleased with choice for Official Editor, both on account of the man himself and the location. We know Mr. Fraser as a gentleman and as a philatelist, and we can say of him that any work he undertakes will be done in the most thorough manner.

*The American Numismatist*, published by C. E. Leal, Paterson, N. J., No. 2, of which has been received, is a very creditable effort in the direction of supplying a journal for young coin collectors. It is neatly gotten up and deserves support.

From the Scott Stamp and Coin Co. we have received three new priced catalogues, viz: 48th edition "Postage & Revenue," "Gold & Silver Coins" and "Copper Coins." The last two are of 84 and 63 pages respectively and are profusely illustrated. The stamp catalogue follows the general plan of Collin's, giving in addition the currency of each country. It is accompanied with nearly 2000 illustrations which assist materially in identifying stamps. So far as we have had time to examine it we find no special reason why it should not be called "standard." We should

have been better pleased with it, however, had the compiler followed Mr. Bogert's example and omitted the Samoa and Fiji Express labels. Every one who attempts to collect stamps should have it as well as all other good catalogues.

Several papers have failed to reach us lately, if yours is among the number kindly see that the *Magazine* is on your mailing list and that back numbers are mailed us, as we desire that our files be complete. Otherwise we will discontinue mailing you the *Magazine*.—*Philatelic Magazine*.

The above paragraph, which in our copy was marked, clearly proves that it was not excessive modesty that prevented the *Magazine* from making its appearance during the last eight months. If these are the only terms on which an exchange can be had with our contemporary we shall have to worry along without it. Journals that wish regular exchanges should keep up with the procession.

The first number of the *American Philatelist*, the organ of the Am. Phil. Ass'n, will be issued early in January next. It will consist of 16 pages of same size as those of the circular recently issued by the Secretary. The advent of this journal will be anxiously awaited by all really interested in philately and especially by the members of the association.

Many collectors and some publishers seem to regard the reports of new issues of stamps, etc., as of no value or interest to collectors. It depends altogether on the kind of collectors they are. There was a time when we held similar views, believing there were more old stamps than we were able to contend with, but as we became more enlightened our opinions underwent a change. No progressive collector will content himself with the issues of the dead past alone, but will also concern himself with those of the living present. The stamps of today are of as much philatelic importance as any ever issued, and the collector who is not posted concerning them is not abreast of the times.

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### FOREIGN COPPER COINS.

BY FRANK W. DOUGHTY.

#### Modern Copper Coins.—X.

In our study of copper coins we have now reached the modern period. This, according to the generally accepted notion, begins with the year 1530 and continues down to date. It is most emphatically a copper age. Laid on the shelf during a thousand years, this baser metal once more assumes an important place in the currencies of the world. To give even a brief summary of modern copper coins would be impossible within our limited space. When we state that the standard authority on the subject, *Newman, on Copper Coins*, occupies six sizable volumes, it will be seen how extended the subject is. What we propose is to give an idea of the magnitude of the issue of copper coins of each country, with the recommendation that some one series be particularly chosen on which the best energies of the collector may be expended.

*United States.*—Copper issues consist of cents, half-cents and a large series of tradesmen's and political tokens. The regular issues are too well known to require description. The tradesmen's tokens are divided into two classes. 1. The "Old store cards"—issued between 1834 and 1862. 2. The "Copperheads," issued during 1863-4. Political: 1. Issue of the presidencies of Jackson and Van Buren. 2. Issues included in the Copperhead series, 1863-4. The esti-

mated number of all varieties of U. S. tokens is 5000.

*Canada.*—An interesting series of bank and tradesmen's tokens numbering about 300, covering the period 1811-1886. They form a very entertaining collection and are for the most part easily obtained.

*Mexico.*—Series small but interesting. The larger part belong to the present century. All except some 50 are rare.

*Central America.*—Series very small, numbering less than fifty of every class.

*West India Islands.*—Series small. Obtainable varieties under 50, mostly common.

*South America.*—Outside of the empire of Brazil the obtainable varieties of copper coins of South America number less than 100, mostly common. The Brazilian series number about 500. South American coins are easily obtained and form an interesting and instructive series.

*Russia.*—The copper issues of Russia are large and weighty in the earlier years. The series begins with Peter the Great about 1700. Obtainable varieties about 200.

*Sweden and Norway.*—Series begins about 1550. Obtainable varieties about 200. Among these are curious square coins called "plates," weighing in some instances upwards of one pound.

*Denmark.*—Series begins 1625. Obtainable varieties about 50. Uninteresting.

*Poland.*—Series begins 1587. Obtainable varieties under 50. Mostly scarce, but of historic interest.

*Germany.*—Series begins with the great copper coinage of 1622, when nearly every German state and city is-

sued its coin. Series exceedingly complex and consequently entertaining. Its magnitude cannot be estimated with any degree of correctness, but may be stated to be in the neighborhood of 4000. To locate German copper coins involves more study than any other series. To a number exceeding 1000 the coins can be cheaply obtained. We specially recommend it to beginners.

*Netherlands.*—Series begins early in the 16th century. It is large, but obtainable varieties may be put under 200. It is of the highest degree of historic interest.

*England.*—Government series begins with the farthings of Charles I. continuing through every reign. Series dull and uninteresting. Tradesmen's tokens begin with Elizabeth. During the Commonwealth and later some 8000 were issued. Again, between 1789—1812, there was an issue of some 4000 more. These later tokens are of a beauty which stands unsurpassed in the annals of coinage. A fine collection of them can be gathered at a moderate expense.

*Scotland.*—Series begins with James II. 1460—1513, who issued one copper coin. Renewed under Charles II. The number of varieties of Scotch copper coins is less than 20. There are, however, many tradesmen's tokens.

*Ireland.*—Series begins with the farthing of James I., continued until George IV. Not interesting. There are many tokens, for the most part rare.

(To be continued.)

### Continental Money Unredeemable.

The largest lot of Continental currency presented to the United States Treasury within the memory of present officials, was presented for redemption yesterday by Mr. Elliott Seawell, of No. 1605 O-street, N. W. Frequently small

sums of these Continental notes are presented, but Mr. Seawell's collection amounts to \$3,370. They consist of \$50, \$55, \$60, \$70 and \$80 notes, issued by the Treasurer of the United States under acts passed by the Continental Congress, in Philadelphia, in the years 1778 and 1779. The notes are square-shaped and in size hardly as large as a 10-cent shinplaster. They are simple in device, having very little engraving, and are consequently easy to counterfeit, as was discovered shortly after they were issued; for the Continental Congress itself passed an act which recognized the fact that many counterfeits were in the market. None of these notes are paid now, the reason assigned by the United States Treasurer for non-payment being that they cannot be proved to be genuine, and that the long lapse of time supposes the claims to be not genuine. As Controller Durham puts it now, quoting from a former opinion of Attorney-General Black, "The hand of time has written 'satisfaction' on its face so legibly that no man can disregard it."

Treasurer Jordan referred the notes and the demand for payment to Controller Durham for his decision upon the liability of the United States Government in respect of these notes. The Controller's decision in this instance is a repetition of his opinion in every similar case which has recently come before him. The seal printed on these Continental notes was surrounded with the motto, "Deus Regnat; Exultat Terra." That part of "Terra" represented by the present holders of Continental currency exults no more, for it has found that the ruling power has changed. It is no longer "Deus Regnat," but the Government of the United States, which refuses to pay a cent for a basketful of Continental notes.—*Washington Post, Nov. 3.*

**Plugged Planchets.**—The genuineness of some medals may be established by the appearance of a plug in other metal than that of which the planchet is made, inserted before receiving the impression of the dies. This system was also adopted in the issue of English coins in tin. Patterns for the English, French and Belgian coinage have frequently been submitted with opposite metals inserted in the planchets. They have, however, seldom fallen into favor.

**England's Appropriation.**—The annual appropriation to be expended for the purchase of coins for the British Museum is about £1000.

**17th Century Tokens.**—We have been furnished with the best of evidence in the existence of the pieces themselves, that Akerman, Boyne and Burn, in their work upon Tradesmen's Tokens of the 17th century, were not acquainted with all of the pieces belonging to the series. No less than three specimens unknown to either of the above writers have come to our notice during the past year. As it is nearly thirty years since Boyne's work was compiled, wherein he enumerates nearly 10,000, it is presumed our English friends have in the meantime been able to find many unknown to his predecessors. The last discovery is now before us, and we describe it as follows; *London, St. Nicholas Shambles.* Obv. AT . THE . BUTCHERS . ARMS \* The butchers ARMS. Rev. IN . NICKLES . SHAMBLES . In field  $\frac{M}{S}$

Mr. R. W. McLachlan has had a reprint made in a small 12mo. pamphlet, of criticisms from the Montreal papers on his work upon the Coins and Medals of Canada.

There are several commemorative medals which have been issued since our October number, the description of which we are obliged to defer until December, by reason of our having been unable to gather all the varieties so as to make our notice complete.

Wyllys Betts, Esq., has recently published, by request of the Society, his address before the American Numismatic and Arch. Society of New York, upon the "Counterfeit Half-Pence current in the American Colonies, and their issue from the mints of Connecticut and Vermont." It is 8vo., has 17pp. and is illustrated with 22 cuts.

We have seen a copy of Mr. R. W. McLachlan's "Descriptive catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals issued in or relating to the Dominion of Canada and New Brunswick, with notes giving incidents in the history of many of these coins and medals." It is a reprint from the *American Journal of Numismatics*, has 127pp., describes 619 pieces and has a few illustrations. Part II. is promised in 1888 and is likely to swell the total number of pieces to at least 1000.

The American Numismatic and Arch. Society of New York held their first meeting of the season, devoted to the science, on Friday evening, Oct. 29th. An address on medals relating to the capture of Buda from the Turks in 1686 was made by the president. The first business meeting was held on the 16th instant, at 8 p. m., which was preceded by a meeting of the executive officers. The attendance on all of these occasions was large. It shows an increase of interest in the science and in the society's welfare, and is very gratifying to its members.

**Exchange Notices.**

Inserted for subscribers ONLY. Must not exceed 5 lines nor be equivalent to an advertisement. The right to reject is reserved.

Karl C. Miner, Hoosick Falls, N. Y. Rare foreign and U. S. stamps to exchange for the same. I desire foreign correspondence with view to exchange.

E. S. Phelps, 13 Westminster St., Worcester, Mass. 1, 2, 3, 6 and 15c. Agricult., used and unused, for the 10c P. O., old U. S., N. B., N. S., or Canada not in my collection.

A. M. Jeffrey, Carbondale, Pa. Postmarks and stamps for stamps. Samples of papers and revenues wanted.

W. P. Arnold, Shannock, R. I. Will exchange old Nos. of P. J. of A., Coll's Comp. and others for coins, medals, and rare U. S. stamps. Curiosity for Canadian coins.

Fred. K. Rome, Hudson, N. Y. An album with 200 stamps and 2000 spaces or an oxidized silver scarf pin for a Woods penograph. Stamps for stamps or philatelic literature.

C. F. Rothfuchs, Box 221, Washington, D. C. An unused \$2 State dept stamp, or \$5 worth War dept stamped envelopes unused for a copy of Dr. Horner's latest work on U. S. envelopes.

E. B. Cornwell, Rubicon, Wis. Argentine 90c blue for the U. S. '57 30c. orange or 15c blue and brown '69. 50c. Peru, surcharged triangle, for 30c. orange '61. Rare stamps for other U. S.

Robert Ward, 3135 Forest Ave. Chicago, Ill. A book containing 1000 riddles, charades, etc. for Nos. 25, 26 and 27 of this paper.

Geo. W. Rode, Beltzhoover, Pa. War tokens and priced catalogues of auction sales of coins for the same and for copies of this paper prior to No. 17.

H. U. Tibbens, Bellefonte, Pa. 50 copies of philatelic papers and about 20 copies of amateur papers, for stamps not in my collection or philatelic papers.

L. E. Curtis, Box 45, Freeport, Me. 30 var. foreign stamps for any No. of G. State Phil., S. World, Coll's Comp., Cap. C. Phil. or the Stamp.

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## Successful Stamp Collectors.

BY A. H. HIPPLE.

"Poets are born, not made," and the same is almost equally true of successful stamp collectors. Unless a person has a natural desire to preserve such rare and curious objects as may fall into his hands, he is not likely ever to develop the qualities essential to a successful collector. Almost every community has one or more persons in it whose delight it is to gather together all the relics and curiosities to be found in the neighborhood, and as such articles, unless they possess a pecuniary value, have generally little or no value in the eyes of ordinary persons, such collectors, as a rule, manage to collect quite a lot of curious bric-a-brac in the course of an ordinary lifetime. This is the class of persons who make successful stamp collectors, provided, of course, that their attention is directed to the subject and their interest in it excited at the proper time.

There is probably a time in the history of every boy when he would like to become a locomotive engineer. He sees a train pass, notices the hand of the driver on the throttle, and immediately his mind is filled with longings which a few days' experience on an engine would effectually quench. In the same way he sees an elegantly-bound stamp album with rare and beautiful stamps adorning its pages, and as the beauties of the collection are pointed out by the proud possessor, he is at once filled with

a desire to "go and do likewise." His desires in this direction can be much more easily gratified however than when directed toward the locomotive, and, thanks to the dealers in all parts of the country and the numerous stamp papers which carry the advertisements of these dealers to almost every village in America, he can soon find himself in possession of what may be, but seldom is, the nucleus of a fine collection.

But the new collector soon meets with difficulties he never dreamed of before. Two ways of making a collection are open to him. The first is practicable, however, only to those who have plenty of money to spare, and consists in buying a large quantity of fine and rare stamps from the catalogue of some dealer, and putting them in an album without learning anything of their history or peculiarities. The second, which may be pursued by any person of moderate means, consists in purchasing, from time to time, such varieties as the purse of the collector will allow, and adding them to a collection of such common varieties as can be obtained from any dealer at a very reasonable price, and which probably forms the beginning of nearly every collection at the present time. If the new collector takes the first course, however nice a collection he may have, he will derive little pleasure from it, as the stamps will be to him little more than bits of paper possessing a certain monetary value, and his interest in them will be correspond-

ingly short-lived. If he attempts to collect by the second method he will, in all probability, soon become discouraged with the slowness with which his collection grows and will throw it aside in disgust. If, however, the person so collecting chances to be one of the "born collectors" before referred to, he will, from the outset, post himself thoroughly in regard to stamps, will be constantly on the lookout for rarities, will be able to tell something at least of the history of every stamp in his collection, and will derive a peculiar pleasure from every acquisition to it. Indeed, collecting will be to him more than a mere pastime, and will furnish him with a pleasure, not ecstatic it is true, but calm and never failing.

We need more collectors of this class, collectors who can afford to treat with contempt the attacks of those opposed to philately; who will support first-class stamp publications; who will endeavor to make it difficult if not impossible for frauds to conduct their operations as they now do; and who will give to the science of philately the popularity it deserves.

In order that we may have more such collectors, and to advance the cause of philately in general, let us do all in our power to further any reasonable project which has for its object the dissemination of knowledge concerning stamps and the protection of collectors. Let us compel stamp publications to exclude all advertisements of a doubtful character by refusing to patronize in any way any stamp paper that publishes such advertisements, and thereby compel dealers in counterfeits, and other frauds, to advertise in low papers of their own class if they advertise at all. Let us be willing to assist deserv-

ing collectors who, through lack of experience or from some other cause, may be in need of our counsel. In short, let us deal with philately as we would with some moral question upon which we held views we were anxious to impress on the public at large, and we cannot fail to interest many worthy persons in the work of collecting stamps who take no interest in them at the present time, and to make this one of the most popular as well as instructive recreations of the day.

There is not much said in the stamp papers now about counterfeits notwithstanding there are more afloat than ever. So long as stamps are collected and collectors are gullible, the counterfeit will be on hand and will get his work in too. From several correspondents we have received quite a number of these imitations, such as Grand-Confed. 5c. violet, 1860; Brazil, 30-reis black, 1844; Venezuela, medio real yellow and 1 real blue, 1862; Buenos-Ayres, 2 pesos blue, 1862; Sandwich Islands, 5c. blue and 13c. vermilion, 1852 Orange Free State, 4d. blue, 1877 etc. None of these are so well executed as to deceive experienced collectors, but the beginner would suspect nothing wrong if the price asked corresponded to that of the standard catalogue, and if it was somewhat lower he would suppose he was offered a bargain.

If the loss of money to the purchaser was the only evil result of his investment in counterfeits, we might not take the matter so much to heart; but the worst feature is that the money thus expended goes to maintain and encourage the forgers in their criminal practices compared with which (considering the class of their victims) highway robbery is harmless amusement.



**Chronicle.**

BY E. R. BOBERT.

**Afghanistan.**—We have received the three values of the present issue printed on yellow, orange, rose, green and lilac.

**Austria.**—There are two varieties of the surcharged 3 soldi and the 5, 10, 20 and 50 soldi have been surcharged 20 paras, 1, 2 and 5 piastres.

**Barbadoes.**—The following have appeared, 6d. gray brown, 1sh. red brown, 5sh. brown yellow, also a post card 1½d. lilac on buff.

**Bulgaria.**—The 5 sto. has been printed by mistake, in red. The inscriptions on the 5 sto. card are now green instead of black. The 5 sto. stamp is now printed in black on gray, and the 15 sto. dark blue on light blue.

**Bhopal.**—The ¼a. green with letters R. L. C. I. in the four corners is now unperforated.

**Curacao.**—There is a 12½c. yellow.

**Finland.**—There is a 10x10 post card, rose on buff, without frame.

**France.**—The 25c. black on rose is now surcharged "1 piastre 1" in red.

**Gambia.**—The 1sh. is violet and not brown, as reported.

**German Colonies.**—Dr. Mitchell states that stamps of the same design as those used in the German Empire will be issued shortly.

**Great Britain.**—There are two types of the current ½p. brown wrapper.

**Grenada.**—The half pence revenue has been surcharged "d-1 postage" in three lines.

**Hawaii.**—*Le Timbre Poste* has received some envelopes with Wells, Fargo & Co.'s frank.

**Jhind.**—Stamps are coming from here with the surcharge *muho* instead of "Jeend."

**Martinique.**—We have a third variety of the 5 on 20. The surcharge being ".05."

**Monaco.**—The letter cards are 15c. vermilion on straw and 25c. green on pink.

**Moresnet.**—These have turned out to be private stamps.

**New South Wales.**—Mr. Taping has a 5 pence of 1854, unperforated, printed in dark blue instead of green.

**New Zealand.**—There is a reply card 1x1d., Form 2, rouletted at the top, brown red on light buff and the frame of the 1d. has been changed.

**North Borneo.**—The 50c. and 1 dollar are now inscribed "British North Borneo" instead of "North Borneo."

**Paraguay.**—Official stamps have been issued; 1c. orange, 2c. violet, 5c. red, 7c. green, 10c. maroon, 15c. blue, 20c. carmine. They are all of a new design except the 1c., and are surcharged "Official" and unperforated. On Sept. 1st another set was issued, perforated, as follows: 1c. green, 2c. dark red, 5c. blue, 7c. orange, 10c. carmine, 15c. maroon, 20c. blue. After the ordinary stamps have been used up the above will be issued for public use without surcharge "Official."

**Peru.**—The 4x4 card comes with arms and figures in red instead of black.

**St. Christopher.**—The 6d. is now orange and there is a 3d. blue.

**St. Lucia.**—*Der Philatelist* notes the 1d. blue. (C. C. 64.)

**Shanghai.**—The Chinese government has determined to extend the postal service to all the treaty ports and establish a national post-office. The local stamps of Shanghai will be suppressed.

## NOTES.

**Confederate States.**—The postage stamps issued by the government of the Confederate States are not numerous as to varieties, nor is the period during which they were in use so remote as to make it difficult to get at the facts in regard to them, yet no one of the catalogues which we have seen agrees with any other, either as to the date of issue or the number of varieties. In completing our collections of these stamps we have consulted all the authorities within our reach in order to determine what varieties exist and to get as near the correct dates as possible. The list which follows contains nothing new or which may not be found in one catalogue or another, yet it differs from any we have seen, and as we have, on the original envelopes, all the stamps mentioned except the 2 cent green, and the one cent orange, we believe the list to be very nearly accurate and may be of use to some collectors.

1861, 2c. green, head of Jackson.

" 5c. " " Davis.

" 5c. light-green " "

1862, 5c. blue, " "

" 5c. light-blue, " "

" 10c. blue, " Madison.

" 10c. light-blue, " "

" 10c. rose, " "

(Smaller stamps.)

" 5c. blue, head of Davis.

" 5c. light-blue, " "

" 5c. blue, lith'd, " "

1863, 1c. orange, " Calhoun.

" 2c. claret, " Jackson.

" 10c. blue, " Davis.

" 10c. light-blue, " "

" 10c. greenish-blue, " "

" 10c. blue, single lined frame, " "

" TEN cents blue, " "

" 20c. green, Washington.

Each of the above dates is assigned by different cataloguers to the 2 cent green, but the weight of authority is in favor of 1861. Our Southern readers ought to be able to settle that question. One catalogue mentions a 10c. rose, same type as 5c. blue, 1862, (small stamp) as being issued in 1864, but there seems to be no evidence that any Confederate stamps were issued that year. There is good authority for saying that none of the issues of the Confederacy were perforated, and in the case of any which may be found perforated or rouletted it is safe to assume that it was done unofficially. We do not consider any collection of United States stamps complete which does not contain those of the Confederate States, for though we may greatly deplore the efforts of the latter to establish a separate government, their postage stamps as well as their record for bravery in battle are now the common property of the whole country.

**Stampology.**—One of the greatest difficulties in the way of conducting a journal seriously devoted to the instruction and entertainment of stamp collectors, is that of procuring competent contributors to its columns. While we boast of outnumbering the rest of the world in philatelists, those who have made really valuable additions to the aggregate of philatelic knowledge may be counted on the fingers—possibly of one hand. It cannot be doubted that we have amongst us many collectors whose researches and investigations if given the philatelic public would be of great value and interest to their brethren in the ranks, but they do not come to our aid. Those who do condescend occasionally to favor collectors with

something of real value seem inclined, as a rule, to do so only through the medium of the higher priced and therefore more respectable journals. The truth is the supply of good stampology falls short of the demand, and the producer can select his own market. To those "stamp papers" that are merely printed for fun, or as advertising sheets, the scarcity of the commodity in question gives little concern, but to the journals whose aim it is to furnish something which will benefit the collector it is a more serious matter.

**Philatelic Societies.**—The London Philatelic Society is a brilliant example of what may be done by a body of organized philatelists when thoroughly imbued with the spirit of investigation and a deep interest in the pursuit which brings them together. Of the many papers read before this society during the course of the year, most are of the greatest value to those collectors who concern themselves with the minutest details concerning stamps, and are evidence of the great zeal and industry of those who prepare them. The society, no doubt, has among its members men of means and leisure whose delight it is to unravel the mysteries of philately for the benefit of their fellows as well as of themselves. It would be a source of pleasure and pride to philatelist in this country if we had a society equally effective in enriching the pages of philatelic literature. American collectors are either too intent in their quest after the "almighty dollar" to turn aside to such unremunerative work, or do not have among them those who have the spare time and money these researches require. We have not yet abandoned the hope that our National Society may be something more

than a stamp agency and may devote a portion of its means and energy in "assisting its members to acquiring knowledge in regard to philately," as stated in the preamble to its constitution. We are not sure what the phrase quoted was intended to mean, but we bespeak for it the most liberal interpretation.

**The Adhesive Stamp.**—Mr. Patrick Chalmers has favored us with another recently issued pamphlet of over 100 pages in which he offers additional evidence in support of his claim that his father, James Chalmers, was the inventor of the adhesive postage stamp. While the verdict of the *Encyclopædia Britannica* has been generally regarded as settling the question in favor of Mr. Chalmers, there are those, especially in England, who are not willing to concede that they have all along been honoring the wrong man. The *Philatelic Record* has, since the beginning of the controversy, been ridiculing the claims of Mr. Chalmers but has produced no proof in favor of Mr. Hill. Whether its views on this question are influenced by the fact that Mr. Pearson Hill is a member of the London Philatelic Society of which the *Record* is the organ, we cannot of course say, but as between its opinion and that of the *Encyclopædia Britannica* we have no trouble in making a choice. The latter work has not reached its conclusions without such an investigation as its responsibility to history and its high standing as an authority would oblige it to make. Although Americans have always held in high esteem the name of Sir Rowland Hill they will be none the less willing to recognize the real inventor of the adhesive stamp when his identity is fully established by proof, and we are too far from the scene of controversy to be influenced by any other consideration.

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Subscribers who fail to receive the GAZETTE within a reasonable time will please notify us.

There was a lively contest between the year 1886 and our December number as to which should be out first, but the latter has won by a very few days.

As previously stated the name of this paper will be changed, with the next issue, to THE PHILATELIC GAZETTE, and the numismatic department will be discontinued. Those who subscribed to the S. and C. GAZETTE on account of this department and who desire their unexpired subscriptions refunded will greatly oblige us by notifying us to that effect by postal card when balance due will be remitted. To those failing to give such notice we will send the GAZETTE until subscription expires.

It is rather late to wish our readers a Merry Christmas, but we are just in time to express our earnest hope that they may have the happiest kind of a New Year.

We have on several occasions intimated that a largely increased subscription list would afford us much pleasure and we again venture to suggest that any collector who believes that this paper will be of any use to him, will confer a favor by sending in his subscription.

Coin collectors have the advantage of a much more extensive literature than have the collectors of stamps, and the numismatist who denies himself the pleasure which the outlay of a few dollars in standard books would bring, makes a great mistake. The advertisement on last page of cover offers exceptional advantages to those who desire to procure such books at the very lowest prices.

Several very handsome medals have been received from W. H. Warner & Bro., Phila, which until now we failed to notice. Especially worthy of mention is that issued in commemoration of the erection of the Bartholdi Statue of Liberty. The obverse has head of Bartholdi to right, with the inscription, "Presented July 4, 1884. A gift of the French Republic to the United States." On the reverse is the Statue of Liberty enlightening the world. Another medal is a "Firemen's Souvenir" commemorating the dedication of the above statue, Oct. 28, 1886. The third is a Christmas medal described elsewhere. A collection of medals of this character cannot fail to be a source of pleasure to the possessor as we ourselves can testify.

We have no fixed date on which this paper will be issued, but it will appear each month and, as a rule, not later than the 25th.

Mr. E. B. Hanes, Supt. of Exchange Department of the A. P. A., desires us to state that he is getting sheets and books ready and will notify collectors when the department is prepared for business. His address is 45 Hammond Street, Providence, R. I.

Under date of the 20th inst. Mr. S. W. Bradt, Sec'y of the A. P. A. writes that up to that time 134 persons had admitted the \$2.00 necessary to entitle them to membership.

Mr. E. F. Gambs makes a very seductive offer in Harper's Young People, being nothing less than 25 rare stamps and a catalogue thrown in for 4 cents. The word "rare" as it is now applied to stamps don't mean anything particular.

Those stamps of Mauritius, issue of 1858, blue, with figure of Britannia seated, Mauritius below, are said to have been prepared for use as postage stamps but were never issued. This will account for the fact that no used specimens are ever seen.

**L. M. HAMLEN.**

Death has again entered the ranks of philatelic publishers and has laid his hand upon one of the most prominent and most respected of the fraternity. It is with deep regret that we record the departure from this life on the 11th ult., of L. M. Hamlen, late of the Capital City Philatelist. He was in the prime of youth, having just attained his majority, was highly esteemed by all who knew him, and his death leaves a vacancy not easily filled. May he rest in peace.

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### FOREIGN COPPER COINS.

BY FRANK W. DOUGHTY.

#### Modern Copper Coins.—XI.

Continuing our review of the copper series:

*France.*—Series begins with the little *Double Tournois* about 1550. Copper coins in great variety continue down to the present time. They are in design somewhat monotonous, but as a series possess a high degree of historic interest. Varieties easily obtainable may be set at 500. Over 1000 tokens may also be had.

*Spain.*—Series begins with coins of the Emperor Charles V., 1516—55. Spanish copper coins are very interesting, but difficult to obtain above 200. The series numbers some thousand or more if one goes into dates and varying dies.

*Portugal.* Series begins with coins of John III., 1521—57. Specimens mostly of large size showing but trifling variations as to type. Varieties easily obtained number about 150.

*Switzerland.*—Series small and uninteresting, numbering less than 100. Its beginning is about the middle of the 16th century.

*Italy.*—Next to Germany the Italian states and cities offer the most extensive series of copper coins. Beginning at the commencement of the period, there are an enormous number of types and unlimited variations of die. 2000 would not represent them, but like the Span-

ish series, the coins are rare for the most part, and the amateur will find it hard to exceed 300, or if he is exceedingly diligent, 500 at the most.

#### *Hungary and the Danube Provinces.*

—A small but interesting series. That of Hungary begins with the issues of the rebel Rakoczy in 1704. Moldavia, Wallacia, Bulgaria and Servia contribute a few specimens.

*Greece.*—Series begins with issues of Kapo D'Istria, the Liberator, in 1828. About 25 varieties can be obtained.

*Turkey.*—Series small and, unless one understands the language, tiresome to the extreme. A dozen specimens are all that a good cabinet needs.

*India.*—The copper coins of the colonies of Great Britain, Holland, Portugal, Spain, Denmark and France in the East Indies form a most interesting series, and one which we can especially recommend to the consideration of the amateur. Taken together with the thick native coins of the Indian states these coins make a splendid showing in the cabinet. Colonial issues easily obtained number about 500; as for the native coins, the number is endless; it is difficult to find any two alike.

*China.*—This great nation furnishes brass money whose dates extend back to a period long before Christ. To the European they all look alike, however, and are not generally collected to any extent. Japan, Cochinchina, Corea, Anam, Siam and Burmah all have their native coinage; many of the more recent issues being of fine workmanship and very interesting.

*Siberia.*—This country furnishes a line of ponderous copper coins similar to the Russian. They present a striking appearance in any cabinet.

*Persia, etc.*—Persia, Georgia, Bokha

and Krim Tartary all have their copper coins. They are interesting and for the most part rare. Arabia has no modern copper coins.

*Africa.*—Copper coins of Africa are abundant, and form an interesting series, numbering probably 500 or 600. Egypt, Tunis, Tripoli, Algiers and Morocco each contribute their share. On the West coast we have coins of Sierra Leone, Liberia, Guinea and the island of St. Thomas. One token is the only coin of any sort belonging to the Cape Colony of which we know. The Orange River Republic has two tokens. Mozambique has quite a little series of coins.

*Australia.*—Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand have an interesting series of copper tokens numbering something over 300 all told.

*Isles.*—Quite an extensive line of copper coins struck for these islands can be gathered at a moderate expense.

Having now brought our subject to a close, let us whisper a word to the amateur: *Don't attempt too much at the first.* Gather coins slowly, digest them thoroughly as you advance, and you will find in them a fascination which no other kind of collecting can afford.

The largest American collection of foreign copper coins in the hands of an amateur is in the possession of a gentleman at Pittsfield, Mass. It numbered, some time since, nearly 12,000 specimens, and has probably been increased. Another is at Lancaster, New York, the writer has some 8000 specimens in his own cabinet, and there are several other collections of lesser note.

Dr. James P. Kimball, Director of the Mints, has made the fourteenth annual report (1886) of that institution; also, a report upon the production of the precious metals in the United States, 1886. Both are in pamphlet form and contain much valuable information carefully compiled.

The sale of the Foster Ely collection of American coins at Bangs & Co., New York, on the 29th and 30th ult., was more than the ordinary coin sale in point of the completeness of the collection, including, as it did, the greatest varieties, the fine state of preservation of the pieces, the accurate and truthful descriptions of the same, the large attendance and the prices realized. The aggregate of the cabinet footed \$2728.00. The highest price for each denomination we quote as follows: Dollar, 1838, \$80; half-dollar, 1796, \$65; quarter dollar, 1827, \$210.00; fifth-dollar, 1877, \$2.80; dime, 1804, \$27.00; half-dime, 1802, \$67.50; three cents, 1863 and '64, \$1.25 each; cent, 1804, \$28.00; half-cent, 1796 and 1842, \$17.00 each.

Major Nichols, of Springfield, Mass., has recently disposed of his collection of English halfpenny and farthing tokens, numbering 1142 specimens, by private sale through a New York dealer. The penny tokens were parted with in a like manner some three years ago through a Philadelphia dealer. Thus the finest cabinet of the series known in this country has been disposed of. It was mainly formed by the late Joseph J. Mickley, of Philadelphia, who has long been regarded as the pioneer of American coin collectors.

The Bartholdi medal commemorating the erection of the statue of Liberty on Bedloe's island in New York harbor, presented by the people of France, shows four varieties. The dies were bargained for with a Philadelphia engraver but when submitted to the proprietors they were not accepted. New dies were prepared in New York. The demand for the medals proved so great that the Philadelphia dies were brought into requisition. Thus, two sets of

dies were cut and each was changed in the arrangement and punctuation of the legends after impressions had been taken. The medals were pierced, and had a ribbon with bar attached. A very few were ordered by coin dealers, *unpierced* and in bronze, none of them except in the hands of dealers.

Cents of the present year are now met with in circulation. The coinage of them was not begun until August. Half and quarter dollars, up to the present time, have not been struck for circulation. It is to be hoped that within the few remaining days an order will be given for the coining of a few hundred dollars worth.

Mr. Wyllys Betts entertained a large audience at the rooms of the American Numismatic and Archaeological Society of New York city, with an address upon the capture of Porto Bello in 1739, which he illustrated with an exhibition of the principal types of the Admiral Vernon medals. Never before have the details—historic and numismatic—of this interesting medallie series, so closely allied to the early history of our continent, been presented to the collecting fraternity.

Mr. Betts has been painstaking in his work, having secured records and data on both sides of the water. The result has been a most satisfactory one to all, and reflects credit on the author. By a warm and hearty vote of the Society he has been requested to have it put in type, and it is to be hoped that he will do so at an early date.

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