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Philadelphia Notes.

BY KEYSTONE.

Dr. S. J. Gittelsen and Mr. E. A. Fleischer of this city attended the Scott Stamp & Coin Co.'s Auction Sale in New York on the 13th inst.

A growing evil, to our mind, is the skillful repairing of damaged stamps and the selling of them to the less informed collectors as fine copies. Several specimens have come to our notice lately of stamps repaired in such a manner as to deceive even the careful collector, and the owners say they paid the price of a fine copy, thinking the stamps were "right." Reputable firms stamp repaired specimens on the back as follows: "This stamp has been repaired" and the article is then sold for what it really is. There are others not so particular however. To them a stamp is a stamp, and the inexperienced collector often suffers as a result. Dealers selling in this manner should be exposed unhesitatingly. If they give the excuse that they did not see the repairing, they are not fit to deal in stamps, and should be branded. The stamp business needs purification if ever any business did, and we hope that collectors will assert their right to be dealt with honestly, and expose these cases of fraud.

Panama is more and more in the public eye, and lately it has been almost impossible to meet the demand for fine unused copies of some specimens. Nos. 2, 4, 7, 11, and 27 are among the most difficult to obtain, and we advise collectors to buy fine ones at good round prices, if they can. These stamps are good property.

R. R. Santini, an Italian collector of some prominence who has been spending a few months in this country in general and Philadelphia in par-

ticular has been a frequent visitor at the office of a leading firm. Mr. Santini left for Rome a few days ago with an expressed admiration for American methods and enterprise. He made some additions to his collection at prices which he considered somewhat high until it developed that he had purchased in Europe a great many stamps which were forged or reprinted, whereupon he said several things in Italian and began to look upon his purchases here in a much more favorable light. Moral; Buy your stamps of a firm of reputation and integrity, remembering that all is not gold that glitters, and that no one is giving away gold dollars for fifty cents.

Boston Notes.

BY C. W. BROWN.

The chief and almost only topic interesting to Philatelists from a Bostonian standpoint is the report of the Entertainment Committee of the Boston Philatelic Society.

An address to the members is the first part of the report, which has been printed in neat form, for the purpose of distributing it among members and their friends. This is signed by Messrs. Batchelder, Bartels and Loring, the members of the committee.

It has been decided to institute a question box for the use of members of the Society, who may send their queries in at any of the monthly meetings either directly or through a friend. This is an idea that should prove of very great value to the members of the Society who attend the meetings even more than to those who send in the questions, for a lively discussion will naturally be the result of each problem, and hitherto undebated points will doubtless receive better treatment than they would do through

the Query Department of a paper.

Regarding the Program for 1904, which has been made out with approximate completeness for each meeting, the following subjects are worthy of careful note.

The February meeting is quite a departure from the ordinary course of affairs, for it will be a banquet for members and their friends. Ladies are especially invited, and suitable entertainment of first class quality will be provided.

The program in full for the year is published in another column.

First Page Ads.

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St. Helena.

As is well known, the record for economy in the stamp line is held by the little island of St. Helena, which for thirty-four years had only one plate from which all its stamps were printed, the different values needed being produced by means of surcharges. This old and venerable 6d plate was engraved by Perkins, Bacon & Co., of London, and contained 240 stamps, arranged in 12 rows of 20, like the original British I penny stamp. The new type introduced in 1890 plainly shows its de la Rue origin; the sheets are also in the usual arrangement of this firm, already described elsewhere.

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DORA'S DECISION.

BY MAY B. BROWN.

"Yes," grumbled Henry Carter, casting a withering glance at his sister, "that's always the way with a woman. She starts out so brash, sure that she can do a man's work; but before long she comes back, all broken down, to be taken care of. I told you how it would be when you went away."

Dora Carter, sitting pale and dejected in the wooden arm-chair, raised her head and shot an indignant glance at her brother.

"But, Henry, you know it wasn't clerking that broke me down. The doctor said that my health was undermined when I came back and helped nurse your children through the scarlet fever, and that working right along after that, without rest, was too much for me. He says it is no wonder women fail in business so often, since they always go into it exhausted from doing so many other kinds of work."

"Stuff and nonsense!" snorted her brother. "Just like a woman to blame some one else for her own failings! I helped nurse the children, too, and my health wasn't undermined. But no matter about your notions; you are here, and I have you to take care of, and I only hope you will appreciate what it is to be supported when times are as hard as they are now. And you might lend me a hand with the milking, since that doctor you're so fond of quoting has ordered outdoor exercise for you."

And Dora, meekness in her bearing, but rebellion in her heart, followed her brother to the corral, where the cows were shut up for the night. She thought of much that was past. She remembered that her brother had secured a deed of the large farm he owned from their father on promise that he would always take care of Dora; and now, after the old man had died, she had endured life with him and his pale, dejected wife, as dependent upon him financially as she was herself, to whom never a penny went except grudgingly; how she had worked at all kinds of work, indoors and out, a veritable pauper, and how, at last, in an unusual burst of indignation, through the influence of the circuit minister, she had secured a position as clerk in a large dry goods store in Big Bend, the nearest large town—a good-sized one, indeed, for Kansas.

Her eagerness to master the details of the business, her quickness, and absorption in her work, soon advanced her, until she was in charge of two or three departments. Then her brother's children were attacked with scarlet fever, and he had summoned her back to the farm to help, from which nursing she had gone back to work broken down in health, and a long illness ensued, during which her brother had not troubled himself to inquire what might be her chances for life. When she was able to leave her room, the doctor issued an edict to the effect that she must not return to the store for a year, and that at least two-thirds of her waking time

should be spent outdoors.

So, against her will, she had been forced to go back to her brother, who had at once taken the opportunity to use her case as proof of all his arguments against women in business life, or, indeed, women who thought for themselves at all.

But Dora, since her entry into the business world, had learned to think for herself, and was quite different from the meek, cowed little drudge that she had been. As she seated herself on the milking stool, and gave the sleek cow a pat, there was a rebellion in her blue eyes and a defiant curve about her lips that said Henry Carter's ascendancy was over, so far as one woman was concerned in it.

"I can't stay here," she said to herself. "I know my own place in the world too well to be the servant that I was once. Between now and morning I must think out another way of living for the next year."

And while Dora was "thinking out" her problem that night, her brother, in the room below, gave his wife economical counsel.

"Now that Dora's come back, Marcia, I want her made use of, for we can't have any ladyfied airs around here. She



FOLLOWED HER BROTHER.

can help you with your fall cleaning, and with the whitewashing and soap making, so you won't have to hire anyone. And you can send word to Abbie Snow to-morrow that you won't need her to sew for you; so there will be three weeks' wages saved, anyway."

"But, Henry," deprecated his wife, "do you think it would be just right to treat your only sister that way? She won't get strong very fast if we keep her at work indoors."

"Marcia, I'm surprised at you," retorted her husband, with asperity. "You act as though I had nothing to say about such matters. If Dora don't like the way I treat her, she may better herself, if she can, but I happen to know that she hasn't any money left, and so she can't choose. And as for 'growing strong,' you women never are anything but bundles of aches and pains, and the most of you wouldn't be strong if you could. Now go to sleep, for there's lots to be done in the morning, and I'm go-

ing to ride up to Iron Mountain ranch after another cow; for if Dora's going to be here to help milk, we may as well make more butter."

Dora followed the directions of her taskmaster quietly enough the next morning, but when he had mounted and galloped off toward the ranch in the hills, she saddled another horse and rode in the opposite direction. She was home long before her brother, who rode into the yard about noon, driving the cow he had just purchased. No mention was made of the addition to the herd until after dinner was over, when Henry turned his unsmiling face toward Dora.

"I'll milk that new cow to-night, Dora, but after this I'll turn her over to you, for my hands are full already."

"I'm sorry to disappoint you, Henry," answered she, demurely, though with a spark in her eyes, "but I don't think of staying here longer than this afternoon."

Her brother stared, as much aghast at her independence of manner as at her astonishing communication.

"Good heavens! What do you mean? Do you think of boarding at the poor farm?" queried the exasperated man.

"Not exactly, Henry," sweetly returned his sister. "But I've hired out to Father Hayward as 'chore boy' for the winter. He will give me ten dollars a month and board, and I shall have only four cows to milk there, while here I should have five, and get only my board."

"You must be crazy, girl! Do you suppose a man worth as much as I am wants his sister to hire out as a farm hand?"

Then Dora did what certain tragic novel heroines are said to have done—"rose to her full height;" and, though even that was not great, she certainly looked stately enough to curb her brother's wrath, as she answered him:

"Henry Carter, do you think that the place of unpaid drudge with my own people is much more respectable than that of paid help on the Hayward farm? There I shall do certain work outdoors,

and then rest. Here I should work outdoors and come in, fatigued, to be urged to other tasks. I have grown a trifle broader in my outlook of life since I broke from your rule, and have decided that just so long as a woman refuses to expect the consideration that one sex should pay to the other, just so long, if she deals with some men, will she be ignored. My work will bring money somewhere, and there I am going."

Henry pulled himself together to snap out his reply: "Well, you're of age, and can do as you please; but a woman who respects herself isn't going into the fields to work with hired men."

"A woman who respects herself," answered Dora, "may go anywhere; but Father Hayward hired me because his men are up river husking corn, and do not come home at night, and he has rheumatism, so that he cannot even do his chores; and as only Willie is at home

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with them, and he is but 12, they must have help. So Willie and I shall do the milking, take care of the stock and the chickens, all of which I have done for you, and when we are going to husk that 20 acres of corn near the house, and after the men have in the feed and wood for the winter, he will have no help but me; and next spring"—Dora was becoming enthusiastic—"he is go-



ROSE TO HER FULL HEIGHT.

ing to raise my wages; and I can drive his cornplanter and his mower and harvester, and hayrake, too, for I have done all that; and raise the chickens, if I have time; and I can stay outdoors all day, and grow strong and brown; and I've always loved the dear old folks, anyway."

And Dora broke off her speech, and went along with her thoughts, clear across the year ahead of her, while Henry sat with his hands in his pockets, gazing moodily at the floor, and did not answer.

"There comes Willie Hayward now for my trunk, and I will drive back with him. I'm sorry for Marcia, but she seems to prefer to let you do her thinking, so I may as well save my pity. And I'm sorry to disagree with you, Henry. I would have staid with you if you had appreciated me enough to give me wages and kind words. You see, it's just the old question of the financial dependence or independence of women, and I choose the latter."

So Dora fed cattle and horses, and milked, and drove machinery all the year, growing each day stronger and more full of spirits. And when the next year, the plump, rosy-checked young woman left her friends and took her old place in town, you might have examined her behavior with a microscope, and not found a shade of un-womanliness resulting from the "man's work" that she had done.

"That's what comes of a woman having charge of her own affairs," said Henry to Marcia. "Just give her a chance, and she won't stop at anything. You ought to be thankful, Marcia, that you've got some one to keep you from making a fool of yourself."

And Marcia sighed.

One Song of Love.

What man shall say, sweet friend, that life Hath no rich rainbows in the strife? * * * Here is thy child, and here thy wife!

Here is the love of one who stood That day, in rosiest womanhood, And said: "With thee, for ill, or good!"

Who saw no winter in life's May— Thy hand in hers—thy way her way, And all things else but yesterday!

Who faced the future, and who said: "If thorns or roses be thy bed, There, by thy side, I lay my head!"

And here, when storms are blowing wild— Close to those earlier lips that smiled, There comes the clinging of a child!

Arms, like a necklace, may adorn Thy neck! * * * At night the stars are born, And splendor heralds every morn.

Oh, storm, and strife, and poverty— What kindly ministers are ye, While Love still spreads a couch for me!

That love which still endureth long Content to suffer and be strong; That makes all life one song! one song!

Boston Philatelic Society

The following program has been arranged for the ensuing year:

February 16th—Banquet for members and friends, including the ladies, at the Quincy House at 7 P. M. A suitable entertainment will be provided. Tickets, \$1.50 each. Owing to the fact that the majority of the members live outside the city proper, evening dress will not be expected.

March 15th—Stereopticon exhibition and talk on Recent Discoveries in United States Envelopes Die Varieties, 1864 issue, by V. M. Berthold.

April 19th—Competition—Netherlands. Percentage rating. Completeness, rarity and condition, 30 per cent. each; arrangement, 10 per cent.

May 17th—Exhibition of Original Covers, with incidental anecdotes, by John F. Seybold. The finest collection of this character in America, and whenever and wherever shown has attracted much attention.

June 21st — Exhibition — Luxembourg, with talk by M. H. Lombard. Competition—Panama. All questions arising to be decided by the judges. Percentage rating: Completeness, rarity and condition, 30 per cent. each; arrangement, 10 per cent.

September 20th—Competition—All United States adhesive postage stamps bearing the head of Franklin. Percentage rating: Completeness, rarity and condition, 30 per cent. each; arrangement, 10 per cent.

October 18th — Exhibition — Confederate States, with talk by H. E. Deats. Believed to be the best all-round collection of Confederate States

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November 15th — Exhibition — United States telegraph stamps, with talk by Joseph S. Rich, the recognized expert on these stamps.

Exhibition—United States envelopes, with talk by Geo. L. Toppan. This will prove one of the most interesting meetings of the year.

December 20th — Exhibition of Philippine Island Stamps, with talk by Messrs. J. M. Bartels and F. Apthorp Foster.

Uncatalogued Variety Competition for the silver cup. Open to all philatelists. Varieties must not be listed in Scott, Stanley Gibbons, nor Senf.

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THE STAMP REPORTER appears in an enlarged form to-day which we believe is more becoming to a newspaper. This change was in evidence from the very first and is but the beginning of the many improvements we intend to make.

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Morean's 44th Sale.

C. L. Morean of 122 West 48th Street, New York, will hold an auction, sale of stamps on February 11, 1904. All bids by mail. The stamps in this sale are very desirable and range in price from \$1 to \$10.

Special Offer.

In order to meet our readers half way we have decided to take a few more subscriptions at 25c each. Don't wait until it is too late but subscribe at once.

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British Somaliland.

As there appears to be a great deal of misunderstanding about the stamps at present in use in British Somaliland, it may be as well to clear it up.

The Protectorate of British Somaliland has had its own postal arrangements since the first of June last, and its Government uses at present Indian stamps surcharged "British Somaliland." But the troops engaged in field operations in that country are served by field post-offices which have accompanied them from India and which are under the control of the Indian Post-Office. The troops, therefore, use ordinary Indian stamps.

In other words, the regular civil post-offices in British Somaliland use the surcharged stamps, while the military post-offices (as long as they continue to exist) use ordinary Indian stamps. As the currency of British Somaliland is the same as that of India, there was fortunately no necessity for a surcharge like the "C. E. F." used by field post-offices with our troops in China.—Philatelic Journal of India.

The parlor sofa holds the twain,
Miranda and her love-sick swain,
Headshe,
But hark! a step upon the stair,
And papa finds them sitting there,
He and she.

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6 sets German China	1 44	33	10 Italy 1901, 5 l 1901	5 00 1 00
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5 sets Honduras '98	1 00	23	49 Venezuela '87 25 yellow lith	
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6 sets N Borneo '93, 1-24c	8 25	1 39		
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5 sets Peru, 9 var	1 80	41		
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120 Austria 2 krona 1900, fine	7 20	1 73		
42 Canada 50c blue '93 badly cancelled	10 50	2 00		
5 Cape Good Hope '03 (pence)	4 00	1 25		
50 Chili 5c on 30	2 80	50		
14 Columbia Rep 50c blue	7 00	1 10		
*7 Germany 3 "DF," instead of "DE," a slang word meaning "played out empire" cat by Gibbons	1 80	40		
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50 Guatemala 5c purple				

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Stamp News and Notes.

Advertisers in sending their advertisements will please estimate at 8 lines to the inch, or else we shall be obliged to charge 20c an inch, as it frequently costs more than 10c to set some ads. Don't crowd your ads.

In Italy two high values of unpaid letter stamps have been added to the current set. They are, respectively, a 50 lire yellow and 100 lire blue. Their especial use is in connection with money orders.

An exclusive revenue album would be welcomed and would be an advanced step in the Fiscal Philately of the U. S.—Dr. J. M. Brooks.

Egypt has issued over 200 varieties of official stamps. Here is a good field for some specialist.

On December 31, 1903, the firm of F. Krebs & Co., New York City, passed out of business existence by process of dissolution, and Jacques Krebs has now established himself as a retail and wholesale dealer at 111 East 56th Street, New York City.

Panama stamps are in sharp demand, and high prices are ruling.

To the Republic of San Salvador must be credited the doubtful honor of having issued more varieties of postage stamps than any other country, the number being 404.

A Chicago correspondent says, "Many varieties of the New Panama provisionals are shown here on the original covers."

A. D. Blair, Jr., Elmira, N. Y., has been appointed auction manager of the Stamp Collectors' Association.

It is reported that Italy will issue a new 15c stamp in April, on the occasion of the International Postal Congress, which is then to take place in Rome.

The reprints of the first issue of Lu-beck are rarer than the original stamps.

I have seen a specimen of the 1c U. S. 1895 triangle I, which is imperforated. The stamp is on a piece of the original cover and I have no doubt was issued that condition. The catalogue lists triangle III in this condition but not triangle I. The stamp was found in a lot of the "Kaneville" mixture in 1899.

R. Williams of West Roxbury, Mass., advertises a mail auction sale of desirable stamps in to-days REPORTER. This sale will close February 12th, and we trust our readers will give him a share of their patronage.

Collectors should be careful when purchasing Japanese stamps, as many dangerous counterfeits are seen floating around the country.

The 1 penny stamp of Tonga, issue of 1886, was perforated by a machine that only covered half of the sheet at one operation. On sheets where the two perforators do not "jibe" a curious effect was produced. I have a block from the center of the sheet in which the upper pair is much to the left of the lower pair and at first glance it looks like a "made" block.

The 1891 set of Persia comes in two different gauges of perforation, viz. 10½ and 11½ of which the 10½ is much the rarer.

The 1873 issue of Iceland has been very well counterfeited. The most noticeable difference is in the irregularity of the shading in the corners of the stamp, which is more pronounced than in the genuine stamps.

We have received from the New York office Stanley Gibbons' annual catalogue of publications and albums. It is priced in American currency which makes of greater value to the American buyers.

The publishers of the Philatelic World issued a very fine twenty-four page Christmas number of that paper. The contents were carefully selected and very interesting and the publica-

tion presented a very attractive appearance.

Washington Notes.

Washington dealers report a good trade thus far and business is on the increase.

There is a good demand here for United States and Colonies.

It is believed the new St. Louis Exposition stamps will in some degree resemble the \$5 Columbian stamp. The 1c value has been referred to in a general way and this, of course, has no particular resemblance to the \$5 Columbian, but the 2c, 3c and 5c values will have no pictures and it is believed the thought found in the \$5 Columbian meets with considerable favor.

The designs for the new stamps have not as yet been approved.

The report of the Post-office Department will probably be issued this week. It will contain much information on the manufacture and use of postage stamps.

The plate for the domestic reply card is in course of engraving.

FREE An unused Nyassa and a set of Chili Telg. to all sending for our appr. sheets at 50 p. c. 40c Doc. 1898, cat. 6c, 3c; 80c Doc. 1898, cat. 15c, 6c; An unused Western Union and above, 10c. ACME STAMP CO., 524, 3rd Ave. S. E., Minneapolis, Minn.

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Honduras.

The A. J. of P. gives us a story of interest in connection with the current issue. We quote its correspondent:

I beg to call your attention to a new regulation regarding postage stamps in Honduras.

As you probably know, stamps are not sold in that country at the post-offices, but by an agent of the government in another office, where he also sells revenue stamps and the blanks on which it is necessary to write telegrams.

For some reason I was unable to learn why another Government official having nothing to do with the P. O. Department, must examine the postage stamps and mark them before they can be sold by the official whose business it is to dispose of them. The mark that is put upon them is the word "PERMITASE," meaning "it is permitted to use."

You will notice this as "PER" upon the enclosed 10c stamp and "ITASE" upon the 5c. I examined a number of sheets of stamps in Amapala, Honduras, recently and was unable to purchase any without this mark. It so happened that in the office there were several sheets of 50c stamps without the mark, but the authorities would not sell them.

The mark is invariably on two adjoining stamps, but, being placed there by hand, it is very irregularly placed.

The surcharge, which is evidently the work of a rubber stamp, is in large sans-serif capitals and is probably applied to all values, though at present we list only what we know to exist.

Adhesives

- 5c blue, surch, in purple.
- 10c brown, surch, in rose.
- 50c vermilion.

The Blotter—You look blue. What's the matter?

The Cancellation Machine—Oh, I'm up against the two cent stamps all the while, and what with the statute of limitations and the defective indictments, I'm ashamed to look George Washington in the face!

Husband.—"Caroline, I am too tired to go to that concert with you to-night. Do you mind going alone?"

"No, indeed, but where shall I leave the latch-key when I get home?"

Mail Auction Sale

→ February 12th, 1904. ←

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Lot No	Cat No in Val Lot	Lot No	Cat No in Val Lot
U. S. 1	Cat No 31-78 very fine \$ 70 2	40	Hawaiian No 34* fine. 1 25 1
1861	2 12c black very fine..... 50 1	41	Hawaiian No 32 fine... 70 1
1869	3 15c No 118, seems to be unused Very fine, center fine 3 50 1	42	Hawaiian No 36 fine... 1 50 1
1869	4 30c fine..... 3 00 1	43	Hawaiian No 52a very fine..... 2 50 1
1871	5 7c good..... 60 1	44	Hawaiian No 62 very fine..... 75 1
1871	6 24c good..... 1 50 1	45	Hayti No 1-2, very fine 70 2
1890	7 90c very fine..... 50 1	46	Hayti No 7, very fine. 40 1
1895	8 50c-\$1 black, very fine 95 2	47	Hayti No 8, very fine. 1 00 1
1901	9 Pan Am 1-10c* fine face 30 6	48	Hayti No 9, very fine. 60 1
	10 Mixed lot U S good... 3 00 29	49	Hayti 1887, comp " 63 4
	11 U S post-office 1c* fine 40 1	50	Cat No 42* block of 15 90 15
1898	12 *U S Prop 1 1/4c cold violet a rare shade, well worth from 15 to 20c each... 21	51	Cat No 70, 71, 72, 73, fine, rare *..... 4
U S	13 Documentary 80c fine 75 5	52	Indian States, mix. lot 90 18
	14 " \$10 black very " 1	53	Leeward Islands No 2, 4, 6, fine..... 57 3
U S	15 Env cat No 1336 fine* 1 00 1	54	Montserrat. W I No 1 50 1
	16 Env cat No 1337 " * 1 00 1	55	Montserrat No 5* block of 4, fine..... 60 4
	17 Annam and Tonkin No 2* fine..... 40 1	56	Montserrat No 6 block of 4, fine..... 1 00 4
	18 Anticua No 21* fine. 1	57	Newfoundland* No 43, 48..... 58 2
	19 Argentine No 40..... 40 1	58	No 49 *..... 30 1
	20 Bahamas No 12 ver fine 1 25 1	59	New South Wales No 41 85 1
	21 " " 14 " " 1 25 1	60	Nova Scotia No 10..... 30 1
	22 British Honduras No 1 *..... 1 00 1	61	Nova Scotia No 12... 1 50 1
	23 Canada No 4, very fine 30 1	62	Orange River Colony, No 43..... 50 1
	24 " " 16 " " 45 1	1883	63 Cat No 22 surch Coat of Arms of Colony, must be rare..... 1
	25 " " 50* " " 25 1	64	Peru No 20*..... 50 1
	26 No * 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, fine face..... 53 4	65	Prussia E Cat No 3, in post-office state, very fine... 4 00 1
	27 No 6* fine face..... 50 1	66	Queensland Cat No 2, trimmed rather close, sold as it is..... 35 00 1
	28 No 84* Block 15 fine. 15	67	Roumania No 9a..... 2 50 1
	29 Chile No 13* fine..... 75 1	68	" No 19* very fine. 50 1
	30 Colombian Rep No 149 1 00 1	69	" No 30* very fine. 1 00 1
	31 Cuba No 225* block of 6, No 230* block of 6, face fine..... 60 12	70	" No 34 very fine. 60 1
	32 Dominica, W I No 16* 50 1	71	" No 35* very fine. 1 25 1
	33 Dominica, W I No 18* 75 1	72	" No 45 very fine. 1 00 1
1899	34 Ecuador 1 to 10c*..... 4	73	" No 51 very fine. 75 1
	35 " Cat No 217, 218, 219, 223, 224, 240..... 1 36 6	74	Mixed Lot..... 2 78 10
1840	36 Great Britain 1P black No 2..... 1	75	So Australia No 55 fine 2 00 1
	37 Great Britain cat No 25 fine pair..... 2 00 2	76	Trinidad No 22, little damaged... 8 50 1
	38 Greece, No 3-40 fair... 2 50 2		
	39 Hamburg No 25 - 26 very fine..... 2 50 2		

Collectors take notice that the stamps that are in this sale are centered and lightly cancelled.

You better bid freely on this sale.

A WORD ABOUT MONACO.

BY JULIAN A. D. PARK.

The editor requesting me to furnish some kind of a resume about the little known state of Monaco, a political rather than a postal history is the outcome, as the kingdom has not been prolific in postal issues.

Monaco was founded by some nobles of Genoa about 950 A. D., but was not made independent until 1815. In the tenth century the state was a kind of grand duchy, and its ruler desiring to continue this semi-independence, Spain took it under protection in 1605. That country not giving it sufficient oversight, France forty years later assumed the protectorship and kept it up until Monaco was proclaimed an independent kingdom.

Two kings named Honore succeeded to the throne, the later—Honore V., a peer of France, for he was connected in a very distant relationship with his predecessors, distinguished himself by the publication of a gigantic and magnificent work on pauperism, which was a queer subject for a king to take up.

After a six-year's rule by his father, Florestine I., Charles III, succeeded in 1856. Charles (Prince of Monaco, for the title was changed), ceded to France more than half the original state for not a million dollars, making the state smaller than ever, until now it barely covers seven square miles of territory. On the death of Prince Charles in 1889, Albert came to the throne, and under his just rule Monaco continues to increase in population and prosperity.

So much for the political history, but I must say a word about its postage stamps, for that was my original purpose.

The first issue, the lower values issued in January, 1885, and the higher ones gradually throughout that year and the next, consisted of a neatly executed and very pretty design showing the head of Prince Charles in a circle in the middle of the stamp, turned to the right. The inscription is simply the name and "Postage, 1." This set consisted of 10 varieties. In it is the rare 5 francs, the rarest Monacan stamp, catalogued by Scott at \$15, but sold by French dealers for

more than that, and in very fine condition the stamp will easily bring \$18. This issue maybe dismissed without further comment, as there are no minor varieties or other peculiarities noticed by a philatelist.

Monaco's second and last set began to appear two years after the death of Charles, and continued to appear until 1894. In values and numbers it is similar to its predecessor, in general design to, which it has a resemblance. A profile portrait of Albert is surrounded by laurel leaves and the figure of liberty; minor details, rendering the stamp less simple than the other, and the name and value complete the design. In 1897 five moderations, slight indeed, of color, took place, which, of course, are now cheaper in price than the older shade. In order to conform to the postal regulations, the colors of five of the lower values were changed last year. So Monaco has the record (Salvador, etc., should profit!) of to-day possessing 30 separate varieties, with no minor differences, and no errors. Both designs are also very creditable in appearance, and with one or two exceptions the colors blend very attractively. Except for the 1885 5 francs, the State can be gathered complete for a very small outlay comparatively, and the filled page presents an attractive appearance.

Monaco has also issued two sets of wrappers and envelopes, with designs similar to the adhesives of same date; upon these, however, no comment is interesting enough to be made.

Chicago Notes.

Marshall Hancock has been appointed Chicago correspondent of the Fortnightly.

The demand for U. S. stamps in fine condition is constantly increasing. The fact that so many collectors are specializing in United States is largely accountable for this demand.

The new French stamps of the Sower type are now appearing quite frequently on mail matter received from France.

The next meeting of the local branch of the American Philatelic Association will be held February 11th. Mr. Mudge will read a paper on color differences.

The dollar values of the new issues are not yet on sale here.

August C. Brucker, a postal clerk, was recently arrested for stealing stamps. He removed valuable stamps from letters that passed through his hands.

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Italy.

A new set of stamps is being prepared for use here. Two of the lower values will honor Volta and Marconi and the higher values will show the head of the King in various positions. The set is expected to make its appearance at an early date.

Bulgaria.

The Le Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste is informed by a correspondent at Sofia, that a new value of 20s of the current type is in preparation. It is reported that the color will be blue, which is surprising as the 25s is already of that color.

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GUMMING OF POSTAGE STAMPS.

Regulated by Climatic Conditions— Mistake Raises Complaints.

Postage stamps are differently gummed at different seasons of the year. This branch of preparing postage stamps is divided into calendar periods, and performed according to the season. The gum applied in the winter months is different from that applied in the summer months, and stamps are sent out to geographical sections according to climatic conditions. Those for summer use have a harder gum than those intended for the cold weather, and to some of the northern points of the country the summer stamps are sent the whole year around and vice versa.

The stamps intended for use in the Philippines and Porto Rico are always of the winter variety and are soft gummed, while those for Alaska are summer stamps and have a harder gum on their backs. Stamps having the hard summer gum tend to warp in cold weather, and the soft gum for winter use would be utterly impracticable during warm weather. Recently there has been a mistake made by the Stamp Division of the Post-office, and many offices have been getting the hard gummed summer stamps instead of the winter variety. The consequences were that they curled, and the people and the postmasters made loud complaints. An order was issued that if the stamps were returned to the Department new ones would be substituted.

El Libertador.

If a stamp collector is blessed with any moderate amount of sense, he cannot fail to have noticed one thing about three of the northern republics of South America. Commencing with Columbia, as he turns the

pages of his album he notices the State of Bolivar. If then he glances at the spaces allotted to Venezuela, he sees a picture on the stamps, and a friend tells him that it is from a portrait of General Bolivar. Farther, he perceives that the standard coin of the country is the bolivar.

And now let us suppose he directs his notice to Bolivia. The very name of the country suggests that same omnipresent Bolivar. As he looks farther among his stamps, he finds the one boliviano (there it is again) of the 1897 issue, with a likeness of Gen. Bolivar, once more. If this collector is studious he will inquire the reason that this Bolivar should be met with so often. He may know that Bolivar is called the Washington of South America, but there his knowledge stops. This article is written to show such as he why Bolivar is deemed worthy of so high honors.

Simon Bolivar was born of wealthy and aristocratic parents in the city of Caracas, Venezuela. He was impetuous, talented, patriotic. Early in life while traveling abroad he came into contact with Napoleon Bonaparte. He was scarcely twenty, when on the Aventine Hill of Rome, surrounded by monuments of a noble past, he dedicated his days to the freedom of Venezuela.

On returning to his native country, he immediately was recognized as leader of the revolutionary party. Miranda, another prominent upholder of the patriot's cause, made his acquaintance. About the end of 1810 the Declaration of Independence was signed, and, in a battle at Victoria, the Revolutionary army was defeated by the Spanish. After this Bolivar and Miranda quarreled. Bolivar betrayed his compatriot to the Spanish, saying "I surrender Miranda to pun-

ish a traitor to my country, and not to do a service to the king."

When affairs were straightened out, Bolivar became general of the army, and led it to repeated victories. When independence was an accomplished fact, he united Venezuela, Columbia and Ecuador into a confederation, being elected president himself. In the meantime the people of Peru and Bolivia had revolted from Spain. Being hard pressed, they summoned Bolivar to their aid. He became dictator of Peru. Bolivia was named in his honor, which country elected him "Perpetual President and Protector." However, he returned to Venezuela, where General Palz defied his authority, separated the country from the confederation, and finally banished "El Libertador."

This illustrious victim of the proverbial ingratitude of republics retired to the country and died in a few months of a broken heart. To-day the nation which thus killed him worships his memory.

Pictorial Postcards.

Pictorial post cards originated in Germany some twelve years ago, and, like all great things, began in a very small way. Who actually started the idea is not known, but it is generally believed that about the year 1888 a few post cards bearing pictures of celebrated places first began to find their way into Berlin. Last year hundreds of millions of picture cards passed through German Post Offices, yielding to the government an average income of \$15,000 a day.

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Fitness often prepares the way for us to success, then Environment. Chance and Opportunity are great factors, but how many of us are prepared and how many of us grasp the opportunity when it arises.

On Opportunity my plans are drawn. When Chance looms big my lazy spirits yawn.

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Try it, it pays, the indifferent collector does not amount to much artistically or from a financial point of view. Philately does not offer much to the collector who feels that stamp collecting is the one hobby one day and who is the next day wondering whether it is really worth while to collect any longer or not, this indifference continues, so does the collection. When bargains or snaps are advertised he is slow to take advantage of them when at the same time they would be valuable additions to album, he does not invest for he believes it hardly worth while to invest in any more stamps for soon he will dispose of his entire collection and be done with the whole thing entirely. Then probably something inspires him on to a new effort, interest is again aroused, then he looks again for those bargains or snap ads he saw in a paper a month ago, he writes and finds the adv does not hold good at present.

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Foreign revenues seem to be much more popular in England and her Colonies than in America.

Willard O. Wylie of Beverley, Mass., is the new editor and also business manager of Mekeel's Weekly. No better choice could be made, as Mr. Wylie certainly possesses the ability to keep the paper up to the high standard which it has attained under the able guidance of Mr. Severn.

It is reported that the 4f. purple of Hungary has been withdrawn, being the same color as the new 12f.

The 1/2a. Queens head has been found with surcharge "British Somaliland" inverted near the top of the stamp.

Advertising rates in the STAMP REPORTER is only 20c per inch, flat measure. Send us a trial ad for at least five or ten insertions.

The so called reprints of the 1862 issue of Argentine Republic are in reality reprints and collectors should not purchase them, or reputable dealers sell them.

The Collectors Note Book, published at Camden, N. J., is a very interesting and carefully edited magazine devoted to the interest of collectors. Send for a sample copy and mention the REPORTER.

The dies for the St. Louis commemorative stamps have all been approved and the new issue is now being printed, and are expected to be on sale about the last of April.

Errors and oddities always have a fascination for me and in searching

for them I have passed many hours which otherwise would probably have been much less profitably employed. I recently found a 2c U. S. 1861 issue Internal revenue with double perforations at bottom and a 2c 1892 issue with double perforations at the top —L. V. CASS.

We are in receipt of a copy of the "Stamp Dealer's Directory and Stamp Buyer's Guide," published by H. C. Beardsley of St. Joseph, Mo. This book is a very valuable philatelic guide and a copy should be in the hands of every dealer and collector. Copies can be had of the publisher at 10c each.

Karl S. Hillmer of Plymouth, Mich., will have a big ad in next week's issue of this paper. Watch out for it. All stamp, coin and curio collectors will be interested.

When Spanish stamps are found punched they have been used in payment of telegrams.

A correspondent asks for information how to discover watermarks a subject which, we admit, is in many instances a difficult one to define. We are of the opinion that in detecting watermarks a good deal depends upon the knowledge of the collector. It is useless to commence endeavoring to discover an indistinct watermark without some idea of the likely watermark upon the specimen in point. Consult the catalogue as to this, and then after placing the specimen (if used, if unused should not be so treated) in water for a few seconds, lay it face downwards upon any black surface, and the watermark should appear. If this fails, procure some pure benzine, and immerse the stamp therein, when any doubt as to the watermark will quickly be removed. The latter test, however, should only be necessary in extreme cases, and has one objection, although the benzine quickly dries out, an unpleasant odor remains to the stamp.

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STAMP NEWS AND NOTES.

After six years of editorship, Mr. C. E. Severn has retired from the staff of Mekeel's Weekly, leaving behind a record that he will feel proud of, and whose name will ever be prominently mentioned when the history of the paper is being reviewed in future years.

The publisher of the REPORTER is prepared to print stamp papers at a reasonable price and can guarantee prompt service and good work. Get our figures on your job.

Foreign revenues seem to be much more popular in England and her Colonies than in America.

Willard O. Wylie of Beverly, Mass., is the new editor and also business manager of Mekeel's Weekly. No better choice could be made, as Mr. Wylie certainly possesses the ability to keep the paper up to the high standard which it has attained under the able guidance of Mr. Severn.

It is reported that the 4f. purple of Hungary has been withdrawn, being the same color as the new 12f.

The 1/2a. Queens head has been found with surcharge "British Somaliland" inverted near the top of the stamp.

Advertising rates in the STAMP REPORTER is only 20c per inch, flat measure. Send us a trial ad for at least five or ten insertions.

The so called reprints of the 1862 issue of Argentine Republic are in reality reprints and collectors should not purchase them, or reputable dealers sell them.

The Collectors Note Book, published at Camden, N. J., is a very interesting and carefully edited magazine devoted to the interest of collectors. Send for a sample copy and mention the REPORTER.

The dies for the St. Louis commemorative stamps have all been approved and the new issue is now being printed, and are expected to be on sale about the last of April.

Errors and oddities always have a fascination for me and in searching

for them I have passed many hours which otherwise would probably have been much less profitably employed. I recently found a 2c U. S. 1861 issue Internal revenue with double perforations at bottom and a 2c 1892 issue with double perforations at the top — L. V. CASS.

We are in receipt of a copy of the "Stamp Dealer's Directory and Stamp Buyer's Guide," published by H. C. Beardsley of St. Joseph, Mo. This book is a very valuable philatelic guide and a copy should be in the hands of every dealer and collector. Copies can be had of the publisher at 10c each.

Karl S. Hillmer of Plymouth, Mich., will have a big ad in next week's issue of this paper. Watch out for it. All stamp, coin and curio collectors will be interested.

When Spanish stamps are found punched they have been used in payment of telegrams.

A correspondent asks for information how to discover watermarks a subject which, we admit, is in many instances a difficult one to define. We are of the opinion that in detecting watermarks a good deal depends upon the knowledge of the collector. It is useless to commence endeavoring to discover an indistinct watermark without some idea of the likely watermark upon the specimen in point. Consult the catalogue as to this, and then after placing the specimen (if used, if unused should not be so treated) in water for a few seconds, lay it face downwards upon any black surface, and the watermark should appear. If this fails, procure some pure benzine, and immerse the stamp therein, when any doubt as to the watermark will quickly be removed. The latter test, however, should only be necessary in extreme cases, and has one objection, although the benzine quickly dries out, an unpleasant odor remains to the stamp.

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The Post-Office Mauritius Stamps.

For some reason the penny and two penny stamps issued by this colony in 1847 have earned the reputation of being the rarest varieties in the world. It would be difficult to say just how they acquired this supreme honor in the eyes of collectors—but the fact that they are thought to be the best would naturally make them costlier than other stamps of which there were really fewer copies known to the collecting public. And as a matter of fact, probably a half-dozen other stamps could be printed out as being in reality rarer. That is to say that there are probably other stamps of which fewer copies are known to Philatelists than of the Mauritius pair. Even among Confederate and U. S. Provisionals we would probably find, if we made a strict count, that there were several varieties of which there are not a dozen known copies.

But there are now an even two dozen of the rare Mauritius; thirteen of the one penny, and eleven of the two penny. The latest find, as most philatelists now know, was made in an old collection which had been formed in 1864. Its owner in looking over it recently, discovered that his album had been "Entertaining angels unawares" and that for something like forty years he had been hiding away a small fortune! It was a two penny that he found, and he has placed it with Messrs. Puttick & Simpson to be sold at auction. Little fear need be entertained in regard to placing a "reserve" on the stamp so long as Mr. T. H. Lemaire is alive and well, for this gentleman will hardly allow a chance to slip by when he can obtain one of these rarities, for out of the twenty-three hitherto known no less than six copies have passed through his hands.

It was not so very many months ago that a pair of the stamps were discovered, a one and two penny on the same letter, and it is said that he sold these to a well-known Parisian collector for \$13,000!

Of the twenty-four copies now known, seven are unused and seventeen used. Two of the one penny exist uncanceled, and eleven of them cancelled, while of the two penny, there are ten known used copies, and the recently discovered one makes the fifth unused one.

The fact that a Brattleboro provisional has been rejected when offered

at the influential sum of 75c is paralleled on the other side of the water by a fact that a used pair of Post Office Mauritius was sold some time since, for \$2.00. And now, with each new discovery, the price, instead of falling, goes soaring up. In 1870 only eleven copies were known and the best price obtainable for the pair was \$20, if we may rely on the statement in the "Philatelic Journal," which also says that \$30 was paid for one value alone in 1880, and that in 1860 the price had risen to \$50 although there were fifteen known copies. These successive improvements are due of course to the increased interest displayed in Philatelic matters, and the growing importance and influence of the hobby. The price which will be paid for the new copy on the next 13th of January will be a matter of considerable speculation. R. F. BALDWIN.

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