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A Lucky Find—I Guess Not.

By L. L. Dolson.

The stamp dealer sat in his well worn chair gloomily looking out of the window and wondering where his next meal was to come from, for he had only ten cents and that he must use to buy stamps with.

His reverie was interrupted by the opening and shutting of his office door. On looking up the dealer saw a small boy walking importantly up to his desk, in one grimy hand holding a bundle of papers and in the other a soiled envelope.

He handed the envelope to the dealer with a "what will you give me look" and then sat down and waited for the dealer to look at it. The dealer looked at it and then chucked gleefully to himself for—the engine was upside down. "Here kid, I'll give you a dime for this," said the dealer patronizingly.

The boys eyes sparkled and grasping the coin, hastily departed. The dealer seeing the bad condition of the envelope soaked the stamp off and lo! —the neatly patched engine came off too.

"Soaked again" muttered the dealer, then he sat down and meditated.

Announcement.

I wish to announce to my many patrons and friends that I have retired from the stamp business in order to devote my whole time to the editing of this magazine. I herewith wish to thank you for your past patronage or any you may bestow upon me and my new venture. Yours Very Truly,
L. L. DOLSON.

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PHILATELIC PEN POINTS.

Quite a little wordy war is on between two holders of U. S. 4c and 30c envelopes of 1886 issue. It is claimed 1,000 each of the 30c Nos. 1527, 1531, 1538 and 1545 were printed and 500 each of the 4c Nos. 1524 and 1529, and one firm has reduced its prices about 85 per cent on the 30c and 25 per cent on the 4c.

Austrian stamps cancelled KK ETAP-PEN-POSTAMT Nr. XXIX, both with date, were used by the Austro-Hungarian army during the occupation of Bosnia prior to July 1879.

The caps on the 2c stamp of 1890 U. S. were caused by damaged transfer rolls, probably due to the roll being hardened too much, part of it slipping off. A stamp having the cap on the right 2 only sold about a year ago, unused for \$5.25.

Type II of the 40 centimes orange stamp of France 1849-50 and 1870-71 issues existed but twice in each sheet of 300 stamps, being the 6th and 7th stamps in the last row of the right hand pane.

Quite a little history is attached to the stamps of the issue of 1853-60 of France perforated 7. These were the result of an invention for perforating stamps by a Mr. Susse, who used his machine on sheets bought from the postoffice in quantity as a small discount, selling them perforated at face, and he tried to induce the French Government to adopt it, but the holes being punched so large the machine was not the success hoped for.

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THIS ISSUE

Was somewhat smaller than we at first intended to make it. On account of the money stringency dealers and collectors were a little slow in responding to our various advertisements, therefore we saw fit to cut our paper down to four pages. The money panic, we hope, will have no further effect upon our plans and if dealers and collectors will give us at least a share of their patronage our advancement will be rapid. The following numbers will be better edited and many new features added.

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'T WAS ONLY A DREAM.

BY L. L. DOLSON.

The stamp dealer was prosperous, he had sold several ten cent packets and was again sitting in the same old chair jingling his money. Again his reverie was interrupted by the opening and shutting of his office door.

On looking up he saw an old man shuffling up to his desk. He wore a very rusty suit of clothes, and carried under his arm an old book. He handed it to the dealer asking him what he would give him for it, and then sat down.

The dealer on opening the book was amazed to see staring him in the face rare Mauritius stamps and unused at that. Page after page the dealer turned over only to find complete sets of unused Post Office stamps confronting him from the old man's stamp book. The dealer finally aroused himself from the trance he had been in for the last five minutes and asked the old man what he wanted for them. The old man said he thought they were worth \$5.00 and the dealer, as he should, promptly began to "Jew" him down. He finally succeeded in getting them for three dollars and a half and was engaged in mounting them on sheets when—bang, the dealer awoke finding that he had been dreaming and fallen out

of his chair. Nevertheless it was hard for the dealer to believe that he had not bought the stamps so he immediately looked around for them but they were not to be found. Then he felt in his pocket for the money he had so lately been jingling and pulled out a toothpick, a match and—his laundry bill.

The dealer was "broke" and again he sat down and meditated.

Greeting to the M. P. A.

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Announcement.

We wish to announce the appearance of a fine May issue. In addition to our large subscription list we will send out several hundred sample copies. This issue will pay the advertiser well. Try it

Editorial.

We herewith wish to thank the various philatelic papers for their kind greeting to “Philatelic Flashes.” We read announcements of the appearance of our paper in five papers, other than the regular stamp papers. It seems new stamp journals are heralded with delight, in fact they are, if we may judge from the number of subscriptions we have received since we mailed our first issue. We want to secure 5000 subscribers by March 1909, and if subscriptions keep rolling in like they did this month, that mark will be far surpassed. Remember you must subscribe before the 15th of May if you wish to secure this paper one year for only 15c.

We also wish to notify advertisers that after the May issue the advertising rates of “Philatelic Flashes” will be raised to 50c per inch. Our circulation is growing so rapidly that we are compelled to make this change.

Stamp Verse.

I'll tell you what in stamps I find,
 Extremely useful, and quite to my mind;
 Old Ben Franklin done up in green,
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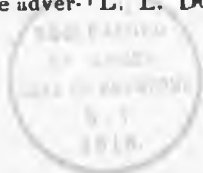
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"DeKay's Stamp Circular" made its appearance in February. It is a large newsy paper edited by Clarence P. Dekay of Florida, New York.

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1908 bids fair to be a banner year for the springing up of new stamp journals in the U. S. The Denver Stamp Journal made its initial appearance in January, DeKay's Stamp Circular came to light in February, and Philatelic Flashes made its bow to the public in March. We wonder what new one we will have in April.

So much has been said in regard to the great Alexandria find that we have not mentioned it before. However all philatelics are glad that the stamp is to remain in the U. S. Lucky the Prince of Wales didn't get his eyes on it wasn't it?

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A Foolish Philatelist.

A philatelist, named Decimo,
Thought he had a good scheme
To make bright his rare Mauritius;
He held it over the steam.

The stamp was soon quite wet
And pale it did seem.
He began to stew and fret
Then decided to try cream.

He placed it in a dish
Of cream quite pale and blue,
And then began to wish,
His Mauritius would look new.

But the stamp was soon quite greasy
In fact, it was quite spoiled.
He began to grow uneasy
As the stamp became more soiled.

Then he took it to a stamp store,
A block or so away,
To see if experiments more
Would financially pay.

The dealer took the rare Mauritius
That had been tampered with so
much
And said, to the foolish Decius,
"You certainly beat the Dutch."

Then Decius took his stamp,
And departed for his home,
And learned a costly lesson,
To let experiments alone.

—W. M. Overton.

Heligoland.

This is not a country for the unskilled philatelist to meddle with. The reason is simple. After the postage stamps of Heligoland ceased to exist an enterprising German dealer bought the original blocks and so printed off Heligoland stamps in great quantities, in such quantities, in fact, that there are very few collections in which some of these reprints are not to be seen. In nearly every case it requires an extremely clever expert to distinguish original from reprint. In addition to this drawback the collector of small means will soon find his purse empty if once he commences collecting used specimens, as many of them are valuable and very scarce.—Dekay's Stamp Circular.

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A Bit of Stamp History.

By A Retired Stamp Dealer.

Stamps, impressed and adhesive, are extensively used in making and verifying payments of money. Stamp duties were first imposed in England in 1694; the basis of the existing law is the stamp acts of 1870. For the protection of the public revenue penalties are imposed; thus anyone receiving a premium of insurance without issuing a properly stamped policy is liable to a fine. Where the law requires a stamp, an unstamped document cannot be given in evidence in civil proceedings unless the party producing it is willing to pay the duty and an additional penalty. Stamp duties are a sort of indirect taxation. It is admitted that they ought to be moderate in amount; excessive duties on negotiable instruments, transfers of property, or legal proceedings would operate to the discouragement of business. The amount of stamp duty received in the United Kingdom has risen from £6,726,817 in 1840 to £8,040,091 in 1859-60, £11,307,914 in 1879-80, and £13,460,000 in 1890-91. During the American civil war, 1861-65, stamp taxes were laid on all manner of legal documents, bank drafts, checks, and on packages of various kinds of manufactured goods, but these were gradually withdrawn. The last stamp taxes on matches, proprietary articles, playing cards, checks, etc., were repealed in 1883, and the revenue from adhesive stamp, which was \$4,140,175 in 1863, had risen to \$16,544,043 in 1870, and was \$7,053,053 in the last year, vanished from the internal revenue returns. Forgery of stamps is severely punished. Stamps for postal purposes were used, or it was proposed they should be used, in Paris as far back as 1653. Stamped paper on covers for that purpose, both with impressed and embossed stamps, seemed to have been used in the kingdom of Sardinia in 1819, several values being provided for.



Charles Knight suggested the idea of using stamps for the prepayment of postage in 1833-34. Stamps, or labels (gummed) to be pasted on articles liable to duty, were in use by the British Inland Revenue Dept. in the days of Geo. III, though they were not issued ready gummed. The use of a piece of stamped paper just large enough to bear the stamp, with a glutinous wash on the back rendered adhesive by moisture was recommended by Sir Rowland Hill in a pamphlet of 1837, and his post office reform of 1840 gave opportunity for carrying out the suggestion with success.

Not until 1879 was it disputed that the credit of the adhesive stamp was due Sir Rowland Hill. Though in 1846 Mr. Jas. Chalmers, a book seller of Dundee, received a testimonial from his fellow-citizens for the post office reforms advocated by him, including the use of adhesive stamps, but from 1879 upwards to 1891 a pamphlet controversy was carried on by Mr. Patrick Chalmers insisting that the credit was wholly due his father. The idea, it was affirmed, was fully developed as early as 1834. Specimen stamps were made and exhibited in that or the next year on Mr. Chalmers' premises, the plan was submitted to Sir Roland Hill in 1839, and was then, but not before, taken up by the latter. This was strenuously denied by Mr. Pearson Hill. Mr. Hill read an elaborate statement on the subject before the London Philatelic Society on November 1881, affirming that Mr. Chalmers had failed to produce any evidence that his father had suggested adhesive stamps in 1834, or had communicated his ideas on the subject to anybody before 1839—a date years subsequent to that at which Sir Rowland Hill had derived the idea from Mr. Chalmers. Both may have hit upon the plan independently; but adhesive stamps without the uniform penny rate would have been complicated and cumbersome. Sir Rowland's reform of 1840 for the first time made the adhesive stamp, which he had sug-

gested at the beginning of 1837, a practical suggestion. Mr. Pearson Hill's case maintaining his father's claim was published in 1888 as a pamphlet entitled *The Origin of Postage Stamps*. Mr. Chalmers on his side issued numerous pamphlets with many testimonials from persons professing to remember the suggestion of adhesive stamps by Mr. James Chalmers in 1835 and subsequent years, but without any contemporary documents to certify the early date maintained.

With the postal reform of 1840 the franking of letters was abolished in Britain, and pennystamps introduced. The first English postage stamp was black, but the same year Mr. Muhcody designed the famous 'Muhcody envelope,' intended to be both cover and stamp which was not a practical success and withdrawn the same year. Since then upwards of 100 stamps of various values have been used in Britain; in the British Empire, including colonies and dependencies, upward of 1600 different postage stamps are or have been in use. The red penny stamp in use in Great Britain from 1864 to 1880 underwent some 150 minor modifications, so that for stamp collectors Britain itself presents a large field. The use of adhesive stamps was authorized in the United States in 1847; prepayment of stamps was made compulsory in 1856.

Stamp collecting began to be a common and fashionable hobby about 1861, which spread from Britain to the Continent, and in 1890 there were then collections of postage stamps of all kinds, of which the aggregate value was estimated at more than 100,000 Pounds. The stamp collecting pursuit, which claimed to be a science, is called philately, trinbrophily, and tinbrology; and there are numerous philatelic societies in Britain and abroad who publish

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Philatelic Pen Points.

NOTE—We are always glad to receive notes from our readers. Tell us recent stamp doings in your town. Due credit will be given all contributors. Address: Philatelic Flashes, Geneva, Iowa.

The reason for perforating the 1882 issues of British Guiana with the word SPECIMEN was to prevent fraud, the stamps having been printed by a private firm and the government adopted this method of marking the stamps which were good for postage. However a few of them were used without the perforated word.

The stamps of Hamburg were restricted in their use, being good only for postage in that city and to Bremen, Lubeck, Oldenburg, Ritzbittel, Heligoland, Netherlands, England and United States. Stamps of various other German States had to be used for correspondence with other countries.

The official stamp credited to the North German Postal Confederation in Scott's catalogue should really be listed under Hamburg, as the stamp was issued and intended for that city.

Forty thousand of the ONE CENT on 3 cents of Newfoundland of 1891 were printed and were divided as follows: Thirty-two thousand of Type I; 6400 of Type II; 1600 of Type III. Each sheet contained 50 stamps, 40 of Type I, 8 of Type II and 2 of Type III. This surcharge on the gray or brown shades of the 3 cent stamp are counterfeits, the originals being only on the lilac or slate shades.

"Philatelic Quillings," a new, neatly printed 12 page paper has just arrived from Worcester, Mass. I. E. Bigelow is at the helm as editor and we wish him all possible success in his venture.

The first issue of stamp of New Caledonia, the 10 centimes of 1859, was designed by a sergeant of marines. They are lithographed and a sheet contains 50 stamps, all differing from each other in minor points.

Siam, Scott Nos. 62 to 65a inclusive, were printed from a die which was rejected. However, a few were used.

The 4 and 10 atts are not listed in all catalogues, but there are copies in existence both used and unused.

You may have met with the 1892 issue of New Zealand with advertisements on the back of the stamps. This was done on 1893 and 1894 and was a revenue-raising project on the part of the government. However no philatelic interest is attached to such stamps.

Mail Carriers of The Frozen North.

The capacity of the reindeer for team work is remarkable. His hoofs are very broad, and do not penetrate the snow crust. His average weight is about 400 pounds. He will swiftly draw a sled carrying 600 pounds, and with this load can cover from fifty to sixty miles a day. Reindeer teams now carry the mail from Kotzebue to Point Barrow, Alaska, a distance of 650 miles, the most northerly post route in the world. At the end of his journey, or at any stopping-place, the reindeer is turned loose, and at once breaks through the snow to the white moss which serves as food.

Queensland.

The Crown Q watermark in the stamps of Queensland exists in different forms. Collectors possessing any stamps bearing this watermark will doubtless be searching for the rare varieties.

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transactions or journals. Rare stamps bring high prices. The Muhcody penny envelope is worth as high as £1, a stamp of the first Sandwich Islands issue of 1852 may be worth £65, and an English 1847 stamp with the postal mark will bring £75. Two of Mauritius of 1847 have together been sold for £200.

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How The Prince of Wales Spends His Time.

WHAT a contrast between the King of England and the heir to his throne, the Prince of Wales. The father “weighted with the crown” rushes up and down the land in motor cars and special trains, attending christenings, race meetings, receptions, garden parties, semi-state and state functions, morning, noon and night. The son, whose only trouble seems to be the riddle of killing time, sits in his room at Marlborough House pasting stamps into an album or reading a book. He does absolutely nothing, and does it with such masterly inactivity as to rouse one almost to enthusiasm at the idea of how successfully this proud Prince manages to while away his golden days. Prince Prosper in Faryland hadn’t a more delightful cycle of years than his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. I will give you a brief, authentic sketch of the day’s doings at Marlborough House:

Those of you who hug the

ancient idea that princes get up in the morning to the fanfare of trumpets, deck themselves out in royal robes and pass down a gallery lined with bowing and obsequious flunkys will be disappointed at this recital of the humdrum existence of an apparently middle-class suburban home. The Prince, the Princess and the rest of the family are up “betimes,” which means about 8 o’clock in the morning. There is the ordinary breakfast of a well-to-do English family, and the head of it beguiles the intervals between bacon and eggs with the morning papers. After breakfast there are charity letters to dictate to a secretary, for even the Prince of Wales is not exempt from the incessant stream of begging letters and appeals from charitable institutions which weigh down the postman’s bag at every delivery. Having completed this, the heaviest task of the day, the Prince goes for a walk in St. James’s Park or Hyde Park.

He is accompanied by one of his equerries, who live in Marlborough House, and when this constitutional is over it is time to go back and prepare for luncheon.

Sometimes there is a guest, but more often the meal is taken only in company of one of the equerries and a lady of the Princess's household. Luncheon over there must be some stamps to sort (the Prince's stamp collection is the finest in the world and is said to be worth considerably over £100,000). Then comes another walk in the park and then a book to read until teatime, when there are generally one or two visitors. Dinner, 8.30 P. M., is quite informal, with a guest or two only here and there. If the royal couple go to the theater dinner is set for 7 o'clock but as they do not often go to the theater the evening is spent quietly at home, the Prince reading a book and the Princess doing some useful fancy work with the needle. Bed at 10.30 P. M. Is this not truly a picture of beautiful domestic bliss? Nevertheless I am quite certain that when the Prince of Wales comes into his own he will surprise the British people by his mental grasp of affairs, his wide sympathy with all classes of the people and his inherited capacity for governing.

Don't miss our 24 page April number. It will be the best yet, containing many new features.

The Morton Stamp Robbery.

(Continued From February.)

In this manner young Morton continued to talk. Vehemently asserting his belief in his cousins' innocence yet mentioning circumstances that tended to prove his guilt. I said but little in reply as my usual policy is to listen rather than to talk.

Upon reaching the Morton mansion, I found the owner to be in a great state of excitement. Stamps to the value of many thousands of dollars had been stolen, a few at a time. I found the old gentleman strongly suspicious of his nephew. In fact his position and the opportunities it gave him naturally turned suspicion that way.

"The ungrateful scoundrel!" exclaimed Mr. Morton with indignant warmth.

"If he be found guilty, I shall not spare him. I would not spare him if he were my own son!" At this assertion, a singular expression flashed from the eyes that young Morton turned upon his father's face, but it vanished too quickly for me to note its meaning.

At dinner I met Mr. Morton's nephew and niece, who with Mr. Morton and his son, constituted the family. Tom's actions showed that he was aware of the nature of my mission and was also suspicious of the suspicion that rested upon him.



After dinner I went to the study and examined the safe. It had been opened by means of a key as the lock bore no signs of having been tampered with. Mr. Morton assured me that he always locked the safe himself, keeping the key in his own possession, although he admitted that it would not be impossible for anyone of the family to secure a duplicate.

After making a thorough inspection of the safe and its surroundings, Mr. Morton stepped outside and I walked toward the back parlor. My footsteps were deadened by the carpet; the door of the parlor stood ajar but the lights were not turned on. Hearing whispering within, I paused at the door. At that moment the electric lights were turned on and I stepped into the room and found its occupants to be Richard Morton and his cousin, Martha Hunt, who was a neice of the elder Mr. Morton and a member of the family. The confused look upon their faces showed that they were more than friends.

—Written expressly for P. F. by Howard Bannon,

(To be Concluded in April.)

Editors Note—The above serial was degun in our February number. New subscribers desiring to secure the opening chapter may do so by sending 5c in stamps to the publisher. Act quickly.

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- Notice—The members of the Ible Hour all will receive membership in this Club as the C. C. M. is no more.

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Among Our Members.

The secretary has lost several cards sent him in the last month, those who have not received reply should let him know. We wish to complete our files of the C. C. M., the following numbers are needed, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21. Progressive Journal of Education No. 1. Members should not fail to take advantage of our library containing over 350 of the best Historical books, complete files of many magazines etc. Always enclose stamp for reply. All communications should be addressed to the Secretary.

Yours Fraternally,

Miss W. G. Pennington, Pres.
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PRESS REVIEW.

—CONDUCTED BY—
L. G. DORPAT.

Vol. XXII of The AMERICAN PHILATELIST is the Year Book of the American Philatelic Society for the year 1908. It is designated as Part I, as some other parts are to follow with supplementary membership lists. The present part contains 236 pages with an excellent plate of a Convention Group taken in July 1908 at Cleveland, Ohio and several fine portraits. Besides the By-Laws of

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the society and the membership lists there is a number of articles and a detailed convention report. We cannot think of making any extracts here for if we did we might fill several numbers of P. F. crowding out all other matter. Though the A. P. S. report would deserve it, we cannot spare the space. But we can say this: From this year-book it is evident that the A. P. S. is the most important of all philatelic societies within the United States and that, if a collector is willing to join any society at all, the A. P. S. should have his first consideration as it is able to offer more benefits to its members than any other American society.

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A newcomer at our review table is the VEST POCKET PHILATELIST, edited and published by Dr. H. A. Davis, Box 602, Denver, Colo. Whether it is a weekly or a monthly it does not say, but it costs 25 cents a year. The present number, No. 2, consists of 16 pages, but these measure only 89x70 millimetres. It calls itself a "little baby," to what size and importance it may grow, the future must teach. One thing we may say for it: it is well printed.

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Another new comer is The HOBBYIST edited by J. J. Hooper and published by O. Kendall of

Winnipeg, Canada. We have two numbers of it and both are very creditable, but the publisher offers \$100.00 for manuscript of merit which shows that he intends to make one of the best of his paper.

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Of The STAMP COLLECTOR, published by S. L. Jones of Pittsburg, Kansas, (612 W. 2d St.) we have three numbers. The first two are of vest pocket size. No. 3 is a 4-page octavo sheet and looks well for a starter. We hope to say more of it and for it later on. There was a time when Philatelic Flashes was no bigger. We wish the Stamp Collector the same success as we enjoy.

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The HARTFORD COURRIER published by the Diamond Stamp Co. of Hartford, Conn. (715 Asylum Ave.) appeared shortly after the Hartford Philatelist. It has 4 pages octavo and contains some good news. No. 2 is the last we saw.

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The COLLECTORS' OWN MAGAZINE, published by C. Davis, comes from Lead, So. Dak. No. 5—by-the-way the only number so far received—has 8 pages octavo and cover. It is not very rich in original matter, but what there is is creditable enough. It is devoted to post cards as well as stamps.

Don't miss our 24 page April issue—The BEST yet!

Correspondence.

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Philatelic Flashes,
Geneva, Iowa.

Dear Sirs:--In your issue of Feb. I notice the statement that the only stamps bearing eye-glasses upon them are from Luxemburg. I wish to correct this statement. The late official issue from Brazil has on every value which I have seen the portrait of a man with "specs." I think that one of the issues from either Monaco or San Marino also has eye-glasses. In the Jan. issue I also noticed a statement which is not altogether true. The statement is that the Brazil figure stamps are the only ones without any way of telling from what country they come. The Wei Hai Wei issue of China does not have very much besides the value to tell from what place they emanate. Nos. 2, 3 and 4 of Cauca have nothing on them to tell from what country they come and numbers 3 and 4 do not even give a value. Number 1 of Cauca also does not have any value on the face of the stamp. None of earlier postage due stamps of Netherlands have any words on them by which any one not a collector could arrive at a good idea from what country they are from. The Dominican Republic

dues of 1901 do not have any thing on them which would lead any one to a very clear idea of what country they are from. I could continue this list for three or four sheets but I think this list will be long enough to convince that in the words of Solomon there is "nothing new under the sun" except the Maldive Islands and other fakes.

The next birth we should celebrate is that of Zachary Taylor on Nov. 24th. Since his picture is on two of our stamps we should honor "Old Rough and Ready."

Trusting I have not taken up too much of your time by my letter I remain,

Yours respectfully,
E. E. Boylan,
1326 E. 11th St.,
Shawnee, Okla.

Editor Philatelic Flashes,

Dear Sir:--Will you kindly issue a warning to stamp dealers and collectors against one, W. D. Chamberlain, 562 Eighth St., So. Boston, Mass., who has worked me and may try the same on others? He has had sheets of me frequently and a little better grade each time until he gets what he wants, then returns the sheets with no cash, but a promise. The promise he does not fulfill, neither can I get a reply from him of any kind. Thanking you for your valuable space, I remain,

Yours truly,
Frank B. Eldredge.

The American Junior Philatelic Society.

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Any body of members of the A. J. P. S. in any city or town can form a branch if they number more than six. They elect their officers and have their reports published in Philatelic Flashes. The members in Coldwater have formed a branch and have regular meetings. Their report is published below. If any one wishes to form a branch send to the Sec'y for blanks and information.

COLDWATER STAMP CLUB.

Branch No. 1. A. J. P. S.

Minutes March 1st, 1909.

Meeting held at Sec'y Leslie Woodward's home at East Pearl Street. Business was soon disposed of and the meeting adjourned to exhibition. The exhibition was of French Colonies. Lyman A. Byers received first, Chas. U. Clarke

second, Homan Loveridge third. Nearly all members were present only one being absent. An auction was held, many fine lots were bought and sold. The meeting adjourned 9.15.

Respectfully submitted,
 Leslie Woodward, Secy.

OUR MOTTO: "Not to please some of the people some of the time, but all of the people all of time."

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EDITORIAL.

This issue is late on account of
the illness of the editor, however
we hope to have our April number
out on time.

With this number we end our
first volume. We herewith wish
to thank our subscribers and
advertisers for the hearty support
accorded us in the past and hope
we may merit a continuance of
same in the future.

The Chicago Collectors' Monthly
has been purchased by the
Stamp Journal of Denver. As the

Stamp Journal is devoted ex-
clusively to stamps, the American
Souvenir Card Club has been
turned over to us, while the Idle
Hour Souvenir Card Club has
been combined with the Chicago
Collectors Union of which Phil-
atelic Flashes is official organ.

We wish to say a word about
our April number. It will contain
24 pages and will be printed thruout
on the finest grade of paper. It
will be a paying issue for the
advertiser. In addition to going
to our regular subscribers it will
circulate among the members of
the half-dozen clubs which we
represent, and with this number
we also commence completing the
subscriptions of the two
magazines we have recently
purchased. Don't fail to have a
fair sized ad in this number.

Announcement!

We wish to announce that we
have purchased and will combine
with Philatelic Flashes, Reed's
Stamp Circular and The Hartford
Courier. Further particulars will
be given in our April number.

When will Paraguay stop issu-
ing Provisionals? Almost every
week this Republic trots out some
newly-surcharged stamps. It was
thought that the recent revolution
might perhaps have stopped the
outflow, but as more are still
arriving it looks as though this
event has not greatly altered the
postal affairs of this restless
country.

Philatelic Pen Points.

3P CONDUCTED BY 3P

SHERLEY CONNELL, Manchester, Ohio.

The editor of this department thanks those dealers, publishers, etc., who have sent him price lists and specimen copies. All were appreciated.

The first appointment of women to the U. S. postal service was in 1862 when eight were appointed as clerks in the Dead Letter office.

A long step was taken toward bringing the U. S. and Germany into closer relations when the two cent postage rate between the two countries became operative.

There seems to be a tendency toward increasing the price on all higher priced stamps. Bargains in rarities are a thing of the past.

You cannot hope for results from your want ad unless you have placed it in a paper that is known to give results. Philatelic Flashes always gives results.

As time goes by one is more than ever impressed by the fact that judicious investment in stamps, will return the principal with interest in a few years.

Stamp collecting is now receiving much more attention from the

general public than ever before. There is hardly a person in the civilized countries but knows something of Philately.

The publishers of Carter's Monthly Record have our thanks for copies of their journal. It is published at Liverpool, England and contains many articles of interest to stamp and card collectors.

Four millions of the citizens of France have bank accounts of \$1,000 or more. This is due, in a great part, to the postal savings banks established by the government in 1881. If government savings banks are a good thing in France, why not in this country?

A French maker of moving picture films has produced a stamp film. The beginning shows a great number of stamps from the various countries. The persons represented on the stamps come to life and being dressed in the costumes peculiar to their time and country, furnish an interesting picture.

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To Members Of The Post Card Club! Are YOU A Member? 3P

The Iowa Stamp Society.

President-R. L. Mutz, Fort Dodge, Iowa.
 Sec.-Treas.- H. Wendt, Manilla, "
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Dear Fellow Collectors of Ia.:

Our list is growing: No. 5, H. S. Powell, Storm Lake, No. 6, H. W. Underhill, Onawa, each have paid dues. We expect more applications by next time. Send me any Iowa philatelic news.

H. Wendt, Sec.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE.

Dear Fellow Members:--

It was with pleasure that I read our Secretaries report in the last issue of P. F. and saw that our members were getting in line.

A nice bunch of application blanks is just off the press and copies may be had from any member of the executive Committee. Let every member send for a bunch and try to enlist his brother collectors in our State Society.

We also wish to get our Sales Department in running order as soon as possible. All members who wish to participate in this branch of our work--either buying or selling--are requested to communicate with our Sales Supt. as soon as convenient.

We wish to please all members, and any one who has any suggestions to make will please write

to either Mr. Wendt or myself, and I am sure his suggestion will be gratefully received.

Fraternally yours,
 R. L. Mutz, Pres.

The Proof of the Pudding.

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"Enclosed find 20c for which continue my ad in P. F. of Feb No. in the next two issues. I have received three or four replies already to Feb. No."--A. P. Wylie, Troy Grove, Ill.

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"We have had dandy returns from Feb. ad, and can say your paper is the best of its size."--Wightman Supply Co., 123 Congress St., Providence, R. I.

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"Enclosed find fifty cents for the following ad in the March issue of P. F. The last ad in your paper payed us well."--William Boning, Haddonfield, N. J.

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Britains Rarest Coin.

The rarest of all British coins is the "Saxon King Offa," and in connection with it Colonel Wardlaw Ramsay tells a singular story of coincidence in his "Rough Recollections of Military Service and Society." Briefly, this is the story:

A venerable clergyman, reputed to be the greatest numismatist in Great Britain, while on his way to the British Museum to examine certain coins, and especially the "Saxon King Offa," preserved there, and believed to be unique, was offered by a hawker in an obscure street a veritable specimen of the same coinage, and purchased it for a few pence! In the absence of the chief keeper of the coins, an assistant showed the visitor the coins he wanted, but when putting them back in their places was horrified to find the "Saxon King Offa" missing. He flew into a great rage and would not let the clergyman leave the room, and as no other person had been present, declared to him: "Sir, either you or I must have it, and I propose that a third person be called, and our pockets

searched." The proposal was indignantly refused, and he was detained till the rightful guardian of the coins appeared. He carefully examined them, and found the "Saxon King Offa" sticking to another. "Why," he asked the clergyman, "did you refuse to show the contents of your pockets?" "This was the reason," he replied, taking out the "Saxon King Offa" he had just purchased, and showing it, adding—"You will not wonder at my objection. The dreadful thought flashed across me that if this was discovered—it being believed, and I have tacitly admitted, that there was no other coin in existence of King Offa—nothing would have saved me."

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The Connoisseur.

"My dear! I'm absolutely daft about old furniture! Why on earth didn't you tell me there was an antique shop just across the river?" demanded Janet Vose, excitedly.

Her friend Myra Hastings, paused in her tea-making.

"I didn't think you cared so much for antiques," she said, frankly. "Besides, I'm not sure that Morrison has anything at all good. He's very ignorant of values and the whole countryside has been pretty well ransacked, you know. But we'll walk over after we've finished tea, if you like." Then, a little abruptly, "Will you have cream or lemon?"

"Lemon, please. What luck if the man's an ignoramus, as you say! I simply love to get the better of antique dealers; they're always such awful sharks."

"But in this case do you think it's quite fair?" asked her friend, briefly.

"Yes, I do," laughed Janet. "My motto is 'All's fair in love, war and old furniture hunting.' Now do hurry with your tea. I begin to scent bargains already,

and, persuasively, "the walk will joyely."

She was right. The late October air was like mellowed wine, for autumn had roamed leisurely through the country that year, and the distant hillsides seemed to sweep endlessly, a burnished glory of gold and red. In completest contrast stood the dingy little antique shop, its windows a-clutter with old blue plates and dull brass and pewter candlesticks. Miss Vose sighed for a minute with rapture on the threshold, then darted in to conquest. With practised glance she quickly ran over the possibilities of the shop, dragged out two Windsor chairs, beat down the price set on a pewter platter, and was almost ready to leave when her eye fell on a quaint red and blue bowl at the end of the counter. Immediately she pounced on it.

"How much is this?" she demanded.

"Well I wa'n't intendin' to sell that," the man began, hesitatingly.

"I'll give you three dallars for it—not one cent more!" she cried, excitedly, mistaking emphasis for persuasion.

"Well I don't know as—"
 "It's not worth even that," she interrupted again. "But I want it to match some other pieces and— yes, I'll take it with me. No, Myra, it isn't a bit too heavy. You may send the chairs and platter."
 Half-way down the road Miss Vose gasped out, "I was so afraid he would change his mind! It's a treasure, my dear. a perfect treasure!"

In the shop one of the inevitable bystanders drawled, "Ye

didn't seem very keen to git rid of your old culch to-day, Asa."

"Well, the fact is," Mr. Morrison replied, settling himself in the Windsor rocker and beaming on all the world, "the fact is, my wife got that bowl with a pound o' tea, but the young lady seemed so possessed to have it, that I thought I'd let it go."

The connoisseur, too far away to hear the laugh that followed, clasped the treasure tighter in her arms, and toiled on all unaware.

"The Post Card Club."

Dues: In U. S. 30c per year. Foreign 50c per year. If already a subscriber to P. F, 5c pays for a years dues. We want representatives in every State. Write for particulars to:
 L. L. Dolson, Director, - - - Geneva, Iowa.

NEW MEMBERS.

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- 34. Martin Hurst, 340 Poplar Ave., Memphis, Tenn.
- 35. E. M. Lockwood, 2531 N. 45th Court, Chicago, Ill.
- 36. H. H. Williamson, Box 58. Floreffe, Pa.
- 37. T. Hackney, Box 141, Jellico, Tenn.
- 38. Peter Alles, 1839 Brunner St., Phila., Pa.
- 39. Chas. Killpartrick, 21 Leroy St., Lowell, Mass.
- 40. Henry Borsch, 224 No. 52d St., W. Phila., Pa. (Colored views only. Public buildings preferred.)
- 41. John W. Champion, 292 E. Chicago St., Coldwater, Mich.

(Collects view cards only. High school buildings desired.)

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CHANGE of ADDRESS.

- H. Blahout, 59 Leauty Ave., Toronto, Canada.
- Miss A. von der Heide, 57 Park Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

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A Contest For P. C. C. Members.

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We want to make The Post Card Club the largest and best card club in the world. To induce a little more enthusiasm among our members we are going to make a special inducement to get you to work for new members.

The member who gets the most new members at 30c each before

May 25th. will be awarded 35 foreign view cards valued at \$1.75. The member securing the second largest list will be given 15 fine American view cards valued at 75c. The member securing the third largest list will be awarded 10 fine American view cards valued at 50c and every one securing at least one new member will be given 5 cards valued at 25c.

Write or call on you collecting friends asking them to help you out by joining this club as the dues are low, only 30c per year, and the benefits are many.

These prizes are well worth working for and you stand just as good a chance of winning as the other fellow.

Take an active interest in this club and it will grow. We intend to give away prizes valued at \$100 this year, and none but members can work for them. If not a member it will pay you to join today. Names of prize winners will be published in the May issue.

Souvenir Post Cards Free.

Put your name in my Post Card Ex. Now has over 400 names. Your name inserted one year, and copy of Ex. each issue and 5 souvenir post cards for 50c. T. Hinman, Box 314, Mad, Square, N. Y.

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Lead, --- --- So. Dak.

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To Members Of The Post Card Club! Are YOU A Member? ~~30~~

American Souvenir Card Club.

OFFICERS.

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Official Organ: Philatelic Flashes.

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Dues: U. S., 60c per year; Canada, 75c; Mexico, \$1.50; Foreign, \$1, 4 shillings, 5 francs, 4 marks, 5 lire, 2 yen, 3 rupees, 2 rubles, 5 pesetas, 4 kronen. For those who are already subscribers to P. F. the dues are as follows: U. S. and Canada, 35c; Mexico, 75 centavos; Foreign, 50c.

Rules and Regulations.

1. Members are required to answer all cards within ten days.
2. Members must place their name and address and club number on all cards sent for exchange.
3. Any member who does not answer all cards sent to him or her by a member of the club will be expelled on the complaint of five members.
4. Members should renew their membership within three months from the expiring date.
5. All communications should be mailed to reach us by the 20th of each month. After this date it must be held until the next report.
6. If a member does not receive P. F. they are requested to notify the publisher.
7. Membership list will not be

published regular, but will send each member one as soon as published.

8. If a members address is changed, they are required to notify the Sec'y of same.

9. If your collection is complete and you do not wish to exchange any longer you are requested to notify the Sec'y.

Objects.

1. The purpose of the American Souvenir Card Club is to introduce and encourage the collection of souvenir post cards.
2. To afford its members facilities for an extended international exchange of cards with collectors in foreign countries.
3. To give its members a medium of exchanging cards by having their names published in its Monthly Official Organ.
4. To secure the names of reliable collectors to become members of this club and exchange with one another.
5. To maintain a Bureau of information.
6. To maintain a Bureau of Translation for all members who cannot translate their own cards.

7. To add new benefits from time to time.

8. To give new contests and offers from time to time.

Benefits.

1. One membership card.
2. One complete list of members.

3. One yearly subscription to Philatelic Flashes.

New Members.

47. Alois Vedernjak, 243 E. 84th St., New York City.

48. C. V. Webb, Perry, Ohio.

Change of Address.

6. Ella Borger, Snyder, Colo. to Littleton, Colo.

8. Herbert E. Wendlandt, Watertown, Wis. to Marquette, Wis.

23. Ella Herier, R. D. No. 2, Markesan, Wis. to Mrs. Chas. Henke, Marquette, Wis.

Representatives Wanted.

We have not yet a representative in all states and countries. If you see a state not represented write for particulars.

The Esperanto Department.

How about esperanto members? Are you interested in it? We have not heard of many members yet. If you are interested in esperanto send in your name to the Sec'y. You may join this department free if you are already a member of this club. If you are not, you can get there by joining with the above dues. When a sufficient number of members join this department lessons will be printed on same monthly.

Contest:—The annual contest

expires Feb. 1st 1910. The monthly contest will expire June 15th, 1909. A fee will be given to persons securing new members for the club as follows: 15c for every 50c 60c and 75c membership secured. 10c for every 35c membership secured, and 20c for every \$1.00 one secured.

Annual Contest Prizes.

1. An Honorary life membership will be granted to the person securing the greatest number of new members.

2. Persons securing the next greatest number will be presented a rubber stamp with name, address and club number on.

3. Persons securing the third largest number will be given 12 view cards of Wisc. scenery mailed separately to their address.

4. Persons securing the greatest number of foreign members will be given a three years membership in this club.

Monthly Contest.

1. To the members securing five new members will be given five and horse shoe cards with name handsomely tinselled upon them.

2. To members securing two new members will be given five horse shoe cards.

Non-members take notice! Do you wish a free membership to this club? It is positive you do. Here we will give you a fine opportunity of same. If you secure three new members to this club we will give you a free membership. Get busy and send for a supply of application blanks thru the Secretary. This offer expires July 1st, 1909.

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Two Chinese coins, or packet of 50 different stamps free to all who apply with reference for our approval selections at 50 and 60 percent. Crescent Stamp Co., 60 Dehon St., Revere, Mass.

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Forms for next number close April 25th. Rush Copy.

Offers, Etc.

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A pleasant surprise if you send a dime for surprise packet No. 1. Wm. Goodwin, Elizabeth, Pa.

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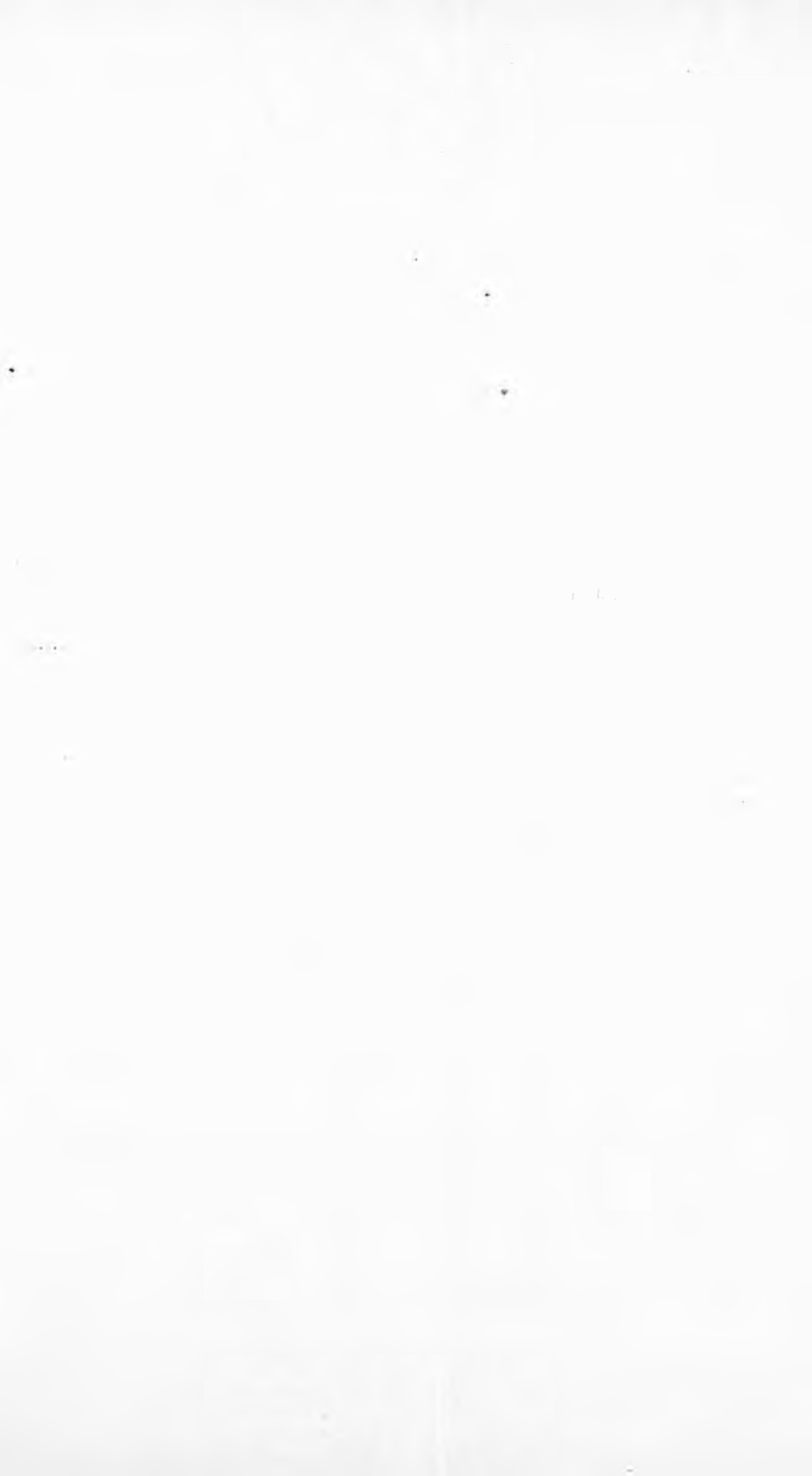
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Shades and Varieties of Recent U. S.

By M. HALE JONES, JR.

To the one who studies the recent U. S. with any sort of care it is sure to appear that the shades and minor varieties are plentiful, altho not cataloged. In the 1902 issue there were many minor varieties and shades of the 2c, and the 4c came in light, dark and red-brown. The 10c of this issue, and the five, also appeared in light and dark shades. The 8c probably showed the most pronounced shades, as I have it in black and also a very light lavender shade. It surely seems as though such pronounced shades should attain some recognition, since the least deviation in color of British Colonials, for instance, is duly noted and priced.

But now for the crowning variety of the 1908-9 issue. It is in the 13c; and consists of a short, thick line, about 5mm in length, extending from the top border line and cutting the top of the "g" of "Postage." The manner

of its discovery was rather odd; a gentleman went to the post office to secure three stamps, with plate number attached, of all values of the new issue. He noticed the variety in the center one of the three 13c stamps. He showed it to several collectors, who immediately "made tracks" for the post office and bought up all that remained. The two in my possession bear the plate number 4948, and it follows that all sheets from this plate bear the variety. As a rule, about one sheet in five bears the variety, but it always is in the same position on the sheet. Now, Mr. Collector, if you are wise, you will hustle to your post office and get one of these interesting stamps before the plate is destroyed. Nuf sed.

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THE MORTON STAMP ROBBERY.

By HOWARD BANNON.

(Continued from February.)

In accordance with my plans, I became a member of the Morton household and was assigned a room overlooking the garden. On the second night of my stay, I was sitting by the window of my room when I was surprised to see the outline of a man, by a tree at the farther end of the garden. The man was joined by another person who, judging by the sweeping outline, was a woman. After some time the woman glided across the lawn and entered the house. The man knelt down and seemed to be groping among the roots of a tree. In a few moments he arose and came into the house also.

Early the next morning I was out in the garden. Going to the spot where I had seen the two figures, I made a careful examination of the place. I could discover nothing that would give me a clue and was starting away when my foot came into contact with a stone, lying concealed in the grass. Removing the stone I found a small cavity in which lay a key. I knew at once what the key was intended for. Going into the house, I met Mr. Morton and his son. Informing them that I had located the thief, I announced that I was going back to the city to perfect arrangements for his arrest and cautioned them to keep quiet until my return the next day.

Richard accompanied me to the depot. "I am greatly shocked by what you have said," he remarked as we were walking along.

"Do you not think it would be a good plan to warn my cousin and let him escape. I cannot endure to see him pay the penalty of his crime."

I have said nothing about your cousins guilt," I replied.

"Not in so many words perhaps, but what else could we understand?"

"I can say nothing at present other than that your cousin is as innocent as myself. I agree with you though, in saying that it would be a good plan for the thief to make his escape." As I finished the sentence, the depot was reached, the train came in and as I sprang on board I looked back and saw young Morton. He had a look of terror in his eyes. I got off the train at the next station and returned to Hilton that evening. It was dusk when I stepped from the train and taking a roundabout way, I secreted myself behind some vines near the place where I had seen the figures the night before. I had expected their reappearance and was not to be disappointed. Soon they appeared and I was so near them that I could hear their whispered words. Half an hour later I entered Mr. Morton's room. He was startled by my appearance and by the words I spoke.

Mr. Morton, I said, the person

who has been stealing your stamps is now preparing to leave the house and will take many more of the stamps with him. I have arranged matters so that he cannot escape unless you so desire. He is of your own family and I think you may wish to spare him.

"That only makes his crime the worse," replied Mr. Morton and his face grew hard and pitiless.

"I will not spare him."

Seeing that he was determined I bade him follow me. We stationed ourselves in a closet that opened at the foot of the stairs. In a few minutes we heard the sound of footsteps on the stairs and the soft rustle of a woman's dress. Opening the closet door, I flashed my dark lantern full in the face of Richard Morton and Martha Hunt.

Mr. Morton staggered back as if he had been shot. Richard dropped the valise he was carrying and stood trembling with fear, while Miss Hunt sank down upon the stairs and covered her face with her hands.

The stamps are in this, I said as I tapped the valise with the toe of my shoe. Shall I call in the men who are stationed without?

"No! No!" was the quick reply of Mr. Morton. "I must have time to think this matter over. You may go to the hotel. If we have further need of your services, we will telephone to you."

The next morning, Mr. Morton

called upon me at the hotel and settled the bill for my services. Further than saying that the matter had been adjusted, he made no explanation.

Years passed by and the stamp robbery had become but a memory. Business called me to a far western city and while walking along the street I saw the name of Richard Morton on the front of a large store. Stepping inside, I met the proprietor who proved to be the man who had stolen the stamps. He gave me a full history of the matter, telling how he had taken the stamps, a few at a time, and sold them. Thinking that I had discovered his acts, he and Miss Hunt had decided to take the remainder of the stamps and flee. When the elder Mr. Morton saw who the thief was he relented and giving him enough money to start in business, sent him to the far west, and so ends my story of The Morton Stamp Robbery.

Flying Letter Boxes.

The letter boxes fly in Hungary. The post office department has devised the aerial letter box to relieve the Budapest postmen, who are few in number, and who have hundreds of flights of stairs to climb daily in the great tenement houses. The new letter box can be sent up to its destination from the ground floor by a spring. It stops at the floor required, and remains there until

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emptied or until the next delivery, when the postman, by touching a spring, can bring it down. Each box contains the necessary number of lockers, fitted with a safety lock, according to the number of residents. The boxes are moved up and down by electricity.

The Iowa Stamp Society.

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Report of Secretary.

Four more applications have been received:

7. D. T. Eaton, Muscatine.
8. J. Clifford Safley, Tipton.
9. J. E. Scallan, Waucoma.
10. Prof. C. E. Reed, Ottumwa.

Beginning with next issue we wish to give a biography of all of our Iowa members. So send in a short sketch of your life, also about your collection, when started and how large, specialty etc.

H. Wendt, Secy.

We want good short hobby stories for publication in P. F. For all that we publish we will pay 50c each. Stories must not be over 500 words long and must be written on one side of the paper only. No Mss. will be returned.

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PRESS REVIEW.

—CONDUCTED BY—
 L. G. DORPAT.

TRA LA FILATELIO is a philatelic monthly issued in Esperanto by J. Fize of Beziers, France. Editress is Miss Florens, 2 rue Abelard, Beziers, France, who has quite a number of lady and gentlemen assistants in various parts of the world. The journal is the official organ of the Universal Philatelic Association or as it is called in Esperanto the Universala Asocio Filatelio Esperantista.

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The GLOBE TROTTER is the official quarterly of the Cosmopolitan Correspondence Club with its home office in Milwaukee, Wis. It is not devoted to philately alone but serves all kinds of correspondence and exchange stretching its tendrils to all parts of the world, as the membership numbers which have passed the 6000 mark show. There is, however, a department in the Globe Trotter under the management of L. G. Dorpat of Waysid, Wis. and H. M. Wichman of Springfield, Mass. which is wholly devoted to stamps, and among the general membership there is a large number of ardent stamp collectors. The club has also a stamp sales department under the man-

agement of Mr. Lucas A. Van Toor of Milwaukee, Wis.

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It may not be generally known that the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. issue a monthly circular in which they give the latest news of important changes in catalog prices as well as about new issues. The publication is small, but the subscription price is only 12c a year. The February number was the first to announce that the Lincoln birthday stamps was printed in the quantity of 100 million, making it impossible for any one to corner the issue.

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The NEDERLANDSCH FIJDSCHRIFT voor POSTZEGELKUNDE, edited by J. B. Robert of Balistraat 57, 'sGravenhage, Holland, is now in its 26th year and does credit to its editos, entering into detail about stamps in a scientific manner and giving a good deal of exact information, especially about Eutch and Dutch Colonie's stamps, that is not available elsewhere. Its greatest drawback among collectors of our country is that it is published in Dutch, which but few can read. Those who can will not regret doing it.

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The MADRID FILATELICO, published by Rafael de Gorrity y Gallardo, Principe, 9, Entresu-
edo, Madrid, Spain, is now in its 12th year. It is in the Spanish language, of course, and gives

special attention to Spanish issues, but it keeps in touch with all the issues of the world and contains something of general interest in each number.

The Chicago Collectors Union.

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Pres. W. G. Pennington, 709 Elk Grove Ave., Chicago. Sec. & Treas. W. W. Schmus, 618 W. School St., Chicago. Official Organ: Philatelic Flashes. Dues: U. S. 35c per year, Foreign 50c per year. For those who are already subscribers to P. F. the dues are 10c per year.

Literary Department.

We have added a new department to the C. C. U. and believe our members will take an interest in it as we are going to do all it is possible to do to make this department the most interesting of all. Prizes will be given to the members sending in the best essays on the subjects we decide to discuss. Essays must not consist of over 500 words and each essay must include an explanation and an illustration of the theory or subject you are writing upon, be written in ink or typewriter on one side of the paper. The best essays will be published in our year book and our official organ. The first essays are to be written on any of the following subjects:

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"Education and Crime."

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the best essay on Education and Crime will receive the Progressive Journal of Education one year free. Other prizes will be given to the second and third best.

We sincerely hope our members will take interest in this very important department. What subject would you like to write upon?

Look up contest No. 1. in the May West.

Fraternally yours,
W. G. Pennington, Pres.
W. W. Schmus, Secy.

Correspondence.

THIS COLUMN IS OPEN FOR ENQUIRY OR DISCUSSION OF ANY SUBJECT OF INTEREST TO READERS. READERS ARE ALSO INVITED TO CONTRIBUTE NOTES AND ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Mr. Dolson,

Dear Sir:--I think it would interest the readers of P. F. to know that China has a new issue. No. 68 is issued in blue. I got this from a party in Shanghai on April 14th.

Also—Federated Malay States No. 35 is issued in carmine. This one I got on April 19th from a party in Lang, F. M. S. It was issued but March 1st to 5th, '09.

Straits Settlements No. 122, blue, issued some time in Feb.

—Edward Weiss.

The new Alaska-Yucon-Pacific commemorative stamp will be issued about June first. The stamp will be rectangular in shape,

49-64ths by 1 and 3-64ths inches in size and 2-cent denomination only; color, red. At the top and bottom are panels containing respectively the words "U. S. Postage" and "Two Cents." In the center, the larger part of a circle rests on the lower panel and incloses a ribbon bearing the words "Alasca - Yucon - Pacific, 1909," and in the center appears the portrait of William H. Seward, who as Secretary of State, conducted the negotiations for the purchase of Alaska. The name "William H. Seward," appears under the portrait. On each side is an ellipse containing the Arabic numeral 2 with laurel branches as a back-ground.

—J. Clifford Safley.

OLD and NEW.

The penny--or two-cent--post between England and America is a new and at the same time a very old thing. It is over 200 years old. It existed in 1698.

In those days shipmasters crossing the Atlantic either way were very glad to carry letters and messages. A week or two before their ships sailed they would hang up bags in coffee houses, and all letters dropped into these bags were carried over the seas and faithfully delivered at the rate of a penny, or two cents, apiece.

Don't fail to read and take advantage of the bargains in the advertising columns.

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All applications published in the January and February reports have been elected to membership.

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J. Russell Reed, Secy. & Treas.,
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I want everybody who collects stamps to become a member of this club. It's going to be the greatest philatelic organization in America if you will help. The dues are only 25c, foreign 50c., including a years subscription to Philatelic Flashes, which alone is worth many times this price. We expect to have a full list of officers soon and if you join now you stand a good chance of becoming one. Help us to make this club a success by joining today; don't wait and see if the other fellow joins. Just send the secretary a quarter with your name, address, age and occupation and your name will appear in the next report.





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CURIOUS COINS.

Coin collectors have interesting objects of search in two coins which belong to the transition period between the French Republic and the Second Empire. One of these is an extremely rare coin which was struck off just at the moment of the assumption of the reins of Empire by Napoleon III. Only the die for the obverse or head of a new imperial coin had been completed, and by some accident, or possibly by some mischievous design, a coin was struck off which bore the head of "Napoleon III., Emperor," on one side, and "French Republic" on the other.

This contradictory coin is of interest to others than numismatists, for it symbolizes in a striking way the many sudden changes which have taken place in French politics in the past century.

With the other coin a singular story is connected. While Louis Napoleon was prince president, and just before he made himself emperor, a decree was issued ordering a five franc silver piece

to be coined bearing his image.

The dies were made, and one coin was struck off as a sample and sent to the prince president for approval. But some time passed before he examined it. When at last he gave it his attention he was annoyed to find that he had been represented on the coin with a "love-lock," or hooked lock of hair on the temple, which he did actually wear at that period, but which he thought unsuitable to so dignified and permanent a representation of himself as an effigy upon a coin.

The prince president sent for the director of the mint, and ordered him to remove the "love lock." Then he found that his silence with regard to the piece had been taken for approval, and that the stamping of the coins had commenced.

The work was stopped, and the image deprived of its undignified lock; but the twenty-three coins that had already been struck off were not destroyed, and are now regarded as of great value.

There is no time like the present—to advertise.

Unrolling The Mummy Of An Egyptian Prince.

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Egyptologists will learn with more than an ordinary degree of interest that the process of embalming was unknown, or rather was not practised, 2,500 years before the birth of Christ. At least there are grounds for this opinion, as the result of an altogether unique ceremony at Manchester (England) recently, when there took place within the precincts the Victoria University the unrolling of a 4,500-year-old "mummy." The "body" was that of Prince Numa Nekt, of the Twelfth Egyptian Dynasty, and the operation was conducted in the presence of some of the professors of the University and other gentlemen, by Miss Margaret A. Murray, F. S. A., who has been delivering a course of lectures on ancient Egypt at the Manchester University.

It seemed an interminable period before all the wrappings covering the remains were removed, and when the object was at last revealed it was clearly established that it was not a mummy in the scientific acceptation of the term, but a mere skeleton which had been preserved in some way. No sooner had the last bandage been removed than the "mummy" crumpled into dust with the exception of the skull. A second "mummy," that of the prince's

brother, a high priest of the time, was not unrolled.

The Manchester Museum was the highest bidder for the relics, and the British School of Archaeology in Egypt accordingly parted with them. Hitherto the oldest mummy unrolled has dated back only to the eighteenth dynasty, and if Manchester has paid a somewhat heavy price for the treasures, it has, however, demonstrated by actual evidence that embalming the dead so as to preserve the body was a process of later introduction than 2500 B.C.

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¶ It is announced that the crown of Russia is to issue a set of stamps to commemorate the tercentenary of the rule of Russia by the Romanoff family. The set is to contain portraits of various czars and czarinas made from paintings by great artists. It is not known whether this issue is to be permanent but since the first few stamps of a regular issue were sent out a few days ago it is supposed that it will be much like the charity stamps of a few years ago which were issued only for sale to collectors.

¶ Announcement has been made; though the Hanoverian government refuses to affirm or deny the report, that a large reserve stock of unused Hanover stamps has been discovered in a number of boxes at the Hanover post office.

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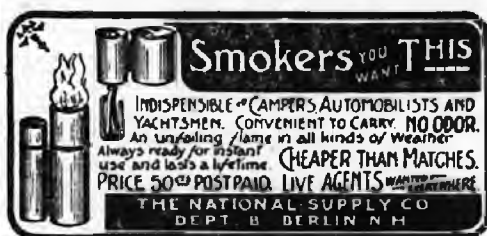
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—Secretary.

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STAMP COLLECTING---THE KING OF HOBBIES.

By J. RUSSELL REED.

Of all hobbies, stamp collecting is the most interesting. To the collector it affords an endless source of entertainment and instruction, and is growing more popular as the years go on.

It is not difficult to start a collection. Anybody can begin by getting some specimens off of old letters, and other specimens may be added from time to time. Every collector should have a catalog of some kind. The "Standard Catalog is probably the best; it giving the value of every stamp in used and unused condition, as well as valuable information for beginners.

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The collecting of stamps was begun almost as soon as the first stamp had been issued and then, many people ridiculed the idea of saving colored bits of paper and pasting them in books.

Collecting stamps is educative as well as amusing, for the collector acquires much knowledge in geography, history and even biography. The stamp business may be guessed to be a very profitable one by the number of firms there are engaged in it.

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PRESS REVIEW.

—CONDUCTED BY—
L. G. DORPAT.

The PHILATELIC MONTHLY REFEREE was issued in 1901 by R. T. Morgad of 26, Beulah Hill, Upper Norwood, S. E. England. Whether it is still being issued, we are not aware at this writing. If so, we would like to exchange. We may say the same of all of our contemporaries who are not yet sending their exchange copies. We have made it a point not merely to mention the names of journals, but to give their full address, for once at least, which is equal to a free advertisement, and we think it will be to the advantage of every publisher to get into our review. Of course we expect that other publishers will say a word or two for us in turn, as co-operation will go a good way where trade jealousy will fail. There's plenty of room for all, and each one will have to stand on its own merits anyhow.

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evident that this branch is growing in importance and that it is well worth the trouble to save any philatelic publication, especially old ones, that one may possess. The annual dues for membership in the society, including subscription to the journal, is \$5, rather a high price, but it seems there are men enough who are willing to pay it for the privileges they obtain. Among the names of members we find the most prominent societies and individual collectors.

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Report of Secretary.

Since last report, May 1st the following applications have been received.

11. E. C. Bailey, Decorah, 612 Mechanic St.
12. Mrs. T. S. Farquharsen, Des Moines, 1328-9 St.
13. G. B. Lighthall, Alden.
14. F. W. Kiser, Whittemore.
15. E. E. Everett, Independence.
16. Otto Mull, Muscatine, 1000 Mullberry Ave.
17. Frederick A. Boese, Des Moines, Care Capitol Ins. Co.

Our President Mutz proposed No. 17, the rest were proposed by the Sec. All sent fine reference and most all are above the school boy years. We now have prospect of a fine state society. Treas. report will follow next month.

Biography of No. 4 in this issue.

H. Wendt, Sec.-Treas.

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Biography of Rev. H. Wendt, I. S. S. Member No. 4.

As promised we intend to begin with a short sketch of our Iowa members with this issue. Rev. H. Wendt we believe, as founder of the I. S. S. and our most active worker, should have the honor of

our first sketch.

He was born in Chicago, July 4, 1869. A few years later the parents moved to Black Hawk Co. Iowa. There he grew up in a rural district.

At the age of 16 he entered Wartburg at Waverly, Iowa, 5 years were spent here. Here he caught the stamp fever with other boys. In his case it proved true: "Once a collector always a collector. The joy consisted in gathering together the common stamps, mainly one and two centers. At times many thousand were bundled up in 100 packages. We boys that we had great treasures. Mr. Wendt studied Theology in Dubuque for three years. After graduating with honor he entered the Ministry as an Ev. Lutheran Pastor. Serving congregations in Dubuque (one year), Sterling, Neb. (8 years), Dunlap, Iowa (5 years), and since last Dec. he is located at Manilla, Iowa.

As a side line and as a recreation he devotes his spare time to stamp dealing and at the same time is building up a private collection of certain countries, such as U. S., Germany [he is German], Canada, Gt. Brittain, etc. Some of these countries are practically complete.

A few years ago he ably conducted the office of Pres. of the M. P. A. in which Society he is still very active.

He will gladly correspond with his fellow members and give good advise whenever desired.

—Contributed.

The American Junior Philatelic Society.

Officers For 1909.

President	-	-	Frank P. Breuer, Clinton, Ill.
Vice President	-	-	Ralph L. Mutz, Ft. Dodge, Iowa.
Sec'y-Treas.	-	-	Geo. T. Hollbrook, Coldwater, Mich.
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1. Jack Ralston, 1316 Austin St, Houston, Tex. 21, Window Trimmer and Sign Painter, A. P. S. 2501, S. P. A. 282, Trustee of S. P. A.
2. R. M. Wyatt, 943 Bryan St.,

Dallas, Texas, 16, Clerk, L. L. Dolson, G. S. Strong, Dallas.

We have a fine lot of new application blanks printed by Mr. Dolson.

All applications of last month have been elected to membership.

Correspondence.

THIS COLUMN IS OPEN FOR ENQUIRY OR DISCUSSION OF ANY SUBJECT OF INTEREST TO READERS. READERS ARE ALSO INVITED TO CONTRIBUTE NOTES AND ITEMS OF INTEREST.

The long suffering first issue of Abyssinia have again been surcharged for use as Postage dues. It seems that in the country of Menelik there must be some man who is attempting to beat Nicaraguas record in surcharged stamps.

Though it has been repeatedly stated that the 5 Pound stamp of Gt. Britain is the highest value postage stamp that has been used this is not so. The colony of Natal has issued 10 and 20 pound stamps and Victoria has used revenue stamps for postage and according to Scott's all the values from 10 up to 20 pounds have at some time been used.

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How I Began To Collect Souvenir Post Cards.

F. B. Eldredge.

Being a natural born collector, it is not very strange that I should have saved the first set of Souvenir Cards that ever came into my possession. That set was 12 Official Souvenir Cards issued by the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago, Ill., in 1892. They were sent to me by a friend who was visiting the exposition. The next card I obtained was an advertising card issued by the firm of Parke, Davis & Co., of Detroit, Mich., and used by them to inform their customers when they could expect their representative to call upon them; it was a picture of their Main Laboratory, and it came into my possession March 10, 1902. Then I received from a friend who was in Danville, N. Y., at the Jackson Health Resort, a set of three cards showing the exterior of the building, the interior of the cottages and the interior of the Christian Union Chapel.

These cards were the nucleus of a collection now numbering about four thousand cards, of which about one thousand are foreign.

As I am a stamp collector also, I have requested stamps on view sides of my foreign cards, and a great many of them are in that condition.

My foreign cards represent the following countries, viz: Argen-

tine Republic, Algeria, Bulgaria, Brazil, Belgium, Bavaria, Bahama Islands, Barbados, British Guiana, Canada, Cyprus, Chili, Cape of Good Hope, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, Danish West Indies, Denmark, Egypt, France, Finland, Great Britain, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Holland, Horta, Italy, India, Jamaica, Japan, Mexico, Madagascar, Malta, New Zealand, New South Wales, Norway, Natal, Paraguay, Porto Rico, Portugal, Philippines, Russia, Roumania, Spain, Sweden, St. Pierre et Miquelon, Switzerland, Trinidad, Tasmania, Tunis, Transvaal, Turkey, Uruguay, Venezuela, Victoria, and Western Australia.

I wish to say just a few words relative to exchanging with foreign collectors. Out of 300 addresses that I sent cards to, I received a reply from only about 100, and still they were addresses that I took from a reputable foreign directory of Philocartists.

My experience at home is somewhat different, as I have yet to send out the first card that did not bring back a reply; of course I have many cards due me from our home collectors, but the first one I send out is always answered.

One page trial ad in next issue
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L. L. DOLSON.

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We wish to commend the enter-
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Will a Dealer Who is Wise
Ever Cease To Advertise?—
Yes--when the trees grow upside
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When the beggars wear a crown,
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When sparrows weigh a ton,
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AN INEXPENSIVE FLYER IN THE GRAY GOOSE

Will enable you to flock with
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For twenty-five cents a line the
Gray Goose will fly every month,
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55,000 people, every one of whom
is a probable customer. Where
else can you reach, for 25c a line,
so many people of just the sort
you're after.

Join the flock for the next flight
of The Gray Goose which will
start the 15th of the month. It
spells dollars for you to be with us.

THE GRAY GOOSE,

DEPARTMENT P, DEPOSIT, N. Y.

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 Translator:- Alois Vedernjak, 243 E. 84th St., N. Y. City.
 Official Organ:- "Philatelic Flashes."

New Representatives.

Panama:- C. Deane Eppley, Tabernilla, C. Z. Panama, Central Am.

Dues:- U. S. 60c per year; Canada, 75c; Mexico, \$1.50 (Mexican); Foreign, \$1. For those who are already subscribers to P. F. the dues are as follows: U. S. and Canada, 35c; Mexico 75 centavos; Foreign, 50c.

Special Rate on dues.

In order to increase our membership to a hundred members we make this special rate on dues, 10c for those who are already subscribers to P. F., and 30c for those who are not. Remember this offer expires August 1st 1909. Do not miss it.

Notice to Members.

2. Fred E. Heuer wishes to exchange with all members hereafter.

23. Mrs. Chas. Henke will hereafter exchange with foreign members only.

29. L. W. Schumann, 100 Bloss St., Rochester, N. Y. desires to exchange colored views only.

New Members.

54. C. Deane Eppley, Tabernilla

C. Z., Panama, Central, Am.

New Departments.

As our club is growing we are installing new departments. We have already the Esperanto department. The Photograph, Stamp and Curio departments will be installed as soon as we have a Sales Supt. for the Stamp dept., and an editor for the photograph and curio dept. Will you not edit one of these departments. Write to the President or Secretary.

New Contests.

Expires July 15th, 1909.

1. To members securing five new members to this club will be given ten Love Light Post Cards (all diff.)

2. To members securing two new members will be given 100 foreign postage stamps.

12 POST CARDS **0c**
 beautiful colored

views of the U. S. Includes beautiful Colorado mountain scenes. To increase our subscription list, we send them FREE to those who send 2c for a years subscription to:

THE U. S., Box I, Paonia, Colo.

"The Post Card Club."

Dues: in U. S. 30c per year foreign 50c per year. if already a subscriber to P. F., 5c pays for a years dues. We want representatives in every State. Write for particulars to:
L. L. Dolson, Director, - - - Geneva, Iowa.

NEW Members,

48. Wm. G. Beaver, 141 C. A. C., U. S. Army, Fort McHenry, Md.

49. R. L. Devereux, 601-607 Schmulbach Bldg., Wheeling, W. Va.

50. Merritt S. Smith, 217 E. Norris St., Ottawa, Ill.

Prize Contest.

If possible we want to increase our membership list to 100 by next month. To induce each one

of our members to send us at least one new member we are going to make this very special offer good only 30 days. For every new member you secure at 30c we will give you 50 fine souvenir post cards. Surely you can find at least one of your friends who is willing to help you win 50 of these high grade cards. Get busy. The more members we have to this club the more benefits we can give you.

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100 cards, note heads, statements, or envelopes printed and sent postpaid for 35c. Send stamp for samples and price list. P. F. Klinkner Bros., Farley, Iowa.

Wake Up!! If you want to keep up-to-date in stamp matters you must take two or three good stamp papers regularly. The price of Redfields Weekly, The Stamp Journal or the Philatelic West is 50c per year. Send me 50c for any one of them and Philatelic Flashes both a whole year. Can save you 1-3 to 1-2 on any paper you want. Write. David H. King, Box 449, Pittsburg, Pa.

100 all different British Colonials cat. 1c to 10c each. Many scarce. Sent post paid for 32c if you say where yo saw this ad. Leon V. Cass, New Milford, Pa.

50 percent discount on every thing in stock. United States, British Colonials, etc. Reference. Crescent Stamp Co., 416 New Bank Bldg., Kalamazoo, Mich.

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Prospectus and full particulars for 2c stamp. John Tippen, Epes, Ala

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Stamps on approval (U. S.)
Send reference and 2c postage.
50 per cent discount. William
Goodwin, Elizabeth, Pa.

Be safe at first! Send for 100
U. S. or foreign free with app.
at 60 percent. Burns, 4107 Penn
Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.

Look--Send for my approval
selections of any country or
countries and receive a confederate
stamp free. Edw. J. Henle,
Muscatine, Iowa.

Offers, Etc.

Boys and girls make money
easy. Send 2c stamp for plan to
Box 449, Pittsburg, Pa.

3 Superior packets, No. 1-10c,
No. 2-25c, No. 3-50c. Postage
extra. H. Harned, Oakland, Md.

80 choice stamps 10c. Excellent
for beginners. Leo Hirsch, 6 W.
118 St., N. Y. City.

Special--2 blank onion skin
app. books, 100 stamps, 100 hinges
for only 10c post paid. Answer
quick. Universal Stamp Co., 6554
Kimbark Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Lincoln imperforates (unused)
10c per pair. William Goodwin,
Elizabeth, Pa.

1 lb. U. S. only 25c. 100 diff.
U. S. only 15c, 50 diff. only 10c,
1000 N. Y. Tax stamps mixed,
special 85c. I have over 300 stamp
papers of the last 3 years \$1.25
takes the lot. Gammans, 181
Joralemon St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Free--If you mention this
offer and the size of your collection
and send reference, we will
mail free 120 var. of stamps. We
are closing out two fine collections
for friends cheap 50-70 per
cent. H. Wendt, Manilla, Iowa.

You can't afford to miss our
next issue. It will be the biggest
and best number we have sent
out.

Free--50 foreign and surprise packet for names of 2 collectors and 2c postage, 1,000 hinges 8c, sample free. William Boning, Haddonfield, N. J.

Souvenir Post Cards.

12 Artistic La Salle Co., Ill. scenic post cards including Starved, Split and Buffalo rocks, Bailey's falls etc 25c. A. P. Wylie, Troygrove, Ill.

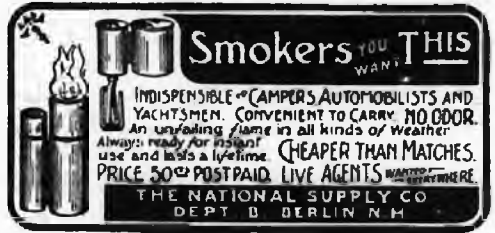
Look!! "Globe Trotter" post cards. One of the best ways to get acquainted with people in foreign countries. Contain space for 4 names and addresses. One card recently returned to us went to Bermuda, Canal Zone and Trinidad. No post card collection is complete without a few. Price 10c for 5 cards. Wholesale rates to dealers. The MacIntyre Co., 1109 Madison St., Chester, Pa. Stamp Collectors send your name for mailing list. Bargain list sent free.

WHOLESALE!!

Post Cards at Wholesale is just what we mean. The following will prove it. 12 of the regular two for a nickel kind postpaid, for only 10c, in coin. These cards are printed in four and five colors and have space on address side for correspondence.

A. E. P. GILLETTE,
Geneva, **38** **38** Iowa.

Always mention P. F. when writing advertisers.



Don't miss these bargains. W. Australia 5 var, cat 15c, 5c. Nwf '1'nd, '98. 1, 2, 3c, 3c. Mexico '96 1-5c, cat. 12c, 5c, 500 finely mixed for only 8c. O. M. Fader, Larwill, Indiana.

5 Var. Switzerland **FREE!**
or 3 mos. subscrip-

tion to our magazine with orders for 50c or more of the following.

Scotts No.	Cat.	Our price.
283-89 Salvador	\$.31	\$.14
127-32 Ecuador	.30	.13
121-27 Nicaragua	.14	.06
120-23 Venezuela	.12	.06
1000 Stamp Hinges		.07
12 View cards		.10

Please remit by P. O. money order. Postage extra on all orders under 50c. Approval selections sent upon request with reference.

John S. Burks Co.,
506 W. Oak St., Louisville, Ky.

25 fine post cards and mag. 3 mos. 10c. Nicholsons Mag., Dept. 2F, Bristol, Ind.

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The Chicago Collectors Union.

Organized Feb. 2nd 1909.

Pres. W. G. Pennington, 709 Elk Grove Ave., Chicago. Sec. & Treas. W. W. Schmus, 618 W. School St., Chicago. Vice Pres. G. H. Corbet, Chicago, Ill. Official Organ: Philatelic Flashes. Dues: U. S. 35c per year, Foreign 50c per year. For those who are already subscribers to P. F. the dues are 10c per year.

NEW MEMBERS.

22. Normal L. Sims, Box 307, San Rafael, Cal.

23. Clarence P. Dekay, Box 990 Denver, Colo. (Associate) Pub. of The Stamp Journal.

24. W. W. Johnston, 200 Beard St., Monroe, La. Post Cards.

25. Alois Vedernjak, 243 E. 84 St., N. Y. Post Cards.

26. George Nacht, 1053 Evegreen Ave., Chicago.

27. Crescent Stamp Co., 512 W. Koenig St., Grand Island, Nebr.

28. Arthur Sodertrum, 217 W. 18th St., Kansas City, Mo.

Change of Address.

20. Otto J. Bierly, 6324 Frankston Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.

Among Our Members.

18. John Gruber wants local views sent seperately not in envelopes, number 4 take notice.

The secretary wants back numbers of all collectors magazines, state what you have with price.

Literary Department.

We are very glad to see that our members are taking an interest in this department and we believe that it is something no

other club has to the best of our knowledge. Let's be original.

Why not write an essay of 500 words on one of the following subjects.

The Theory of "Evolution."

"Education and Crime."

The persen sending in the best essay on Evolution will receive the Evolutionist, a one dollar magazine, one year free. The person sending in the best essay on Education and Crime will receive the Progressive Journal of Education one year free. Other prizes will be given to the second and third best.

The best essays will be published in the official organ and the year book.

Wanted.

Collectors to take charge of other departments of interest to our members, also representatives write the Sec. regarding same.

Miss W. G. Pennington our President would be glad to hear from any of our members who desire to join a club for post card collectors only.

Fraternally yours,

W. Schmus, Sec.

Winona Pennington, Pres.

Can I Send You Some App. Books?

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Net for beginners.

Commercial reference unless a member of some responsible Stamp Society. I have the goods in large variety. F. B. Eldredge, Dept. A, 17 Jefferson St., Attleboro, Mass.



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Space in the big August issue of P. F. at the following low rates:

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L. L. Dolson, Pub.,

Geneva, Iowa



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☞ Curio Collecting. ☞



W. S. J. S. J.

SPECIAL BARGAINS.

	Cat.	Our		Cat.	Our
		price	price		price
°Austrian Jubilee, 1907, 1 to 10h,		.16	.10	°Kewkiang, 1894, 1-2 to 40c,	2.06 .45
°Alwur, 1899, 1-4a, Bechuanaland, 1887, 1-2 to 3p,		.02	.01	°Labuan Dues, 1901, 2 to 24c,	.87 .40
°Boyaca, 1902, 5c,		.93	.45	Match & Medicine, 14 var. damaged,	5.20 .95
°Bulgaria, 1902, 5c		2.50	.45	Mauritius, 1849-59, 6p.	.12 .06
°Brazil, 1850, 30R,		.06	.03	°Mexico, 1874, 5c,	.75 .15
°Johore, 1889, 3 on 6c		.05	.03	°Prince Edwd. Is. 3c, 1.00	.40
		.30	.12		

One \$3 Stanley Gibbons Imperial Album, for British Colonials, slightly used, good as new for 1.75. °Means unused. Postage 2c extra on orders under 50c.

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HOOSIER STAMP CO.. WESTPORT, IND.

BLANK APPROVAL BOOKS.

2c each, 3 for 5c or 10 for 12c.
Are fine and hold 60-80 stamps each.

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80 varieties stamps free
to applicants for our
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70 percent :: :: ::

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I AM CLOSING OUT A LARGE STOCK CHEAP.

H. WENDT,

MANILLA,

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“The National Collectors’ Paper.”

VOL. 2.

JULY 1908.

NO. 3.

Jones Gets The “Bug” Again.

Written Expressely for “Philatelic Flashes”

By ANTON F. KLINKNER.

—oOo—

Mr. Mortimer Jones laid down his evening paper and pulled reflectively at his new cob pipe. Turning to his wife he said:

“This pipe is just beginning to sweet. You have to smoke a pipe about so long before you become attached to it. It’s just like breaking in a new automobile or a new horse or a new pair of shoes.”

His wife regarded him with a sort of a cynical smile and then resumed her occupation of addressing souvenir postals.

He watched her for a few moments and then a sudden idea struck him. His face brightened and he made a bee line for the stair door and was gone.

After rummaging around in the attic he finally came down stairs with a box in his arms.

“What are you up to now, Mortimer?”

“Oh, nothing. I just got to thinking about your souvenir postal card fad and it reminded

me that I used to have a fad or a hobby one time myself. I’ve been up in the attic and dug up my old collection of postage stamps.”

Mrs. Jones expressed great astonishment at seeing a man of her husband’s temperament becoming so excited over such a commonplace thing as a collection of postage stamps.

He had been a collector for several years and had suddenly grown tired of it. No, not just exactly tired but a sudden press of business engaged his spare time and in the fervor of his enthusiasm to further his commercial ambitions he had forgotten all about his fad—a fad that had been a source of pleasure and satisfaction to him for many years.

“Why, I’ve saved some of these stamps ever since I was a boy!” he exclaimed fervently.

Turning over the pages he became more and more excited and

when he discovered that he hadn't put any stamps in his United States collection since the Worlds Fair at Chicago his conscience smote him.

"It's a shame, Lucy, a positive shame! Here I've let the Omaha, Buffalo and other commorative series go by and there'll be a time coming when these special issues will be worth some money. I never did collect them with that object in view, but it makes me out of patience with myself to think I have neglected my dear old collection of postage stamps. I'm going to look through some of my old letters yet tonight."

There is no need to explain Mr. Jones' action or apologies for them. He had the craze, the "bug" as he called it again.

His wife became impatient with him. She had become interested in a fashion catalog and left the fire go out.

She went to the stairs and called him.

"I'll be down in a few moments."

When he did appear he had a hat full of postage stamps and feverishly sorted them over.

Mrs. Jones began to get interested. The many brightly colored stamps came to view and she shared her husbands admiration and helped him to arrange them.

The next morning Jones was up early and rummaged through dresser and commode, bookcase

and desk drawer. Nothing was spared that might yield up a postage stamp.

When he got to his office he ransacked every catalog and envelope he could find. He forgot all about business and all he thought of was stamps, stamps, stamps!

He gave his clerk instructions to save every wrapper and envelope that came in the mail and to a person who has no sympathy with the fad it did look ridiculous maybe to see a respectable business man sorting over the waste baskets looking for stamps.

He even called on his business friends and asked them for the privilege of going through their old letters,

By the time night came again Jones had the stamp craze proper. He sat up until nearly midnight, and when he did finally get to bed he couldn't sleep. He was picturing to his mind out of the way places, nooks and crannies where postage stamps lay hid and he tossed restless and feverish on his bed.

Finally he got up and ate a lunch and after a long, long time he went to sleep. But he dreamed of uncuts, unused and revenues, special deliveries and thirty-cent Columbians. The next day he was poking his nose into magazines and papers, looking up the advertisements of dealers in postage stamps and the mail was flooded with orders from a stamp "fiend."

Jones had the "bug" again!

AT THE WINDOW.

By George E. Bowen.

The Lady of the Postage dispenses,
with her smile,

A journey into Burmah, a passage
up the Nile.

With her small pink credentials
your fancy far may go

Across the seas thro' China, or to
Old Mexico.

The Lady at the Window on
destiny doth wait,

She seals with smiles impartial
yours or a nation's fate.

The mission of a message, she
marks in red or blue,

May change the map of Asia, or
make a sad heart new.

The Lady of the Postage is fellow-
ship's first aid,

For East and West at her behest
a common race is made.

No land shall live without her, no
love shall long endure

Whose faith the Postage Lady
neglects to reassure.

The Lady at the Window has end-
less goods to weigh,

And some shall go to Cuba and
some to far Cathay,

With blessings for the absent,
with favors dear to know—

And none the gracious Lady shall
ever thank or owe.

The Lady of the Postage to all
the world is kind;

Her service is the surest humanity
to find.

I wonder if no answer to hershall
come, some day,

From confidence and longing
that did not go astray?

A Book of Gold.

The most valuable book in existence is said to be a copy of the Koran, now treasured in the Mohammedan city of Ispahan-Ruza, Persia. The covers 9 1-4 by 4 inches, are of solid gold, 1-8 inch thick, while precious stones set in symbolic designs figure in the center and at each of the corners. The book is written upon parchment, and this part of the work alone is valued at £10,000.

—Clipping contributed by
W. W. Schmus.

OUR MOTTO: "Not to please some of the people some of the time, but all of the people all of time."

MAIL ORDER PRINTING.

We give below a few of our prices on mail order printing, which we know you will find satisfactory, for we have one of the largest and best equipped offices in this part of the country. If there is any job which you have, please let us quote you prices on it. We pay the postage freight or express. Send for our circular and samples of printing.

A FEW PRICES.

500 Letterheads	\$1.75
500 Noteheads	1.00
500 Envelopes	1.00
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PRESS REVIEW.

—CONDUCTED BY—
L. G. DORPAT.

The STAMP NEWS, published monthly by A. C. Roessler of 1957 Washington Ave., N. Y., is another new paper and made its first appearance on May 1, 1909. It is a 4 page house-organ and bargain sheet with newsy items and special offers of stamps.

28¢ 28¢

The HOBBYIST of May was the first paper publishing the official numbers of the quantities issued of the Canadian Tercentenary or Quebec issue, to wit: 1-2c 2,000,000. 1c, 22,530,000. 2c, 35,100,000. 5c, 1,200,000. 7c, 700,000. 10c, 500,000. 15c, 300,000. 20c, 304,200. This shows that none of them are very rare, though the 15c is the rarest of the lot.

The COLLECTORS' JOURNAL of Chicago finds it much more difficult to produce the promised color-chart than was expected. Some of the printing inks will have to be manufactured expressly for the purpose, as the publishers are determined to get the correct shades, if that is possible.

The STAMP LOVER for May announces "The Golden West Stamp Exhibition" in London, which is to be opened on May 8,

and to remain open until the end of September. What makes this particularly interesting to American collectors is the fact that the exhibition will consist of Postage and Revenue Stamps of the United States and its Colonies, and that the exhibition room will form a sort of philatelic meeting place during the whole summer.

The Chicago Collectors Union.

Organized Feb. 2nd 1909.

Pres. W. G. Pennington, 709 Elk Grove Ave., Chicago. Sec. & Treas. W. W. Schmus, 3443 W. School St., Chicago. Assistant Sec.-Treas. W. J. Ossege, 1629 Sycamore Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio. Vice Pres. G. H. Corbet, Chicago, Ill. Official Organ: Philatelic Flashes. Dues: U. S. 35c per year, Foreign 50c per year. For those who are already subscribers to P. F. the dues are 10c per year.

New Members.

29. Ulmont Stewart, Box 706, West Port, Ind. (Stamp Dealer.)
30. J. Russell Reed, No. Cambridge, Mass. (Stamps.)

Several of our members have written me about organizing a department in which we could take up the study of some foreign languages. I would like to hear from every member whether interested or not. Which of the following languages would you like to study. German, French, Italian, Spanish.

If Mr. Dolson cannot give us the proper space to conduct the department, we will publish a bulletin every two or three months

for this purpose, the secretary will take charge of this department until we can secure a more competent instructor.

Free! Free!

Any one desiring to start a stamp collection will get 100 foreign stamps absolutely free just for the asking.

Contest No. 2.

In order to quickly increase our membership we make the following liberal offer, open until Nov. 1, 1909.

For each ten new members secured we will send one of the following cloth bound books:

- From India to the Planet Mars.
- Method of study in Natural History.

For each 6 new members secured you get one of the following books:

- Descent of Mars.
- Other Worlds Than Ours.
- The Marvelous Story of Mars.
- The Stars and the Earth.
- Social Evolution.

Taxidermy Without a Teacher.

Dear members keep this contest in mind and remember these books are all cloth bound and retail at from one to three dollars each. If you cannot secure the required amount of members before Nov. 1, 1909 we will extend the time at your request. Plenty of blanks ready.

Next month we will have some other prizes ready in the line of stamps, minerals, fossils, coins, etc. Remember we strive to please

one and all.

Fraternally yours,

W. G. Pennington, Pres.

W. W. Schmus, Sec-Treas.

The Iowa Stamp Society.

President-R. L. Mutz, Fort Dodge, Iowa.
 Sec.-Treas.- H. Wendt, Manilla, "
 Sales Supt.- H. S. Powell, Storm Lake, "
 Official Organ-"Philatelic Flashes."
 Dues-Only 25c per year, members receive P. F. free.

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Report of Secretary.

During June four applications were received.

18. Jesse J. Swanson, Whittemore, age 16, student, ref. Sec. and G. W. Brunner. Prop. by Sec.

19. Rev. Fred T. Stevenson, Lineville, age 57, Pastor, ref. Farmers and Merchants Bank, Prop. by Phil. Flashes per ad.

20. Arnold O. Brunner, Whittemore, age 16, student, ref. G. W. Brunner and Sec. Prop. by Jesse J. Swanson.

21. Karl J. Ingledue, Marshalltown, 312 E. Main St., age 18, clerk, Ref. H. S. Powell and Sec. Prop. by Powell.

Report of Treasury.

Dues from 21 members	\$5.50	
Expenses: App. blanks	1.50	
Off. Organ	2.10	
Postage	.80	
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from page 7.)

Sales Superintendents Report.

Fellow Members:

Twelve of the twenty-one
members have already taken ad-
vantage of this department.
Above all, support your state
society. If you have not already
sent for circuits, do so now! Give
size of your collection and name
your specialties. Are you an active
supporter of our state society? If
so, drop me a card today for
circuits.

Members that have duplicates
that catalog over 3c each and
desire to turn same into cash will
do well to send for as many books
as they can use. Each book holds
98 stamps. Price 5c each, This
department needs ten books of
good stamps at once. They must
be mounted in the society's books.
When filling the books remember
that the members of this society
are medium and advanced collect-
ors. Insurance and commission
fees 12 1-2 per cent.

Sincerely,

H. S. Powell, Supt.

Autobiography of R. L. Mutz,
I. S. S. No. 2.

I.

I was born in old Ohio

In the year of '93

And was stamped with great dis-
tinction

As the President to be.

II.

Years went by and in the winter.

Of the year of 1902

I was taken with the fever

That is doubtless known to you.

III.

Even tho 'tis seven years now

Since that first momentous day,

That fever burns within me

But it makes me mighty gay.

IV.

I'm a hustling stamp collector

And a Senior on the side.

Fifty hundred grace mp stamp
books,

And I am my teachers pride(?)

V.

In the spring when school is over,
 And vacation time is here,
 I begin to work and hustle
 For some great big financiers.

VI.

If you want some Electric wiring,
 Or some fancy printing done,
 Don't forget that I'm the fellow
 That will get it on the run.

VII.

And for pleasure, not for profit,
 I devote myself to stamps,
 And like our dear old Lincoln,
 Study by the evening lamps.

VIII.

I have handles to my name now,
 So the prophecy came true,
 Not a U. S. Roosevelter,
 But an I. S. S. SKIDOO!

WITH THE PUBLISHER.

Over 200 subscribers renewed their suscriptions last month. This is very gratifying to us as we need the "mon" to pay for that big printing plant we have ordered.



We are nicely settled in our new office, and are at home to visitors. When in Geneva don't fail to call on us.



Say, don't miss it—we mean the August Mid-Summer Flashes, 20 pages, bright, crisp reading of interest to every hobbyist.



Just a word about our new printing plant. We are installing a fine

new cylinder press that will print a 6-column folio newspaper. We are also adding \$300 worth of new type, borders etc. The new plant will be in operation by last of December and our January number will be the best we have ever sent out.



By-the-way, renew that subscription--NOW--lest you forget.

GET THE LATEST.

Get some of our hand painted shell post cards, they're the latest out. They are neatly packed in small boxes and :c carries them to any part of the U. S. or Canada. Regular price 25c but to introduce will send sample for 10c or 3 for 25c. Order some today and you will want more. Money Back If You Want It.

The Hawkeye Post Card Co.,
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12 POST CARDS 0c
 beautiful colored

views of the U. S. Includes beatiful Colorado mountain scenes. To increase our subscription list, we send them FREE to those who send 25c for a years subscription to:

The U. S., 1840 Cal. Ave.,
 Denver, Colo.

One page trial ad in next issue
 for only

\$1.50

"The Post Card Club."

Dues: in U. S. 30c per year foreign 50c per year. if already a subscriber to P. F., 5c pays for a years dues. We want representatives in every State. Write for particulars to:

L. L. Dolson, Director, - - - Geneva, Iowa.

NEW MEMBERS.

51. John Wurley, Bas Obispo, Camp Elliott, Panama.
52. Victor R. Ort, 1617 Rodney St., Wilmington, Del.
53. E. Rose Ort, 1617 Rodney St., Wilmington, Del.
54. Jacob Ganden, R. D. 1, Care C. W. Guernsey, Wanatah, Ind.
55. Lewis Elverson, Sherman, So. Dak.

56. K. Sugimura, 8 Toriabur-acho, Nihonba Shiku, Tokyo, Japan.

57. Preston G. Prevatt, De Land, Fla.

So far our members have taken but very little interest in the contests which we have announced. Next month we will publish a list of prizes that will interest every one of our members. Get busy now and tell your friends about our club.

The Imperial Philatelic Association.

Pres. A. M. Wright, Dorchester, Mass.

Vice-Pres. C. V. Webb, Perry, O.

Sec-Treas. J. Russell Reed, 39 Rindge Ave., Cambridge, Mass.

Counterfeit Detector Leon V. Cass, New Milford, Pa.

Fraud Investigator J. A. Allen, Meredosia, Ill.

Canadian Representative Jack Carriette, Rothesay, N. B.

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Applications.

1. J. A. Allen, Box 146, Meredosia, Ill. Age, 19. Bridgeman.

2. Ulmont Stewart, Lock Box 706, Westport, Ind. Age, 18. Stamp Dealer.

3. Leon V. Cass, New Milford, Pa. Age, 27. Stamp Dealer.

4. Jack C. Reed, 39 Rindge Ave., Cambridge, Mass. Age, 14. Student and Stamp Dealer.

5. William A. Carr, 89 Pembroke St., Rochester, N. Y. Manufacturer of Rubber printing stamps.

W. Schmus, 618 W. School St., Chicago, Ill. Age, 21. Bookkeeper,

7. L. L. Dolson, Geneva, Iowa. Age, 18. Printer & Publisher.

I am sorry to report that Mr. Gilbert R. Sharp, who was to have assumed the position as Information Bureau, will be unable to serve as he is going away. However, we hope to have a library instead.

If you have had or know positively of any frauds, send the name and address to Mr. Allen,

who will cause their names to be published in the official organ so that our other members will not have any dealings with them.

Notice our set of officers. All well known and experienced men who will be always ready to serve our members the best they can. Please don't forget to enclose return postage when writing to them if a reply is needed.

Are you one of the kind that believe in helping along a good cause? If so, you're the kind of a member we want. Send the Secretary a quarter with your name, address, age, occupation and a couple of business references and he'll do the rest. Let us all work together for the upbuilding of our association.

Fraternally,
 J. Russell Reed, Sec.

**Finding Bodie
 1600 Years Old.**

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Excavations for the bry dock at Taranto, Rome ar yielding important archaeological finds.

There has already been brought to light a sarsophagus of the fourth century, containing two intact bodies, many valuable Ionic and Corinthian vases, sepulchral furniture, and a unique terra cotta cotta group representing Cupid kneeling on the shoulder of Venus.

The latter is considered the best specimen of terra cotta ever found.

A Dainty Novelty.

Send us 15c, coin or stamps, for one of our Good Luck Dime Banks They are the best little money savers on the market. Open automatically when \$1 has been deposited, and will last for years. 2 for 25c, 1 doz. for \$1.50. Rem Specialty Co., Box 392-F, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED--Girls and Boys to sell 24 jewelry novelties at 10c each and get gold-filled extension bracelet, watch, air gun or other premiums FREE. We trust you. Send name and address. Mention this paper. Bronx Novelty Co., 201 Church St., Pokeepsie, N. Y.

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 IN THE GRAY GOOSE**

Will enable you to flock with "birds of a feather" who are getting a tremendous mail-order business through their classified advertisements in its columns.

For twenty-five cents a line the Gray Goose will fly every month, with your announcement, to 55,000 people, every one of whom is a probable customer. Where else can you reach, for 25c a line, so many people of just the sort you're after.

Join the flock for the next flight of The Gray Goose which will start the 15th of the month. It sells dollars for you to be with us.

THE GRAY GOOSE,
 DEPARTMENT P, DEPOSIT, N. Y.

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One page trial ad in next issue
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 Foreign, \$1. For those who are
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 Canada, 35c; Mexico, 75 centavos
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NEW MEMBERS.

55. Lloyd G. Cline, 1200 E. 4th
 Ave., Hutchinson, Kans., collects
 C, actress, views, comics, and 2;
 H; A; old plays; Play Bills, etc.

56. Mr. Yang Ching-seang, care
 Seang Yue & Co., A. 120 Szedwen
 Road, Shanghai, China, collects
 C.

57. Wathem Johnston, 200
 Bread St., Monroe, La., Foreign
 and U. S. Views.

58. Ralph A. Sollars, P. O. Box
 583, Sacramento, Cal., collects C.

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- I. Fossils.
- J. Minerals.
- K. Sea Shells.
- L. Autographs.
- M. Insects.

Our Special Offer.

Send 10c with application, if a
 subscriber to P. F. If not 30c.
 Remember this expires in Aug.
 You will find an application blank
 in this issue. Look it up.

Change of Address.

27. Albert Helmer, R. D. 2,
 Markesan, to R. D. 2, Box 33,
 Randolph, Wis.

Contest.

Ten art Post Cards will be
 given to members securing the
 most new members from July 15
 to Aug. 15.

One page trial ad in next issue
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Boys, send for approvals, fine specimens, medium priced. Just the thing to fill out your collection. Watch this space. Lee T. Parker, Wilsonville, Nebr.

Cut permits on approval. Le Roy Wheeler, Sterling, Ill.

Odds and ends that catalogue 1c to \$40. 60 to 80 per cent off list on application. Weiss, 1497-3rd Ave., N. Y. City.

Packets.

100 var, stamps, 12 blank app. sheets, 1000 faultless hinges, 8 Bulgaria, 20 Italy, 10 Roumania, 5 Trinidad, 5 Tunis, 10 Turkey, 40 United States, 5c each postage extra. 6 for 25c post-paid. Penn Stamp Co., 224 No. 52nd St., Phila., Pa.

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Ever had a Universal Packet of stamps? The Universal Packet contains 25 special picked stamps from all over the world. Be sure and ask for the Universal Packet. Special price this month 10c post-paid. This Universal Packet will surprise you. Greatest value ever given for the money. Only one to a customer. Ask for our Monthly Bulletin. Address, Universal Stamp Co., 6554 Kimbark Ave., Chicago.

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Only one to a customer. For only 1 dime. 10 stamps 20th century cat. from 2c to 20c. Perfect condition. Including Panama, British Honduras etc. First come first served. Brandt, 2017 Fulton St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Get Busy—In The Classifieds, It Pays.

Offers, Etc.

Every body read this—Stamps at slaughter prices. 65 diff. for. postage 2c. 100 diff. for. postage 5c. 150 diff. for. postage 10c. 200 diff. fine postage 15c. 300 diff. fine postage 30c. 500 diff. fine postage 60c. 750 diff. fine postage \$1.20 16 diff. Austrian 4c. 18 diff. Belgium 5c. 40 diff. France a bargain 18c. All the above are in good condition, guaranteed. 1000 finely mixed 10c. Purchases of over 50c please send P. O. Money Order. Address, Joseph Zanini, 362 West 49 St., N. Y. City.

Send for a sample copy of the smallest philatelic journal in publication. 12c pays for a years subscription. Henry George, Milwaukee, Wis.

Special to Iowa Collectors Only! To every Iowa Collector who sends me 5c I will send 4 fine stamps cataloging 50c, if you send references for my fine app. sheets, Karl J. Ingledue, Marshalltown, Iowa.

A collection of 1900 all diff. U. S. and foreign postage stamps for sale. Collection mounted in Modern Postage Stamp Album. Contains many rare stamps and all are in fine condition. What am I offered for the collection? Elwood D. Weber, 538 West Front St., Plainfield, N. J.

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Summer Snaps! U. S. stamps. Revenues: 1c Express 4c. 2c Bank ch'k (orange) 1c. 2c Express (orange) 2c. 3c Proprietary 10c. 5c Agreement 2c. 5c Express 3c. 10c Contract 1c. 25c Power of Att'y 1c. Postage: 3c Columbian 3c. 4c Col. 2c. 6c Col. 4c. 8c Col. 3c. 1c Trans-Mississippi 1c; 2c-1c; 4c-1c; 10c-2c. Supplies: 50 Blank App. Sheets 15c. 100 Blank App. Sheets 25c. 10 Stamp Buttons 45c. 1000 Faultless Hinges 8c. Orders amounting to less than 25c are respectfully declined. Postage extra. Wm. O'Neil Goodwin, Elizabeth, Pa.

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Collectors!! I have purchased the entire stock of the Reliable Stamp Co., which must be sold regardless of price in the next 30 days. To close out I offer 100 fine stamps, many unused for only 10c post paid. Karl J. Ingledue, Marshalltown, Iowa.

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Special!! Good stamp collection neatly mounted in an Imperial Album, over 500 stamps. My special price \$1.25. Only one collection. Get busy as this is a bargain. Karl J. Ingledue, Marshalltown, Iowa.

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The Queen City Packet No. 4 contains the best value of the year in stamps. Try one and you will want more. Each packet contains excellent values. All packets are different. Post-paid for one dime. Get one and be surprised. Elwood D. Weber, 538 West Front St., Plainfield, N. J.

Free—100 foreign and a surprise packet for names 2 collectors, 2c postage. 1000 hinges 8c. Sample free. Stamp catalog pricing stamps of the world, in two books price 12c. We want agents for our approvals at 50 per cent. They are fine sellers. We give free stamps to all our agents. Please enclose a reference or a cash deposit. William Boning, Haddonfield, N. J.

One little dime gets you a bargain in stamps. Get the Queen City Packet Number 4. Elwood D. Weber, 538 W. Front St., Plainfield, N. J.

I buy, sell or exchange stamp papers in large or small lots. I want U. S. postage and revenue all denominations by the hundred or thousand. All must be free from paper and tied in bundles of 100 or 500. I have a music box, which cost \$45. Mahogany finish, 12 steel tune plates, which I will sell for \$20 cash with order, carriage extra, or will exchange for a good collection. If you have any thing in my line write me, stating what you have and your lowest cash price. Walter E. Goodwin, Dover, N. H.

Don't miss this bargain. Packet Queen City No. 4 for a dime post paid. Elwood D. Weber, 538 W. Front St., Plainfield, N. J.

How to make \$3.00 from a 25c investment, write us about it. Universal Stamp Co., 6554 Kimbark Ave., Chicago.

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U. S. Special Delivery 1885 (cat. 25c) only 10c to applicants for our stamps on approval at 60 per cent discount. Penn Stamp Co., 224 No. 52nd St., Phila., Pa.

All diff. stamps, fine condition, postage extra. 50 fine stamps 6c, 150 better grade 15c, 35 British Colonies 7c, 30 French 6c. First class approvals at 50 per cent. Iowa Stamp Co., Whittemore, Ia.

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I am breaking up a philatelic library, write for catalog. LeRoy Wheeler, Sterling, Ill.

Send me 50—2c Alaska-Yucon used and receive 35c worth of good stamps. D. B. Crocket, Nutley, N. J.

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We have a good, well centered copy of the 10c blue U. S. Navy Department catalogued by Scott at \$2.00. The first money order for 80c takes it. Penn Stamp Co., 224 No. 52nd St., W. Phila., Pa.

Oh, you collectors! Wont you send a 2c stamp for a trial selection on approval at 60 per cent and get 50 U. S. or unused Cuba free! The better grade at 50 per cent against reference. Special! Buy 25c of the following and get 4 stamps cat. 10c. They are neatly mounted on sheets. 20 France 5c, 20 Cuba 12c, 20 U. S. 7c, 20 Mixed 8c. Wanted Philatelic Flashes Nos. 1 & 2. Mekeels 1-919. We exchange money or stamps for what we can use. Send goods and your price.

The Burns Company, 4107 Penn Ave. Pittsburg, Pa.

Free! Free! A packet of 60 var. foreign stamps, including unnsed, if you apply for a selection of desirable stamps on approval at 50 and 60 per cent discount, giving reference and stating size of collection. Enclose return postage and receive 3 var. unused extra. While your writing, just order some of these summer snaps. Set of Austria 1907 Jubilee, 5c. Following unused and fine: Costa Rica No. 37a cat. 8c-2c. Japan in China 1902, 1-2c, cat. 3c-1c. Hayti 1906, 1c cat. 3c-1c. Holland Due, 1906, 1-2c cat. 2c-1c. Try my approvals. F. W. Kiser, Whittemore, Iowa.

100 good diff. foreign, 10 diff. unused, sample package of hinges 10c post free. Cyrel Jones & Co., 4140 Burdette St., Omaha, Nebr.

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Bargains—Austria 5 var. 10c. Belgium 5 var. 10c. Costa Rica 3 var. 5c. Cuba 5 var. 5c. Ecuador 5 var. 5c. Egypt 2 var. 5c. Republic Columbia 20c cat. 12c, 5c. French Canton cat. 4c, 1c. Guatemala 6 var. 8c. Republic Hayti 50c cat 35c, 10c. Paraguay 2 var. cat. 5c, 2c. Persia 6 var. 5c. Servia 5 var. 6c. Dominican Republic 7 var. 10c. U. S. 5 var. Revenues 4c. 200 stamps and album 10c. Approval sheets at 50 per cent. Ernest Hamilton, Box 399, Ridley Park, Pa.

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Post Cards.

Post Card Collectors. To advertise our latest catalog, we will send to any address for 15c, a selection of 10 lovely post cards and our big catalog, containing a large variety of excellent high grade cards at rock bottom prices. To all buyers we mail our monthly bulletin of big bargains in post cards. Don't let this opportunity slip by. We handle absolutely no trash or cheap cards. Elwood D. Weber, 538 West Front Street, Plainfield, New Jersey.

Mention P. F. when writing advertisers.

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Premature Decline of Man due to three causes, namely: Constipation, Improper Circulation, or Depleted Nerve Force. Proper food, exercise, scientific bathing and my natural method of toning up the Sexual Organs and Prostate Gland will correct these faults in any one in a few weeks. I have perfected a course of the above which I will guarantee to restore any man to health, vim and vitality. The exercises will take but five minutes each day; the foods contain the elements of life themselves. I will also teach you how to retain vigorous manhood for an indefinite period. Send 50c (no more will be required.) Edw. J. Doyle, 401 Augusta St., Mobile, Ala.

Collectors!! We have sold our entire stock to Mr. Karl J. Ingle due of this City. We thank our many customers for the favors shown us and beg to remain, Reliable Stamp Co., Marshalltown, Iowa.

Some Common Sense. When you buy post cards you may as well buy the best as to get a lot of trash which you cannot use. We handle none but the best. We give quality as well as quantity. A trial order will convince you that our cards are just what we claim them to be. Our old customers know what our cards are, but to new friends who have never dealt with us we will state that they are the very best cards. Satisfaction guaranteed. Elwood D. Weber 538 W. Front St., Plainfield, N. J.

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1000 good subscribers to our new stamp paper, The Philatelic Advertiser. As a special introductory offer, we will send to you 6 months for only 10c. Advertisers get next. Rates, 30c per inch.

Address, R. F. Alexander,
2. Gaffney, S. C.

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\$3 1898 Revenue, uncut, cat. 15c. My price per 1 only 6c, per 10-50c. Wholesale lots on approval. Write me. Louis Bohn, Jr., Coe Block, Crafton Sta., Pittsburg, Pa

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One page trial ad in next issue for only

\$1.50

98 \$38.75 FOR 25c 98

Send 25c and I will mail you a set of Confederate Bills, consisting of 25c, 50c, \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10, \$20 bills. Old Bank Notes sent on approval, write me. Louis Bohn, Jr., Coe Block, Crafton Sta., Pittsburg, Pa.

—PACKETS—

100 different foreign	10c.
200 " "	50c.
500 " "	\$2.25
1000 " "	4.50
1000 " "	.13
25 unused 20th Century	.35
13 " " "	.20
15 " Pictorial	.16
20 " B. Colonials	.60
1000 Capitol Hinges	.15

Diamond Stamp Co.,
715 Asylum Avenue,
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FREE! Rare coin over 100 years old, send 6c for mailing. Louis Bohn, Jr., Coe Block, Crafton Sta., Pittsburg, Pa.

We Want to Show You Something



Space at the present price is a bargain: 5c per line; 50c per inch (10 lines); \$5 per column (10 Inches); \$15 per page (30 Inches). Try a few lines, it will pay you.

THE STAR MONTHLY,
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WE want to show you that an ad in The STAR MONTHLY is one of the very best investments you can possibly make. The STAR MONTHLY is a magazine for boys and young men. Its stamp department is one of its most interesting features. The circulation of The STAR MONTHLY is now 10,000 copies and growing rapidly.

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Greatest bargains ever made—Goods Considered—When you get tired sending for cards and getting anything but what you order, try us. We send just what you order the same day order is received, or refund money. Satisfaction guaranteed. Use the best cards only. Below are a few of our many bargains; Kindly compare prices with those of other dealers.

10 The Girlies Series	15c.	6 Real Burnt Leather Cards	25c
10 Surf & Marine Views	"	12 Good Luck Cards	"
" Patriotic cards	"	12 Base-ball cards	"
" Summer time cards	"	10 Fraternity cards	"
" Farm & Field cards	"	12 The Bryson Girls.	"
" Floral Birthday	"	10 American Beauty heads	"
" Sailor Boy Cards	"	12 Tell-me-not-girls	"
" Vacation time cards	"	12 Birth stone cards	"
" Babbling brook cards	"	2 hand colored silk floral	"
" Landscape cards	"	10 tinselled embossed floral	"
" The seasons series	"	12 gold & embossed birthday	"

Beautiful N. Y. Views	10 for 15 cents,	20 for 25 cents.
Lovely Foreign View Cards	10 for 20 cents,	25 for 45 "
United States Battleships	12 for 25 cents,	32 for 55 "
Our Presidents Gold Embossed	12 for 25 cents,	25 for 50 "
Unxld Plainfield Views in 15 colors	10 for 15c,	25 for 35 "
Comics best out	50 for 55 cents,	100 for 95 "
Special Assortment Art Series	20 for 25 cents	50 for 50 "

Take a trip around the World for 75c. 50 beautifully colored cards representing 50 of the World's greatest scenes and subjects, packed in a neat and tasty box and sent post-paid for 75 cents. These cards are imported from Germany and printed in 15 colors. A genuine bargain.

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We have an immense line of all kinds of cards. Send for one of our catalogues free. We mail our monthly "BARGAIN BULLETIN" each month to all purchasers.

ELWOOD D. W. WEBER,

538 W. Front St., ~~99~~ ~~99~~ ~~99~~ Plainfield, N. J.

American Souvenir Card Club.

Manchester, Wis.

Organized 1908.

Objects.

1. The purpose of the American Souvenir Card Club is to introduce and encourage the collection of stamps, post cards, photographs, coins, indiau relics, curios, etc.
2. To afford its members facilities for an extended international exchange of cards with collectors in foreign countries.
3. To give its members a medium of exchanging by having their names published as exchangers in its Monthly Official Organ.
4. To secure the names of reliable collectors to become members of this club and exchange with one another.
5. To maintain a Bureau of Translation for all members who cannot translate their own foreign matter.
6. To maintain a Bureau of Information.
7. To add new benefits from time to time.
8. To give new contests and offers from time to time.

Benefits.

1. One membership card.
2. One complete list of members.
3. One yearly subscription to Philatelic Flashes.

Dues.

Same as in report.

Application For Membership.

George J. Rhein, Secy.,
Manchester, Wis.

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Hints for the Young Collector

Written Especiall for "Philatelic Flashes"

By HOWARD BANNON



THIS paper will probably fall into the hands of quite a number of non-collectors, especially boys and girls, an article on what to collect and how to begin the collection will be of interest.

Stamp collecting is the peer of all hobbies for young people. It learns them to be neat and to pay close attention to the little points and details. Then stamp collecting will aid the boy or girl who is studying geography and history as they will be lead to search for little things concerning countries that they do not find prominent mention made of in their text books. There are quite a number of small countries and colonies that are not mentioned in the geographies used in the common schools.

Let me suggest to you grown-up people who are interested in some non-collecting boy or girl,

that you give them some philatelic literature and, if possible, some nice looking foreign stamps. An interest in Philately will thus be awakened in them. It will undoubtedly prove to be of great benefit to them in future years.

To the person who is just beginning, or, rather the one who desires to begin, I suggest that your first step be to subscribe to some good stamp journal. If there any collectors in your vicinity, it will be of benefit to you, if you form their acquaintance.

Possibly some member of your family or your near friends have some letters, received from foreign countries, or some of them may have old letters bearing stamps of the former issues of this country. If so, have them give them to you. They will form a nice beginning for your collection.

The best of these may be mounted in a blank book at the

the beginning. A regular album however, will be desirable. I would not advise the beginner to purchase a high priced one at the start, as he will, in all probability, desire to specialize on some certain country or countries when he gets started. The collector will see the need of having a reliable stamp catalogue so that he may be informed as to the actual value of any stamp. It will be to his interest to secure one before making many purchases.

The collector should keep close watch upon the advertising columns of his stamp papers or other publications that contain the advertisements of stamp dealers. Many special bargains are offered by the dealers, from time to time, and all of. The many variety packets offered by the dealers offer a splendid opportunity of quickly acquiring a large collection of the cheaper stamps.

After mounting the best specimens of each variety selected from the packets, the others may be used for exchanging with other collectors. The beginner should not be too hasty in purchasing stamps. It is better to purchase a small number of good specimens than to buy a lot of damaged stamps that are not fit to grace the pages of any true stamp collectors album.

As the collection increases, the collector will find it to be to his advantage to buy at auction,

Quite a number of reliable dealers sell stamps in this way. Bids are sent in by mail and the collector can offer what he thinks he can afford to pay. Very often stamps can be secured at a small fraction of their real value when purchased at auction.

If you are not a collector, become one. You will be surprised at the many pleasures you will find in caring for the little colored bits of paper. Many people who took up the hobby, years ago, are still ardent devotees. Do you suppose this would be the case were there not some pleasure to be obtained from that hobby of all hobbies—PHILATELY?

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—CONDUCTED BY—
L. G. DORPAT.

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The PHILATELIC WEST published a British Special for May, showing that the British endeavor to create closer relations with Americans is not altogether falling on barren ground.

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MEKEEL'S WEEKLY No. 960 contains an illustration of the "strong room" in W. H. Picketts stamp business, which is also described. This is another proof that England and America are coming closer together.

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lished by Henry George, 985-7th
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well worth the subscription price
of 15c per year. No collector will
regret having subscribed for it.
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patronized. See his ad in this
issue.

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thing good this year in the line of
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names and addresses of over
50,000 collectors. It will be hand-
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making it a welcome addition to
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for his announcements which will
appear each month in our adv-
ertising columns.

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3. Roger G. Way, Box 11, Bloomington, Ill. E. J. Schuster, G. T. Holbrook.

Sales Supt. Report.

Members A. J. P. S.

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8 books on hand net	62.68
Total sales--two circuits	8.09

Have held two mail auctions, fair success. I wish to have my department patronized by every member. I have lost a considerable sum on the work so far, but I have faith in you and am bound to make this department a success. A successful sales department goes a long way toward making a success of any society. Now every-body push. I will mail books at 5c or 3 for 10c with imperf. Lincolns. I append a new set of rules. Would be glad to have suggestions of alterations or add-

itions to same.

Fraternally,

J. W. Champion.

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2. Books must amount to at least \$2.50 each. It is well to place cat. price as well as net price below every stamp.

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4. For the present insurance fee will be 1 1-2 p. c. Rules for circulation sent with each circuit. I wish it understood that all the rules are alterable when reason demands.

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Dear fellow members:--

As I am very busy at the present time I find it impossible to give you a complete report of the happenings of the Club, but next month you will get all the news.

Notice we have a stamp dept. this month, now get busy with those duplicates and get something out of them.

W. W. Schmus, Sec. & Treas.

Report of Stamp Dept.

Dear fellow members:--

I have been appointed as Stamp Sales Superintendent of the C. C. U., and shall endeavor to make this department a success. Will all members who desire to participate in this department, at once communicate with me. Sales books will be furnished at 5c each and I would like to have several members fill these books. I will, upon request, furnish rules to any one interested. A small insurance fee is charged on books. I would like to have the co-operation of

the C. C. U. in this department.

Fraternally yours,

Karl J. Ingledue,

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38. Application lost please write Sec.

Dear Members:—You can see by this
report that the C. C. U. is growing so
we ask that you do your part in mak-
ing it the best general collectors club
in the U. S. We wish to open up new
departments, so if you wish to take
charge of any department write me
giving plans, etc.

I would like to call the attention of
the members to the fact that I am
publishing a new directory which will
contain the name and addresses of col-
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coins, and relics. If you are a member
of the C. C. U. in good standing your
name will be published in directory free
just state what you collect.

Yours Fraternally,

W. W. Schmus, Sec. & Treas

SOME EARLY STAMP HISTORY.

Stamps for Postal purposes were
proposed to be used in Paris as far back
as 1853. Stamped paper on covers, both
with impressed and embossed stamps
were used for official correspondence
in the kingdom of Sardinia in 1819 and
were discontinued in 1821, several
values being provided for.

Forms for our Xmas issue close Nov.
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Send your ad at once to insure good
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Our Iowa Society is growing. We expect to add more members next month. Any collector residing in Iowa may become a member. Boost the I. S. S.

H. Wendt, Sec. & Treas.
SALES SUPT. REPORT.

6 books received, net value \$46. 93
 Blank books may be had at 5c each. Every member of this society should participate in this department. Some very fine stamps for sale at wholesale prices.

Sincerely yours,
 H. S. Powell, Supt.

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OUR PHILATELIC JOURNALS OF TO-DAY.

By J. Russell Reed.

Each year shows signs of a remarkable increase in the production of new philatelic journals in the United States and it is doubtful if any other contry is represented with as many. But it is surprising to note how few of them contain anything philatelic. Surely, there is enough going on in this philatelic world of ours to be worthy of mention. If you will notice, it is generally these four and eight-page "circulars" that contain so little philatelic matter; and are filled up with jokes or other matter of no interest whatever to collectors. What is the use of calling them philatelic magazines unless

they contain philatelic matter? In many instances, these papers are edited or published by mere youths whose knowledge of philately isn't much.

It is a fact, that these so-called philatelic magazines seldom attain a high mark in the field of philatelic journalism, either from lack of support or encouragement.

On the other hand, take Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, without doubt the best stamp paper we have. Then there is Redfield's Stamp Weekly, a close second and a good paper for the beginner. The Stamp Journal, Philatelic West, and last but not least Philatelic Flashes, are all fine papers and deserve the support of every collector both in our country and abroad.

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Postage Stamps as Dower

Bride Brings Spouse Pair of Canceled Stamps. Value \$8,000.

PARIS, Aug. 1.—What seems at first sight the most modest dower on record is the bridal portion of the wife of a sergeant in the French army. He has been on colonial service, and married a Creole girl from Mauritius, and her dot was an old envelope bearing two used stamps. They were what is known as "Post-office Mauritius," the stamps being of little beauty and bearing the words quoted. They were current only for a short time. Most of them were used, it is believed, in sending invitations for a ball, consequently but few of the letters were preserved, and there has followed the usual law of supply and demand as regards value. The sergeant obtained expert advice on them, and was told that they were worth today \$8,000, with the prospect of increasing value as time goes on.

The happy possessor put them in a box and took them with him where he is stationed.

He formed one of the French contingent lately in Crete. As soon as he arrived there he placed his treasure for safety in the strong room of a bank at Canea, where it lay during the foreign protectorate. When the time came for the troops to withdraw the sergeant reclaimed his

stamps. It was an event in Crete, for he was a very popular man, and a crowd accompanied him to the bank and cheered when he reappeared carrying the little box inclosing his treasure.

The Paris paper which tells the story says that philatelists may expect a sensation ere long.

---Exchange.

Editors Note—The above article was clipped from a Chicago paper, in the early part of August. We have been waiting for the sensation ever since—in fact we had some thots of holding back this issue a few days in order to be the first to print the "sensation," but the "imp of the ink keg" thinks it will cause a greater sensation to get the paper out on time!!

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