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THE POST CARD.

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Oh, picture postcard, that to me
Affords a long desired relief,
Your virtue is that you must be
Brief.

It is a pleasant habit quite
With distant friends to keep in touch
But still it is a bore to write
Much.

A letter, once it is begun,
If made too short may look absurd;
Give me a card with room for one
Word.

Of silly folk there are a few
Who fool a lot of money away
In writing when there's nothing to
Say.

They fill a page or two with "rot"
And sweat and travail o'er a creed,
Which, doubtless, friends would rather
not
Read.

To such the picture card will bring
A respite from a horrid doom.
I'm not surprised to find the thing
Boom.

They say that it in time may rob
The world of letter-writers. True,
And I should add,—a right good job
Toot!

FORTUNE FOR POST CARDS.

Cheap as the price of a single post card may be, the aggregate amount of money that is expended in purchasing them during the year is something enormous. As an example, one may take the New York city post office, where an average of one hundred thousand cards are handled every day. Basing one's calculation upon the cheapest cards—the two-for-five and three-for-five varieties—this would represent an original expenditure of fully \$750,000, while the British postal authorities have estimated that the value of the cards mailed and delivered by them in one year was in excess of five million dollars.

SOUVENIR POST CARDS.

The collecting of Foreign Souvenir Post Cards, sooner or later becomes the "Brain Storm" of all collectors. I wonder how many collectors ever ask themselves this question. What will please Foreign Exchangers? Am sure a little more thought along this line will bring better results and fewer names for the expelled list.

Collectors living in Stubbs Center, Hick's Wharf, or Water Tank No. 3, think the Carnegie Library or some other building in their home town will be acceptable. Such cards while they might be "Big Guns" in their own location, are not what an intelligent collector wants. Something typical or interesting of the U. S. A. or its principal cities will always please.

Our National Capitol, Washington, D. C., or our greatest city, New York are the best known and therefore the best for exchangers. Always bear in mind that the collector would like to see how we live, our customs, our people, our industries, pastimes, resorts, natural wonders, street scenes or anything portraying the U. S. A. Public buildings that so many collectors use for exchange are not good, for example, suppose a collector here sends a card to Ceylon, Asia, for exchange, after about 4 months of expectant waiting, he receives, the Asiatic Bank Bldg. or the Ceylon Post Office. The result is he feels discouraged, but tries again, as the Post-carditis fever is hard to cure. But some card showing what manner of place or people Ceylon is or has would have pleased immensely.

He—I suppose you visited all the points of interest while you were abroad?

She—No, we were so busy addressing postcards to our friends that we had't time to do much sightseeing.—Illustrated Bits.

PHILATELIC TERMS DEFINED.

There are some terms in catalogues that are like "double Dutch" to the beginner and he often gets disgusted with it, owing to the fact that he can't understand it. At other times he might lose money by selling a stamp which is catalogued—for example, 5c on wove paper, 50c on laid, neither of which he understands and therefore sells it for 5c, thinking it must be the cheap variety. In order to avoid these mistakes we will endeavor to explain some things which would puzzle the beginner and we may prevent him from getting discouraged. The first thing we will deal with will be paper.

Wove Paper is smooth and when held up to the light will not show light and dark parts but will be even in shade.

Laid Paper is the contrary to wove paper, and is of a light and dark shade alternately. The shades are in lines and will appear in light and dark lines. The lines will be close together immediately following one another.

Ribbed Paper consists of rough lines appearing on both back and front.

Watermarks. A watermark is a figure, such as a crown, star, anchor, letters, etc., impressed in the paper the stamp is printed on. It appears of a light shade when held up to the light. It is difficult to distinguish what it is, or if the stamp is heavily cancelled drop the stamp face downward in some benzine and the mark will appear of a dark shade. Or again, apply a little benzine to the back of the stamp having the face laid on a piece of black paper.

Reprints. Reprints worry the beginner also, he being not able to tell them from originals. It is impossible to give any advice on these but by consulting some advanced collector or dealer the beginner will generally be able to tell them.

Embossed Stamps are stamps which have the paper pressed into little "square lumps" which can be seen generally on the back.

Silk Paper very often troubles him also, such as in some of the U. S. Revenues. It consists of small colored fibers pressed into the stamp, so to speak. They can be seen more on the back.

Part Perforated worry more than the beginner. This is a variety which should not be in the catalogue, and, slowly but surely they are falling from the line of distinction. It will not be long before they will be an unknown thing, and the sooner the better for all parties, for they are unnecessary.

Dies are hard to distinguish sometimes and some are so ridiculous that they—like the part perforated stamps—should not be noticed.



A pretty story is out about our present 2c stamp imperforate. It seems a lot were placed at some office for the benefit of an inventor or of an automatic stamping machine, but some one managed to get hold of quite a supply and sold them at prices ranging from 10c to 25c each. They are now being sold for about 4c each.

—Columbus Philatelist.

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Send me some good collectors' stories on approval.

Next month I will start the contribution department. Send in any recipes, interesting items, etc. Everyone will be given credit for his or her contribution.

For the enormous circulation we will have next month I think these ad. rates are like getting money from home.

If this space has a red mark on it, it means your subscription has expired and you will not receive the paper any longer unless you renew at once.

'DEAD' POSTCARDS.

Postcard exchangers should notice the size of the cards they mail. Those more than 3½x5½ inches or less than 2¾x4 inches are in danger of the dead letter office. The only ones not between these sizes that are, not pretty sure to go there are (1) those that are prepaid at letter rates; or (2) those made of paper and bearing no personal communication, which are prepaid at third class rates; or (3) those of other material and without personal communication which are prepaid at 4th class rates.

Does this explain why you did not receive a reply from that exchanger to whom you sent a card a month or two ago?

Other causes of cards going to the dead letter office are the failure to be enclosed in an envelope and to be prepaid at letter rates when tinselled; and the unmailability of some cards because of their obscene character.

There are many cards on the market which, if not actually obscene, are at least too ridiculous to be mailed by a respectable person.

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We were so late with September issue that up to the date this is sent to the printers we have received but comparatively few new subscribers or advertisers. But they are coming in every day now.



We made good our statement in the Editorials that it would be larger this month and as you see it has 12 pages.



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A Foreign Criticism.

The U. S. stamps to which you refer are termed "pre-cancelled," and a few collectors take them in the United States, but we do not think any one in this contry collects them, and in our opinion they are of no more interest than a postmark. —Gibbon's Stamp Weekly.



About Hinges.

We have seen many kinds of stamp hinges used in collections that we have purchased, and have bought many collections with no hinges at all. When we got a collection of 12,000 varieties all carefully hinged with colored drug labels we thought we had reached the limit, but the climax has remained to be reached in a collection carefully hinged in 25 volumes with pink silk court plaster! —Meekeel's News and Trade Circular, August.



Swiss Counterfeits.

Dangerous Swiss counterfeits of the 1902 commemorative issue of Bulgaria have recently appeared. They are printed upon bluish white paper in a trifle duller color than the originals, although perforation and gum are well imitated. The originals are printed upon yellowish white paper with numerals and shading generally heavy.

A Strange Proceeding.

An English paper is authority for the statement that the set of Jubilee stamps, which Brazil intended to issue to commemorate the proposed visit of King Carlos to that country, will be put on sale in spite of the assassination of the king.

A POST CARD PARTY.

A young lady in New York planned and successfully carried out a most novel entertainment for her friends. The invitations were sent out on post cards in blue and white Dutch figures. The appointed night found a merry crowd of young people with just enough mystery in the air to promise a very jolly evening.

The guests were seated four at a table and each one was given a blank post card and pencil and told to either sketch or describe an original post card and prizes were to be given out to the one who designed the most clever and original post card. At a given signal each guest sketched an original card, and a clever selection they were.

A young lady won first prize with a post card entitled "Does cupid cut any ice with you?" which depicted Cupid chopping a block of ice in the center of which was a heart. "The reflection of a bachelor" portraying a man smoking a pipe and looking into a mirror, won first prize among the men.

In one corner of the room was a miniature post office, with a dainty little maiden of sixteen as postmistress, who gave out post cards to each one present. The guests were served a four course luncheon, and in the center of the table was the most unique feature of the evening which was a large box on top of which the words 'post card' were formed by tiny electric lights. From this box narrow ribbons of different colors found their way to each plate. The guests were told to pull the ribbons and 'presto' a beautiful post card appeared at the other end of the ribbons.—M. A. Barrett.

Mr. Peter Penson was too Extravagant.

By T. L. Massen.



R. Peter Penson was not only very much in love with Miss Mabel Wentworth, but very anxious to tell her so. He had met her at a seaside resort, and the time and the place and the extraordinary beauty of the young lady had done their fatal work. But though he had called several times, he had never found her alone.

It therefore became necessary for him to adopt an expedient—and one which would cost as little as possible; for Mr. Peter Penson was extremely cautious in expenditure.

Miss Mabel's home was not far from the park. What could be more effective for his purpose than a walk in that verdant locality?

"Will you," he managed to whisper one evening, "take a walk with me in the park to-morrow afternoon?"

"What for?" replied Miss Mabel in astonishment. The idea of walking in a park had never occurred to her since she had become a young lady. No one ever did it.

Peter blushed. The thought had never occurred to him that there would be any difficulty.

"Why," he stammered, "there was something I wanted to say to you, and—"

"Can't you say it here?"

"Hardly. We may be interrupted at any moment."

Suddenly Mabel smiled. An idea came to her.

"I tell you what," she said. "Let us take luncheon at the Switzerland. It's quite proper, you know. And then—"

Peter shuddered as he thought that the Switzerland was the most expensive place in town.

"And then," continued Mabel, "we might go to the matinee. Let's see. I should like to see 'The Bird's Nest.'

They say it's fine. You can talk to me between acts."

"But," objected Peter, "others would hear us."

"Very well, then. We might walk through the park. It will be dusk by that time. Shall I expect you to-morrow?"

Peter replied "Yes," but he did it with a heavy heart.

"And be sure," was Mabel's parting injunction, "to reserve a table at the Switzerland, and you'd better get the seats at once. I never like anything outside of the tenth row. And, oh, Mr. Penson, pardon me for speaking of it, but it might rain, in which case I should prefer an electric cab."

Peter that night prayed that it would be pleasant the next day. But, alas! Providence was not with him. It did rain. And how it rained!

Promptly at 12 o'clock, however, he and his electric cab were at the door of Mabel's house. And in 20 minutes more they were seated in the front window of the Switzerland restaurant.

Miss Mabel took up the card with the eye of an expert, and before Peter had time to breathe, she had ordered nearly \$20 worth of unsubstantial food.

He paid the bill, however, and off to the matinee they went.

Still it rained.

"I am afraid," said Peter, as they came out, "that we can't have that walk in the park."

"What's the matter with the cab?" asked Mabel.

In truth, Peter had so firmly fastened his mind on the park that it had never occurred to him he could propose anywhere else. Besides, a cab seemed so much more expensive. And yet this was only apparent.

"You are right!" he exclaimed.

They entered the cab. He turned to her.

"Mabel, dear," he said, "I love you. Will you be mine?"

Mabel did not reply immediately,

and the cab was almost at her door before she did.

"No," she said, at last.

"I am sorry, but I can never be yours. Believe me, it is impossible. Say no more about it."

The cab stopped. They both got out. Peter paid the driver and walked up the steps.

"Why won't you have me?" he asked.

In reply, Mabel smiled upon him benevolently.

"Because, Peter," she said, "you are altogether too extravagant."

—Lippincott's.

Uncertain.

"I say, Maud," said Mamie, "did you see Mrs. Jinkle's new vase?"

"Yes; isn't it perfectly horrid?"

"I don't know yet. I haven't found out whether it is modern and perfectly horrid, or antique and perfectly lovely."—Tit-Bits.


Couldn't Stand the Pressure.

"What's the matter with Jonesby?"

"Nervous prostration. After he moved in from the suburbs the strain of trying to keep from sprinting toward the corner whenever he heard a car coming was too much for him."—Chicago Record-Herald.

TINKER'S TWINS.

By W. M. Overton.

 IN the village of Farley there lived one stamp collector, the only lone member of Philately the village had to represent it.

The person in question was Mr. Tinker, one of the wealthiest inhabitants of Farley. Perhaps this was the reason he collected, having the ready cash to purchase

stamps. It certainly must have required a great amount of his money as many of his stamps catalogued as high as fifty dollars. All were mounted with best English peelable hinges in an album in full morrocco. His duplicates were placed in envelopes and neatly labeled according to the different countries. Indeed, this collection was the pride of Mr. Tinker's heart and whenever a distant friend chanced to call at his home the big morocco album was brought forth, and the many choice specimens shown with a feeling of pride. Sad to relate, Tinker's wife, a woman who had no time for fads constantly scolded him for spending his valuable time pasting bits of paper in an old book.

Besides, being the owner of a valuable stamp collection, Tinker had two pretty twin boys about four years of age. They were full of mischief as most lads of their age are. They were always ready to receive hinges, old price lists, etc., which their father cared to part with, and also expressed a desire for some of the pretty stamps in the album. To lay their hands on these precious pages meant a scolding from their father. They had often tried to get some of the pretty stamps when he was at work mounting them in the album, but as soon as their hands got too near the big book, Mr. Tinker would give them a

savage look and say: "Get right away! You are the worst nuisance I ever saw! Now get away and don't bother me any more!"

Instantly the little boys would be out of hearing of their enraged father.

Mr. Tinker, customarily, after the family finished eating and the table cleared off would get his album and place it upon the table, put in his new specimens, and perhaps look for water-marks in them by the aid of his detector. He was always very careful not to make a muss on the table in any manner, so he took the old hinges from the stamps and placed them in his mouth until he was through. Perhaps this was not the proper thing to do, but it was wiser than to let them get scattered over the room, and if placed in a dish or box they would be likely to be blown out. The little boys would stand at a safe distance and watch with awe the peculiar motions their father would go through. He would take a sheet of stamps, turn one of the specimens up, inspect it closely with his magnifying glass, shake his head and proceed to dismember it from the sheet; place it in the watermark detector by aid of tongs, watch it very closely, then take the tongs and pull it out. After it had lain on the table a few minutes he would reach over in the hinges box and take out one of the big hinges, bend it double, lick one side care-

fully, place it on the back of the stamp, then lick it again and place it on one of the album pages. This was the process which made the little boys look so closely.

One evening Mr. Tinker received a choice selection of United States stamps on approval, but as it was late when he returned from an errand he did not mount any of them. After breakfast the next morning Mr. Tinker got the album and proceeded to put some of the choice specimens in it. This time the boys were not there to annoy him as they were still fast asleep. He was just attaching a hinge to a large U. S. revenue when his wife, who was in the library, asked him to purchase a carpet beater as she was to start cleaning house that day. Being absorbed too deeply in his pleasure he made no reply. The revenue had just been placed in the album when the door bell rang. Tinker left his album and hastened to the door, and as he opened it he confronted his friend, Mr. Wallet, with a somewhat worried look.

"You had better come up to the office at once," he exclaimed, "thieves broke through the glass in the doorway and made off with everything they could get hold of!"

Tinker said not a word, but hastily took his hat from the rack in the hall and went across the yard with his friend following the

best he could.

What a sight met Tinker's eyes as he reached his office. The large bevelled glass door was completely broken, and a still worse sight met him inside. Drawers were pulled out, papers strewn all over ink bottles upset and chairs tipped over. Worse still, the small safe in which he kept his valuables had been rifled. What could he do?

Wallet's advice was to telegraph to all the surrounding towns for the authorities to watch out for any suspicious looking individuals, and Tinker approved his plan.

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In the meantime, Old Mammy, a colored woman, reached the Tinker residence to help with the house cleaning. The carpets were all taken up, but Mr. Tinker had not yet purchased the beater (?). Mrs. Tinker was just looking from the window to see if anyone was bringing it, when down the walk came her husband at a rapid gait; a queer look on his face but no carpet beater. Into the house he came letting the door slam extra hard, and before his wife could say a word, he said with a growl:

"I'm in a pretty fix."

"How's that?" asked his wife from the dining room.

"Great scott! You little imps! What will come next?" he bawled.

His wife hurried to see what was the matter; there was no need

of looking twice for there sat the two little boys at the table busily engaged in peeling the stamps from the pages of the album; the watermark detector filled with kerosene and in it floated some rare Hamburgs, Newfoundland and other equally rare stamps; each boy had his mouth full as well as his hands, the box of hinges was tipped over and the floor white with them.

Mr. Tinker now rushed madly toward the two boys, as he did so the elbow of one of the mischiefs hit the water-mark detector sending the kerosene and greasy stamps on the morocco album.

"Horrors, why did I ever leave that album on the table? I would not do it again if the burglars were to take my last cent."

He had just finished the last sentence when the door bell rang. His wife went to the door and a messenger boy handed her a telegram addressed to Mr. Tinker. He tore it open and read:

"Thieves caught—stolen goods secured. E. Scudder, Sheriff."

This news caused his temper to abate somewhat, but the mischievous twins did not get off any easier. Tinker administered the palm of his hand on the mischiefs until his wife assured him that he had given them all the punishment they deserved. But you may be sure he didn't leave the album on the table for the twins again.

—From Philatelic Flashes.

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Director Ralph of the bureau of engraving and printing regards the new stamps as the most artistic ever issued by the government.

The Treasured Stamp.

She plucked a stamp from her album

At his solicitation;

He treasured it as fondly as

One holds his reputation;

He carried it across the plains

And o'er the bounding billow,
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dreams

With it beneath his pillow.

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bye

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COIN COLLECTING—MEXICO.

The present day facilities for travel and the interchange of commerce between different countries has brought about opportunities of coming in contact with those who have lived in foreign countries to a much greater degree than formerly; and the number of foreign coins of comparatively recent dates which visitors too far away places bring home with them as mementoes have made such coins fairly common. In course of time they pass into the hands of young collectors, any of whom are anxious to know something about them and their values. Indeed the expert is often receiving queries about foreign coins, and especially South American coins, where there are many Spanish dollars and other coins minted a century or more ago, still in circulation in the different Republics which were once under Spanish rule.

Some Mexican coins were struck in 1773, in the reign of Charles III, specially for use in Spain. The issue was repeated in subsequent reigns. The 8 reales piece of Charles IV of Spain, struck in 1789 to 1808, was cast, and is known as the "sand dollar." Later, in the reign of Ferdinand VII, half reales in bronze were issued, and during the reign of Ferdinand VII, the handsome pillar dollars (so called from the pillars of Hercules supporting the shield of arms) were revived. Of course the coins in general circulation in Mexico are those of more recent years issued by the Republic, dating chiefly from 1826. On these the Mexican eagle standing on a cactus, in its mouth a serpent, is

the central figure of the obverse, and frequently on the reverse in some form or other, the cap of liberty, on a pole, surmounts the book of law, illustrating the legend "Liberty and Law." The gold coins of the Mexican Republic, which comprises some thirty States, were at first doubloons, the standard values being afterwards changed to pesos; coins of the relative values of $2\frac{1}{2}$, 5, and 10 pesos were issued, but the silver coins of Mexico consist principally of the dollar and its subdivisions.

There have been many coins issued independently by the different Mexican States, and most of them are obtainable. One of these struck in Chihuahua has on its obverse the figure of Liberty, seated, holding a spear in her left hand, and her right arm resting on the book of law, against her chair being the usual emblems of authority. In Guanajuato coins of different denominations were issued; the most notable of these is the curartilla a brass coin struck in 1857. The two most essential tools miners use form the emblems on the reverse, the legend surrounding being "Omnia Vincit Labor." There are also coins of Durango and Guadadaxara, and other less known States. Perhaps one of the most curious coins of the series is an 8 reales piece, issued in 1811, in Zacatecas, under Ferdinand VII, the type of the reverse being mountain peaks, surmounted by a cross, and, as will be gathered from the legend "Moneda Provisional de Zacatecas," it was issued provisionally.—"The West," Superior, Neb.

NEW STAMPS ON SALE.

Most artistic stamps of the United States, says Director Ralph of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

November seventeenth Uncle Sam's new issue of postage stamps were placed on sale at Washington at many postoffices, but the demand was so great that the old series are to be sold till the supply is exhausted.

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No post card collection is complete without this postcard.

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UNPOPULAR COINS.

The pretty squabble over our newest coin recalls the widespread controversy arising from the issuance of the famous Fugio or Franklin cent. This coin was expressly ordered by resolution of Congress, July 6th, 1787, although it was struck by private contract, and the bulk of the issue was minted in Connecticut. It became almost instantly noted as the "Franklin copper," because of the pithy sentence on it, "Mind your Business," which sounded so much like the philosophy of "Poor Richard" that it was attributed as a matter of course to Benjamin Franklin. He did recommend the adoption of good, plain mottoes on our coinage, but would neither affirm nor deny that he was responsible for the injunction stamped on the new money. He was cou-

demned for the motto by some of the newspapers of the period, and praised by others. Some high-minded persons went so far as to declare they would neither carry in their pockets nor accept as change a coin which was made the medium of a crabbed old man's still more narrow and crabbed philosophy. Many were the personal encounters and bouts of fisticuffs engaged in over this doit of copper. Just the same, the "Mind your business" penny was the principal, indeed almost the only, article of copper currency down to the issue of a new penny piece six years later.

Another notable instance of public disapproval of American coinage was that of the weird one-cent piece issued from the newly established mint in 1793. Alexander Hamilton was at that time Secretary of the Treasury, and both he and the president, George Washington, were roundly abused for permitting so hideous and meaningless a coin to pass into circulation. —Mehl's Numismatic Monthly.

LOCOMOTIVE STAMPS.

Probably the Locomotive has been depicted on stamps oftener than any other single object, unless ships are excepted.

New Brunswick was the first country to use the locomotive to adorn their stamps using it on the 1c of 1860.

The crudest picture is probably the one on the 5c red 1871 of Peru.

Since then many countries have pictured it on their stamps, and below is a complete list for the benefit of those who want to make a special collection of "locomo-

tives."

Guatemala Jubilee, small engine in right side of stamp, Honduras 1898, set of 8 varieties.

Labuan, surcharged on North Borneo 16c 1901.

per stamps.
Salvador, set of 1880 and 3c 1896.

Mexico, 1 peso 1895.

Nicaragua, on sets of 1890 and 1900. North Borneo, 16c 1902.

Paraguay, on two varieties official. Queensland, all newspa-

Transvaal, 1 penny Jubilee 1895.

Uruguay, on four varieties, all type A 53, Scott's.

U. S., 3c 1869 and 2c Buffalo, 1902.

THE STAMP COLLECTOR'S DREAM.

While sitting at my desk one day,
I fell into a doze,
And then before my tired brain,
A pleasing vision rose.

I dreamed I had an album fine,
All bound in black and gold,
And on its pages was a mine
Of treasured stamps so old.

Rare local stamps were there by scores,
And a Brattleboro true,
And all the lod provisionals
Were represented too.

Department sets were quite complete,
And all unused beside,
There are no prettier lot of stamps
Than these ranged side by side.

And while I turned the pages o'er,
Finding many a treasure,
A voice broke in upon my dream
And ruined all my pleasure.

"I want a dink o' water pop,
I want a dink o' water."
These were the words that greeted me,
From Grace, my little daughter.

How quick the change—I looked to see
If the album still was there,
But nothing greeted me, except,
My darling face so fair.

THE FASCINATION OF STAMP COLLECTING.

If you have not yet fallen captive to the wiles of philately your time is yet to come, for it is a hazard of nine chances in ten that you will eventually find yourself among the converts—yea, the enthusiastic converts, to this absorbing science.

While the conquests of stamp collecting have been particularly brilliant throughout the United States recently, its fascinating powers has likewise been exerting itself across the ocean, and throughout Britian and the continent of Europe and the "hobby" is enjoying a boom that would make a prize homestead settlement green with envy.

Some of the most valuable specimens of stamps have been brought from obscure hiding places by the veriest chance and there is therefore always a pleasant expectancy as to philatelic results when one rummages among old papers and yellowed correspondence. In bank vaults, in lawyers' offices and in the files of long established business houses a careful search may bring to light forgotten postage stamps that mean rich returns for the finder.

Twelve years ago a lady found on an old envelope among her letters a pairs of two cent stamps of the 1850 British Guiana issue. She supposed they might be worth half a dollar, and willing to make this sacrifice for the advancement of christianity she dropped them in the collection basket when it was passed to her at church next Sunday. They were duly fished out by the worthy deacons and their surprise as well as that of milady may well be imagined when it was learned that the stamps ultimately sold for the rather satisfactory sum of \$5000.

A schoolboy found a stamp of Mauritius that was a near companion to the one baught by the Prince of Wales at the handsome figure of \$7,500. It is said that the stamp purchased by the Prince was found in the long neglected album of a little

schoolboy.

Some excellent finds have been made among old United States stamps, and among the provisional issues that preceeded the government stamps in the middle of the last century. Search among papers of the civil war period has unearthed and is still unearthing philatelic prices, for many of the crude and quaint stamps of the Confederacy are rated at pretty prices.

Unquestionably the search for stamps quickens the interest of the layman to the point that he presently finds himself at least informally enrolled in the grand army of philatelists, but the inspiration of this great host is not by any means drawn entirely from this source. Some individuals are drawn in through accident and as the lawyers say, "without malice a for thought". Take for example the esteemed United States counsul to Brazil some years since, who, to please a pretty woman relative in Chicago, began to gather up all the old Brazilian stamps he could lays his hands on. By the time the "pesky things" had filled a trunk he had become amazed at the great number of varieties and the beautiful designs. He became one of the most enthusiastic of philatelists.

To Dispel the Clouds.

A laugh is just like sunshine,
It freshens all the day,
It tips the peak of life with light,
And drives the clouds away;
The soul grows glad that hears it,
And feels its courage strong—
A laugh is just like sunshine
For cheering folk along!

A laugh is just like music,
It lingers in the heart,
And when the melody is heard
The ills of life depart;
And happy thoughts come crowding,
Its joyful notes to greet—
A laugh is just like music,
For making living sweet!

—Woman's Life.

SOUVENIR POST CARDS.

The censorship of the souvenir post cards is being continued with a steadiness which is gratifying. Indecent cards are being seized and destroyed by the thousands. Dealers who persist in violating the law are being arrested and fined. The fines are not heavy, it is true, but the daily item announcing punishment of dealers has its advantage in warning others.

The card industry has grown to great proportions. When store rooms are used entirely for this business it is evident that the buyers are numerous and that the profits are sufficient to enable a dealer to pay rent and other fixed charges and still make money.

The line between the comic and the vulgar is not always easy to draw. Even a casual examination of the cards which are displayed in a show window will convince any one that a good proportion of them come close to this line. A double meaning is often suggested. The step from that to the positively vile is not a long one.

The task of censorship is made more difficult because one may find evil where another will not. But arrest and punishment should be sure where there is no doubt of the viciousness of the display. The moral effect of punishment upon those who may easily be led to cross the line of propriety and the discovery of those who seek gain through corrupting buyers by improper cards are two sufficient reasons for pushing the crusade. It is a difficult matter to regulate. For that reason, also, there should be no cessation of the watchfulness on the part of the police authorities.

—from The Postmasters' Advocate.

THE TWO CENT STAMPEDE.

With cables, motors, aeroplanes
And many another way,
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The best stamps—the rarest.

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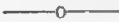
The best music—the laughter of an innocent child.

The best telegraphing—flashing a ray of sunshine into a gloomy heart.

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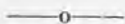
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PHILATELIC ETIQUETTE.



The sender of unsolicited consignments to collectors or dealers on approval, expecting them to buy what they may not want or to pay postage on what they never asked for, is rightly pilloried as guilty of an abuse and of committing a nuisance that tends to bring discredit on philatelic business in general.

There are, however, others who should be dealt with with equal severity. There is the one who persistently keeps on sending approvals, after once having received solicitation, even though he is told time and again to quit.

Then there is the solicitor who asks for stamps on approval but keeps them over time and finally after perhaps several reminders were sent him, returns them without buying as much as the postage on the lot is worth, or informs the owner that he will return them provided the owner will send return-postage.

Some of these solicitors are wise enough not to ask for stamps by direct letters or in their own handwriting. They accomplish more by printed advertisements

by which they induce people to send them stamps for various purposes, which they keep, or try to keep, without paying for them. If asked to return them, they will deny their receipt, or if they cannot do that, they will try some other scheme. The least they will do, is to ask return-postage from the owner, thus keeping his stamps from him and causing him useless expense and trouble. They usually take care to avoid committing themselves in such a way that any bad intention can be proven against them, and thus they go free and keep on trying to catch others.

Solicitors of this kind should be pilloried, where possible, just as well as the senders of unsolicited approvals. They are quite as bad, if not worse. (

To avoid even the appearance of belonging to either of these classes, it may be well to follow the following rules:

1. Never send any stamps to anybody, unless you positively know that he wants you to send them.

2. Always enclose return-postage on any consignment that is sent on approval and may have to be returned.

3. Always refund postage, when

ever you have any benefit from receiving an approval lot.

4. Make exceptions to these rules, by mutual agreement only, as in exchanging, where each sender pays one way.

5. State clearly in your advertisement whether you will pay postage or not, and under what conditions; if you neglect to do so, act as a gentleman, anyhow.

To enforce these rules, it may well to establish the following axioms:

1. Unsolicited approvals are to be considered as free samples and need not be returned nor accounted for.

2. Printed advertisements soliciting stamps are just as much solicitations as those written in a private letter.

3. Gentlemen will observe the general rules of politeness in philatelic transactions just as well as in others matters, and those that do not, have no right to consider themselves gentlemen.

4. A gentleman may make a mistake, and he will apologize as soon as he sees it; a rogue will deny his mistake and will try to blame others for his own faults.

Dorpat.

—Exchange.

Post Cards of Constantinople.

By L. G. Cline Author of Post Cards of Italy, and commemorative postage stamps of the United States, Mexico, post card collec-

tions of noted people etc..

The post cards of Turkey are an interesting line to collect. They are hard to get and are seldom seen in the collectors album. But in order to get a collection of Turkish cards you do not have to go outside of the city of Constantinople.

As you walk down the streets you can see Turkish officers, dancing girls, street peddlers, etc.

One of the most pleasing and picturesque cards that can be placed in a collection is one showing a panoramic view of the waterfront.

Among the cards to be found in the well known collectors album are; Turkish officers, dancing girls, waterfront, a panoramic view of the Mask Suleymanic, Mask Sultan Ahemed, Mask St. Sophia, The Bosphorus, Grand Bazaar, Market Place of Ylnidjam, Fountains Kathaneh, Yeldiz Tower Bridge of Karaky.

Taxein Square, A Gypsy Belle, Cuccassion women, Types of Oriental women, Women in Turkish costume, Peasents, Persians and Turkish women. Turkish soldiers and Firemen, ways of Turkish transportation, a Turkish Bazaar, Barber, Grazer, Butcher Resturant, Turkish Workman. The Imperial Treasury, Turkish Bathhouse. They are many more cards of general interest to be had but those already given and all can be procured through collectors re-

siding in Constantinople.

I will present an article a little later, on the Post Cards of Egypt and the Sudan.

Stamp and Coin Dept.

L. G. Cline Dept. Editor.

The editor of this paper has asked me to take charge of this department, and I will try and give you the latest news in these lines.

The stamp collectors fortnightly gives a reproduction of the earliest envelope stamp issued by the Carlesto in 1875.

The same paper also gives an illustration of a sheet of the unissued stamps of Romania 1865. It also devotes a page to an article by Percy C. Bishop on the crude methods of old time counterfeiters which is illustrated with reproductions taken from a collection of forgeries.

The big stick, a paper devoted to post cards and stamps is running a series of articles on the Commerative postage stamps of the United States.

Call the attention of your stamp collecting friends to this department and get them to subscribe.

The United States was the first country to issue a commerative postage stamp — The Centinnial envelope of 1876. Two cent postage has been arranged between the U. S. and Germany, commencing Jan 1st 1909.

Switzerland issues a new set of stamps soon. Since the establish-

ment of the postage stamp there hasn't been over 20000 varieties issued.

NEW ISSUES.

Grenada — On Oct 1st Grenada issued the following new varieties of the ship type, single C. A. chalky paper.

1s., black on green

10s., green and red on green

Multiple C. A. chalky paper.

6d., lilac and Maine

2s., blue and lilac on blue

5s., green and red on yellow.

Post Keltis, Nevis

3d green and orange, chalk surfaced.

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satisfied send in the small price
asked and we will insert your ad.
in next issue. See at bottom of
page.

Remember this is the first of
a series of improvements to this
magazine.

Clarence Davis Editor.

FEBRUARY ISSUE.

"The Best Yet"

The February Issue (No.6) of
the Collectors Own Magazine will
truly be "The Best Yet" I expect
to have some good articles by well
known writers. It will have many
new subscribers which will make
ads. pay even better than now.
Every Progressive Stamp and
Post Card Dealer will have his
ad. in this issue. Will you be one
of them? Advertising in the Col-
lectors Own Magazine is not an
expense but a profitable invest-
ment. Try it and see for yourself.

Send a Post Card.

If you're going on a journey to
the mountains or the coast,

Send a post card.

If you're torn away by duty from
the one you love the most,

Send a post card.

If you're aimlessly a-wonder
through the country here and
there,

Seeking pleasure, seeking money
seeking muscle, seeking air,

Keep a list of all the friends that
you have cherished everywhere,

Send a post card.

Though it's gay and you are
gloomy, though it's glad and
you are grim,

Send a post card.

If you want to tell your enemy
just what you think of him,

Send a post card.

You will find the habit growing,
till every'side the call.

Will respond; though you be din-
ing or sitting in a hall,

At a funeral or a wedding--it's the
word that grips them all,

Send a post card.

When the picture post cards came out a few years ago, originating in France, you thought they were a distinct novelty, didn't you? queries the Kansas City Journal. If you had been living in this country and had occasion to handle a great deal of mail during those troubled times you would know that such was not the case. A species of picture envelope an-

swering all the purposes of the decorative was very much in vogue in those days. A collection of the picture envelopes, about 300 in number, has just been presented to the Kansas City museum by Mrs. Madison W. St. Clair and are on display at the public library. They were collected by her husband, the late Madison St. Clair. The pictures occur invariably on the side of the envelope on which the address is written. Among the most handsome are several decorated Union flags on which the address was supposed to be written between the red lines. Most of the pictures, which are in brilliant colors, are of a patriotic nature. Pictures of popular leaders such as Lincoln, whose picture occurs more times than any other, McClellan, General Butler, and others. A bit of verse is frequently printed below the picture. Benjamin Franklin's likeness is most popular, next to Lincoln's. A few comics are found. For instance, one drawing portrays a hog, representing the United States, with the legend, "Whole or none." Only a few of the envelopes seem to have been got out by the Confederates. The Confederate flag makes a handsome appearance and the picture of Jefferson Davis is also found often.

**POSTCARD CODE FOR SWEET-
HEARTS.**

In cold type Captain D. H. Bernard of London has issued "The Postcard Code," with the avowed intention of enabling "business

or tender messages" to be exchanged by postcard. "No longer," he promises, "will the servant or postman be able to read your private messages; no longer will parents scowl or the sister's brother tease her." The emotional combination of figures are elastic enough to include the almost slangy 17,509, "What What?" and the semi-tragic 18,994, "Engagement can not be kept secret any longer." A sample postcard would run as follows: 19,863, 19,037? 18,104, 17,871 and 18,271, 17,500, 18,808. Henry." Translation — "Would you be annoyed if I ask you to elope? Please make all necessary arrangements for marriage. I beg to offer you myself and lots of love and kisses. Will you? — From your own ever-loving Henry." In case stern parent should possess himself of a code-book the author obligingly suggests that a preconcerted number should be added or subtracted to baffle unwelcome investigators. Thus, if twenty be the number agreed to be subtracted the heart-throbs of "18,270 (which condenses 'Kisses galore, these, and a thousand and more')" becomes the chilly, non-committal 18,290," which merely states, "I shall keep this matter before me." If the Postcard Code" smooths the "path of true love" 17,539—it will not have been in vain.

Exchange.

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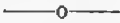


CURIOS



Farmer Collects 100,000 Insects.

W. H. Boers, Detroit..



ECCENTRIC HOOSIER ALSO WHITTLES ARTISTIC WOOD- EN TOYS.

The two hobbies which for 45 years have occupied the attention of Isaac B. Woods, a farmer of this place, Summittville, Ind., are insects and whittled objects. He has been a devoted "insectologist," scorning the title of "entomologist," until now he has in his collection fully 100,000 insects classified and under glass, labeled with the common name as well as the scientific name in artistic letters.

Mr. Woods will, without a second's hesitation, tell the peculiarities of every insect in his collection, describe their food, how and where they breed and give a complete family history of any of the members of his immense collection, many of which he has hatched out in his 'breeding cages,' and in his "bug house," a one story building which he built for an insect storeroom.

For the last five years Wood has, during his spare moments, been whittling on woods of all kinds, until now he has another collection which is as interesting as his insect collection. It is undoubtedly the finest collection of miniature farm and household belongings in the United States. An old time log cabin, barn, corn crib, well sweep, surrounded by a pole fence, within which is arranged the farmer's tools of pioneer days, is but a beginning of the 10,000 pieces in the novel collection.

Among the belongings to the old time "whittled" farm are the ash-hopper, lizard, harrow, bobsled, grain flail, cane mill, hog gallows, hand-rake, ricks of poles for wood maul and wedges and innumerable other things all true in minutest detail, correct in miniature proportion, and finished with artistic touch. It is, however, in the construction of a carpet loom that his ingenuity is best shown, he having made everything that goes with a loom, including cards, distaff, flax brake, reels and a dozen other bits of machinery that are a mystery to the generation of today. It is all in correct working order, all geared up to one wheel, and every one of the hundred or more wheels, shuttles and spindles runs when power is applied, weaving a strip of carpet about six inches in width.

Exchange.



Patches Sewed Together



By the Editor.

It is reported that the government proposes to issue a set of Seattle Exposition Stamps of the values of 1, 2, and 5c. Definite knowledge is not yet on hand.

\$775 for a Crown Piece. As an example of Simon's famous "Petition" crown, struck in the reign of Charles II., which at one time was the most highly prized of all English coins, and which has in the past realized as much as \$2,500 failed to fetch more than \$775 at a London sale. The coin was designed by Thomas Simon as a protest against a Dutchman's designs being accepted for a new coinage.

The portrait of Robert Burns, for which the poet gave three sittings in 1786 to Peter (or Patrek) Taylor, has, it is stated, just been found in the shop of an Edinburgh dealer in sporting pictures and prints.

HALF DIME OF 1802 BRINGS \$715.

An uncirculated half dime dated 1802 and said to be the finest specimen in existence was sold last month at an eastern sale for \$715 the highest price ever paid for a coin of that denomination. Mr. Wilson, it is said, paid \$371 for it in 1884. The bidding for the coin at the sale at the Collectors' Club, was spirited, the price being finally knocked down to H. O. Granberg, of Oshkosh, Wis.

Another record price was \$335, for a quarter dollar dated 1827. One of the Gobrecht type of the United States pattern dollar, dated 1838, brought \$160, and a similar coin, with Gobrecht's name in the field, sold for \$1.04.

"Stella," or \$1 piece, dated 1879 brought \$66. The highest price paid for a United States cent was \$81, for a coin dated 1793.

King of Italy Sends His Book to Roosevelt

The volume dealing with Italian coins, in the compilation of which the King of Italy has been occupied for ten years, has just been published.

The book containing phototypes of 120.00 coins. The King has sent copies of his work to the King of England, the German Emperor, the King of Sweden, Mr. Roosevelt, M. Fallier, M. Laubet, and to the Czar and other sovereign.

A remarkable coincidence is noted that the Pope has contemporaneously published an analogous work, dealing with medals and coins to be found in the Vatican.

\$18,000 FOR TWO VASES

At London the China Collection of the Earl of Lauderdale, removed from Thirlestone Castle, Berwickshire, Mr. Asher Wertheimer paid \$18,000 guineas for a pair of Sevres vases and covers with fine gros blue ground, each painted with Cupids in a landscape in a oval panel, and on the reverse a view of a river scene with buildings and peasants.

A fan, of the late seventeenth century, painted with classical figures in gilt foliage borders, and with handle of rock crystal set with diamonds and emeralds, was sold for \$770.

Several stone cists which have been declared by archaeological experts to belong to the Bronze Age, have been dug up in a garden at Stevenston, Ayrshire.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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**PHILATELY—A WORLD WIDE
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—By—

Robert J. Needham.

From The American Boy.

DURING a collector's experience, he comes in contact with various kinds of paper, watermarks and perforations.

Paper is prepared by placing thin coatings of liquid pulp upon sieve-like frames, which allow the water to drain off and retain the pulp. The pulp is then treated with weak glue, after which it is run through a series of rollers. Under different conditions different textured papers are made. If the surface of the pulp in the frame is smooth and even, the paper will be of uniform texture. This is called "wove" paper. If the frame has parallel wires, a greater thickness of pulp settles between the wires, and the paper thus made, when held to the light, will show alternate lighter and darker lines. This is known as "laid" paper. Paper having silk threads embedded in it is called "silk" paper. Paper that has rough parallel lines on front and back is made by passing it through rollers which have fine corrugations cut upon them and is called "ribbed" paper.

Watermarks consist of small designs, such as stars, crowns, and anchors, which are made of wire or

metal and soldered to the frame upon which the paper pulp is placed. The designs form thin places in the paper, which generally show when held to the light. But occasionally the watermarks can not be detected by this method. In such cases it is best to place the stamp face downward in a cup of refined benzine, When the form of the watermark will immediately appear in dark lines.

Perforations is the process in which holes are cut between the rows of stamps, leaving little bridges to hold the stamps together, which may then be separated without difficulty. These little bridges are called the teeth of the perforation, and project from the stamps when they are separated. Generally the width of the teeth and the diameter of the holes are equal. The "perforation" of a stamp is calculated by the number of perforations contained in the space of two centimeters. Thus, if there are twelve perforations within the space of two centimeters, the stamp is said to be "perforated twelve." For readily detecting the "perforation" of any stamp, a "perforation gauge" is used which accurately measures perforations from five to sixteen and one-half. In some cases, the perforation at the top and bottom of a stamp is not the same as that at the sides. Such a stamp is said to have a "compound perforation." "Sewing ma-

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A POST CARD ROMANCE.

By L. A. Cline.

Violet sat by her window watching the postman. It had been her habit for years, but today, like every other day, he passed by. Violet's eyes followed him to the next door, where he handed a handful of mail with a cherry, "Good morning."

Tears filled her eyes, and with a sob she buried her face in her hands. One year ago today, Charlie had left her in anger. They had quarreled, and he, hurt and indignant, had rushed from the room and she had not heard from him since. Everyday she looked for the letter that never came. She knew she had been in the wrong. "But it is too late," she sobbed, "I do not know where he is."

"Violet do look at the lovely cards I received this morning," cried Nellie from next door.

Violet dried her eyes and looked at the cards. "They are so pretty," she said admiringly, "what a lot of friends you must have, Nellie, you receive so many cards."

"Oh! they are all from the Collectors Club," explained Nellie, "it is a club you know."

Violet's eyes brightened, "Could I join?" She asked eagerly.

"Why of course, I will run over and get you a blank this minute."

A few days later Violet sat scanning the columns of names of members of the Collectors Club. Suddenly the color left her cheek. She read and reread the name which was sweetest music to her ear. Could it be her Charlie? She would send a card and find out. Her hand trembled as she wrote the well-loved name. In due time she received an answer with this message, "I knew and loved a Violet one year ago; can it be I am forgiven?"

You can guess the answer. Two weeks later as he held her in his arms, she whispered, "I am so happy."

"Yes," he answered, "and to think we have the Collector's Club to thank for it all."

CORRESPONDENCE.

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Distribution of the Indians in the United States.

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Contributed by C. S. Davis, Le Roy, Kansas.

The Government report of the Indian population of the U. S. for 1907 was 298,000 distributed as follows:

Arizona 38,852; California 18,988; Colorado 807; Florida 358; Idaho 4,060; Iowa 345; Kansas 1,274; Michigan 6,708; N. Carolina 1,550; Washington 8,538; North Dakota 7,919; South Dakota 19,685; Oregon 3,691; Oklahoma 14,136; Utah 1,854; Texas 500; Wyoming 1,701; Wisconsin 10,445; Ceattering Bands 713.

Commencing January 1, 2c postage went into effect with Germany, mail being forwarded by German line steamers direct. Letters sent by way of France or England must be prepaid at the regular foreign rate.

The American Red Cross "stamp" is not a stamp at all, but a label which has been used so generally as to net a very handsome sum for the treasury of the Society. This label of course, has no value whatever from a philatelic standpoint, and is only interesting because of the service that it performed.

A third Alexandria stamp has recently been sold by a Philadelphia firm at a price approximating \$3,000. A photograph of the rarity shows it to be a beautiful specimen used on a letter-sheet.

During the year July 1, 1907, to July 1, 1908, only 1,355 two-dollar stamps were printed and 730 of the five-dollar value. This is accounted for by the fact that with the reduction of postage abroad the use for high values has become a lost art. Used copies of these two stamps are commanding good prices. The five-dollar stamp retails, in good condition used, at \$3.00.

Stamp collectors the country over are watching with interest the movement to secure the passage by Congress of the bill permitting the illustration of U. S. stamps. Congressman E. L. Taylor, of Columbus, Ohio, has charge of the bill, and collectors generally are urged to write their representatives in Congress to use their influence to secure the passage of this measure.—American Boy.

STAMPS AND COINS.

Philatelic & Numismatic Notes.

By L. A. Cline.

Papers desiring to be reviewed impartially send one copy to publisher and one to L. A. Cline, Hutchinson, Kansas, editor of this dept., marked "Review." Editor.

The Toledo Stamp Co., are using stamps perforated with their initials.

The Stamp Journal for January appears with a splendid article on "U. S. Proprietary Stamps."

This magazine will have a series of articles on "The Commemorative Postage Stamps of the U. S." Watch for them.

We will install another department with this one soon. It will be the

listing of the latest forgeries.

The Third Postmaster General states that the new issue of stamps, with the value in words instead of numerals, will not be recalled as was first thought.

Watch for "The Forgotten Magazine" next month.

The editor of this dept. is interested in organizing "The Kansas Philatelic Society."

If you have anything that would interest collectors and fit in this department send it on. Credit will be given for same.

Philatelic Flashes had a splendid article in December number on "The Flowers of Stampdow."

The American Boy has had a serial article relating to "Philately as a World Wide Hobby."

The Treasury Dept., at Washington has sent out about \$15,000 worth of the new gold half and quarter eagles.

The octagonal \$50.00 gold piece of California was sold to a collector at New York for \$360. This is said to be the finest specimen of the rare coin.

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United States." Rev. Dorpat, the
popular writer of collector's news,
has agreed to give us an article
which will appear in April. The a-
bove special articles together with the
usual departments and news will
make the April issue one to be proud
of.

The Northwestern Curio Co., has
favored me with some of their rattle-
snake post cards, which are some-
thing fine, also a part of a rattle-
snake skin, which would make a nice
addition to any collection. See their
ads.

The two Hartford, Conn., papers,
The Courier, and The Philatelist, are
filled as usual with a nice bit of news.

January Philatelic Flashes is at
hand and is sure "swell."

Another Club this month. Well
that isn't bad.

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will be the next?

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THE EAGLE AS A STAMP DEVICE.

By. W. Gardner.

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As one turns the pages of pages of his album over, one is struck by the number of stamps bearing an eagle as a device. The eagle as a symbol dates from very early times. The Persians used it as a standard at the battle of Cunaxa, B. C., 401.

A double-headed eagle is now the standard of Russia, Austria and Prussia. It is said to have been introduced as early as A. D. 802, by Charlemagne, who meant to suggest by it that the government both of the Roman and German Empires were in his hands. The first stamps of the great empires of Austria, Germany and Russia, bore a double-headed eagle for the central design, Prussia, Lubeck, Bosnia, Finland and others have at various times issued stamps bearing a double eagle.

The Napoleon dynasty of French rulers also adopted the eagle as their symbol. The general issue of stamps for French colonies (1859) have an eagle for a central device.

The stamps of Italy 1901, and Modena 1852, can also show the eagle as a part of their design. Columbia with its departments of Antioquia, Santander, Tolima and Cundinamarca have borne an eagle on their stamps since 1856.

It is generally found above the arms of the country or holding a shield of arms on its breast.

Mexico shows the very old device of an eagle with a snake in its mouth on the stamps of 1864. When the City of Mexico was founded, the spot chosen was one where an eagle seated on a rock was devouring a monster snake.

The United States can boast one stamp bearing an eagle, the 30 cents of 1869. The eagle is standing on a shield showing the stars and stripes.

Venezuela, Ecuador and Bolivia, three South American countries, have also issued stamps showing an eagle as a device.—The Stamp Collector.

PHILATELY—A WORLD WIDE HOBBY.

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chine perforation is made by running the rows of stamps through a sewing-machine.

When there are slight differences, such as paper, watermark or perforation, in a number of stamps of the same design and denomination, the variety which is the commonest one is the regular variety, and the others are known as "minor varieties." At first a stamp collector pays very little or no attention to "minor varieties," but as he advances, and particularly if he is a specialist, he devotes more and more of his attention to them, for frequently a slight difference in paper, watermark, or perforation may greatly enhance the value of a stamp. The minor differences in stamps not only make a broad field for the specialist, but a highly interesting and instructive one

as well.

Although a collector may spend a large amount of money for stamps, and is therefore charged with extravagance, yet he may reply that even his greatest spendings may be considered as an investment. If, from the beginning, a collector is reasonably careful in purchasing stamps for his collection, he may at almost any time sell his collection, if need be, with very little or no loss, and often with considerable profit. One of the great advantages of philately is that money spent for desirable stamps is not thrown away, but is as secure as if it were invested in United States gold bonds.

For an investment, the best kind of stamps to buy are unused. Stamp dealers hoard up issues as soon as obsolete, but it is obvious that the proportion of the unused hoarded would be necessarily very small, for current used stamps may be bought by the dealers at ridiculously low prices, while for the unused they have to pay face value. By saying that unused stamps are the best to collect from the standpoint of investment, I do not intend to form the impression that such is always the case. Sometimes a stamp may be in issue but a short time. Then there may be more unused copies of that stamp on the market than used. Of course, in such a case, a used copy of the stamp will be the more valuable. The stamps of such countries as the United States, Great Britain, British Colonies, Norway, Sweden, and Chile, are particularly desirable as an investment, for the stamps of these countries scarcely ever lower in value, but rather advance. A stamp in perfect condition is always more desirable than a poor specimen, and the collector who is particular about the condition of his stamps is the one who will realize the most on his collection, if he wishes to sell it.

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CURIOS.



A NATURALIST'S PARADISE.

By Robert Moses.

In a quiet corner of England—the east of the County of Kent—lies a tract of seashore, marsh and sand-flats that may well be termed “A Naturalist's Paradise;” and it has been my good fortune to live close to this delightful spot for many years. It is not large—nothing is very big in English scenery. It is six miles from south to north and about one mile wide. But crowded into these six square miles is a variety of shells, insects, birds and plants that would take a naturalist a lifetime to collect and study.

At the north end of the ancient town of Deal, the shingly beach gives place to a magnificent stretch of sand which at low tide is covered with shells thrown up by the waves; also with quantities of seaweed and coral-lines. Many of our rarest species have been found here by myself and others. A walk across the sands to Pegwell Bay on a sunny morning in May is not to be easily forgotten. Numbers of skylarks will be singing overhead, and scores of shore birds, sandpipers, plovers, terns, and gulls are seen seeking their food where the tiny rippling waves idly splash the shore. The hooded crow, too, a handsome fellow in a grey and black suit, is busily rooting among the seaweed with his powerful beak. He rejoices in a diet of dead fish and other carrion. About three miles from Deal the shore becomes so thick with shells that the sand is hardly

visible and here the collecting boxes should be filled up. As many as seventy species may be found without much difficulty. On reaching Pegwell Bay, we turn a little inland along the bank of the river Stour which makes a winding course through the mudflats. A path from here leads us to the spot where St. Augustine landed 1300 years ago on his mission from Rome to christianize England; but in those days the sea was deep where the footpath now runs.

On turning home again toward Deal, the way passes through a perfect maze of broad dykes filled with reeds and stagnant water. Shells abound in these dykes, *Limna Succinea*, *Sphaerium*, etc. and many rare plants and insects are found upon the banks. On the right hand these dykes stretch for many miles—almost to Canterbury—and on the left hand are the sand-hills and the sea.

The sand-hills are covered with Marram grass and other scant herbage. *Helix ovigata* and *Helix Caperata* are seen dotted about on the grass stems by thousands and other species of *Helix* and *Vitrena* are also to be had. Lizards are basking on the hot sunny banks and the sea convulvulus makes a brave show with its pink flowers and bright juicy leaves and stems.

Nearing Deal, the ground becomes drier and the sandhills thickly covered with grass and bushes. Some rare moths are to be taken here and the great, hairy caterpillars of the fox moth, three to five inches long, are often picked up by the unwary who get properly stung for their pains. Our walk is nearly over now and we finally arrive at the ruins of Landown Castle, built by Henry VIII for coast defense on the spot where Julius Caesar landed his legions 55 years before the birth of Christ.—Ex.

THE FIRST COINS.

While the first actual coining of money is attributed to Pheidon, king of Argos, in 895 B. C., it must not be supposed that there had not existed a keen appreciation of the value and uses of money for centuries previous to the introduction of coinage. The ancient Egyptians had a gold and silver standard of currency, and their money was in the form of gold and silver ornaments, rings and nuggets, the purchasing value of which depended on their weight. The Greeks improved somewhat on this system by first marking the weight on gold and silver nuggets so that it would no longer be necessary to reweigh them every time they were to be used for purposes of exchange or trade. Then came the introduction of gold silver and copper nuggets of graded uniform sizes and value. The next step was the moulding and stamping of disks made from the precious metals. Some of these first coins were enormous, the idea apparently being to discourage the greedy from attempting to accumulate and carry around too many of them. There were copper coins as large as dinner plates. While the idea was based on excellent motives, it had to give way before the demand for smaller and more convenient forms of currency, and the giant pennies soon dwindled in size to meet the popular demand.—Exchange.

GERMANY'S NEW COINS.

Germany will soon have a new coin of the value of a quarter mark, or 25 pfennigs. In order to distinguish the new piece readily from the 20 pfennig coin now in use the government has asked for designs with a perforation. Coins with a hole through the center are still in circulation in China and Japan, but their introduction was objected to by some

artists in Germany on the ground that the perforated coin belonged to a past age. In answer to this argument the *Welt Spiegel* publishes the pictures of perforated coins which were recently made in England for circulation in an East African English colony. A humorist in a Hamburg paper says: "Give us the coins with holes in them by all means. We can string them like beads and tie them up and hold them, a process which seems to be beyond accomplishment in connection with the modern slippery coins and bills."

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Collectors of tobacco tags, send address, how many varieties you have to trade. Stamps, coins, medals, paper money, post cards for same. Want military, police, and railroad buttons, fossils, minerals, arrowheads, curios, foreign revenues, locals, state revenues. W. P. Young, Portsmouth, N. H.

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SOME NEW ENGLAND SCENERY.

James W. Hart.

It is not often that a whole issue of stamps is given to the representation of the beautiful scenery of a country, but since the islands composing the colony of New Zealand have such a varied and interesting scenery it is well that at least one issue of stamps should be given over to it, after having so many issues of stamps bearing the Queen's head.

The 1898 issue of stamps for New Zealand to which the above refers was printed with the view of giving the best collection of views, of the country's resources, mountains and lakes for the least money.

The people who inhabited New Zealand at the time were called Maoris, and a few of them still remain.

They practised cannibalism to a great extent and often went in their long war canoes, a picture of which is shown on the 8 pence stamp and would fight with the neighboring islanders and then return and eat the captives taken. This vile practice has died out completely, and only a few natives remember it.

The language of these people is like that of all other Malay natives, and the alphabet consists of only fourteen letters and many guttural sounds.

There are mountains and volcanoes in New Zealand—of these the most conspicuous is Mount Cook, or Tongariro, a picture of which is on the half penny stamp, but a larger and more beautiful representation of it is shown on the 5 shilling stamp. The mountain is on the south island.

Another large mountain on the same island is Mt. Earnslaw shown on the 2½ penny stamp.

Of the active volcanoes in New Zealand, Fongauero and Ugaruhae are shown on the 1 penny stamp; these are on the north island.

The principal pass across the Southern Alps of south island is called Otira George and is seen on the 5 pence stamp.

Lake Taupa is the largest lake in the north island, the north end of it is represented on the 1 penny stamp, while on the 2½ pence stamp is shown Lake Wakitipu, the largest lake in the south island.

New Zealand is indented by many fraids or sounds and a picture of one of these is shown on the 2 pence and another on the 2 shilling stamp. The one on the 2 shilling stamp is called Milford Haven.

In 1885 there was a great eruption of one of the smaller volcanoes which destroyed the beautiful pink and white terraces of New Zealand. Good pictures of these are seen on the 4 pence and 9 pence stamps.

The sacred hura birds, a pair of which are represented on the 3 pence stamp are becoming quite rare now. The female has a short beak while that of the male is quite long. The tail feathers of these birds which are very pretty are only wore by the great Maeri chiefs.

On the 1 shilling stamp is a pair of kakas an owl like paust conceal- ing itself in the daytime in holes except in cloudy weather. It possesses large wings but never flies. It is pursued by dogs into it's hole and easily caught.

A bird somewhat like the ostrich and emu, only much smaller is shown on the 6 pence stamp, and is called an apteryx. It has a very long and slender bill which it uses as a cane when resting. It has three toes and moderately long legs but only rudimentary wings. It is a nocturnal bird like the kaka and lives on insects, toads, snails and fish. It is much prized for its feathers.

There is a great amount of instruction to be gotten from such an issue of stamps as the ones I have considered, and it would be well for the reader to learn all he can about them, as this short essay does not exhaust the subject.

The First Postage Stamps.

Postage stamps, in the form of stamped envelopes, were first used by Mr. De Velayer who owned a private post in Paris, France, during the reign of Louis XIV. In 1858 M. de Chamouset who also owned a private post issued printed postage slips to be attached to letters. In Spain in 1716 and in India also stamped covers for mail matter were tried, but it was not until 1840 that postage stamps as we know them were put in use. This was England when the government adopted the system devised by Rowland Hill. Before this postage slips and post offices were operated in England as early as 1657. Brazil was the next country to adopt the new plan, followed by Russia who opened post offices in 1845, then Switzerland in 1846, and United States in 1847. We were using stamps run by private firms as early as 1710 but it was not until 1846 the U. S. Congress authorized the issue of postage stamps. These were at first a five and ten cent stamp, followed by a new set in 1851 on account of the reduction in rates. Other stamps were added from time to time to meet the exigencies of postal arrangements. In 1883 postage was reduced to 2c for $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce letters and in 1885 to 2c an ounce.

Is philately advancing? It may be but philatelic literature is not. In counting up a list of papers published each year for some years back we find there were twenty-two papers published in 1898 in U. S. and Canada while now you won't find over fifteen.

How about that cartoon on the front page of June Stamp Journal

Don't forget that until August 1st you can put that ad. in for 15c per inch. Now is the time for advertising, so hustle.

Have you ever heard of Wild Bill and Buffalo Bill, the two government scouts? Well the Continental Novelty Co., (see page 12) have some fine ones taken near here (Lead). The first one shows at the top a picture of Wild Bill with a brief history of his chief, while at the bottom it shows his elaborate grave. The second shows Buffalo Bill and a party of his friends at his pard's grave.

An article by Mr. Dorpat next month beside some other fine ones.

I receive numerous requests to mark prices over different spaces. All space, except that in Exchange Column, go at prices to be found on next page. Exchange Notices 1c per word. Notice—a special price of 15c per inch till August 1.

Ewen's Weekly Chronicle, a new set of stamps for Abyssinia of the following values, $\frac{1}{4}$ Gren, $\frac{1}{2}$ rose, 1 Green orange, 2 blue, 4 green and rose, 8 red and green and 16 red and rose.

We have seen the present issue of Mauritius arms type 4c with inverted watermark.

WHAT STAMP HINGES ARE BEST FOR MY USE?

By G. Hosmer Corbet.

At one time or another this question comes up in the minds of all collectors who desire to keep their stamps in the best condition possible. The only way the beginner has of learning to use good hinges is by experience, namely by using bad ones first. He will appreciate good ones after that. Many stamps have been ruined by these cheap hinges and many more would be bringing far better prices if it wasn't for these same bad hinges. We think this subject has been sadly neglected by philatelic papers and we have arranged to give a column or more each month in taking up the various brands of hinges on the market and point out their good or bad points in our talks.

We would like to have your opinion on what you consider a good hinge and why. Write us and give us your experiences. A few pointers to start with will help. First never buy a cheap hinge, such as these that come in sheets and are offered as premiums by some dealers. For two or three cents more you can get a first class hinge.

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Announcement.

With this number we turn the editorial work over to G. H. Corbet, who has been acting as the editor of The Embosser for the past year, but will devote his time to this paper from now on. Our paper is a little behind on account of the change but future numbers will be mailed promptly.

We have purchased several short stamp stories, the first ones are printed in this number. Mr. L. G. Cline will write on Commemorative issues

of the U. S. The first month he takes up the Columbian issue. Next month he will write on the Trans Mississippi issue and so on thru the issues. We want to add a department on Esperanto and Philatelic Literature, and as soon as we find a suitable man for these depts will devote the space. This is not one half the good reading we have in store for you. Don't fail to get next month's issue which will be the best we ever published. Try us four months for 10c. We don't want you to subscribe unless you want to but we will make this paper so good you can't help but want to.



Editorial Notes.

Redfield's Stamp Weekly announces they will be a candidate for the official organship of The American Philatelic Society for the coming fiscal year. The argument it puts forth is a strong one and should be read by every member interested. We think a change in this case would be for the betterment of the A. P. S.

We noticed an editorial in a recent issue of the Stamp Journal calling attention to the advertisements of the Philatelic West in English papers announcing the West to be official organ of over 40 clubs and societies of over 45,000 members, and in another paper this statement Official organ of ten societies of 35,000 members. On a bill head of their's we see this: official organ for 40 clubs and societies of over 48,000 members. Yet we have been offered space for only \$5.00 per page. We think if they left off the two last figures leaving 480 members it would be far nearer the truth.

By far the leading stamp monthly now published in America is The Stamp Journal of Denver, Colorado. Mr. Nash is the editor. It is official organ for the National Philatelic Ass'n. of over 700 members and The United States Revenue Society. This paper has purchased The Chicago Collectors Monthly and is filling subscriptions to that paper.

We received word from Mr. Yount, publisher of The Embosser, Alliance, Ohio, saying he will publish Vol. 2, of this paper. The first number of Vol. 2 will appear this fall. This will be good news to collectors who send in their subscription and only received one or two copies. Mr. Yount is willing to refund money if the above is unsatisfactory.

A New Weekly.

We learn that Mr. J. Tippen, of Epes, Alabama, intends publishing a weekly philatelic paper as soon as 1000 subscribers are received. The name of the paper will be The Weekly Philatelist and it will contain eight pages of four columns each. He is making an effort to have the first number out next month and interested collectors should write for a prospectus which has been printed and is being circulated by him. As this will not be the first time U. S. has supported three philatelic weeklies, we think his chances are very good.

ROYAL LETTER BAGS.

An English monthly gives the following statistic of the average number of letters received by European sovereigns. The Pope breaks the record

with a daily average of 23000 letters and papers. Thirty five secretaries are kept fully employed by his holiness correspondence. King Edward must find his daily quota of 1000 letters and 300 papers a heavy tax on his attention. The Czar and German Emperor receive from 600 to 700 a day of which the Emperor likes to answer many himself. The King of Italy gets 500 and the young Queen of Holland gets from 100 to 160 daily.

HOW TO DETECT "WASHED" STAMPS.

Let a very small drop of water fall on the face of the stamp. If on letting the water run over the stamp one sees the paper takes in the water like blotting paper you can be sure the stamp has been treated by some chemical, either for removing the obliteration or for changing the color.

POST CARDS.

Germany uses more post cards than any other country, namely 1394 millions a year. Great Britain comes next with 800 million; followed by United States with 799 million. The U. S. leads in letters with 5302 millions a year followed by Great Britain, Germany and France in the order named.

Remember our paper goes to press promptly on the 20th of the month. Get your copy in early and get favored with good display and position.

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PHILATELIC PRESS REVIEW.

Publishers desiring a review in this paper will please mail a copy of their paper to the editor whose address can be found on editorial page.

Redfield's Stamp Weekly, the official organ for the Metropolitan Philatelic Association is one of the most interesting papers published. The History of the American Philatelic Association is very good. Mr Quackenbush the editor in all his writings has made a specialty of instructing and interesting young collectors and beginners and he does this as it should be done, in a style which is his own. We recommend Redfield's to our readers as being a first class paper.

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Philatelic West. While there is never much reading in this paper, it is of the kind that is interesting to most collectors. It contains 100 pages each month of which about 20 pages are devoted to Philatelic matters.

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Philatelic Flashes. A good paper popular with young collectors and small dealers in stamps and post cards. The March number contains 20 pages of which 16 pages are devoted to stamp matters and reports of the various societies this paper is organ for. The leading article is entitled: "How the Prince of Wales spends his time," which not being philatelic we will not review. The second installment of The Morten Stamp Robbery, a serial story on stamps is too short. It does not contain enough reading to interest one in the story

and we think the publisher would have done much better to have it appear in one issue complete so the readers can read it and be done with it. As it now is by the time the next number is out you have forgotten what the previous number contained. The balance of the paper is as usual made up of notes, reports, adds, and a press review by L. G. Dorpat.

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The Collectors Journal. We have not seen a copy of this paper since the February number. This paper started out like a true winner both in a philatelic and financial way and we wonder at the delay. For my part I would rather seen ten more numbers like the previous ones than have Mr. Lindquist do the refunding act.

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The North American Collector. The last number was fully as good as previous ones. The publishers have cut down the number of pages to 24 and have made it philatelic thru and thru. It is official organ for The Canadian Philatelic Society and The Indiana Exchange Club.

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The Vest Poeket Philatelist is published by Mr. Davis of Denver, Colo. Mr. Davis has made the paper very interesting. As his specialty is revenues and M & M the leading articles have been on these topics. It is of interest to all collectors.

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In addition to allowing 10c commission on every new member for the Hobby Club, we have decided to organize a contest for members.

To the member who gets the most new members during the month of June or July, we will give a package of stamps containing 11 Denmark stamps. To the one who gets next to the most a set of four different foreign cards, and to the one getting the third largest number of new members a package containing 5 stamps of Mexico. Blanks can be had from the Secy. A new contest each month. All work and see how many members you can get. To all members proposing new members the Secy. will send one unused view card of Kansas. Will you be the lucky one?

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THE FASCINATION OF COLLECTING COMMEMORATIVE ISSUES

By L. G. Cline, O. T. N.

To one who has not specialized in collecting commemorative issues, they would be surprised to find what a fascination this branch of our hobby is. In commemoratives one can find history of all kinds, the rise and fall of nations, great discoveries, historical events, industrial achievements and many other events. The first country to issue commemorative stamps was the United States, the centennial envelope of 1876 which was issued in honor of the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Twelve years later in 1888 New South Wales took pattern after us and issued commemorative stamps in honor of the 100th anniversary of the founding of that colony. In 1897 Canada issues a Jubilee set of Commemoratives in honor of the 60th anniversary of the reign of Queen Victoria. Again in 1893 the U. S. issued another series of stamps the occasion being the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America by Co-

lumbus. The U. S. was not the only country to celebrate this great event. I could go more into details and name country after country and their different commemorative issues and the history or event attached with each, but I think this will give you a fair idea of the enjoyment and knowledge to be gotten out of the particular line of stamp collecting.

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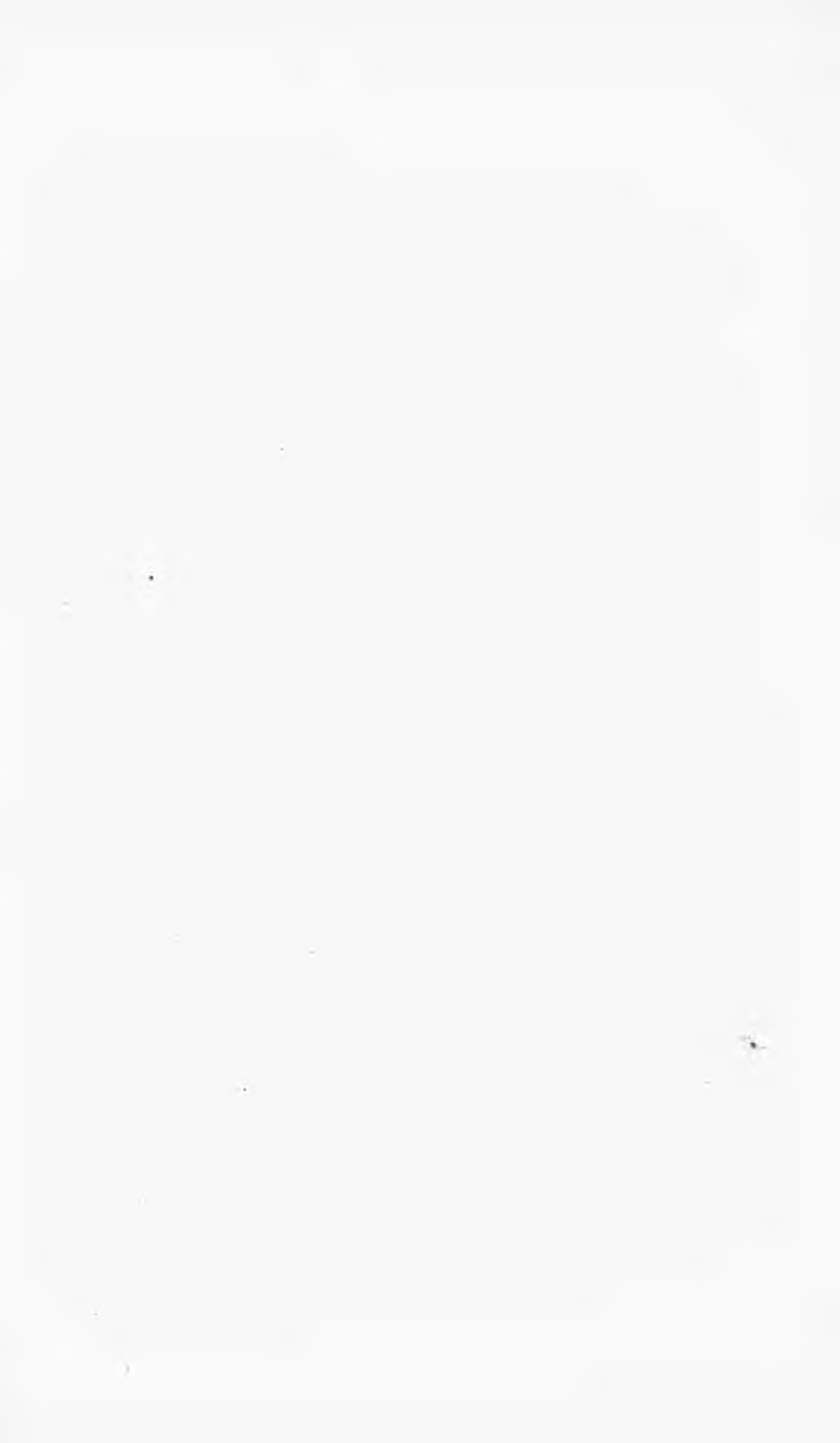
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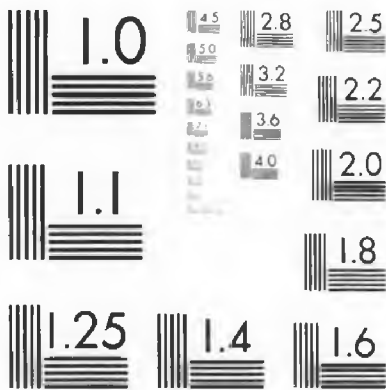
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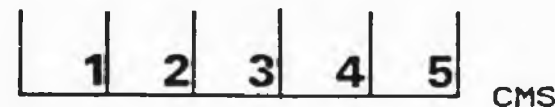
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January 1, 1905.

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31	Serpentine on Mar-				

The Conewago Curio

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Brief Biographies of the Ancients.

Carnegie, Andrew, stone cutter and bullder; flourishing A. D., 1840 (?)—about the time of the Second Pun'c War. He was active, especially along the coasts of North America, where his name is to be found carved on the ruins of numerous buildings, believed by some scientists, to have been libraries. He also manufactured armor plate, which, such was his abhorrence of wealth and his determination to die poor, he sold to the government at greatly reduced rates.

Dowie, or Dewey, George John Alexander, a leader of the Crusaders. He won a great victory over the Spaulards, at Manila. Afterward, with an army of recruits from Zion City, he invaded the ancient metropolis of Nuyork, but was easily put to flight. He thereupon married a widow and his subsequent history become lost in oblivion.

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Dr. Osler has created quite a stir by suggesting that men of 60 are useless and that they should be chloroformed. Some men are younger, mentally and physically, at 70 than others at 50. No hard and fast rule can be made as to age and usefulness. The editor had an uncle who worked at his trade, that of a carpenter, until a year before his death in his 81st year, and has a sprightly great uncle who travels quite long distances alone upon the cars. He celebrated his 93d birthday last month. The mother of an uncle by marriage, died at the age of 102 years and 10 months a few years ago, living alone and doing her own work until a year before her death. She brought up a family of 12 children and lived to see them all married and most of them died before she did. The editor's great grand father was one of a family of 7, 6 boys and one girl, all of whom were living when the youngest reached his 70th birthday. They were all over 6 feet tall and met to celebrate the 70th birthday with a supper which the "girl" prepared and served. All of which is respectfully referred to Dr. Osler.

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The Horse-Shoe Crab.

The King crab, more commonly called the horse-shoe crab, is a large species found on the Atlantic coast from Maine to Florida and also among the West Indies, where it is called the Malacca crab. It's popular name is very appropriate as its shape is very much like the under surface of a horse's foot. It has a long spinous tail, terminating in a sharp point and barbed along the edge. In the West Indies, by attaching a handle, this becomes a murderous-looking stiletto. While the shell sometimes attains a size of one foot in diameter, the animal is less than one-third of the size of the shell. It rarely ventures out of the sea, confining its range within a short distance of the sandy beach, into which it burrows for insects. It has no large claws, but ten small nippers, sufficiently large, however, for its quiet and timid habits.

The Sea Horse.

The sea horse is common in tropical waters; it has the head of a horse (or rather the knight of a chess board), and a prehensile tail with which it holds on to the sea-weed. The sea horse is not only interesting on account of its very singular appearance but for its habits as well, which are decidedly eccentric. The little creature, scarcely more than three inches in length, is able to dart about with extraordinary celerity, in resemblance of the craw-fish, but instead of seeking concealment it rests only on such objects as it may grasp by its tail. Here the grotesque creature rests until again disturbed, looking with curiosity from side to side until, presto! it is gone, only to as suddenly reappear at another place, always manifesting a ludicrous eccentricity.

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CURIOUS BRIDGE.

Central American Structures Made of Vines.

That "necessity is the mother of invention" is seldom better exemplified than in the case where man is confronted with an engineering problem with nothing but nature's tools—his hands—to solve it.

Great praise has been forthcoming for the genius whose brain evolved the plans of such a bridge as the New York and Brooklyn suspension bridge; but would that same skill, which, aided by every facility possible, has produced such massive and well-sustained monuments of stone and steel, be equal to the emergency if confronted by the same problem, though on a diminutive scale, 1000 miles from a machine shop and possibly 100 from a hammer and nails?

This, however, is the position of the natives in many parts of Mexico and Central America, where fairly wide and rapid-running streams are so numerous that even in some of the miniature republics above the isthmus their water power in the aggregate might compare favorably with that of Niagara.

They are never dry and seldom fordable; when swollen by unusual rains they are often absolutely impassable for weeks, except by a lofty bridge, and this the native has provided alone and unaided.

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These, with a little rope and the boarding required for the footwalk, which is also supplied by the trees at hand, are all that are required.

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The work throughout is done in the crudest manner, and as a rule one must mount several feet into a tree in order to begin the journey.

To the uninitiated a trip across one of these bridges is not always an unalloyed pleasure. For it sways uncomfortably, sinks with any weight to a rather alarming degree, and the creaking and groaning of its members are far from reassuring.

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Broken, dismantled and stark,
Rotting and waiting the end,
I am moored in a harbor where death
and the dark

In limitless shadows blend.
My keel is buried in sand,
My timbers creak in the wind;
How I long for the weight of the mas-
ter's hand

On the wheel, as we sailed to the
Ind!

Oh, to point by the Southern Cross.

Or to follow the northern star,
To fly a race with the albatross

To the lands that lie afar!

Oh, to ride from crest to crest,

In the teeth of a merry gale,
When the lightning's flash shows the
sea's unrest,

And the cheeks of men turn pale!
The sound of the snapping mast,
The shrieks of the frightened crew,
Unheeded by me as I challenge the
blast

And plow the mad waves through!
And at last in the harbor's calm,
At rest on the mirroring tide,
I'd breathe perfume in the soft air's
balm .

And the master's will abide.
This was the life I once lived,
And a thousand deaths I have died
While fretting here like a soul un-
shrived

At the great wide water's side.
'Twere better I had gone
A hundred fathoms deep
To the grave for which good ships are
born—

A cool, sweet shroud and sleep.
J. W. Leathers in Boston Transcript.

INTERESTING MARINE CURIOS

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SOME FIERCE FISHES.**Sharks Are Not the Only Dangerous Denizens of the Deep.**

It is not always the large sharks and animals that are the most dangerous, says Youth. On the New England coast there is a small shark not over three feet in length, known as the dogfish, that inspires dread in the fishermen. During the summer season these fish come in by the thousands, the school filling the bays and harbors, driving away the edible fish and ruining the fishing for the time being. So suddenly does this occur that one day the writer found all the fishermen codfishing on the banks about eight miles off shore, and the next day not a bite was had. The lines did not reach the bottom before they were seized by the dogfish that fairly filled the water. So ravenous were they that they bit at the sails that dragged overboard, ate jellyfish or anything that came in their way. On the Maine coast several casualties have occurred that resulted in the loss of human life.

An illustration of the danger that sometimes lies in small fish is the case of a fish which is common in the rivers of South America—the serras-almo. It is probably the most fearless of all fish, very small, of peculiar shape, with powerful jaws, so strong and sharp that they can bite a piece out of an animal as neatly as though it had been done with a pair of scissors. In some places it is impossible to fish, as the moment a fish is hooked thousands of these vicious creatures flock to the spot and tear it to pieces before it can be brought to the surface. The fish apparently does not know what fear is, and has in more than one instance jeopardized human life, if not destroyed it. A traveler in crossing a river on horseback was attacked by these fish, the

blood from his horse's legs attracting them in such multitudes that the animal was devoured as it swam. The rider leaped from its back and swam to shallow water surrounded by the throng. Though protected by his clothing, he was bleeding from a hundred wounds, and had not the shallow water been near he would have shared the fate of the horse.

If the Czar would only equip his soldiers with automobiles it would greatly facilitate their retreat.

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The Battlefields of Spotsylvania County, Va.

By F. A. Bailey.

Upon arriving at Fredericksburg, our main object being to observe the scenes of the struggle of 1861-4, we at once proceeded to the battlefield at that place. Marye's Heights, the position of the Confederates at this battle is an ideal position for defence being on a high hill with gentle slopes on all four sides and surrounded by a high stone wall. Looking North from this hill is a steep embankment and then a gentle slope for a quarter of a mile to the Rappahannock River. It is well known by all that the result of this battle was a complete repulse of the Union forces. Our search for relics was almost fruitless as many visitors have been to this battlefield and carried away nearly everything of value. A few bullets, and some which struck the stone wall and were not found, comprised our booty.

We then proceeded to the battlefield of Spotsylvania, C. H., the field on which Stuart's Confederate cavalry held back the bulk of the Union army for three hours awaiting the arrival of General Lee with the infantry. The field here comprises a three-cornered road at a small village of about a dozen houses. The old tavern is still standing and the pump at which the soldiers got water is still in use. On searching for relics here we were a little more fortunate than at Fredericksburg as we got quite a number of bullets from negroes living there, and who had previously been trading

them at the country store, 10 for a cent's worth of candy, and they thought we were easy giving so much or them. We also obtained some grape shot. It is very interesting to notice the great variety of guns used by the Confederates; by examining the bullets it shows some long slim bullets, some short broad bullets, some with three rims, some with two, some with wide rims, some with narrow rims, and some that have no rims at all and appear to have been wrought by hand, and some having to use shot guns. The Union soldiers were all armed alike by the Government. About all the old frame buildings which would have shown effects of the bullets and cannons are fallen and decayed, and the old tavern being of brick shows no effects. I was told by the inhabitants that a saw mill trying to saw up lumber ran into many a bullet and piece of bomb shell, and after breaking up saw after saw decided to let the trees stand as they were.

Proceeding up the road towards the battlefield known as Bloody Angle we ran across a monument to General Sedgwick, who was shot advancing up the road by a confederate sharpshooter in a cherry tree. It is said that while the bullets were flying he said: "You couldn't hit an elephant at that distance," but the rebel showed that his marksmanship was not quite so bad as that and now all that is left is a granite monument.

Shortly after passing the Sedgwick monument a road runs to the left to

the battlefield called Bloody Angle. (or McCools.) The night before this battle was very foggy and the armies were unable to locate each other, so as a safeguard they started throwing up breastworks, and when the sun raised the fog the next morning the breast works at one end were within 200 yards from each other, a hand to hand conflict took place, and first both breastworks were in the hands of the Confederates, and then both were in the hands of the Federals. Both sides brought up reinforcements, and it is a known fact that the breastworks were captured and recaptured seven times. This place bears the reputation of having more blood shed in a small space than any other in the world, and it is said that blood actually trickled down between the two breastworks. At this place we ran across an old veteran who sells war relics and obtained a lot of bayonets, belt buckles, pieces of trees with bullets in them, and the like, which we were very glad to lay our hands on as we thought we would be unable to get any, after visiting two battlefields without success.

I wish to say right here that at Bloody Angle trees six inches through the trunk were cut down by bullets, so thick were they falling

I will give you a little tip about your den. If you have a little relic corner, nothing looks prettier than a pair of crossed bayonets.

I would like to say in conclusion that if a Brother collector desires a little trip in behalf of his hobby, I can heartily recommend to him this little trip, and would be glad to give him any information which is in my power.

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Tent Olive.

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Secretary's Address.

Dear Fellowmembers, I. C. U.

It has been several months since I have had the opportunity to address you through an official journal. No doubt some are discouraged by the non-appearance of the Collector's Note Book; but why it has discontinued publication is best known to the publishers as I have failed to get any information up to this writing. We have now obtained another journal and I hope we will still increase in membership. I also think it will be a help to the Union if the members would patronize the advertising columns of the official organ and help make it a first-class publication, as well as a help in getting new members. If one waits for the other to push along, there will finally be none

to make a move. Let us all join together and show the stamp collecting fraternity what we can do. Our election for new officers will take place some time about the middle of November. The exact date and names of candidates will be given in the November number of this paper. All candidates names must reach me not later than the first of November, otherwise will not be considered. I have the following new members to report this month:—

Shepherd Ross, 15 N. 25th Street, Camden, N. J. Proposed by Thos. Burnett.

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W. J. Stempel, 164 St., Nicholas Ave., New York City, N. Y.

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Hoping you will all take an interest in the I. C. U. I am, respectfully,
D. E. McCURDY, Sec.-Treas.

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Everything sent postpaid on receipt of price.

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WALTER C. ODIORNE,
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Stamp collectors are waiting anxiously for the new edition of Scott's catalogue. Most of them are figuring how much more their collections are worth.

The "London Edition" of Mekeel's Weekly was a fine number and well patronized by dealers. It may not be generally known that Willard O. Wyllie the business manager, is a candidate for governor of Massachusetts on the Prohibition ticket.

Died suddenly at Camden, N. J., after a lingering illness, cause unknown, "The Collector's Note Book."

You should try the columns of the Conewago Curio for results.

Friendship, Jr., of Chili, N. Y., for March, 1905, has just arrived and we wonder if the chilly March winds are still blowing up there.

Is your "ad." in this issue. If not it should be.

At the time of the unveiling of the monument to commemorate the battle of Hanover on Sept. 28th last there were displayed many relics in use at the time of the battle, June 30th, 1863. Among these were coins, paper money, both Union and Confederate, and stamps. We clip the following from the local paper:

An exhibit of United States and Confederate stamps and envelopes used in 1863 were loaned by J. F. Dodge. Some of the confederate stamps on the envelopes are quite rare. Paper was scarce in the South as is shown by these envelopes, some being made of coarse brown wrapping paper. One of the U. S. envelopes bears the address of Gen. James H. Reagan, who was Postmaster-General under the Confederate Government.

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CIRCULARS MAILED at 10c. a 100 to small advertisers and I can furnish you cheap ad. space in our list of about 50 magazines.

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FOR 25 CENTS I will tell you how to make Black tracing paper; to remove freckles and moles; to etch upon copper and glass. Address

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First-class Indian relics to exchange for a self-inking printing press. Address, THE DIXIE CURIO CO.,
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FOR 10 CENTS will tell you how to make indelible ink for glass. Waterproof ink orangeade.

BE SPRY—SOLVE THIS.

$3+4 \times 3-6+10-5+3 \times 2-1-7+7 \times 3= (?)$
what?

To the FIRST person from each State or Territory in the United States or Canada who sends a correct answer I will give free one year's subscription to Golden Hours, published by Munro, of New York.

To every TENTH correct answer received from each State I will give a 25c. book, "Beautiful Bad Broadway," free.

To EVERY person sending a correct answer I will give a beautiful stick pin free.

Conditions of Contest.

With every answer inclose 10c. to pay for one Aluminum Pen and Pencil Holder; the slickest out; or girls may have a card of 1 doz. Aluminum Hair Pins. Descriptive circular for stamp. Hurry up and address

EDW. M. MARSH,

Box 5, Pine Island, Minnesota.

P. S.—This problem is no fake, but a perfectly legitimate example.

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And The Conewago Curio, two magazines that curio collectors should have. Our offer the two three (3) years and 111 different foreign stamps all for a dollar, (\$1.00.)

THE CONEWAGO CURIO,

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Fine approval sheets at 50 per cent. and discount on entire lot. Reference required. Free packet to applicants.

DIAMOND STAMP CO.,

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Duplicates Wanted.

80 per cent. of catalog price allowed.

MANHEIM STAMP CO.,

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Stamps on Approval

At 50 per cent. discount. Send for my list of packets and sets.

S. P. HUGHES, Omaha, Neb.

OUR DUTCH LETTER.

Rooster Valley, Va., Ockust der 25.
 Frent Totch: I vill rite a leetle fur dot baper dot gomes py der Rooster Livery man efery month. He schokes me und says: "Franz, here is your curious baper brinted for curious beeples like you." Shoost you vonder vy he call me curious? Vell! I haf so menny curious tings, a pig mitout any curl in his tail, a mooly cow mit von horn, a wife who minds her own pizziness und a lot of odder tings. Say can you tell me sumdings? Von of dose fellers dot gomes along after olt iron and rubber boots a vile ago had a fife tollar pill vot I nefer see vonce a lifetime but I hat no vore tollers and feefy cents change und so he gif me ten fife cent stamps dot vos gut to write to mein bruder in Shermany. Dose vos pretty stamps mit de bigcher off Jefferson dot President dot lif ofer in der negst gounty vare now his grate grandson lifs. Dare vos no leetle holes in der baper so I cut off von py der scissors to a letter stick to my bruder. Now vot you tink? Dot letter man dot gif my bruder dot letter in Stuttgart, he tell Emil he gif a tollar fur dot stamp! Vot a pig fool he must pe! Vell, ven you rite tell me vot you tink.

Your Vrent, **FRANZ SCHNEIDER.**

EXCHANGE COLUMN.

INGERSOLL \$1.00 watch, bran new, to exchange for corals, fossils, shells or Indian relics. **F. L. DODGE,**
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FINE U. S. and Foreign Stamps to exchange for cheap U. S. Stamps. **J. F. DODGE** Hanover, Pa.

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Sea horse (a curious sea wonder) and a saw fish saw only 35c. Star fish and worm shell (very interesting), 20c all post paid. A trial order solicited.

Frank L. Dodge, Hanover, Pa.

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5c. 1847,	.40
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Cheap U. S. Stamps.
Postage.

All except small 1c. blue and green 1890 to date and 2c. red 1898 to date and 2c. Columbian.

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All but the following:—

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Let me know what you have and will quote prices for same. Cash or exchange.

J. F. DODGE, Hanover, Pa.

Civil War Relics.

Gathered from the battlefield of Spotsylvania, C. H., by our Mr. F. A. Bailey, on his recent tour, (see article this issue.)

Absolutely genuine. Will give written guarantee signed by Confederate veteran on all 50c. orders. Are we reliable? Ask Mr. Dodge.

Bayonets, 75c. Belt Buckles, 50c.

Powder Flasks, \$1.50. Grape Shot, 15c.

Bullets, 10c. Bullet, loaded, 20c.

Bullet flattened by hitting hard object. 20c.

Piece of tree with bullet lodged in it. 50c.

We pay postage. Goods by express C. O. D.

Say you just ought to see our Historic Souvenir Postal Cards; send stamp for list.

NATIONAL SUPPLY CO.,
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BUILD UP AN INCOME.

When tired of selling trash and gewgaws, write us and we will show you how our successful workers are building up permanent incomes. We are appointing Branch Managers everywhere, and we furnish a plan whereby many earn \$20,00 EVERY DAY!

Our new household necessity and our plan of handling it, insures success to any man or woman willing to work. If you mean business enclose 10 cts. for 20c. sample and get our plan.

G. J. MYERS MFG. CO.,
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50 Foreign Stamps, 250 Hinges and Album Free.

To everyone applying for our Approval Books of Choice Stamps at 50 per cent. Discount.

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Japanese Whelk Shell Free

With each yearly subscription at 25c. I will send one free. The Union Monthly, a large Curio and Home Magazine. Rates 3c. a line. Exchange 3 words one cent. Forms close 10th. CHAS. G. STROSCHEIN,
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Indian pipe, without stem, price 60c. Extra fine arrowheads, each 5c. Large pottery fragments, 1 inch sq. and over, 4c. We don't keep trash. Address THE DIXIE CURIO CO.,
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Send 20c. to-day for a subscription to "The Star," a bright paper containing jokes, puzzles with prizes, tricks, stories, etc., etc.

Ad. rates 9c. an inch, 37c. a page for Nov. only. Think of it.

A Bargain In Stamps.

Labuan.

1897, 1c., 2c., 5c., 6c., 12c. and 24c. cata. value 70c., our price 37c. post. Free. Address THE STAR,
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Postage stamps on approval for beginners. Send reference.

E. C. PIERCE, Watertown, Mass.

Cigar bands wanted for cash or exchange. E. R. KNOWLES,

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OLD COINS BOUGHT AND SOLD.

Selling lists free.
Premium list 4c.

B. MAX MEHL, Numismatist,
Fort Worth Texas.

Taxidermy and Curios.

Mounted game heads, rugs, teeth
tusks, feet, skulls, antlers, Indian relics.

C. N. HARRINGTON,

10-16

Avon, Minn.

Latest Discovery From Paris.

The Twentieth Century Novelty;
Liquid Light Lamp. No Matches. No
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dress, CON L. TRUCKENMILLER,

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Stonington, Ills.

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Thirty-six varieties of Japanese
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Set of 30 varieties of Swedish
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Porcupine Quills 10c. per dozen.
Any amount of Petrified wood at 3c.
per oz. No postals answered.

(Miss) Beula Beeler.

Black Mountain, Colo.

To keep the ball rolling, send me a
dime for 50 good 6x9 noteheads, print-
ed with anything you like by return
mail, postpaid.

HAROLD MADDOCKS,

9-11

No. Ellsworth, Maine.

One dozen Indian Wampum 10c.; 5
var. Hawaiian Island postal cards un-
used 15c.; 100 street car transfers
25c.; all postpaid.

BURNS CHERRY.

San Jose, California.

A sea-horse and a star-fish, inter-
esting wonders of the deep, only 30c.
post-paid.

FRANK L. DODGE.

Hanover, Pa.

Stamp dealers report business
rather slow, but this is not unusual at
this season, just before the catalogue
is out, which will be early next
month. Collectors should remember
that when business is dull the bar-
gains are greater.

The publisher enjoyed his vacation
and has now time to give to publish-
ing and his curiodon.

If you have any stamps to sell, send
them to me with lowest cash price.

F. E. Ralston, Rich Hill, Mo.

Send 35 cts. for 100 best printed
Envelopes, Noteheads, Billheads, State-
ments or Cards, postpaid.

100 Manilla envelopes, our ad. on the
back, 15 cents.

THE HOFFHEINS PRINTERY.

New Chester, Pa.

I BUY all kinds of used postage and re-
venue stamps—even the common ones.

Send stamp for prices paid. Highest
price paid for the long World's Fair
stamps.

J. F. DODGE.

Hanover, Pa.

I mail clean circulars (6x9 or smaller)
for 10c. per 100; 75c. per 1000; send 100
keyed for trial and you'll send 1000 next
time. Tell me what you have and I'll tell
everybody.

F. L. Dodge, Hanover, Pa.

WANTED.—FOSSILS AND ALL PETRI-
FIED OBJECTS. Cash or fine exchange
for anything I have.

F. L. DODGE.

Hanover, Pa.

Mail Order Dealers.

How would you like to be part own-
er of a monthly magazine? You can
and it will only cost you \$2 and gives
you free advertising and free print-
ing. Particulars free.

A. ECCLESTON, Poolville, N. Y.

Mention this paper when writing
to advertisers.

The Conewago Curio

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Stamps As Advertisers.

A cut of a stamp is a fitting design to illustrate the advertisement of a stamp dealer but it is not alone in the domain of philatelic advertising that stamps have played an important part. The sharp business man on the lookout for something to attract the public eye to his wares and the versatile ad. writer have both recognized how quickly the neat design of a postage stamp attracts attention.

In looking over a juvenile's collection of stamps a short time ago, I came across an excellent reproduction of a Russian stamp in the correct colors but printed on heavy pasteboard and with the name of the country printed across it diagonally between two parallel lines. I recognized it at once as one cut from a set of advertising cards. Long ago I had a set of these cards pasted in a scrap album of picture cards. If I remember correctly they were six in number, advertising a patent soap, artistically finished in gilt and each one representing a different country by a little boy or girl dressed in the costume of that country and holding its flag while its stamp in correct colors occupied a central position. I cannot recollect the name of the firm just now.

A firm in San Francisco advertising the "Pride of Japan" tea some years ago spread broadcast over California circular letters of Japanese tissue paper, with copies of Japanese paintings on them and a set of six cancelled genuine Japanese stamps stuck in a space allotted to them, the whole representing a very characteristic Japanese

effect. This was an excellent idea and awakened interest in many school-boys in stamps, as well calling attention to the teas advertised.

The Yon Yonsen Comic Opera Company some years ago displayed on its posters a large red Swedish stamp with the head of Oscar II. It certainly was an unique idea and no philatelist would have passed it without notice and doubtless it drew many a dollar for tickets that would otherwise have passed into the stamp dealer's hands.

The San Francisco Examiner back in the 90's displayed a cut of the current two cent stamp on its front page as representing the cost of that paper to its stockholders by the month. While this was a breach of the postal laws, it excited no action on the part of the postal authorities though I heard many people speak of it.

New Zealand carried out the idea of advertising with stamps a little further than any other country when she allowed firms the privilege of advertising on the back of her stamps for a certain consideration. The idea, however, met with such universal condemnation both from philatelists and the general public that it was soon abandoned. We who are used to seeing our pleasant country roads daubed with advertising signs on trees and rocks and nature invaded by the advertiser's paint brush, could not bear to see our philatelic treasures thus marred, even on the backs. That the popular mind is set against this vandalism is evidenced by the turning down by our own government of John

Wanamaker's high offer for the privilege of thus advertising on the backs of the United States stamps several years ago.

I have among a collection of postal curiosities a druggist's prescription card which is just the size and has the appearance of our fourth issue postal card with the exception that in the place of Jefferson's head appears a mortar and pestle.

I have also come across more than once in my philatelic career a stamp having a close resemblance at a distance to our two-cent brown of 1883, but on closer examination in place of the head of Washington is seen the head of Santa Claus. This stamp, I believe, was issued by a large retail firm selling fancy Christmas articles.

Of course, nearly all our private proprietary revenue stamps answered the purpose of advertisements as well as paying the government tax and many of them still continue in active use on patent medicines as trademarks, the same design being used but the words "United States Internal Revenue" and the value being removed. There may be mentioned as instances, Brown's Bronchial Troches, Allcock's Porous Plasters, John I. Henry and others.

The set of stamps put out by Newfoundland in 1897 was a pretty one and seemed to be in general favorably commented upon by the philatelic press but somehow it seems to me that the underlying idea comes out quite prominently to the careful observer. It is a scheme worthy of a Western boom town and advertising the main object, Newfoundland as a Summer resort; Summer boarders wanted; great fishing and hunting; or, Newfoundland full of resources to the investor; capitalists wanted to develop our mines; our fishing and

fur industries great fields for speculation. It may seem to the reader that I am a little rough on Newfoundland and that its methods show in high relief beside those of its neighbor, Canada. Well, perhaps I am, but still it will keep persistently coming back to me that this is an excellent advertising scheme for Newfoundland.

Perhaps this scheme of a country using its postage stamps to advertise its resources is not the worst in the world. In fact, it certainly is far up the scale when compared with the manufacturing of stamps by a country simply to sell to collectors, but it is a course that we philatelists cannot honestly recommend. But the idea of private firms using cancelled stamps of foreign countries as a means of advertising is commendable and I believe the results will warrant its continuance. A common 10-pfennig German stamp looks familiar and homelike to a German in a strange land; our two-cent red seems like a friend to a Yankee traveler in a far country; how quickly a foreigner will notice in a show window the stamp of his country and comment on it!

This field of advertising presents a wide scope and I believe that the tobacco firms whom dealers interested in distributing stamps in its packages of tobacco some time ago in order to interest the boys in stamp collecting, found it sold tobacco as well as stamps.

I believe we may look for rapid strides in philatelic advertising, and as it spreads and attracts public attention, more and more will the practice of incorporating philatelic ideas in general advertising come to pass.

CHARLES E. JENNEY.

Mention this paper when writing to advertisers.

THE ALIBI CLUB.

The social side of ourselves and customers. Membership, Party and Subscription 15c. Don't forget Hobby and Birthday. We offer ladies a good position soliciting.

Nov. 9—Penn., Kilmer, Mr. Oscar H. Dimm. Novels with unusual endings. Odd and curious stamps.

Nov. 18—Kan., Alta Vista, Mrs. W. A. McCoy. The love of better dishes. Sunday news papers.

Nov. 21—Tenn., Brotherton, Rural 1. Miss Minnie Blaylock. The Morning Glory is my favorite. Books on traveling.

Nov. 28—Ark., Germania Mr. E. B. Kindy. Books on Chemistry and Printing. Postal card views.

Nov. 13—Pa., Hanover, Jesse L. Bowman. Stamps, Curios, View Cards.

Dec. 15—Pa., Hanover. Inez Geneva Smith. Souvenir Post Cards.

One perfect fossil clam, size of half dollar, for any stamp. Cat. 15c., two for 25c. J. D. BARTLETT.

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Curio Collectors.

I have a new and complete stock of goods for collectors. Natural Curios at from 5 to 50 cts. Rare mosses, prices, 2 to 25 cts. I also put up 2 collections. Collection No. 1. Butterflies and Insects Mounted. Total, \$4.63 or all for \$3. Collection No. 2. articles singly \$3.45 or all for \$2.00. Send red stamp for 3 complete lists (all different) of above. Hurry, as stock will not last long.

EDWARD M. MARSH,
Box 52. Pine Island, Minnesota.

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This is to certify that we have printed 1000 copies of this issue.

HANOVER PRINTING CO.

The collection of souvenir cards is still on the increase and our own town has been getting out some fine view cards that are quite popular.

The postage rate to Germany, Great Britain and France is likely to be two cents in the near future, the same rate as is paid from Canada to Great Britain and nearly all British colonies.

The standard catalogue is out and as expected many stamps advanced in price, while some declined. Of course, the usual 50 or 60 per cent. discount from these prices prevail among dealers, though there are stamps listed that cannot be obtained in good condition at much less than the catalogue price. Every collector should have a copy. Beginners as well as those farther advanced will find the Hints for Collectors invaluable.

A great fight has been started for a parcels post-rate in this country. It certainly seems strange that a parcel of mdse. from one post-office to another in this country costs 16 cents when one can send the same parcel from any post-office in this country to any post-office in Germany, Norway, Denmark and many other countries for 12 cents.

Very Convenient.

Mrs. De Flat: Can you show me anything new in folding beds?

Up-to-date Dealer: Only this, madam, and it really is quite a success. On rising in the morning, you touch a spring and it becomes a wash stand and bath tub. After your bath, you touch another spring and it becomes a dressing case with a French plate mirror. If you breakfast in your room, a slight pressure will transform it into an extension table. After breakfast, you press these three buttons at once, and you have an upright piano. That's all it will do, except that when you die, it can be changed into a rosewood coffin.

Where can you get advertising rates as low as we offer in an up-to-date publication of 1,000 copies guaranteed?

Remember we go to press the 15th of each month and all advertisements should reach us before this date or they will not appear until next issue.

THE ARROW HEAD.

By Kensett Rossiter.

A piece of flint, shaped almost like a heart. I found it today between the rows of corn, where, ages past, its shaft had come apart and left the arrow-head—the fatal dart that from some dark warrior's hand was borne with feverish haste to wound and kill. Strange! I thought, that it should take the form—yet still, I know a heart by far less merciful.

**Official Department
of the**

Independent Collectors' Union.

Conducted by

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Further particulars from Secretary.

Secretary's Address.

Dear Fellow-Members I. C. U.

Once more I have the opportunity of presenting you this report through our new official organ. I am sorry to state that the past year has been somewhat one of vexation on the part of your Secretary. This could have been to a certain extent avoidable had it not been for our chronic kickers. If members would learn to do their duties, instead of squabbling with the Secretary, there would be a greater amount of good done, and our Union would meet with better success.

Co-operation is undoubtedly essential to the maintenance of every association, and each member ought to do his duty, and TRY to make his Society a success. It is true we have

had many drawbacks; but they have not been the fault of your Secretary. Again I say let us all co-operate together, for this is the only way we can succeed. Our election is drawing close, and I hope you all will take an interest in the election. Votes should reach me not later than December 10. No ballots will be counted after this date. The successful candidates will be announced in December number of this paper. The members I have written in regards to dues, unless they settle at once I shall drop them from the list, and their names will be published in December C. C. The Sale and Exchange Department has been organized under separate departments. I am on the ticket again for your Secretary, as there seems to be no one else anxious for this office. I do not promise to do more than I have done in the past, and in conclusion I will say if any member can explain to me wherein I have not done my duty toward the I. C. U., I will be very glad to rectify my mistakes. Ballots will be mailed to each member with this number of the Official Organ

Below I give a list of our workers who have uroposed new members within the past year:—

D. E. McCurdy, 15; Thos. Burnett, 3; F. E. Bushey, 3; H. W. McGill, 2; Meta Garman, 1; R. J. Wythe, 1; L. W. Templeton, 1.

New Stockholders.

D. J. Welsh, Albany, N. Y., 1 share.
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Librarian—H. W. McGill, Ont. Can.

Count. Det.—Jos. Saymon, N. Y. City.

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Fraternally Yours,

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Horse Shoe Crab.



Tent Olive.

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Turning Points.

"There is a tide in the affairs of men which taken at the flood" etc., is a quotation as applicable in Philately as in the more prosaic affairs of life. There are several well-defined points in the career of the Philatelist at which he is obliged to halt for a moment and from which he goes on with fresh vigor and interest, or stumbles and falls backward into the great army of those who "used-to-collect."

I well remember the first such point d' appui in my philatelic career, though it is now some 15 years ago. I must state that there was no hesitation at the first as to whether I should collect or not. As soon as the idea of collecting stamps was brought to my notice, I seized upon it at once eagerly with all the heartiness of a born collector. The point in question occurred when I had been collecting for some time, perhaps six months, perhaps a year. I had about five or six hundred stamps in my collection, stuck in an old copy book, as was the fashion in those days. There came into my possession two Chilian stamps, one the common 5 centavos blue, and the other the 5 centavos red, of two separate issues as we now know but identical in design, the only difference being in the color. Should I keep them both as varieties was the all-absorbing question over which I halted. To my amateur eyes, they were alike and I did not want two stamps alike in my collection. Still there was in my mind a doubt but that they might be considered as va-

rieties by some collectors. There was no one at home to advise me and probably if a fellow collector had come to me and offered me a stamp did not have for one of the Chilis, I would have traded the red one as a duplicate. But there was no immediate chance to dispose of it, and so after a long deliberation, I decided it was a variety desirable to keep and put it in my collection.

That decision, with its confirmation of my judgment later on, was what has made of me a general collector—a collector of varieties—a collector of shades, of watermarks, perforations and papers, for from that time when a stamp appeared to differ in any way from the one that I had, I examined it carefully, and my decision was usually to keep it as a variety. Thus have I often been in advance of the catalogue, having many of the rarer varieties before they were made known to collectors generally through the latest edition of the catalogue.

There comes a time in the career of the young philatelist when it seems to him that the growth of his collection has stopped. He has picked up everything in his neighborhood that is worth looking at; been over all the letters in the garret for the hundredth time without a discovery; and bought all the variety packets from the dealers so often that he can no longer find a new stamp among them, and consequently has become disgusted with them. His supply of pocket money is limited and he cannot afford to buy single stamps except very

cheap ones—one and two centers. A week passes without an addition to his collection. What shall he do? Yes, he is really just a little tired in looking over his collection without seeing a new stamp on its pages. It is true that after looking it over once with the feeling of disappointment and dissatisfaction, the next time it is a pleasure, but that only makes it a pleasure every other time, and this will not do. It is just at this period that so many young collectors are lost to philately. If he be not one "to the manor born"—one whose manifest destiny is a collector, his fate lies in the balance. If some other form of sport, comes into prominence at this time among his playmates, he is probably lost forever to the ranks. But if yet at this point some older collector happens to come upon him and show him varieties undreamed of and give him a handful of duplicates to gladden his heart, he is rescued and goes happily on his way and takes a renewed interest and through his example carrying interest and enthusiasm to who knows how many of his friends and companions. It is a particularly noticeable fact, I must remark here by the way, that those who are by physical inability shut in from out-door sports and the rougher games of the genus boy, are usually among the strong and permanent adherents to philately and in it find recreation that makes up for many of their lost opportunities and even atones to a great extent for physical suffering and pain. Many a fellow confined to the house by a life-long sickness or deformity can doubtless realize the truth of what a busy business man said to me recently, speaking of stamp collecting: "I am never alone as long as I have my stamps with me. Other folks may get

tired or feel weariness simply for want of something to do, or get lonesome, but I can always amuse myself, can take up every minute that I can spare, in a way to interest me and draw from my mind every case." They call us cranks, but is it not true that the cranks enjoy life best after all?

Later on in the life of the philatelist comes another hesitation. His collection has long been mounted in a printed album but it has not been transferred every year and consequently the album is far out of date, new issues project over the border, revenues adorn the edges, locals ornament the covers, and it is full to overflowing. It is a labor, even though a labor of pleasure, to mount three or four thousand stamps and to do it every year anew is a little too much of a good thing. Of that the collector becomes convinced. And the printed albums become in time bulky and unmanageable and at best an ordinary collection is but scattering in one. He searches the dealer's stocks of albums in vain for what he wants. If just now there comes to him his good genius again in the form of the advanced collector and shows him a collection mounted with care in a blank album with transferable pages, as there did to me, he is satisfied in his mind at once as to his course. Thence everything is easy and while he can follow as closely as he desires the idea of the collector whose album he has seen, there is left to him all the field that an original mind can desire in continuing from now on his collection.

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Little Stamps vs. Big Stamps.

There has always been in the hearts of collectors a warm spot toward odd sizes of stamps and odd shapes, at least, this has been the case until recent years, when the output of various nations with speculative tendencies has almost made odd sizes the rule, rather than the exception. Shapes other than rectangular will be found to hold only a temporary interest for the collector if their numbers are largely increased. As long as the old Cape of Good Hope triangular stamps were the only stamps of that shape issued they were a desideratum of every non-possessor of them, but since Liberia and other African wildernesses have taken to issuing them promiscuously their interest has fallen off. Perhaps the circular stamp, like the Khedive stamps of Egypt, but smaller, is an ideal shape for a postage stamp from a collector's standpoint, but its disadvantages are very apparent when they have to be printed in sheets. Therefore the rectangular stamp will probably remain with us.

The average size of the stamps of the world is probably somewhere between that of our present issue and our 1870 issue, any stamp larger than the 3-cent of that date being considered large and any smaller than the issue now in use is small. I believe that the small stamps are held in higher estimation than the large ones and the reason for this I do not find alone in the fact that there are more

large stamps than small ones. Especially of late years has there been a tendency to enlarge postage stamps issued for a commemorative purpose, for instance our Columbian and Omaha issues, the Canadian Jubilee issue and the Jubilee Postage Stamp, and the many portrait galleries and panoramas of the Upper Nile and Congo. While of the small stamps we have no new ones that I can think of just now except from those countries which have preserved their former custom in this respect. England and her colonies have at times and to some extent do now, use a system of letting the size represent the comparative value. Thus her old half-penny stamp was much smaller than any other of the set, while her five-shilling stamp is much larger than the lower values in size as well as in value. This same half-penny stamp has always been a popular one considering its comparative commonness.

South Australia, Victoria and New Zealand followed the mother's country example in issuing small half-penny stamps. Newfoundland also made her half-cent stamp a small one, and this, by the way, is one of the most beloved stamps by philatelists, as witnessed by the eagerness with which the "Dog's Head" issue was sought.

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With Age Comes Beauty.

We all have seen the handsome, benevolent-looking old lady, with her gold-bowed spectacles shading a pair of beautiful eyes, beaming with kindness and the best of feeling toward all; with features softened and chastened by years of toil for loved ones. And we have looked at her and felt better for knowing that such people live and exert an influence for good in the world. This beautiful old lady, handsome now as a result of a lifetime of well-doing, may have been homely as a girl, may not have been beautiful at all, or even good-looking, but goodness of heart, as well as the reverse, works wonders, and the beautiful girl becomes very handsome in after years, while the homely girl may become so handsome, so beautiful, if you will, as to be good to look upon; and such is usually the case if homeliness goes with a generous and loving heart.

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the stamps that were homely when current look handsome in after years? Because they have become rare because they are scarce, and not often seen, and like all things rare, they have become beautiful: age has done its work in the case of these stamps. As in the case of the old lady, with age has come beauty.

And this leads me up to the point I wish to make: In my opinion, too many collectors are engaged in "looking backward." You are struggling to amass a collection of obsolete and consequently, costly stamps, when the current emissions of the world—stamps that will twenty years hence, be worth a good price, may be had for almost nothing; and these stamps will, ten fifteen or twenty years hence be valuable, and worth a good price. The current emissions of the world are sufficient to keep any collector as busy gathering stamps as he has time to devote to his pursuit, and if he would make up his mind that he was in the ranks for good and all, and would go to work on this line, he would in after years reap profits beyond his wildest dreams. This seems to be an age of changes, alterations and of errors, and at the end of a certain number of years, if one would find himself possessed of dozens of rarities many of them worth large sums.

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"Pretty is as pretty does," is an old and true saying, and applies to stamps as well equally as well as to anything else. If anything is good, rare and valuable, it is pretty; and stamps that are good, rare and valuable are handsome—beautiful, in fact, and the older they grow the more beautiful they become. "With age comes beauty."

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If any reader doubts that "with age comes beauty," let him think for a moment. Recall the rare and valuable stamps now in existence; many of them are of the crudest design and poorest workmanship and printing; yet handsome they are. Is not this

true? The homeliness, the crudeness, the poor workmanship have become badges of honor, and these very things now have changed in our estimation and have become beautiful to our sight—"with age has come beauty." In the matter of stamps, with age will come beauty every time, and the stamps that are common and homely now will in after years become beautiful.

I would urge every reader to make up his or her mind to make as complete a collection of the current issues of stamps as is possible. It can be done at little cost, and will prove a much better investment than a much larger sum put into the Columbian or Omaha set or, in fact, in any commemorative issue. Make as complete a collection of the current issues of the world as possible, and collect used specimens and, where possible, have them on the original cover.

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This issue being so delayed from causes mentioned elsewhere, copy for the next issue should be sent at once on receipt of this for the April issue, which we hope to have out before May 1st.

In the advt. of H. B. Francis in last month's issue our printer made the price of the 1c. red lilac New Brunswick used at the price of the unused and vice-versa which caused him quite a little annoyance and loss.

Miss Hattie B. Dodge, sister of the publisher, died at the Medico-Chi Hospital, Philadelphia, April 4th, the result of a sad accident at the Opera House, in this town on Feb. 22. During the rehearsal of a play entitled the "Making of the Flag" the lives of 250 young ladies were placed in jeopardy by the criminal carelessness of the committee of the local camp of the P. O. S. of A. (who were to give the entertainment) in not making the temporary platform strong enough. A part collapsed and Miss Dodge suffered from a fracture of the spine at the neck, causing paralysis, from which she did not recover. She was in her 18th year. A beautiful young lady with hosts of friends who will miss her ever smiling face and cheery manner. Services were held here April 5 and further services and interment at Ipswich, Mass. where the publisher has three other sisters awaiting the glad morning of the resurrection.

To Our Subscribers.

Lives of editors remind us
Honest toil stands little chance,
The more we work we leave behind us
Bigger patches in our pants.
On our trousers once so stylish
Now are stripes of varied hue,
All because subscribers tarry
And don't pay us what is due.
Then let them be up and doing,
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Secretary-Treas. Report.

Dear fellow members I. C. U.,

Have not much to say this month,
except that I hope the members will
take more interest in the Union since
we have a new Sale Manager appoint-
ed. The following members have been
dropped from the list, in consequence
of non-payment of dues:—

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Fraternally Yours,

D. E. McCurdy, Sec.-Treas.

Appointment.

The attention of the members and
stockholders of the I. C. U. is notified
that I have appointed Mr. Basil Perry,
of Cool Spring, Del., as Sale Manager
of the Union, to succeed David J.
Welsh, Albany, N. Y. Mr. Welsh
failed to pay any attention to letters
of the Secretary and myself, conse-

quently the Secretary was not able to
start him with his office.

Fraternally Yours,

F. E. BUSHEY, Pres.

Sale Manager's Letter.

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A Committee Of One.

It is my opinion that we, as collectors, and as having the good of our hobby at heart, do not do as much as we might to interest others in the pastime. We are too miserly—too prone to go on about our business of gathering the beautiful and interesting labels and to say nothing to anyone about the pastime, when, if we would only take the trouble to speak of it to our friends and tell them what a pleasure the pastime is, and how it may be made profitable as well as pleasant, our ranks would soon be much better filled than at present. In a word, I think each and every collector should constitute himself a "Committee of One" to try and secure new recruits for the ranks of Philately, and he should keep constantly and steadily at it, until he has gotten the majority of his friends interested, or until he has brought the hobby to their notice, at any rate, and has explained the pleasures and benefits that are to be derived from collecting; then, if some of those spoken to, and worked with, do not choose to become collectors, it will of course be impossible to force them to; nor would anyone wish to do this if one could; there will be enough taken with the hobby and go to collecting, anyway, and our work will not be thrown away by any means. .

It may be that there are some among us that are selfish, and who think if we go to work and get others to collect, we will have just that many more to contend with, and that it will lessen our own chances of

making finds, etc., but this a mistaken idea, for two heads are always better than one, and by working together two or three collectors may often devise ways and means whereby the old accumulations of correspondence of some party or parties in the locality may be gotten at and the stamps and envelopes secured to and saved for Philately where one would be baffled completely, and fail utterly. Then the new recruits will know of places where good stamps may be found, that you would not know of and thus new fields will be opened up, and more stamps secured, and by exchanging with each other you will be able to secure many varieties that otherwise you would have had to buy, thus effecting an actual money saving. Don't be afraid; get all you can to join our ranks. Every new recruit will be a benefit, and never a detriment.

You will find that you can do good work among boys, and will have no difficulty in interesting many of your young friends in the pastime. Give them a few of your duplicates; you can well afford to do this. And give them all the information in your power as well; and, most important of all, if they should happen to unearth some rare specimens, do not under any circumstances, "exchange" with them, and thus secure for your own collection a few good specimens—at the cost, nine times out of ten, of a recruit of our ranks; for sooner or later, if they keep on collecting, and study stamps, and read up on them, these young collectors will realize that they disposed of some good spec-

imens too lightly, and will become disgusted and discouraged, and may drop out and quit collecting, where had you explained to them that the specimens were rare and valuable, and that they were in great good luck, the young collectors would have been so delighted with their good fortune, that they would have become delighted with a pursuit that affords such opportunities, and would have become permanent additions to the ranks, and remained steadfast to the end. Now, please do not misunderstand me as insinuating that you would do this thing; there are, I am confident, but few collectors who would do this, and these few would do it unthinkingly, saying to themselves, "What's the difference; he doesn't know the value of stamps, and will probably drop collecting anyway," and what I wish to do is to impress it upon the mind of these unthinking ones that from the standpoint even of individual aggrandizement they are standing in their own light in doing this, for the reason that, as stated, nine times out of ten the young collector will be driven from the ranks when he realizes how he has been treated, thus reducing the number of collectors and the number of possible buyers of stamps in the future. The greater the number of people who wish a thing, the greater the thing's value; so with every new recruit to the ranks increases the value of our collection. So get all you can to join us, and do nothing in any way to discourage one who has once started; rather go out of your way to encourage him, and help him. And do not confine your efforts to boys; you will find that you will be successful in interesting men quite as well as boys. The ranks number hundreds of grown men of all classes and representing all trades and professions, and the number of collectors

who have grown gray in the pursuit are as numerous as the leaves in Fall-time. There is something about the pursuit that commends and recommends it to adults as well as boys and youths, and the lawyer, the doctor, the merchant, the clergyman—every one will listen respectfully while you explain regarding the pastime, and none will laugh at you; in fact, many will at once begin a collection and those who do not start collecting will become interested to that extent that they will open up their old correspondence to you, and tell you to take all the stamps and envelopes you find that you desire. The fact is, that when you succeed in getting anyone to start a collection of stamps, you are doing him a great kindness; you are putting him in the way of great and long-continued enjoyment; you are starting him in a pursuit that not only gives enjoyment and pleasure without stint, but that in the end, (unlike many other pursuits that cost considerable as you go along, and are almost dead loss at the end) returns to you all you have paid out, and considerably more. You are doing those whom you start a kindness as I have said, and you will always be kindly remembered! Constitute yourself "A Committee of One," and go forth determined to do all you can to increase the number of collectors. You will never regret it. S. A. D. COX.

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The queerly printed little volume is age yellowed and almost crumbling as a result of its existence of nearly 130 years. It is considered a rare relic of the away back days when this country was ruled by George III. of England, just before the dawning of American liberty. Its title page, printed in the quaint old English type, presents an interesting contrast with the artistic twentieth century styles of letters. To read over its almost illegible pages is like peering back into the colonial days, when American progress was but beginning to take shape for advancement along the lines which has caused the United States to forge ahead through complications and discord and at last take its place as the foremost nation of the earth.

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Reminiscences of An Old-Timer.

In the large cities of the East it is not uncommon to find collectors who have followed this hobby more or less continuously for thirty years or more and whose recollections cover episodes which are simply hair-raising to us of a later generation. But to find such a person astray in this wild woolly western country is of rare occurrence and I think it may interest some to hear some of his experience. I do not give the name of this collector, but doubtless some of the older collectors may remember him as he was at one time evidently well-known to the fraternity. He was a little old man, yet small as he was his clothes were too small for him.

He wore glasses, from behind which a pair of bright, dark eyes peeped out from under shaggy eyebrows. His forehead was pronounced, — being bulging, and altogether his appearance denoted a student and a hermit. I had a small frame of stamps in the office window and that had attracted his eye and he came in to ask for the stamp man. On my introducing myself, he fumbled around in his pockets and finally produced a long package of about 500 or 600 nicely tied up.

He wanted an offer. They were all three cents of 1851 1856 and 1861. I did not care for them but made a suitable offer and supposed I was through with him. But no,—he produced an envelope from another pocket, saying that there were some better stamps. "Just make me an offer. You can have them cheap, but I

know the value of them. I am an old philatelist."

Then while I was examining them he told me something of himself. He was a miner from Sonoma County. Had been shut up there in a miners' camp in the mountains for a number of years. I saw at once that his ideas of stamp values was a correct one but as he had not kept posted for the last two or three years he was a little behind the times. The lot of stamps was quite a good one. There were 100 or more, mostly of the 1856 to 1870 issues from which the common varieties had been picked out. Among the lot was a 7c. 1872 unused national print, and there were a number of other good stamps.

We finally made a trade and as he was satisfied with the bargain he warmed up a little and told me he had a lot of old envelopes with rarities on them in his trunk up at the camp that he would send me when he went back and he told me of some of his collecting experiences in the 70's, back in New York State.

He seemed well acquainted with J. W. Scott, whom he spoke of as J. W. I showed him a copy of a weekly stamp paper and he was interested and took it away with him to read and thereafter turned up every week for a long time to get the latest paper and read it. On some of these occasions he would talk a little, some of the things he had read in the paper calling up memories to him. Although of course there were many things new to him after being shut off from communication with the world yet he took

everything intelligently and showed that he had at once been a thoroughly posted philatelist.

He was at one time in the employ of a paper manufacturing firm in New York that bought up on contract from the Government the waste paper from all the post-offices in the country. These lots of paper came into them in great mail sacks. It was shortly after the Post-Office stamps were issued and my friend who was a collector at that time who picked up a good many duplicates that he sold or traded to the dealers in the city, saw an opportunity before him when he found the Post-Office Department stamps of all values coming in these sacks of waste paper. He gathered a great quantity of them before he tried to dispose of them, then went around to J. W. Scott and asked him what he would give him for them.

J. W. was greatly pleased and rubbed his hands and told me he would give me 25 cents a hundred. I asked him if he would give me that for all I could get. He told me yes. So I produced 10,000 and he paid me for them. The next day I came back with 20,000 and he paid me for them. He paid up so well that I thought my market was sure, so the next time I took 100,000. That kind of staggered J. W. He said he expected I might bring him 20,000 or 30,000 but 100,000 a day was going a little too fast for him. Well, I told him if he would pay me as he agreed to for this lot that I would let up on him and furnish them to him after that for 15c. per hundred just as they came, all values. He agreed to this and in all I probably delivered him over half a million. I also had a contract with one of the New York dealers before this to take all the 1847 5 cents at 2 cents each, and the ten cents at 10

cents each, which I considered a very good price. The New York post-office stamps I sold at 10 cents each. Locals used to be very common in those days. That was before they were of much value and before the counterfeits and reprints began to be made. I discovered one of the first Brattleboro stamps and had some correspondence with Rothschild with regard to it, and a New Haven stamp that I also found. I have the letters yet. A great many of the St. Louis stamps passed through my hands although I never found one of the 20 cents. Yes, if I close up a deal for selling my mine.—I am down here now on that business—and settle down where I can get my mail regularly, I shall subscribe to several philatelic papers and probably commence collecting again. I have a six-pence Canada on the cover. Oh, collecting stamps in a great pastime. Yes, it is, very interesting, very interesting."

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Stamp Hunting.

By S. A. D. Cox.

I doubt if there is anything connected in any way with stamp collecting that will afford one more real pleasure, more genuine enjoyment, than that experienced by the collector when hunting for stamps.

Stamp hunting has a pleasure and exhilaration peculiarly its own. If you don't believe this read Robie's book "Stamp Hunting" and look between the lines and you will see what rare sport Mr. Robie had hunting for stamps. That he enjoyed it immensely can be easily seen and that he has profited largely is also evident.

The writer is something of a stamp-hunter himself in a small way. I make it a rule to look through every drug stock in every town I visit, if I have the time, and to ask for old stamps at the postoffice. I have done this in many Kansas towns, and, after reading Robie's book, I am no longer at a loss to understand why I found no stamps of value in the drug stocks of some towns. Lewis Robie had been there before me. Stamp hunting, persistently practiced, does more to keep interest in stamp collecting alive than almost anything else. It is a most fascinating pursuit. It teaches many valuable lessons too, not the least of which is, to be observant, both as to hearing and seeing. Nothing can be said or done in the vicinity of a genuine stamp hunter without the same being heard and seen by him. Stamp hunting teaches one to be alert, bright, quick and decisive in thought and action. Your

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There are hosts of stamp hunters, but not nearly enough even then. There are not enough of them to prevent destruction every year of thousands of dollars worth of good stamps which are sacrificed upon the altar of cleanliness, the old correspondence being dragged forth and consigned to the flames, the result of an abnormal fit of house-cleaning.

As I have said while there are hosts of stamp hunters, there are not nearly

enough and I write this to urge upon all who read this the desirability of becoming earnest, methodical, determined stamp hunters. If you do this it will not only redound to your benefit, but to the world of philately as well. If every collector finds and saves to the world a few good stamps each year it will result in great benefit to collectors in general and to himself in particular.

Then you will learn to like stamp hunting too, after you practice it a while. You meet with so many funny experiences that it affords you amusement for all time. It teaches you to think lightly of rebuff, too, which is of benefit to any person, especially if of a sensitive nature. It is a school, in this direction, that will benefit one materially.

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Stamp conventions and politics are now being talked over more than stamps by some collectors. The convention of the American Philatelic Association will be held in Boston, Mass., during the week of Aug. 13 and the Metropolitan Philatelic Association will meet at Put-in-Bay, Ohio, some time in August.

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Last month I could not make any report as my time was fully taken up with sickness, private business and other work pertaining to our 4th of July Celebration, and at times I was busy till 12 p. m. I wish to state that I find it necessary to resign my position as your Secretary, and have already sent in my resignation to the President, but will act in this capacity until my successor is appointed, providing such appointment is made by Aug. 31, at which date I shall turn over to the President all papers, stocks, etc., belonging to the Union. I know some of you are as capable of fulfilling this office as I am, and may probably succeed better than I have succeeded. I also wish to state that it will be impossible to send each member a written report of the Union's finances etc., but to any member who will send stamp to prepay postage I will send them a written state-

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The Pessimists Of Philately.

By S. A. D. Cox.

There are many collectors in the ranks who look at things philatelic through smoked glasses—who imagine there is some dire disaster brewing for our delightful hobby, and who in their love for our pastime and solicitude for its welfare keep crying out in terror, "Philately is Doomed," and fly around like a chicken with its head cut off in wild and incoherent endeavor to do something to avert the threatening disaster.

To do these collectors justice, they are ardent, honest, and sincere philatelists and it is because of their love for collecting that they become fearful and excited. The trouble is that they belong to a hysterical, hypochondriacal class and cannot well help their feelings and tears. They should learn to control them, however, and should study to keep from expressing their gloomy thoughts and forebodings in a manner to do injury to our pastime—for they can and do do considerable injury to it in this very manner, by instilling their views into the minds of young collectors, and causing them to become doubtful of the propriety of continuing in the work of collecting. "What will be the use," these young collectors ask themselves, "of going ahead and spending time and money in the amassing of a fine collection, if the entire fabric of Philately is going to be rent into pieces shortly?" They will ask themselves questions like

this, and many of them will quietly drop collecting and be lost to the ranks forever. So I say to you who are hypochondriacally inclined, and who are prone to look upon the dark side of things, brace up and take a more cheerful view of matters. If you really think there is danger ahead for Philately, show your patriotism and your allegiance by really doing something to aid in averting danger. First, stop talking ruin and dire disaster, and if you can not talk cheerfully and hopefully of the future, at least say nothing. Don't say things that will work harm, and help bring about the very state you deprecate. Do not be like the men who stand around on the streets and grumble, and when some stranger comes to them and asks them if the town they live in would not be a good town to locate in, a good place to start business in, etc., the reply that it is not a good place to live in at all, and that if a man were to start in business he would fail in three months—don't be like these men who run their own town down, which they should brag up with might and main; don't say there is no future for Philately; don't tell the young collector that there is no use beginning to collect, that people are going to quit collecting and that Philately is going to the dogs—don't do this. Be hopeful for the future, and say that Philately is all right, and thus be helpful—but as I said before, if you can't do this, say nothing.

Another thing you could do to help avert this threatened (?) disaster would be to go to work and get young men to begin collecting. If you will get a few started, and your fellow collectors will all do the same, the increase in numbers of collectors will aid much to help Philately to retain the position it now occupies of monarch of all hobbies or pastimes. Just think how much good you could do, if you only would. Do it. Don't sit around and feel, look and talk blue; get up and hustle, and help make matters philatelic lively. You can do it if you will. It is almost criminal negligence if you don't.

Then there is no serious trouble ahead for Philately. Such talk is idle—absurd. Philately has stood the test of time; it has grown, constantly, steadily, and will keep on growing more and more in favor. There will be no retrograde movement; certainly no sudden, terrible disaster. There is no need—absolutely none, of crying "philately is doomed" for it isn't. For that matter, if there is any trouble threatened for Philately it is from its friends: Philately occupies the same position of the man who said, "Save me from my friends!" You can not kill the pastime by talking ruin and disaster, but you can hurt it, stunt it, retard its growth. Don't do this. Instead, dig around the roots; loosen up the dirt; kill the grubs; help make the tree of Philately attain a healthy, hardy growth, so that it may bring forth good, healthful fruit.

Thousands of people in the different countries of the world receive pleasure, and great pleasure, from the pastime of stamp collecting. They take pride in their collections as a whole, and in single rare specimens that they have been enabled to secure by purchase or as a result of their own efforts. They collect because

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In a word, and to sum up, the collectors who are crying, "Philately is Doomed!" remind me of nothing so much as of the non-bicycling pedestrian who in attempting to cross a street, sees a bicyclist bearing down upon him, and begins making herculean efforts to keep out of danger (?) by leaping this way and that in a manner to put to shame the best efforts of the liveliest jumping jack that ever came off Christmas tree, and succeeding only in confusing the cyclist to such an extent that perhaps a collision results, when if he had stood still, or gone steadily and calmly on his way, the cyclist would, at just the proper moment, have swerved gracefully out with the sweep of the skilled skater, and passed around the pedestrian and onward without a waver or at least suggestion of a mix-up. So with the collector; if they will go steadily on their way, there will never be the least suggestion of a cloud in the Philatelic sky; but if, like the pedestrian, they will persist in seeing danger where there

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this.

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trim waist,
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And he slowed the car to a ten mile speed.

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In
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this.

What cared he whether the road was clear,

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