



The Philatelic West



VOL. III. No. 1.
SUPERIOR, NEBRASKA.
JANUARY, 1897.



Newfoundland 6d. lake,
Catalogued price \$. 75.



Newfoundland 1s. lake,
Catalogued price \$1.50.

THE ABOVE ARE AMONG THE STAMPS WE ARE SELLING AT
50 PER CENT. DISCOUNT.



We have bought the entire stock of the Penn Stamp Co. of Boston, at a figure which will enable us to send out British Colonials, Foreign and UNITED STATES stamps of the grade usually found upon our 25 per cent. sheets and those of other dealers, at FIFTY PER CENT. DISCOUNT. We shall continue to send out these sheets until exhausted.

Good references must accompany requests for sheets.

UNITED STATES PACKETS.

ONE HUNDRED VARIETIES of UNITED STATES STAMPS, neatly mounted in their proper places in a Favorite Album, \$1.00.

SEND FOR OUR PRICE LIST OF PACKETS.



NEW ENGLAND STAMP COMPANY,

265 WASHINGTON ST., BOSTON, MASS.

THE PHILATELIC WEST

A MONTHLY PUBLICATION.

DEVOTED TO THE INTERESTS OF PHILATELY AND THE NEBRASKA PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

VOLUME 3.

SUPERIOR, NEB., JANUARY, 1897.

NUMBER 1.

OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

CLIFFORD WASHINGTON KISSINGER.

This gentleman's cut is seen on our cover, apparently gazing intently upon "THE PHILATELIC WEST." Although but a young man, he is widely known in philatelic circles. He began his philatelic career when a mere boy and his interest and zeal has never flagged. His title, "The Young Napoleon of Philately," is familiar to all. Mr. Kissinger is a member of all the leading philatelic societies in the United States and Great Britain, and has served in the capacity of president, vice-president secretary, treasurer and trustee in several prominent societies. As editor and publisher of The Pennsylvania Philatelist he has attained much prominence. The Nineteenth Century and the Stamp Collector's Hand-Book are also his work.

CHARLES ESTERLY SEVERN.

Our second cut is of this gentleman. His charming personality and the interesting and numerous products of his pen have made him familiar and beloved by all. He is president of the Western Philatelic Association, and ex-president of the P. S. of A., the last named office being filled by him admirably. His collection of United States and Confederate States is superb.

ONEY K. CARSTARPHEN.

Our third cut presents a rather

poor likeness of this young man, the present president of the P. S. of A. His campaign is 1894 for vice-president brought his name before the philatelic public, and although it was not successful, it opened up the way for his election to the higher office in 1895.

LOUIS J. KRAMER.

The last cut we have this month is of L. J. Kramer, of Elkader, Iowa. He is president of the L. of A. P. and ex-auction manager of the P. S. of A. 'Tis said the L. of A. P. owes its origination to him. He is the leading cycle dealer of his city.

The above four prominent philatelists are good representatives of east and west—they are all a unit, we understand, for "Omaha in 1898." If not, they should fall in line, for we are in the scramble to win.

ED. H. W.

BOILED DOWN.

ORIGINAL AND OTHERWISE.

The handling of stamps should always be carefully done and only when the hands are perfectly clean; especially is this true in the case of unused stamps, which generally have a glossy finish, which repeated handling tends to destroy, as well as many delicate colors. In the case of rare stamps tweezers should be used, as by their use soiling or tearing is reduced to a minimum.

One of the disadvantages which English collectors labor under is in having a penny as the unit of value in ordering common stamps from catalogues. Prominent dealers are considering the advisability of cataloguing stamps at $\frac{1}{2}$ d, instead of 1d.

* *

The portrait on the Argentine 5c slate violet, is that of Higinio. This is one of several Latinized forms which the name O'Higgins has taken in several parts of South America. It was not so long ago that the whole civilized world was reading with bated breath the story of one of the great naval fights of modern times, in which the principal combatant was the Chilian iron-clad "O'Higgins." One of the largest provinces in Chili bears the same melodious name. It has been the appellation of more than one soldier or politician prominent in the revolutions of these republics; and in the shape of Higinio, softened for Paraguayan tongues, it presumably represents an individual of the same redoubtable tribe.

* *

A prominent collector of England is authority for the assertion that English collectors are less prone to collect the stamps of their own country than Americans.

* *

Norway stamps issued from 1872 to 1878 have a post-horn delicately shaded with fine curved sidewise lines. The crown surmounting the horn in these is carefully engraved, and presents a generally light sur-

face, with the jewels clearly defined. In the issues of 1883-90 the post-horn is much more rudely drawn and has no cross-lines of shading. The crown, too, is a dark and smudgy affair.



IN CYNICAL MOOD.

We have heard of collectors who occasionally inclosed a stamp in letters of inquiry, but we must confess we regard with suspicion the tale recently circulated regarding a man who religiously incloses a stamped addressed envelope in each one of his letters. Such a man should not lack for correspondents.

* *

A dealer advertises "well mixed Continentals" for only 25 cents per thousand. We suppose that his wholesale lots of trash are so religiously "mixed" before the packets are made up that the German and English and Italian and French issues worth as much as a few cents per million are given in equal quantities in each packet. These cheap packets afford the dealer his only opportunity of disposing of his rubbish, and he must make the most of it; the poor collector must be beguiled into purchasing by assurances that the packet contains stamps "of unequalled value," "well mixed," "just the thing for 'traders'," etc. Heaven protect the boy collector from the omnivorous dealer who advertises cheap packets of impossible value.

* *

We might give the critics the pleasant task of declaring us guilty

of plagiarism by publishing the following as original, but we know they would take too much pleasure in such work. We cannot give credit to any philatelic paper for it, however. In fact we are unable to state who is the genius who wrote it or where it first appeared. But here it is—it fits our case exactly:

"If you have frequent fainting spells, accompanied by chills, cramps, bunions, chilblains, epilepsy and jaundice, it is a sure sign you are having bad health and are liable to shuffle off this mortal coil at any moment. Die with a clear conscience by paying up your arrearages and subscribing for this paper for a year or two in advance."

* *

Why does not some enterprising collector start a philatelic press clipping bureau? The benefits to be derived from such a scheme would certainly be numerous. For instance, frauds could keep informed as to what papers they were last exposed in, thus saving themselves the expense of subscribing to all papers in existence. Aspiring candidates for offices in our various societies could gauge public opinion by patronizing the bureau, which would forward them all remarks, of a personal nature or otherwise, appearing in the stamp publications. Authors would—but limited space forbids us enlarging further upon this theme. It certainly offers a prolific topic for the writer of an imaginative mind.

* *

We would respectfully ask what the man meant who described a stamp in a recently issued auction catalogue as "nearly unused."

* *

And still they come. Address books, directories, blue-books, etc. We could never see the particular

benefit a collector derives from having his name in such publications. He may receive a few sample copies or circulars, which do him little good. Advertisers therein have, as a rule, been led to contract for space through gross misrepresentations, for we will wager that not four of the fifteen or twenty of these publications that have appeared during the last few months have as large or choice a circulation as their promoters claim, such as any advertiser would expect, or as good as that of the most insignificant philatelic paper extant, in proportion to the rates charged.

ED. H. WILKINSON.



A WORD WITH ADVERTISERS.

It is a well-known fact that the advertiser first in the field is the one who will reap the harvest. If he can cause his advertisements to circulate among a class of purchasers who rarely see a philatelic paper he reaches the most liberal purchasers known. By keeping his advertisement constantly in circulation among such people, he secures a permanent, paying trade.

Residing in the west, in Nebraska and surrounding states, are hundreds of collectors to whom practical philately is yet unknown, save by perhaps an occasional stray sample copy or dealer's price list. Among these are numerous collectors who can well be termed "advanced," who are always willing to purchase good stamps, and there are also collectors by the score who only possess small collections but are only awaiting the opportunity to buy and increase their varieties.

THE PHILATELIC WEST offers to advertisers a never before equalled opportunity to reach such collectors as the above. It circulates more extensively among them than any paper published. A long list of the collectors residing in Nebraska and the surrounding states, compiled with care by the personal efforts of collectors traveling over this territory, is owned by the publishers of this paper. The names in this list are only of those known to be actively engaged in collecting. Over one-half of these are collectors who know nothing whatever of the great world of philately. These names have been secured at some expense in the only way possible—by personal inquiry in the various towns of these western states. To the enterprising advertiser, THE PHILATELIC WEST offers the means, at the appended low rates, whereby to reach these collectors. Can you afford to let the opportunity pass without grasping it?

NEBRASKA'S PRIDE.

The Nebraska Philatelic Society. Organized 1892.



President—F. B. Woolston, Wayne.
 Vice-President—Wm. B. Hopson, 1109 S.
 28th St., Omaha.
 Secretary-Treasurer—C. L. Thurston, 2408
 Farnam St., Omaha.
 Librarian—R. Shepard, 2304 Wirt St.,
 Omaha.
 Exchange Superintendent—S. P. Hughes,
 Howe.
 Auction Manager—Dr. F. L. Riser, 1231 O
 St., Lincoln.
 Attorney—H. A. Cheney, Creighton.
 Purchasing Agent—H. L. Bennett, College
 View.
 Counterfeit Detector—E. W. Fitt, Box 1126,
 Plattsmouth.
 Trustees—Hopson, Thurston and Pyburn.
 Official Organ—The Philatelic West.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

I extend to you my best wishes for a prosperous and happy New Year.

If we wish to secure the '98 conventions for Omaha, there are two things that we must do, get an entertainment fund and get western collectors into the national societies.

I wish again to call your attention to our exchange department. It is in fine working order.

FRED B. WOOLSTON.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Received from Parmelee & Brown, 50 papers. From publisher Omaha Philatelist, 1 year's subscription, 2 copies.

The library now numbers about 650 pieces.

Will be pleased to acknowledge many more donations.

Don't all speak at once.

Respectfully,

R. L. SHEPARD,
 Librarian of N. P. S.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT.

Dear Bros. of N. P. S.:

Having filled the honorary position of attorney now going on two years, and not until recently have I had the chance to do any active duties of the office, from the fact that I have only received one claim for collection, that being an account of \$1.75 for dues and fees from one J. Cleve Scott, of Central City, Neb. I upon advice of trustees wrote Mr. Scott's father and in return received a draft from J. Cleve Scott, who said, "I am blaming no one in this matter but myself, and beg your pardon, also that of the society."

H. A. CHENEY, Attorney.

EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT.

The Exchange Department is in excellent order, with \$300.00 worth of stamps in circulation. During November I retired nine books with sales slightly over 72 per cent. Members having good medium stamps which they are willing to sell cheap can find a ready sale in this department. The demand for U. S. Revenues is greater than ever, and all are invited to send 5c each for blank books and give the "sales department" a trial.

Yours to please, SAM P. HUGHES.

Entertainment Fund for '98 Conventions.

In order to make a good showing for Omaha at Atlantic City and Boston next summer it has been suggested that we raise a fund for the entertainment of the visiting stampites in case Omaha captures the '98 convention. The following have subscribed the amounts set opposite their names:

L. T. Brodstone.....	\$5.00.
Clarence L. Thurston.....	5.00.
Fred B. Woolston.....	5.00.
W. B. Hopson.....	5.00.
C. Pyburn.....	1.00.
Louis J. Kramer of Iowa.....	2.00.
S. P. Hughes.....	5.00.
S. W. Hacker.....	5.00.
R. L. Shepard.....	5.00.
W. F. Hendricks.....	5.00.
C. Eddy.....	5.00.
E. L. Platz.....	5.00.

This amount payable July 1st, 1898, if we get the convention. Members wishing to subscribe will please send name and amount to Secretary, or this paper. No subscription for less than \$1.00 will be received

CANADIAN REVENUES.

S. P. HUGHES.

(Began in October Number.)

"SUPREME COURT STAMPS."

These are the stamps that are not only the largest but the most beautiful of all Canadian Revenues. The set consists of six values, 10 cents, 20 cents, 25 cents, 50 cents, \$1.00 and \$5.00, all printed in blue. They first came into use in 1876, and are still used. In size they compare with our high value revenues, being 35x75 mm. in size. The value is expressed in figures across top and bottom in an oblong frame, also in words at bottom of stamp. Queen's head facing to left in circle 15 mm. wide, above circle word "Canada," below "Law Stamp." Between the circle and scroll at bottom is the registered number in red.

"LAW STAMPS."

The Canadian *Law Stamps*, taken as a whole, rank with any of the preceding revenues, both as to engraving and artistic printing. These "*Law Stamps*" are at present still in use in most of the provinces, and are quite common. They are used to documents filed by the court, summonses, etc., etc. The provinces to first issue "*Law Stamps*" were *Manitoba, New Brunswick, British Columbia, Quebec, and Ontario*. The first *Law Stamps* were issued in Ontario in 1861, and are known as "Upper Canada" stamps. The set consisted of 15 values, all similar design: large figure of "Justice" blindfolded, holding a pair of balances in right hand, in left a large sword pointing downward. Frame surrounding

figure is rectangular with oval top, 17x32 mm. Word "*Canada*" down right side of stamp, *Law Stamp* at left, both being surrounded by an ornamental scroll work. Just above the figure of Justice is a blank space for the surcharge which is either "C. F." (Consolidated Fund), "F. F." (Fee Fund), or "L. S." (Law Society). These surcharges are printed "C. F." in blue, "F. F." in yellow and "L. S." in brown.

At the upper corners of stamp is a frame inclosing the large figure of value, and just between in words 10 mm. long, also at bottom of stamp in frame 25 mm. in length, is the value again represented in words. The 5, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90 cent and \$1.00 values were all printed in green, the 2, 3, 4 and 5 dollar values having the figure of Justice printed in black.

"ONTARIO LAWS."

In 1870 the previous stamps went out of use, and were superseded by "*Ontario Laws*," consisting of fourteen values and twenty-eight varieties. The first set was printed in carmine, the second in vermilion. The design very similar to preceding stamps—somewhat smaller, perhaps—being 28x44 mm. in size, perforated 12. The figure of Justice in this issue was not blindfolded. "*Ontario Law Stamp*" above frame in two curved lines, value in figures at lower corners, "*Cents*" between, also in curved line 10 mm. in length.

"BRITISH COLUMBIA."

According to an act of parliament in 1879, British Columbia fell in line, and issued a set of *Law Stamps*, consisting of four values. This first set was printed in blue, and consisted of a 10, 30, 50 cent and \$1.00. The design was very similar to the preceding stamps, the only real difference being in the color. In 1886 the 10c stamp was printed in black, then in 1889 the 30c in red, and the 50c in brown, the dollar value remaining the same as when first issued.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

THE PHILATELIC WEST.

PUBLISHED MONTHLY.

BRODSTONE & WILKINSON, Publishers.

L. T. BRODSTONE..... Business Manager.
Superior, Nebraska.

ED. H. WILKINSON..... Editor.
P. O. Box 47, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Entered at the postoffice at Superior, Nebraska, as second-class mail matter.

SUBSCRIPTIONS—Twenty-five cents a year in advance.

All subscriptions must commence with the current number.

Back numbers 3c each except No. 1, Vol. 1. We will be pleased to exchange with all philatelic publications.

Exchanges are requested to send one copy to the editor and one to the business manager at their respective addresses.

An X opposite this paragraph indicates that your subscription to this paper expires with this number. We should be pleased to have you renew.

ADVERTISEMENTS—One Dollar an inch. Special inducements on yearly contracts. Cash in advance required where advertiser is unknown to publishers.

Remittances should be made by draft, postal or express money order or registered letter for amounts over 50c. Make payable to business manager, Superior, Nebraska.

Good manuscript always in demand. Postage must be sent in case manuscript is to be returned if not accepted.

All letters in regard to advertising and subscriptions should be addressed to the business manager. Address the editor on other subjects.

The non-appearance of "Official Seals" in the new catalogue doubtless surprised many, and probably rather unpleasantly, too, for with their removal from the catalogue their value is almost certain to decrease. One prophet has already ventured to assert that fifty cents will be their market value within a year. This will make those who paid anywhere near the old catalogue price for specimens feel inclined to be a bit discouraged, and justly, too, for what collector likes

to see a cherished stamp of considerable worth fall down to the level of the easily attainable specimen? Of course our wiseacres will say that the collector of ordinary intelligence would have perceived that official seals were not worthy of attention, and, if possessing a specimen, disposed of it in time.

We notice in Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, dated December 3d, in "California Notes," that "K. Narca" takes a position regarding the late outcry against minor varieties which we must commend, inasmuch as it agrees with previous editorials we have presented on the subject. We are of the opinion that the stamp-collecting public will come to its senses about this thing some day, and if the "boy collector," now very much in evidence, wishes to pay attention to such details as watermarks, dies, papers, and such, he will be allowed to do so in peace, and, perchance, even be assisted in his labors.

In the same issue of the above-mentioned paper S. B. Hopkins reviews The Philatelic Literatourist, and makes use of the opportunity to dub literature collectors as "accumulators of stamp papers." We are rather glad that we do not collect philatelic literature, for we should dislike being alluded to as an "accumulator."

We must commend the plan of marking the date purchased and price paid on the back of the stamp, or, if preferred, upon the hinge

which attaches it to the album page. Such a system forms a valuable reference and well repays the collector who takes the time to so mark his specimens. New mounts recently advertised have provision made on their backs for such work, and should meet with favor.



How our ideals fall! Men whom we held in considerable esteem and regarded as worthy of any confidence exposed as frauds and thieves. We have in mind recent occurrences in one of our leading societies, where one man was expelled for nothing less than thievery from the exchange books of the society. This man is well known in stamp circles, and previous to this occurrence was regarded as perfectly reliable, but now collectors must recognize their error. Such things lead us to wonder who can we trust and who must we cast suspicious glances upon in these days of wholesale thievery. Temptations beset the collector upon all sides, and even the most upright are liable to err. It is only a matter of time until the dishonest are exposed, but how much damage they may do before they are found out. A man may enter into philately and in a few years build up a reputation and establish himself as honest and reliable. Dealers will accommodate him and collectors place confidence in him. Then he is in a position to do inconceivable damage in a few short months, both to the pocketbooks and stocks of the dealers and collectors. Thus are our idols destroyed.

Well, the long expected has happened. The Daily Stamp Item, beloved child of an office cat, has expired. Considerable credit is due the Messrs. Mekeel for their fair trial of the merits of such a publication. We have our doubts as to whether any other firm or individual could or would have persisted as long. Peace to its ashes!



From all reports our dealers do not appear to be purchasing old collections with any great avidity. A collector recently desired to dispose of his collection, numbering 4,000 varieties, and met with curt refusals from five different dealers, the sixth man to whom he offered it only taking it at a ruinously low figure, declaring then that he would lose money on the transaction. Perchance the dealers have leagued together and agreed to refuse to purchase collections, thus compelling the collector to keep his collection, or to refuse to sell it for the low offers small dealers might tender him.



The publishers of this paper have not caught the premium fever that seems to have attacked some of our esteemed contemporaries so severely that it has caused them to make wonderful offers to new subscribers. We do not understand how collectors can think well of the man who will offer a set or packet of stamps "catalogued at \$1.50" and a year's subscription for 25 cents. How any sensible collector can allow himself to be taken in in this manner is beyond our ken. We have offered,

it is true, hand-books and advertising space for new subscribers, but our eagerness to enlarge our subscription lists have never, and, we hope, never will lead us to make transparent offers of the same character as the one above mentioned. It certainly must appear reasonable to advertisers that a publication whose subscribers are composed of that class of collectors who hasten to take advantage of such offers is not the advertising medium from which they can expect the best results; such collectors belong to one of two classes; they either desire the earth with a fence around it, and the dealer would make small profit in his transactions with them, or they belong to the unintelligent, aimless class whom the unscrupulous could dupe, perchance, but with whom the honest dealer would not wish to do business.



"THE DECADENCE OF PHILATELY."

Despite the fact that recent articles going the rounds of the newspapers, stating that philately or "stamp-collecting" is "rapidly dying out" and "will soon be but a memory," etc., etc., have been alluded to in our philatelic publications as false and unreliable, we know of at least two cases wherein said articles "took effect," as it were, and two collectors were ready to dispose of their stamps. They had become possessed of a great fear that prices were going to drop, inspired, no doubt, by just such articles as those mentioned above, and were endeavoring to sell their collections before

the anticipated lowering of prices came. Happily, those whom they approached soon caused them to perceive the fallacy of such stories, and now they are glad, no doubt, that they retained their albums. It seems to be a queer but unexplainable fact that the American people are always ready, aye, eager, to believe newspaper stories regarding the decline of philately, crimes resulting from either the criminal or victim being a collector, and other trash of a like nature, but articles anent philatelic prosperity, finds of rare stamps, benefits and pleasures of collecting, values, etc., are regarded with suspicion and received with scorn, as a rule. We believe that it were far better for those interested in stamps to make some kind of an effort to stop such business as this, if such a scheme is feasible, than to be eternally quarreling about Seebecks, specialism, minor varieties, and such matters. There must be a source to every spring; most of these misleading articles that appear in the Associated Press matter probably emanate from the same man; locate the source and the rest is easy. Good reasonable articles on stamps, noted for their perspicuity, are valuable to give the newspaper-loving public, but if it is possible to put a stop to the publication of all articles pertaining to stamps, whether good or bad, and thereby prevent the appearance of the ruinous type mentioned, it would be well. The remedy for the evil is apparent to all; the mode of application is not so easily determined.

ED. H. WILKINSON.

BY THE BUSINESS MANAGER.

We would like to have readers inquire at their postoffices and see what stamps of different values are on sale. If any, you think, are not common, would be glad to publish list, and by so doing, help each other.

We will give a cut next month of sanctum of one of leading papers we receive. Well worth subscription price.

Our advertising rates are well worth price asked, and will make a special inducement to parties that is worth sending stamp for as will surprise you.

A boom is being made in connection with stamp meet to hold a stamp exhibition at Omaha during the great Trans-Mississippi Exposition in 1898.

Most of our readers are cyclists and we would advise them to send to the Inter-State Cycler of Des Moines, Iowa, and see copy of paper starting first weekly west of Chicago.

Notice in *Bicycling World*, of Boston, Mass. (oldest cycling paper of U. S.) their Chicago representative speaks regards special delivery or rush letters. As postmasters or carriers receive 8 cents for each letter, before cycles were used cost of street car was more, or walk, and since cycles, when wheel is paid for, is net gain and more prompt.

It may not be known that all mail matter in U. S. except first class is not sent because of insufficient postage and is generally opened to see what they contain or sent to dead letter office, as about Xmas time is a number sent to foreign countries, and notice list of names to whom sent in daily papers, held as even first class; when sent postage is double on other end outside of U. S., as just received cycle paper of Australia with postage due,

being first paper outside of U. S. I ever received for want of postage, but letters without number.

The '96 Year Book of A. P. A. just received and is out the quickest since I have been a member, and can thank Joe Beard for same I believe, as he is a hustler. Is something every member is anxious to see and if illustrated am sure would take better.

I have received State Directory of California, Facts Pub. Co., Riverside, Cal.; Kentucky by H. Burba, Hodgeville, Ky.; Texas by E. W. Hensinger, San Antonio, Tex. Write publishers for particulars. Reports of Birmingham Phil. Society, 208 Birchfield Rd., Bir'g'm, Eng.; Aberdeen Phil. Society, 73 Loanherd Terrace, Aberdeen, Scotland; City of London Phil. Club, 42 Strahan Rd., Bow London, E. England. Can get above reports by writing secretaries at above addresses. Mekeel's address Book circulars for St. Louis, Mo. Price lists of F. M. Thomas, 3610 Finney Ave., St. Louis, Mo.; J. T. Starr Stamp Co., Coldwater, Mich.; H. E. Morey, 31 Exchange St., Room 1, Boston, Mass.; Raynor Hubbell Stamp Co., 22 Palace Arcade, Buffalo, N. Y.; C. W. Lawton, Patterson's Mills, Pa.; H. D. Ruehlman, Sharon, Wis.; E. T. Parker, Bethlehem, Pa.; Joe F. Beard, Muscatine, Ia.; A. C. Townsend, Loan & Trust Bldg., Washington, D. C.; J. Krebs, 78 Nassau St., N. Y., and '97 Calendar of Hurtig Bros., 626 Broadway, N. Y. Of foreign dealers: W. Wood & Co., South Tottenham, Middlesex, England; Geo. C. Ginn, 16 Baronet Rd., Tottenham, London, England; C. J. Smith, St. Neots, Upper Park Rd., Kingston Hill, Surrey, England. Bight & Son, The Arcade, Bournemouth, England; William Ridout, 99 Strand, London, W. C., England; A. F. Cook, Box 136, H. I. Auction Catalogue of J. W. Scott, 40 John St., N. Y.; B. L. Dhaw, 23 Conet St., Boston, Mass.; G. R. Tuttle, 520 Summer

Ave., Newark, N. J.; G. L. Moreau, 122 W. 48th St., N. Y.; Bogart & Durbin, 160 Nassau St., N. Y.; Chicago Phil. Society, by Dr. Cottlow, 144 Oakwood Boul., Chicago; Phil. Lit. Cat. of Doughty & Page, Lock Box 1061, Muscatine, Ia.; J. M. Chappell, Jr., Macon, Wis.

Copies can be got of above parties by writing them.

One of the neatest samples of stamp album pages and approval cards are those sent out by P. M. Wolseiffer, 201 Clark St., Chicago. Would advise dealers and collectors to write him regards these. Has what you need.

C. W. Lawton of Patterson's Mills, Pa., sends notice that about Feb. 10 he will issue a priced catalogue of Philatelic Literature. Five or six thousand papers will be priced.

M. B. Page, of Muscatine, Iowa, will publish Directory of Literature Collectors Jan. 15 or Feb. 1.

Send for ad. rates.

Several subscribers' subscriptions as well as member N. P. S. dues fall due with this number and if marked on editorial page with red cross you may know you are one of the list, and will be the last paper received till paid. Also wish to state to those parties who have dropped a postal card for foreign stamp papers that none are sent unless postage for same is enclosed, as I have no second class rate on them and all I ask is postage, and are not sent unless it is sent.

EXCHANGE COLUMN.

Free to members N.P.S. and subscribers.

Jose Covalanf, Nacional Rosaris (state), Buenos Ayres, Argentine Republic, has stamps of southern countries of South America in quantities to exchange for U. S. and Canada.

L. Deion, 8 Impasse Guemnee, Paris, France, has stamps to exchange for others.

Henry Robert, Curefife, Mauritius, has stamps to exchange.

J.F. Terry, P.S. of A. 346, Beverly Lodge, Blechyndeen Terrace, Southampton West, England, has English and British colonies to exchange.

H. P. Atherton, 307 Beech St., Holyoke, Mass., wants wholesale mixtures of any kind in exchange

for good U. S. stamps. He will pay one half postage.

Rudolf Krause, Altata Tinaloa, Mexico; M. Broche, 71 bis Rue de Villeneuve, Alfortville, Seine, France; Henry Tonzi Avocat, 139 Rue de Tresoreu, Bordeaux, France; Z. Amsingt, Jr., Centenrloge 358, Amsterdam, Netherlands; C. Harcourt & Co., 8 Newells St., Fettel Lane, London, E. C., England; W. St. A. Jordan, 120 Frere Rd., Bombay, India; A. H. Bird, Westfield Lane, Idle, W. Bradford, England; R. C. F. Schomberg, East Sheen, London, England; N. S. Home, 11a West Hill, Huddersfield, England; James Reed, 41 St. Andrews Hill, London, E. C., England. Above wish to receive copies of stamp papers.

Following want to exchange stamps and receive copies of papers: R. J. Bhadavodeker, French Bridge, Girgaum, Bombay, India; Const Duzding-out, Jossy Roumanie; J. M. Moses, Wudehouse Rd., Colaba, Bombay, India; A. V. Lewis, 9 Boyd St., Middle Park, Melbourne, Australia; Bertie Scouler, Lincluder Ayr, Scotland; Samuel Vestey, care Dr. Paul Wiest, Sindelfing-n, Wurtemberg, Germany; J. K. L. Butler, 30 Ferne Park Rd., Strand Green, London, England; Jas. Ross, Jr., 42 Tymoald Hill, Stoneycroft, Liverpool, England.

Write D. C. Lloyd, Stowe Hill, Lichfield, England, for particulars of U. S. Specialists' Exchange Club. If you collect U. S. it will pay you.

Members N. P. S. who have stamps to exchange: I. T. Clausen, Amelia, Neb.; R. L. Payne, Schuyler, Neb.; J. A. Anderzen, Bertrand, Neb.; F. E. Tomblin, Bartley, Neb.; S. H. Hacker, Auburn, Neb.; Chas. S. Einsel, Holdrege, Neb.; Rev. Ch. Schober, Nelson, Neb.

Wm. H. Kohbe, Fort Canby, Wash., has small steam engine to exchange for stamps.

Large quantity of 4c, 5c and 10c. 1890-94-95, to exchange for U. S. stamps or philatelic papers, William B. Hopsan, 1109 S. 28th St., Omaha, Neb.

U. S. and Foreign stamps and philatelic papers to exchange for common Revenues and Foreign in lots of ten or more. Frank T. Shepard, Nebraska City, Neb.

I have 100 different tobacco tags, all over 15 years old, to exchange for best offer in foreign stamps. Percival Jamieson, 2732 Blondo St., Omaha.

Will give two varieties 1890 2c capped for five philatelic papers, Harper's Handy Book for two philatelic papers; also have good stamps to exchange for philatelic papers, M. C. Haldeman, Box 21, Thompsontown, Pa.

Edward Copley, 9 King John's Chambers, Nottingham, England, wishes to exchange stamps.

W. I. Austin, Stamford Hill, near Durbar, Natal, South Africa, has used and unused South Africa stamps in large or small quantities, and would be glad to exchange with collectors.

Edward Hoily, 3 South St., Deal, Kent, England, is a naturalist collector, and will be pleased to hear from all collectors such as will exchange specimens, Butterflies of Europe for American.

Leon V. Cass, McGraville, N. Y., Box 38, will exchange 30 different foreign stamps, some unused, for six running months of the Home Worker or six running months of the Texan Philatelist. Papers must be in good condition. Would also like to hear from every collector who has philatelic papers to exchange. When writing state what you will exchange for.



Professor Philatelicus' Black List.

Reprints of Victoria 4d-1s of 1885, ½d of '86, 1s.6d of '88, 1d of '92; forgeries of Brazil, '94 issue, with inverted centre; Tuscany 60c of '51 issue; England, Levant, 40 paras; Mexico 50c of '86 issue; Portugal 1st issue 1853. Reported by P. R. & S. N.

Just send a reference

for my sheets of U. S. at 50 per cent. discount. Here you will find some bargains that won't break you up in business to buy them.

J. C. LONG,

LOCK BOX 199. FALLS CITY, NEB.

FREE

I will give 100 varieties of Foreign Stamps to everyone sending for my sheets.

ARTHUR F. SWEET,
Cranston, R. I.

H. HOHRMANN,
STUMPERGASSE,
Vienna, Austria.

Has sets of Austrian stamps, Scott's number 47 to 51, and other desirable European for exchange. Send good sheets for selection. S. of P. 1800.

REMEMBER I am headquarters for Philatelic Literature. If you are in need of anything in my line write me and perhaps I can interest you.

H. D. RUEHLMAN,
Sharon, Wisconsin.

BOYS!! Send 7 cents and your address and get a fine packet of over 25 stamps and gummed paper, with some good stamps on approval. SHARON STAMP CO., Box 156, Sharon, Pa.

"JUST TELL THEM WHERE YOU SAW ME."

Be in the fashion and use
WOLSIEFFER'S BLANK STAMP ALBUM
Best and cheapest in the wide world.
WOLSIEFFER'S APPROVAL CARDS
Something entirely new.
Wolsieffer's Left Page Stock Books
You can't get along without them.
Prices and circulars of supplies on application. Stamps bought for cash.
P. M. WOLSIEFFER, 201 Clark St., Chicago, Ill.

U. S. REVENUES.

3c	Proprietary, 1871	30c.
4c	" "	15c.
3c	" " 1878	10c.
4c	" red,	12c.
1c	Medicine, green, "1 Vilder"	60c.
2c	" blue, "Helmhold"	10c.

A. BASTIN & CO., SAFE BUILDING,
CHICAGO.

CANADA and United States 25 per cent. British Colonies and Rare Foreign 33 1-3 per cent. FREE! FREE! All sending for the above shall receive free a set of stamps catalogue at not less than 50c. Reference required.

200 well assorted foreign stamps from Argentine Republic, Peru, Transvaal, Cuba, Hong Kong, Bermuda, Kew King, etc., for 25c. This packet will catalogue over \$2.75. A bargain. Price list free.

E. MARKS STAMP CO.,

169 and 171 McCaul St., TORONTO, CANADA.

KINGSTON BAKER will send 25, 50 or 70 different English package stamps, including

RARE GOVERNMENT PARCEL STAMPS

etc., for same value in sets of used U. S. or North and South American postage stamps. Send in official envelopes and address **Kingston Baker**, 7 City Gool Road, Cork, Ireland, British Isles. N. B. - All letters answered the same day as received.

WHOLESALE PRICES

FINEST STAMP HINGE.

10,000	.35c.	50,000	\$.152.
25,000	.70c.	100,000	\$.140.

Sample thousand, 10c. silver.

W. PERCY ARNOLD,
STONINGTON, CONN.

COLLECTORS ATTENTION!

All philatelists who have less than 3,000 varieties should try our fine 50 per cent. sheets. Many bargains are to be found on these sheets. We always require reference. Have we your want list. Write us anyway.

E. B. HORN STAMP CO.,

11 Greenwich Park, BOSTON, MASS.

U. S. REVENUES 50 PER CENT. OFF.



5c Playing Card, Perf.....	\$.40
25c Passage Ticket "12
50c Lease "30
\$1.00 Manifest "50
\$1.00 Probate of Will "50
3 cent (outer line, O. C.).....	.15
100 var. Foreign.....	.05
35 var. U. S.....	.10

POSTAGE EXTRA.



FRANK T. SHEPARD,
NEBRASKA CITY, NEBRASKA.
(Member N. P. S.)

BEARDSLEY'S PHILATELIC DIRECTORY AND ADDRESS BOOK. JUST OUT OF PRESS.

Contains over 12,000 names and addresses, which is 5,000 more than ever published before in any philatelic directory. Thoroughly up-to-date and reliable. Besides containing fine lists of names in out of the way places, such as Falkland Isles, Zanzibar, Tahiti, Fiji, and all other South Sea Islands and all new African settlements it contains

OVER 7000 DOMESTIC NAMES.

Besides the directory part it contains a fine lot of advertisements and exchange notices.

The price is very low, \$1.00 post paid. You should have a copy. Special prices on quantities.

HERBERT C. BEARDSLEY, Publisher,
Box 216, ST. JOSEPH, MO.

N. B.—Bear in mind that this is the only directory published at this time that contains ANY domestic names.

TO CLOSE THEM OUT I will offer entire unused lot of 4c green on white, small size, at 6c each; with packet 25 at 5c each, party to pay postage; or will sell 6 lots of 4c at 36c; is less than 2/3 off. **L. BRODSTONE,**
Superior, Neb.

"JUST TELL THEM WHERE YOU SAW ME."

TRY ONE OF THESE CHOICE : PACKETS —OF—

Absolutely Perfect Specimens of United States
and Foreign Stamps.

350 varieties, worth 1c to 25c each.....	\$.75
500 " " 1c to 50c "	1.25
650 " " 1c to \$1.50 "	2.50

From 75 cents to *Three Dollars* worth of valuable coupons in *every packet*.

Remit by Money Order *only*.

Send me your name for cheapest list ever issued.



CHARLES C. ROGERS,
113 West 15th Street, NEW YORK CITY.

3000 DIFFERENT

CAMPAIGN, BICYCLE
OR MOTTO....

BUTTONS.

All the rage. Start a collection.

Big Illustrated catalogue and four different sample buttons, 10c.

MARO BUTTON CO.,
Dept. 40, Central Music Hall,
CHICAGO.



I WANT TO BUY
COLLECTIONS and good
Stamps. No trash. Send
for list. I make a
specialty of filling want
lists, and if I have not what is wanted, make
every effort to procure it. **Wolsieffer's Left
Page Stock Books** are the best: \$1, \$2 and \$3
sizes. Collections prepared and sold at auction,
P. M. WOLSIEFFER, 201 Clark St., Chicago, Ill.

THE SUN PRINTING CO., SUPERIOR, NEB.

LEADING PHILATELIC PUBLICATIONS.

THE HOME WORKER,

KNOXVILLE, TENN

If you have not received a sample copy send your name at once. Read the following special notice:

To everyone sending us 20c and mentioning this paper before the end of October we will send 12 numbers of the Home Worker the best philatelic paper in the southern states. If you don't think it worth the money, don't write.
L. Brodstone, agent, Superior, Neb.

When You Purchase

\$1 worth of stamps from any progressive dealer ask him for one year's subscription to the

PHILATELIC CALIFORNIAN,

as a premium to your purchase. If you want to receive a sample copy write immediately to the California Philatelic Press Club, Box 2537, San Francisco, Cal. A. H. Welber, Editor, B. H. Henderson, Manager.
L. T. Brodstone, agent, Superior, Neb.

EVERYBODY WANTS

Scott's 57th Standard Catalogue

We will send it and the AMERICAN COLLECTOR one year for only 65 cents. The regular price of both is 85 cents. The A. C. is a large 9x12 illustrated monthly for stamp collectors. If you have not seen it yet send for a free sample copy.

The American Collector,

Piney Creek, Maryland.

The British Collectors' Paper.

THE PHILATELIC CHRONICLE,

[6th year.]

Ads 62c per inch. The only British paper that reaches all the societies. Every month is given away a 12 page supplement. The two papers 38c per annum. Specimen free for postage.
Fentham Road, Handsworth, Birmingham, Eng., or of American Agent, L. T. Brodstone, Lock Box 116, Superior, Neb.

"MULTUM IN PARVO"

The Stamp Collector's Hand Book. Full of Live Information on Every Branch of Philately.
PRICE--Paper 25c; Cloth 50c.

C. W. KISSINGER,

BOX 236, READING, PA.

Send for sample copy of Penny Organ of P. S. of A. largest stamp society in the world.

SMYTH & CO.

1 Campbell Road, Boscombe, Bournemouth, England. Specialists in **British-African Colonial**. Cheap and medium approval sheets of these always ready against good references. "The Monthly Post," 25c per annum. 4th year of publication. It will pay you to subscribe. Sample copies for postage from L. BRODSTONE, Agent, Superior, Neb.

SUBSCRIBE

TO

The Rocky Mountain Stamp

25 cents per year.
10 cents for six months.

829 Seventeenth St., DENVER, COLO.

DOUGHTY & PAGE'S

Philatelic Literaturoist.

Invaluable to every literature collector or publisher. Sample copy free! Latest thing out! Nothing like it in the world!

MOSES B. PAGE, Box 1061, Muscatine, Ia.

SAMPLE COPY FREE

Send your name on a postal card for a copy of

The Southern Philatelist.

Only 10 cents a year. Address,

G. J. LUHN, Charleston, S. C.

NOT THE BEST BUT THE BEST FOR THE PRICE

The Texan Philatelist.

Published monthly at 15 cents per year. Eight pages and cover. Sample copy free. Address

Walter Clayborne Lowry, Abilene, Texas.

SPECIAL NUMBERS WILL BE A FEATURE of The Philatelic Free Lance. Includes a Political Convention, Canadian Post Card, Ladies, and other special numbers. Every literature collector should have this paper. Philatelic Free Lance, Bellaire, Ohio.

FREE-- TO ANYONE NOT FAMILIAR WITH The Evergreen Philatelist, we will gladly send it on trial two months. The magazine will then be discontinued. Address the publication (postal preferred) at Hartford, Washington.

Townsend's Catalog for 1897

is issued and ready. It is one of the best and cheapest lists on the market, pricing all U. S. stamps, adhesives, departments and revenues.

Prices are very low, fine stamps are furnished at these prices, and satisfaction is guaranteed or money refunded. I think it would pay you to have a copy. If you want one, the only charge is a stamp for return postage.

A. C. TOWNSEND,
L. & T. EULDING, WASHINGTON, D. C.

PACKETS

1000 different stamps, no cut postal cards, locals or revenues, big leader, only \$5.55.

500 all different selected stamps, containing no postal cards, revenues or locals, all other dealers are making a lot of noise and offering a packet like this at \$4 to \$5, our special low price is only \$1.99 postpaid.

100 all different U. S. Postage only, price only \$1.75.

With every order for any of the above packets we send free an entire unused envelope, 1875, 1c, blue on fawn, cat. 25c, 1000 finely assorted Continentals, 18c.

Our new price list of U. S. Postage and Revenue is out. A copy sent free.

Approval sheets U. S. at 15 to 33 1-3 per cent, commission; fine foreign at 50 per cent, commission.

F. N. MASSOTH & CO.,
888 Marquette Bldg., CHICAGO, ILL.

TO THE FIRST 3 PERSONS

Sending for my approval sheets I will give free of charge one year's subscription to the Omaha Philatelist.

F. W. HIGGINSON,
1425 S. 8th St. Omaha, Neb.

SCOTT'S 57th catalogue, postpaid, 58c, (price 25c) free with each order. Send 65c and you may have the 57th and a year's subscription to any 25c paper. **S. P. HUGHES,** Howe, Neb.

SEND YOUR Want LISTS



of Revenues, or Stamps of the
U. S. or foreign, to

JOE F. BEARD,

MUSCATINE, IOWA,

and get his net figures on same. His stock is large, and prices cannot be beat by any dealer.

TRY HIM AND SEE!

HALL'S BARGAIN COUNTER

is something new in the stamp "biz," but has come to stay. It is stocked up with good to rare U. S., B. N. A. and Colonial postage and revenue stamps. I am on deck this month with genuine all-wool bargains, and wish to convey the glad tidings to wide-awake buying collectors. Send want lists so as to be in at the death, and participate in the slaughter. That it is no idle boast, the following offer will show:

	List Price.	My Price.
U. S. 1847, 5c., pairs	\$1.40	\$.85
" 1851, 10c., on cover, 75c.	1.00	.60
" 1855, 10c., " " 35c.	.50	.38
" 1861, 10c., " " 10c.	.15	.08
" " 24c., red lilac	1.50	.80
" 1862, 5c., red brown	3.50	2.25
" " 5c., brown	.40	.25
" 1869, 1c., per 10	\$4.20	.75
" " 6c., " "	4.60	.85
" " 10c.	1.00	.70
" " 12c.	.75	.50
Brit. Columbia law stamp, 50c., blue, 1st issue	.75	.30
Canada, 1859, 1c., per 100	12.00	5.00
" " 5c., " "	6.00	2.50
" " 12½c., green	.40	.25
" " 17c., blue	1.50	.95
U. S. 90c Treasury	1.00	.55
" 50c Probate of Will	1.75	.80

Cash with order. Postage 3c extra on orders under \$1.00.

W. KELSEY HALL,
Peterboro, Ont., Canada.

The Philatelic West.



VOL. III. No. 2.
SUPERIOR, NEBRASKA.
FEBRUARY, 1897.

VIKING STAMP COMPANY



CARSTEN O. JENSEN,

Manager,

949 Milwaukee Avenue.



GEO. A. NELP,

Secretary,

600 N. Lincoln Street.



THE VIKING PACKAGES

are superior to any packages in the market. They contain no cut postal cards nor envelopes. Every stamp a perfect copy.

100 varieties	\$.07
200	"	.25
400	"	1.00
1000	"	6.50

Our stock of NORWAY STAMPS is COMPLETE. Send us your want list. We allow you 40 per cent discount on them.

Our department of STAMPS ON APPROVAL is up to date. 50 per cent discount. Correspondence solicited.

CARSTEN O. JENSEN,
949 Milwaukee Ave., CHICAGO, ILL., U.S.A.

Member P. S. of A. 1029, S. of P. 1825, Chicago Phil. Society 425.

THE PHILATELIC WEST

A MONTHLY PUBLICATION.

DEVOTED TO THE INTERESTS OF PHILATELY AND THE NEBRASKA PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

VOLUME 3.

SUPERIOR, NEB., FEBRUARY, 1897.

NUMBER 2.

CANADIAN REVENUES.

S. P. HUGHES.

(Began in October Number.)

NEW BRUNSWICK.

The first *Law Stamps* for this province were authorized and issued in 1884. As far as I know only the four values and five varieties mentioned in this article have as yet made their appearance. The design is very similar to those of *British Columbia*—figure of Justice holding balance in right hand, sword in left. The value expressed both in words and figures at bottom of stamp. The first issue consists of a 10, 20, 50 cents and \$2.00, all printed in blue. In 1887 the government reissued the 20c stamp and printed it in red, thus making the fifth variety.

MANITOBA.

Manitoba fell into line in 1887, when her first issue of *Law Stamps* appeared. The set consists of six values and about fifty varieties.

The design of the 10, 20, 25 and 50c were all similar, and all values were printed in green. The general design was similar to the other provincial *Law Stamps*—full length figure of Justice holding a pair of balances and sword. In the cent values the words "*Manitoba Law Stamp*" is across the top in two curved lines, while the value is expressed in large numerals at

either lower corner, with word *cents* between.

The difference in the dollar values was in the wording of the value. At either upper corner, value expressed in numerals, with \$ sign, also word *Dollar* between, just below this word *Manitoba*, and between frame surrounding Justice and bottom of stamp words *Law Stamp*. All the *Manitoba Law Stamps* were surcharged for special use. The surcharges meaning as follows: L. S., Law Societies; J. F., Judges Fees; C. F., Court Fees; and B. F., Bailiff's Fees. In 1888 the entire set was reissued, but with no change in design of stamp.

QUEBEC.

The first time Quebec came to make use of *Law Stamps* was in 1864. Having no issue of her own, the Upper Canada (Ontario) stamps were surcharged "L. C." (Lower Canada) in red. By some these stamps are considered as a distinct and separate issue, but being identical with the Ontario stamps can hardly be considered as such. The set consisted of fourteen varieties, and all values as used in Ontario. In 1870 these L. C. stamps went out of use, and were followed by a regular issue for this province, somewhat similar to the stamps issued for Ontario in the same year. The figure of Justice within an oval topped rectangular frame 14x26 mm., the size of stamp being 27x47 mm., perforated 12. The words "*Law Stamp*" at top of stamp 22 mm. in length, "*Quebec*" at bottom

13 mm. in length. The value of the denominations under \$1.00 expressed in large numerals in curved line just below the words "*Law Stamp*," and is followed by the word "*Cents*." Those not having word "*Cents*" spelled out in full have an abbreviation "*Cts*" separated from the numeral by an ornament about 2 mm. wide, and resting just on top of frame surrounding Justice. The design of the dollar values, as with other provinces, was somewhat different. On either side of central frame, instead of scroll work, as in the lower values, these stamps had "*Quebec*" and "*Province*." Words "*Law Stamp*" at top in straight line, figures of value and word "*Dollar*" just below. Of the first issue the 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80 and 90c issues were red, the dollar values dark blue; then the cent values were changed to vermilion, and the dollar values to light blue.

In 1889 three new values were added: 10, 20 and 30 dollars, thus making a total of sixteen values and thirty varieties. The colors of these last stamps were: \$10, yellow; \$20, green; and \$30, brown. The government finding the \$10 adequate for all purposes, only issued a few sheets of the higher values, hence they are very scarce.

In 1866 Quebec issued a "*Law Registration*" stamp, which was used on all papers filed in registry offices. The first issue of 1866 consisted of three values, and six varieties. These stamps were about square in size, with design much different from any revenue yet issued. The value expressed in large white figures occupied center of stamp, surrounded by "*Registration, Lower Canada*." A leaf ornament in each corner of stamp, and between ornaments at bottom was word "*Cents*." The three first values—3, 15 and 30 cents—were printed in brown, the succeeding ones of the same issue printed in vermilion.

(CONCLUDED NEXT MONTH.)

U. S. REVENUES.

During the past summer, while examining the business papers of one of our older merchants, recently deceased, I found some revenue stamps entirely new to me. I consulted what catalogues were available and found no reference to them. I then sent specimens of them to Chief Engineer Eaton, U. S. N., a collector of many years and owner of a superb collection of stamps. He wrote that he had heard of these stamps, but had until my letter never seen one.

The stamps are two cents and are for receipts. There are two varieties, differing only in that one has at the bottom the sentence in two lines, "Good when issued for the payment of money." The stamps—made in the paper like the checks so long in use—are of orange tint. They are oblong, the smaller 30x45 mm., the large 30x50 mm. The oblong has an oval—two arcs concave to each other and making a sharp point above and below. In the upper angle of this oval is the monogram "U. S." Below is a shield having on upper rim "Internal Revenue," below an eagle with spread wings and underneath in a straight label "Two Cents." Still below is the numeral "2." None of these were found prior to 1869 or subsequent to 1870. They were adapted to the use of firms having an extensive trade requiring many stamped receipts. They were probably used in the large cities for a short time. They are well executed and seem worthy some attention. OREN ROOT.

BOILED DOWN.

ORIGINAL AND OTHERWISE.

Ere this the annual destruction of old plates by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing will have occurred. They are taken to the navy yard and melted down, thus destroying them completely.

**

A bureau that undertakes to collect debts and ascertain the reliability of stamp collectors has lately been started in England, the idea being gained from our own firm of like nature which has its headquarters in Detroit.

**

When the receiving teller of the Bank of British North America, in Toronto, was appointed, he had to give a bond of \$10,000. It was not easy to do. He thought of a few old stamps he had collected when a boy. He had been told that some of them were valuable. They had been lying in an old drawer for twenty years or more. Getting them out, he sent a catalogue to a wealthy philatelist, who replied that he would pay \$10,000 cash for the lot. Taking the letter to the bank, he offered it and the old stamps as his bond. The bank accepted, and has had the collection locked up in its vaults ever since. Its value a week ago was estimated at \$35,000.

**

The Postmaster General of British Central Africa states that none of the revenue stamps of that country were ever used postally. Prominent English dealers, however, are still prone to believe that some of these fiscals did do postal duty.

A collector sends in the following to an English paper: "History informs us that it was in the year 1855 that Victoria, Queen of Great Britain, first used garters, they then being of small size. During the next year, she used the medium size; but in the following year (1857) she was obliged to use the large size." It might be well to state that these remarks referred to the watermarks on certain Great Britain stamps.

**

From the Philatelic Record we clip the following classification of collectors, according to a German writer:

1. Beginners.
2. Average collectors.
3. Serious collectors (collections worth \$10,000 to \$25,000).
4. Important collectors (collections worth \$25,000 to \$50,000).
5. Prominent collectors (collections worth over \$50,000).
6. "Hors pair" or "hors ligre" (collections worth over 250,000).

Truly, some of our foreign brethren have queer notions.



Professor Philatelicus' Black List.

The *London Philatelist* gives light to a wonderfully ingenious swindle in connection with the Naples $\frac{1}{2}$ tornese blue cross. The perpetrators took used genuine specimens of the common values of the pink Naples stamps, and removed the color by some chemical process, and substituted their forged blue $\frac{1}{2}$ tornese, thus obtaining the forgeries on the original paper.

NEBRASKA'S PRIDE.

The Nebraska Philatelic Society. Organized 1892.



President—Wm. B. Hopson, 1109 S. 28th St., Omaha.
 Vice-President—
 Secretary-Treasurer—C. L. Thurston, 2408 Farnam St., Omaha.
 Librarian—R. Shepard, 2004 Wirt St., Omaha.
 Exchange Superintendent—S. P. Hughes, Howe.
 Auction Manager—Dr. F. L. Riser, 1231 O St., Lincoln.
 Attorney—H. A. Cheney, Creighton.
 Purchasing Agent—H. L. Bennett, College View.
 Counterfeit Detector—E. W. Fitt, Box 1126, Plattsmouth.
 Trustees—Hopson, Thurston and Pyburn.
 Official Organ—The Philatelic West.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

It is with regret we receive the resignation of our president, Fred B. Woolston, and we are loth to give him up, being as he was our leader and chief worker for the welfare of our society and the securing of the conventions for Omaha for 1898. He says that owing to the pressure of other business he is unable to attend to the duties of the office.

I wish to call your attention to your dues. If they are not paid up for 1897, kindly forward the same to the Secretary-Treasurer as early as possible.

Let every member try and secure at least one new application for membership during 1897, and thus keep our society still in the lead as being the oldest, largest and best state organization in the country.

W. N. B. HOPSON.

WM. B. HOPSON, Vice-President and Chairman Trustees N. P. S.:

Dear Sir—I hereby tender my resignation as president of Nebraska Philatelic Society. Same to take effect at once.

Yours truly, FRED B. WOOLSTON.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Have received, since last report, the remainder of the library. It now numbers about 1,200 pieces. Have prepared a list of all papers. May be had for a 2-cent stamp and returned in three days.

R. L. SHEPARD,
 2004 Wirt St., Omaha, Neb. Librarian.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

New Member—143. G. C. Doehling, Bruno.
 Resignation Received—128. A. Pilley, Thayer.

Applications for Membership—F. A. Stanbro, Syracuse; reference, F. T. Shepard. Geo. Koechnke, Box 1217, Plattsmouth; reference, E. W. Fitt. Above applicants will be admitted if no objections are filed within two weeks.

PAY YOUR DUES.

Notices have been sent to all members in arrears for dues, and only a very few have answered such notices. If you received a card please forward your dues at once, as this is the last number of the official organ you will receive till your dues are paid. Remit at once and so receive your official organ promptly.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

My address is now The Cairo, Washington, D. C. This is not a permanent removal of residence, but only a temporary one. I will only be away from Omaha a couple of months and will conduct the affairs of the Secretary's office as easily and promptly as if in Omaha. Wishing the society a prosperous year and the accession of many new members. Fraternalty yours,

CLARENCE L. THURSTON,
 The Cairo, Washington, D. C. Secretary.

Entertainment Fund for '98 Conventions.

In order to make a good showing for Omaha at Atlantic City and Boston next summer it has been suggested that we raise a fund for the entertainment of the visiting stampites in case Omaha captures the '98 convention. The following have subscribed the amounts set opposite their names:

L. T. Brodstone	\$5.00
Clarence L. Thurston	5.00
Fred B. Woolston	5.00
W. B. Hopson	5.00
C. Pyburn	2.00
Louis J. Kramer of Iowa	2.00
S. P. Hughes	5.00
S. W. Hacker	5.00
R. L. Shepard	5.00
W. F. Hendricks	5.00
C. Eddy	5.00
E. L. Platz	5.00
Dan D. Doolittle	2.00
Eben S. Martin of Minn.	5.00
Moses B. Page of Iowa	2.00

This amount payable July 1st, 1898, if we get the convention. Members wishing to subscribe will please send name and amount to Secretary, or this paper. No subscription for less than \$1.00 will be received.

EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT.

In another column will be noticed a list of stamps offered for sale by this department. There is but one stamp in each case and the first person sending cash for same will receive stamp. If this first sale receives the support it should, they will be continued in each issue.

The department is in a very prosperous condition with over 50 books in circulation.

valued at over \$400.00. All the members are requested to give the department a trial, and a large amount of support at the present time is coming from outsiders who find they can buy cheaper from circuit books than from any other source.

S. P. HUGHES.

COUNTERFEIT DETECTOR'S REPORT.

The Counterfeit Detector has not been getting in much fine work on counterfeits this term, chiefly because the members of the N. P. S. either are not aware of the existence of such an individual or prefer to ignore the usefulness of the information which may possibly be derived. Perhaps there are no counterfeits in Nebraska, or that they are so evident that any one can discern them. However, it has occurred to me that the N. P. S. could make good use of the department in this way. If each member who has any counterfeits which he does not want will send them to me, I will mount them in a small album and with those I have already on hand form the nucleus of a counterfeit collection to be the property of the N. P. S. and to be handed over by each officer to his successor at the end of each term, and if necessary it could be mailed to any member on advance postage for his or her inspection.

I think it would be quite an interesting album after awhile, and would be the means of keeping us acquainted with many of the frauds in stamps extant. Some of the worst are those printed early in the seventies, and are found in all old albums.

So far only one member has sent in a specimen for examination. A report was made thereon, but have heard nothing since from him.

It will afford us great pleasure to examine your specimens and when sending them in please enclose return postage.

E. W. FITT,

Counterfeit Detector.

A WORD WITH ADVERTISERS.

It is a well-known fact that the advertiser first in the field is the one who will reap the harvest. If he can cause his advertisements to circulate among a class of purchasers who rarely see a philatelic paper he reaches the most liberal purchasers known. By keeping his advertisement constantly in circulation among such people, he secures a permanent, paying trade.

Residing in the west, in Nebraska and surrounding states, are hundreds of collectors to whom practical philately is yet unknown, save by perhaps an occasional stray sample copy or dealer's price list. Among these are numerous collectors who can well be termed "advanced," who are always willing to purchase good stamps, and there are also collectors by the score who only possess small collections but are

only awaiting the opportunity to buy and increase their varieties.

THE PHILATELIC WEST offers to advertisers a never before equalled opportunity to reach such collectors as the above. It circulates more extensively among them than any paper published. A long list of the collectors residing in Nebraska and the surrounding states, compiled with care by the personal efforts of collectors traveling over this territory, is owned by the publishers of this paper. The names in this list are only of those known to be actively engaged in collecting. Over one-half of these are collectors who know nothing whatever of the great world of philately. These names have been secured at some expense in the only way possible—by personal inquiry in the various towns of these western states. To the enterprising advertiser, THE PHILATELIC WEST offers the means, at the appended low rates, whereby to reach these collectors. Can you afford to let the opportunity pass without grasping it?

OUR ILLUSTRATION.

Sanctum of The Weakly Bug, Mechanicville, N. Y. "Who enter here leave hope behind."

This poem is writ without a name—
It's used our picture to explain.

In many sanctums this sign you'll find:
"Who enter here, leave hope behind."

'Tis so with ours, O! reader dear,
For there is nothing that we fear.

His troubled brow one editor rubs,
He's writing a poem on D. J. Hubbs.

If he should fall in Hubbs' clutches,
He'll have use for those idle crutches.

The other imp, with shears in hand,
Is writing editorials from every land.

And in the background you will spy
The fighting editor, handy by.

With ax and ball club, lying near,
We'll kill the first who enter here.

While even the dove is trying to lug
A heaven-sent message: Read The Bug.

A. LONGFELLOW.

The above best explains it. G. W. Tilly, Jr., and G. W. Way are ones sitting down; the other party is Steve O'Donell, the fighting editor.

They offer their paper for one year and fine cabinet photo for 40c. Is one of the neatest papers received.

THE PHILATELIC WEST.

PUBLISHED MONTHLY.

BRODSTONE & WILKINSON, Publishers.

L. T. BRODSTONE, . . . Business Manager.
Superior, Nebraska.

ED. H. WILKINSON, . . . Editor.
P. O. Box 47, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Entered at the postoffice at Superior, Nebraska, as second-class mail matter.

SUBSCRIPTIONS—Twenty-five cents a year in advance.

All subscriptions must commence with the current number.

Back numbers 3c each except No. 1, Vol. 1. We will be pleased to exchange with all philatelic publications.

Exchanges are requested to send one copy to the editor and one to the business manager at their respective addresses.

An X opposite this paragraph indicates that your subscription to this paper expires with this number. We should be pleased to have you renew.

ADVERTISING—Rates on application. Special inducements on yearly contracts.

Cash in advance required where advertiser is unknown to publishers.

Remittances should be made by draft, postal or express money order or registered letter for amounts over 50c. Make payable to business manager, Superior, Nebraska.

Good manuscript always in demand. Postage must be sent in case manuscript is to be returned if not accepted.

All letters in regard to advertising and subscriptions should be addressed to the business manager. Address the editor on other subjects.

We have received "The Inside History of the Late P. S. of A. Campaign," by S. M. Hamilton. It is full of interesting matter, and no up-to-date collector should be without it.

Our circulation continues to increase in a very satisfactory manner.

A writer on the Evergreen Philatelist alludes to philately as "a branch of Demonology." This is a new one. We have had science, art and hobby,

and now its "a branch of Demonology." Our dictionary says demonology is "a treatise on evil spirits." Will the author of the phrase elucidate.

* *

Some department stamps may be scarcer used than unused, but it occurs to us that it would not be wise to price them higher. Easy enough to transform the unused into a used specimen.

* *

'Tis rumored that the Philatelic Literature Society is not as great a success as it should be. One member says if more efficient officers were at the head of its affairs it would be more prosperous.

* *

Several of our patrons have registered complaints against K. Toda, a Japanese dealer whose advertisements recently appeared in THE PHILATELIC WEST. We are endeavoring to ascertain his standing, and have cut out his advertisements until something definite is known.

* *

The A. P. A. directors are carrying out the wishes of the last convention in regards to abolishing cumulative voting, a committee having been appointed to ascertain the corporation laws of various states.

* *

Plate numbers have suffered material reductions in the recent plate number catalogue. If the publishers of our standard catalogue would follow the good example set and cut down prices to their proper level, it would be well. As it is, this

standard catalogue is full of inflated values, and the queer part of the business is that live collectors know it, dealers know it, and the publishers know it. Fifty and forty per cent less than catalogue is a common reduction. This being true, how eminently proper it would be to set those prices down that are so inflated.

* *

The collector of today has two values he places on a stamp. Before it is purchased, it is considerable less than its catalogue price. After it is secured and placed in his collection, its value is full catalogue price. And then how hard it is for him, if disposing of his collection, to have to part with it at a small per cent. of its catalogue value, though why he should expect to receive anywhere near the catalogue value is a mystery.

* *

It must be that the one thing lacking to make stamp-collecting as lively as it once was is that same mysterious element needed to awaken to new activity the general business interests of our country. "Confidence restored" and we will again see prosperous stamp collecting. Despite statements made endeavoring to show that collecting is in a healthy condition, dealers every place can be heard complaining of poor trade. Some of our papers, in an honest effort, perhaps, to improve a poor outlook, are scoffing at this fact, but we must admit its truth. We, of course, would not mention names, but suffice it to say that

personal conversation with prominent dealers by correspondents and by ourselves compel us to admit that collecting is not what it should be. We look for a noticeable improvement, but can not expect it for some time.

* *

"The Cambrian Stamp Exchange Club," an English institution, charge no commission on sales, but their accounts are "settled every three months at half marked prices." A novel idea, truly, but American collectors would be averse to such a system. Its disadvantages, especially to the purchaser, are obvious.

BUSINESS MANAGER SAYS

Sorry to say we have several ads not paid for, and if this is marked you may know you are on the list of names to be published in the next number if not paid, as we have given all plenty of time to settle.

* *

Joe Beard's price list is well worth sending for, as can be seen by his page ad. His prices are cheap.

* *

Auction sales catalogues still coming. P. P. Wolsieffer and Chicago Society of Chicago, G. R. Tuttle and Scott Stamp & Coin Co. of New York, Baltimore Society by H. Jenkins of Baltimore, Md., are main ones received this last month. It will be well to write above for catalogues of future sales.

* *

J. M. Bartels of Washington, D.C., 2d edition of Plate No. Catalogue, is far ahead of the last one and is well worth the price asked.

R. H. Bruce of Middletown, Conn., Dealer's Directory is neat, and the printer's work is ahead of most we have seen this year.

C. F. Rothfuchs of Washington, D. C., Nos. 1 and 2 price lists are as good as a catalogue, and the prices as usual.

E. A. Steigler of Denver, Colo., kindly sent a Colorado Address Book, and F. Sanborn a copy of Bruce's Directory.

Price lists of A. C. Townsend, Washington, D. C.; R. L. Shepard, Omaha, Neb.; Phoenix Stamp Co., Holdrege, Neb.; C. M. Goonewardene, Wellawatha, Ceylon; H. Hashworth & Co., 63 Brown St., Manchester, England; J. Klebs, 7 Nassau St., New York; New England Stamp Co., 265 Washington St., Boston, Mass.

Notice ad. of Viking Stamp Co. of Chicago. He is always pleased to see any collectors or dealers of his city or any visitors coming to the city. They have a local society in his neighborhood, with some fine collections, which it would be worth your while to see.

H. R. Cooper, Jr., of Orange California, has issued a little book on Philately, Philatelists and Press. It will pay advertisers to send for it.

Notice removal of our friend dealers in England, of Jaggard & Co. to 39 Renshaw St., Liverpool.

I wish to state to members of N. P. S. that no money has been received from the Secretary for the organ. If you do not receive numbers you may know that I have not been paid, as there have been numerous complaints about marked copies. See?

MY COLLECTION.

BY J. C. LONG.

In the spring of 1892 I became interested in stamps through a lady friend who asked me for permission to cut off the postage stamps on all our old letters. My father was a great correspondent in his younger days, and from 1850 to 1870 wrote several letters a week. He always saved all old letters, and by the time I got around and hunted them up I found about a bushel. Having no knowledge of stamps or their value, doubtless I let many scarce stamps slip through my fingers. Shortly afterward I caught the fever, and was soon collecting with a vim that would do credit to any school boy. At first my specialties were the Central American countries, Mexico and the United States. At that time there was no tabooing of Seebecks as now, and I had no knowledge of them. I soon learned their history and disposed of them. Later, I dropped Mexico, and now have only the United States left.

When I began collecting, I only put unused copies in my album, but my pocket book wouldn't stand it. Gradually I got rid of my unused stamps and replaced them with lightly cancelled copies. I think these are nearly as handsome and they carry with them the evidence of having done something. Being one of these poor "church mice" collectors, I haven't any 90c '69 or \$20.00 state, but have many desirable copies of good stamps obtained through friends. Most of my collection has been formed through

exchanging, and this is a desirable way of acquiring new specimens when both parties are not bent on getting something for nothing.

Well can I remember my first registered letter. On going for my mail the postmaster said he had a special package and got out his registry book. With feelings of wonder and excitement I managed to scratch my name so he could read it. He then gave me the letter prepaid with four 3c 1890. It was the handsomest letter I had ever received. I kept it a long time to show my friends. It contained a good many fine stamps which found a resting place in my album.

In looking over my entire envelopes I find some curious addresses written during the war. One reads like this: "To Jas. H. Reagan, Sam Clage and others, Athens, Tenn." Probably there were no organized companies at that date. Should a postmaster receive such an address now-a-days he would have some trouble delivering it.

In conclusion I must add that my stamps are always a source of amusement and pleasure, never growing old or losing any of their interest.

COMMENTS UPON JAPAN.

E. B. HORN, JR.

Not long ago I was shown a philatelic paper that was printed in Chinese. It was as curious as a laundry check, but nevertheless it was philatelic. It contained evidently some valuable (?) news, and from appearance I should say that it contained about four advertising pages.

Speaking of China calls to my mind a curious yet true belief of the Japanese. This following item was related to me by a friend recently returned from Japan. Their recently issued set of Jubilee stamps has, we understand, been the occasion of the devotion to the subject of considerable valuable space in

their daily and weekly papers. But to make a long story short, we'll say that the point of this discussion consisted of two facts. First, the people were very much dissatisfied with the stamps because it was considered by them to be a disgrace for the general whose portrait appeared upon the stamp to have "his face" circulated all over the country, and to have "his face" stamped by the ugly cancelling machine. Second, one general's face was printed on the two-cent specimen, and another general's was printed on the five-cent stamp. Some considered it more of an honor for the general whose portrait was on the five-cent value, because the denomination was higher, and on the other hand some arbitrated that the general on the two-cent stamp was more highly honored because the two-cent value would necessarily have a larger circulation than the five-cent. Consequently to remedy this latter disagreement two sets were issued, with the same portrait on the two and five of one set, and the other portrait appeared in the same fashion on the other set. Yet there was much dissentment over this issue on account of other such odd ideas. Verily, the Japanese are a curious race.

EXCHANGE! U. S. Coppers, 1800-1857, Hard Times Tokens 1837, War Tokens 1863, with some foreign copper and silver, for U. S. Stamps. For lists and prices address **O. ROOT, CLINTON, N.Y.**

TO CLOSE THEM OUT I will offer entire unused lot of 4c green on white, small size, at 6c each; with packet 25 at 5c each, party to pay postage; or will sell 6 lots of 4c at 36c; is less than $\frac{2}{3}$ off. **L. BRODSTONE,**
Superior, Neb.

I SAY, FELLOW!

Don't you think 25 per cent off of 57 ed. prices isn't enough. If you are economical you will say no. Now, I can send you sheets of U. S. at 50 per cent off that contain good stamps (especially for the beginner) and all you need to do is send a reference. I buy stamps too (U. S. only) and would like to have you send me some on approval with lowest price. If O. K. I'll take them at specified price. Yours for biz.
J. C. LONG, Lock Box 199, Falls City, Neb.

IF YOU ARE IN NEED

of a Camera that will produce a perfect picture, obtain

THE HAWK-EYE, JR.

which will be found

A FAITHFUL FRIEND AT ALL TIMES.

The simplicity of its working parts enable the novice to obtain results that will astonish old photographers. Loads in daylight and uses either roll film or glass plates.

Size, $4\frac{3}{8} \times 4\frac{3}{4} \times 6\frac{1}{4}$ in. Photo, $3\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$ in.
Weight, 20 oz.

PRICE, \$8.00. Send for Catalog, giving description of all kinds of Cameras.

THE BLAIR CAMERA CO.,

471 Tremont Street,

Boston, Mass.



NOVA SCOTIA.

UNUSED ORIGINALS.
1c black. 2c. mauve. $8\frac{1}{2}$ green.
The set of 3, only \$2.00.

Thousands of similar bargains will be found in my

1897 PRICE LIST.

Ask for it if you did not see it.

A four months' trial subscription to **THE POST OFFICE**, one of the leading philatelic monthlies, only ten cents. 100 varieties of postage stamps to every new subscriber if you send a self addressed envelope with postage and mention this journal. Fine approval sheets at 25 to 50 per cent.

HENRY GREMMEL,

No. 85 NASSAU ST., NEW YORK.

I AM SELLING

GOOD U. S. STAMPS

at 40 per cent discount, also

Entire Unused U. S. Envelopes and Wrappers
at 50 per cent discount.

Send references if you want a selection on approval.

F. E. ELLIS,

817 Sixth Ave., CEDAR RAPIDS, IA.

MEXICO! Mexican postage and revenue stamps at prices that defy competition. Why not write me! I'll make the price right.

S. P. HUGHES, HOWE, NEB.

COLONIAL POSTAGE STAMPS.

New South Wales, Ceylon, Natal, Cape of Good Hope, South Australia, India, Tasmania, New Zealand, Victoria, Queensland—no Canada. 22 varieties and nine different duplicates, post free, 10 cents. Address,

HENRY P. DAY, Peoria, Ill.

Have You Seen

H. L. Ewen's Catalogue? Out in November, 1896. Is double the size of year before, and no collector of English stamps should be without one. Regular price 62c; I offer it for 50c, or send it and *The Philatelic West* for one year for price of catalogue, 62c. Order of agent, L. T. BROADSTONE, SUPERIOR, NEB.

PACKET NO. 10.

25c. (silver.)

Contains 100 varieties foreign and U. S. stamps, including U. S. Revenues but no postal cards or envelopes. 1x15c (Cat.) Medicine Stamp with each packet. Sent postpaid on receipt of 25c (silver) or 27c in stamps.

A. BASTIN & CO., SAFE BUILDING,
CHICAGO.

U. S. CHEAP.

76-5c, brown on white, p., entire, new. 10c.
82-5c, brown on amber, p., entire, new. 12c.
85-1c, periodical, new. 15c.
88-special delivery. 15c.
Good approval sheets for asking.

THE PHOENIX STAMP CO.
HOLDREGE, NEB.

"JUST TELL THEM WHERE YOU SAW ME."

∴ CASH SALE ∴

FOR READERS OF THIS PAPER.

EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT NEBRASKA PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

The following stamps are offered for sale by Sales Department at prices asked by their respective owners. Postage in each case is extra. * means unused, and all stamps are in fine condition unless otherwise stated. Order by number. S. P. HUGHES, HOWE, NEB.

1* Cuba, 5c, 1870, no gum, otherwise perfect	\$3.00	38	"	\$1.00, " "	1.10
2 U. S., 12c, 1869	.45	39	"	\$2.00, " "	1.50
3 C. S. A., a rare 10c, rose, 1862, cat. \$5.00	1.25	40*	"	30c, p. due, brown, 1879	1.25
4 Bahamas, one penny, Scott's No. 8	2.00	41*	"	50c, " light claret, 1889	1.00
5* British Honduras, one penny, Scott's No. 13, no gum	1.25	42*	"	30c, " unvat., 1894	.50
6 Newfoundland, 5c, blue, 1876, rouletted	.50	43*	"	50c, " " "	1.10
7 U. S., 1869, 15c, fine copy on part cover	1.25	44	"	1c, Navy dept.	.80
8 U. S., 1872, 24c, good color	1.10	45	"	90c, Int. " perf. 3 sides	1.25
9 Nova Scotia, 10c, vermilion	1.00	46*	"	90c, Treas. " no gum	1.10
10 U. S., 5c, '47, fine pair	1.30	47	"	90c, " "	.60
11 U. S., 15c, 1870, fine copy with grill	4.00	48*	"	24c, War "	.40
12* U. S. \$1.00, 1894, no watermark	1.25	49	"	Rev., 2c certifi., blue, all are perf. all around	.55
13 Mexico, 1856, 8 reales, fine copy	2.50	50	"	" " 2c certifi., orange, perf.	.40
14 Arg. Rep., 1892, Peso, set fine copies	.90	51	"	" " 2c play. card, orange, small hole in center	.60
15 C. S. A., 2c, rose, Charleston postmark	1.00	52	"	" " 5c play. card	.45
16 P. E. I., 3c, rose, on cover, fair copy	2.00	53	"	" " 5c proprietary	.85
17 Canada, 3c, 1870, fine copy, laid paper	1.75	54	"	" " 10c " "	.85
18 U. S. Rev., 50c, prob. of will, cat. \$2.00	1.00	55	"	" " 15c For. exchange	.55
19 Nova Scotia, 1851, 3d, blue, on cover	1.25	56	"	" " 25c warehouse receipt	.50
20* Virgin Island, 1p., green, fine	1.40	57	"	" " 30c for. exchange	1.10
21 U. S., 5c, 1847	.45	58	"	" " 50c lease	.40
22 " 10c, 1851	.55	59	"	" " 50c prob. of will	.90
23 " 10c, 1860, perf. off one side	1.25	60	"	" " \$1.00 manifest	.55
24 " 24c, red lilac, 1861	.80	61	"	" " \$1.00 mortgage	1.85
25 " 30c, 1861	.30	62	"	" " \$1.00 prob. of will	.70
26 " 5c, red brown, 1862, tear in top	1.25	63	"	" " \$1.30 for. exchange	.70
27 " 10c, 1867, grill	.50	64	"	" " \$2.00 prob. of will	.85
28 " 15c, " "	.80	65	"	" " \$3.50 incl. exchange	1.10
29 " 24c, " " few perf. gone	2.25	66	"	" " \$5.00 mortgage	.50
30 " 1c, 1869	.40	67	"	" " \$10.00 charter party	.50
31 " 6c, " "	.45	68	"	" " \$10.00 mortgage	.85
32 " 10c, " "	.55	69	"	" " \$10.00 prob. of will	.75
33 " 24c, 1871, not embossed	1.10	70	"	" " 40c, perf. 3 sides. 2d issue	.40
34 " 90c, 1879	.65	71	"	" " 60c, " "	.70
35 " 90c, 1888	.65	72*	"	\$1.00 Columbian	3.35
36 " 90c, 1890	.45	73*	"	\$2.00 Columbian	2.20
37* " \$5.00, unvat., 1894	5.60				

HALL'S BARGAIN COUNTER

is in full blast, and many strange faces are seen in the throng of bargain hunters. I offer the finest hinge on the market at 9c per 1,000, and the finest blank approval sheets at 40c per 100.

Ginger(y) Snaps for the New Year:

	Cat. Price	My Price
U. S. 1861, 10c, type I, slight defect.	\$20.00	\$ 9.00
" " 10c, 500, a fine desirable lot.....	75.00	34.00
" " 10c, 40, on covers, fine....	6.00	3.50
" " Agriculture, 3c,.....	.25	.15
" " " 6c,.....	.75	.50
" Registered Seal, green.....	.25	.10
" Revenue, 3c, Play. Card, blue..	.40	.16
" " 2c, Certificate, orange.....	.75	.35
" " 3c, Telegraph.....	.35	.20
" " 25c, Warehouse Receipt.....	1.00	.55
" " \$1. E. of G., fine cut punched, imperf....	2.00	.60
" " \$2, Conveyance.....	.30	.12
" " \$2, Mortgage.....	.25	.15
" " \$3, Charter Party.....	.25	.15
" " \$3, Manifest.....	.35	.22
Canada 1851, 3d, laid paper.....	1.50	.80
" " 6d, " ".....	6.50	3.60
" " 1852, 3d, " ".....	.35	.20
" " 6d, purple black.....	6.00	3.40
" " 6d, spongy paper.....	8.00	5.40
" 1857, 1 ¹ / ₂ d.....	4.00	2.50
" " 7 ¹ / ₂ d, fine cut scant margins.....	22.50	12.50
" 1858, 1 ¹ / ₂ d, perf.....	8.50	5.40
" " 3d, " ".....	3.50	2.25
" 1859, 5c, Beaver, variety, fine	15.00	9.00
" 2875, 8c Register.....	2.50	1.75
" Officially Sealed.....	2.50	.95
" 1860, 5c envelope, new or used entire.....	1.50	1.10
" " 5c envelope, variety, rare, entire.....		6.00
" " 10c envelope, entire, new.....	4.00	3.40
N. B. 1851, 3d, on cover, fine.....	4.50	3.20

Cash with order. Postage 3c extra on orders under \$1. Send me your want lists.

W. KELSEY HALL,
Peterboro, Ont., Canada.

"JUST TELL THEM WHERE YOU SAW ME."

PACKETS

1000 different stamps, no cut postal cards, locals or revenues, big leader, only \$5.55.

500 all different selected stamps, containing no postal cards, revenues or locals, all other dealers are making a lot of noise and offering a packet like this at \$4 to \$5, our special low price is only \$1.99 postpaid.

100 all different U. S. Postage only, price only \$1.75.

With every order for any of the above packets we send free an entire unused envelope, 1875, 5c, blue on fawn, cat. 25c, 1000 finely assorted Continentals, 18c.

Our new price list of U. S. Postage and Revenue is out. A copy sent free.

Approval sheets U. S. at 15 to 33 1-3 per cent commission; fine foreign at 50 per cent commission.

F. N. MASSOTH & CO.,
838 Marquette Bldg., CHICAGO, ILL.

BEARDSLEY'S PHILATELIC DIRECTORY

AND ADDRESS BOOK.

JUST OUT OF PRESS.

Contains over 12,000 names and addresses, which is 5,000 more than ever published before in any philatelic directory. Thoroughly up-to-date and reliable. Besides containing fine lists of names in out of the way places, such as Falkland Isles, Zanzibar, Tahiti, Fiji, and all other South Sea Islands and all new African settlements it contains

OVER 7000 DOMESTIC NAMES.

Besides the directory part it contains a fine lot of advertisements and exchange notices.

The price is very low, \$1.00 post paid. You should have a copy. Special prices on quantities.

HERBERT C. BEARDSLEY, Publisher,
Box 216, ST. JOSEPH, MO.

N. B.—Bear in mind that this is the only directory published at this time that contains ANY domestic names.

Be in the fashion and use
WOLSIEFFER'S BLANK STAMP ALBUM
Best and cheapest in the wide world.

WOLSIEFFER'S APPROVAL CARDS
Something entirely new.

Wolsieffer's Left Page Stock Books
You can't get along without them.

Prices and circulars of supplies on application. Stamps bought for cash.

P. M. WOLSIEFFER, 201 Clark St., Chicago, Ill.

LEADING PUBLICATIONS.

When You Purchase

81 worth of stamps from any progressive dealer ask him for one year's subscription to the

PHILATELIC CALIFORNIAN,

as a premium to your purchase. If you want to receive a sample copy write immediately to the California Philatelic Press Club, Box 2537, San Francisco, Cal. A. H. Weiber, Editor, B. H. Henderson, Manager.

EVERYBODY WANTS Scott's 57th Standard Catalogue

We will send it and the AMERICAN COLLECTOR one year for only 65 cents. The regular price of both is 85 cents. The A. C. is a large 9x12 illustrated monthly for stamp collectors. If you have not seen it yet send for a free sample copy.

The American Collector,
Piney Creek, - Maryland.

The British Collectors' Paper.

THE PHILATELIC CHRONICLE, [6th year.]

Ads 62c per inch. The only British paper that reaches all the societies. Every month is given away a 12 page supplement. The two papers 38c per annum. Specimen free for postage.
Fentham Road, Handsworth, Birmingham, Eng.,
or of American Agent, L. T. Brodstone, Lock Box 116, Superior, Neb.

SUBSCRIBE

TO

The Rocky Mountain Stamp

25 cents per year.
10 cents for six months.

829 Seventeenth St., DENVER, COLO.

THE NUMISMATIST, MONROE, MICH.

A high grade illustrated monthly magazine for coin collectors. \$1.00 per annum. Now in tenth volume. Ten cents will bring you two sample copies. To test the Advertising value of The Philatelic West, the publishers will give 20 varieties foreign coins and the magazine to every applicant who remits \$1.10 for a year's subscription. Address, THE NUMISMATIST, Monroe, Mich.

The "HERALD EXCHANGE."

SUPERB MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTION 25c. Sample Copy Free.

Ad. Rates:—1/2 in. 20c; 1 in., 35c; 2 in., 65c; 3 in., 95c; 1 col., \$3.00; 1/2 page, \$4.50; 1 page (2 1/2 inches), \$8.75. Address all communications to

N. TAUSIG, Mgr.,
9 East 108th St., N. Y., U. S.

DOUGHTY & PAGE'S

Philatelic Literaturist.

Invaluable to every literature collector or publisher. Sample copy free! Latest thing out! Nothing like it in the world!

MOSES B. PAGE, Box 1061, Muscatine, Ia.

NOT THE BEST BUT THE BEST FOR THE PRICE

The Texan Philatelist.

Published monthly at 15 cents per year. Eight pages and cover. Sample copy free. Address

Walter Clayborne Lowry, Abilene, Texas.

WIND! doesn't cost much, but it's expensive. There is no wind in the

INTERNATIONAL STAMP

It's solid. Send for sample to

2624 Dupont Ave. So.,

MINNEAPOLIS, - MINNESOTA.

THE HOME WORKER, KNOXVILLE, TENN.

The leading philatelic paper of the south. Free sample copy. Subscription 25c a year. Advertising rates 50c an inch. Address P. O. Box 25, Knoxville, Tenn.

SPECIAL NUMBERS WILL BE A FEAT. Sure of The Philatelic Free Lance. Includes a Political Convention, Canadian Post Card, Ladies, and other special numbers. Every literature collector should have this paper. Philatelic Free Lance, Bellaire, Ohio.

FREE--TO ANYONE NOT FAMILIAR WITH The Evergreen Philatelist, we will gladly send it on trial two months. The magazine will then be discontinued. Address the publication (postal preferred) Box 512, Dalles, Oregon.

Net Prices of Stamps

— FOR SALE BY —

JOE F. BEARD, Muscatine, Iowa.

U. S. ADHESIVES.			No.		New.	Used.
No.		\$				
12	5c black, N. Y.		109	2c brown, '69	80	12
14	5c Prov.	4 75	110	3c blue, '69	70	01
24	5c brown, Franklin, 1847		111	6c blue, '69	2 50	60
25	10c black, 1847	14 00	112	10c yellow, '69		75
27	1c blue, Type II, 1851		113	12c green, '69		50
29	3c red, 1851		114	15c brown and blue, '69		3 00
30	5c brown, 1851		115	15c brown and blue, '69		1 30
31	10c green, 1851		116	24c green and purple, '69		5 00
32	12c black, 1851		117	30c blue and carmine, '69		2 50
36	1c blue, Type I, 1857	10 00	118	90c black and carmine, '69	14 00	
37	1c blue, Type II, 1857	1 75	132	1c grilled, '70	4 00	35
38	1c blue, Type III, 1857	25	133	2c grilled, '70		10
39	3c red, 1857		134	3c grilled, '70		02
40	3c red (outer line), 1857		135	6c grilled, '70		2 50
42	5c red-brown, Type I, 1857		139	15c grilled, '70		5 00
43	5c brown, Type I, 1857	10 00	146	1c ultramarine, '70	2 00	10
44	5c brown, Type II, 1857	2 50	147	2c red-brown, '70		02
45	10c green, 1857		148	3c green, '70	1 50	02
46	12c black, 1857		549	3c carmine, '70	3 00	10
47	24c lilac, 1857	5 00	110	7c vermilion, '70		45
48	30c orange, 1857	8 00	151	10c brown, '70		15
53	10c dark green, 1861, damaged		152	12c dark purple, '70		50
58	1c blue, 1861	20	154	24c purple, '70	12 60	1 00
59	3c pink, 1861		155	30c black, '70	7 00	40
60	3c rose, 1361	10	156	90c carmine, '70	7 00	1 00
61	5c yellow, 1861		157	1c blue, '73	90	03
62	10c green, 1861		158	2c dark brown, '73		03
63	12c black, 1861		159	3c green, '73	50	01
64	24c red lilac, 1861		160	6c pink, '73	80	06
65	30c orange, 1861	4 00	161	7c vermilion, '73		50
66	90c blue, 1861		162	10c brown, '73		04
67	2c black	40	163	12c purple, '73		45
69	5c chocolate, 1862, damaged		164	15c orange, '73	5 00	
70	5c brown, 1862		184	2c vermilion, 1879	15	01
71	15c black, 1862	5 50	186	5c blue, 1879		03
72	24c gray lilac, 1862	2 00	188	10c brown, 1879	50	02
73	3c rose, 13x16		189	15c red orange, 1879	35	10
81	3c rose, 12x14		190	30c black, 1879	1 40	10
82	1c blue, 11x13		191	90c carmine, 1879		70
83	2c black, 11x13		196	5c brown, Garfield, 1882		01
84	3c rose, 11x13		197	1c light blue, Re-engraved	07	01
85	10c green, 11x13		198	3c green, Re-engraved	10	01
86	12c black, 11x13		199	6c red, Re-engraved	90	
88	1c blue, 9x13	4 00	200	10c brown, Re-engraved	30	01
89	2c black, 9x13	75	201	10c black-brown, Re-engraved		15
90	3c rose, 9x13	50	202	2c claret, 1883	05	01
91	5c brown, 9x13		203	4c green, 1883	10	01
92	10c green, 9x13		204	2c green, 1887	05	01
93	12c black, 9x13		205	3c vermilion, 1887	10	05
94	15c black, 9x13		206	1c blue (new design)		01
95	24c gray lilac, 9x13	5 00	207	4c carmine	10	03
96	30c orange, 9x13	10 00	208	5c blue	30	01
108	1c buff, '69	1 00	209	30c orange brown	50	25
			210	90c purple		90

The Philatelic West.



VOL. III. No. 3.
SUPERIOR, NEBRASKA.
MARCH, 1897.

VIKING STAMP COMPANY



CARSTEN O. JENSEN,

Manager,

949 Milwaukee Avenue.



GEO. A. NELP,

Secretary,

600 N. Lincoln Street.



THE VIKING PACKAGES

are superior to any packages in the market. They contain no cut postal cards nor envelopes. Every stamp a perfect copy.

100 varieties	\$.07
200	"	.25
400	"	1.00
1000	"	6.50

Our stock of NORWAY STAMPS is COMPLETE. Send us your want list. We allow you 40 per cent discount on them.

Our department of STAMPS ON APPROVAL is up to date. 50 per cent discount. Correspondence solicited.

CARSTEN O. JENSEN,
949 Milwaukee Ave., CHICAGO, ILL., U.S.A.

Member P. S. of A. 1029, S. of P. 1825, Chicago Phil. Society 125.

THE PHILATELIC WEST

A MONTHLY PUBLICATION.

DEVOTED TO THE INTERESTS OF PHILATELY AND THE NEBRASKA PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

VOLUME 3.

SUPERIOR, NEB., MARCH, 1897.

NUMBER 3.

CANADIAN REVENUES.

S. P. HUGHES.

(Began in October Number.)

QUEBEC CONTINUED.

In 1871 these stamps were reissued, design was changed, also the color, which was in green. Size of stamp, 22x30 mm., perforated 12. This series of stamps is found perforated very irregularly, often with very wide margins and again with no margins at all. Design was a beaver facing to left in circle, 19 mm. wide; at top in straight line word *Registration*, 20 mm. in length; just below *Quebec* in curved line, while at either end was value in figures; the value also expressed in words in straight line at bottom 20 mm. in length. These last six varieties might be considered by some as only three, as the only difference is in the light and dark shade of green.

ASSURANCE STAMPS.

In 1876 Quebec issued a set of Assurance stamps. The design consisted of the word *Quebec* in an oval frame 18 mm. in length, *Assurance License Stamp* just above in two curved and one straight line. Just below frame is value in figures, also expressed in words at bottom of stamp. The set consists of fifteen values, and as many varieties. The 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 cent values were green, the 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 dollar values in lilac.

LICENSES.

In 1889 Quebec issued a \$2.00 brown stamp to be used in the transfer of licenses, and as far as I know is still in use, as no other has ever been issued. In size the stamp is about 25x45 mm. At top of stamp in curved line is word *Licenses*. In center of stamp is a large numeral 2, just above word *Two* and below word *Dollars*. *Quebec* at bottom of stamp in an oblong frame.

There are a number of other Canadian revenues, but for various reasons they will not be given now, but taken up at some future date.

(THE END.)

SEEBECKS AND THE BEGINNER.

S. W. HACKER, AUBURN, NEB.

Being a reader of the Post Office, the article in the December number entitled the "Hope of Philately," by Mr. Capen, interested me very much, as indeed does all of this gentlemen's writings. And yet there are certain parts of it to which I must take exceptions.

Speaking of discouragements to beginners, he says: "The principal one is the calling of certain stamps which are most pleasing and attractive to the young 'rubbish.' The young collector who has filled certain spaces in his album at a considerable expense for his limited means, does not feel happy when

one to whose opinion he defers, speaks slightly of his acquisitions. The agitation against Seebeck issues has done more to injure collecting than the issues themselves could have done by any possibility. It is to be hoped that the talk * * against all the most attractive stamps * * will die out."

Now I, for one, fail to see why Seebecks should be let alone. I do not believe that the young collector would be benefited thereby, but rather injured, and I can see no one who would be benefited unless it is the manufacturer of and dealer in such goods.

For in the first place the "beginner," if he ever does any good to philately, must some day become a "collector," and he will then find out that the stuff he has been spending money for, is trash. Will he feel any better then than if he had found it out at first? It seems to me that his disgust will be in proportion to the time and money he has fooled away upon them. If there would be risk that he would give up at first, there would be much more risk at a later date.

But if the young collector is informed of the character of these stamps before he has spent much money on them, he will not be discouraged; on the other hand, if he has the true spirit of the collector, if he has in him the making of a philatelist, if he will ever be of any benefit to our hobby, he will take pride in gaining knowledge and displaying it in making discriminations between trash and stamps worthy of his attention.

I can well remember my own experience with this trash. I had been collecting for a few months, and of course had been buying a lot of these "cheap and pretty" stamps. I had in my possession one day a lot of approval sheets filled with Seebecks and reprints, from which I was making some selections, when a brother collector, Rev. Whitmer, dropped in on me and gave me a hint as to their character. Well, of course I felt disgusted with the dealer who furnished me the trash, but did not feel discouraged, nor have less love, but rather more, for the genuine stamp. I also know of other similar cases, where the beginner, while spurning the Seebecks and reprints, did not get discouraged and give up collecting. It is safe to say, however, that the dealer who imposed upon us with such trash sold us no more stamps.

Mr. Capen urges upon all collectors to do all they can to induce others, especially the young, to begin collecting. If we are to be the instruments of interesting others in our hobby, why not at the same time warn them of the character of Seebecks, just as we would of counterfeits, and then any danger of future trouble, even if any exists, will be avoided.

But there is another phase to this matter. If we ought to be quiet about Seebecks so as not to discourage or injure the young collector, why not apply the same reasoning to reprints and counterfeits? Seebecks, in the form we usually get them, are not stamps. In my opinion, they rank with reprints. They

were never intended to do postal duty, but to sell to the collector; never went, nor were even intended to go, to the country from which they are supposed to be issued, but were intended like reprints to fleece the collector. Now Mr. Capen is certainly not in favor of reprints and counterfeits masquerading in the character of genuine stamps! Why, then, Seebecks? Is there not just as much sense, just as much logic, just as much honesty in one as the other?

The fact is, a fraud is a fraud; a counterfeit is a counterfeit; a reprint is a reprint; trash is trash; truth is truth; and a Seebeck is a Seebeck, and all the whitewashing in the world cannot change its character—nor can all the silence, either.

Now I am not saying that one should not collect Seebecks. I have no right to do that. I collect postally used copies, and even others if they happen to come in my way without costing me anything, just as I do reprints. But for pity's sake let us be honest with the beginner and not deceive and defraud him, or cause him to be defrauded.

If you knowingly sell me a counterfeit for a genuine stamp, you are dishonest. If you purposely sell me a reprint for an original, you are a fraud. And if I sell you a Seebeck and leave you ignorant of its character, I certainly should be placed in the same category.

Then let the young collector know the character of the goods he is buying, and do not leave him the opportunity to charge us some day with having been dishonest.

The Brief Story of My Stamp Collecting.

I began on January 10, 1896. In my home, which was the home of my father before me for more than forty years, letters had been accumulating in the garret. They had come from both sides of my ancestry: my father as the eldest brother of his family and my mother as the eldest sister, had received the family correspondence. Both of my grandmother's had passed away in this home. I knew that my mother had spent hours in the garret over the old letters, and she had often said that they should be burned in December, 1895. Rummaging in the garret, I found letters scattered over the floor and, looking more sharply, discovered boxes, partly broken, filled with the relics of the past. I determined to look over the letters, preserve those worth preserving, and destroy the others. My first venture was a great box holding two or three bushels. It was a task of weeks. A fire on the hearth in my study made way with the refuse. Now and then a letter of interest would go to my wife and daughter in the room adjoining the study. For some weeks I paid no attention to stamps. I have no knowledge as to what I may have burned. But during my holiday visit to New York, passing along 23d street going from lunch at Dorlon's, I saw Scott's stamp catalogue in a show case. I stepped in and bought the 56th edition. On January 10th I came across a curious stamp on a letter to my grandmother from Philadelphia. It so aroused my curiosity

that I sought my catalogue. It was a "Blood's Penny Post." In the same package I found a 10c of 1847. These two determined my fate. Thereafter no stamp went into the fire. I found that some collector had been through most of the files, as from a large number of foreign letters of 1863-65 the stamps had been removed. However, here and there a letter had been overlooked. When the garret treasures had been examined and the fires died out above the sacrificed correspondence, I had quite a gathering of U. S. stamps and a few good foreign, as a Baden of 1864, when my younger brother was a student at Heidelberg.

At this time, most fortunately, writing to my friend Chief Engineer Eaton of the U. S. Navy, on other matters, I mentioned my stamps. His reply was a little about the other matters and very much about stamps. He had been a collector for thirty years. He told me what to do and what not to do, and in his great heartedness sent me a fine lot of Chinese and Japanese stamps. This letter clinched it. My father had been a collector all his life—of minerals, of fossils, of shells, of coins, and of violins and divers other things. In my boyhood I had collected a cabinet of a thousand minerals. Now, after more than forty years, the collecting craze came upon me "hard and fast," and—it was stamps.

I have very little money to spend on stamps. I put in that line only what comes from unexpected sources. My friends here and there over the earth have been very kind in

answering my letters. I had some pleasant experiences in exchanges. A boy in a Paris school whose parents are in Egypt was for a time a charming correspondent. A doctor in Penang sent one good letter with stamps and to my response with more valuable stamps there has been no echo. This is better than K. Toda of Japan, who did not even acknowledge the first lot. But I have found the stamp men gentlemen in the main.

I had as a result of my father's coin collecting a large number of copper, silver and base metal coins. Many of them are curious to coin collectors. These I have exchanged for stamps. I have now after one year something over 2,100 stamps. They have been of interest when matters of greater interest would have been of no avail. I spend neither time nor money upon them to the neglect of any other interest. They please me, interest me; and I shall hold on to my stamp collecting.

R.



THE PROMOTER.

The promoter is a character well known in this country. He is more frequently found in the smaller cities, it being questionable if he could thrive in the more notable philatelic centers, where he would not be so conspicuous, and can not succeed in impressing collectors with his far-sighted greatness in affairs philatelic as he can in localities where collectors are not quite so numerous, where his ability to cause his associates to regard him

as a philatelic light of some consequence because he professes to belong to philatelic societies, national, international and foreign, too numerous to mention.

As a rule, he is found full of conservative dignity. He is generally in a hurry, and to talk with his brother collectors in apparently a condescension on his part. When reading his stamp papers, it will be found he is apparently deeply engrossed in the auction sale prices, "chronicles of new issues," etc. If he converses with a companion, his theme is the rise in values of certain prices, or the latest counterfeit.

The light and airy way in which he speaks of disposing of dollar Columbians, or purchasing Wood Block Triangular Capes fills his hearers with awe and envy. He talks of the St. Louis stamps as he would of a lot of Continentals, although he may not possess a sufficient sum to buy the most common variety.

The promotor is peculiar to himself. His prototype has always existed in life apart from philately, but his presence has never been so much noticed in our circles as at present. He is in evidence everywhere. He does no harm, and his talk creates no discussions, so he is not disturbed. But whenever a man comes to you and tells you fabulous stories of "finds;" bores you with his version of the cause of the recent fluctuations in the prices of Sydney Views, or the great advance in English V. A's.; tires you with a lengthy discussion on the reliability of the standard catalogue, put him down

as what we term "The Promoter." He is probably one of those "oddities" designated by some one as "a collector who does not collect." Well posted on the latest philatelic topics, and able to hold his own in any discussion, able to describe and find all the minor varieties, watermarks, papers and perforations, but, incongruous as it may seem, not owning a collection. Of the various types of character to be found in our midst, none are so incongruous, paradoxical or unexplainable as "The Promoter."



OUR ILLUSTRATION.



R. L. Shepard, of Omaha. One of Nebraska's leading collectors. Librarian of N. P. S., Secretary and Treasurer Omaha Society and member of most of the leading American societies. Is publisher of The Omaha Philatelist, the February number being one of the finest numbers ever issued of any paper in the west. As you can tell, he is a hard worker for Omaha in '98. He is also a leading cyclist of his city, and if in the city you will do well to call and see him.



ADVERTISING ACCOUNTS FOR SALE.

Those advertisers who forgot to write or pay up are as follows: W. J. Degleman, Mankato, Minn.; C. C. Hart, Pipestone, Minn.; W. P. Arnold, Stonington, Conn.; N. Y. Stamp and Publishing Co., New York City; Maro Button Co., Chicago. Foreign ones are: K. Toda, Bingo, Japan; H. Morrison, Knight, and K. Baker, of England. Others come in our next number if not paid.

THE PHILATELIC WEST.

PUBLISHED MONTHLY.

BRODSTONE & WILKINSON, Publishers.

L. T. BRODSTONE.....Business Manager,
Superior, Nebraska.

ED. H. WILKINSON.....Editor,
P. O. Box 47, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Entered at the postoffice at Superior, Nebraska, as second-class mail matter.

SUBSCRIPTIONS—Twenty-five cents a year in advance.

All subscriptions must commence with the current number.

Back numbers 3c each except No. 1, Vol. 1. We will be pleased to exchange with all philatelic publications.

Exchanges are requested to send one copy to the editor and one to the business manager at their respective addresses.

An X opposite this paragraph indicates that your subscription to this paper expires with this number. We should be pleased to have you renew.

ADVERTISEMENTS—One Dollar an inch. Special inducements on yearly contracts.

Cash in advance required where advertiser is unknown to publishers.

Remittances should be made by draft, postal or express money order or registered letter for amounts over 50c. Make payable to business manager, Superior, Nebraska.

Good manuscript always in demand. Postage must be sent in case manuscript is to be returned if not accepted.

All letters in regard to advertising and subscriptions should be addressed to the business manager. Address the editor on other subjects.

"Omaha in '98" is rapidly becoming a by-word in stamp circles. After the '98 convention is a thing of the past, those who attended will still speak with pleasant recollections the words "Omaha in '98."

* * *

The resignation of the president of the Nebraska Philatelic Society, Mr. Fred B. Woolston, was considerable of a surprise to many members. His resignation is received with both regret and pleasant anticipa-

tions: regret that business cares will not allow him the necessary time to devote to the office; anticipations of the good work the vice-president, Mr. Wm. B. Hopson, now president, as laid down in our constitution, may do.

* * *

Mr. Woolston's example is one that, if considered by society officers in general, would place our societies upon a much more firm and secure foundation than they enjoy at present. It is one of the evils of philatelic societies to have elected to hold office men, who, while possibly capable and willing, can not spare the time needed to properly discharge the duties of the office they hold. Mr. Woolston saw this, and readily perceived the fact that his duty as a loyal member of the Nebraska Philatelic Society, one interested in its welfare, was to turn over the keys to the vice-president. Our leading societies are unfortunate in being encumbered with officers who, if they were as generous and loyal as Mr. Woolston, would resign, allowing some member to take charge who could conduct the office in a proper manner. The fault does not altogether lie with the officers—the members must receive their share of the blame. In the annual elections, men are oftentimes nominated for office despite their wishes to the contrary, they perceiving that they can not do themselves nor the society credit—elected, they are so much dead wood—a hindrance to the advancement of the interests of the members of the society.

We have been favored with a small photograph of Mr. Oney K. Carstarphen, and a copy of "Colorado State Address Book," compiled by this gentleman. We shall prize the photo highly.

* *

Together with the above were the constitution and a write-up of the National Amateur Press Association. We cannot but agree with the Association in this statement, which we have taken the liberty to "transplant" from some of the reading matter sent us:

"It is a very inferior man that has no hobbies. He may be intelligent, but can never rise above mediocrity. This is especially seen in the youth of America. The brightest and most promising young men and women are those who interest themselves keenly in some enterprise. Whatever fills the mind with unselfish enthusiasm, rousing an ambition for excellence, is worthy of the highest praise. The pursuit is doubly beneficial when of a social nature, and carried on by many together. Young people, bound together by a worthy interest, never fail to reap benefits, and to exert a wholesome interest in the community."

How applicable is this to philately! "It is a very inferior man who has no hobbies"—how true this is—let the hobby be what it may.

* *

The article in this number on "The Brief History of My Stamp Collecting" was written by a gentleman 58 years of age. The story is certainly interesting, and made more so by this fact. A beginner at this age is not so unusual, but a peculiar interest is always attached to such instances. The example set by Chief Engineer Eaton of the U. S. Navy in helping this beginner over the rough places could well be emulated by collectors in general—not alone to men of experience who

have just ascertained the delights Philatelia's realm affords, and to whom but a word of advice and friendly counsel is all that is required, but to the younger element, with whom more patience must be used.

* *

About a year ago the matter of a joint discussion by the members of the Nebraska Philatelic Society of topics pertaining to stamps through the columns of THE PHILATELIC WEST was considered by a few who thought the scheme feasible and giving promise of beneficial results. The matter has never been broached since. We should like to have an expression of the sentiments of members upon the matter. Perhaps the new president will take hold.

* *

Denver stamp circles are much disturbed over what bids fair to be an interesting damage suit, if the matter is carried this far. Some time ago a member was expelled from the Queen City Philatelic Society, the trustees of this society, to whom the matter had been referred, considering the fact that the party had been expelled from the American Philatelic Association upon apparent good grounds was sufficient cause for them to recommend his expulsion from their society. Now the expelled party threatens to sue each of the trustees for \$5,000. Prominent legal talent has already been engaged, we understand, and further developments are regarded with interest. The question may here be raised as to whether a society can be held liable for the doings of its officers.

The case against one Coleman, a postoffice department employee recently accused of stealing several thousand dollars' worth of newspaper and periodical stamps has, we are informed, been dismissed, it having been shown that there was no truth in the charge. Whatever the truth may be, we shall be surprised if the newspapers, especially eastern papers, which have made so much of this matter, will now give as much attention to its satisfactory termination. Always eager to utilize and enlarge upon any wrongdoing of which philately is directly or indirectly the cause—but paying but small attention to such cases after the innocence of the suspected party or the entire absence of motives that could be ascribed as emanating from stamp collecting is established.

* *

Edna Brown, the famous "stamp-chain" schemer of Kaneville, Ill., again seeks fame. She now has a Brattleboro she wishes to dispose of, but, unluckily, has as yet been unable to find a dealer who will pass upon its genuineness and purchase.



BOILED DOWN.

ORIGINAL AND OTHERWISE.

In the re-engraved issue of the 1854-6 1-penny red stamps of Great Britain the eyelids of the head are very plain; in the original series they are very faint. This is a good method of determining the date of issue of these stamps.

* *

Canadian society members have been having trouble with amalgamation, from which Americans have escaped, thus far. The latest reports are that the D. P. A. and the C. P. A.

will continue as separate organizations.

* *

Mr. Wm. Stuart of Lawrence, Mass., has announced that he is a candidate for secretary of the Postal Card Society of America.

* *

Some Canadian philatelic publishers are beginning to shake in their boots on account of a late rumor that their new Postmaster-General is going on the war path and intends exterminating a number of papers not entitled to second-class rates. And a philatelic publication is where the lightning often strikes.

* *

The Toronto Philatelic Club are after a new issue of postage stamps for Canada, commemorating the diamond anniversary of Queen Victoria and the four hundredth anniversary of the discovery of their country by Cabot. If their efforts are attended with success, it speaks well of the influence a philatelic society has.

* *

We quote from Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News a newly discovered variety in the 1 Kr. newspaper tax stamp of Hungary.

"In the ordinary stamp the second stroke on the 'k' is no higher than the 'r' which follows it (see cut), while in the variety it is nearly twice as high as the 'r' and almost equals the first stroke of the letter. The large figure '1' is also different, the body being thicker and the serifs longer. There is apparently no variation in the frame, only in the inscription of value as described."

* *

What is said to be the largest sum ever paid for the stamps of one country was that the splendid collection of English stamps formerly the property of Earl Kingston, \$9,000.00 was the amount he received from the purchasers.

NEBRASKA'S PRIDE.

The Nebraska Philatelic Society. Organized 1892.



President—Wm. B. Hopson, 1109 S. 28th St., Omaha.
 Vice-President—Rev. A. B. Whitmer, Wymore.
 Secretary-Treasurer—C. L. Thurston, 2408 Farnam St., Omaha.
 Librarian—R. Shepard, 2004 Wirt St., Omaha.
 Exchange Superintendent—S. P. Hughes, Howe.
 Auction Manager—Dr. F. L. Riser, 1231 O St., Lincoln.
 Attorney—H. A. Cheney, Creighton.
 Purchasing Agent—H. L. Bennett, College View.
 Counterfeit Detector—E. W. Fitt, Box 1126, Plattsmouth.
 Trustees—Hopson, Thurston and Pyburn.
 Official Organ—The Philatelic West.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

This month I wish to call the attention of our members to our counterfeit detector, Mr. E. W. Fitt, of Plattsmouth, and his department. This department does not seem to be as well patronized as it should be. Either the members have forgotten the existence of such an office or have not had any doubtful stamps to be examined.

We also have a good library under the supervision of Mr. R. L. Shepard, 2004 Wirt St., Omaha, Neb., who will be glad to send any paper or volume contained in the library for the postage.

Let every member push Omaha for the '98 conventions. We will be successful if all work together.

I hereby appoint Rev. A. B. Whitmer of Wymore, Neb., to fill the office of vice-president for the remainder of the term.

WM. B. HOPSON, Pres.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

J. C. Swan, Niobrara, Neb. Reference, F. F. Tomblin.

J. S. Thompson, Asst. P. M., Sterling, Neb., reports his application sent to Secretary, but no report received.

EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT.

A number of good U. S. books that came in just before Christmas have been retired with sales near sixty per cent. This is not

equaled by any other society. Members wishing to buy good U. S. stamps at from 40 to 75 per cent discount can do no better than to give their patronage to this department.

Upon recommendation of Mr. Brodstone I sent from one to three blank books to nearly all the members not now patronizing this department, with the request that they give the sales department a trial, or kindly return the books. To date (Feb. 16) only two of the members have either paid for or returned these books. As these books cost 6c each this is quite an item, and if you are one of these kindly return the books, as they are needed.

Value of stamps now in circulation, \$41.38. Members sending in books should price them reasonable, and they can be assured of a ready sale. There is no demand for damaged stamps at unreasonable prices.

The demand for U. S., B. N. A. and Arg. Rep. stamps is greater than for others. If you have any you are willing to sell reasonable, send 5c for a blank book, and let the other members buy your duplicates.

Fraternally, SAM P. HUGHES.

COUNTERFEIT DETECTOR'S REPORT.

Since last month things have not picked up much in this department, and with exception of some Austrian identification tax stamps, German locals, and Italian and other foreign revenues nothing has been seen from our collectors. However, I acknowledge receipt of the following from Mr. S. P. Hughes for counterfeit collection: Rheatown, Tenn., red on white, 5c; Columbia, S. C., 5c red on buff, ditto blue on white; McVish 3c red on white, Nashville; Greenville 10c, blue on green; Knoxville 5c, blue on white.

It may not be generally known, but it is a fact nevertheless, that there are a large number of counterfeits in Nebraska. Last year quite a number of interesting ones were received, among them a 3c red Canada, present issue, changed to a beautiful shade of chocolate brown.

Please send in your counterfeits.

E. W. FITT.



Professor Philatelicus' Black List.

Counterfeits in circulation in Nebraska during 1896-97: Nevis 4 pence blue; Monseraat 2½ penny blue; Gold Coast 4 pence red; Grenada 2½ penny blue. All above are printed on thick wove paper, unwatermarked, poorly executed and evidently made from the same dies that cuts in albums are made from. Salvador 1c green fraudulent cancellation, obliteration being three rings and center dot in purple ink. Reported by N. P. S. Counterfeit Detector.

.. CASH SALE ..

Exchange Department
Nebraska Philatelic Society.



The following stamps are offered for sale to the readers of this paper at prices asked by their respective owners. Stamps not sent on approval, but may be returned if not satisfactory. First person sending cash will receive stamp. Postage is two cents extra. All in fine condition. * means unused.

SAM P. HUGHES, Howe, Neb.



75 U. S. Rev. Prob. of W.	\$.85
76* U. S. 24c War, o. g.	35
77 10c Nova Scotia, fine	80
78 8c Periodical, fine	40
79 \$1.00 Columbian, fine	3 35
80 90c Treas. Dept., fine	60
81* 7 Treas. Dept.	1 50
82 90c Int. Dept.	1 50
83 24c '69, slight tear but easily mended	3 00
84 5c '68, grilled	1 75
85 1870, 15c, 70 grilled	3 75
86* 1870 5c blue Cuba	3 00
87 U. S. Rev. 50 P. of W., fine	90
88 Nova Scotia 3d blue	1 25
89 New Brunswick 3d red, has been folded but worth	2 25
90 U. S. 24c 1872, very fine	1 10
91 Bahama one penny red, Scott No. 8 Cat. \$6.00	1 60
92 P. E. I. 1870 3c, on cover St. Christopher 1 p. and rose, few perf. gone	1 50
93 Cape of Good Hope 1 p., blue paper	50
94* Pair Transvaal 6 p., large, 1/2 Scott No. 127	40
95 Barbadoes 1/2 p., perf 3 sides	3 00
96 Lago 4 p., Wm. Cr. & C. A.	1 25
97 Trinidad 6p, eml green, perf. 3 sides	1 00
98 Virgin Island 1 p. No. 3	1 50
100 6c '69	1 25
101 10c '69	40
102 10c '51	50
103* 10c '55, perf. 3 sides	50
104 12c '67, grill	1 25
105 90c '79	40
106 5c P. Cards	60
107 Warehouse Receipt	45
108 \$2.00 Prob. of Will	50
109 \$3.50 Int. Ex.	75
110 \$5.00 Mortgage	1 00
111 \$10.00 Char. Party	45
112 \$10.00 Prob. of Will	50
113* 50c " " "	60
114 10c B. & G. Prop.	85
115 \$1.00 Manifest	1 25
116 " " unperf.	50
117 70c G. & B. 3d issue	1 20
	40



CLEAN THOSE DIRTY STAMPS. "MAGIC" will remove ink marks and stains from clothing, papers, etc., without slightest injury to the finest fabric. We will send enough to last five years for 25c post free.

S. P. HUGHES,
HOWE, - NEBRASKA.

I SAY, FELLOW!

Don't you think 25 per cent off of 57 ed. prices isn't enough. If you are economical you will say no. Now, I can send you sheets of U. S. at 50 per cent off that contain good stamps (especially for the beginner) and all you need to do is send a reference. I buy stamps too (U. S. only) and would like to have you send me some on approval with lowest price. If O. K. I'll take them at specified price. Yours for biz.

J. C. LONG, Lock Box 199, Falls City, Neb.

UNUSED BERMUDA.

I offer a limited number of entire sets unused and v. g. from 1/2d. to 1 shilling 8 va. for 75c, post free.

S. P. HUGHES, HOWE, NEB.

PRINTING AND BINDING

We print THE PHILATELIC WEST. Neat and tasty work of all kinds at lowest prices.

THE SUN

SUPERIOR, NEB.

PRINTING DONE RIGHT
BINDING DONE RIGHT
PRICES ALWAYS RIGHT

RUBBER STAMPS

THE PHILATELIC WEST.

IF YOU ARE IN NEED

of a Camera that will produce a perfect picture, obtain

THE HAWK-EYE, JR.

which will be found

A FAITHFUL FRIEND AT ALL TIMES.

The simplicity of its working parts enable the novice to obtain results that will astonish all photographers. Loads in daylight and uses either roll film or glass plates.

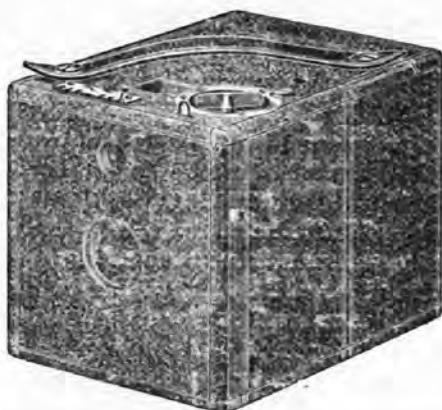
Size, $4\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{4} \times 6\frac{1}{4}$ in. Photo, $3\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$ in. Weight, 20 oz.

PRICE, \$8.00. Send for Catalog, giving description of all kinds of Cameras.

THE BLAIR CAMERA CO.,

471 Tremont Street,

Boston, Mass.



NOVA SCOTIA.

UNUSED ORIGINALS.

1c black, 2c. mauve, $8\frac{1}{2}$ green.

The set of 3, only \$2.00.

Thousands of similar bargains will be found in my

1897 PRICE LIST.

Ask for it if you did not see it.

A four months' trial subscription to **THE POST OFFICE**, one of the leading philatelic monthlies, only ten cents. 100 varieties of postage stamps to every new subscriber if you send a self addressed envelope with postage and mention this journal. Fine approval sheets at 25 to 50 per cent.

HENRY GREMMEL,

No. 85 NASSAU ST., NEW YORK.

WE BUY STAMPS

And old Collections for Cash.

What can you offer us?

STANDARD STAMP Co.

INCORPORATED.

4 NICHOLSON PLACE,

ST. LOUIS, MO.

TO CLOSE THEM OUT I will offer entire unused lot of 1c green on white, small size, at 8c each; with packet 25 at 5c each, party to pay postage; or will sell 6 lots of 1c at 30c; 1c less than $\frac{2}{3}$ off. **L. BRODSTONE,** Superior, Neb.

Have You Seen

H. L. Ewen's Catalogue? Out in November, 1896. Is double the size of year before, and no collector of English stamps should be without one. Regular price 62c; I offer it for 50c, or send it and *The Philatelic West* for one year for price of catalogue, 62c. Order of agent, **L. T. BRODSTONE, SUPERIOR, NEB.**

PACKET NO. 10.
25c. (silver.)

Contains 100 varieties foreign and U. S. stamps, including U. S. Revenues but no postal cards or envelopes. 1x1c (Cat.) Medicine Stamp with each packet. Sent postpaid on receipt of 25c (silver) or 27c in stamps.

A. BASTIN & CO., SAFE BUILDING, CHICAGO.



I WANT TO BUY

COLLECTIONS and good Stamps. No trash. Send for inspection. I make a specialty of filling want



lists, and if I have not what is wanted, make every effort to procure it. **Wolsieffer's Left Page Stock Books** are the best: \$1, \$2 and \$3 sizes. Collections prepared and sold at auction. **P. M. WOLSIEFFER, 201 Clark St., Chicago, Ill.**

COMMON U. S. & MIXED FOREIGN WANTED.

SEND WITH LOWEST PRICE.

NELSON B. NEWELL,

STILL RIVER, - MASSACHUSETTS.

"JUST TELL THEM WHERE YOU SAW ME."

HALL'S BARGAIN COUNTER

is in full blast, and many strange faces are seen in the throng of bargain hunters. I offer the finest hinge on the market at 9c per 1,000, and the finest blank approval sheets at 40c per 100.

Ginger(y) Snaps for the New Year:

	Cat. Price	My Price
U. S. 1861, 10c, type I, slight defect	\$20.00	\$ 9.00
" " 10c, 500, a fine desirable lot	75.00	34.00
" " 10c, 40, on covers, fine	6.00	3.50
" " Agriculture, 3c	.25	.15
" " " 6c	.75	.50
" Registered Seal, green	.25	.10
" Revenue, 2c, Play. Card, blue	.40	.16
" " 2c, Certificate, orange	.75	.35
" " 3c, Telegraph	.35	.20
" " 25c, Warehouse Receipt	1.00	.55
" " \$1. E. of G., fine cut punched, imperf.	2.00	.60
" " \$2, Conveyance	.30	.12
" " \$2, Mortgage	.25	.15
" " \$3, Charter Party	.25	.15
" " \$3, Manifest	.35	.22
Canada 1851, 3d, laid paper	1.50	.80
" " 6d, " "	6.50	3.60
" " 1852, 3d, " "	.35	.20
" " 6d, purple black	6.00	3.40
" " 6d, spongy paper	8.00	5.40
" 1857, 1/2d	4.00	2.50
" " 7/2d, fine cut scant margins	22.50	12.50
" 1858, 1/2d, perf.	9.50	5.40
" " 3d, " "	3.50	2.25
" 1859, 5c, Beaver, variety, fine	15.00	9.00
" 2875, 8c Register	2.50	1.75
" Officially Sealed	2.50	.95
" 1860, 5c envelope, new or used entire	1.50	1.10
" " 5c envelope, variety, rare, entire		6.00
" " 10c envelope, entire, new	4.00	3.40
N. B. 1851, 3d, on cover, fine	4.50	3.20

Cash with order. Postage 3c extra on orders under \$1. Send me your want lists.

W. KELSEY HALL,
Peterboro, Ont., Canada.

PACKETS

1000 different stamps, no cut postal cards, locals or revenues, big leader, only \$5.55.

500 all different selected stamps, containing no postal cards, revenues or locals, all other dealers are making a lot of noise and offering a packet like this at \$4 to \$5, our special low price is only \$1.99 postpaid.

100 all different U. S. Postage only, price only \$1.75.

With every order for any of the above packets we send free an entire unused envelope, 1875, 1c, blue on fawn, cat. 25c, 1000 finely assorted Continentals, 18c.

Our new price list of U. S. Postage and Revenue is out. A copy sent free.

Approval sheets U. S. at 15 to 33 1-3 per cent. commission; fine foreign at 50 per cent commission.

F. N. MASSOTH & CO.,
838 Marquette Bldg., CHICAGO, ILL.

BEARDSLEY'S PHILATELIC DIRECTORY AND ADDRESS BOOK. JUST OUT OF PRESS.

Contains over 12,000 names and addresses, which is 5,000 more than ever published before in any philatelic directory. Thoroughly up-to-date and reliable. Besides containing fine lists of names in out of the way places, such as Falkland Isles, Zanzibar, Tahiti, Fiji, and all other South Sea Islands and all new African settlements it contains

OVER 7000 DOMESTIC NAMES.

Besides the directory part it contains a fine lot of advertisements and exchange notices.

The price is very low, \$1.00 post paid. You should have a copy. Special prices on quantities.

HERBERT C. BEARDSLEY, Publisher,
Box 216, ST. JOSEPH, MO.

N. B.—Bear in mind that this is the only directory published at this time that contains ANY domestic names.

Be in the fashion and use
WOLSEIFFER'S BLANK STAMP ALBUM
Best and cheapest in the wide world.

WOLSEIFFER'S APPROVAL CARDS
Something entirely new.

Wolseiffer's Left Page Stock Books
You can't get along without them.

Prices and circulars of supplies on application. Stamps bought for cash.

P. M. WOLSEIFFER, 201 Clark St., Chicago, Ill.

LEADING PUBLICATIONS.

The : Omaha : Philatelist.

Official organ Philatelic Literature Society, Nebraska's representative philatelic journal. Sample copy free. 25c per year.

THE OMAHA PHILATELIST

2001 Wirt St., OMAHA, NEB.

FREE! FREE!

A packet of Canada Revenues Stamps and the Canadian Philatelic Magazine for one year, only 25 cents, stamps or coin. Vol. IV begins in March. Canada's oldest and best stamp paper. Sample free.

WM. R. ADAMS,

9 ANN STREET, TORONTO, CANADA.

THE NUMISMATIST, MONROE, MICH.

A high grade illustrated monthly magazine for coin collectors. \$1.00 per annum. Now in tenth volume. Ten cents will bring you two sample copies. To test the Advertising value of The Philatelic West, the publishers will give 20 varieties foreign coins and the magazine to every applicant who remits \$1.00 for a year's subscription. Address: THE NUMISMATIST, Monroe, Mich.

The "HERALD EXCHANGE."

SUPERB MONTHLY.
SUBSCRIPTION 25c.
Sample Copy Free.

Ad. Rates: 1/2 in. 20c; 1 in. 35c; 2 in. 65c; 3 in. 95c; 1 col. \$3.00; 1/2 page, \$1.50; 1 page 25c; 4 inches, \$8.75. Address all communications to N. TAUSIG, Mgr., 9 East 108th St., N. Y., U. S.

FREE--TO ANYONE NOT FAMILIAR WITH The Evergreen Philatelist, we will gladly send it on trial two months. The magazine will then be discontinued. Address the publication (postal preferred) Box 512, Dalles, Oregon.

THE HOME WORKER, KNOXVILLE, TENN.

The leading philatelic paper of the south. Free sample copy. Subscription 25c a year. Advertising rates 50c an inch. Address P. O. Box 25, Knoxville, Tenn.

"NOT THE ONLY PEBBLE ON THE BEACH."

"There are others," but they are not in it with us. Have you seen a copy of the **New York Philatelist**? If not, you are away behind the times. Always pleased to send a sample copy.

SPECIAL! SPECIAL! The April number of the **New York Philatelist** will be a "*Special Easter Number*." Every *live* dealer should be represented in this issue. Best ad. medium out. Collectors wishing to receive this "special number" should send 25 cents for a year's subscription at once and get a thirty word exchange notice free. Address: **The New York Philatelist,** 106 East 111th Street, NEW YORK CITY.

When You Purchase

\$1 worth of stamps from any progressive dealer ask him for one year's subscription to the

PHILATELIC CALIFORNIAN,

as a premium to your purchase. If you want to receive a sample copy write immediately to the California Philatelic Press Club, Box 2537, San Francisco, Cal. A. H. Weiber, Editor, B. H. Henderson, Manager.

EVERYBODY WANTS Scott's 57th Standard Catalogue

We will send it and the **AMERICAN COLLECTOR** one year for only 65 cents. The regular price of both is 85 cents. The A. C. is a large 9x12 illustrated monthly for stamp collectors. If you have not seen it yet send for a free sample copy.

The American Collector,
Piney Creek, Maryland

SUBSCRIBE TO The Rocky Mountain Stamp

25 cents per year.
10 cents for six months.

829 Seventeenth St., DENVER, COLO.

WIND! doesn't cost much, but it's expensive. There is no wind in the

INTERNATIONAL STAMP

It's solid. Send for sample to
2624 Dupont Ave. So.,
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA.

Net Prices of Stamps

— FOR SALE BY —

JOE F. BEARD, Muscatine, Iowa.

ORDER BY NUMBER.

U. S. ADHESIVES.
1890 Issue.

No.		New, ¢	Used, ¢
211	1c ultramarine	.02	.01
212	2c lake	.30	.03
213	2c carmine	.04	.01
213a	2c carmine, double cap		.10
213b	2c carmine single cap		.05
214	3c purple	.05	.01
215	4c dark brown	.06	.01
216	5c chocolate	.07	.01
217	6c brown-red	.10	.05
218	8c lilac	.10	.04
219	10c green	.15	.01
220	15c blue	.20	.05
221	30c black	.40	.10
222	90c orange	1.15	.60

Columbian Issue.

223	1c deep blue	.02	.01
224	2c violet	.03	.01
225	3c green	.05	.02
226	4c ultramarine	.06	.01
227	5c chocolate	.08	.02
228	6c purple	.10	.05
229	8c magenta	.10	.04
230	10c black	.12	.03
231	15c dark green	.20	.15
232	30c red-brown	.45	.25
233	30c slate	.75	.50
234	\$1.00 salmon	5.00	3.50
235	\$2.00 brown-red	2.75	2.00
236	\$3.00 yellow green	3.50	
237	\$4.00 carmine	4.50	
238	\$5.00 black	5.50	

1894 Unwatermarked.

239	1c ultramarine	.05	.02
240	1c blue	.02	.01
241	2c pink, 1	.05	.01
242	2c carmine, 1	.04	.01
243	2c carmine, 2		.03
244	2c carmine, 3	.10	.01
245	3c purple	.05	.01
246	4c dark brown	.05	.01
247	5c chocolate	.08	.01
248	6c dark red-brown	.10	.02
249	8c puce	.12	.05
250	10c dark green	.15	.01
251	15c dark blue	.20	.05
252	50c orange	.70	
253	\$1.00 black, perf. 3 sides	1.25	
254	\$1.00 black, perf. 4 sides	2.00	
254	\$2.00 blue, perf. 3 sides	2.25	
254	\$2.00 blue, perf. 4 sides	4.00	
255	\$5.00 green, perf. 3 sides	5.50	
255	\$5.00 green, perf. 4 sides	7.00	

1895 Watermarked.

No.		New, ¢	Used, ¢
256	1c blue	.02	.01
257	2c carmine, 1		.04
258	2c carmine, 2		.08
259	2c carmine, 3		.03
260	3c purple		.05
261	4c dark brown		.06
262	5c chocolate		.07
263	6c red-brown		.08
264	8c puce		.10
265	10c dark green		.12
266	15c dark blue		.20
267	50c orange		.60
268	\$1.00 black, perf. 3 sides	1.00	
268	\$1.00 black, perf. 4 sides	1.25	

Special Delivery.

475	10c blue	.20	.10
476	10c blue (at any office)	.15	.06
477	10c orange	.15	.04
478	10c blue, '94	.15	.03

Periodicals.

10c green	5.00	5.00
25c red	5.00	
5c blue, white border	1.75	
1c black	.10	
2c black	.12	
3c black	.30	
4c black	.20	
6c black	.25	
8c black	.40	
9c black	10.00	
10c black	.20	
12c red	.50	
24c red	.60	
48c red	1.25	
60c red	1.50	
84c red	3.00	
96c red	3.00	

Due Stamps.

1c brown	.08	.03
2c brown		.02
3c brown	.12	.03
5c brown		.08
10c brown	.30	.08
30c brown	1.00	.60
50c brown		.65
1c red-brown	.10	.03
2c red-brown	.08	.03
3c red-brown	2.00	1.00
5c red-brown	.20	.10
10c red-brown		.05
30c red-brown	1.00	.70
50c red-brown	1.00	
1c bright claret	.03	.01
2c bright claret	.04	.01