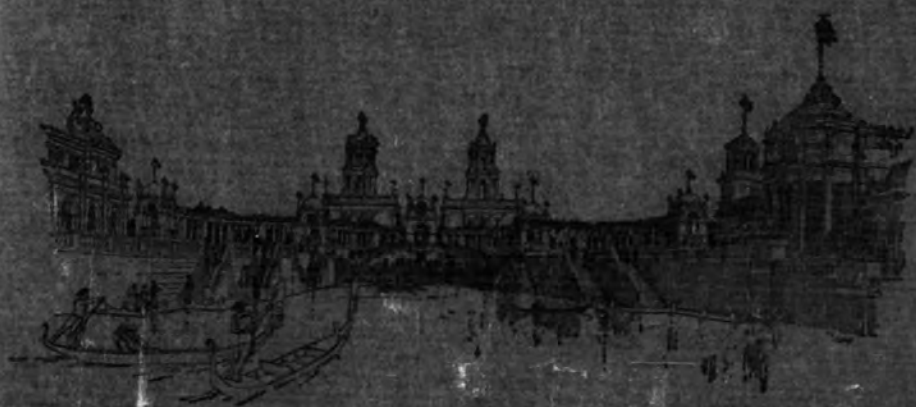


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* 7 " " Hamburg envelopes, R	.10
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20 " " Japan	.25
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THE STAMPS OF CANADA.

BY GEO. W. HICKS.

THE postal emissions of Canada afford a wide field of study to collectors of British colonial stamps. Their unique designs, their historical significance, and their untainted character, make them prime favorites with the specialist.

From the first issue in 1851 to the "long standing" issue of 1869-97, Canada has a clean record, and no one can point back to any unnecessary or speculative issue. But how the mighty are fallen! For, in the year 1897 Canada committed her first crime—she issued a set of Jubilee stamps.

But a first offence is always dealt with leniently; and so with Canada, for, after a good deal had been said about it, collectors with one accord sought for the stamps eagerly until they did find them—even after the prices of some of the values had increased an hundred fold. And when they had found them they called in their neighboring stamp friends and did rejoice exceedingly over them. As will be seen our language has become some-

what "biblical"; but we think this is pardonable, seeing we have just returned from a horse race.

But this is a wide diversion from our subject. To continue: No sooner had the up-to-date collector filled in the last blank space with Jubilees, than another issue appeared. After the first brief start of surprise he proceeded to rule spaces for these stamps and to fill them in. But he had not got farther than the 8-cent value when another set with figures in the corners appeared before him. He has since heard that this set is entirely unsatisfactory and that there will be but one printing of each value, so he has hired a boy to rule several blank pages full of various sized spaces for the future issues of Canada during 1898-99.

Now this seems too hard on poor Canada, but it is a fact that a change in the present issue, with numerals in lower corners is contemplated.

Surely one more issue will not satisfy Canada, for she was a long time in-

active in the new issue line and is now making up for lost time. So be prepared, O ye philatelists. Canada is in the field, and does nothing by halves. We may yet have regular monthly issues. Who can tell?

CURRENT TOPICS.

NOTE.—Extracts and notes of New Issues under this heading each month are to a great extent taken from *Mekeel's Weekly*, through the courtesy of its publisher, I. A. Mekeel.

W. C. ESTES.

It now appears that the 1-cent I. R., block letter, was used the first month by the American Express Co. in this city, their supply being sent from the head office at Chicago. There is a still hunt going on for used copies already.

Next to fall in line on U. P. U. colors will be England: $\frac{1}{2}$ p, 1p, and $2\frac{1}{2}$ p, with colors green, red and blue, respectively.

Newfoundland's portrait issue of the royal family is a new departure in that line. The stamps are very pretty and fine colors. The issue is:

- $\frac{1}{2}$ -cent olive. (Prince Edward).
- 1-cent green. (Queen Victoria).
- 2-cent carmine. (Prince of Wales).
- 3-cent orange. (Princess of Wales).

Canada's new issue with numerals consists of:

- $\frac{1}{2}$ -cent black.
- 1-cent blue-green.
- 2-cent purple.
- 3-cent carmine.
- 5-cent blue.
- 6-cent brown.
- 8-cent orange.
- 10-cent violet-brown.
- 15-cent gray.
- 20-cent yellow-brown.
- 50-cent olive.

There seems to be a great demand at present for the portrait issue of

Newfoundland, the jubilee issue of Salvador, Grenada and Trinidad. Have you got them?

Current issue U. S. are now being printed with the following change in colors: no change in design, however.

- 4-cent dark red-brown.
- 5-cent light-blue.
- 6-cent maroon.
- 10-cent light-brown.

In our war tax stamps four new denominations are scheduled: $1\frac{1}{8}$ -cent and $3\frac{3}{4}$ -cent proprietary, 40-cent and 80-cent document.

The 1898 issue, corrected to date, is as follows:

CURRENT ISSUE.

- 1-cent green.
- 5-cent blue.
- 5-cent light blue.
- 4-cent red-brown.
- 6-cent maroon.
- 10-cent light brown.

OMAHAS.

- 1-cent dark green.
- 1-cent yellow-green.
- 1-cent slate-green. (Gray paper).
- 2-cent brown-red.
- 2-cent rose-red.
- 4-cent yellow-orange.
- 4-cent orange.
- 5-cent blue.
- 5-cent deep blue.
- 8-cent lilac.
- 10-cent gray.
- 50-cent sage green.
- \$1.00 black.
- \$2.00 orange-brown.

REVENUES.

Document (provisional):

- I. R. on 1-cent green, red surcharge.
- I. R. on 1-cent green, red surcharge, inverted.
- I. R. on 1-cent green, red surcharge, block type.
- I. R. on 2-cent carmine, blue surcharge.

I. R. on 2-cent carmine, blue surcharge, inverted.

\$5.00 blue, periodical, red surcharge, reading up.

\$5.00 blue, periodical, red surcharge, reading down.

Document (regular issue):

½-cent orange.

½-cent gray.

1-cent pale blue.

2-cent carmine.

3-cent dark ultramarine.

4-cent pale rose.

5-cent lilac.

10-cent dark brown.

25-cent maroon.

40-cent violet.

50-cent slate-violet.

80-cent (?)

\$1.00 green.

\$3.00 brown-lilac.

\$5.00 red.

\$10.00 black.

\$50.00 bistre-brown.

Proprietary (regular issue):

⅛-cent yellow-green.

¼-cent gray-brown.

⅜-cent orange.

⅝-cent ultramarine.

1-cent green.

1¼-cent plum.

1½-cent dark violet.

1¾-cent gray-lilac.

1⅞-cent (?)

2-cent violet-brown.

2½-cent lake.

3¼-cent (?)

4-cent purple.

5-cent orange-brown.

There are other varieties of color reported but nothing authentic.

Portugal, according to newspaper report, is very low financially, even repudiating to some extent by arbitrarily declaring lower rates of interest on her out-standing bonds, and is evidently trying to "raise the wind" from us poor collectors, as new issues are reported for all her colonies,

bearing the design and values of the home series.

Some countries in the far east seem to have a mania for surcharges (it may be the climate). Will it ever stop?

I see by the different papers that Scott has decided not to issue a new catalogue until next spring or summer. This is a more sensible time, to my notion, for it to come out. I hope they will continue to publish each summer hereafter. Where catalogue comes in the summer, as a dealer it gives me a chance during the dull season to check up my approval sheet stock and arrange my sheets. As it is now there is an annual loss in the selling of stamps at old prices to the value of many times the price of a book.

TO DETERMINE CANCELLED STAMPS.

How can you find out whether a stamp has been used or not? At present many fine unused stamps are offered for sale at a remarkably low figure, but they are in most cases pen-marked specimens cleansed and offered for sale.

These in nine cases out of ten come from abroad and are cleansed by means of chemicals and absorption.

Chemically cleansed stamps are stamps cleansed by means of acids and bleaching compound that are a secret to many and known only to the student of chemistry, the most simple process being done by soaking the stamp or stamps in a solution of lime and acetic acid, but this only works well on but few black inks used in cancelling stamps by a pen-mark, different methods and receipts being used for different inks.

The absorption process is done by soaking the stamp in a solution of caustic soda and while damp placed on a blotter and put under great pressure,

the soda softens the cancelling ink and it is drawn from the stamp by the blotter; this only removes the ink, leaving a faint stain on the stamp, which is the oil used in the cancelling ink, the stamp is next put through another process which takes out the oil and leaves it apparently uncanceled. But is it uncanceled? To the casual observer, yes, and even to the one who examines the stamp with a microscope, but there are two agents yet to be consulted, and neither of these fail to show the stamp a fraud, but instead just what it is, a cancelled stamp cleansed and made up for the occasion. These are the camera, and the same method used to clean them, chemicals. First, let us see what the camera will do.

If you have a suspicious stamp and want to find out whether it has been used or not photograph it. If the postmark has been obliterated the color of the stamp will not make any impression on the plate, while the black traces of the postmark will appear with great clearness. Even when the stamp has been well washed or cleaned, and no trace of the obliteration can be seen by the naked eye or through the microscope, the photograph will show very clearly the two concentric circles of the stamp, the date and even the locality. This does not in any way injure the stamp as the second method which is more precise.

It consists of plunging the stamp for a few seconds into a boiling solution of five grains of caustic potash in 100 cubic centimetres of a mixture of equal parts of water and alcohol. The color of the stamp disappears completely; it is then washed in water, next in water acidulated with acetic acid, then in water again, and lastly carefully dried. On the discolored face of the stamp the cancellation marks can be discerned very plainly. This process is more sensitive than the preceding.

Two stamps which indeed had not disclosed anything by the photographic method showed, after the treatment by potash, traces of obliteration. The only inconvenience of this method is that it changes the stamp which the experiment by photography does not disturb, so it is wise not to try this unless the photographic trial has given no result. When the stamp proves to be a good one we shall certainly regret our curiosity.

Another method of raising the value of a stamp is to change the perforations; say we have a stamp perforated eleven and one-half and catalogued at six cents while the same stamp perforated fourteen is catalogued seven dollars. To change the eleven and a half perforations to fourteen is but the work of a few minutes, and yet when carefully done deceives the average collector, if not the expert. Ten cents will buy enough material to change the perforations of several thousand stamps, which is no more nor less than a can or ordinary potash. The stamps are soaked in a weak solution of this a few minutes and then passed under a roller and dried, the potash shrinking the paper so that the size of the perforations is reduced. To illustrate this place a square inch of paper in a strong solution of the above, and in a half hour or less it will be one-half inch square, and if left several hours will entirely disappear. This is a good way to make invisible stamps, but unfortunately they cannot be made visible again.—Stamps.

Some queer signatures appear on the register at the stamp exhibit, and not a few talented poets have left specimens of their genius. For instance, one "poem" reads as follows:

"I can have the measles.

Also cramps.

But I am still a collector of postage stamps."

An Omaha collector is responsible for it, so you see they are still alive.

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President's Address.

Fellow members, N. P. S.: Let every member make himself a committee of one to secure another member. We are now the largest state society in existence, having over two-hundred members, one of the best monthly papers for official organ (in both size and quality), and have a fine exchange department. The August number of the Philatelic West was the only official organ I have ever seen containing a report from every officer of the society. Among our other good points we have a good surplus in the treasury. Why can't we get every collector in the state to join?

The Trans-Mississippi Exposition is over, and along with it our stamp exhibit. While nothing wonderful, our exhibit was however quite creditable, particularly as only five collectors succeeded in getting stamps ready. A list of the awards will be found in another column. Respectfully,

F. W. ROTHERY.

Secretary's Report.

NEW MEMBERS.—192, R. Dana Osterhout, David City; 193, Dan E. De

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APPLICATIONS.

196. Campbell Fleming, Schuyler; reference, R. L. Payne.

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199. A. Truesdell, Fremont; reference, O. H. Sturman.

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REISSUED MEMBERSHIP.

113. A. B. Whitmer, Tecumseh.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

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If you have any duplicate papers, send to W. C. Estes all that you can spare and help his department.

Neumann has the sales department going fine, but the demand is greater than the supply. If you have any fine duplicate stamps, it will pay you to place them there. I have already had big returns from my books, and they have been out less than a month.

Why not form a branch among yourselves? It only takes six and makes it much more interesting.

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COUNTERFEITS.

Mr. Jos. F. Burnett, F. C. S., writes a valuable classification of the different methods of detecting counterfeits for the *Philatelist's Supplement to the Bazaar*.

There are numerous counterfeits that to an old collector are easy, yet they deceive one who has never seen the originals. This article mentions seven points that will enable anybody to spot lots of bad stamps with the aid of a catalogue.

FIRST. The manner of printing is almost always different. If the catalogue lists a stamp as line engraved and a lithographed copy is offered, it is certain that the lithograph is a counterfeit. He also says that most counterfeits have dividing lines between each stamp. Of course a dividing line is not absolute proof because many genuine stamps have dividing lines.

SECOND. Details of the design. In order to detect anything under this

head it is almost necessary to have an original copy or a description of the original or counterfeit.

THIRD. Size. Counterfeits often differ in size. Sometimes it is possible to get the size of a particular stamp from some catalogue or article in the stamp papers.

FOURTH. Watermarks. Many counterfeits are not watermarked when the originals are.

FIFTH. Perforations. It is usually easy to find the correct perforation of a stamp with access to a copy. Counterfeits usually differ in perforation.

SIXTH. Paper. The paper is almost always different.

SEVENTH. Postmarks. There are a few postmarks that are found on numerous counterfeits and the postmarks of any particular country are somewhat alike.

When you wish to determine on a suspicious stamp, find out from other stamps of that country, philatelic papers and the catalogues you have, all you can about the printing, design, size, watermarks, perforation, paper and postmarks. If the stamp in question agrees it is probably good, if there is much difference it is surely bad.

THE ARMY FRANK.

Several papers have chronicled an army frank and several have condemned it. We do not have an exact description at hand but we have heard one kind described as an adhesive label with an inscription very much like that on the penalty envelopes.

Now we do not intend to advocate the collection of this frank, but we wish to point out the fact that it is in a way legitimate. We all know the tremendous increase in the business of the war department during the summer. It was impossible to furnish all the military posts and officers with

sufficient penalty envelopes. In many instances the usual phrases on a penalty envelope were written on blank envelopes and did duty as franks.

No matter whether they were authorized or not, such franks are now passing through the mails. What would be the difference between an officer writing the clause, and his having it printed on a slip of paper and pasting it on a blank envelope?

We have seen it stated that Admiral Dewey is a stamp collector.

Revenue stamps part rouletted are chronicled. Owing to the rush of business at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing all kinds of errors may be expected.

BOILED DOWN.

Original and Otherwise.

The postoffice department reports that over 14,000,000 letters and postcards were distributed in the International Sea Postoffice, and only 1,500 errors were reported.

The United States carries double the number of pieces of mail that Great Britain does, and has over 50,000 more postoffices.

There is talk of a 2-cent letter rate between the United States and European countries.

The price of used copies of the new revenues is expected to be about ten per cent of face, the \$1 revenue being advertised at 10 cents. We have not yet seen the \$50 stamp advertised.

Omaha stamps are in big demand and the dealers can't meet it. We have heard of a few cases when parties paid face for used copies of the 4-cent and higher values. The 1-cent now brings nearly one-half of face. When such

cities as Chicago have none on sale, there is something wrong.

Why should not plate numbers be worth as much with the number alone on the stamp, and envelopes cut round be worth as much as those cut square? No dealers or collectors value them the same.

Chicago has a new postmark in two lines, with words, "Delayed Train, Late." Delays were caused by storms and Omaha Exposition.

The 4-cent in the new color looks very neat and pretty.

According to postoffice reports over \$2,000,000 worth of Omaha stamps have been sold.

The postoffice department has decided that Hawaiian stamps are to be recognized for the present on articles mailed in Hawaii, whether addressed to the United States or elsewhere.

A large number of the stamps in the Government building at Omaha have faded, the \$2.00 Omahas being a different shade from any others we have seen. The \$100.00 Newspaper is faded white, and the 3-cent values in purple are changed by the light.

Of the Omahas in entire sheets, we have the following plate numbers: 1-cent, 590; 2-cent, 597; 4-cent, 579; 5-cent, 602; 8-cent, 609; 10-cent, 604; 50-cent, 603; \$1.00, 606; \$2.00, 613.

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The Camera.

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1. Solution for preparing the sensitized paper:

Tartrate of iron and potassium, 15 Gm.

Red prussiate of potash, 12 Gm.
Rain water, 250 C.c.

2. Solution to remove the color of the print:

Stronger ammonia (0.900), 100 C.c.
Rain water, 800 C.c.

3. Solution to give the brown tone:

Tannic acid, 10 Gm.
Rain water, 500 C.c.
Dissolve and filter.

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President's Address.

Fellow members N. C. C. As the life of any society depends on the activity of its members, let each member secure at least one application to the

Camera Club. The secretary will furnish blanks to all who request them.

Now that the summer season is over, more time can be given up to making prints from negatives obtained during the summer months. Most of the members have excellent duplicates, and those wishing to exchange with other members should send their names and addresses to Mr. Brodstone, as the exchange column is for the free use of members.

If you have any camera friends not members of the club, kindly send the secretary a list of such names, that he may send them a copy of the WEST.

Try and get at least one new member, and if you wish to exchange prints with other members, do not forget to write the secretary, with list, size and make of camera, paper used, and kind of prints desired in return. Very truly, S. P. HUGHES.

Secretary's Report.

I would like to have all readers who have cameras send me a list of subjects they have to exchange, size, etc. I would also be pleased to receive any hints or suggestions.

Can any reader tell me whether camera supplies are high in Mexico, and whether they are hard to obtain?

Mages pictures of the Maine were the best of all at the camera exhibit at Omaha.

I would be pleased to receive the names of all parties you know of who have cameras or kodaks.

At the Chicago jubilee camera people were in evidence around the electric arch the nights it did not rain. More plates were spoiled the day of the parade than any day this year. I believe.

In developing, most amateurs take plates or films out too quick; should and will give better results if let lay in developer ten minutes, and longer in some cases.

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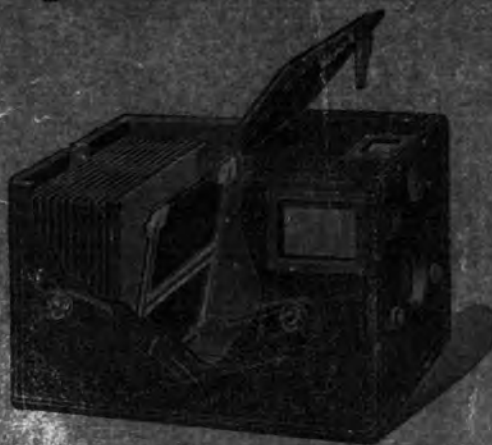
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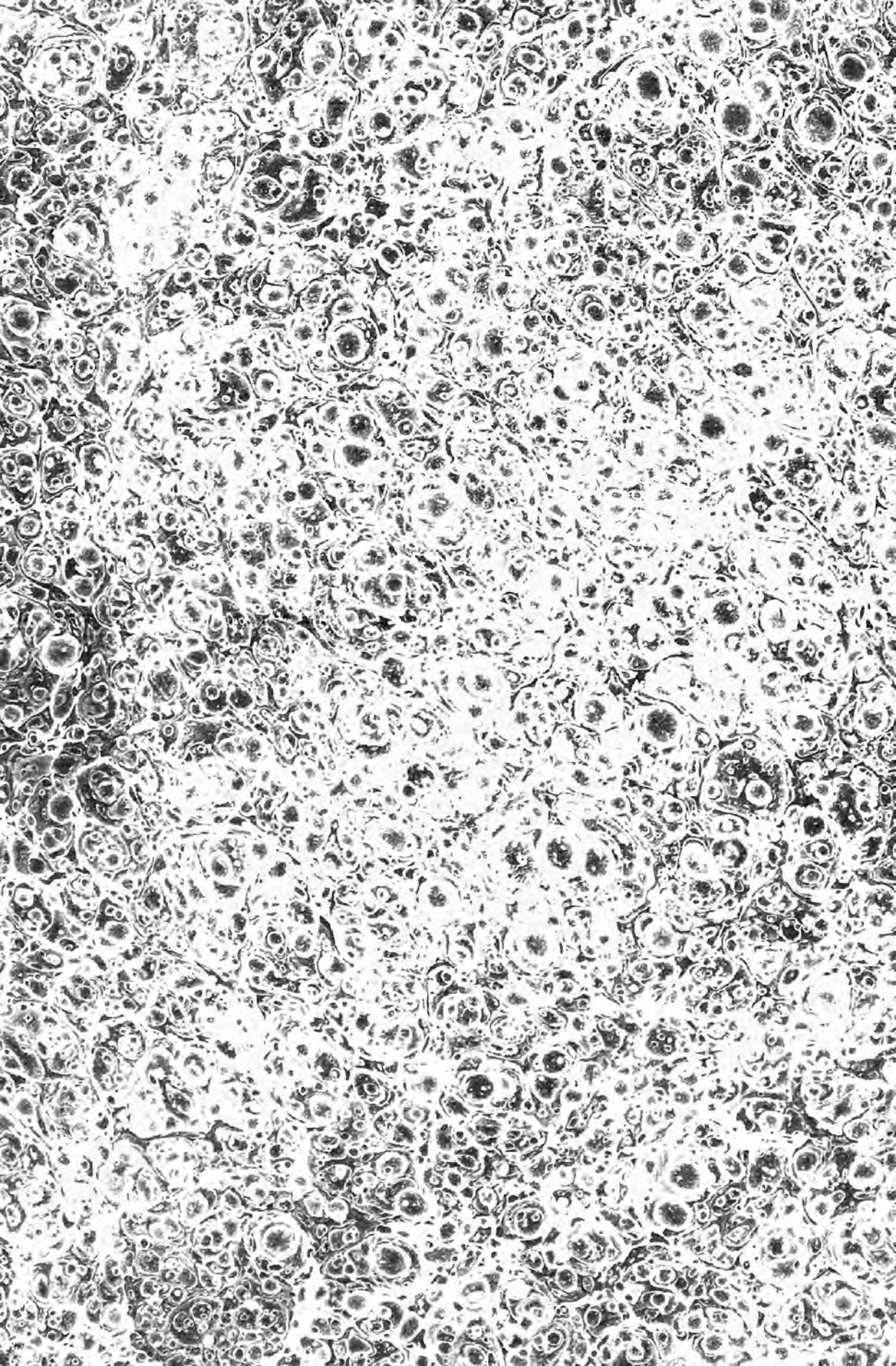
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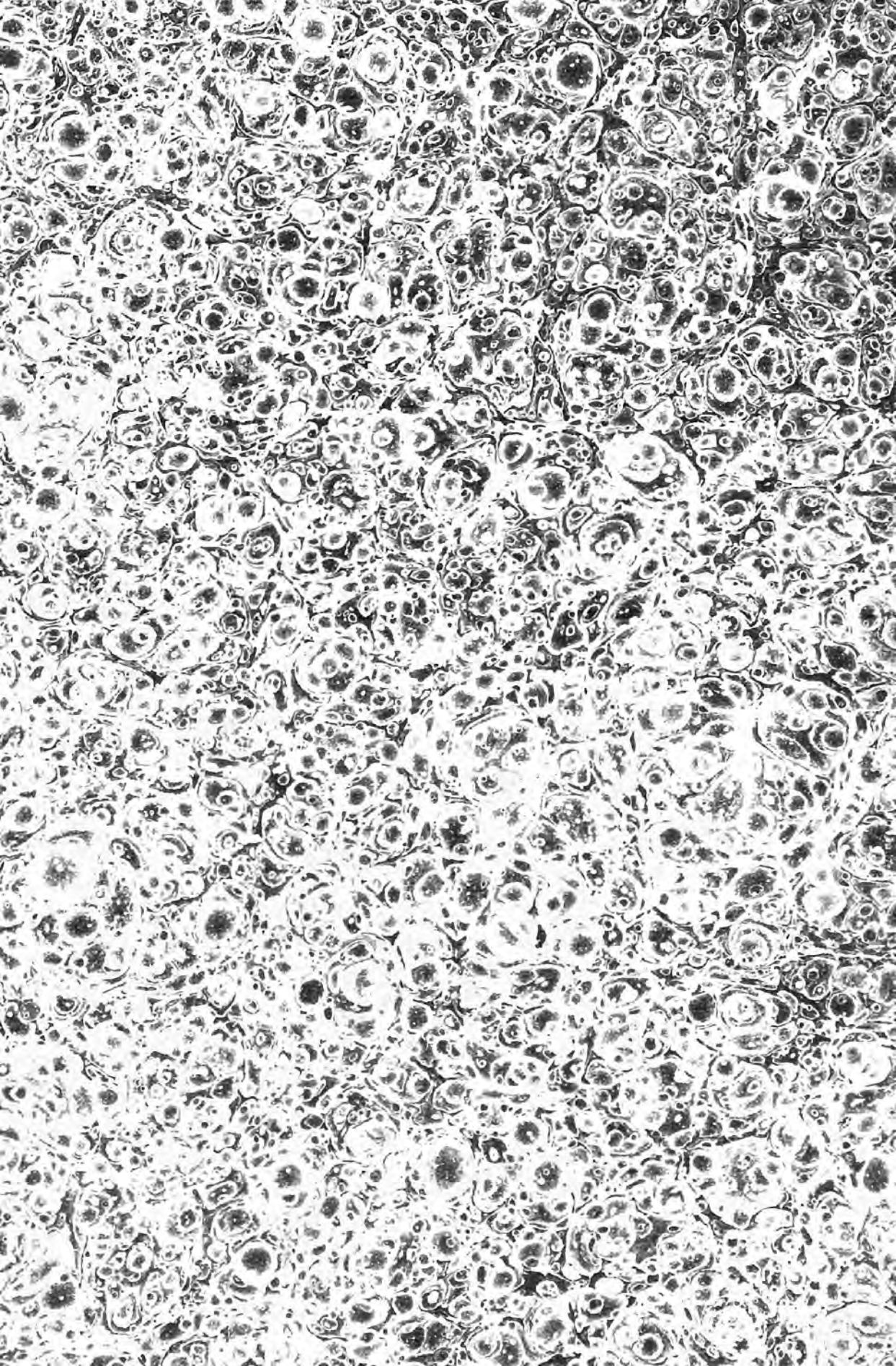
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" 2c, 1846	.15	.07
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" 5c rose, per 10	.50	.25
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" 1d, 1889, per 10	.10	.02
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" 2 1/2d, blue, 1882	.05	.02
Trinidad, 3 varieties, 1883	.68	.03
" 2 wrappers and reg. env. housed	.21	.11
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1c '87 blue	.2c	15c
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2c '90	—	05c
3c '90	.10c	—
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5c '90	.4c	30c
10c '90	.4c	35c
8c '90	.18c	\$1.75
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2c '93	.2c	08c
3c '93	.20c	—
4c '93	.15c	1.10c
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6c '93	.35c	—
8c '93	.30c	1.90c
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3c '94-'95	.4c	35c
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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

The subject of our illustration this month is John Hulme Lowe, of Toronto, Canada.

Mr. Lowe was born in Philadelphia, Pa., and went to Toronto, when very young, and has lived there ever since, with the exception of the year 1897, when he was in England. He has been a collector since he was 10 years old, and is a brother of George A. Lowe, who is the oldest dealer in Toronto, and publisher of the *Toronto Philatelic Journal*, in 1885, and the *International Philatelist* in 1891. John Hulme Lowe, published the *Toronto Stamp* in 1894.

His office is opposite the general post-office, on the ground floor, where you will see stamps, coins, etc., displayed in the window.

He is a member of the Dominion Philatelic Association, and Secy. of the Philatelic Club, of Toronto. He is also a member of The United Amateur Press Association.

His pen has produced some good stamp articles.

Visitors to Toronto, would do well to call and see him. He has a neat card giving views of the main sights of the city. A good thing for other dealers to have in their cities.

COLLECTING THINGS.

There rings in my ear a pretty German jingle:

"Ein rabe schlepte tansend Dinge
Gold, Glass Korallen, Perlin, Ringe."

I never knew what I learned it for till now. It will serve as a fitting introduction to what I have to say. Here is a free translation:

A raven slipt a thousand things
Gold, coral beads and glass and rings,
Into a corner where he slept.

"Why do you gather these, old Chappy?
These things which never make you happy?"

A rooster asked, who watched him close.

"Dont know myself," answered the raven.

"I took 'em just to have 'em, have 'em."

How much a child is like the raven!
The boys pocket, the lady's purse, the
old maids drawer are proof positive of
human nature's predisposition to col-
lect something.

Parents, encourage your boy, encourage your girl to collect something. No matter what it may be,—the child will turn out well. God pity the lad or lassie who is born without this precious gift! Like true love it grows stronger by opposition, unless it be entirely crushed out,

With a little help from his parents, the child who starts a collection will become enthusiastic. Did you ever see

anyone who was enthusiastic? Do you know what it is to be enthusiastic? What does it mean? God in you. With God's help you can do something. The man who is enthusiastic does something.

Darwin tells us in his autobiography how much enthusiasm he displayed when collecting beetles. It is so different from anything you would expect from him, I take the liberty of quoting. Life and Letter of Charles Darwin, by his Son. (Appleton & Co. 1898) Page 43:

"But no pursuit at Cambridge was followed with nearly so much eagerness or gave me so much pleasures as collecting beetles. It was the mere passion for collecting, for I did not dissect them and rarely compared their external characters with published descriptions, but got them named anyhow. I will give a proof of my zeal: One day, on tearing off some old bark, I saw two rare beetles, and seized one in each hand; then I saw a third and new kind, which I could not bear to lose, so I popped the one which I had in my right hand into my mouth. Alas! it ejected some intensely acrid fluid, which burnt my tongue so that I was forced to spit the beetle out, which was lost as was the third one."

When I was very young I collected things. Buttons, blocks pieces of cloth, and later pebbles, fossils arrow-heads and stamps became my prey. What did it amount to? It taught me to observe, compare, classify;—in a word, Science. And last and best of all, it taught Philately.

When I was about five years old, my father kept a news stand. The large red and blue stamps on the packages of newspapers, were very attractive to me and I collected them. Had I been asked what I was going to do with them, the raven's answer would have been my answer. I had a lot of them and when I first began to really collect stamps, how happy I was to find an older schoolmate

who stood ready to give me 35 cents worth of "foreign" in exchange for each one of them. What if I had kept them till today!

A short time after this I stayed all night with an old friend who slept in a bank. We went down into the basement and there were barrels and barrels of old envelopes with treasury stamps on them. I collected as many as I could get. I knew nothing of their value, but as luck would have it, got one complete set. The duplicates went off in company with the big newspaper stamps.

What if I were turned loose in such a bank basement today!

My father's life was almost co-extensive with this century, beginning in 1810. What if he had saved all his old letters and stamps for me, as I am saving mine today! I know of a half dozen that would buy me a farm.

I am glad stamp collecting is here. I am glad it has come to stay. I prophesy that it will soon be on a firm scientific basis and be taught in our public schools. It will become a necessary adjunct to the teaching of history and geography. From experience I can say that my children, a girl of 8 and a boy of 10 have learned more geography in two years, from their stamps than I did from the book.

I wish the science were now taught in the schools. It is studied in them, as many teachers know to their sorrow, and others do not know at all.

In our Sunday school each Sabbath I notice a very interested group of boys, and peeping in I notice that they have some approval sheets which they are discussing just before class-time. Yes, the infection is spreading and 1900 will see many added to the ranks of stamp collectors.

Our boys and girls who study Biology, who learn to read the life history of the ameba, hydra, earthworm, turtle, bird ect., become kind to animals and would

no more "needlessly set foot upon a worm" than they would tread upon their fellows.

They become better men and women, better citizens. And so, "I would not number 'mongst my list of friends, him who would needlessly" tear a stamp in two, be it only a common "two." He who throws an Omaha into the waste basket seems a barbarian indeed.

Therefore I appeal to each one who reads this to see to it, that he sets some little boy or girl to collecting stamps. Donate, say a hundred stamps, arranged nicely in a little album or on sheets; accompany it with a small catalogue and a kind word, and you have acquired a friend who will live to bless your memory.

THE USES OF SOME CANADIAN STAMPS.

As it is not universally known by stamp collectors the reason why some Canadian stamps were issued I think that this list of a few of our Canadian stamps, will prove interesting to the majority of Philatelists.

CANADA.

The twelve penny black, is exceedingly scarce as every one knows. It was issued for postage to India, and is said by some, to be an error, as the Postal Rates were ten pence

The seventeen cent blue of 1860, was issued for postage to India, also.

The twelve and one-half cent, of the same year was used for letters to Great Britain.

The two cent pink, was issued to prepay soldiers letters to great Britain.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

The two cent New Brunswick was issued to prepay soldiers letters to Great Britain.

NOVIA SCOTIA.

The two cent Novia Scotia was also

issued to prepay soldiers letters to Great Britain

The eight and half cent was for letters to Newfoundland.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

The thirteen Newfoundland, was issued for letters to Great Britain.

JOHN HULME LOWE.

THE SUBSTITUTE

AN ODE TO THIS BELOVED SECT.

There's a fiend in our land,
A fiend fierce to dispute;
Who steals the stamps of moral man,
His name is substitute.

He writes with excellent pen,
He writes from city and village;
And sends for stamps of every kind,
That from them he may pillage.

Clutched in his lanky red right hand,
He holds a gaudy reprint;
Whose showy face which give,
The taint of the counterfeit.

Presently he detaches a fair rare stamp,
To satisfy his collection greedy;
But chiefly to another dealer sell,
And its place he puts the reprint; audy.

Send, send, us your rare U. S.,
And make us light and frisky;
Send, send, and we will bless thy means,
Thou good king of stamp and clutches.

Send, send they cry send us stamps,
Send us your rarest stuff;
We'll substitute as fast as you can fill,
Your fine unexcelled approval books.

All thus oppressed by grief and debts,
Of the substitute—the fiend;
The sample copy fiend, the never answer
fiend;
And all other agents of the fiend of
fiends.

Should embrace redress by law,
And by some master stroke;
Steal a march on such spleen,
Even if their pocket book is broke.

And when the fiend hears the roar,
Slightly merrily he laugheth;
And packs his valise, for parts unknown,
And his own skill he praiseth.

If harm would come to this evil best,
It would drive away our sadness;
And light our sunken spirits,
And fill our hearts with gladness.

JOHN HULME LOWE.

ITEMS FROM HASTINGS.

A local dealer advertised for Omaha's in a theatrical program not long since, I have not heard what success he had but consider it would be a paying as well as unique place to put a stamp ad.

Speaking of paying investments, I must say that a stamp which will soon command a higher price than present is the 5 cent (beaver) 1859 of Canada, Speculators and dealers are rapidly "cornering" this stamp.

It may be interesting to know that the Chinese who claim to have used moveable type thousands of years before any other nation, today print their paper from a litographic stone each column of which has been written by the editor upon the stone.

A Hastings philatelist had a hard time in finding Mr. Estes the Omaha dealer while visiting the exposition in that city. His advice, and it is good to follow, is to go straight down Harney till you reach 9th St. Do not try the reverse.

It seems that Hastings Philatelists have a little more "push" than those of other Nebraska cities, while she boasts but twenty-three collectors yet they have banded together and formed a club renting a suite of rooms and prepared at any time to receive visitors.

If you ever stop at Hastings make your way to the rooms they are centrally located, on one of the principal business streets, Hastings Avenue, as a further aid in finding them they are over the Democrat printing office.

The Asylum for the Chronic Insane at Hastings, boasts one stamp collector, this does not help philately any, however, as the collector is hopelessly insane. The collection is very complete in early foreign and U. S. issues mounted in an early French album but the mental disarrangement is shown by the

many reprints and crude fac-similes which adorn the pages.

A collector in this city has several of the high values of Canada Jubilees cancelled with the same post mark and retaining full original gum. Now this collector is wondering if the government cancelled them and sold them at a discount in this condition or whether they actually paid postage on a package without being attached to that package. He got them of a dealer at one half face.

The small boy collector has caused dealers much amusement; one of the latest was to a local dealer who upon request for a Confederate stamp had sent one on approval at the net price of 20 cents. The return of the assortment brought with it the terse sentence "I don't care to invest so much as 20 cents in one stamp, thank you" The dealer is still wondering what that "thank you" meant.

Perhaps there is no better investment, at present, than the current war revenues. Their colors are unsatisfactory, many of them fade easily and in many cases two values have colors so near the same that, at a distance, they appear of the same values. Shades and, in some cases, several distinct colors of the same values have been found, the proprietary set are rife in these differences. The $\frac{1}{2}$ cent is found in light yellow green and in the dark green of the one cent, the $\frac{1}{4}$ cent has been seen in at least, three shades, the $\frac{3}{8}$ cent comes in lemon and rich orange, the $\frac{5}{8}$ has been found in light as well as dark blue, the one cent has been found in yellow green light blue green and dark green, the $1\frac{1}{4}$ in plum, blue purple and rich reddish purple. The other values are not as plentiful in varieties as the smaller denominations but I must mention that the four cent has been seen in a blue shade as well as in purple.

These minor differences, so common now, will one day be eagerly sought for by revenue specialists and he who lays in a supply of these stamps now, will be the gainer.

There is also some talk of perforating the current revenues and as the color changes are also in view, our next set will be different in color and in perforation, the department will be in no especial rush to supply any great demand and therefore we may expect a change in appearance, for the better in workmanship.

It will pay every collector to complete his set of revenue in shade and color, if he does not, sometime in the future he will pay fancy prices for stamps he can now get for face.

In view of the fact that the Trans-Mississippi and International Exhibition which so lately closed a successful year at Omaha is to be extended covering a period of six months for the coming year why cannot the thousands of collectors of America arrange for the erection of a special stamp building.

The building could be erected at the cost of but a few cents from each collector, it would have a seating capacity of about 200 accomodating stamp conventions and philatelic meetings around the sides of the structure could be arranged stamp exhibits from the collections of philatelists throughout the world and the running expenses and part of subscribers could be repaid by the rental of space to dealers. The past year has been one of war and consequently one of less interest in the exposition, the coming one will be a year of jubilation for the victory of American arms. For the hundreds who visited the Exposition in the past thousands will visit it in '99. Out of every hundred indeed out of every ten there will be one or more philatelists or stamp collectors, these will, of course, take an interest in the stamp exhibit and after

the experience of the writer and many other collectors, to his immediate knowledge, will desire to purchase as well as to see stamps; thereby making space in this centrally located building valuable to dealers.

If the Nebraska collectors and dealers take hold of this project and "push it for all it is worth" with the assistance of collectors throughout the United States, will produce a stamp exhibition which will redeem herself, she having been far surpassed by other countries in Philatelic shows in the past.

Hastings boasts one of the largest and the best newspapers collections in the United States. For many years Mr. E. N. Hamen of this city has been building up, with the aid of great labor, time, and expense, a collection of newspapers which, in the alcoves of some museum would give it a world wide fame. The collection consists of 750 varieties in 80 different languages.

Besides collecting the curious and interesting, Mr. Hamen has endeavored to collect the historical. Probably the most unique paper he has is a Russian document issued in St. Petersburg by a Nihilistic enthusiast. It breathes, threatens in every word. Besides being curious, it is valuable. Mr Hamen has been offered the small and insignificant sum of \$60 00 by a wealthy Russian of St Louis Mo. for the document.

Mr Hamen also possessed an Irish paper expressing the sentiments of the Liberty Party of that down-trodden enslaved people.

Among his varieties are newspapers printed in the Basque language, Native Hawaiian, Burmese, Afganistan, Siamese Andulasian, Javanese, Welch.

Mr. Hamen is a wonderful linguist, speaking and writing in seven different languages and with the assistance of his abilities he has managed to amass his splendid collection.

It will pay all who are interested in this branch of collecting, so closely allied to philately, to correspond with Mr. Hamen for mutual benefit.

It was in looking at some of Mr. Hamen's treasures that I first learned to what purpose those Turkish revenues which are so common, were placed. For the benefit of those who do not already know I will explain.

Each sheet of paper before receiving the imprint, is stamped by a government official who previous to its issue, has examined every line of the forms to see that nothing unfavorable to the Sultan occurs in its columns. When this stamped paper is run through the press it receives the imprint of some of the type, serving as a cancellation. These stamps serve a double purpose, as a revenue stamp and again as a sign of approbation.

Bro. Bartels of Washington claims Hastings is the home of fraudulent inverted L. R. Don't worry friends, to my positive knowledge there is not nor has there been a single specimen in the city. Don't work a yellow journal scheme on us Bro. Bartels.

50 cent Omahas are more plentiful in Hastings than the 5 cent. Every collector has from one to twenty copies.

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PICK UPS

Although eastern dealers report a rushing business, stamp matters here in the west are duller than for over a year past. The local trade is very light and was much better during the summer months. The Omaha Exposition may have had something to do with this, as it brought many outsiders to the city. The mail trade seems to be about the same as last year.

Mr W. B. Hopson has gotten out a revised edition of the old Nebraska Blue

Book. I have not seen a copy as yet, but am informed it is out, and contains the name and address of over 1000 active collectors residing in the state. No doubt Mr Hopson will advertise the book for sale at a reasonable price, so that all desiring such a directory may obtain one.

During the past month we have noticed an error in the 20 cent on 15 cent blue Italy, of the 1865 issue, not listed in the catalogue. Scott prices an error, but one not as noticeable as the one in question, which has a badly broken C in the upper left corner. The error was evidently corrected at an early date, as all copies, so far examined, were used in August 1865.

Sometime since we mentioned in these notes of the arrest of Wolle in Long Island and brought back to St. Louis to answer a charge of using the mail for purpose of defrauding stamp dealers. Mr. Wolle operated under the name of H. R. Kaiser, an i is the same man formerly operating under the name Smith, Stein, ect., ect. His trial came up in the United States court, Nov. 15. He was found guilty and sentenced to the full extent of the law, 18 months imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$500.00. Mekeels Weekly contained a full report of the trial and no doubt many would-be frauds are beginning to mend their ways, ere they to come to grief.

About a year ago there was a great deal of talk about organizing an association to be made up wholly of western collectors. Owing to the sudden death of Joe P. Beard, and Mr. Shepards absence in Cuba, the matter for the time being was dropped. Now that Mr Shepard has returned the movement seems filled with new life. If such an organization is ever an accomplished fact, it is bound to succeed. One of its aims will be to admit only reliable collectors and those

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that are able to furnish satisfactory business references. The one great fault of our present associations seems to be the officers aim to increase the membership, regardless of who the applicant may be. From our own experience we believe that fully one half of the so called collectors holding membership cards in Philatelic associations are frauds, and only joined for the purpose of fleecing brother collectors.

The 1d black Gt. Brit. cataloguing at 10 cts is in the minds of many a rare stamp, so much so that a pair recently sold for \$1.50 in a N. Y. auction. European dealers are offering 25 cts each for good copies, and American dealers are not far behind. We know a young fellow in St. Louis with over 800 fine copies, another in Kansas city with 1600, and a waiter here in an Omaha restaurant with over 500. If people over the east have this stamp in corresponding number it is not worth a quarter. While speaking of holding stamps this same Missouri collector has over 1000 copies of the 541847,400 of the 10 cts and the small number of 40,9041869, mostly unused. When we met him he was carrying a dozen or so loose in a small note book and a perfect copy with original gum had stuck fast to one of the leaves. Its such sights as these that almost disgust us with collecting, especially so when their owners refuse to sell even a single copy. When we are fortunate enough to get two copies of a desirable stamp we can never rest until the heart of some fellow collector is made glad by the possession of the other copy.

ADAM DOLLARD.

MY ALBUM.

About a year and a half ago I started to collect stamps, and of course needed an album in which to place them and after looking at several kinds of books used by other collectors I came to the

conclusion that a cheap International album (\$1.50) would do for me a couple of years. But it did not. I did not have 400 varieties before I noticed that I was collecting quite a large lot of stamps for which there were no spaces in the book. About that time I had just got a 57th catalogue, which helped me a great deal to prove that the stamps for which there were no spaces were actual postage stamps, but the catalogue did not cover all the ground which I should have liked it to have done, I still had more than a dozen stamps that were not mentioned and the only thing to do with them was to hang them on the edge of the page controlled by that country until further information could be obtained. In the course of ten or twelve months I accumulated somewhere near one thousand varieties, and among them had fully one hundred which were not mentioned in the album or catalogue. It was then that a brilliant idea occurred to me, and I right away put it into use. I took all the stamps out of my album and then sent it to a book bindery and had it inter-leaved throughout, one blank sheet of thick board paper bound between every two pages of the printed album. It made a thick and imposing volume when finished, but as the cover in which it was bound was morocco it had a solid appearance. On the blank pages I hung in any order that my fancy took the stamps which I had taken from the printed squares, and place on the printed pages any duplicates that I get. Everyone who has seen my album is pleased with the innovation of it, and some are and have copied it. Since the invention is not patented in all parts of the world, it would be a good investment for some dealer in albums to have a few specially rebound, unless the loose sheets could be procured from the publishers, in a cheap style of leather binding. B.

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LIBRARY CORNER,

The current 4 5-6-10 cent stamps being out in new shades. The 15 cent blue is reported to change to olive green and to be a "stunner"

The 1/2-1-2 10 cents Documentary are reported to be out in a part Rouletted state.

The 5-cent-2 cent Documentary also reported being seen perforated 12- word comes from Washington that the whole set may be out in a perforated state before long.

Our "War stamps" seem to be very prolific so far 43 varieties have been reported. This is only another affirmative answer to that oft repeated statement that it is always wisest and best to buy new issues as soon as out.

March 1st 1899 begins the new contract for furnishing stamped envelopes and wrappers to our Govt. by the Morgan Plumptre Co of Hartford Conn. Colors will be 1 ct green 2c: Carmine 5 ct blue; the foreign postal is reported being out in 2 ct black on cream instead of blue as before.

Gibraltar has changed her stamps once more. They will read pence and shilling once more instead of "Centimos"

It is reported the Mexican stamps are now received on porous wove paper unwatermarked.

Hungarian stamps are reported as having the watermark changed from the "K R" to Crown in Circle.

The commemorative stamp of Netherland has been recalled to be substituted by another although a very pretty stamp some fault was found by the queen hence the change.

Italy will have a new issue with King Humberts portrait as he now appears.

Portugal has issued to all of her colonies a new set of stamps. The design is the same as the mother country

the values and color the same for each colony. About 110 varieties are included

Canada again not to be out-done by the United States will issue a 4 pence stamp, Christmas, to commemorate the reduction of their postage rates. It will be a multi-colored stamp with a miniature map of the world as a central piece.

From all reports the Omahas seem to be destined to be the most sought after and command the best prices of any issues for a long while.

Circumstances were such that the Govt. did not print the amount first determined on.



BOILED DOWN.

Original and otherwise.

St. Lucia, 2 pence, orange and blue was in circulation only a week, and originals on cover are bringing good prices.

High value Omahas are becoming scarce, and bring close to face value, in used condition

New issues for Turkey and Italy are expected soon.

Souvenir postal cards are getting in demand more and more each month, they make a neat collection, those of Germany being fine, also those advertised by Kropp.

A New York firm expect to issue the Providence stamp, by reprinting from the original plate.

The special delivery stamp of Canada, does not seem to take well.

The Birmingham society seems to be the leader in England, having 241 members in all parts of the world. The thanks of the society are due to Seey, G. Johnson.

They also hold a stamp exhibit this month. The Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser is the official organ.

The death of the S. S. S. S. is a true sign of the times, for nothing in philatelic lines is more in demand now than new issues.

The U. S. treasury department is considering issuing revenue stamps for insurance and express companies.

The Governor of New Zealand, Lord Ranfurly, is reported as being an ardent philatelist.

The following stamps have been counterfeited: Argentine, 20 pesos, green; Bavaria, 2 kr. pale lilac; Geneva envelope; Prince Edward Islands, all of '72 issue except 3c rose, and 3c blue of '67.

It is reported the remainders of the Porto Rico stamps were sold at public auction October 15 h.

The 2c Documentary, printed on bank checks, are similar in design to those used from '60 to '83. Only one variety and color (yellow) has been seen.

The Hawaiian stamps exhibited at Omaha Exposition, have been sent east to be sold.

Klondyke stamps are being sold in the east, which are reported as fakes.

Souvenir cards can be sent to Europe at same rate of other postal cards, by a new ruling of the P. O. department. The old rate was the same as letter, 5 cents, or postage due at double rates if only 2 cents had been put on.

Bart's of Washington, D. C., states that Bureau officials of P. O. Department claim there are no U. S. stamps on different varieties of paper, the same paper being used for years. He also states a quantity of inverted 2c I. R. are being counterfeited at Hastings Neb.

Virgin Islands will issue a new set of stamps soon.

The Xmas (?) stamps of Canada must have remembered "the early bird catch-

es the worm," and in view of that fact made their debut about two weeks in advance of time. Canada is given undue prominence on the map which adorns the stamp. As all know, the meridian lines of the earth grow narrower as they near the poles; the designer of the Xmas stamps did not take this into consideration, and also I suppose, he was a patriotic "cuss," and Canada is given undue prominence having been broadened out until it is about the ratio of 16 to 1 in comparison with the U. S. whereas in fact it is only about twice as large. Changes in color and alterations in designs are announced for it also and as the first print was not large. It will be well to get a specimen at once.

FACTS ABOUT POSTAGE STAMPS.

It is barely fifty years since this convenience was introduced into the United States. The stamp is a little older in England. When first introduced, postage stamps were sold in solid sheets. Of course, a great many were wasted in the effort to tear them apart when there were no perforations. Indeed, the loss and inconvenience was so great that the government offered a liberal reward for a patent which would overcome the difficulty.

The first machine submitted was one which cut the stamps nearly, but entirely apart. While the Post Office Department was considering this machine the idea of perforating the sheets in rows each way was offered and promptly accepted. Nothing better has been sought.

There was a time when better paper and mucilage was used, and when the printing was an improvement upon the present stamps, but since we have learned that a damp sponge is fully as good as the tongue in preparing the stamps for adhesion, the quality of the materials used becomes of importance.

The number of postage stamps used

A year is something enormous. For instance the ordinary postage revenue for the year ending June 30, 1891, exclusive of money order business, was \$64,055,193.87. Of this \$41,432,129.50 came from letter postage. The bulk of this is, of course, in 2 cent stamps, and it is safe to put the whole number of this denomination used at more than 2,000,000,000 per annum.

The issuing of postage stamps, stamped envelopes and newspaper wrappers all belong to one of the divisions under the care of the Third Assistant Postmaster-General. There is another division of the same bureau which looks after registered letters, and still another which attends to the system for the special delivery of letters. The classification of mail matter belongs to this bureau, and it is with the Third Assistant Postmaster-General or his clerks that newspaper and periodicals have to quarrel over their rights to official entry as second class matter.

A ten-cent special delivery stamp on a letter is supposed to keep it in constant motion from the time the letter is deposited the main or branch post office until it is delivered to the addressee. There is liable to be a little delay in the starting of a letter when it is deposited in a letter box instead of a post office, but everything must make way for a special delivery letter after they once get in the vicinity of a mail bag. The clerk hustles them out with the first mail leaving the office and puts them on the outside of packages, is in a bundle by themselves, so that the next official I can see them at once.

If the special delivery stamp is put on a package of second, third or fourth class matter it has to be treated in a first class manner—that is, it goes into pouch instead of a sack and is pushed through just as rapidly as a letter bearing the same stamp.

Last year there were over 2,500,000 pieces sent by special delivery, and it is interesting to note that the average time consumed in the delivery of each parcel after it reaches the post office of the addressee was only twenty minutes.

Kate Field's Washington.

Local stamps are, as the word signifies, stamps whose use is limited to the place in which they are issued. They may be for use in cities only, as were many of the United States locals. They may be used between the different provinces within a country, as the stamps of the different States of the Colombian Republic. The distinguishing characteristic of all locals is that they are not intended for use in prepaying international postage.

The grille is measured in millimeters. Many of the unused Seebeck issues never leave New York until sold to dealers. They are the surplus in the hands of the contractor when an issue is discontinued at the close of a year.

We cannot furnish all the material and would be pleased to see anything to help the collector. No personal or society articles desired. We get all this we need from the other magazines. We want to be different. See.

Between England and America there actually existed 200 years ago what now is little more than the dream of the postal reformer—an ocean penny postage. Yet such is the fact. In 1698 it was custom of the masters of ships bound for America to hang up bags in coffee houses, and any letters that might be dropped into these bags they carried, and were glad to carry, over for 1d. or 2d. a letter, according as it was single or double.—*Liverpool Mercury*.

NEBRASKA'S PRIDE.



NEBRASKA PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

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Librarian—W. C. Estes, Ninth and Harney streets, Omaha.

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Official Organ—THE PHILATELIC WEST.

PRESIDENTS ADDRESS.

Fellow members, N. P. S.: Let every member make himself a committee of one to secure another member. We are now the largest state society in existence, having over two hundred members, one of the best monthly papers for official organ (in both size and quality), and have a fine exchange department. The August number of the PHILATELIC WEST was the only official organ I have ever seen containing a report from every officer of the society. Among other good points we have a good surplus in the treasury. Why can't we get every collector in the state to join?

The Trans-Mississippi Exposition is over, and along with it our stamp exhibit. While nothing wonderful, our ex-

hibit was however quite creditable, particularly as only five collectors succeeded in getting stamps ready. A list of the awards will be found in another column. Respectfully,

R. F. ROTHERY.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

NEW MEMBERS.—196, Campbell Fleming, Schuyler; 197, H. R. Williams, Omaha; 198, T. G. Saunders, Omaha; 199, A. Truesdell, Fremont; 200, H. T. Parker, Wilsonville.

APPLICATIONS.

201. C. Garvin, 1756 Leavenworth St. Omaha; Ref. N. T. Thorson.

202. Aug. Albers, Fremont; Ref. Rollie Neuman.

203. Gordon Cummings, 1821 Farnam St. Omaha; Ref. C. Hardin.

204. C. L. Pond, 1009 N. 29th Street, Omaha. Ref. F. Rothery.

205. E. Sayers, 2637 Davenport St. Omaha. Ref. F. Rothery.

REISSUED MEMBERSHIP.

143. B. C. Boehling, Bruno.

145. G. Koehuke, Plattsmouth.

Our small list is on account of coming so close after November number, only a week between.

Have changed printers and hope to be out on time from this on. Printer being cause of delay. We wish the names of all active collectors or camera fiends you know and any sent me will be glad to receive. If you wish an exchange notice send it along, free to members.

Hopson offers his Blue Book to members at 5c, it contains over 1100 names, pay you to get it.

The Hastings Stamp Club elected new officers as follows. Pres. C. S. Einsel, V. Pres. A. M. Hendee, Secy. Tres. R. Cessna, Ex. Supt. G. Kress. All new officers.

They have 2 dozen members and nice room over Democrat office. Call and see them if in city.

If there are 6 collectors in your city why not form a society and make it more interesting for all.

Remember if a camera fiend or collect-

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or you can use both if member of either Neb. Socy. or Camera Club.

Neb. Socy. has no badge or button except those at annual meetings.

B. A. Barrett Librarian of the Neb. Historical Socy. desires complete files of all Neb. papers, relics and etc. and one kept on file in Library Bldg. of State University. Fire proof building. They have just secured the Whitecomb collection of relics which was on display in the Neb. building in the G. A. R. room and would like to have a philatelic room. Pleased to have suggestions from members regarding having a philatelic room. If in the city of Lincoln call and see librarian and may get this started.

Hughes is starting a stamp exchange plan of Mokeel for readers of PHILATELIC WEST.

Any thing in way of suggestion or way to help the Neb. society or camera club would be pleased to hear from all. and glad to get any names you may send me. If each member will help and make an increase in applications. can lead our national societies and do now, west of the Mississippi. Pleased to hear from all members.

L. T. BRONSTONE.

LIBRARIANS REPORT.

Owing to press of business, have been unable to receive library from the former librarian till the present time.

Library is now arranged and on file at my office for the use of any N. P. S. members who may wish for references.

The volumes of the different papers are very incomplete; any members having any old Philatelic Literature not wanted will be benefiting the society by contributing such papers to the library.

Have also many duplicates will exchange "even for any number of any paper I have not got, as far as possible will try to answer all letters of inquiry of a Philatelic nature providing stamps for return postage is enclosed. Would like to have all Philatelic papers. Send

copy. Each issue of their papers to be filed in the library. Will exchange by sending our Official organ the "PHILATELIC WEST."

So far I beg to acknowledge the receipt of The New York Philatelist; Perforator; Rocky Mountain Stamp; Postal Card Reporter; Evergreen State Philatelist. Also auction catalogues of Geo. R. Tuttle, R. F. Albrecht, Bogert & Durbin Co., will try to have all catalogues of any stamp sales of the season on hand time enough that any members "especially in the city" who care to purchase stamps in this manner may look over same and forward bids.

In reorganizing this arm of the society, I am trying to make it what the library of every society should be, a Bureau of Information, and not simply a name.

For this reason each month I shall run a corner in the PHILATELIC WEST, giving notes and comments, of Current Topics condensed from papers rec'd by library regarding Philately which I hope will be read and appreciated by our members.

Thanking all members of the N. P. S. for honoring me with the office of Librarian, I remain, Yours Paternally

W. C. ESTES.

9th and Harney

Omaha Neb.

SALES SUPERINTENDANT REPORT.

Number of books to date 17. Value of books \$166.28. Number returned 4. Value of books retired \$31.20. number of books still in Sept 13 value \$135.08.

Members there is lots of room for more books in Dept and I hope in the near future to receive books from each one. I have plenty of blank exchange books (5c each stamps accepted) so send in your order.

Hoping to hear from each one of you soon I remain yours in N. P. S.

ROLLIE NEUMAN.

Ex Supt.

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THE TRANS-MISSISSIPPI PHILATELIC SOCIETY,

Owing to my hurried and unexpected departure for the south, this matter of a western society was for a time sadly neglected, but now we are ready to take up the work and push it to completion.

Below is a list of applications received also such nominations as have been suggested.

Nominations received before Nov. 29th will be printed in the next issue of this paper, after which an election will be held.

Application blanks can be secured of me.

R. L. SHEPARD

2004 Wirt St Omaha Neb.

APPLICATIONS.

1. S. P. Huges, Howe, Neb
2. Roy B. Bradley, Waco, Texas.
3. W. D. Green, Beaver City, Nebr.
4. J. P. Green " " "
5. C. H. Ayers " " "
6. B. C. Smith " " "
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NOTES ON STAMPS

The current set of Hungary are appearing in new shades. This is very distinct in the two cent especially.

The two pence of 1872 issue of South Australia has appeared on vertically laid paper. This specimen is uncatalogued.

Collecting of railway letter stamps is popular in England. They charge on all letters mailed at the train instead of the P. O., while here, no charge is made.

A collector recently received a ½ cent orange Documentary revenue on a letter without the usual Postage Due stamp annexed. An offer of \$3.00 for this envelope with stamp on was refused. Probably this stamp was mistaken for the 4 cent Omaha, because of the similarity of color.

U. S. 1890 2 cent red with cap on right appears to be very scarce; as one collector who holds three copies has refused a cash offer of \$5.0 for each copy. I recently found two copies among a lot of stamps given me by some friends.

JOHN PELZ.

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STAMPED ENVELOPES.

A new and cheaper schedule of stamped envelopes will go into effect January 1. Third quality envelopes will not be supplied after that date. It is not known whether the present method of designating sizes will be changed or not. The present issue of envelopes has had three schedules of prices. The first schedule (Oct. 1 1886) numbered and named each size; no designation was made of the quality. The second schedule (Jan. 1, '91) lettered the sizes and defined the quality. "A" alone stood for first quality, "Aa" for second and "Aaa" for third. The schedule Jan 1, '95 which is still in operation numbered the sizes and designated the quality in words as—No 5 first 2 cents that being the ordinary type—by quality is meant the grade of paper, not neces-

sarily the color. The first quality is white and amber, the second buff or blue and the third manilla or manilla amber. It is likely that a new watermark will be adopted with the new contract.

EARLY BUREAU STAMPS.

Small circular, colored dots can be found in various positions on a number of bureau plates. They are usually between the two stamps adjacent to the imprint. I have seen the dots on most plates between numbers 55 and 251. They are probably guide dots such as are found in other positions on other U. S. stamps.

Plate 98 has numerous white blotches around the numerals denoting the value. They seem to be most plentiful in the upper right corner of the lower right pane.

The water marked stamps cannot be distinguished by the gum as has been stated. The gum used on the water-marked stamps was adopted in February or March, while the watermarks did not appear until April 29.

The early two cents are found on a queer paper. The back of the stamp shows the design and watermark quite plainly, yet the paper is not thin. Five sheets were found among fifty. It was not used long.

The distance between the two outside rows of perforations varies considerable on some sheets of the Bureau's first efforts. There is sometimes as much as 5 mm difference between their distance apart at the top and their distance apart at the bottom of the sheet.

The Bureau's one cent stamps can be changed to several colors by being dipped into different solutions of sulphuric acid and sulphate of copper. It is noticed that the early and late stamps are always changed to entirely different colors by the same solution.

It is also remarkable that the American Bank Note Company's one cent stamps and the Bureau's early one cent are always changed to the same color by the same solution while later Bureau stamp take a different color. This goes to prove that the Bureau at first used the Bank Note Company's material.

Hawaiian stamps will still be good for domestic or foreign postage in the islands. With the Cubans, Porto Ricans, and Filipines however it will be different.

Richard P Wolle has been sentenced to \$500 fine and to be confined 18 months in the penitentiary.

It is said that Canada will have a stamp, bearing the map of British Empire.

BY THE BUSINESS MANAGER.

It gives me great pleasure to add to our list of Editors, the name of G. B. Ward, who will have charge of the CAMERA NEWS Being one of the leaders of Chicago, and a stamp man as well, you may know he will help to make the paper better, and his department will be a leader in its class.

The delay of paper since last July, we lay to our printer. When he took the contract, he said he could get it out in one week, instead of which every number has run nearly and sometimes over a month. His work suits, but as no one wishes to be out on time, any more than I do, and believe I can claim to be the only one that got out my magazine nearly two months (Sept., of 1896) so as not to belate, being at the stamp meets. This has been the main cause of our change of printers.

FREE SUBSCRIPTION. Do you want such, if a reader we offer about the

same, viz. If you are already a subscriber, send one cent for each name, or if your subscription expires with this number, (as quite a number do), and wish to renew, or if a new subscriber, send 25 cts, and with each name you wish the paper sent to, add one cent each. We also allow each name a free exchange notice. This one cent offer only holds good for this year, to see if you know a good thing when you see it.

We have now a list that we are willing to compare with any philatelic or camera, monthly in the U. S., or the world for that matter, and believe I'll run the weeklies a close one. When R. Neuman and others, say it brings them more replies than they get on same class of ads in the weeklies. It pays them; why not you.

PRIZE FOR BEST MSS. TO HELP THE COLLECTOR. We are always pleased to receive suggestions or hints for the benefit of the collector, or the betterment of the paper, and wish to see some good manuscript, to help the collector, or on certain stamps of a country. For such we offer three prizes as follows: for the best manuscript sent before May 1, 1899.

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THIRD. \$5.00 in stamps or a \$5.00 camera.

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Each contestant must be a subscriber. Manuscript must contain at least 1000 words.

All must be original. Prepay postage. Articles will be published in columns of this magazine if they suit.

The U. S. 3 per cent \$20.00 Government Bond is offered if 100 enter the contest.

Let each reader enter the contest.

How many of our readers have had dealings with Williams & Co., and how did you come out? We may have a surprise in our next number, if we do not hear by the first.

Tuttle's Auction list comes as regular as most monthlies, and is a leader, his sales having averaged over a thousand dollars at each sale. Drop a card to him at 87 Nassau St., N. Y., for list.

Readers will do well to look over all the advertisements, as some bargains are off-red, not seen in any other magazine. It will pay you to look over the ads, even if you do not wish to buy.

Jannasch's "Want list of U. S. Revenues", including the '93 issues, is well worth the price asked. Look up his ad in the September number.

We wish ads, especially one-quarter page and up, and offer lower rates than any. Only a dollar for a trial $\frac{1}{4}$ page, or \$3.00 for a page, and circulation considered, this can't be beat. Cash with copy.

By sending postage for all questions asked, or about back numbers,, papers not received, and ads, you will receive a prompt reply by next mail. Our postage alone is quite an item.

Advertisers get the worth of their money in the PHILATELIC WEST Place your dimes, and get dollars in return.

The Dewey Stamp Co. report a mistake in their ad, the \$1.00 Int. Ex. should read 15cts not 10cts.

We have some good ads from Canada dealers in this issue, it will pay you to look them over.

The Manilla pictures advertised, are good ones, and are not seen every day. Better secure one or more.

Our exchange column is being abused by some, and hereafter will allow only one notice free to each subscriber. We make a low cash rate for those who wish to use it more than once.

The reason we have added the CAMERA News to our paper, is, that we find most of our readers are interested in our possess cameras. And then stamps and photos are well mated, each of them makes a very interesting collection especially as souvenirs of your trip, ect. Our camera department is in charge of a stamp collector, and will help both branches all he can.

We also have a number of readers who sell or handle cameras and also collect stamps, and all think well of our plan.

In some issues we can give more camera news than stamp, and vice versa. We desire to be up-to date, and would be pleased to receive suggestions or anything that would be of benefit. We especially desire articles on stamps of different countries, or hints to help the collector.

A number of dealers would rather give stamps for ad space, than cash, and to such we offer a trial ad, for stamps, if same are not the imperf. or part perf. U. S. Rev., or minor varieties of paper and watermarks, local, ect. We have no time to pay attention to these minute varieties. Will accept any stamps at catalogue price, of 5 cts or over, at our regular rates. Send return postage, in case of refusal.

We circulate as far north as Alaska, south as Argentine Republic, and also in Africa, Australia, Manilla, ect.

We notice in the list of subscribers to the Philatelic Advocate, of Canada, that Nebraska leads in the states west of the Mississippi, and holds fourth place in the U. S. It must be a good state.

The concessionaires at the Trans-Mississippi exposition, declare that at no previous exposition did the people buy as freely and extensive of the merchandise offered for sale by them. This is a fair index of financial conditions in the west.

If you look over the list of magazines published in the west, you will find two on the Pacific coast, two in Texas, and two others, between the Rockies and the Mississippi, (a year or more old), with the largest field of all. Only six magazines of this class west of the Mississippi. We leave our readers to judge which of the six is the leader.

A Merrie Christmas and Happy New Years to ye all.

332 subscribers is the number we received in one month, and that too before winter set in. What monthly received more.

With every 25 cent subscription we offer any philatelic monthly in the U. S. whose price is not above ours. For 50 cents any philatelic monthly in the U. S. or either of these; Stamp Collectors Journal, Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser or Stamps. For 60 cents any philatelic weekly. In this way you get two papers for the price of one.

Since our last writing we have changed printers, the last delay being the longest yet. The former printer left out several pages of matter including the report of the Trans-Mississippi Society, my best manuscript, and ads and exchange notices. I missed one month in the hope that he would get it out on time, but it was later than ever.

Received with thanks. First Canada Xmas stamp from Lowe, whose photo we give in this issue. Also price lists from Burton & Burton, Boomer, and Jubilee Stamp Co., auction catalogues of Bogert, Durbin, Tuttle, and Moreau of New York.

William & Co. issue a large price list. A number of papers are sending them out.

Camera price lists from Western Camera Co., Chicago; Meeker Co. N. Chicago; Z. T. Briggs, Atchison, Kans; De Putron, Lincoln Neb.

Copies of "Red and Black" of E. Hand, and "Ambition" of Dickinson, both of Chicago.

The best foreign directory I have yet seen is the one of W. Siessmaun, Sealfeld, Germany. All dealers should have a copy. The only trouble with it is, it is unbound, and printed in German.

The Souvenir postal cards from Kropp are the best I have seen in the U. S. and are well worth the price.

Western Stamp Co., Wichita, Ks. sent us one of the neatest approval books we have seen. They also report that Rob G. Edgar, of Lincoln, Ill., is a fraud and warn dealers and collectors to look out for him.

Aloe & Penfold of Omaha, have issued a neat amateur photo catalogue. It contains several nice half tones of western scenes. Write for it.

Also rec'd photo price lists from Uhlman of St. Joseph, and Hyatt of St. Louis, Mo.

Pope Mfg. Co., send out the neatest pad calendar we have seen, and is well worth the price, 10 cents. to any one.

J. W. Lowe sends circulars of Phil. Club of Toronto Canada, which we think would be a good thing for all collectors of that city to join.

Multiscope & Film Co., of Burlington, Wis., send us circulars of these goods.

Kirkland Lithium Paper Co. of Denver Colo., send us samples of their paper.

S. P. Huges has issued a neat price list, well worth sending for. See his page ad.

St. Louis Stamp & Coin Co., who have a page ad in this issue, is in charge of an old Nebraska boy, and wishes to buy collections or loose stamps. I can recommend him as a good buyer.

E. L. Shove is a leader in philatelic literature, see his page ad, and if in need of any papers, write him.

H. C. Crowell has a good ad and has placed the Ohio stamp exchange among the leaders.

The N. Y. Society of Amateur Photographers have a correspondence branch and Pres. W. G. Pierson, 175 St. Marks Ave., Brooklyn, can send you blanks or further information.

CAMERA NEWS.

G. B. WARD, EDITOR.
208 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

PROSPECTUS.

CAMERA NEWS.—Is to be for the Amateur, and photography will be told in a way so that he can understand it: no chemical symbols are involved, long minded scientific discussions, simply photography, told in a simple easily understood way.

It will be the first magazine in the country on photographic instruction that can be understood without an instructor, in short we are going to explain common, every day picture taking in such a way that any one with a common every day sort of education can understand it.

We shall publish articles on all those constantly recurring questions. How do you develop? What developer shall I use? What make of plates are the best? What paper makes the finest prints? What camera is the best? How do you make flash lights?

These are some of the questions that are warping the souls of our amateurs, and none there be who answer them.

Now the editor of CAMERA NEWS has had long and much experience in answering just these kinds of photographic interrogations, and he is going to sort it up and string it together for the benefit of our readers—and that's our prospectus.

Our publishers are so well pleased with the flattering reception, accorded the Camera department, that it has been decided to enlarge its sphere of use to our readers: henceforth the Camera will share equal honors with the Stamp, not only in space but in name, it is no longer the Camera department of PHILATELIC WEST, it is PHILATELIC WEST AND CAMERA NEWS.

The editor of CAMERA NEWS will try to make it "newsy" in all respects pertaining to the photographic science.

Articles telling in plain language not only how to take photographs but also how to make them according to the latest methods of working now in vogue will be the regular order of the day.

In the next issue a photographic correspondence column will be inaugurated in which will be answered all questions of general interest.

All other questions pertaining to subjects not considered to be of general interest, will be cheerfully answered by mail providing postage is enclosed.

We are anxious to secure a large advertising clientele from among the manufacturers and dealers in photographic goods and specialties, and to that end invite correspondence. We will make especially low rates to induce new advertisers to give CAMERA NEWS a trial.

The year is old, and the flash-light days are on us.

One great mistake is usually made by the average amateur who attempts flash pictures; he puts out all the lights in the room which has the effect of enlarging the pupils of the eyes. This gives that horrible staring effect so often seen in flash-lights.

Let your lights burn as usual, only be sure that none of them are directly in front of the lens. If your powder happens to go off at the wrong time, and your hand happens to be badly burnt, use sweet oil, and lots of it. But be careful, burns made by flash powder are bad, they heal very slowly.

The latest thing in photography is the new process for making photographs in natural colors.

There is a company in Chicago that are preparing to put on the market,

MANILLA PHOTOGRAPHS

The following pictures just received from Sergeant L. C. Peters, 1st Nebraska volunteers.

- No. 1—This is a kodak view of an insurgent sentinell on duty at the cross roads where Co. C. was held in reserve when on out post duty. The man beside the sentinell is one of the native officials in a small way.
- No. 2—Huts in which Co. C. was held in reserve on outpost duty the day after Pennsylvania's battle Aug 1 about one half from the first line of trenches. These huts are to the left in View No. 1. The view is taken from beach side, showing breastworks around the huts.
- No. 3—Inside the American line of trenches. This is where the Pennsylvanians had their battle; also where the Nebraska regiment had two or three engagements. The large, white building is an old church, and in the second story is where Will Stearns of Co. C. fired the first shot, referred to by the London Times as a Nebraska sharp shooter.
- No. 4—Outside view of No. 3 taken from bay shore. The line between these two buildings bore the brunt of all the Spanish rifle and artillery fire. About 100 men lost their lives here. Co. C. 1st Nebraska, lay here the night of Aug. 11, and came up behind his trench beach before charging on the city Aug. 13.

No. 5—Interior views of church of Views 3 and 4, showing bullet and cannon ball holes, also group of insurgents who now occupy it. The white men in the picture are Jesse Baird and Howard Dudley—Dudley at the edge of picture. The boys helped in posing the natives.

No. 6—Bridge on Calle Real with stone breastworks thrown up. This is just inside Spanish line. Colorados planted the first flag right here. Dewey also planted some shells here.

No. 7—View on top of Spanish wall in old city or citadel. A battalion or regiment could drill on top of the wall at this point. Shows ~~the~~ ^{the} cannon, which are old bronze affairs of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.

No. 8—View on wall of old city. Wall about sixteen feet broad here, with six feet rampart over which the boys are looking. A big 12x12 mahogany girder is laid on top for a head protection when firing.

No. 9—Native Hawaiian boats with outriggers, in bay of Honolulu.

No. 10—Monitor Monterey and collier Brutus, coming into Honolulu harbor.

No. 11—Boat's crew of the Monterey in Honolulu bay going from shore to ship.

No. 12—Native Hawaiian boys diving for money in harbor. They never fail to get the money thrown them before it reaches the bottom.

No. 13—The China in mid-ocean at full speed. Gen. Green and 1,700 troops aboard. The China is the Queen of the Pacific.

No. 14—The Colon, one of the ships of the second expedition, leaving Honolulu. Shows China and Zealandia in the distance.

No. 15—One of the boys, Earl Thompson, stepson of James Ladd, sr.

No. 16—A couple more of the boys, Mike Brunell and Jim Bradshaw. They have been to the commissary after a little "Climax," as you can see.

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Is the long wished for day at hand, when nature will be brought forth in our photographs in all of her beautiful robing of color. Verily it behooves no man to limit the possible, in these wondrous days.

BLUE PRINTS AND HOW TO MAKE THEM.

The easiest, simplest, and withal one of the most permanent ways to make a print is by the "blue print" or ferro-prussiate process. It is so simple that its use has been abused and the true beauties of a properly made blue print are not seen often enough to be thoroughly appreciated.

Blue print paper can be procured from all dealers in supplies, but care should be taken that it is freshly prepared, as old paper prints slowly and does not wash out white.

The proper negative for blue printing is one having considerable contrast, and good detail throughout, what might be properly called a "snappy negative," a flat overtimed negative or a thin undertimed one will not make satisfactory prints. Take a piece of your fresh blue paper, (fresh paper is of a light green color) and place in the printing frame with the negative, same as for ordinary printing, print always in the sun, never attempt to blue print in the shade or on dull days as your prints will be flat and smoky, the whites grayed and dull. With an average negative, printing will take about ten minutes, but do not try to go by any fixed time: print until the shadows or dark portions in the print are completely covered by a silvery bronze, or to make it short, "print until the shadows bronze," do not be afraid of overprinting, a little longer washing and bleaching will remove the excess of color and your print will be all the better for it.

Now you have your print ready for the final operations, lay it in the bottom of a tray and either turn water on it from the faucet or pour on water from a pitcher.

Turn off this first wash as quickly as possible and pour on some fresh, do this

several times or until the blue color does not run off from the print when held up and allowed to drip: when sufficiently washed according to this method place the tray with the print immersed in a small amount of water for about fifteen minutes in bright sun to bleach.

It may then be dried between blotters or mounted in the ordinary way. If these instructions have been carefully followed, you will have a beautiful photograph in a most delicate blue and white, and with a wealth of detail unsurpassed by any other method of printing, when matt-surfaced prints are obtained.

The process of making blue paper is quite simple and as many amateurs are desirous of doing it all themselves, in the next number of CAMERA NEWS, will appear instructions for the making of the paper in a small but satisfactory way.

Instructions will also be given for making blue transparencies and blue prints for various decorative purposes.

GEO. B. WARD.

A TIME-TRIED DEVELOPER.

There are lots of Formulas for Developers on the market, so as to say, but new ones are always welcome.

Well, here is a new one that is old, almost as old as Photography, at least dry plate Photography.

- Solution A. Pyrogallic Acid 1 oz.
Sulphite Soda, cryst. 4 oz.
Hot Water 16 oz
Add 10 drops sulphuric acid.
- Solution B. Carbonate Potassium 4 oz.
Hot Water. 16 oz.

To use, for snap shot exposures on film or plates take 1 oz. A. 1 oz B. 4 oz water. If your exposures are overtimed, take 1 oz A. ½ oz B. 3 oz water and add a few drops of a 10 per cent solution, Bromide of Potassium.

If undertimed, take 1 oz A, 2 oz B, 6 oz water. A ten percent solution Bromide Potassium is easily made by dissolving an oz of Bromide of Potassium in 10 oz of water.

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THE PHILATELIC WEST.

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Pyro developer is the most economical developer in use, as the entire cost of Chemicals for making up the Formula should not exceed 50cts and it makes upward of six quarts of developer.

It is adapted for all makes of plates or films, and the only objection that can be raised against it, is the fact that by constance use it stains the nails and hands. This stain can be readily removed by lemon juice or strong alum water.

It yields negatives of surpassing beauty and of a printing quality that outclasses those made by any other developer now in use.

One thing to be remembered is that Pyrogallic Acid or Pyro as it is commonly called is a deadly poison, four grains being amply sufficient to cause death, consequently solutions containing it should never be left where children can get at them.

GEO. B. WARD.

A GOOD PHOTOLIBRARY PASTE.

The following method and formula will give a paste suitable for all Photographic and household uses.

It is pure white, sticks well, is exceedingly smooth and free from lumps when made properly, and will keep "till the cows come home."

Take a tablespoonful each of common wheat flour and laundry starch. Rub it up with cold water in which has been dissolved a small amount of Boracic Acid. Break up all the lumps and hard masses with a spoon and do it carefully, for on this operation depends the smoothness of the paste.

Now have ready some water that is boiling, not merely hot but boiling hot

pour the boiling water slowly into the flour—starch—and—water mixture, stirring vigorously all the time, it will soon begin to thicken and semi-transparent lumps form, which must be mashed down with the spoon, thin it down to about the proper consistency, allowing for its thickening-up somewhat on cooling, While still hot add a couple drops of Oil of Cloves. When cool place in a fruit can with screw top or other covered jars, and always keep it covered when not in use.

The important points about making this paste are the through rubbing up of all lumps with the cold water, the use of Boracic Acid as a preservative, the subsequent cooking of the starch and flour with boiling hot water and the final thorough stirring to render it smooth and free from lumps.

Boracic Acid can be procured from any drug store at about 5 cents per ounce; the quantity necessary to use in thoroughly preserving as much paste as the foregoing formula yields, would not exceed a quarter of a teaspoonful.

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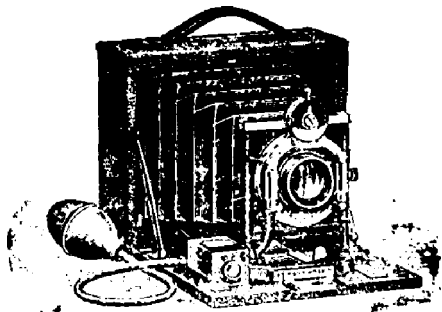
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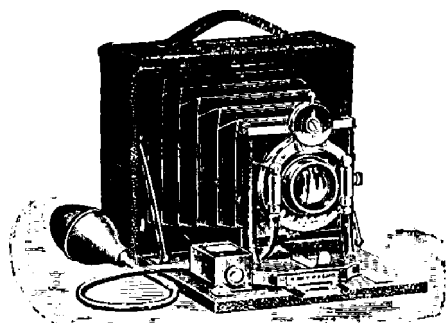
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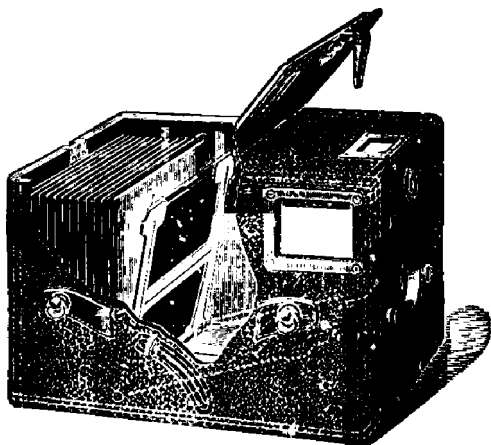
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25c W. receipt.....	75	35
50c foreign exchange.....	—	30
50c lease.....	1 75	—
50c l. ins.....	1 50	05
50c P. ticket.....	2 25	07
50c P. will.....	1 50	50
1 00 lease.....	1 00	65
1 00 manifest.....	—	40
1 00 mortgage.....	—	2 25
1 00 mortgage 2nds.....	—	1 00
1 00 P. ticket.....	4 00	—
1 00 P. will.....	—	80
2 00 mortgage.....	1 25	10
2 00 P. will.....	—	50
3 00 C. party.....	1 00	12
3 00 manifest.....	1 00	12
5 00 C. party.....	1 50	12
5 00 manifest.....	1 75	1 25
5 00 mortgage.....	1 75	50
5 00 P. will.....	6 00	50
10 00 C. party.....	—	50
10 00 Conv.....	2 00	1 25
10 00 mortgage.....	—	75
10 00 P. will.....	—	50
15 00 mortgage.....	10 00	3 75
20 00 Conv.....	1 50	1 00
25 00 mortgage.....	—	2 50
50 00 U. S. I. R.....	—	2 00
50 00 U. S. I. R.....	—	15 00
1898		
Prop. 1/4 to 5c unused.....	—	25
Doc. 5, 10, 25, 50c used.....	—	15
\$1.....	—	08
\$1 pair.....	—	15
\$3 brown.....	—	25
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There's Always Two Sides To an Argument.

As the goat said when he bucked the pig on both sides of his body. Two sides to everything. All dealers in the large cities have their arguments to convince you why they should get all the trade. One reason why I should get your order is because I can sell much cheaper than the average city dealer. I pay no office rent as I own the entire building. I pay no clerks as my assistants belong to my own family. The collector who sends east for his stamps pays all this needless expense. I have none to pay. Prompt, careful and courteous treatment of all customers has built up an extensive trade. May I not have a share of yours?

Special Offers for this Month.

2c certificate orange perforated, catalogued 60c, post free 25c.

1898 Revenues, one, three and five dollars, the set 50c.

Other dealers ask 50c for the \$5.00, \$1.00 separate, 5c.

\$3.00 25c, \$5.00 35c, post free.

6c Prop. orange, a fine copy of this rare stamp, \$40.00. Worth full catalogue value any time.

6c Prop., seconds but well worth \$14.00.

1c State Dep't, unused, cat. \$3.50, \$1.50.

6c State Dep't, unused, cat. \$2.00, \$1.00.

15c 1869 sold by others at \$1.40, my price \$1.00.

3c red-brown due, unused, scarce and hard to find.

If you think them plentiful ask some other dealer if he can sell one at \$1.50.

2c I. R. inverted mint condition, pairs or blocks, at 25c each.

Still selling those 500 variety packets for \$1.25. Biggest value for the money of any packet ever sold by any dealer. Others ask \$2.00 for the same packet.

A year's subscription to this paper, and a rare unused stamp, cat. at \$1.00, goes free with each packet.

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Whether you want to buy, sell or exchange, write me.

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Our Illustration.

Clyde Allen Dickinson, the subject of this sketch and the founder of the Cuyler Sun, was born April 6, 1879, at Middlebury, Elkhart county, Indiana. He has, as the date indicates, passed his nineteenth birthday. Having presented the initial issue of his paper to the public August 15, 1894, he has published 183 issues of a weekly paper—a record which very few of the bright and rising young men of this country can show at his age. The Cuyler Sun was consolidated with the Lake Breeze, and Mr. Dickinson now devotes his time to one of the neatest amateur papers seen, *Ambition*, Chicago's "Little Magazine." There are many amateur papers having a stamp department but none come up to that of *Ambition*, under the charge of L. T. Reckard, the associate editor. All readers will do well to send for a copy of his paper.

Brody's Wants

The Only Brody wants some help.
To build up his newsy West:
Dear friend, your help he wants,
To make his paper the best.
Manuscript, both large and small.
A right kind of course must be.
Bright, helpful and philatelic.
He is always pleased to see,
Ads. full page or even less,
Your stamps he'll advertise
In his neat any newsy West.
To catch the collector's eyes
Just send along your quarters,
And your name goes down for a year:
He will send to you his paper,
Each month it will appear.
Just one word more I have to say
Before I am done:
Dear friends, remember this,
He thanks you every one.
By Pascoe Williams, P. L. S. No. 23.

A PARADISE.

BY WILLIE GEE.

Between the veil that marks the close
Of this old world of care,
And jasper walls that guard the bounds
Of Heaven's kingdom fair:
There lies in all its perfectness,
A region of delight:
Whose tranquil beauty stretches far,
Entrancing to the sight.
Sometimes when our philatelist
Have lived a noble life,
And borne themselves with patient mien,
Amid the toil and strife:
Their souls are loosed from earthly cares
And left to wander free
Within that stampic paradise,
That no one else can see.
They revel there in all the bliss
That mortal minds desire:
They walk amid embowered paths,
With feet that never tire:
They own legions of rarities,
All perfect and complete:
Their thoughts are thoughts of happiness;
Their triumphs sure and sweet.
The treasures in their albums gleam
Like sparkling stars on high:
The covers of the volumes shine
Like Lapis lazuli:
Naught mars the lustrous beauty which
Illumines every page:
A moment there is worth a life:
An hour is like an age.
From those confines where only true
Perfection finds a place,
The counterfeit is banished quite,
Nor surcharge shows its face,
The perfume from a thousand founts
Falls on unsullied air,
Where ev'ry flow'r a sermon seems
And ev'ry look a pray'r.
But few there be who enter there,
And those who come again
Back to this sordid world of care
To share its joy and pain,
Are sworn to endless secrecy:
Nor dare to speak to men
Of bliss they found within that vale
Beyond our mortal ken.

LIBRARY NOTES.

Mexico is to have another new issue which is now being printed in England.

We may see a special 10-cent stamped envelope for registered letters "only" before long.

Cuba surcharges will be used until a regular Cuban set can be decided upon and printed.

It is reported speculators are after the 5c blue Garfield first issue 1898; also the 2c purple Canada 4-leaf issue.

If you are a plate number "fiend" bear in mind that Plate 386 present issue 6c is still in use and probably will be seen in the new color.

Will Puerto Rico, Philippines and Hawaii each be given a special set, or will they have to be content to exist as a sub-station of some United States postoffice?

Rumored also that France intends some postal changes to conform to the U. P. U. Does this mean a change of the old standby, the 15-centime blue which has the reputation for being the oldest stamp in circulation without change in color or design except in paper?

Canada's "map" stamp is now reported in a new color—pale sea green for the water. Reported also that the 2-cent purple has been changed to red and that the 3-cent will be purple if used. Rumored also, that a new plate will be made for Canada's map as an error has been found in the old one.

The Washington correspondent of

the Metropolitan Philatelist (New York) writes that private proprietary stamps may soon be issued as follows: 3c, 14c, 14c, Lanman & Kemp; 14c Chas. H. Fletcher; 4c, Johnson & Johnson; 3c, Piso & Co.; 2½c, Hostetter & Co. The Johnson & Johnson design will probably be a large red cross. Hostetter & Co.'s label will be about five inches long.

We are also able to chronicle some more U. S. surcharges, this time for Cuba. Stamps will be surcharged "Cuba" in black ink near the top with "De Pesos" near lower edge. The following so far is the list as reported up to date (but not authentic):

- 1c green—1c de pesos.
- 2c rose 2½c de pesos.*
- 2c rose—2c de pesos.
- 3c purple 2½c de pesos.*
- 3c purple—3c de pesos.
- 4c red-brown—4c de pesos.
- 5c light blue—5c de pesos.
- 10c brown 10c de pesos.

*Reported as recalled on account that the Department finds there is no call for the 2½c.

There seems to be a great deal of agitation among collectors and dealers about what the Government will do with the remainders. Some wish them sold at face value while others say sell at \$10 for the set and overprint them "specimen.". I believe the only right way is to burn them. There are very few collectors that are able or wish to purchase the set at face value and if you are going to buy specimens you can in Europe purchase the whole set "fac simile" for about \$1.00. One is about as good as the other in my mind, as neither kind can have ever done postage duty.

SOME NEW ISSUES.

[Taken from Mekeel's by permission.]

Bahamas 1 sh. blue green.

Belgium—Sunday Label Stamps: 2 centimes, purple brown; 50 centimes, black.

Canada: "Map Stamp," 2c black red lavender; 2c black red pale sea green.

United States: 1898 documentary, \$30.00, bright red.

OMAHA EXPOSITION STAMPS.

The local postoffice officials have received from the Third Assistant Postmaster General all the "Omahas" that remained undisposed of as follows:

- 500,000 1c.
- 1,000,000 2c.
- 100,000 4c.
- 50,000 8c.
- 100,000 10c.
- 20,000 50c.
- 500 \$1.00.
- 2,000 \$2.00.

This looks like a corner on the 5c and \$1.00 stamps.

W. C. ESTES,
Librarian.

Starting a Collection.

In making a collection of postage stamps the first thousand stamps always cost the least and are generally the easiest obtained of any in the collection. At any time a collection of one thousand stamps can be bought from most any dealer for the sum of a few dollars. There is perhaps no better way of making a collection of postage stamps than to begin by investing some money in this way. When you receive these stamps mount them neatly in an album using hinges for the purpose. When this is done to your satisfaction, ask your friends to save the common stamps they receive on their correspondence for you and thus lay a foundation of a stock.

At first buy a cheap album and in

this mount your stamps so as to have a good effect both on yourself and on any one who may chance to look through it. The only advantage of a printed album is that it contains illustrations of some of the stamps and helps the collector identify the stamps which he may obtain and to place them properly in order. I have noticed that people when looking over a collection which is mounted in an illustrated album sometimes take more interest in the illustrations than in the stamps themselves. On the whole I think a blank book of somewhat heavy unruled paper and substantially bound is the best for a beginner. However when using a blank album a young collector needs a guide of some sort and this he can obtain by procuring a stamp catalogue. With such help as this the blank album forms the best temporary book and if he mounts his stamps carefully, using good hinges for the purpose, studies them intelligently, adding to their numbers as his pocket book allows for a few years, he will at the end of that time be able to transfer them to a better book in which he can arrange them to his own taste.

CHAS. W. MCGREGOR.

RANDOM NOTES.

J. A. COOK.

The election held of the Southern Philatelic Association in Nashville, recently surprised not a few as to its results, but the chief one was the dropping of the Lone Star State Philatelist and the selection of the Virginia Philatelist of Richmond. Mr. Bradley has been and is yet a hard and energetic worker for the Association.

We are unable to account for it unless it is the punishment meted out for the lateness of the official organ containing the nominations of the Association officers. If such were the case we are sorry of it. A fact is, we did not receive a L. S. S. P., until after the convention and the ballot only three days before. Too bad to set down on a faithful worker thus.

We are favorably impressed with Mr. Lilly's idea of a change of color of stamps on our stamped envelopes to correspond with the U. P. U. colors of stamps. (It has been done in part.—Ed.)

We are sorry to learn of the death of Franklin Stearns, sr., father of Mr. Stearns of the Virginia Philatelist. Our sincere sympathy goes out to him at this time.

Mr. Gerlich's remarks on the success of the Philatelic society is pertinent. We are of the same opinion. Let us have two or three national societies and a good state organization in each state. For instance, like your state society Bro. Brody, and all will be successful. Mr. G.'s article appeared in the Virginia Philatelist.

We wish to congratulate Friend Stowell on his becoming a Benedict on the 22d inst. Bro. Stowell, may long life and one of happiness be the portion of yourself and Mrs. Stowell. Mrs. Stowell was editor-in-chief of the Perforator.

The 58th catalog did not contain the postal cards as in former editions. We are of the opinion that many would prefer that they be inserted in the 59th when issued.

Adhesive stamps are, as the word implies, stamps which are made to adhere to any package of mail matter. The word is used to distinguish all

ordinary stamps which are attached to mail matter from envelop and wrapper stamps which are printed or embossed upon envelopes and wrappers.

The daily Courier, of Waterloo, Ia., has a column each week or so devoted to stamp news furnished by the writer. Quite a number have been making inquiries as to stamps.

Water-marks may be seen in most sheets of writing paper. The paper in the process of manufacture is made thinner in certain places by the presence of wires of a certain shape on the roller called the "Dandy Roll" under which it passes. The light shows through these thinner places more plainly than through the rest of the paper when it is held to the light. Hence these so-called water-marks. The stamps of British colonies nearly all have water-marks.

The half-cent stamp is used in Canada for newspaper postage.

Letters were received from Cuba and Porto Rico, during the late war, bearing upon them no postage-stamps, but having upon them the words, "Soldier's letter," and the name of the chaplain of the regiment signed below. They were forwarded without other postage, but are of no value to collectors.

The difference between the triangles in the corners of United States stamps of the issue of 1894 is to be seen in the border, through which heavy lines, light lines, or no lines at all pass. These are called, respectively, triangles 1, 2 and 3.

The letters perforated in Swiss stamps, like those in stamps of other countries, are intended to denote ownership, and prevent employes or others from stealing them. The gov-

ernments of many countries allow this perforation of stamps by purchasers.

United Stamps were embossed or grilled, as stated by the postmaster-general at the time, in order that canceling-ink might sink into the broken fiber in such a manner as to prevent cleaning. The same purpose is better served now by the use of colors which will run somewhat if water or chemicals are applied to it.

The German war stamps were used in what were then the French provinces of Alsace and Lorraine during the Franco-German war of 1870. The stamps were printed from type and border. The German government has since caused type to be set, and so-called reprints to be made. These are really government counterfeits. They may be distinguished from originals by measuring the distance between the P of "Postess" and the border at the left, which in originals is three millimeters or more, and in reprints two and one-half or less. Stamps are not necessarily reprints because bright and new. Priced catalogues now contain most of the common stamps which have been reprinted, and from them young collectors can tell what to avoid. Rare reprints, when made by the governments, are in some cases more valuable than originals.

U. S. NOTES.

E. G. McFALL.

The Philatelist who possess a complete set of the 1869 issue evenly centered is indeed fortunate for they are not abundant in that condition.

There doesn't seem to be an extensive demand for the various varieties on ribbed paper; dealers are glad to dispose of them at large discounts. It is not because they are common but because they are popular.

Scott lists the Postoffice Department set on a gray surfaced paper but fails to record the 2c Blue Bank Check revenue on a blue surfaced paper. Sell none of these that you possess for less than 5c.

The 3c of 1873 in a deep moss green is scarce. Several have been sold at 10c each. If Scott means these by his Cat. No. 212 (dark green) he has it priced below it's real value.

The smallest U. S. stamp is the Westtown local of 1859. In price it corresponds with its size, for that also is small, 50c.

I have a 1c 1879 in a very light green and a 3c of the same issue in blue, a radical change; has any others similar varieties?

A neat arrangement of the various shades of the 2c 1834 with triangles, makes a very beautiful caste.

Under these notes I compute a list of U. S. stamps and prices at which they should be able to be procured if bought carefully, all shades and minor varieties, except those of the common kinds, being excluded. This shall be no dealer's list but a careful listing from the market of the world. A reference list for the average collector. Frequently dealers, overstocked with certain varieties, will sell lower

and it will be to your advantage to watch for such opportunities. Preserve this list for reference. The first column of prices are for perfect unused, 2nd for perfect used, 3rd for used off-centre, rather heavily cancelled, imperforated on one or two sides or otherwise slightly defected. Unused without gum but otherwise perfect should be worth as much or perhaps a little more than a perfect used specimen. A badly damaged stamp has little value and is only worth a small percentage of these prices. Value in () are too uncertain to list.

HASTINGS NOTES.
BY QUEEN CITY.

Philately has been dull in Hastings for the past month. The meetings of the Stamp Clubs have not been so largely attended as is usual.

The new envelopes have been received here. They are certainly the most homely of our postal stationary. The good old strong featured Washington, as depicted on the preceding issue, has been placed by an idiotic looking dwarf which no one is unpatriotic enough to call a portrait of the "father of his country." Let us hope that the design will be changed even if it does make another specimen for our collection.

Close upon the trail of our new and weak looking envelopes comes the surcharged provisionals for Cuba. So far only the 2½ or 2c has been received but these are carefully treasured.

Hastings boasts one philatelist in the army. F. N. Fountain, an ardent collector, is with the Third Nebraska at Havana.

The subject of Newspaper stamps has been one much talked of lately. Some few collectors are in favor of the sale of these interesting stamps by the government. The majority are against the sale. The reason for this latter is obvious. The U. S. has never humbled herself so much as to openly, at least, try to make the poor philatelist a source of profit. With the sale of these newspapers below face, as is proposed, she will be placed on a footing with Portugal and all her speculative issues. The U. S. collectors cannot look a Canadian in the face and mention "Jubilees," in fact with the majority, U.

Scott's 58th No.	Date and color. General issue. Imperforated.	value—used		
		unused	per fect	sec- onds
30-1847	5c brown	\$ 4 50	\$ 50	\$ 35
34	10c black	12 00	3 00	2 00
37-1851	1c blue	2 00	20	15
41	3c red or orange red	1 10	01	
42	3c rose red	2 00	01	
44	3c lake red	3 10	02	01
46	5c reddish brown		10 00	6 00
47	10c green	12 00	65	45
49	12c black	18 00	1 75	1 10
	(24c, 30c, 90c)			
57	1855-60-1c blue perforated	35	10	07
58	1c dark blue	45	12	08
59	3c red	07	01	
60	3c orange or rose red	07	01	
62	3c lake red	29	02	01
(?)	3c blackish red	35	10	05
63	3c red (outer line)	6 50	25	15
70	5c brown (slightly color)	5 00	1 75	1 20
72	10c yellow green	4 75	35	25
73	10c dark green	2 15	35	25
(?)	10c moss green		50	35
74	12c black	2 00	65	50
75	24c lilac	6 00	4 00	2 75
77	30c orange	8 00	5 00	3 00
78	90c blue	18 00		25 00
	1861, (Aug. issue 1c, 3c, 5c, 10c, 12c, 24c, 30c, 90c. Rarest set \$1,000-\$5,000.			
87-1861 (September)				
	1c ultramarine	25	04	03
88	1c blue	35	05	03
89	1c dark blue	75	08	06
90	3c pink		5 00	3 00
91	3c red	09	01	
92	3c dull red	10	01	
(?)	3c lake red		15	
93	5c yellow		6 50	4 50
96	10c yellow-green	1 20	10	07
97	10c dark green	1 35	12	08
98	12c black	1 50	25	20
99	24c red-lilac	5 00	1 20	75
100	30c orange	3 75	50	30
101	90c blue		3 50	2 00

(To be continued.)

stamps will be brought into disfavor. Let us hope that such an innovation which will be to the everlasting ignominy of the great and glorious U. S. shall not be attempted.

Are you aware of the fact that if you have a friend in Canada and are going to write a letter to a person in England, you can write your Canadian friend enclosing this letter for England and two cents for postage. he can mail the letter in his Canadian postoffice and in the end you find you have "killed two birds with one stone" for four cents whereas it would have been one letter for five cents. Imagine the possibilities which the penny postage has opened up to us in the United States.

A Collector.

It was a fine collection.
The greatest ever seen;
With heads of famous statesmen
In black and blue and green.
And since way back in Forty
The bust of Washington;
With dear old Uncle Benny
All shades beneath the sun.
Adhesives by the dozens,
And revenues galore;
Surcharges by our cousins—
Some never seen before.
With postals from all nations,
And envelopes entire;
That freak from 'cross Lake Erie,
With spots like flames of fire
He kept them in an album.
It was his joy and pride;
In telling how he got them
He very often lied
Now one thing was pathetic
About this whole affair:
The man was energetic,
But then I do declare.
The while he gathered treasures,
Exchanged and stole and bought;
With all his fine collecting,
Could not collect a thought.
Rev. A. M. Hendee, Hanson, Neb.



PICK UP'S.

Our Canadian cousins seem to be very much disappointed with their maps of the World. They seem to be printed by guess. You can find Canada smeared anywhere from Alaska to Mexico, and the little red spots supposed to be in Africa are found half way across Siberia, or if in the other direction, anywhere between Turkey and the Canary Islands. The color does not seem at all satisfactory, even to the officials. The sea was first printed in a delicate blue, then in lavender, and now they are coming printed in green. What change next? Perhaps before they get through, they'll give us all the colors of a rainbow. We have seen many Dutchy looking stamps but this is simply the worst looking label we have ever seen.

Now that the Hawaiian Islands have been annexed the question comes up as to what disposition will be made of their system of postal savings banks. The natives of these Islands now have on deposit something over \$1,000,000.00, or an amount equal to \$12 for each inhabitant. The United States at the present time is about the only civilized nation that does not have some such system in use. As long as the question is made a political issue no such laws are likely to be passed. We do not expect any such good things to come to pass under the present administration, but are going to live in hopes that some party may soon get into power that will establish a perfect system of Postal Savings Banks.

The United States Attorney-General has quite recently decided that

only patent medicines and proprietary articles sold in original packages are to be taxed. That it is not the intention of the law to tax articles manufactured under medicinal names for the use of druggists and physicians engaged in such trade. It is stated that the tax paid since the new revenue law became operative, will be refunded by the Government.

The Missouri Pacific Railway have surcharged their 1c revenues to prevent their use by individuals. M. P. Ry. is printed in black, in a neatly curved line across the top of each stamp. The "Pitcher's Castoria Co.," have a neat fac-simile of the name Chas. Fletcher printed in red across each stamp used on bottles of Castoria. Some of our union variety friends claim such things have the same philatelic claims as private issues; but now that several firms are getting out private issues to use on proprietary articles, we think they will change their minds, and decide that a peculiar cancellation is not a private stamp. Speaking of revenues reminds us of an oddity shown by an employee of the Meyer Drug Co., of St. Louis. The stamp was just a plain everyday 2c red with I. R. printed in heavy black ink across the stamp, and cancelled in the usual order. One of his friends having occasion to use a 2c revenue had none on hand, so he proceeded to manufacture one in this way. The stamp was on a check, and passed the bank all right. In looking over old notes and contracts one often finds the 1862 to 70 issues used in this way. The 1, 3 and 5c stamps seem to have been used more than the other values.

There seems to be a movement on foot to reprint the obsolete periodical

stamps for sale to collectors. The P. O. authorities say it will require too much work to sort over and count the stamps turned in by the various offices, so these will be destroyed and reprints sold only in sets. If the government expects to make anything out of collectors, they will have to sell the original stamps. The average collector cares nothing whatever for such reprints, much less will he pay \$10.00 for a set of stamps that have no more philatelic claims than a set of German counterfeits.

"Stamps" of Rushden, England, claims the first issue of Formosa are shadowed in doubt. With a population of nearly 3,000,000 they should use many stamps, yet so few have been issued that hundreds of collectors have never even seen a copy of any issue. People who know claim the interior is inhabited by such a fierce race, that travelers never venture beyond the coast towns. It is a small island off the coast of China, about 500 miles east of Hong Kong, and about the same distance north of Luzon of the Philippine group. It is about 50 miles wide in the centre and is perhaps 300 long.

The librarian of the War Department, Washington, D. C., will be glad to receive regular each month a copy of all philatelic papers. He states that the few received are well taken care of and read by many Washington collectors. Publishers will do well to send a copy each month, as all papers are well kept and suitably bound in due time.

A new collector in looking over the present gay journals is very much surprised at the amount of advertising they contain, and at once forms an idea that stamp collecting is in-

deed a great thing. Several prominent men have recently asked the writer many questions concerning such things, how to begin, and such questions as one is likely to ask. To all we have replied to the best of our ability, and by a little extra talk have managed to interest several to such an extent, as to start them collecting. The present time is one of the best to get others started, and as the future of Philately depends entirely on those commencing now, each collector should make it a point to get all the recruits he can. A few cheap stamps given away will often start some one not likely to be reached in any other way. Do not be ashamed to let others know you are a collector, but let everybody know it and get them interested is the wish of Adam Pollard.

NEBRASKA STAMP EXCHANGE

An exchange has recently been organized for the benefit of Nebraska collectors and such others as care to join. The following officers are sufficient to assure its success. President Rev. A. B. Whitmer, Tecumseh, Neb.; Secretary L. T. Brodstone, Superior; Exchange Manager S. P. Hughes, Howe. Many collectors residing in this and adjoining states have good duplicates to exchange with other collectors, but as they have no way of knowing each others wants this Exchange offers a medium for such trading.

All members of the N. P. S. in good standing will be considered members without the payment of any dues or assessments. Others desiring to join may do so by furnishing the secretary

with satisfactory references, and will be considered as members as long as their subscription to the PHILATELIC WEST is paid up.

Books to hold 100 stamps supplied by exchange manager at 5c each, or six for 25c. Books sent in for exchange must contain not less than \$5.00 worth of stamps. Trashy stuff is not desired and will be returned at owners expense.

A commission of 10 per cent, payable in stamps, will be charged on all stamps removed from books, with an additional charge of 1 per cent insurance fund. A minimum charge of 10 cents on all books to guarantee against loss by theft or substitution.

An advance credit available at once will be given on all books sent in, thus it is not necessary to wait for returns on books. Any additional credit will be paid upon return of books, payable in same grade of stamps as those sent in.

A number of filled books are already on hand for circulation, and members will be promptly supplied upon receipt of filled books. It is thought that complete returns can be made within 30 days, but this is not guaranteed as it will depend upon the promptness of members. Send 5c for a book and give the new Exchange a trial. Any information desired furnished for return postage. S. P. Hughes.

C. L. Pond, of Omaha, writes that the Omaha postoffice has received from the third assistant postmaster general all the Omaha stamps remaining undisposed of. These amount to \$57,500 as follows: 500,000 1c, 1,000,000 2c, 100,000 4c, 50,000 8c, 100,000 10c, 20,000 50c, 50 \$1, 2,000 \$2. This supply will last some three months or more.

NEBRASKA CAMERA CLUB.

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Secretary, L. Brodstone, Superior Nebr.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Fellow Members N. C. C:—The weather the past month has been excellent for either printing or outdoor pictures, and I hope many of you have taken advantage of it.

In sending prints for exchange do not send your poorest as some do, but the best you have. The PHILATELIC WEST is to be congratulated on securing the services of Mr. Geo. B. Ward as editor of the Camera Department. Mr. Ward thoroughly understands his business and will make a successful editor. He will devote a certain amount of space each month to answering such questions as usually puzzle the average amateur.

The coming season promises to be one of the most active ever known in amateur photography. Do not let the opportunity pass to secure new members for the club. Mr. Brodstone will furnish blanks to all those who request them. Send the secretary the names of all your amateur friends that he may send them a sample copy of the WEST.

Do not try to make instantaneous work at this time of the year. From one to three seconds exposure will be necessary even on bright days. For cloudy weather much longer time will be required.

Members having their negatives will get better results from Velox paper than any other kind. Be careful and do not over expose. About 35 to 45 seconds only are required with a good clear lamp. S. P. Hughes.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

If readers have prints to exchange please send me lists. Any hints or ideas for Club's benefit gladly received. Wish the names of every Camera fiend of Nebraska. Let each member send at least one application or more. Send for a sample of Self Toning paper. It is the best paper for sunlight printing and have less poor results than any other and is cheaper in the long run. Try it. Glad to hear from all and exchange prints with any reader.—L. T. Brodstone.

Society of Amateur Photographers.

The New York Society of Amateur Photographers was organized in the early part of September. The first meeting was held October 3d.

We have our own meeting room and the same is nicely decorated by large framed pictures sent us by the different paper manufacturers. We have every prospect of success as we are the only club of the kind in Greater New York. We had an outing on Thanksgiving to Silver Lake, Staten Island, and all had a very enjoyable time and secured some fine views. We intend to give a social soon. The club is for young men and young ladies between the ages of 16 and 21.

We have a special corresponding branch which entitles members to all the advantages of resident members.

Any one who would like to join should write the secretary for further information.

Our present resident membership is twenty.

The officers are:

W. G. Pierson, president, 175 Saint Mark's Ave, Brooklyn.

H. N. Butler, vice-president, 918 Broadway, New York.

W. R. Elcock, treasurer, 375 Tompkins Ave, Brooklyn.

C. F. White, secretary, 499 West 130th Street, New York.

C. F. WHITE, Secy.

Report of Exchange Dep't.

Dec. 31, '98.—Number of books received, 32; value of books, \$391.26; number retired, 4; value \$31.14; number of books still in circulation 28; value \$360.12.

I think a great many members will be better pleased with my report for the month of December than previous months. The value of the books now in department is more than three times as much as on Nov. 30, but there is room for more yet. Do not hesitate to send them in. A good many of these books will be retired this month, as quite a number of stamps have been sold.

Fellow members are you on a circuit? If not, why not? Advise me of the class of stamps you wish and if they are in the department will gladly send them to you.

I am pleased to hear of so many new members. Hope they will take advantage of this department. Communications cheerfully answered. To better the condition of the department after Jan. 15, no book will be received to place on circuit, whose selling value is less than \$10.00. Members can readily understand why this rule is made. Most all collectors have their collections made of the cheaper stamps, hence it does not pay to circulate books, whose value is too small. They are after the better class of stamps. Some books have been in the department for two or three months and hardly anything has been taken from them, yet have been in constant circulation. Also, after Jan. 1, all books received in the Exchange department will have to be insured, hence a commission of 1 per cent will be charged, to be placed in the insurance fund, to protect the owner of books and the exchange superintendent.

Hoping these remarks and rules will be well received by the members of the N. P. S., I remain—Rollie Neumann, Ex. Supt.

We are sorry to give the following dealers names of advertisers that do not pay. These accounts are for sale or exchange. What have you to offer? Enclose stamp for reply. Williams & Co., of Peru, S. A., is one of the main advertisers in over nine-tenths of stamp papers published, and from all papers we have heard from has been only one got paid in full, but they were owing them. Is a company that seems to have some excuse for not paying. Several of our readers claim to have sent orders and so far have not heard from them. Romero of Chicago, states that he sent them money in October. Pond of Omaha sent lately, also several others. Sterns of Philadelphia says Williams & Co. are frauds, bit him also. It takes close to three months to hear from them so will give them a little more time. F. L. Ackley of Hawarden and Sioux City, Ia., seem to be in most of American magazines. One of the references he gives is P. M. Stone of Hawarden, and Stone writes he would not permit him to run any bills of any size and had requested him to discontinue his name as such. These two seem to have got in most papers, and if publishers have not got more than I have they are not very well off. Promises don't pay the printers bills. N. Chessman and A. Snow, of St. Johns, Newfoundland, are among the list. H. H. Swan of Lynn, Mass., a coin dealer, is another, besides foreign old ones due for years, as Toda of Japan and Knight of England. See they have ads in a few of the papers now and then. These are among the largest ones. Will be others in next number if not heard from. No paper of same class gives a lower cash rate than we do, and regular rate is charged in all cases if no payments are made in ten days as per notice on all bills. What seems strange of Williams & Co., is that they advertise Dodge as agent, and he states he is not. Knight of Canada we have not been able to hear from.

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All of the remainders of the Omaha issue have been placed on sale at Omaha.

Auction catalogues of Tuttle, Bogart and Durbin of N. Y., come regularly every month.

U. S. postal authorities were at the Manila postoffice over an hour before the troops entered the city.

If you will run back for the last four years you will see most of the advertisers that were in the West still with it. It pays them, why not you? None beats it for the money. Try it and see.

We have received the Virginia Directory of Philatelists, by H. P. Vesey of Norfolk, Va. It is good.

We are sorry to hear of the death of the mother of J. A. Cook, of Waterloo, Ia., and father of J. Sanborn of Cohoes, N. Y.

The 2c surcharge for Cuba will be discontinued when the present supply is exhausted and 2c and 3c on 2 and 3c stamps will be used instead.

J. H. Lowe of Canada, writes that he received over 40 replies to his exchange notice before the first week was out, and he is not the only one.

E. T. Fleming of Nebraska City states that he has received a stamp of Phillipinos of 2 pesos value, with coat of arms in centre of iron and castle.

C. W. Lawton of Pattersons Mills, and F. W. Lindig of Lewisburg, Pa., have formed a photograph society for their state and expect to have a paper for same out next month.

McKeel's Weekly gives a number of items in regard to Cuban stamps surcharged Habilitado 2, 3 and 5c and used as U. S. stamps; also type set provisionals used in Porto Rico.

A good many readers have written in regard to missing numbers, etc., and if they wish a reply must enclose postage, or we will not guarantee an early reply. Postage counts up, and if sent are sure of a quick answer.

The note on Uncle Sam's mistake in Stamps is Stamps' mistake. It was not our postoffice department but Canada's that quit redeeming stamps at 5 per cent discount because postmasters discounted them to increase their commissions.

The department is now counting the newspaper stamps sent in by postmasters last July. It is said that they will sell them for \$5 a set.

Bartels' Catalogue of plate numbers has been received and gives a reasonable value for them. It is bound in good cover and of neat size, well worth the price asked, 25c, and can be got by sending to him at 725 Eleventh st. N. W. Washington, D. C.

The new envelopes are out, 1c green and 2c vermilion. No one seems to know the color of the 4c. The 5c will be blue to conform with the postal union requirements. Several sizes, all except No. 6, of the Manila envelopes have been withdrawn from sale.

We were sorry our last number was so poor. The printer being a stamp man promised as good a number as November, but not only left out a number of ads but some of our best manuscript as well. Will try and have work done in the county so we can get what we want.

We would like to hear from all readers their experiences as a collector. what it cost them, the educational advantages of stamp collecting and if they have a half tone to use with it. Remember we are offering prizes from \$20 government bond down to \$5 in good stamps for the best manuscript sent us before May 1st. Must contain at least 1,000 words. Each contestant to be original, also a subscriber. For full particulars see last month's number.

A French novelty is a silk envelope. The silk fabric is chemically stiffened, and a small piece of paper is pasted

on the envelope for the address. The inventor of the envelope is endeavoring to secure the permission of the government to weave into it the design of a 10centime postage stamp, with the idea of selling the envelope during the Paris exposition. If the government consents, the envelope will be a curiosity, and will be very valuable to stamp collectors.—The International Philatelist.

The Chicago Record says that the Washington correspondent states that the design of the new Cuba stamps are to be as follows:

- 1c, statue of Columbus.
- 2c, map of Cuba.
- 3c, statue of La Cubana.
- 5c, one of mail steamers.
- 10c, a Cuban plowing.

Another series will be for Porto Rico and Philippines. All three will be treated by postoffice departments as foreign countries, until some permanent form of government has been adopted. Old rates of 5c for a letter will still be maintained.

The Postal Guide gives the following as the dates of issue of the new colors:

- 1c green Jan. 17, 1898.
- 4c red brown, Oct. 7, 1898.
- 5c blue. March 8, 1898.
- 10c light brown, Nov. 11, 1898.
- 15c olive green, Nov. 30, 1898.

It also says that the 10c was printed on the watermarked paper after Nov. 30, 1898, however this is evidently a mistake.

Now that the postoffice department has abolished the use of newspaper and periodical stamps, the curious would like to know what purpose was ever served by these stamps.—Newspaperdom.

NEBRASKA'S PRIDE.



NEBRASKA PHILATELIC SOCIETY,

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President's Report.

Fellow Members, N. P. S.—I wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year. Let us see what we can do for the N. P. S. the coming year. If we can keep up our present gait we will reach the 300 mark. Remember the one getting the most new members gets a present of an unused U. S. stamp catalogued over six dollars.

I wish to call your attention to the exchange department. It is in fine working order but is not patronized as much as it deserves. There is a good demand for stamps of all grades. To show that you can also buy cheaply, I secured a 15c, 1869, no diamond for 90c. Mr. Hughes has been unable to liquidate all indebtedness for last year, because some of the members have not paid what they owe the department. Let every one owing him

pay at once. This must be attended to immediately or will take further action.—F. W. Rothery.

Secretary's Report.

New members: C. Garvin, 1756 Leavenworth st, Omaha; 202, A. H. Alberts, Fremont; 203, C Cummings, 1821 Farnam st, Omaha; 204, C. L. Pond, 100 N. 20th st, Omaha; 205, Esayers jr, 2639 Davenport st, Omaha;

Applications: 206, H. A. Whipple, 725 N. Y. Life Bld'g., Omaha, reference H. Fisher; 207, R. V. McGrew, Bloomington, reference C. H. Waldor; 208, Chas. Callahan, 514 N. 19th st, Omaha, reference W. B. Hopson.

Reissued membership: 125, Rev. Schober, Moundville, Mo.; 144, F. A. Stanbro, 1210 O. st, Lincoln; 166, J. Green, Beaver City.

Have had a number ask me each month, if collectors outside of state can become members, and am sorry to say they cannot; but all collectors can have use of exchange department and auction sales if superintendent wishes. Can write them for rules or particulars.

Quite a number of members dues fall due the first of the year and in February. Look up your card and see if you are on the list and send amount and get new card. Wish all the names of all active collectors, who are not members, and camera friends.

Glad to hear any ideas or suggestions for the betterment of the society, and let each member try and get at least one member, to make it still larger. Trans-Mississippi society allows collectors of West to go in. See list of charter members in last number. R. I. Sheppard, 2004 Wirt st, Omaha, can send you blanks for it. Prof. F. Greene and a number of states are in for it. Can you help. Hoping you all will help society out with an application I am respectfully.—L. T. Brodstone.

CAMERA NOTES.

BY G. B. WARD.

Amateur photography is greatly on the increase, time was, and not many years ago, when it was impossible to buy photo supplies except in the large cities.

Now, as the saying goes, every little cross-roads town has its dealer in cameras and supplies, and as a consequence nearly every family has its "Official Photographer."

Ten years ago, if you wanted to take photos you had to lug around about forty pounds of wood, glass and brass. And now, if our camera weighs over two pounds we think it is too heavy and straightway hunt around for one that will go into our vest pocket.

A cordial invitation is extended to our readers to fire in any old photographic question, that may be bothering them, and give us a chance to help them out.

Publishers of Photographic Magazines are requested to accept this as payment for subscription, and put us on their exchange list. The same to you.

PHOTOGRAPHIC PENCILINGS.

The new Developer, Tolidol is claimed by the manufacturers to be an "antiseptic Pyro."

A weak solution of bi-sulphate of ammonium will remove pyro stains from the hands.

A trust or combine has been arrang-

ed among the makers of photographic papers and up goes the price.

From a reliable source we gather that a determined effort will be made by certain western firms to "bust" the trust.

The Lens, is the title of an exceedingly neat magazine published at Columbus, O., and is titled "A Monthly Compendium of amateur photographic information." Subscriptions at 35c per year, and well worth the price.

The Christmas number of Photographic Sight, published by Jas. H. Smith & Co. of Chicago, is gotten up in a particularly pleasing manner, and is much more readable than the majority of photographic publications, although it exploits the photographic business of its publishers.

The Seed Dry Plate Co. are making lantern and transparency plates upon which a variety of colors may be produced by variation of exposure and suitable development.

We have seen some very pleasing effects in green, brown, purple and red produced on these plates.

In buying a camera for all-around work, get one that can be used with both plates and films. The new cartridge roll folder carrying rolls of twelve exposures and loading in daylight can be procured to fit any of the standard styles and makes of Cameras.

There is among a certain class of amateurs an unreasonable prejudice against film: it is granted, even by the makers, that film has not the keeping qualities of glass plates, but

if purchased in quantities as needed, and used and developed within a reasonable time. The results will be as good if not better than if made on glass plates. In making this statement, we are speaking from an extended experience in handling both film and plates, and can truthfully add to it, that the percentage of failures on film is no greater than on plates.

Gelatine prints stick to ferrotype plates simply because the surface is not hardened sufficiently. If you use a Combined Bath, have it cold, so it will tone slowly and thus give the print plenty of time to harden. If you are addicted to the separate toning and fixing process, which by the way, gives much more permanent results, harden your prints in about 6 per cent alum solution after toning and fixing. And finally do not get in a hurry and endeavor to hasten the drying of prints by means of heat. Gelatine is nothing more than a refined glue, and you know what glue does when water is added and heat applied.

INTENSIFICATION OF NEGATIVES.

To remedy lack of density when it is found to exist is not difficult, but certain conditions must be observed. The negative must be what is termed "clean," i. e., not fogged in any way, otherwise intensification would add still more to the fog which was on the plate. It is most important that the negative which is to be intensified should be quite free from hypo, the slightest trace of which left in the film would show itself in spots and blotches after the intensification process was complete. So that if any doubts exist as to the negative having

been thoroughly washed, it should be re-washed prior to treatment.

The necessary operation need not be conducted in a dark room, but may be carried out in good diffused light, or by gas or lamplight. A clean white dish should be used, so that the process of intensification can be clearly seen while the treatment is proceeding. It is not necessary to let the negative dry before intensifying it, though many workers prefer to do so. It can be treated immediately after it has been thoroughly washed, subsequent to fixation. Indeed, if it is allowed to dry, it will be as well to soak it in water before intensifying it.

The formula to be employed for this operation is: Mercuric chloride, 4oz; ammonium chloride, 4oz; water, 1 pint. Labeled "Poison," and place in a suitable bottle.

Put sufficient of this solution to cover the negative in a clean dish, immerse the negative, and it will be found in a short time that it has bleached to a white. It should then be removed from the dish and washed thoroughly. According to the thoroughness of the bleaching so will density be gained, hence if only a slight increase in opacity is wanted, do not bleach so thoroughly as though a great deal were required. Having washed the negative, after bleaching, transfer it to a clean dish, and cover it with a ten per cent solution of sulphite of soda. The bleaching will rapidly disappear, the image become black or dark brown, and it will be found that a considerable increase in density has taken place. The negative should then be washed and dried.

Revenue Stamps.

Revenue stamps were first invented by the Dutch in 1824. They are the cheapest and most convenient mode to tell that the revenue regulations have been complied with. They were first imposed in England in 1694, to raise means to carry on war with France. Today England's amount of stamp duties vary from $\frac{1}{2}$ P. (postage and revenue) to thousands of pounds (probate of successions.)

The U. S. revenue varies from $\frac{1}{2}$ c P. to \$5,000 P. by the act of English parliament 1870. The management of England's stamp duties were given to the commissioners of internal revenue who are employed to grant license deal in stamps and make allowance for spoiled or misused stamps. The subject of the stamp duties of the U. S. are of unusual historical interest as the passing of the Greenville stamp act in 1765, in the reign of George III, which led directly to the Revolution.

George III declared the right of the British Legislature to bind the American colonies by acts, but the opposition of the American colonies was so great that the actual yield of the stamp duties under the act of 1765 was only £4,000, less than the expense of putting the act into force. The U. S. like the English stamp duties is under the commissioners of internal revenue.

Get some of your friends interested in stamp collecting. Their interest and enthusiasm, once they become started, will serve to aid in keeping your interest and enthusiasm alive. The more collectors there are in any community, the better it is for all.

BOILED DOWN.

ORIGINAL AND OTHERWISE.

A few clippings from the Golden Hours which will be good for us to follow:

Canada is to have a four-cent stamp. The revenue stamps used on documents were discontinued in 1872. The proprietary stamps, however, were continued in use till 1883. Judging from this, the present documentary stamps will stay with us several years, and the proprietary much longer.

The values least seen of the proprietary stamps are the one, two and five cent.

Keep working away at your collection. It will furnish you lots of pleasure.

Get your friends to collect stamps. The more, the merrier: the more the better.

Stamp collecting is a delightful pastime, as well as a profitable one. Join with us in it.

Those who have collected stamps longest are the most enthusiastic in praise of the pastime.

Why wait longer before beginning to collect stamps? There is no time like the present. Begin at once: be sure you will never regret it.

Don't cut post cards or envelopes. Collect them as they are issued and used entire. To collect, cut square is an absurdity, and better stick to adhesives if on account of room.

It is thought all revenue stamps will soon be perforated, the present ones not being satisfactory. It is claimed that the 3c purple has been found surcharged 1 R.

The two cent embossed envelope of Canada has been withdrawn. Color of purple does not conform with Berne postal regulations, which should be red. Color of purple are rare ones.

Era advises envelope collectors to be on the lookout for No. 5, special request envelopes. Some of the '94 stamped envelope dies are used on '99 paper, and some of the dies of '99 are being used on 1894 paper; also informs us that Attorney-General has decided it is lawful to sell the newspaper and periodical stamps at \$5 a set, and will be placed on sale at a few of the large cities at this price after which the plates will be destroyed.

Imperforate revenues are booming and will no doubt be higher in next price lists.

During the '97 meets Scott said were the best of the revenues.

Switzerland is going to have a 70 Centimes to be used for parcels.

"Forgeries" of the one franc orange of France of 1849 issue have been offered from Italy; Ceylon 5c provisional of the 8c yellow with inverted surcharge, also the 5c on 4c lilac rose, with inverted surcharge made probably by same party.

Mexico 1863-66 issue, the 4c stamps, offered used, which are scarce.

Cape of Good Hope has two stamps in new colors- the 3d. in magenta and the 4d. in sage-green.

The inverted I R stamp is going down in price.

Omaha stamps seem to be going the other way, up in price each month.

The \$50 revenue stamp is quoted, used, at \$12, and very few seen at this price.

Several of the war revenues have been found imperforated.



The following is an official list of the places, other than Great Britain, to which letters can be sent for two cents on and after Christmas day:

Aden	Leeward Islands
Bahamas, The	Natal
British Central Africa	Newfoundland
British East Africa	Niger Coast Protectorate
British India	St. Helena
Ceylon	Seychelles
Cyprus	Sierra Leone
Falkland Islands	Straits Settlements
Fiji	Trinidad
Gambia	Tobago
Gibraltar	Turk's Islands
Gold Coast	Uganda
Hong Kong	Windward Islands
Lagos	

But the Canadian farmer who wants to communicate with his son near by, or to write to the nearest town, must pay three cents.

What sense is there in such a discrimination against Canadians?

Why should we pay two cents for a long distance and three cents for a short one?

As will be seen by above list of countries that will use the new two cent rate, that many of the most important and near-by colonies are not included. Bermuda and Jamaica are of great commercial interest to Canada, and for them to be left out of the new postal union, as it were, is looked at as being very strange, but on second thought when it is understood that a theory is rapidly gaining ground in Canada, since both those countries had petitioned the U.S. Government to be annexed at the close of the Spanish war, that Great Britain will exchange all or nearly all of the islands belonging to her for the Philippines, thus leaving America to Americans, just as it should be.

I said America for Americans, well Canadians claim to be Americans since they are located on the continent, but under a different flag.

Let us review some of the countries which have the privilege of saving money under the new postal union.

First let me tell you, maybe you

know it, that none of the countries listed above have a self supporting postoffice, far from it in fact: perhaps among all the colonies of Great Britain. Canada would take the lead, but it is a good many degrees from self-supporting. You will see that Falkland Islands are on the list, they cannot afford to reduce their rates from 15 to 2cts. Frank Carpenter, special correspondent for the Philadelphia Press and Buffalo Express, who is now traveling in South America, gives some valuable statistics in his letters. He says that the population of these islands is not more than 2,000 people, and that not more than one in a hundred can read and write.

Some ten or twelve Scotch farmers own all the land, and the other people work for them.

There is only one small town, Port Stanley. So it can well be imagined that their postal system is not a very extensive institution. Again on the list is the Fiji Islands, another country of no great commercial value, it was at one time the happy hunting ground of Missionaries, but since King Cacombo ceded the islands to Britain in 1874, that industry seems to have died out. This branch of the new postal union cannot afford to reduce the rate from 12 cents to 2c. We look farther down the list and see St. Helena, this island is little better than the two other groups.

It may be made in time a centre of commerce, but until then, or, some thing else happens, it cannot afford the big drop from 6 pence per $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce to 1 penny.

Hong Kong is another place that can hardly allow of a reduction, although of considerable commercial value to Canada and other parts of the British Empire.

Africa contains several growing

colonies that are in the two cent union, such as Gambia, Gold Coast, Natal, Sierra Loue and the Niger Coast, but I do not think that any of them unless it maybe Natal, can afford the reduction.

It is surprising that Cape of Good Hope can not be induced to enter the union, as its postoffice is in a fairly good standing and if any of the African colonies can put up with the low rate that is the one that could. As will be seen several of the smaller West Indian islands are in the list, they know perfectly well that they cannot spare the money they already have to pay in subsidies to steamboat companies to carry their small amount of mail matter without levying an extra tax on the postal departments of the countries mentioned.

As to India, this is perhaps one of the best on the whole list and I think next to Canada, if Canada can, can afford the reduction. But I don't think any of them can, and less than a year will bust the bubble. (Since received has been a 2c rate postage made to U. S.

FRANK BEST.

OUR QUESTION BOX.

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Bleaching of Prints Around Edges.

Cause: Gold bath too strong. Remedy: Bath should not tone in less than 8 minutes; weaken by adding less gold stock or more water.

Yellow Stains on Prints.

Cause: Air bubbles on prints not broken while toning in Combined bath. Remedy: Place prints in solution face down, turn over prints and break any bubbles that may appear, with hand or soft brush.

White Deposit on Negatives.

Causes: Alum in fixing bath, insufficient washing. Remedy: Fix in plain hypo bath, or use acid fixing bath as recommended by various plate makers; wash in running water for an hour or change water every five minutes for an hour.

Flash Lights--Staring Effect in Eyes.

Cause: Lights turned out before flash and flash held too low. Remedy: Allow all lights to burn as ordinarily, being careful however that none shine directly into the lens. Hold up a lamp in front of the group or person until the catchlight or bright speck in the eye appears just below the upper eyelid. make flash from this height and to one side.

Blue Paper and How to Make It.

The requirements necessary to a successful manufacture of blue print paper on a small scale are few and simple. A couple of ounces each of Citrate of Iron, and Ammonia and Red Prussiate of Potash are all the chemicals that are required. Procure these from a reliable dealer and have them chemically pure or as it is generally called, C. P. Any good hard white paper can be used for coating. Any paper that makes a good writing paper will also make a good blue paper. A couple of graduates, a small funnel, a couple of 4-oz. bottles and a "buckle brush" completes the necessary apparatus.

A "buckle brush is made by winding a strip of Canton flannel around a wooden handle about two and one-half inches wide and one-half inch thick, thus forming a soft "swab" for brushing or spreading the sensitizing chemicals on the paper. Make a stock solution of the Red Prussiate of Potash by dissolving 240 grains or one-half oz. (apothecaries weight) in 4 ozs. of water; cover the bottle with yellow paper, and keep in the dark as light spoils it. The Citrate of Iron and Ammonia does not keep in solution and must be made up as needed. However, it dissolves quickly, so this is not much bother.

Take of the Citrate 100 grains and dissolve in one oz. water. Now pour into a graduate 1 oz. of the Potash solution, place the small funnel into another graduate and filter the potash through a wad of absorbent cotton; now pour the oz. of Citrate solution into the funnel and allow that to filter through in the same way. The solution is now complete and ready for coating the paper.

Pin the paper to be coated on a drawing board, preferably cut into pieces about 8x10 inches; pour some of the solution into a shallow dish and dip the "buckle brush" into a depth of about one-fourth of an inch; brush over the entire surface of the paper from left to right, and then from top to bottom, always working the brush from the same side of the sheet. Do not use much of the solution, just enough to make an even coating, and do not wet the brush after starting a sheet. After you have coated a few sheets you will learn just how wet to have your brush in starting.

Hang the paper up to dry in a clean dark, dry place; it should be ready for use in a half hour. It can then be cut in the proper sizes and stored away, preferably in a tin can. Paper prepared in this way should keep for a week or ten days, if stored as directed. A drop of Bromide of Potash solution will enhance its keeping qualities but makes it print slower.

A very pretty way of blue printing is to sensitize a sheet of card board and print on it by means of a large printing frame fitted with a glass bottom, mask the negative with a cut-out placed between the negative and the cardboard, so that the margins of the cardboard wash out per-

erely white. Postal cards may also be sensitized and printed on in the same way. The surface of porous supports, however, must be sized with a solution of arrowroot, made to about the consistency of paste, and allowed to dry before coating; if this sizing is not done, the solution sinks into the fibre of the paper and it is impossible to wash out white.

There are two ways of making transparencies by the blue process: One is to make a very dark print and after drying, lay on a blotter face down; shave up a small amount of paraffine and scatter over the back of the print, then with a clean, hot flat-iron proceed to melt the paraffine, thus rendering the print transparent; frame between two pieces of glass and hang in the window.

The other way is a little more work but the results are on the whole far superior. Take an unexposed dry plate or a plate that has been exposed and not developed and fix in a hypo bath into which pour a small quantity of the Red Prussiate of Potash solution: after it is thoroughly fixed and washed, sensitize by immersing the plate in the same solution as used for the paper. Allow to dry in a clean place, free from dust. Print very deep, in fact overprint it, as it will wash out considerably. The printing must be judged from the back, as of course it is not possible to examine it like a paper print. Wash freely and dry carefully, and you have a most beautiful "blue" transparency.

Linen or silk can be utilized for blue printing by folding and stretching tightly over a piece of glass of the requisite size, and sensitizing by immersion, or by the "buckle brush", whichever is preferred. As there is no way of examining the progress of

printing, make a print on paper first, to get the length of time required from the negative you intend using, and time your silk or linen print accordingly, allowing if anything more time than less for these prints as they wash out more.

Envelopes, writing paper, in fact almost anything with a slightly porous surface may be prepared and printed on by the above methods, yielding in all cases, charming results.

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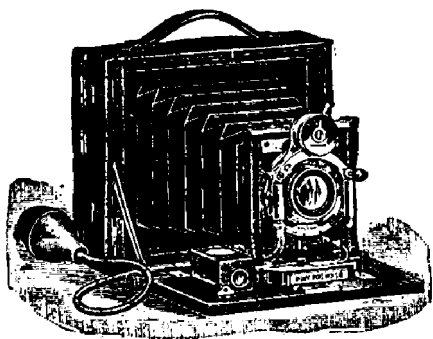
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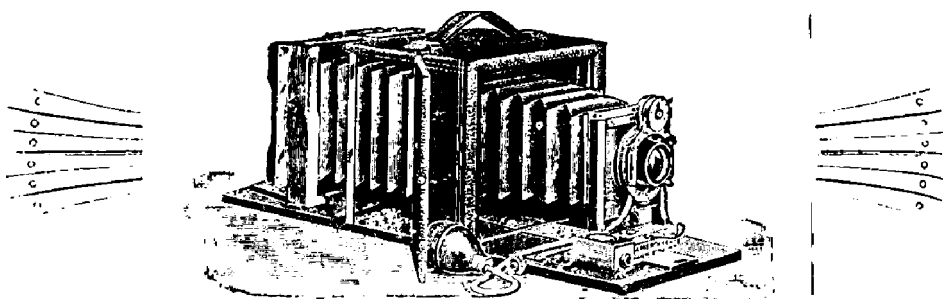
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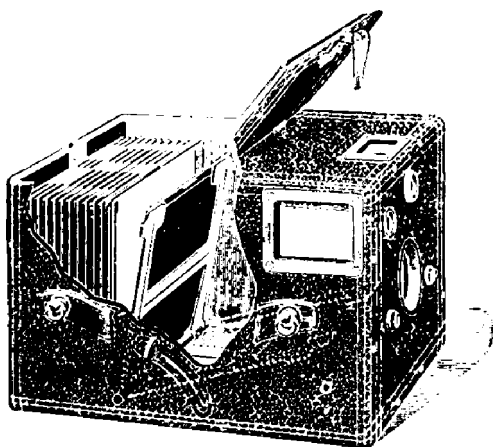
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