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The Stamps of Argentine Republic

Compiled to Date, By ALFONSO MILLARD

PART I

Having seen almost all the catalogues that are published throughout the stamp collecting world, I have never found one that is correct. Of course they are correct in a sense, for the ordinary collector, but for the specialist they are very incomplete. I will endeavor in this article to give the most minute differences. There may be other varieties that collectors may find, and I would like the possessors of any varieties that are not catalogued here to inform me of such. I had studied these stamps even before I crossed the Andes to go into Argentine, and after being in Buenos Ayres a little time I got access to the archives of the post-office, and also the archives of the capital, and learned several items of interest in regard to the stamps of the country. I have seen a good many of the old plates, but they are in a very bad condition, as perhaps your readers may know. As a rule, South Americans are very careless, but in Argentine I found it more profoundly so, as everything is manara (tomorrow), and they go from bad to worse. I have often had to give inducements to the clerks in the postoffice in order to let me have a look at some old files. Information is very hard to get in the

Argentine Republic, as the Argentines are so pigheaded over their own importance, and one can never offer a suggestion, especially if you are a foreigner, but one who speaks Spanish and is of Spanish blood will always have a show, as they will not question his nationality, as the case was, I was many times taken for an Argentine, but my mode of business gave me away. In Chile we do not believe in the word manara, especially army men. We believe in today, and we believe in the old axiom, "Today, and leave tomorrow take care of itself."

The specialist will find the stamps of Argentina very instructive and a quantity of errors are to be met with in perforations, etc. But here in America the majority of collectors do not go in very much for perforations, inverted watermarks, etc., etc. But all the same I will endeavor to give all the information I have at command. I will start with the first issue of the Confederation of the Argentine states:

1858—Small figure of value; 5c red, 1st of May; 10c green, 1st of May; 15c blue, 1st of May; 15c light blue, 3d of January, 1859; 15c, very worn impression. There are nine varieties of each value, the great difference lies mainly

in the bordering. These stamps can be plated.

1860—Large figure 5, with colon after the 5; 5c red; 5c very light red; 5c dirty red. These stamps were lithographed at the government printing office. The 10c of these issues were cut in two and used as 5c.

The 15c blue were cut into three pieces and used as five cents each, but these are very scarce. You will find a good many of the 10c now used, but the one-third of the 15c are very scarce indeed in Buenos Ayres. I have seen one and one-third on an envelope, used as 20cts, sold for 250 peso, or equal to

about \$80. There were over 150,000 of these stamps of 5c, 10c and 15c found some years ago and they were sold as remainders.

Collectors have got to be very careful of these stamps. Any bearing the postmark Patagonia, Chubut, Misiones, Panpa Cen., are forgeries. A good many forged ones of the Sante Fe and Rosano postmarks are to be found Buenos Ayres

I offer my services to all brother collectors for the examination of these stamps.

(To be Continued.)

Proposed New French Issue

By ERNEST R. HOLMES

France has been slow to abandon the monotony of her series of stamps, changing only in color and denomination, and the chief reason seems to be the difficulty of satisfying the artistic requirements. Some months ago a competition for new designs was opened, but it came to nothing because the jury of artists rejected as impossible all the designs submitted. Now for some time there has been talk of an exposition stamp or series of stamps, and until very recently the project seemed likely to fall through. The head of the postoffice department, M. Mougeot, called under secretary of state for postoffice and telegraph, has all along urged the new stamps. Remembering the unfortunate abortive competition, the government applied directly to three well known artist-engravers, Messrs. Chaplain, Luc-Oliver Merson and Roty, all members of the Institute of France. M. Chaplain begged off because he had been on the jury that rejected the recent designs offered. M. Roty, designer of the

new French coins bearing a graceful figure sowing grain, urged his numerous orders and the difficulty of undertaking more work. Finally he agreed to undertake the task if his design for the exposition medal could be utilized. This was accepted, but several "ifs" were in the way. M. Roty must finish his die for the medal and immediately get at the stamp in order to complete it in time.

M. Merson accepted a definite order, and is hard at work. His design then is sure to furnish a new stamp which, in view of the decision of the postal union against purely commemorative stamps, will be of general issue and a permanent design.

It is stated that the minister of commerce and the under secretary have resolved to break entirely away from conventional styles and create types of different shapes, round, hexagonal, oval, octagonal, thus giving more latitude to the engraver, and supposedly adding joy to the task of the collector and classifier.

The French government has lately lent itself to a decided novelty in postal affairs. One may now buy two postal cards of face value of two sous each, for three sous, that is 20 centimes for 15 centimes. But these postal cards bear on their face three advertisements for Paris business houses, printed in different colors, and only a small space is left to write in the address. This reduces the price nearer to what all other countries charge for domestic postal cards, France having clung to the two-cent rate.

The "Post" and Its Improvements

Third Prize Manuscript

By G. LIONEL CAMPBELL, of England

The word "Post" is derived from the Latin "positus" (placed) because horses were in the time of the Romans placed at certain distances to transport letters and travelers. Herodotus who lived about 400 B. C., mentions that a system of couriers existed in the Persian empire, and Herodotus states that post-stations or houses were established by King Cyrus. These are undoubtedly the oldest records that can be found.

Augustus established an institution in the Roman empire similar to the modern posts, about the beginning of the Christian era.

Marco Polo describes a system which was in existence in China in the 13th century; the stations were about three miles apart, and thus secured great rapidity of communication.

Among the ancient Aztecs in Mexico a complete system of couriers was likewise maintained, the stations being about two leagues apart, and provided a rapid means of communication by foot messengers. In all these cases the posts seem to have been set up for government use only.

Carrier pigeons were used in the East, and became known in Europe through the Crusaders.

At the beginning of the 13th century there was a letter post between the Hanse towns, followed almost directly by one, commenced by the Princes of Thurn and Taxis, who connected Aus-

tria and Lombardy by postal routes, probably in the reign of Emperor Maximilian. About the same time the University of Paris organized a postal service and employed messengers who, at certain times, took charge of letters and money for the students and delivered them in almost all parts of Europe.

In England in the early times both public and private letters could be sent by special messengers only. In the reign of Edward the First "posts" were established almost all over the country, where horses and messengers, wearing the royal livery, could be had for hire. In the wardrobe accounts of the kings of England entries of payments for conveyance of letters to various parts of the country, occur long before this. About the beginning of the 14th century, the first post was established in England for the public benefit.

In 1653 a M. de Valayer established by royal permission a private penny post in Paris. In this case a small ticket was used which was attached to the missive. These tickets bore a portrait of the king, and could be bought for a sou each at almost all the shops.

In 1683 Charles II of England gave his brother James Duke of York, as part of his state income, the monopoly of the postoffice, receiving all the proceeds when expenses had been cleared off. During the same reign, about

1685, a penny post was established in London by William Dockwra, a searcher at the custom house, and Robert Murray, a clerk in the excise office. The plan was originally developed by Mr. Murray, who, however, transferred it to Mr. Dockwra. They had in London and the suburbs between 100 and 500 receiving-houses and wall-boxes. In London about the Exchange they had six or eight deliveries during the day, and about four in the suburbs and outlying districts. Letters, etc., could be registered up to £10. Suits were laid against him for infringing the Duke of York's patent, and in the end his penny postage was made part of the general postoffice and Dockwra was given a pension of £500 a year. I can find no further mention of Mr. Murray, but I find that Mr. Dockwra was made controller of the London office in 1697.

The government of New York in 1672 established a post to goe monthly from New York to Boston, those that bee disposed to send letters to bring them to the secretary's office, where, in a Locke box, they shall be preserved till the messenger calls for them: all persons paying the post before the bag is sealed up." About thirty years after, this was made a fortnightly post, and connected the towns of Saybrook, Hartford, Meyles and New York. The first postmaster-general of America was appointed in 1692. The following official notice may be of interest, it is taken from the records of the general court of Massachusetts of 1659:

"It is ordered that notice be given that Richard Fairbanks his house in Boston is the place appointed for all letters which are brought from across the sea or are to be sent thither to be left with him: and he is to take care that they are to be delivered or sent according to directions and he is allowed for every letter one penny and must answer all miscarriages through his own neglect in this kind."

William Penn established a postoffice

in Pennsylvania in 1683, and general postoffices were also established and erected in Virginia in 1692 and in Philadelphia in 1692.

There was in 1716 a 3d post established in England for distances under 80 miles, 1d and 6d to Edinburg and Dublin; the postage also increased in proportion to the weight and size of the packet. An act of parliament was passed in Queen Ann's reign consolidating all the postoffices in the British empire into one establishment, more power was given to the postmaster-general; it reorganized the chief letter offices of Edinburgh, Dublin and New York, and settled new offices in the West Indies.

Benjamin Franklin, who was postmaster at Philadelphia in 1737, and then postmaster general of the American colonies in 1753, no doubt did a great deal to improve the postal system of his time in the Eastern states. He visited all the postoffices throughout Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York and New England, looking up everything with his own eyes and in every way improving the system.

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ADHESIVE stamps are, as the word implies, stamps made to adhere to any package or mail matter. The word is used to distinguish all ordinary stamps which are attached to mail matter from envelope and wrapper stamps which are printed or embossed, upon envelopes and wrappers. Watermarks may be seen in most 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. The stamps of British colonies nearly all have water-marks.

Another Queensland Variety

BY A. S. RUSSELL.

Stamp collectors in Brisbane were greatly surprised when it became known that a 2d stamp, of the 1890 die, on the embossed watermark paper, had come into circulation, and what was more surprising still, was that the entire lot had been sent out to small country postoffices, a few sheets to each office, some only receiving one or two sheets. Not a single one was to be seen at any of the offices at Brisbane.

These stamps were printed about the same time as the other provisionals in 1895, but were never issued to the public until recently. The explanation is this: Complaints having been made about the $\frac{1}{2}$ d and 1d values, on the same paper, not tearing properly, and the quality of the paper and gum, it was decided not to issue them, so the parcels of 2d stamps were stored away.

Mr. J. McDonnell, on retiring from office as under secretary of post and telegraph offices, thought it a good chance to get rid of these stamps, so as to leave a clean sheet to his successor, Mr. Scott. So the lot was sent out in small batches to the western offices.

Country postmasters have been bothered with letters from collectors requesting some, but have received the usual replies, such as, sold out, have never received them at this office. As they were only sent to the most western offices, they no doubt will become rare, there being only 250 sheets of 120 stamps each; total, 30,000 stamps.

Zig-Zag Perforation

It is now about twelve months since the zig-zag perforation on the Queensland stamps was tried and proved a failure, but for all that, they are still fresh in the minds of every philatelist.

There are altogether six varieties; they are as follows: (A) zig-zag roulette in black; (B) the same plain; (C) roulette A and also B; (D) roulette A and perf. 13; (E) roulette B and perf. 13; (F) roulette A and B and perf. 13. Of the above the rarest is F, then comes D, then C, A, E, and last B.

The New Catalogue

The makers of the New Catalogue, which will be put out and in the hands of collectors before many days, are cutting the catalogue value of a great many stamps. No doubt many stamps are catalogued too high, but it is the general opinion that the reducing in price of so many stamps is to cause outside dealers to reduce their discounts to much smaller figures so that they can compete, as their discount is only ten per cent. on all purchases over one dollar. But how about the stamps that are catalogued too low? There are lots of stamps I would buy by the hundred at full catalogue, and one in particular that I call to mind, that I would buy at full catalogue and pay a premium of ten per cent. instead of asking for the ten per cent. discount. After the catalogue is out, and should the price remain the same on this particular stamp as it has been for the past three years, the writer will make further note of it and give the many dealers and collectors a chance to unload and deplete my pocketbook, as I will buy all that are sent me, and I will never cry enough. Bear in mind this is no high priced stamp, as it is catalogued at not over eight cents.

E. B. G.

T. B. Curtis writes: "October number received. The P. W. and C. N. is worth twice its subscription."

Notes on Canadian Revenues

By R. R. REEFIDICUS

The lack of interest in the revenues of Canada during the period of the semi-boom of revenues of the United States has always been an enigma to me, the more so because to every philatelist, whether he collects for love or profit, these stamps offer every inducement to attract and hold his attention.

To the real collector, the one who collects for the love of collecting and the pleasure derived from the possession of stamps, and makes the distinction between postage and revenue stamps very narrow, these stamps appeal very strongly.

If you are an admirer of excellence in the engraver's art, I invite you to turn your attention to the second issue of Bell stamps, the first issue of Ontario, or the issues of the Supreme Court of Canada.

If you seek varieties in perforations, etc., and shades, a very wide field is by these revenues opened.

And if you collect stamps for profit, few can equal and none excel these stamps as an investment. Certain varieties are not rare, but owing to their being used in one place are easily secured at a very nominal price. If a sum, no matter how large or how small, is judiciously invested, owing to the present low price, by reason of, as yet, small demand, it will undoubtedly amply repay the investor. This applies to both rare and common stamps, as after the boom, that is, without doubt, imminent, the common will be rare and the rare, extremely rare.

These stamps, with one or two exceptions, are still within the reach of the collector of moderate means, and any collector who has not at least a small collection is very unwise. In a

short time a boom will set in and then, with an increased demand, the value will materially increase. So be, like all wise collectors, prepared for it by having a collection of these very interesting stamps.

The average collector is extremely uninformed regarding the stamps that are embraced in the Canadian Revenue category. To his mind the revenue stamps consist of Bell and Law stamps. He is generally of the opinion that only one series of Bell stamps have been issued, and that the Provinces of Canada, formerly Upper and Lower Canada, but now Ontario and Quebec, are the only issues. It would doubtless cause him to be much astonished if he were to be informed that besides there being four distinct issues of Bell stamps, aggregating 73 varieties, 220 varieties of Law stamps of six different classes, as well as several other classes of revenues have been issued. The latter classes include tobacco and cigarette stamps, etc., which are not collected by the average collector and the following generally collected classes: Supreme Court, 12; Gas, 9; Weights and Measures, 30, and Electric Light Inspection, 7; New Brunswick Probate, 6; Quebec Registration, 11; Quebec License, 1; Quebec Assurance, 15, besides 12 varieties C. P. R. and 10 varieties G. W. W. Telegraph Franks.

The Law stamps of Ontario and Quebec, as well as the Registration stamps of Quebec, come in two distinct shades, light and dark, but as few collectors make the distinction, I have not included these varieties in my list.

None, or very few, at least, collect the different perforations, but as these varieties are known to exist, great scope is presented to the specialist, as

after a while distinctions will be made and some varieties become valuable. So, if time is taken by the forelock, you may have the valuable one in your collection.

In conclusion I would say that a great field for investigations presents

itself and you will be the loser if you do not accept it at once.

Perhaps in a subsequent number of this paper I may give some information regarding the issuance and uses of these coming stamps.

The New Issue of Mexico

By W. F. SLUSSER

Mexican Notes

It will be of interest to the readers of the Philatelic West and Camera News to know that the Mexican secretary of communications and public works has issued a notice amending the decree first published in regard to the new issue of postage stamps.

The new issue will be on sale from and including November 1, and until January 31, 1900, both issues will be admitted on all mail matter. After February 1, 1900, the new issue only will be received on mail matter.

On and after November 1, 1899, stamps of the issue up to that date may be changed for those of the new issue at any postoffice in the republic, and may be so changed until January 1, 1900.

The postage stamps will be issued in the following denominations, design, shield of the national arms: 1 cent, emerald green; 2 cents, red; 3 cents, sienna; 5 cent, prussian blue; 10 cents, orange and lilac; 15 cents, prussian blue on light red; View of the Falls of Juancatlan, 50 cents, black with violet margin; View of Popocatepetl, \$1.00, black on ultramarine; View of the Cathedral of Mexico, \$5.00, black on carmine. Postal cards, 1c, 2c and 3c. Letter cards, 2c and 5c, with and without reply cards. Stamped envelopes, 2c, 5c and 10c. Newspaper wrappers, 1c and 2c.

NOTE: The correspondent for this department has been sick and unable to furnish notes for this month. However, those written for last month and omitted are printed.]

The complete new issue was out on November 1, 1899, and consists of 25 varieties at a face value of \$7.65. This is a set that every collector should get as soon as possible, as many changes are likely to be made within the year.

There recently passed through the local postoffice here several letters bearing a half of the 10c cut diagonally. Investigation revealed the fact that they were from San Buenaventura and that the office was out of stamps of a lower denomination.

Mr. Jorge Azcarate Griggs has disposed of his valuable collection of Mexican postage and revenue stamps to the Cuauhtemoc Curio Co. The price paid was \$3,800 gold. Mr. Griggs now contemplates specializing in U. S. only, of which he has some 1800 varieties, valued at \$8,000.

One of my Canadian correspondents recently sent me a registered letter, upon which were affixed two of the 1870 15c lilac, laid paper. Such favors as these are always thankfully received.

The Monterrey local is not a thing of beauty, but it is a joy forever. While living in Monterrey last year I had the

pleasure of conversing with Senor Ramon Chavez y Gonzalez, who in all probability would, at one time, liked to have sold thousands of these stamps at 10c each, as he was postmaster at that time. He still has three left, which he is saving for his children.

The rare stamp of the 1895 issue will be the 12c, as it was recalled shortly after its issue.

A Mexican firm are contemplating putting upon the market a new Mexican album for postage and revenue stamps, in which the coupon stamps are to be spaced in parts, as they should be. These stamps are made to be used separate from the coupon, and they

should be collected in the same way.

In a local store the other day I noticed some American plug tobacco which was nearly covered with the one-half cent green tobacco stamps, some 40 being on each piece.

How many Mexican revenue collectors have seen any of the 1891 5 Renta Interior surcharged Alcohols? A \$10 bright green of this issue recently sold for \$30.00.

Our readers are advised to always register valuables sent to Mexico, and to put their own wax seal upon the envelope. Money can not be sent out by registered mail, but it can be sent in with little risk.

Boiled Down

Original and Otherwise

Have you ever collected stamps? If not, start now, and give it a trial. You will be pleased, and will find it the most pleasant pastime you have ever engaged in.

Not long since a lady asked for a stamp at the postoffice of Mulhouse, Germany. The clerk passed out a red 10 pfenning, but the woman refused to receive it. She said her letter announced a death and red was not a suitable color to put on a black bordered envelope. The obliging clerk trotted out his whole assortment of stamps, and in default of a black bordered one, the customer finally selected a dark blue 20 pfenning and willingly stood the extra 10 pfenning expense for the sake of propriety. Will governments be compelled to follow Spain's example and issue "mourning stamps" even for private griefs.

When you have become nicely started and have acquired a nice little nucleus for a collection, the addition of each new specimen will fill you with pleasure.

Decide what department of collection will suit you most, and then go in for that. That which you like best in the way of stamps will give you the most pleasure to collect. And that is the leading idea or purpose in collecting stamps—pleasure.

The stamps of Germany are printed in sheets of 400, and each sheet is divided into four panes of 100 each.

To any one who speaks of stamp collecting as boy's play, and the selling of stamps as a business only a one-horse affair, gently state that a stamp dealing firm with headquarters in New York has recently been incorporated with a capital stock of \$150,000. Not so small an affair, is it?

The Queensland stamps of 1887-89 re-engraved, can be distinguished from the 1882 issue by the lines of shading in the neck, which in the re-engraved do not run through the entire width, but leave a blank space along the front of the neck.

One hundred and fifty-five plates

were prepared in connection with the issue of the Omaha series, of which number six were not used. One hundred and twenty-one plates were used on the 2 cent, and 14 on the 1 cent; the 4, 5, and 10 cents each used three plates, the 8 cent two plates, and the 50 cent, \$1.00 and \$2.00 one plate each. Four plates of the 2 cent, and one each of the 5 and 8 cents were prepared but not used.

The surcharge "S. P." on the stamps of Luxemburg means "Service Public."

The stamps of Curacao and Surinam previous to 1892 were sent from Holland to the colonies without gum.

The picture of James Madison on the two dollar blue, current issue, is after a portrait by Gilbert Stuart; that of John Marshall, on the five dollar denomination, is after the portrait by Inman.

The current 10 cent stamp of France is now printed in carmine, to conform to the Postal union agreement as to uniformity of colors.

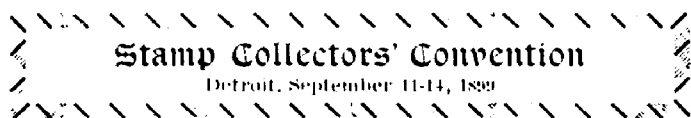
The 1 florin stamp of Hungary has been withdrawn from circulation, on

account, so it is stated, of a gigantic steal of stamps of this value.

"Too many collectors are murmuring over the great time and money which must be spent to get some of these stamps, while around them are stamps and rarities, that, though small in value now, will constantly rise in value as those for which they sigh have, in days passed. The average collector never thinks of the many opportunities which are his now to accept, but rather lets them slip by unnoticed. If he would only notice and accept them, he could in a few years make, what are now his pennies, dollars. This is a fact and not a vague idea."

That amusement which gives one pleasure and is not costly or hurtful in any way is a good amusement. Such a one is the pastime of stamp collecting.

Is your stamp collection growing? Keep increasing the number of your specimens, no matter how slowly. Time rolls onward, and in time you will have a good collection and one that will give you great pleasure.



By L. T. B.

"Milwaukee 1900"

The following report of the Detroit meeting was omitted from the October number by an oversight of the printer.

The Perforator says: "Of all the conventions that have been held by the various stamp societies none have been so completely successful as the one just held in Detroit. That the Philatelic Sons of America should carry off all the honors and be so royally received and entertained, is a matter long to be remembered. From the mayor of the city to the residents of the principality there was not a thing due a prince that

was not bestowed upon the visitors. The mayor made the visitors feel at home and the Detroit collectors kept them feeling that way. The illumination of the city hall was an honor that has never been bestowed upon a convention of stamp collectors at any time in the history of our meets. The hospitality of the citizens of Detroit cannot be excelled. Every thought for the entertainment of her guests was put into action, and the week passed there will long be remembered as one of the principal events in the history of our society. Detroit is an ideal

convention city and the residents spare no effort in showing it."

The souvenir book and meeting at the art museum were leaders for others to follow. The trolley rides, with lunch; visit to Walker's distillery, the largest in Canada; special rigs and drives to Belle Isle; special boat up to St. Clair Flats, were only a few of the attractions.

D. T. Eaton gave out the neatest card seen, having the war revenues in two colors, by using two stamps to make one. C. P. Krauth's postage preserver, in pocketbook form was the finest yet seen. H. Boers' stamp boxes and souvenir spoons were hard to beat. Stebbens' bank notes, if a little old were taken just the same. Milwaukee buttons, "A Bright Spot in 1900," were in great demand, even in Canada. The lady reporters were in great demand, and it was certainly too bad that the supply did not equal the demand. Krauth's talk on "Dry Rot" and Burgoyne on "Stamp Departments of Daily papers were good.

The stamp that brought \$1,100 and the sale of Kay's four Hawaiian stamps for \$12,000 or more were the talk of the meetings. The stamp and fractional currency exhibit at the art museum were fine. The \$1,000 revenue stamp had never been seen before by a great many collectors.

Detroit papers were generous in their reports and a few of the members had their faces given.

Since the meeting the Detroit society have secured the art museum for meeting rooms and are forming a permanent collection.

If you wish to see the official organs of the societies and reports of the meetings, write W. W. Jewett, editor Philatelic Era, at Portland, Maine, organ of the A. P. A., or C. W. Kissinger, editor Perforator, Reading, Pa., organ of the P. S. of A., the society that has the most paid up members of

any similar organization in America and the largest attendance at Detroit. It will pay you to join both, and be with them at Milwaukee in 1900. Will be glad to furnish blanks to any. Hope each reader can be at Milwaukee; you will not regret it. Society formed there since the meeting at Detroit.

Too much cannot be said in praise of the manner in which the Detroit citizens entertained us. The Messrs. Beck and W. H. Boers were the ones who showed us the theatres, fine oil paintings at Churchill's, curios at Smith's, etc.

H. C. Beck writes since the convention that the Michigan Stamp Co. has been formed with a capital of \$5,000. Offices in center of the city. We wish them success.

Our illustration on the cover will give you an idea of the city hall, together with a few of the officers and members of the convention.

Roy Farrell Green, the writer and illustrator, now in the Bad Lands, sends me his greetings as follows:

To the Boys at the Detroit Convention:

If wishes had wings, how the pinions would flutter,

Flutter respondent to currents in air;

Ereftly they'd fly with the good will I'd utter,
Could I but see with, be with you there.

Add but my praise to philately's teachings,

Royally, loyally bow to her sway;

If wishes would wing at my earnest beseechings,

And bring you and sing you my good will today.

Sing to you fellowship, friendship undying,

Sing to you brotherhood, all that I feel,

Bear you my message and catch your replying:

Pledging of comrades for woe or for weal,
Hovering o'er you in all of your meetings,

Give acquiescence in all that you do;

Dove-like they'd carry my brotherly greetings,

Winging their way o'er the prairies to you.

Just let the figure of speech be for granted,

Take you the spirit in place of the deed,

All my good wishes in hearts be implanted,

And for philately's praises a need.

Only to meet with your, greet with your faces,

Faces of friends in philately's few;

Spanning the distance, which fancy craves,

Wishes are winging o'er the prairies to you.

A Much Advertised Stamp

The Great Barrier Island 1 sh. is getting well advertised, but I doubt if the advertisers are getting rich or declaring dividends to stockholders from the profits made off sales of the said stamp. Some advertise them at 25c each and others at 15c each with a proviso that the offer is for a limited time only (until Sept. 10th, 1899, I think) when the price will then be 85c each. This ad I am sure will cause a broad smile to pass over many a collector's countenance. I should like to see one of these stamps in a used form so as to observe the mode of postmarking this Pigeon Post. If nearly all of the countries, and would be countries, were not making plans for new issues nearly every day to drain the pockets of us poor collectors, one would not frown upon this stamp in its misused condition. Then again any one who would be so fortunate as to possess a used copy of the stamp could well afford to show it to others with a great deal of pride when they told of its history and the duty it had performed. In that condition it would have completed the mission it was meant for and would be a postage stamp and not a label, so that it could rest in a collection and not be looked upon as a black sheep. The distance between Auckland and Great Barrier island is sixty miles, and the carrier pigeons make the trip in an hour's time or a little more. Think of it, readers, this is traveling over the sea faster than the fastest mail train going today where all conditions are favorable for fast time. Whenever you look upon a Homing pigeon I trust that you will look with a feeling of pride and think of its mates traveling between Auckland and Great Barrier island, carrying mail of great importance at a mile a minute.

F. B. G.

New Canada Stamp Album

The much advertised Canada Stamp Album with "Red Cover" gotten up by the Canada Stamp Co., of Quebec, was mailed to purchasers on Saturday, Sept. 2. It is a well gotten up book and shows that time and brains have been spent upon its make-up and arrangement. The principal fault to be found with the album is that the makers have been very stingy with the amount of space allowed for square-cut envelopes. In many cases the envelope would have to be round-cut to fit the space allowed; which of course cannot be these progressive times. It would have been much better had spaces been left for each envelope in its entirety, as in the near future envelopes will only be collected in that form. Some spaces for adhesives are also much too small. The album will no doubt make many new specialties in the British North American issues, as many of the stamps are cheap and any one can make a good showing with small outlay of cash. The writer for one is going to specialize, and hopes to make quite a good collection of these very interesting stamps.

F. B. G.

Get Together

FRIEND PHILATELISTS:

Let us devise some means to protect each other from frauds. Send me a list of those who have dealt dishonestly with you, and perhaps I can put you in communication with others who have been defrauded by the same person. By acting in conjunction a settlement might be forced where otherwise it could not be. I am in correspondence with other dealers and think I can help you.

ELMER SMITH,
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More than nine-tenths of our subscribers renew, some for four years. The West is liked by readers.

Guy Crayton, Ohio, says: "I take most of the stamp papers printed, but yours beats them all."

How to Examine a Stamp

From "HOBBIES" of England

This month we propose to give some hints on what to many young philatelists is a most difficult matter—the proper examination of a postage stamp with regard to printing, paper, perforation and water mark. To examine these efficiently, the philatelist needs certain mechanical aids, which we shall attempt to describe.

I. THE DESIGN OF THE STAMP

Something in the shape of a magnifying glass is an absolute necessity to the philatelist who wishes to study properly the stamps he collects. Important differences of type are sometimes so minute as to defy the naked eye, and in many countries, such as Bremen, Bergedorf, Great Britain (the earlier issues), United States, and others, mere specks in the design are of paramount importance in determining either the date of issue or what is far more essential, the genuineness or otherwise of the specimen examined. The appliance generally used by philatelists and usually stocked by stamp dealers for this purpose, is a small square folding glass known as a "linen tester." Our experience of this is that it is a most "fiddling" and bothersome instrument, and we recommend the young philatelist to content himself with the ordinary magnifying glass, such as naturalists and botanists use; but let it be a fairly good one, or the results will be far from satisfactory. So much for the face of the stamp, which, so far as examination goes, is quite the simplest part of the battle.

II. AS TO PAPER

It is frequently a matter of the greatest importance to know the "make" of paper used in the production of some particular stamp, and although the philatelist may be fully conversant

with the differences between "wove" and "laid," he will find it no easy matter to give an off-hand decision in a particular case. Had we simply a plain piece of paper to examine the matter would be comparatively easy, but in the case of a postage stamp the printed design on the front and the gum on the back combine to render the fabric more or less obscure.

A well known American philatelist, Mr. C. P. Krauth, of Pittsburg, some years ago explained to a gathering of his fellows an ingenious contrivance for the ready classification of papers by means of reflected light. Briefly this is Mr. Krauth's method (and the thing is so simple that any reader should be able to construct it at home): He takes a small wooden box, open at one side, and fitted with a glass top, and having inside an adjustable hinged mirror. Under the glass lid of the box is fixed a piece of cardboard of the same size, but with an opening in it cut to correspond to the size of the average postage stamp. Above the box is an arrangement for holding a small ordinary lens. Given the apparatus we have described, the rest is easy. The stamp to be examined is laid on the glass lid exactly opposite the aperture in the cardboard, the open side of the box is turned towards the window (or towards the gas or lamp, if artificial light is used) and the adjustable mirror inside the box is set at an angle which will cause it to transmit the rays of light upwards through the hole in the cardboard, and consequently, through the stamp. The stamp itself must now be shielded from the light by means of the philatelist's hand, or a book or card, or anything that will not interfere with the

free passage of light into the open end of the "Examination Box," and the stamp will then be found to be brilliantly illuminated, and the question whether it is on wove or laid paper, or on any of the sub-divisions of "laid," (such as "quadrille," "batoune," etc.) will be very readily answered.

We shall be very glad to hear the experiences of any readers who may adopt this method.

III. AS TO PERFORATION

The system of perforation-measurement employed by philatelists the whole world over has been explained repeatedly. For the benefit of the newest generation of readers, however, let it be said once again that perforations are calculated on a French basis of measurement, owing to the fact that the importance of studying variations in perforation was first insisted upon by a French philatelist, Dr. Legrand. The good doctor's plan was to determine the "size" of the perforation on the basis of the number of "teeth" or projections occurring in the space of 2 centimetres. Because 14 of these "teeth" occur in some British stamps and 16 in others we call the former "perf. 14," and the latter "perf. 16." As a handy means of measuring perforations a printed card or slip of wood known as a perforation gauge is used, and this is perhaps the most essential item in a philatelist's outfit. The stamp is moved across the lines of dots on the gauge until the line is found into which the teeth of the perforation exactly fit. That done the size of the perforation is represented by the number placed against that particular line of dots.

IV. AS TO WATERMARK

If the watermark of a stamp be at all obscure, as is very often the case, a little benzine is the sovereign remedy. Benzine, however, is a dangerous commodity to handle, and we strongly warn philatelists not to use it anywhere near a gas-jet, or a fire. The ideal way of

detecting a "bashful" watermark—and one that we have never known to fail—is to lay the stamp face downward on a black surface. Photographers having a ferrotype plate convenient to their hand will find that an excellent thing for the purpose; but any really black surface will suit. Now apply the benzine, very sparingly, with a camel's hair brush to the back of the stamp, and almost instantaneously the watermark will be thrown up with amazing clearness. The benzine will not hurt the stamp in any way, but as we have stated before, if a flame of any sort is in close proximity, it will hurt the philatelist.

Even if the stamp operated on be an unused specimen in "mint" condition, the gum will be in no way affected by the benzine. Collectors may be perfectly easy on this score.

"When found make a note of it." It is quite the usual thing nowadays to note a stamp's watermark or other characteristics in one's album. This is most neatly done by means of rubber stamps, such as stamp dealers now sell in large variety. Pen or pencil scribbings, unless one's calligraphy is exceptionally good, detracts greatly from the general appearance of a stamp album.

The Chicago Record of Nov. 21, says: "Last night the Pacific and Oriental mail train of the New York Central railroad, leaving New York at 9:15, was composed of ten cars loaded to their utmost capacity with bags of letters and newspapers for the Asiatic countries, Hawaii, Australia and the Philippine islands, and it picks up additional cars at Buffalo, Chicago and Omaha, so that by the time it reaches San Francisco it will have not less than thirteen or fourteen cars and carry the heaviest tonnage of mail ever hauled by a locomotive. This mail will reach San Francisco Friday evening and make the fastest time ever made by a regular train across the continent."

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was duly turned over to his successor.
 The retiring librarian reported 1100
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 the library, which were duly turned
 over to his successor.

Report of Secretary and Treasurer
 for period ending Nov. 25, 1899.

Received from retiring secretary	.....	\$2.40
" " new members (2)	.....	70
" " old members, dues	.....	50

		\$8.60
Paid express on books and records	.....	\$ .50
" official organ for Oct.	.....	1.15
" for postage	.....	40

		\$2.05
Balance on hand	.....	\$1.55

A. C. DAILY, Sec'y and Treas.

Secretary's Report

The following members of the N. P. S. have been dropped on account of non-payment of dues. Upon payment of dues they will be reinstated, and their membership card issued accordingly. It is hoped that none will fail to renew their membership.

A. Truesdale, Fremont, Neb.
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 coln, Neb.

Each of the above parties were notified by letter, by the secretary, that their dues were in arrears, but no response was received regarding them.

Resigned: S. P. Hughes, Howe, Neb.

The trustees of the N. P. S. met and organized. C. L. Pond was elected chairman and A. C. Daily secretary of the board. The various reports of retiring officers were taken up and approved. The retiring secretary and treasurer reported all bills paid and a balance of \$2.10 in the treasury, which

Auction Department

This department is in running order, as can be seen on another page. We can, however, use more stamps—they are all selling well. Whoever has any thing good or desirable to dispose of, may send them in for classification. Only ten per cent. on all sales—no sale, no per cent. H. WENDT, Sterling Neb., Auction Manager.

Any reader of the West can place stamps in this department, or buy. Send on your stamps or bids.

Exchange Department

To insure the success of this department it is necessary that I have the hearty support of all members, and that the rules be strictly lived up to. They will be impartially enforced, and any member who does not adhere to them will be promptly removed from circuit. Every precaution will be taken to protect members from loss, and it will be necessary for every member who wishes to be placed on circuit to furnish satisfactory references; but

the superintendent does not take upon himself any personal responsibility for debts of members, nor for stamps lost in transit, substituted or damaged. All transactions are to be on a strictly cash basis. Soliciting your hearty support.

C. L. POND,

Exchange Superintendent.

Rules of the Exchange Department, Nebraska Philatelic Society:

1. Blank Books will be supplied at 5 cents each 6 for 25 cents.

2. Stamps must be affixed by hinges and the price of each book must be at least \$3.00.

3. Registered mail must always be used in forwarding books.

4. Damaged or heavily cancelled stamps are not desirable.

5. The Supt. reserves the right of rejecting any books he may think undesirable.

6. Circuits may be kept 3 days; but if retained longer, a fine of 10 cents per day will be imposed.

7. In removing stamps mark the blank space with your name in ink or by rubber stamp.

8. Upon receipt of packet see that all spaces are marked where stamps have been removed. Any missing stamps must be adjusted with the preceding member or the last member on the list will be responsible for all blank spaces.

9. Forward packets to next on list by Registered mail, mark on list exact date sent, advise the Superintendent and send amount of purchase by M. O. if over \$1.00, under that sum stamps will be accepted. This rule must be complied with, whether the buyer has stamps on the circuit or not, as no running account will be allowed.

10. Should packets be handed from one member to another, receipt for same must always be taken, or the one delivering them will be held responsible.

11. The Superintendent will use his discretion in retiring books; but none will remain out longer than 3 months

unless at special request of the seller.

12. Books once retired will not be received again for circuit.

13. A remittance for amount of sales will be forwarded with all retired books, but postage on them will be charged, and a commission of 10 per cent, deducted from sales, to cover working expenses.

14. One per cent. will also be charged on all stamps placed on circuit to establish a fund to pay for stamps lost from any cause except substitution. Beyond any sum that may be available from this fund, the Superintendent will not be responsible for stamps substituted, damaged, lost in transit or any other way, but will protect sellers in every way possible, as no member will be placed on circuit without furnishing undoubted reference, or is personally known to one of the officers.

17. All letters of enquiry must contain stamp for reply.

These rules will be strictly enforced.

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Secretary's Report

Fellow Members, S. C. P. A. of America: No applications this month. This is not very encouraging, and is not what our grand organization deserves, but I feel sure that quite a number of our enthusiastic readers will realize the necessity of such an association, and the benefits to be derived from co-operation, and that we will have a large list of applicants next month, although I am afraid we are depending on the official organ too much. We should not do this, nor should we depend on the secretary alone as recommending this organization to our friend collectors, but should write for a supply of application blanks at once and send them out with your letters. Also send along the names of any friends that you have fallen a victim of, with particulars. Do not be afraid to report them, for they

deserve no mercy, besides you may save some of the other members from losing. I am investigating several cases at present, and will no doubt report some next month.

Get ready for next election, and if you wish to be a candidate let us hear from you at once. This association needs a real live secretary. Who will it be? I also think we need a live president for the present one has not made a report in quite a while, and don't you think it would be a good thing to add another department to the S. C. P. A. of America? It would make things more interesting. How about it? Let me hear from you. With best wishes to all, I remain your humble servant.

L. E. MOORE, Secretary.

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Postal Card Department

Wish some one of our readers competent to have charge of this department. Who will? Don't all speak at once.

H. J. Guest of England describes a new card that is issued, the old size international card being withdrawn. The new card is larger and is differently worded. In color the old card was a kind of brick vermilion, while the new is rose color. The inland card was issued Nov. 1, is buff in color, and same substance as international; size, $5\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$. The old size, $4\frac{3}{4} \times 2\frac{5}{8}$, is withdrawn, both white and buff colors.

Provisional postal cards for Porto Rico were made by printing the words "Porto Rico" under the stamp of the current U. S. postal cards; 13,000 were so printed.

In 1869, while Professor Emanuel Herrman of Vienna, was seeking a vast amount of information by correspondence for his notable book, The Guide to the Study of National Economy, the thought occurred to him that many advantages would result from the adoption of a means of correspond-

ence cheaper than a sealed letter. On January 26 he went before the Austrian Post director with his idea, an open, stamped card, and his suggestion was almost immediately adopted. Within a month the Austrian postal authorities printed and sold 1,000,000 postal cards, and thus established this indispensable means of communication. Saturday Evening Post.

Ministerial Councillor Prof. Herrmann, the inventor of the postal card, has recently suggested to the Vienna postal authorities the introduction of a combination of postal card or letter with the telephone and telegraph service. He suggests that a special card be authorized, to be posted in the ordinary way, the contents to be transmitted to the address by the receiving postmaster either by telegraph or telephone, as may be most convenient. The original then would be delivered with the ordinary mail, in verification of the message sent by wire.

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President's Address

To the Officers and Members of the Nebraska Camera Club:—

The office of president of your association having (by reason of the resignation of your former president, S. P. Hughes) fallen upon me, I assume the office very reluctantly, not being acquainted with the membership of the club, and scarcely knowing what is, or will be, expected of me. I do want to say to each and every member of the club, that I can do nothing without the hearty co-operation of each and every one of you. Any suggestions coming from the club members will be considered and, when possible, acted upon. Hoping for success, and with earnest wishes for the good of, and advancement of the club and each and every member, I ask you all to contribute your mite toward the same end, that of building up, and keeping up, interest and enthusiasm in your organization. Yours for amateur photography.

S. W. ALLEN.

New Members

237. Anton A. Knuston, 322 N. 11th St., Lincoln, Neb., Bulls Eye, Wizard, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 4x5 Cameras. Subjects, Cuba, 3rd Neb. Vol.

238. Harry Beall, R. R. C., Omaha, Neb. Subjects, Human, Cyclone, Lincoln, State Views.

239. A. W. Babcock, South Omaha, Neb., Poco 4x5 Camera. Subjects, Landscapes, etc.

240. Geo. R. Boomer, 15 and Garfield, Beatrice, Neb., Bull's Eye Camera. Subjects, Philippine, 1st Neb., Camp and Fighting Views.

241. W. W. ParrDec, 2109 Ohio St., Omaha, Neb., Adlake and Ray Cameras.

242. J. A. Phillips, 4363 Burdette St., Omaha, Neb., 4x5 Baby Wizard Camera.

243. Thos. R. McNair, Neb. Nat. Bank, Omaha, Long Focus Premo Camera. Subjects, Any thing that comes along.

244. Geo. M. Laird, 2209 N. 20th St., Omaha, Neb., Wizard 4x5 Camera.

245. Willis E. Kerr, Bellevue, Neb., Pony Premo, 5x7 Premier, Kombi Kodak No. 2. Subjects, Omaha Exposition, Bellevue Scenery and elsewhere.

246. Mrs. Frank A. Sears, Omaha, Neb., Adlake and Falcon No. 2.

247. Ernest R. Holmes, Kearney and Lincoln, Neb., now at Paris.

248. C. E. Hobbs, Nelson, Neb., Phontake.

249. Miss Batie Allen, Superior, Neb.

250. R. L. Sheppard, Bx. 334, Omaha, Neb., Eastman. Subjects, Omaha Exposition, 2nd Neb.

The president has appointed Mr. Boomer, of Beatrice, Neb., 3rd vice president.

Let each member try and send in one or more new members.

APPLICATIONS

251. M. R. Gilmore, Valley, Neb., Anthony 5x8 and Cyclone 4x5 Cameras.

252. E. G. Comsman, Omaha, Neb., Poco 4x5 Camera.

253. G. W. Craig, 518 N. 23d St.,

Omaha, 5x7 and 4x5 Cameras.

251. A. L. Shaffer, 4514 Hamilton St., Omaha, 5x7 Camera.

255. Geo. W. Roberts Jr., 1223 Miami St., Omaha, 5x8 Camera.

Cash Prizes for Photographs

The passenger department of the Burlington & Missouri River Railroad desires to secure a number of good photographs of farm scenes along its lines in Nebraska and Kansas, to be used in the various immigration publications issued by the company, and with that object in view it offers six cash prizes.

One of \$20.00.

One of \$10.00.

Four of \$5.00.

For the photographs which in the judgment of a competent committee are most suitable for the purpose indicated.

The committee will consist of Mr. F. A. Ruelhart, Mr. C. M. Hobart, both well known photographers of Omaha, and J. Francis, General Passenger Agent of the Burlington & Missouri River Railroad, Omaha, Neb.

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. All photographs submitted in competition for the prizes herein offered become the property of the Burlington & Missouri River Railroad. Negatives of such of them as are awarded prizes shall be delivered to the Burlington & Missouri River Railroad at the time checks are mailed successful competitors.

2. Photographs of growing crops, harvesting operations, feed lots, poultry, cattle, barns, creameries, these are what are particularly desired. Photographs of residences, while acceptable, are not likely to win a prize.

3. No limitations as to size or finish are made, but in view of the fact that the photographs are intended for reproduction by the half-tone process, it is suggested that no pictures smaller than 4x5 be submitted.

4. Photographs should be mounted on cardboard, and on the reverse side should be written the name and address of the contestant, together with brief information as to the subject of the photograph.

5. Photographs should be securely wrapped and addressed to J. Francis, General Passenger Agent, Burlington Route, Omaha, Neb.

6. Any number of photographs may be sent.

7. Negatives should not be forwarded unless asked for.

8. The contest closes Nov. 30, and the award will be made as soon thereafter as possible, in no event later than Dec. 10, 1899. Checks will be mailed to successful competitors about Dec. 15, 1899.

9. The contest is open to both amateurs and professionals.

If any other information is desired, address J. Francis, General Passenger Agent, Burlington Route, Omaha, Neb.

The contest has been extended one month.

We have a large per cent of western readers along the line of this railroad, and a great many of its employes are readers. We would be pleased to see some of them win these prizes.

Mr. E. R. Holmes, now in Paris, France, writes me that cameras on the Exposition grounds, under the old regulations require a fee of 20 fr., or four dollars, for four hours, and is all the Exposition people give out now. The papers have several times published a statement that a new rule has been adopted allowing a camera to be used on the grounds for a fee of 50 centimes, or ten cents, and that you could snap away at everything except private exhibits and works of art. It seems likely some such rule will be adopted.

Would be glad to hear from readers who expect to attend the Paris exposition.

If you have an idea and think it will help some one else, would be glad to hear it. Am pleased to receive list of prints you desire or wish to exchange. Glad to hear from all who have a camera, even if not members. You may be able to help each other, and there is no expense. The privileges of members of the club include exchange notices, answers to questions, etc. Those who live outside the state can join the American Camera Club exchange and become active or corresponding members. The one gives you the paper and all its privileges for 25c; the other costs 2c in stamps. Glad to hear of any new thing brought out.

Respectfully, L. T. Bronstone,

Secretary.



American Camera

Club Exchange



President, Athel C. Bell, Falmouth, Mass.
 Secy-Treas., H. V. Thornton, 304 N. State St., Irving D. I., Chicago, Ill.
 Editor, L. T. Brodstone, Superior, Neb.

Regular Membership, including subscription to the Philatelic West and Camera News, our Official Organ, and full use of our exchange column, etc., 25c per annum, payable in coin in advance to the secretary. Corresponding Membership for a stamp.



All communications and questions should be addressed to the secretary, H. V. Thornton, 304 N. State St., Irving D. I., Chicago, Ill., and should be accompanied by a stamp to insure a prompt reply. Corresponding members wishing membership cards must enclose a 2c stamp for postage.

Membership Column

- 85 F H Andrus, Elkton, Oregon.
- 86 G G Hubbard, Athens, Ohio.
- 87 C C Brown, 136 E 56 st., New York.
- 88 L Braze, Preston Hollow, N. Y.
- 89 Peerless Camera Co., Peoria, Ill.
- 90 H Beam, Montclair, N. J.
- 91 G E Wells, Manhattan, Kan.
- 92 J Neumann, Des Moines, Iowa.
- 93 D E Brown, Port Townsend, Wash.
- 94 F Conning, Marysville, Tenn.
- 95 R VanSeiver, Middletown, N. Y.
- 96 W E Pellet, Indianapolis, Ind.
- 97 C E Shoenfelt, Muscogee, I. T.
- 98 G C Pearson, Duluth, Minn.
- 99 S W Allen, Neligh, Neb.
- 00 Miss R Allen, Superior, Neb.
- 01 Miss P Clark, Ottawa, Kan.
- 02 W B Grubb, Philadelphia, Pa.
- 03 Miss E I Locke, Redding, Iowa.
- 04 C Kaufman, Nortonville, Kan.
- 05 J M Bates, Detroit, Mich.
- 06 C Taylor, Newark, Mo.
- 07 Miss G Paul, Baltimore, Md.
- 08 J B Hallinan, Bowling Green, Ky.
- 09 Roy F Green, Arkansas City, Kan.
- 10 C Bisbee, Newcastle, Neb.
- 11 Miss L Tilloson, Omaha, Neb.
- 12 A H Knutson, Lincoln, Neb.

- 113 J S Davis, Denver, Colo.
- 114 G Boomer, Beatrice, Neb.
- 115 C W Kissinger, Reading, Pa.
- 116 T Young, New Haven, N. Y.
- 117 R C Robinson, Kansas City, Mo.
- 118 E Norton, Almo, Mich.
- 119 C Chilson, Sioux City, Iowa
- 120 Alex Mallard, Ougaum, Province of Mysore, India.
- 121 Miss R Kildon, Bethesda, Ohio.
- 122 F Nevada, Urbina, Io Foluca, Mex.
- 123 E L Briggs, Plymouth, Mass.
- 124 W E Wolfrum, West Bend, Wis.
- 125 E W Frimbath, Hoggs, Pa.
- 126 N J Vidovick, Imperiale Ottomane Bank, Constantinople, Turkey.
- 127 G Back, Cassila, 149 Iquique, Chile.
- 128 F W Ludig, Lewisburg, Pa.
- 129 J Mitchell, Bx 671, Charlottetown, P E I, Canada.
- 130 C H Johnson, Des Moines, Iowa.
- 131 Harry P Sawyer, Muscatine, Iowa
- 132 R L Wheeler, Lowell, Mass.
- 133 E W Heck, Toledo, Ohio.
- 134 G W Johnson, Memphis, Tenn.

Some memberships have been sent by compliments of the publisher, learning they were camera people. Corresponding membership free to subscribers of the West. Give name and size of camera and subjects you wish or have to exchange.

Join Now

Have you a camera? Don't fail to send a 2-cent stamp for membership card to the American Camera Club Exchange. The object of the Exchange is to furnish to members, addresses, size of camera prints to exchange and wanted, and any other useful information to all members of the Exchange, in fact, it is a bureau of information, for by direct correspondence with the members, or by writing to headquarters you may learn almost anything an amateur photographer may wish to know. The exchange feature is the main object, which is accomplished by direct correspondence. Members can

members to all benefits. A 2-cent stamp secures a corresponding membership. The A. C. C. E. is the best to join, for having members everywhere, gives all belonging a good opportunity to collect a large variety of views from all over the world. Ladies are especially invited to join. They will be warmly welcomed by all the other sister members. Members are entitled to ask questions, obtain formulas and receive any information he desires, and have free use of the exchange column. No matter how crude an amateur you may be, you have negatives which would be of interest to some member of the club. Has the most foreign

Date.....	
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Age.....	Occupation..... If a member of any existing photo club or society, name it.....
Size of Camera Prints to Exchange.....	General Idea of Subjects..... If a Specialist in Photographic Work, so state.....
When filled out send, with 2-cent stamp for Corresponding Membership or 25 cents for Active Membership to L. T. Brodstone, Publisher, Superior, Neb., or H. V. Thornton, Secretary, 301 N. State St., Chicago, Ill.	

The above blank can be used for the Nebraska Camera Club (for Nebraskans only). Send with 10c fee and 25c dues to Secretary, L. T. Brodstone, Superior, Neb.

collect by this means as many pictures of noted places, grand scenery, famous buildings and places as they can wish for, and from all over the world. You can learn more about a camera than in any other way. Lists of new members are printed and mailed to every member in good standing. Each member is given a number, and to his name is appended the sizes of prints and an idea of the subjects he has to exchange. But not more than one list will be published in any one month. The cost of membership is 25 cents per year, payable in advance. This entitles mem-

bers of any club in America. Glad to get the names of any active camera people you may know. Fill out the blank on this page. Membership cards will be sent to all who fill out this blank and send with it a 2-cent stamp for corresponding membership or 25 cents for active membership. Join now! Motto: "More the Better."

Bears Acquaintance

"The more I read your paper," says B. S. Moss of N. Y., "the more anxious I am for the next number."

Query Column

Members are invited to send their troubles to this column. Address, H. V. Thornton, 304 N. State St., Irving D. I., Chicago, Ill.

Notes

Since the last publication of this column the secretary received from Frank Postlethwait of England (No. 11), about one-fourth of a postal card. The rest was missing. Will the member please write again, as the secretary would like to know what he had to say.

Undesirable parts of a negative may often be matted out by the use of fancy mats, thus making desirable prints from an otherwise useless negative. These mats can either be made by the amateur from the black paper in which the negatives come wrapped, or bought already cut from some photo supply house.

A great many have duplicates of negatives, made in taking two of the same object to get a good one. You can exchange these duplicates with other readers, thereby enlarging your own collection.

Remember, each member can have a notice free in exchange column. If you have anything to exchange this is a good place to dispose of it.

A Stamp Picture

A very curious piece of postage-stamp work has just been completed by Mr. Max Lindner. Out of German and American postage stamps Mr. Lindner cut a beautiful bouquet and mounted it on white vellum. The stamps are artfully cut and pasted in, and when fully arranged the work looks at a short distance to be a real bouquet. The main blossoms in the piece are made of Thomas Jefferson pictures, as shown on the old red stamp. The picture is full of cunning and is worth seeing. Mr. Lindner fash-

ioned the work during a recent three weeks' siege of sickness. He is 68 years old.

Good Things to Remember

The dark room should be tested occasionally.

Dust on the lens often causes foggy plates. Keep your lens clean; it will do better work.

It is not safe to expect clean and faultless negatives to come out of dirty developing and fixing solutions.

You can remove pyro stains from the fingers by using a wash made as follows: Make a 10 per cent. solution of oxalic acid, and to one part of this solution add 20 parts of water when desiring to use the wash.

Do you have trouble in making your labels stick to chemical bottles? If so, try this: Stick your labels on with glue or varnish, preferably the former, and then varnish them over with picture varnish. The following preparation will hold the labels immovable for years: Canada Balsam, 2 oz.; Turpentine, 3 oz.

Private mailing cards must exactly conform to the size of the government postal card or they will not be allowed to be sent through the mail.

English postage stamps are to be changed New Year's, the half-penny to green instead of red, and the penny stamps to red. It will likely be the cause of blundering at first.

It will pay each reader to join the P. S. of A., the largest society in America.

Exchange Column

This column is for the use of regular members who have photographic supplies, prints, negatives, transparencies, etc., to sell or exchange. Each regular member may have one notice each month, not to exceed thirty words, free of charge. Notices, etc., should be sent to H. V. Thornton, 304 N. State St., Irving D. I., Chicago.

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No back numbers are preserved, hence those wishing additional copies will please order ahead. Special rates for quantities.

ADVERTISEMENTS—\$1.00 an inch. Special inducements on yearly contracts. Postage stamps may be sent, but at sender's risk. Advertising copy should reach us not later than the 18th for the current issue.

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

The \$30.00 documentary of the current issue seems to be a scarce article. We see plenty of the 50.00's advertised from \$1.25 up, but no one seems to have the 30.00. They will probably become more common in time.

The new editor of this paper would be pleased to receive copies of all philatelic papers, for which the Philatelic West will be gladly sent in exchange. Would also be pleased to hear from readers at all times regarding new issues, oddities, rarities, errors and freaks. We have no company or firm in the stamp business whom we are obliged to boom, and all are assured kind and courteous treatment.

Mr. S. P. Hughes of Howe, Neb., recently circulated among Omaha friends and transacted considerable business. He contemplates moving to Omaha in the near future.

Quite an amusing thing was recently noticed in the columns of one of our large contemporaries. One ad. reads: "Who can beat this: U.S. 1898 documentary \$50.00, lightly cancelled, for \$1.85." As if in answer, the ad. immediately above offers the same stamp for \$1.25.

Frank Brown of Omaha has established quite a business here in the stamp line. He is nicely located, and has a room fitted up expressly for his stamp business on the same floor with his printing business. It is understood that he will soon resume the publication of his paper.

There has been some talk of forming a local society here this winter, and we hope the same will take definite form and that a healthy society will be established. Frank Brown has kindly offered the use of his rooms as a meeting place. The society could be made a branch of the N. P. S., and thus secure the benefits of that association and be of assistance to that society as well. Who'll start her?

Elsewhere in this issue appears a list of the members of the N. P. S. Look it over and see if your name does not appear in this list. Ask yourself, why? If you are a collector and living in the state of Nebraska you can not afford to stay out of the fold. You certainly have duplicates, and by joining our society you can dispose of these and secure specimens for your collection very cheaply through our Exchange department. Or you can sell your stamps at auction through the Auction department, which has a sale each month. Send in your name and application to the secretary.

The editor is the possessor of a couple of freaks in the 1899 envelopes. The first one is only partially printed in red, and appears as though the round part of a flap had partially covered the stamp in printing, and received a portion of the ink. The second is, the two-cent on blue, and two envelopes were made into one. The paper was cut and embossed for two, but only one was printed in red. They were then folded and gummed as one. The inner one is, of course, an "albino."

In commenting on a report of the recent N. P. S. convention Mekeel's Weekly has the following to say: "A Philatelic society is responsible for the management of the exchange department; as it is the power behind the throne, it is to be held responsible for the conduct of its chosen officials." The able editor seems to have drifted from his subject, as the matter under discussion was not the liability of the society for the acts of its exchange superintendent, but the liability of the superintendent for stamps taken by members of the society and not paid for. While it may appear at first glance that the society should reimburse a member for stamps lost through its exchange department, yet there are two sides to the question. In the N. P. S. the dues are small, hardly enough for running expenses, and no fund is provided for the liquidation of such claims. Any member who places stamps with the exchange department knows exactly to whom they will be sent for exchange, that is, to members of the N. P. S. only, and should he not be willing to assume the responsibility, he should not use the department and expect the society to guarantee a risk which he will not assume personally. So long as the use of the department is confined to members only, and the society receives no benefit from the department directly, it does not seem proper to ask it to stand the losses of individual members.

Business Manager's Say

If you have a friend who is interested in camera or stamps, please show him this paper. May help him or me, or both.

Do you want more business? Try an ad. in the Philatelic West, the paper having the largest paid up subscription list of any of its kind. Special offer of four months for 4 cents. The saying is true, that "He who by his biz would rise, must hump himself and advertise." Being close to the new year, it will pay you to write for our rates. They can't be beat.

We have had considerable trouble of late in getting the paper printed. The October number was delayed by the printers and more than half the matter left out, otherwise the number would have contained 80 pages. We are in hopes we have printers now we can depend on. The delay of the November number was unavoidable, the contract with the new publishers not having been made until late in the month. However, we are assured that the December number will be out on time. Advertisers are urged to send in their ad. copy early, and make sure that it is plain, to avoid errors.

We can offer you low rates on subscriptions to the National Magazine, Munsey, Recreation, etc., or send us their regular rates and we will include the Philatelic West for one year.

We have only three stamp or camera monthlies west of the Mississippi one year old or more. A fine field for advertisers. An advertiser in the July number reports 700 applications for one stamp, so you can see that the paper circulates.

If there are any frauds among our advertisers let us know at once. Held a page ad. for Eureka Stamp Co. of Canada. Any of our readers ever deal with them?

Publishers are requested to send Ed-

itor Daily copies of their publications for his review.

If any of our readers have cameras, would be pleased to hear from them and place their names in the American Camera Club Exchange. Send name of camera and subjects you wish to exchange. Membership card sent for a 2-cent stamp.

Scott's catalogue is out and better than ever. Prices are near the actual value and we doubt if there are many stamps sold at 75 per cent. off.

Who has Omahas for sale? I can

in October number. Can you beat this for the money?

We have a number of new ads. this month. Will pay you well to look them all over. Bargains in most of them.

Our cover design offer has brought nearly 100 replies, and hope to use one next month. If you have a design to submit, send it in before December 15. Will be pleased to receive it. It may be a winner.

Severn in Meker's Weekly, says: "The paper is probably not published

12 Prizes for Best MSS. on Stamps

Contest Open to March, 1900

Contest open until March, 1900. We offer in Stamps or Camera Supplies the following Prizes for Best MSS. on Stamps: First Prize, \$10.00; Second Prize, \$5.00; Ten Prizes of \$1.00 each for next ten best.

Rules - Each contestant must be a paid subscriber. MSS. must contain at least 500 words. All articles must be original, and postage fully prepaid. All articles to be published in the Magazine if they suit. Postage must be sent if return of manuscript is desired.

Write to the following prize winners, from whom we have received letters of thanks, and ask if their prizes were not full value of MSS: Miss E. I. Locke, Redding, Iowa, 1st prize, \$20.00; Guy A. Crayton, Lima, Ohio, 2nd prize, \$10.00; G. L. Campbell, Southport, England, 3d prize, \$5.00. The total of these prizes was \$35.00.

Have several MSS. sent for first contest, and if senders wish, would be glad to place them in the above contest. Would be glad to print cuts of all sending MSS, and if they desire will furnish cuts at exact cost to me. For particulars send postage to Business Manager.

L. T. BRODSTONE, SUPERIOR, NEB.

use a large number, if in good condition, from 4c up.

Weigel and Smith state that they have received stamps of Kennedy after writing three or four times and waiting more than a month. Our ad. account against the same party is for sale or exchange.

How many of our readers would like a half-tone column cut of themselves? We can get you a fine one within a week after photo is received, at \$1.75, or with a page ad. in the Philatelic West at \$3.50. Size same as Payne's

in which every issue pays the advertiser, but by advertising the right thing at the right price and the right time your ads. pay well." Try ad. in the Philatelic West and see if it is not the right one.

It will pay foreign dealers to carry ads. in American papers, for those who expect to go to Paris will look up these ads.

Mr. J. F. Nегreen, a member of the Nebraska society, of Omaha, won the diploma and medal for stamp exhibit at the Great American exposition, at Omaha.

CAMERA NEWS

H. V. THORNTON, Editor, 304 N. State St., Irving D. I., Chicago, Ill.

Color Effects on Bromide Paper

By H. V. THORNTON

Bromide paper is a paper coated with an emulsion composed of silver bromide and gelatine, and it may be used either for contact printing or enlargements. It is a developing and not a printing out paper; that is, it shows no image until it is developed in a bath prepared for that purpose.

All the process of working this paper except that of printing, must be conducted in a dark-room, with a ruby light.

Ordinary handling of bromide paper gives prints of a brilliant black and white finish, but various tones may be produced by treating the print with a lead bath, composed of, lead nitrate 1 pint, potassium ferrocyanide $1\frac{1}{2}$ pts, distilled water 25 pts. This bath must be filtered before using. Print the negatives according to the directions which comes with the package, and develop with any good developer. Do not develop fully, but stop as soon as the detail begins to appear in the shadows.

Fix the picture as usual, and wash thoroughly. While still wet immerse in the lead solution. Leave the print in the bath until the image turns yellow, and then wash in running water, which will turn the image white, when it may be treated with any of the following baths, according to the color desired:

Red Brown Uranium nitrate, 1 pt;

ammonium chloride, 1 pt; water, 10 pts. After washing, and before drying, immerse the print in this bath until the desired shade is obtained, wash well, and dry between clean blotters.

Green Cobalt sub-chloride, 1 pt; water, 10 pts. Let stand an hour and filter before using. Keep prints moving gently until they assume a fine green tone, wash well, and dry between blotters.

Chestnut Brown Cupric chloride, 1 pt; water, 10 pts. Immerse prints in this bath just as they come from the lead bath, without previous washing.

Sepia Brown Sepia brown tones may be obtained on enameled bromide by using the following solution: Hypo, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz; ground alum, $\frac{1}{2}$ oz; granulated sugar, $\frac{1}{2}$ oz; water, 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. Dissolve the hypo first and then add the alum and sugar. This bath keeps well, and can be made up in large quantities if so desired. To use, take two trays. In one have cold bath, and in the other hot bath. Immerse prints in cold bath for a few minutes, and then, without previous rinsing, transfer to hot bath. After toning rinse in alum bath composed of 1 oz of alum to 35 oz of water. Wash thoroughly and dry on a ferrotype plate.

It is now Festival week here in Chicago, and night and day all available points are crowded with excited ama-

teurs, taking anything and everything of any interest. I have counted seventy-nine in the space of one block, all taking the same thing. The best part of these snap away at anything and everything, without regard to light, time, stop, focus, or aught else, trusting in providence to make a good negative out of it; some failing to open their shutters, and timing pictures they never take, and then wondering why the plate remains blank in the developer; others do the same thing by leaving the slide in their plate holders; some take a host of pictures, neglecting to change the plate or film, thus making a combination of various exposures at various things, all on the same plate or film; others don't load their cameras at all, and try, apparently, to take their impressions on air. Well, such is life. The writer has done all these things, and many more, and is not ashamed to acknowledge it, as it is only by experience that one ever learns anything in photography. There are, however, quite a few pictures, that is, good ones, which with a little care can at present be taken here, which can not be duplicated a month hence, and consequently, if our festival has done nothing else, it has made a run on photo supply houses here, such as they have not had since the Jubilee.

Photographic Notes

Hint for Bromide Workers. If you want your prints to look bright and have clean and clear lights, dissolve a teaspoonful of citric or tartaric acid in half a pint of water. After the prints have been fixed and well washed, give them five or ten minutes in this acid bath, and again wash well. Then hang up to dry.

Dusting Brush for Plates. Broad soft-hair brushes are sold for this purpose, and money so spent is well invested, as it will save many a negative.

But for a makeshift, use a piece of clean black velvet folded over the edge of a bit of card. Be careful to only just touch the surface, and on no account rub or scratch it, or a mark will surely result.

Spoiled Lantern Plates.—Do not throw away as useless any spoiled lantern plates. Just take them straight out of the fixing bath, and without washing lay them flat down, face upwards, on any convenient shelf. A dip into warm water next day will bring off the film and presto! you have a cover glass which only requires well washing in a little soap and water to get rid of any finger marks.

Dust Spots Pinholes on the Negative. Very few beginners at all realise the great importance of keeping out dust from the inside of the camera, the inside of the plate holder, and the surface of the plates. The inside of the camera and slides should be frequently dusted out, using a soft brush, and finally a bit of soft rag. Always dust the surface of the plate when placed in the dark slide, and also when taken out just previous to developing. Those tiresome little clear spots in the negative are nearly all due to tiny specks of dust getting on the plate previous to exposure.

The Dark Room Light. This is one of the matters about which the beginner is almost sure to have trouble. His first mistake—a very pardonable one—is in thinking that the darker the colour of the glass of his dark room lamp, the safer it must be. Now here he is wrong, for his eye is but a very poor judge of what will or will not harm the plate. What is wanted is not "dark room lanterns," but a safe light in the dark room, and plenty of it. Presuming the reader has a ruby glass lamp, let him cover the glass of this with a piece of orange paper—the kind which may be bought a penny a large

sheet at any photographic dealer's— and rub a little oil or glycerine over the paper. He will find that the orange paper has reduced the lighting power very little indeed, but it has at the same time softened and diffused the light, and cut out certain of the rays which nearly always manage to get through all ordinary ruby glass. The light is now both safer and more pleasant to work in.

Economical Toning Bath for Proofs.

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Dark Photographs. The theory that so-called dark photographs are produced by the action of hydrogen peroxide has been sustained in an elaborate series of experiments at the Davy-Faraday Laboratory, London, by Dr. W.

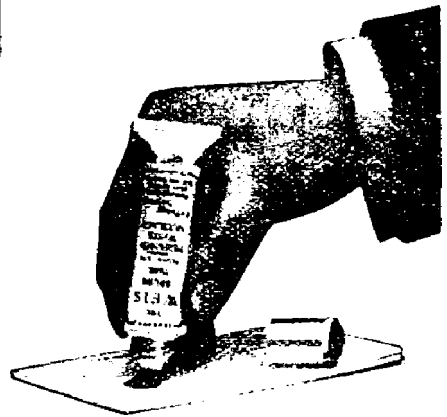
J. Russel. He has shown that all the results produced upon a photographic plate by both metals and organic substances can be produced by hydrogen peroxide; that this substance acts through gelatine, celluloid, etc., exactly like the metals, essential oils, etc.; and that the active metals and other materials are the ones capable of giving rise to hydrogen peroxide by oxidation in moist air.

Paris 1900. The administration of the Paris exposition now gives out that the use of cameras on the grounds during the exposition will be allowed to anyone procuring a permit from the commissioner general, and that the use of hand cameras, even in the buildings among the private exhibits will not be objected to. This is by far the most liberal treatment ever accorded camera fiends by an exposition and will be appreciated.

Hermann Bauer on Trusts. Hermann Bauer of Montclair, the sole agent of the Self Toning Paper, in his explanation as to his Company's stand to the Trust makes some timely observations. He says that as long as the Trust cannot prohibit the use of the Self Toning Paper by legislation, the demand will be supplied. The Trust may succeed in coercing a part of the trade but many dealers will not allow themselves to be dictated to in the free conduct of their business and gladly combine to supply the increasing demand for the Self Toning Paper. To allow no chance of consumers being subjected to any trouble of obtaining it, when dealers exclude its sale for obvious reasons, the Company and its Sole Agents have taken upon themselves the immense task of supplying the consumers directly, both professionals and amateurs, and invite their orders directly under existing circumstances. All orders will be filled most promptly, and while it may cause some delay to far away clients, still this offer

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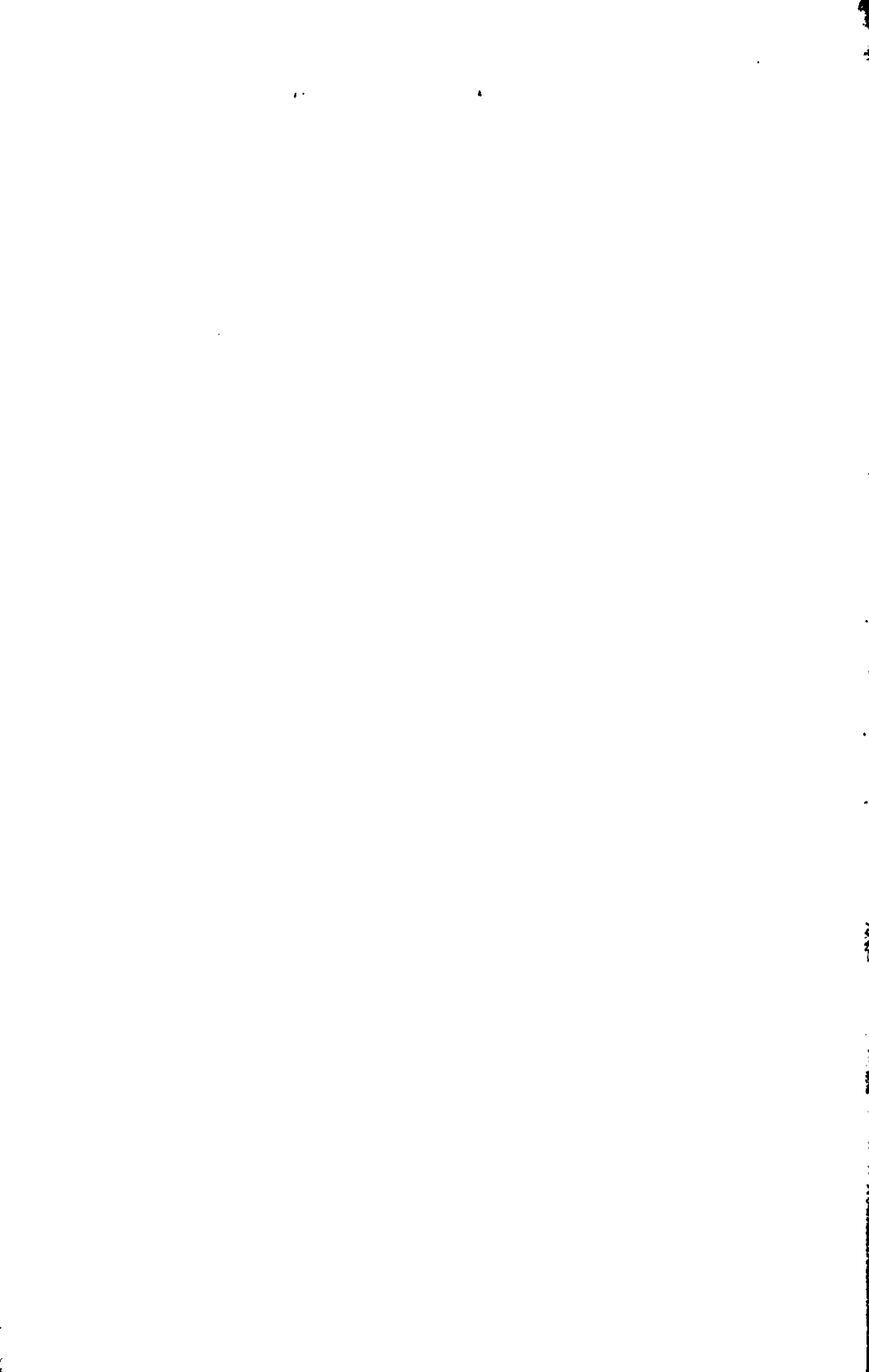
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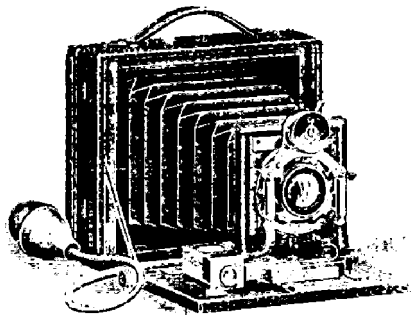
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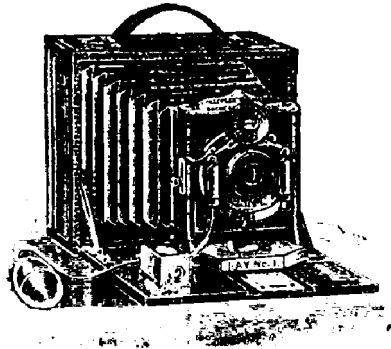
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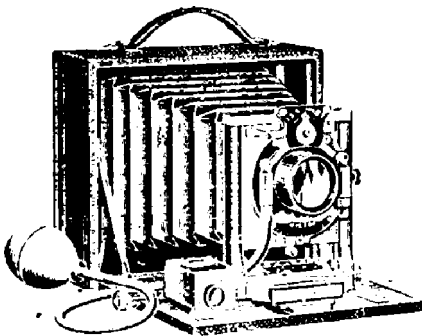
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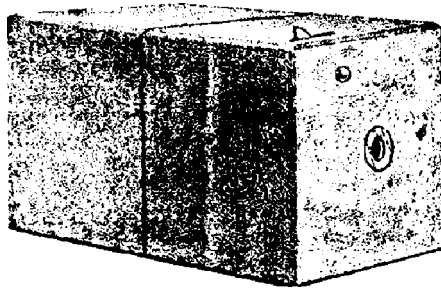
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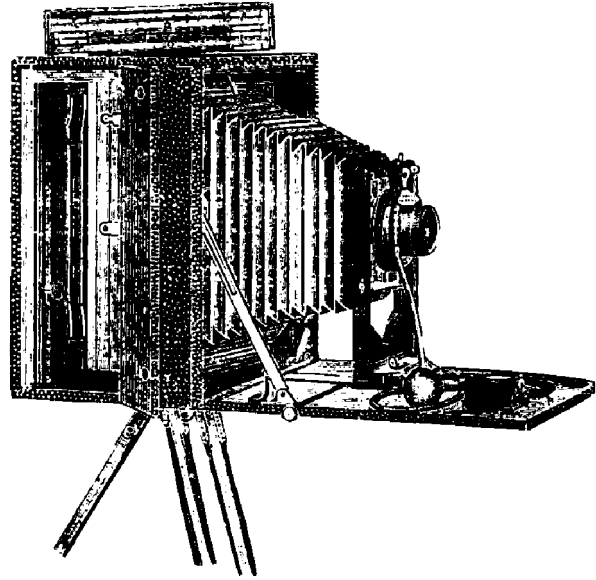
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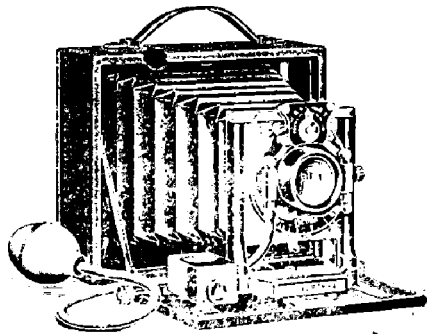
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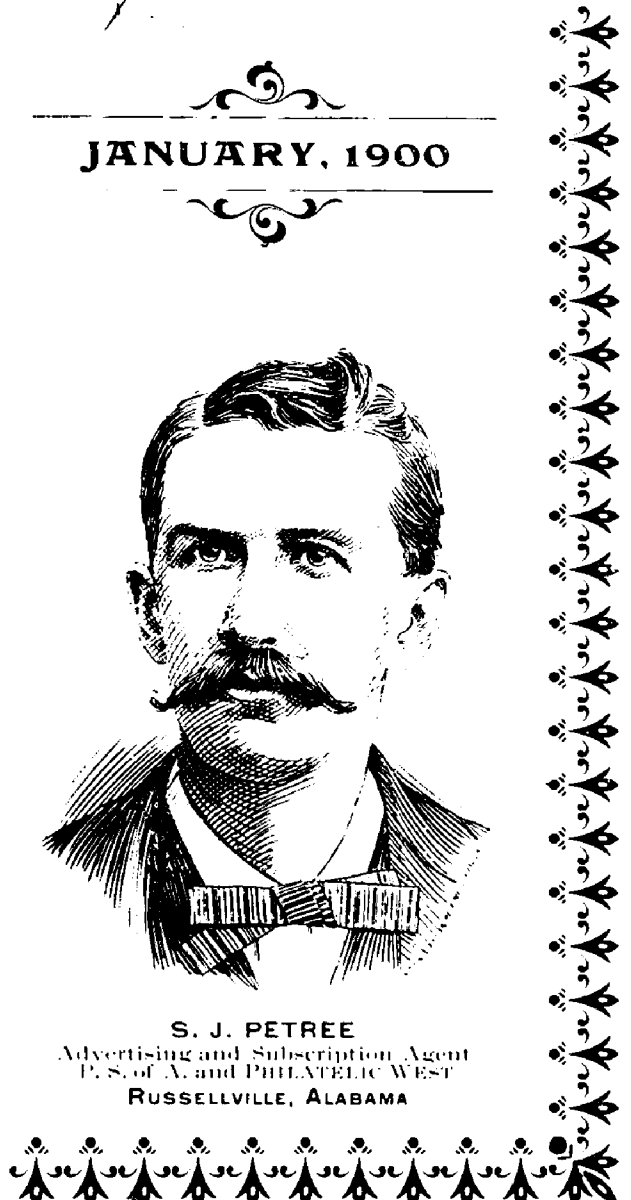
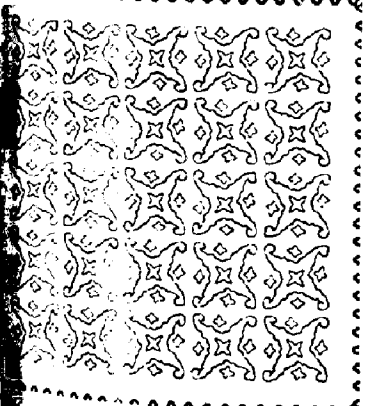
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B. Guinea 1870 1 and 2c U.C.	.10	.06	2c blue		.12
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B. Guinea 1882 2c rose	.05	.04	2c blue		.15
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red	.08	.06	Norway 1872 75 2s all, 2s rose and		.16
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on \$1.00	.30	.20	Norway 1877 10c no period after		.50
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Cape G. Hope 1871 1p red U.C.	.03	.02	Turkey 1876 1/2p yellow green		.10
Cape G. Hope 1879 3p on 3p lilac	.10	.08	Uruguay 1881 2c vermilion and 5c		.10
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No. 2

The Stamps of Argentine Republic

No. 2. Complete Catalogue. Compiled to date by ALFONSO MILLARD

Issue of 1862. This issue was placed on sale January 11th, 1862 and consisted of those values only. There were several errors and peculiarities among them, however, and I will endeavor to give a correct list of all that are known.

5c rose, 5c pink, 10c bright green, 10c dark green and 15c blue, all with accent over a of Republica

The same values and colors as above were also issued without accent

September 14th, 1863. Retouched dies. 5c pink, white back ground; 5c pink, figure five having a larger flag as the plate had become worn.

November 30th, 1863. The dies had to be again retouched, especially the letter C, which made the issue entirely different from the former by showing a large C in Centavos. In this issue the cross between the words Republica and Argentina was also made plainer. The 10-centavos of all the above issues were cut in two, both diagonally and horizontally and the halves used as 5c. These stamps were lithographed, can be plated, and form a very interesting series of plates. Government reprints of the 5c exist, being printed on a stouter paper. All of the so called re-

prints of the 10c and 15c are counterfeits, but a great many proofs on very thick paper are to be found in Buenos Aires.

April 17th, 1864. Portrait of General B. Rivadavia. Perforated 11½ and watermarked R. A. in italics. 5c dark red brown, 5c rose red, 10c green, 15c blue.

On November 30th, 1864 the same colors, values and watermarks were issued imperforated

April 13th, 1867, on very thick paper, 5c dark rose, imperforate; 5c dark rose, perforated 11½.

July 9th, 1867. No watermark. 5c carmine, perforated 11½ to 12; 5c carmine, imperforate; 10c carmine, imperforate.

The stamps of 1864 and 1867 form the most expensive sets of this country. All of the above are to be found with inverted water marks, and with water marks reading upside down, but it is supposed to be only on one sheet of each value issued to the public. I notice that all catalogues give the imperforate as the first issue but this is incorrect. I personally saw the government notice in the government news-

paper, the *La Nacion*, stating that the perforated was the first issue, and further stated that clerks would not be compelled henceforth to carry a pair of scissors for cutting the stamps apart. The subsequent issue of this same set imperforated is explained by the fact that during the latter part of 1861 a revolution broke out, in the course of

which the government printing office was destroyed. The plates were preserved however, and the post master afterwards took them to the printing office of G. Kraft and had an issue of stamps struck off imperforated, owing to lack of means to perforate them. In 1865 the stamps were again issued by the government, perforated.
(To be Continued.)

The "Post" and Its Improvements

Third Prize Manuscript

By G. LIONEL CAMPBELL, of England

CONCLUDED

There was no use in Paris in 1653 a post paid envelope. This is not the only case where stamped envelopes were in use long before adhesive stamps came into use. Stamped letter paper was issued by the Sardinian States in 1818, and in London some newspaper wrappers were issued in 1830.

It was in 1834 that Mr. James Chambers made a few adhesive stamps as an experiment at his printing works in Dundee. They were printed with ordinary type and made adhesive with a wash of gum.

The rate from England to New York was reduced in 1856 from one shilling to six pence, and in 1871 it was again reduced to two pence half penny. The postal rate in England remained the same from about 1716 to the end of 1839 when Sir Rowland Hill obtained for us the penny post. Parliament first decided to issue a stamped envelope of picturesque and elaborate design. Two prizes were offered of £200 and £100 respectively for the best designs. Mr. Muldread a well known artist was the successful competitor. He covered his envelope with an allegorical and fantastic picture and left hardly any room for the address. The original is

still in existence and the present owner is the painter's niece.

It was not until May 1840 that Mr. Hill brought the adhesive stamp under the notice of the postal authorities.

When stamps were first sold they were in solid sheets and had either to be cut or torn apart. Mr. Henry Archer in 1853 invented what he called a perforating machine which made small holes between the stamps and thus they could be separated without tearing them. This was sold by him the year after for £1,000. Mr. Pearson Hill, the son of Sir Rowland Hill, invented an obliterating machine which he sold for £1,500.

The result of the countries of the world quickly followed the example set by England, in 1843 Brazil had the first stamp made, and in 1847 stamps could be bought at nearly all the post offices in the United States, it was not until 1851 that Canada issued any stamps. The postal rates in the United States in 1845 were, for under 300 miles, five cents, and over, ten cents. In 1846 the rate for under 300 miles was reduced to three cents. The result of reducing the rate from five cents to three was such a success that the postal authorities decided to reduce it still more and made it that a letter could be sent 3,000 miles for three cents and the charge

for over that distance was ten cents. In 1863 the uniform rate was three cents.

During the first twenty-five years there were 1301 known varieties of stamps; of these 811 were European, 333 were American, 59 Asiatic, 55 African, and 103 Oceanic, of the whole 1391 no less than 811 were obsolete in 1865, leaving 580 in currency.

In 1810 and 1811 the consumption of adhesive postage stamps of the 1d and 2d in Great Britain was about ten millions per month. Now the consumption of 1d is more than one hundred and forty millions per month.

The following figures show the enormous strides made in 200 years in the

dispatch of letters and other missives in Great Britain. The number of letters carried in 1650 was 1,500,000; in 1770 8,000,000; in 1840 170,000,000; and in 1897 3,050,900,000. The receipts in 1897 were £11,465,370, and the expenditure was £8,980,373. In the United States the number of letters carried in 1897 was 5,664,138,718. The receipts being \$15,955,052 and the expenditure \$17,987,600, showing a loss of over \$2,000,000, where in Great Britain a profit of over £3,000,000 was made. No doubt the cause of the great loss to the United States is due to the fact that a large number of letters are carried under the actual cost.

New Issues

Cuba's Special Delivery has an error in the spelling of the word "Inmediata" same being spelled "Inmediata". This will probably be corrected at the next printing and will add another variety to the catalog.

A bill has been introduced in Congress providing for the repeal of the revenue stamps, but it is hardly probable that it will be passed. The present system is producing good results in the way of revenue and the tax is paid as it should be by the class of persons who make large transactions in a commercial way. There is no tax dodging under this system and we hope it will be some time at least before the present law is repealed.

The current 2c U. S. revenue is reported to be issued perforated with oblong holes but it has not been our privilege as yet to see any of them. The other varieties will probably be perforated as more are issued and we may look for the entire set to be so issued in the course of time. An exchange states that the oblong perforation

will also be extended to the current postage stamps.

The Austrian postoffice is to try a "telegram card," on which a person writes a message and posts in the usual way, but the postoffice telegraphs the contents, which are delivered to the address by the postman. The plan is a combination of post and telegraph and seems useful as having a cost and speed intermediate between post and telegraph.

It seems almost certain now that Boston will have a commemorative set of stamps for the Boston Exposition in 1901. The matter is up to the third assistant Postmaster General and he is quoted as being favorable to it. Just what values will be issued of course it is impossible to state at present, but Boston will probably insist on having as many as Omaha, which had nine. It cost the government no more to print a \$2.00 stamp than it does to print a 2c stamp and the profit is so much greater that the temptation to issue high values is great.

After the Boston set is finished and out of the way, St. Louis will undoubtedly hob up serenely and secure a set to commemorate their Louisiana Purchase Exposition to be held in 1903. St. Louis is the recognized center of Western Philately and nothing short of a duplicate of the Chicago World's Fair issue can be expected to satisfy her.

It has only recently been our privilege to personally inspect the new die of the current 4c envelopes of the United States, and the re-drawn die is

undoubtedly a great improvement over the effigy or caricature that disfigured the first issue. The portrait is larger, the bust has been clothed and the ragged edges removed from the hair and beard. The inner serrated circle has been removed and the plain inner circle made smaller and heavier. The printing also showed a lighter color, more like the shade of the current 4c adhesive. The envelopes are only issued in white and amber, as were the die A.

Boiled Down

Original and otherwise

Cape Colony has joined the penny postage scheme, and of the British colonies only Australasia and Rhodesia remain.

The Times Post gives a list of commemorative stamps issued from 1876 to 1898, the United States starting the list, and Canada ending it, of 60 issues of 425 stamps, 77 envelopes, 8 wrappers, 222 postcards and 3 letter cards. The United States issues were 35 stamps, and 22 envelopes all told, and issued in 1876, 1893 and 1898.

The next German Philatelic congress meets in Frankfort on the Main in July 1900.

The Swiss postoffice conveys any thing from a postal card to barrels of wine, scythes and bundles of old iron.

The first postoffice opened its doors in Paris in 1462; in England in 1581; in America in 1710.

The latest news in connection with the new issue of German postage stamps is to the effect that the stamps will not be ready Jan. 1, 1900, but April 1, when the new German colonial stamps will also in all probability be finished. A decided effort is being made to do away with the Württemberg

and Bavarian stamps and to get these states to adopt the "united" Germany stamps.

Instructions have been issued from the postoffice department directing all postmasters to return for redemption and credit the Columbian, Omaha and newspaper and periodical stamps. The sale of the newspaper and periodical stamps will cease Dec. 31.

Nebraska is found by Mr. Lawrence Bruner to be favored with an unusual variety of birds. The records of naturalists show that 415 species and subspecies visit the state, and that 27 breed therein, while the total recorded species for North America north of Mexico number only about 780.

Envelopes were first used in France in the time of Louis XIV.

On Jan. 1, 1900, the French government will issue a new series of postage stamps in commemoration of the world's fair. The new series will comprise the intermediate denominations viz: 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 centimes. The die for these stamps has been executed by Eugene Mouchon, the designer of the new Dutch stamps bearing the effigy of Queen Wilhelmina. The design of the new stamps represents a

right hand profile of the allegorical figure of the "Republic" with one hand extended to a figure of "Justice," and the other holding a shield bearing the inscription, "Droits de l'Homme." A small square in the foreground of this design indicates the value of the stamp, and the words "Republique Francaise" are printed across the entire base. The well-known painter, M. Oliver Merson, has been requested to submit a design for the stamps from 10 centimes to 5 francs.

Of all Omaha stamps 292,753,035 all sold were issued. The number of doc-

umentary stamps issued for fiscal year 1899, all values, $\frac{1}{2}$ cent to \$1,000, was 950,215,604; of proprietary $\frac{1}{16}$ to 5c. \$50,191,000.

During the fiscal year 1899 the United States issued a total number of postage stamps, including special delivery and postage due, from 1 cent to \$5.00, of 3,400,017,280; the number of special delivery was 5,934,870, and postage due, 1c to 50c, was 16,463,490. The cost to the postoffice department in 1878 was \$41.11 per 1000 sheets of stamps; now the cost is only \$16.80; quite a difference!

Whispers Around South America

By ALFONSO MILLARD

The Buenos Ayres postoffice will not sell the new issue of stamps to the public until the old issue is all used up. Dealers in Buenos Ayres and Rosario are complaining that business is very dull and the premium on gold is going up. Everyone is asking what is up or in the wind?

President Cuestas of Uruguay had a deputation of stamp collectors (?) before him to find out if he would have a special issue of provisionals to welcome in the year 1900? His answer was, "No, Senores." It is said for certain that Uruguay will have a new issue of stamps next year, but not provisionals.

It is also rumored that Paraguay will welcome the new year with a new issue of postage and revenue stamps.

Brazil is still going in for a lot of postal errors and oddities. Let the readers of the West beware of these so-called errors as they are not a necessary issue.

From Rio de Janeiro I have heard that a Mr. Bennett and a Monsieur Richard are very chummy with the postmaster general. Perhaps this is the

reason for all the so-called rare perforations.

The collectors of Rio wanted to issue a special stamp or postal card for the visit of President Roca of Argentine. Let us wait and see.

The Pacific Nightingale is chirping that Bolivia is begging the republic of Chili to issue a protectorate over them. Reasons; No money in the national coffers. Perhaps will have recourse to make some provisionals so as to raise funds.

Equador is likely also to have a new issue of stamps next year.

Peru, it is presumed will follow suit, like all the others. What bust they will use it is hard to say, but perhaps they will use the bust of Jose William holding up his left hand pointing to the world with these words: "Probrequito Murchantes Grita; Grita; mas es muy tarde.

Whispers with some weight are flying around that South America is to be cursed with three more republics, two in Brazil and one in Colombia.

Collectors need not despair as perhaps they will have a new page or two in their album to fill.

Seebeckized America

BY C. E. JENNEY

The old proverb has it that "the king can do no wrong." Patriotism is one of the most commendable qualities in man; but when in our judgment the government errs in its policy it is not patriotic to overlook it and it is not wise but it is the duty of everyone to protest and call attention of the public to the facts, in order that we may have a government better worth being patriotic about.

The U. S. government by the act of the Postoffice department in putting on sale the remainders of the periodical stamps at a mere fraction of face value, has placed itself on a level with the Seebeckized countries of Central America. I do not need to go over at this time the vast amount of condemnation, the action of these states called forth from collectors a few years ago and which has by no means died down yet. You all know that there was a time when it would have been a difficult matter to find a collector who would stand up for the Seebeck stamps. Are times changed? Has the long continuance of an evil among us perverted our minds? Are we all hypocrites? For now when the chance for profit is brought home to us we hear everywhere collectors saying it is different and congratulating themselves on a chance to buy these periodical stamps below face value. Hundreds of sets are reported sold in all large cities and dealers are handling and advertising them in all the philatelic press. No, we are not all hypocrites; a few collectors have raised up their voices against this thing and I desire to be most emphatically heard among them.

It is evident that philatelic influence was brought to bear on the department in this case. When a government

stoops to that, allowing its postal department to be used as a means of profit to stamp collectors instead of for the convenience of the general public it is petty it is deplorable. Collectors know what they do when they sanction it. They are placing their hobby on the basis of the stock and bond market using as a means of speculation what was once a pleasant animal diversion. It might not be wondered at to see dealers upholding this infamous proceeding for they may see a profit in it and the interests of the dealers are not always those of collectors though in the long run they are identical. But I must give the dealers the credit of opposing this thing more than collectors. They understand what it means. They have been content to smile at Seebecks in the past and even to make a profit of them occasionally. But to see their own government dealing in stamps is a rather degrading spectacle to most of the wiser of them.

When a government sells its stamps below face value they are no longer worth collecting. They are not worth the price of a reprint or a "specimen." It may be contended that the case of these periodical stamps is different than if they were regular postage stamps and that as they were never put on sale to the public they could have no face value to the public. But they have; they were placed on sale for the public; there was an act passed to that effect; and at one time a collector could buy these at the postoffice (at least the former issue of periodicals) as freely as the regular issues and the act was not repealed when the new issue came out.

What is the reason that collectors are buying so freely of these stamps

reports indicate they are doing? In some cases it may be an honest desire to complete their sets cheaply but in most cases it is for mere speculation. They look back to the re-issues of 1856 and 1862 sets and the Department stamps, surcharged specimens and see the fancy figures they are now quoted at and reason to themselves that the same thing will be enacted in the case of the periodical stamps in the course of a few years. Collectors did not buy freely of these early re-issues at the time, in fact a greater part were bought by non-collectors of curios so they became scarce and had fancy values attached to them. They think collectors will not buy these freely and that in a

few years a great demand will spring up for them in the same way. Perhaps they reason rightly; I am afraid they do, they do not realize how they are departing from the original interest of stamp collecting. All this collecting of re-issues, re-prints, specimens, proofs and stamps sold as remainders are carrying us away. Where? to the senseless collecting of everything, devoid as it may be of interest, if only it be scarce and likely to prove a good investment. This is business but it is not philately. I have reason to believe that a great many sets of these periodicals are sold to persons not well posted philatelically, ex-collectors and non-collectors with a speculative turn.

(To be continued)

Stamp-hunting

BY A. R. MILLARD

These words always remind one of Robie and his novel, but at the time I have named Robie "was an unknown quantity" with me. But before I tell you about my first stamp hunt I will introduce myself. I live in a thriving town in Illinois and through the aid of some good political friends I secured a job as janitor in one of the public buildings in this place. At that time I had no knowledge of stamps, only as I had occasion to mail a letter. One day as I was at work in one of the offices a prominent lawyer came in and had a short talk with the clerk in charge and we then commenced to look through the files of old papers which were arranged in large cases all around the room, extending from floor to ceiling. His movements excited my curiosity and after he left I asked the clerk what he was doing and he said he was hunting stamps. I at once began to inform myself about stamps and became very much interested. The thought then

came to me that if a lawyer with as large a clientele as this man had could make a business of stamp hunting there ought to be something in it for a poor man like myself, so I thought I would make a try of it. I at once approached my friend, the clerk, for permission to clean up his papers for the stamps, and needless to say I got the job. I at once commenced to shake the dust of years from them. I will never forget the first stamp I found, a 1c Imp. of 51 issue. I afterwards found it to be of the broken circle variety. I only found a few that day and as I had no catalogue at that time I did not know what they were or the value of them. I took them home and put them in a small memorandum book and my wife looked over my shoulder and said, "What in the world are you going to do with those things." It is a great contrast to compare that, my first album, with my present Scott's. Well, I kept on with my hunting and

found stamps of all kinds and still my catalogue from Mekeel had not come. I got the 5c brown of the '47 issue and then got in a nest of others, all kinds, and then my heart began to jump for there in one bunch was the 3c red, 10c green, 12c black and 24c lilac of '54-'56 issue, 1c blue, 3 types brown 12, 21, 30 and 90c, and to cap the climax my catalogue arrived. Then of course I had to stop hunting to find out what I had already found. After spending the evening with my stamps and catalogue I arose in the morning a confirmed stamp "crank." It would be very wearisome to describe my finds in detail but will say I found in the next month such stamps as would warm the hearts of many of the older "cranks," let alone a young one like myself. Of the '61 issue I found 1c blue, 3c rose by the hundred, nearly all the shades and Grills, the 5c brown, olive and buff, '69 issue 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 12c and then on down the line. By this time the older collectors began to call on me and want to trade. But I was not ready for that yet. Well, I finished the papers in that room; and Oh, what a lot of fine stamps I had. But away down in the basement in a room under the stairs were piles upon piles of boxes full of old papers that belonged to another department and then I began to feel around and fix so I could get permission to look through them. At last to my joy I received the desired permission and commenced work at once. Piles of old papers to go through and unknown lots of possibilities, "you know how it is boys." Well I opened a box and saw a blue stamp. I removed it carefully and saw on the back the 9x13 Grill. You ought to have seen me go for those papers and if you could have seen those blue beauties turn up. From that one box I took 300 cancelled and 40 uncancelled. For three months after my days work was done I would light my lantern and wend my way down-

ward and at 10 p. m. go home to sleep with all my pockets full of such stamps as the 1c Grill '68, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, '69, 1c '70-'71 and also a varied assortment of department and revenue stamps, until my sleep was a stamp dream and stamp hunts occurred all night as well as day. From this on building I took over \$300 worth of stamps ranging in catalogue value from 1c to a 90c justice catalogue value \$50. So you see Robie is not the best stamp hunter. In conclusion I will say that after I made a trip to St. Louis and left \$250 or \$300 worth of stamps with my friends and came home and dropped the money in my wife's lap her opinion about the things had undergone a radical change.

The post office department furnishes figures showing that the average person in South Carolina, including men, women and children, spends 25 cents per capita per annum for postage stamps and in Alabama 35 cents per capita, Arkansas 37 cents and North Carolina 41 cents per capita. The New England states seem to lead with Massachusetts at the head, she spending \$2.30 on postage per annum. The comes New York next with an expenditure of \$2.27 per annum. The District of Columbia is third with \$2.16. Then Colorado in the far west joins the crowd by being fourth with \$1.93, and Connecticut is fifth with \$1.80. C. E. DUBBING.

"Read everything, hold fast that which is good" is a good motto. This is applicable to the collecting of stamps. Accumulate all kinds of stamps; hold fast to those which are good.

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Some Postmarks

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BY MRS. C. B. F.

Having received quite a number of "covers" from our various "colonies" I was much interested in the styles of postmarks. First at hand are the Porto Ricans; one cover bears an un-surcharged 5c blue Grant; the postmark is oval and black with white lettering, badly blurred. The upper curved line of the inscription I cannot decipher; in a straight line through the middle is the word "Certificado," and a curved line at the bottom is "Puerto Rico." On the reverse of the envelope, one "Recd." stamp is "Mayaguez, Porto Rico, Mil. Sta. No. 3," and late, so I judge it must have been sent from the interior or perhaps from some "garrison" of U. S. soldiers, where there was no cancelling stamp, but the message "help the war." The next is the ordinary appearing postmark of black lettering and has "Military Sta." in upper part of the circle and "Puerto Rico, Wash., D. C." in lower part with date in center. The cancelling stamp of obliteration is elliptical, very black, with a plain circular space in center containing a large "1". This cover bears two of the ordinary rose 2c and a le green. The next one I notice is another blue "Grant," postmarked "Mil. Sta. No. 7, W. D. C." above and "Yauco, Porto Rico" below, with date in center. Still another is "Arecibo, P. R." above, "Puerto Rico" below and date in center. Another bearing a 5c Omaha is "Military Sta. 1" above and "Puerto Rico, Wash., D. C." below. Another with the same postmark has two 5c and a le. Omaha. One from Mayaguez has no stamp but "Collect postage here" and on the back is the 10c due stamp. Another was sent as an open letter and still contains a copy of *Revista Mercantil*, printed in Spanish at

San Juan. A le Omaha prepaid it "Via Habana," postmarked "Mil. Sta. No. 1, W. D. C." above and "San Juan, Porto Rico" below. Another from Yauco had only 2c paid, and on the reverse of the cover is a pair of 3c dues. All the above are with the un-surcharged stamps. The covers with the surcharged stamps are all similarly postmarked except one, which has a larger circle, rather irregular or scalloped with "Playa Ponce" above and "Puerto Rico" below, color a faded bluish pink, and letters larger than any others noted.

Of Cuban covers I have one postmarked Havana, Cuba, and another Habana "Military Sta. 1, Santiago de Cuba," and date, doesn't make an ill-looking postmark but "Military Sta." above, "N. Y. P. O." below, in curved lines, and "No. 3, Guantanamo," and two lines for date, all in straight lines in central position, about fills all the space inside the circular frame and looks too crowded. The postmark for Cienfuegos is much the same, but has only one line for date and "Cuba" in the lower straight line.

The postmark for "Mil. Sta. No. 1, Philippine Islands, San Francisco, Cal." is one of the old-fashioned sort, nearly $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter; the above inscription is in the outer space, separated from the date by a circular line. Date is in three lines in the central circle, color dirty lavender. I have also one from the Philippines that has ordinary size of postmark in black, but blurred so I can't read it. All of them, blurred or plain, are very dear to a cover crank like myself.

To come home again, it will pay the minor variety postal card crank to look at our current U. S. cards with critical

eye. One sent me from Mass. some time since has a break in the line above "E" of "United;" "P" of "Postal" is deformed, also "is" of "this," and there is a break in the oval surrounding the head. One coming from San Francisco is the same only no break in the oval. Another has but the right hand slanting line to "A" of "Address" in

still another the "N" of "United" has the slanting line broken in the center.

All caused, no doubt, by some accident to the plate, yet such is the craze for "varieties" I suppose these are all worth notice and to be saved.

If mention has been made, before, of these items, I beg pardon, for I did not intend to "copy."

Philately

Written Especially for the "West" by C. H. JOHNSTON

Philately is just what you make it. Some make it a hobby, while others, by deep study, make it truly a science. But, whatever you make of it, there is certainly an ever present, unseen force at work, which draws the true philatelist more and more into its mysteries, and the more he studies his collection, the more new features he will find. Take the small boy, who is just starting his collection. He practically knows nothing of the great science of philately. With what keen interest he scans each new specimen. Each new stamp brings renewed enthusiasm. But if this is all it he only sees in it, the beauty it possesses by its difference from the other stamps in his collection, he soon loses his enthusiasm, discloses of his collection for little or nothing, and silently drops out of the great ranks of philately. On the other hand, if he be persistent, and studies his stamps, their country, origin, value, etc., then he sees the real beauty, and his interest instead of dying out, deepens until he is in the ranks to stay. This is the boy who becomes the great collector, and whom the brotherhood of philately is glad to meet as one of its members.

There is no reason why every young collector cannot attain this high standard. To him I say, do not be in too

much of a hurry. Buy good stamps whenever and wherever you find them, but wait until you find good ones. Don't fill up your collection with a lot of rubbish. Be careful in your selections and you will have a collection that is valuable and one that you will not be ashamed to show to your philatelic friends.

To the old collectors I say, keep up the high standard which you must have followed to procure a good collection, for everyone who starts a collection makes yours all the more valuable.

And so, let us look at philately, not as a mere fad, to be petted for awhile and then forgotten, but as a deep science to be studied and re-studied; the more we study it, the more will we discover.

There could be no better time than the present to begin collecting stamps. There has been so much of interest in a philatelic way that has transpired during the past year or so, so many new issues have been made, so many new stamp and envelope designs have been engraved and put in use, that one finds lots that is of interest on every hand. Start a collection and be in the fashion.

The West is the best, so they say.

Stamp Societies

National meetings Milwaukee, Wis
consin

We are glad to see, and pleased to mention any local society formed, for we have always said that more local and state societies help the cause. There are too many National societies now and we favor the combine of all in one or two.

Milwaukee formed the first society after the stamp meets. It meets at 33 Builders & Traders Exchange building, Johnson, secretary. That city is the convention place for three of the largest societies of America. It the date can be arranged for the same week as the G. A. R. meeting at Chicago there would no doubt be a larger attendance than at any previous meeting. A low railroad rate is what is needed to bring the collectors to attend, that being the main cost.

The Cincinnati Philatelic Association formed with the following officers: Pres. T. Seaman; Vice Pres., A. Wilhelmy; Sec'y., P. N. Weiss; Treas., C. Zorle. Collectors of that city are invited to join, and suitable headquarters will be secured in the near future.

The Indianapolis Philatelic society elected the following officers: Pres., G. E. Eiscus; Vice Pres., C. L. Zimmerman; Sec'y., B. F. Egan, 309 Lemecke Bldg; Treas., E. Babcock. Exchange Manager, G. Bull. For further information write the secretary.

I see there is talk of a new society to be formed at Hastings. Wish it the best of success.

All Omaha collectors who wish to form a local society are requested to drop a line to Bx 355, Omaha. If sufficient number can be secured it is proposed to have a local secretary and clubrooms. Let all Omaha collectors

join in and make a grand success of the organization.

Where there are five or more collectors I advise them to form a local society. * It pays.

No doubt many people who know nothing about stamp collecting are skeptical regarding the interest taken in stamps by adults, but if any of these skeptics were in position to step into the offices of some of the leading dealers in New York and were to note how many intelligent looking, well-dressed men stopped in to either offer to buy or sell stamps, he would soon lose his skepticism and would have to acknowledge that stamp collecting has a large following among adults, and those who are bright, intelligent and well fixed financially, too. The solid business and professional men who are reported as being stamp collectors are not myths. They exist in large numbers, too.

Collecting stamps is a fad, of course, the same as the collecting of any other articles may be termed a fad, but it is one that more and constantly more people are taking up every day, week and year. To say stamp collecting is a fad, is not to speak derogatively of it, for stamp collecting is a pleasing pastime and furnishes amusement and recreation for hundreds and thousands of good people throughout the United States.

Everyone should know something about stamp collecting; everyone should have a fair idea regarding the value of old used postage stamps. Such knowledge might be worth hundreds of dollars some time. One never knows, and it costs but little to collect stamps and read up regarding them.

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President's Message

Having been very sick and in bed for nearly two months, I may have appeared wanting in interest, but this is not so, and I wish it understood that I have an earnest desire for the progress of our society. I think an effort should be made by every present member to increase our membership, and at least every member could add one to us. To make a success, individual effort is required, and each one should show an interest, which in the end would help all concerned. I would earnestly recommend that as many as can join the Philatelic Sons of America, which meets at Milwaukee in 1900; and every reader should try and attend. The society is one of the best, if not the best in the country. The good you will get far exceeds the small outlay. The Exchange department of the N. P. S. should be well represented, and as we have a live, energetic manager, give him a chance, and dispose of your duplicates.

I recommended in a former number several absolutely reliable dealers in this country. I wish to add another in Canada, W. Kelsey Hall of Peterboro. You will find him reliable in every way and a thoroughly educated gentleman. I wish I could add more, but my experience with Canada dealers has been unfortunate, and I am glad to be able to give one. I do not give advice without being very sure of my information, and the names already given will be enough for any one of us, and I trust the information given will be of practical use to my brothers and sisters in our society.

Hoping soon that we shall show a decided increase in our numbers.

Respectfully,

B. L. PAYNE, Pres't.

Secretary's Report

The following members renewed promptly for the coming year. "Go thou and do likewise."

No. 22 H. T. Parker, 1801 2d St., Lincoln, Nebr.

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No. 51, E. C. Doehling, Bruno, Nebr.

We would be pleased to hear from the following members whose dues expire during December. The dues are so small that you will never miss the money, so help us and yourself as well by renewing. Notices of expiration of membership will hereafter be published each month, not as an implied "dun," or a "roast," but as a matter of courtesy to the members whose dues expire.

8. E. H. Wilkerson, Lincoln, Nebr.

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H. WENDT, Auc. Mgr.
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In the year 1898 there were 5,250,000 special delivery stamps sold by Uncle Sam. We will say that the average journey of a special delivery messenger is half a mile. This is an absurd underestimate, but we will let it go at that. At the above assumption the total distance traveled for special delivery in 1898 was at least 2,262,000 miles. That is no short distance to travel, as may be realized when it is considered that a messenger boy in order to travel that distance would have to go about 1,100 times around the world, or five times to the moon and back. Chas. E. Dudding


A Washington collector has an entire envelope with a Filipino stamp on, the stamp having evidently done postal duty. The stamp was sent him by his brother, who is in the Philippines.

A good stamp, and one rather hard to get hold of, unused, is the 6d. green of the 1888 issue for New South Wales. It was in use less than a year.

There is a variety of the current 6-cent stamp of the United States that is of such a pronounced dark shade that it is worthy of collecting.

Few countries are richer in revenue stamps than Mexico. Everything seems to be taxed down there.

Chile is soon to have a set of stamps, of entirely new design.



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If no objections are received during the next month, same will be admitted as members.

With a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.

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Secretary's Report

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP
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Editorial



From a correspondent we received a one cent green Canada envelope with a diagonal on half of the three cent maple leaf surcharged 2cts. used as 1 cent. The stamp, however, has a decided appearance of having been cancelled to order. It bears a postmark of Upper Stewiacke, Nova Scotia, and is addressed to Middle Stewiacke, N.S. It is possible, however, that it actually did postal duty. It shows quite a fall for the aristocratic 3 cent maple leaf. Originally the

brightest and the prettiest of the set, it submitted to the disfiguring surcharge reducing its value to two cents, and finally being cut in two diagonally and does duty as 1 cent.

The International Philatelic Review, a new publication in the stamp line, came out on Oct. 10, and was closely followed by the second volume. It is a breezy, up-to-date little paper, full of good hints to collectors. The leading feature is an article in regard to United States envelopes, with illustrations of the distinguishing marks of the different dies and issues. U.S. envelopes is a branch of philately that receives very little attention, especially at the hands of beginners, and even advanced collectors often avoid them. Articles and suggestions that will aid the collector in classifying them, are therefore of great benefit to collectors.

Considerable adverse comment is being hurled at our Uncle Sam by certain philatelic papers on account of the recent surcharge of stamps for Guam. It was not the purpose or intention of our good uncle to issue a large number or high values of these stamps, but when our agent at Guam received so many letters and requests for stamps that his small supply was exhausted, what was he to do? What would any business man in a like position have done? Why, get more, and as quickly as possible, too! Stamps are made for the purpose of providing revenue for the government, and so long as there is a sale for them they will probably be issued, and quite properly too, we think. We only regret that the current issues of the \$2.00 and \$5.00 were not surcharged also. The first three values issued were offered by enterprising dealers at \$1.50 per set. Since the new order of things philatelists will be able probably to obtain the set, dollar value and all, for the same money.

and anyone who wants a set can get one. We are glad to note that the day of cornering U. S. stamps is over.

At the issue of Scouts 59th it was freely predicted and asserted that fifty per cent discount from those prices would be a thing of the past. How well this prediction has been realized may be seen by a glance over the advertising columns of the different philatelic publications in which stamps are freely offered at fifty per cent off. Only a few dealers have had the nerve to advertise that they only allow 33 1/3 off, and most of them qualify the statement by making the discount apply only on the high priced stamps and allowing the usual 50 per cent on the low and medium priced stamps. Our experience is that we can still buy some pretty good stamps at 50 per cent off.

We carried the following to the Evergreen State Philatelist: "Many have wondered why the official stamps of the postoffice department are of different designs from those of other departments. It is stated that the original dies were similar to those of the other departments, but upon seeing and thought the officials decided to make such a change as that it would be impossible for even the dullest postmaster to confound the official with the regular supply of postage. 'Ye Gods! What if a supply of postoffice department stamps printed from dies similar to those of the other departments should some day turn up and come into the possession of some enterprising speculator!'

So much has been said regarding the proposed publication of a paper to be called The Adhesive, that we are anxiously awaiting a copy. Mr. H. A. Chapman is a well-known writer, and should make a success of the paper. He formerly published the Perforator.

The following verse appeared in the November number of the Philatelic Review, and while it is "poetry" it is also "truth":

A man who whispers down a well
About the stamps he has to sell
Won't reap the golden, gleaming dollars
Like one who climbs a tree and hollers.

The abuse of the second class mail matter privilege comes in for considerable notice in the annual report of the postmaster general, and it is pretty certain that this branch will be considered by congress and some measure taken to remedy the evil. At the present time it is stated that at least one-half of the matter sent second class is not entitled to the rate. Many publishers issue cheap sets of standard works like Dickens in paper covers, and send them through the mails as second class matter by entering them at the postoffice as such, and stating that they are published every so often.

If ANY ONE doubts the fact that the WEST is a real live paper, let him examine the November number of the same 90 pages and cover making a total of 64 pages. Compare it with other monthly papers (usually 16 pages) and ask yourself if you get your money's worth. Many publications wonder how we do it but look at the advertisements we carry. No paper in the country has had the phenomenal growth that the WEST has enjoyed, and advertisers realize that it is an advantageous advertising medium. Typographically the November number is an improvement over our past issues, and with a new cover and better arrangement of our reading matter and advertising we expect to keep the WEST the leading monthly philatelic publication of the country.

You will confer a favor, when writing to advertisers, if you will state where you saw their ad.

Our Illustrations

S. J. PETREE

S. J. Petree, Russelville, Ala., press agent of P. S. of A., the largest society of America, and main agent for the West, is a member of most of the leading societies, and was for a long time editor of Ad. Topics and Alabama Weekly Leader. He has a fine collection of over 6000 varieties, and lacks very few of the U. S., being complete. We have found him always reliable, and the only philatelic press agent to speak of. He offers very low combination rates, and you will do well to write to him. His latest idea is Ad. Coupons, which are very neat. He hopes to attend the stamp convention at Milwaukee in 1900.

SIDNEY S. BARNES

Sidney S. Barnes, Mussellfork, Mo., is the western sales superintendent of the P. S. of A., and is postmaster of his city, and a member of nearly all societies. He has a collection of over 1000 varieties, and deals mainly in revenues. His general merchandise business is taking up most of his time at present. He was born in Minneapolis, Kansas in 1878, moved to Marcelline, Mo., and in October to his present place of residence.

Business Manager's Say



We advise all those who have a camera, or are going to get one, to send for Panoramic Photography and New Pointers for Amateurs, and other things in Photography, by G. E. Mellen of Chicago. It is the finest thing yet seen.

There have been a few complaints of the Bisbee Camera Co., of Stoughton, Mass. How many of our readers have written to him? He seems very slow in replying to letters.

The advertising account of Roll Burnham, Providence, R. I., is for sale cheap, or exchange. Does he owe any of our readers? Will give list of all due the West in next number, and if marked, you may know you will be in this list, unless settled by January 20. We do all we can to keep out frauds from our columns, and are glad to hear of any readers may know of, to help for future use, if so needed. We believe all advertisements we carry to be all right, and if not, let us know at once.

We are always glad to get the names of active stamp collectors and camera amateurs.

We desire any new stamp news you may think of interest to others, and cuts of any of our readers, with a short history of their collections.

Sorry to say there were several errors in ads. of last number, but being the first issue by the printers, we hope to have all correct this time.

We are offering a number of prizes for MSS. on stamps. Why not try for one? Miss Locke, of Redding, Iowa, writes, first prize received, and had no idea that my poor effort would win the prize, being only my third article on stamps, my writing heretofore being for household journals. G. Crayton, of Lima, Ohio, says he was quite surprised to receive second prize, being his first attempt at anything of the kind, and did not expect a prize thinking there would be many older persons to compete, and being only fifteen years old and in sophomore year of high school. G. L. Campbell of Southport, England, third prize: "Stamps to hand. Many thanks." Some of his writings may be seen in the New York papers. Twelve prizes are offered, and only three before; you stand more of a show of being successful. Glad to see any MS. that will help collectors.

The date of the paper has been

changed for the reason that throughout the month so many persons are writing for copies, when it is not issued until the last day of the month.

If all readers that write will enclose postage for reply, they will receive an answer by return mail. But our postage is no small item, and if no stamps are sent it is hard to say when letters will be answered.

We are sure that readers will be glad to know this magazine enters upon its sixth year on a firmer foundation than ever. The past year has added many hundreds to our previously large circulation, and still greater strides will be made in that direction. The coming numbers may be expected to be better and larger than previous ones. It is of course through the generous support of our readers and advertisers that this gratifying state of affairs is due, and we trust that each and all will accept our hearty thanks.

The designs for cover we are sorry to say, the engraver said, could not be used, and have let the editor take charge of the same and will accept his design. Will gladly return designs if the senders desire; drop me a line, please.

Another fake that needs watching is D. Levering, Jonea, Mo., as being one of the greatest fake makers and pushers in the country. See his airing in American Archaeologist.

The Omaha Stamp Co. report that they got caught by the Eureka Stamp Co., Sherbrooke, Canada, but happy to say they have not yet had an advertisement in the Philatelic West, prices too cheap to be good.

Another old fraud that is under the name of the Star Curio Co., Wakefield, R. I., is none other than Arnold, who used to be in Connecticut. Sorry to see this party in a number of our leading papers - sent us advertisement, but it was refused; caught us under the

name of Arnold a number of years ago. A very bad egg, as Dr. Emery says.

One very good indication of the reliability of a firm is seen in its promptitude of settling advertising contracts, and said to be the most reliable barometer.

Another party that had an advertisement in a number of papers last spring is S. Bagh of Sweden. F. Johnson of Fargo, S. D. said he caught him and others. Also reports Lait of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, who, I believe, left that city. Have account for sale cheap, or exchange.

Our readers who enjoy music should not fail to send for the catalogue of the National Music Co., Chicago, 266 Wabash Ave. Their Countown picnic is one of the greatest songs and cake-walks ever written.

Caugh Curio Co., of Nueva Casas, Gejanges, Mexico, has discontinued business, W. Slusser being sick in California at last accounts, and the remaining member of the firm is not reliable.

Send to the Saturday Post, Philadelphia, Pa., for a copy of the oldest and brightest weekly, and most readers say, the best paper ever seen.

The National Magazine of Boston, Mass., gets better with each number, and is hard to beat. Send for a copy.

It is the advertising patronage of a magazine which makes possible its publication, and we have been especially gratified with a high class of ads. We trust that our readers will read them with care, as a great many bargains will be found. When writing to advertisers please mention the Philatelic West. Compared with circulation there is no magazine that gives as low rates to advertisers.

Advertising World: - Your advertisement must either interest, entertain or amuse. If you tire, you dis-

courage. Make your ad. quantity in quality.

The Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, the largest one we get from England, has changed hands, and states it will increase its circulation to 2,000. It is more fair than many of our papers claiming 10,000 or more. We would be pleased to compare lists with any stamp monthly and at any stamp meeting, and especially of "paid subscribers." Our offer of over one year ago is not taken yet.

We offer the Philatelic West for 25 cents and include any stamp monthly of the same price or any other of higher price if the difference is added; foreign must add five cents for postage.

If your goods are cheap, we can sell them for you; we have the readers. Write for our "cash ad. rates" can't be beat for circulation—a strong statement, but a straight fact worth the price, and more! You can't get as many circulars of the same size, let alone the expense of sending out, as a cash ad. in the West will cost. Try it and see.

The Bay State Phil says that Robinson is back at Winnipeg from Europe. He forgot to pay his ad. account, and we offer it cheap for most any ad. thing.

12 PRIZES For Best MSS. on Stamps. Contest open to March, 1900. We offer in Stamps or Camera Supplies the following Prizes for Best MSS. on Stamps. First Prize, \$10.00; Second Prize, \$5.00; Ten Prizes of \$1.00 each for next ten best.

Rules. Each contestant must be a paid subscriber. MSS. must contain at least 500 words. All articles must be original, and postage fully prepaid. All articles to be published in the Magazine if they suit.

For particulars, send postage to Business Manager, L. T. Brown, 1081 Superior, Nebr.

NOTICE

If this space is marked you can expect to see your name in "THE FRAUD COLUMN"

Unless advertisement is settled for by January 25.

Brings Good Results

H. Tuttle of Waterloo, Iowa, writes that a quarter-page ad. in — paper cost \$1.75 and brought one 15c order. The same ad. in the WEST, at \$1.00 less cost, secured for him twenty-six 5c orders and nine duplicate orders, one party taking eight besides. Orders are still coming in.

One stamp company whose ad. appeared in the July number reports 70 applications for one stamp in their ad.

Give the West a fair trial as an advertising medium. Prices are right and we guarantee that in this respect the West can't be beat.

The international philatelic exposition of Paris next year promises to be an event of considerable proportions and prime importance. The date of the opening has now been settled upon for the 25th of August, 1900, and it will last until September 10th. Admission has been fixed upon at 3 Francs (60c) for the opening day, 50 Centimes (10c) on Thursdays and Saturdays and 1 Franc (20c) all other days. Intending exhibitors should fill out and send before May 31, 1900, a blank signifying their intention to exhibit, stating the character of their objects. Such blanks can be obtained from M. Albert Colette, Secretary of the Philatelic Exposition, 138 Rue de Rivoli, Paris, France. P. M. and W.

Porto Rico surcharges are now a thing of the past. No more U. S. stamps will be surcharged for use on that island, nor will Porto Rico have a special set of stamps, but U. S. stamps, unsurcharged, will be used on mail matter both to and from the island.

Nebraska Philatelic Society

APPLICATION BLANK

..... 1900
to the Secretary?
I hereby apply for membership, and annex the information required in support of my application:

NAME..... POSTOFFICE.....
AGE..... OCCUPATION..... STATE.....

Reference (one person must sign here in his own handwriting).....

Extracts From Constitution

Article II. Sec. 1. Any one of good moral character residing in the state of Nebraska is eligible to membership. Application shall be made to the secretary upon blank furnished for that purpose, and must be accompanied by the initiation fee and dues for the first year's membership. Name and address of applicant shall be published in the next appearing number of the official journal, and if no objections are filed with the secretary within two weeks after publication of the application, the applicant shall be declared elected, and shall receive his membership certificate.

Article II. Sec. 3. The annual dues of this society shall be twenty-five cents. An initiation fee shall of ten cents be charged all applicants. Both to be paid at time of application.

All applicants are required to furnish the following particulars: Are you a member of any society? If so, enumerate such, and give number.....

..... In what year did you commence?..... Have you a specialty?..... Name it.....

Send this application, when properly filled out, together with ten cents initiation fee and twenty-five cents dues, should be mailed to the secretary, A. C. Daily, 1008 New York Life Building, Omaha, Nebraska.

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Sir: I wish to become a member of the P. S. of A., and subscribe for One Share of Stock, 25 cents, and for balance of the year, 5 cents; total, 30 cents.

Signed.....

Age..... Address.....

Occupation..... Reference.....

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CAMERA NEWS

H. A. THORNTON, Editor, 304 N. State St., Irving D. I., Chicago, Ill.

Photographic Notes

Copying Engravings and Maps. One often wants to copy a map, plan, or engraving. For example we contemplate spending a few days by the sea. Our map of the place is a large one. We only want the part of it which gives us, say, five miles round. Proceed thus:—Pin your map (upside down) against a flat wall, set your camera squarely opposite the center of the part to be copied, get the best focus you can with largest stop; then change this for medium stop and adjust focus again; finally put in smallest stop, give a fairly full exposure, and dilute your developer with water. Keep the plate covered up all the time during development, develop for strong density, print on smooth bromide paper. Do not put your copy, i. e., the map, in a very bright light; a soft diffused light and full exposure will give you much better results. Your aim is to get a black and white negative in sharp focus all over.

Developing Solutions that will Keep.

It is of great importance to the amateur, who only requires his developers at irregular intervals, to prepare the developing solutions in such a way that they will keep in good working condition. The favorite "preservative" is sulphate of soda. Now, it is important to remember that the preserving action of this substance depends upon its being free from alkali, which is seldom the case in most commercial samples. Hence it is of practical importance to neutralise only present alkali by the addition of a suitable acid. The acids

most in public favor are: Citric, nitric or sulphuric. The first is, perhaps the most convenient to use. Only add just enough acid (and no more than enough) to turn the solution acid, i. e., so that it is just acid enough to turn blue-litmus red. And don't forget to use good, sound corks or glass stoppers.

How to Wash a Plate Quickly.—Take the largest dish you possess. Let us suppose this to be a 9 by 7 dish. Put your plate (say a quarter-plate), in the corner of the dish nearest the spout. Now put the dish on your sink. Turn on the tap so that you get quite a small stream, and arrange so that it falls into the dish at the corner opposite to the spout. But the water should not fall directly onto the plate. Then place below the dish a small bit of wood, cut like a wedge, and put it just below the corner where the water enters the dish. In this way you get a stream entering the dish at one corner, and quickly running out at the opposite corner, and all the water has to flow over the surface of the negative. This is the quickest possible washing contrivance.

Centering Photo Prints. One of the very common difficulties with the photographer who only mounts a few prints at a time, is that of getting a print in just the right position on the mount. Of course mounting small prints on small mounts is easy enough, but the difficulty comes in when we want to mount a print on say a 10 by 8 mount. The way of getting over this is really very simple. First take a piece of card, brown paper, or other

lean paper (without printing or writing) exactly the same size as the mount to be used. Now apply to the back of the print, the mountant, e. g., starch, paste, etc. Next lay the print face down on the brown paper, and arrange it just where you want it to come on the card. Thus done, all you need to do is to bring your card down "edge to edge," corner to corner," with the brown paper. Then the card mount will pick up the print in the same relative position that it was on the brown paper. This method is quick and sure.

Instantaneous photographs taken by M. Louis Boutan with a camera ten feet under water have shown fishes two yards away, and he estimates that good instantaneous pictures can be had from a camera submerged twenty-five feet below the surface.

Indescent Stains on the Negative.

These rainbow-like markings on the negative indicate need of attention to several small matters. First, do not keep your plates in an impure atmosphere, e. g., where gas is burnt. Plates will keep for years in good condition if stored in a cool, dry, and pure air. Secondly, under exposure and forced development, especially where excess ammonia is used, will often give these stains on perfectly good and fresh plates. But, having got them, the next thing is to learn how they may be removed. This will nearly always solve the difficulty: Take a small piece of quite clean old rag, moisten it with methylated spirit. Then spread the moist rag over the finger-end, and rub firmly, but gently and quickly, and slowly the stain will rub away. Caution. Avoid having the rag too wet, avoid a harsh piece of rag, or one with knots or seams, avoid needless force, and use reasonable patience.

Photographing Plants as they Grow.

The latest move on the part of the

Agricultural Department is the adoption of the moving picture machine for the purpose of recording the growth of flowers, plants, etc. For this end a special camera has been designed and perfected, having a clockwork attachment which makes an exposure automatically every hour during the day, while at night the exposures are made by a magnesium flashlight contrivance, producing a brilliant flash simultaneously with the opening of the shutter at each hour. Twenty-four negatives are obtained daily, showing the exact amount of growth which the plant has made during this interval. The question whether a particular plant will grow in a certain soil, and the length of time it takes for it to mature, is an important point to the seedsman, gardener and farmer. To determine the most correct and improved methods, and this without outlay of time and money to the farmers and others, the government is carrying on at the various agricultural experiment stations at Washington and elsewhere throughout the country a series of practical researches and tests in all the various departments and branches of the agricultural industry. Over six hundred specialists are employed in the work of administration and inquiry. The results of their labours are indexed and classified, and sent out monthly in the shape of bulletins from these stations. It is the intention of the Agricultural department to make a set of lantern slides from the plates obtained through the medium of the moving camera for the purpose of illustrating lectures on plant life and growth by throwing the pictures on the screen. These are to be used especially for the students in the several state agricultural colleges, as well as for the botanical lectures of various scientific institutions. Interesting data for those engaged in the lumber business has been obtained as to the

rate of growth of a number of commercial trees. The slowest growing tree was found to be the short-leaf pine of New Jersey, which only grew forty-one feet in fifty years, sixty-four in one hundred years. The quickest growing was found to be the Douglass spruce of Oregon, which grew ninety-two feet in fifty years, one hundred and thirty-two feet in eighty years.

Focusing in Dark Interiors. There are various hints all worth knowing in this connection. First, in a private room one can generally use a lighted flame, placed at various parts of the apartment will be found a great help. In public places, e. g., church, etc., this is seldom possible, but tip number two is worth remembering. Look about for some white object, e. g., white paper, card, pocket handkerchief. Now we want some smaller, well defined dark object, e. g., large door key, etc. Place the dark object on the light background; then use a focusing magnifier. The third hint is a matter of calculation. Suppose the nearest object to be ten feet away and the most distant to be sixty feet away, the rule is multiply the nearest distance ten feet by the farthest sixty feet, double this and divide by the sum of the two distances,

$$\frac{10 \times 60 \times 2}{10 + 60}$$

i. e., ten plus sixty. Thus:

$$\frac{10 \times 60}{70}$$

say, 17 feet. Then focus for some object 17 feet away, and put in your smallest stop.

How to Tint Photographs in Water Colour. By photographs we here mean the ordinary silver albumen print—the kind of thing one usually gets from the professional photographer or dealer in photo scrap views. Two points only need attention. We must first procure from a dealer in artists' materials some "prepared oxgall." A few drops of this are mixed with half a wine-glassful of clean cold water. This, if evenly brushed all over the surface of the

print, will remove the greasy-paper-like nature and make the water colours take kindly. The second is an equally simple matter. Good quality gum arabic is dissolved in water to form a mucilage as thick as treacle. Of this two or three drops are added to half a wine-glassful of water, and this diluted gum water is used for mixing the colours. The object of the gum water is to help the colour to take and also to prevent the print drying dead and dull.

"In Case of Accident." A Broken Measure. One of the many accidents that may befall you is that of breaking your measuring glass. In such cases you may be able to manage with a wine-glass for a day or two. First, take a strip of gum paper (stamp edging), and fix this vertically outside your wine-glass, so that it reaches from the top to the bottom of the glass. Now take a teaspoon, a dessert-spoon and a tablespoon, all of ordinary size, neither larger nor small. Place in your wine-glass one teaspoonful of water, and mark its level on the paper strip, then add another teaspoon, and again a mark, and so on till you have 8 teaspoon marks. Empty the glass and begin again with one dessert-spoonful. This should agree with two teaspoons—that is 4 desserts should exactly equal 8 teaspoons. Again test the table-spoon, which should be equal to 4 teaspoons or 2 dessert-spoons. Thus a teaspoon should be 1 dram, a dessert-spoon 2 drams, table-spoon 4 drams. Don't forget that a fluid ounce is 8 drams.

How to make a Plate Duster. Of course the best thing for this purpose is a broad soft camel's hair brush. But it is not always easy to meet with this kind of a brush at a moderate price. The following will, however, make you a very good substitute. Take a piece of stout brown paper about 18 inches long and 1½ inches wide. (Exact sizes do not vary much matter, and may be altered to suit circumstances). Now

fold over one end of your strip of paper to get a fold $2\frac{1}{2}$ or 3 inches wide. Again fold this over and over until all your paper is used up. You have now a piece about $2\frac{1}{2}$ long and $1\frac{1}{2}$ wide of several folds. Now take a bit of velvet and fold it over one end of your paper. A few stitches will keep it in place. With the soft velvet end of your paper pad you can dust your plates. Be careful that the velvet is clean and free from dust. It need not be new.

Fixing Bath—Convenient Way of Mixing. You will find it convenient and economical to buy your Hypo in fairly large quantities. The Hypo should be kept in a dry place; an earthenware jar with lid is a convenient receptacle. Select any small vessel, such as a $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. or $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. jar. Fill this with the crystals of hypo to the top level, not heaped up. Empty this into your fixing dish or bath. Now fill up the same jar with tepid water and empty this into the crystal in the fixing dish. Repeat this three times, and by the time the crystals are dissolved the water will be again quite cold and the bath ready for use. If you are using quarter plate size, then a small, strong child's glass tumbler (usually sold at 5c each) will be a convenient measuring vessel. But the thing to remember is the measure of crystals of hypo and our measure of tepid water.

How to Make Lantern Slides. The procedure to be adopted in regard to the making of lantern slides is not a difficult one for the photographer who is familiar with the ordinary operations of exposing and developing dry plates. There are a number of brands of good lantern plates, and one should be selected, and that make adhered to, for the reason that each make has its own peculiarities, and one being mastered, facility of working with it will be attained and the best results secured. These plates not being so sensitive to

the light as ordinary dry plates, a lamp with a thickness of pale yellow glass or yellow fabric can be used instead of the ordinary photographic ruby light, and the former will usually be found more pleasant to work by than the latter. The negative to be used having been placed in an ordinary printing frame (though a specially made frame may be used if the worker cares to go to this expense), the box of lantern plates is opened in the dark room by the light of the aforementioned lamp, and the plate placed film side to the film of the negative over the portion it is desired to include in the slide. The frame is then closed and the negative is exposed to the light of an ordinary lamp or gas flame. Most lantern-plate makers give some rough guide to the time an average negative should be exposed, and also the developer they recommend to be used. Hydroquinone gives very good results, and Rodinal is also a reliable and easily managed developer. For the latter the following formula may be used: Rodinal 1 part, water 30 parts. Development should be carried slightly farther than the density required in the finished slide, as the plate will lose somewhat in the fixing bath. It will be found a useful rule to vary the exposure to suit the developer rather than the latter to suit the former. After development the plate should be well rinsed in water and placed in the fixing bath. This should be freshly made, so that it is clean and will not discolour the slides, and be of the following strength:—Hypo 1 ozs., water 1 pt. The plate should be allowed to remain in the bath slightly longer than when it is apparently fixed, so that the fixation may be thorough. It should then be washed in running water for at least half an hour, and stood to dry in a place free from dust. This is important as any particles floating in the air would probably settle on the damp gelatine, and

specks and blotches which would appear very slight in themselves, when magnified by the lantern, would ruin the appearance of the slide. The slide being quite dry, the next step is to block out the portions of the picture which are not required to be seen with a black paper mask, laid upon the film side of the slide. This side of the slide must also be protected from scratches, etc., when handling, by a cover glass being laid upon it, the two glasses being bound together by strips of black or coloured paper. Masks of all shapes can be obtained from any photographic dealer, also the binding strips. The cover glasses can be made by stripping and cleaning any spoiled plates, or special glasses can, of course, be purchased. Having protected the film of the slide with a cover glass and bound it, a white spot should be placed in the top corners of the same as it lays face upwards on the table. These are necessary in order that when the operator is putting the slide into the lantern he may know at a glance which is the top and which the bottom of the slide.

Finding Defects in the Camera Bellows or Joints. First select a bright day. Set up the camera on the tripod. Put in lens as usual, and put the cap on lens. Then extend the bellows; remove the ground glass. Cover up the end of the camera with focussing cloth, with your head underneath, and close the eyes for a few seconds so as to get accustomed to the darkness. Now turn the camera round in all directions so that if there be a hole anywhere the sun may find it out and show you. Examine well the front of the camera, for sometimes it happens that light finds its way between the lens flange and the front of the camera. If any leakage is found in the wood work stop it up with a tiny speck of putty, or sealing wax, or soap. If there be a hole in the bellows, this should be made right by applying a bit of black court plaster inside and outside.

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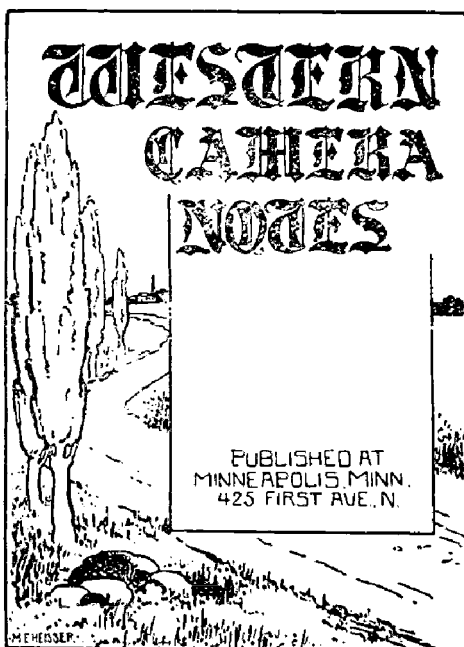
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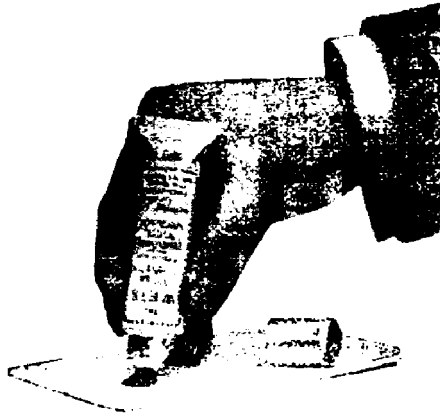
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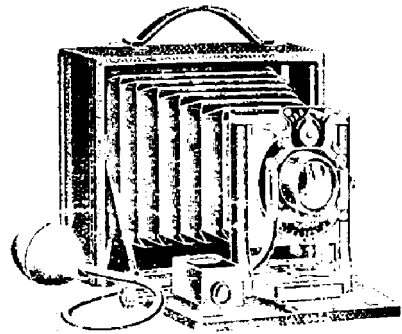
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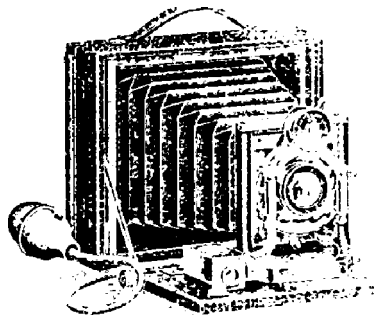


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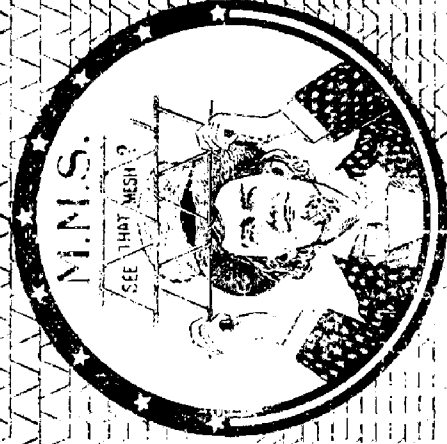
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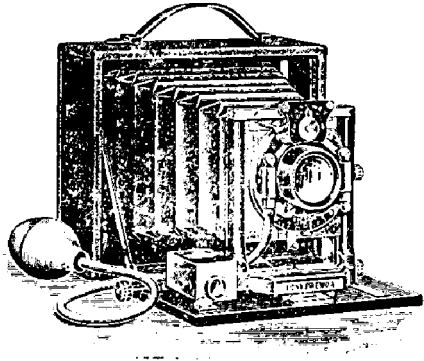
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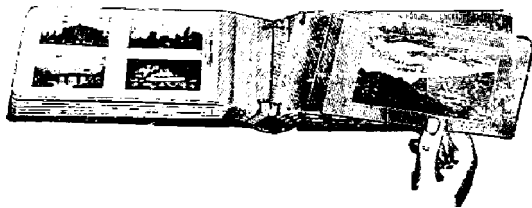


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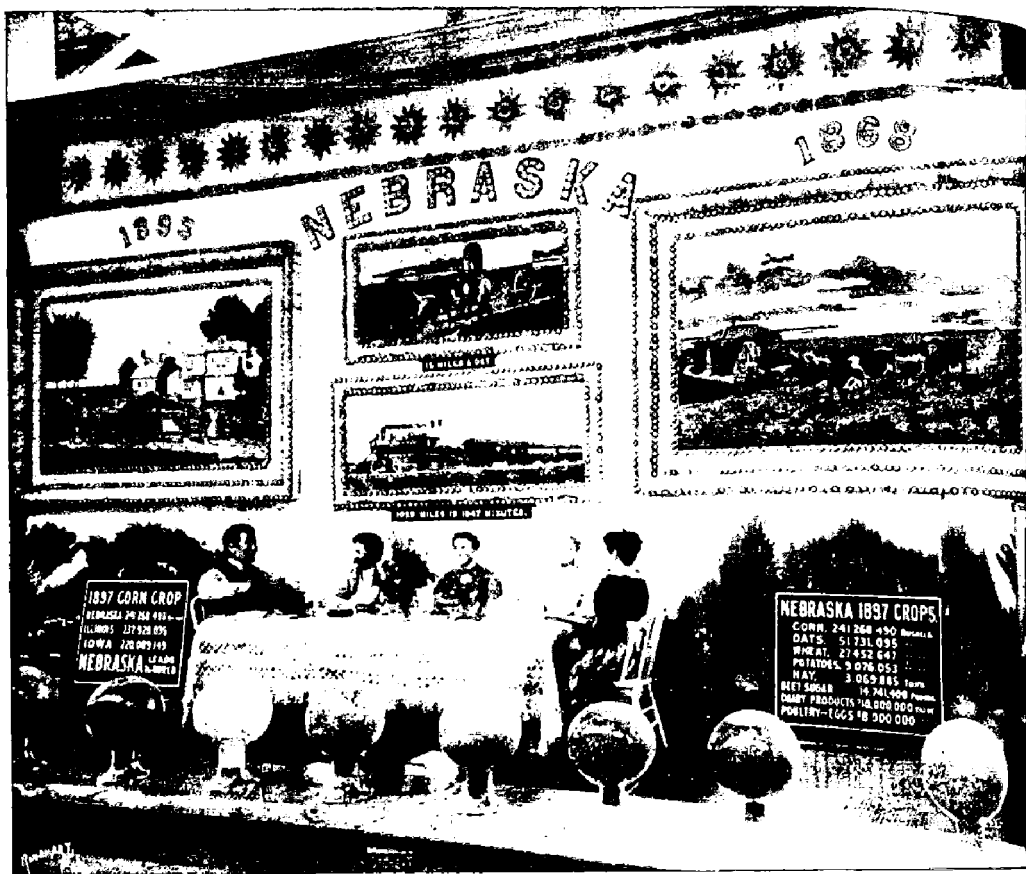
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Our Illustrations

JAMES W. SELLS, ST. LOUIS, MO.

Was born in 1879, became interested in stamp collecting in 1890, and has ever since been one of Philately's best workers. Is a member of all leading stamp societies of America and an officer in many of them. At one time had a collection of 4000 varieties, but sold it at a reasonable figure. In 1895 started as a dealer in the precious bits of paper and together with the real estate business made a good thing. Is also interested in the collection of curios, gems, etc. In society and social circles Mr. Sells is among the leaders, being an ardent worker for all societies, having been an organizer in several, and too well known in social circles to require any comment here. He is advertising agent for the Philatelic West in his city.

L. T. B.

W. M. F. SCHAD, MILWAUKEE, WIS.

The subject of this brief sketch was born in Racine, Wis., in 1870, and moved to Milwaukee in 1887. Mr. Schad has been a collector since 1888 and has succeeded in getting together a collection numbering about 2500. In society circles he is a leader, and is present Est. Leading Knight in the P. O. Elks; secretary of Crescent Lodge, No. 23, K. of P.; Past Ranger of the I. O. F., Sycamore, No. 3001; High Marshal of the High Court I. O. F.; member of P. S. A. of Wisconsin, and secretary of the Elks club. Mr. Schad is at present employed as salesman for the Hoffman & Billings Mfg. Co., dealers in plumbers supplies.

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The Stamps of Argentine Republic

No. 3 Complete Catalogue Compiled to Date
By ALFONSO MILLARD

1867 Head on ground of horizontal lines Perf 12, 5c vermilion, 10c green, 15c bright yellow green, 15c blue, 15c milky blue, 5c vermilion, ground of crossed lines, 15c blue, ground of crossed lines, 15c milky blue, ground of crossed lines, 10c green on laid paper the 3c green has been cut in two and sold as 5 cents; they were used in the province of San Jose and they are very rare.

1873 Perf 12. Head of Balearce, 1c violet, 1c mauve, 1c red violet, 1c black violet, Head of Moreno, 1c brown, 1c sepia, 1c sepia with broken circle, Head of Alicar, 30c orange, Head of Posas, 60c black, Head of Saavredia, 90c blue, 90c blue imperf two sides; 30c orange, imperf horizontally.

Collectors and readers of the Philatelic West will notice that I do not mention the 5c vermilion roulettes, as this stamp was never a legitimate government issue. An importing firm sent one of their clerks to the postoffice to buy a lot of 5 cent stamps and there was a sheet imperf. This smart young man then took this sheet of stamps to the printing and lithographing firm of Kraft & Co. to have it rouletted. Quite a few of these stamps passed through the mail before the variety was

noticed. Then the postoffice authorities notified the firm that it was irregular to use these stamps. Of course, they are catalogued but it is not a government issue, and I would therefore not advise any collector to pay fancy prices for the stamps.

In the national museum in Colle, Peru, also in the collection of the postoffice of Bueno Aires, they have one in each with a printed notice warning collectors that this stamp in a rouletted condition was not an issue of the government, and giving the information as above.

1877 Surcharged in type, 1c on 5c vermilion, 2c on 5c vermilion; 8c and 10c green.

Collectors often ask me why they wanted an eight cent stamp, and I asked for this information of Doctor Carles the postmaster general of Buenos Aires, and I will give same to the numerous readers of the Philatelic West. In the year 1877, peace was just established with the celebrated Rosas and gold was at a premium of 180, so therefore the government decreed that all letters for the interior of Argentine was to be franked with an 8 cent stamp, so therefore the surcharge. The other two surcharges, viz. 1 and 2, were not necessary.

ry at all as they had quite a stock of 1c violet on hand and they had no use for a two cent stamp, as newspapers had to pay 4 cents.

1877. Same type but surcharge inverted. 1c on 5c vermilion, 2c on 5c vermilion.

I notice that Scott's catalogue gives also the 8 cts inverted. The stamp was never issued by the postoffice in an inverted condition, but an unscrupulous so-called dealer and speculator, made these forgeries, but afterwards when caught had to serve three years gratuitous labor for the government.

Of these surcharges one has to be very careful in buying them, as there are a good many forgeries in the shops of Buenos Aires dealers. I also note that both catalogues, Gibbons' and Scott's, give the rouletted (so-called) with these surcharges. Well, it is very

strange that all the great collectors in Buenos Aires always rule over the space for these stamps in their albums because they never existed.

Some readers of West may object to my giving these notes in between the cataloguing of these Argentine stamps, but I cannot help it, as I want all collectors and dealers to know all the information I get hold of in the annals and archives of Buenos Aires.

1877 Rouletted, regular issue in place of the surcharge.

Perf. 12, 8c lake, 16 of May; 2c green, (for price list, circulars, etc.) June.

1878 15th of March, roulette; 15c green, 20c deep blue, 20c milky blue, 24c deep blue, 24 slate blue.

1878-87—Perf. 12; 8c lake, 21c deep blue, 24c milky blue, 25c claret, 25c rosy lake.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

About Buying Stamps

By A. C. D.

It may be that I have the wrong idea in regard to the selection of stamps, for my views certainly do not coincide with the views expressed by the dealer, writers and by the official house organs of some of our largest stamp firms, the burden of whose song invariably is to buy "good stamps." In their vocabulary "good stamps" mean only rare and high priced, and the more common stamps are designated as "packet stuff" and "trash." Of course I am willing to admit that a rare and valuable stamp is a desirable acquisition to a collection, but the present tendency is to make this class of stamps entirely too prominent. Collectors are not all possessed of abundant means and able to buy the high priced stamps, and most dealers offer to this class of collectors but little en-

couragement. This is on account of the fact that there is more profit for them in the sale of the rare and high priced stamps. Personally I should rather have a collection of say 500 varieties of the cheapest stamps it is possible to get together than to have one or two rare stamps whose value would be equal to or greater than such a collection.

I am of the opinion that it is also more profitable to collect the cheaper grade of stamps from a financial standpoint. Any one who purchases low priced stamps certainly cannot lose much on them and the chances of their becoming more valuable in after years are good. Stamp collecting in most cases is for pleasure, and what pleasure can one derive in looking through a modern album of two volumes with

a few stamps only on pages here and there even though he knows they are valuable. Fill up your pages with the cheaper sets and leave out the high priced stamps. Instead of buying one high priced stamp that you need, take the money and buy twenty-five or thirty of the lower priced ones that you need. When you have all of the low priced stamps you will find you have a nice collection, the size of which will astonish you. Then you can begin to acquire the high priced stamps. Do this by buying first those which you need to fill out sets and do not buy single specimens from rare sets unless you get a bargain. Most of the United States stamps are entirely too high

priced for the young collector to reach. Scott's 59th catalogue shows less than fifty U. S. adhesives priced at 5c or under previous to the 1890 issue, and how is the average young collector or even the average advanced collector to fill out his spaces of the 1847 issue, the '55-'60, the '61 and the '69 issues, to say nothing in regard to the Departmental, Revenues and Envelopes. He can spend considerable money and still have only a small percentage of the spaces filled. Better take the money and buy the cheaper grades of foreign. You will get more stamps, more pleasure, more information and just as much money should you ever desire to sell your collection.

Proper Advertising

By I. BEGGER

The stamp dealer who is content merely to advertise without seriously considering the quality of his publicity is neglecting of his own interests. He is not getting the best out of business and if he keeps on in the old advertising rut he will continue to lose ground. He will not get his share of the new business. For a time, or until that may be generalized under the term "modern advertising" proved a virtue, the careful advertiser did well enough to cling to the time-tried methods, even if they were often found wanting. However, now that advertising conditions have changed so much for the better in the last ten years, there is no excuse for the intelligent business man not to strive for better things in advertising, or for more business through better advertising.

much labor has been expended will not read in a laboring way. Let him begin by giving much more time and thought to the preparation of the next ad. Sweet are the rewards of advertising labor. Write the advertisement for the reader's benefit, for through him the ad is to benefit you. Write directly at one reader and you will drive your words home in the minds of many. Remember that the reader is as smart as you are. He can, with a breath of common sense, blow away any frothy statements; he can detect a note of insincerity and he can strip the ad of all its artificialities. The advertiser dare not, with impunity, run afoul of the reader, his whims, his crotchets or his prejudices. He must take human nature as he finds it. He should build his ads with bricks of sense cemented together with tact.

The advertiser who has not done so should make a start to improve his announcements. An ad on which

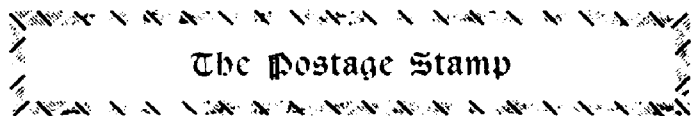
In years gone by business methods were rather more austere, so far as bidding for custom was concerned, than

they are today. The ads were once bald, cheerless and strained, where now they are genial, warm and earnest by comparison. Now-a-days advertisers enlist the aid of the heart as well as the head in their endeavor to carry conviction into the minds of readers.

The stamp advertisers who wish to rise above the common grade are in a way fortunate because they can do so at the expense of thought. They will need to spend no money for illustra-

tions in the ads, simply because all philatelic advertisers are on a plane of equality so far as pictures in ads are concerned—none use any. But he can remedy, renovate and brighten the letter-press of his ads and it happens that the stamp dealers ads are at present all letter-press.

If business is bad, the good advertiser will get the most of it; if business booms the good advertiser will get the lion's share.



The Postage Stamp

By C. J. MITCHELL.

Few people are acquainted with the fact that the first postage stamp did not make its appearance until the year 1840, the third year of the reign of Queen Victoria. This stamp was issued in Great Britain; the next government to follow being Brazil in 1843, and in the same year Switzerland issued stamps. The following years other countries adopted this new and convenient system for the prepayment of postage. In 1847 the United States government issued their first postage stamp. Prior to this stamps were used only by local express companies who carried mails, and finally several United States postmasters issued local stamps for their own convenience.

It was not long after these small engraved strips of paper began to be used that people whose interest had been awakened began making collections, and as each new variety appeared it was added to their collection. About the year 1861 some one in France published a list of stamps that had been issued and taking his collection as a guide, he gave the different colors and denominations. Many others who had collections, seeing this list, and having in their possession stamps which were

not mentioned in the list, began corresponding, and so an interest was awakened in the collecting of stamps.

The different countries now began to do away with certain stamps, and in their stead came newer and more appropriate designs. Collectors soon began to learn that some stamps were scarcer than others, and as the number of collectors were constantly increasing, the rarer varieties soon obtained a commercial value.

In the latter part of the year 1861 the demand for stamps became so great that a dealer in Great Britain issued a priced list of stamps he had for sale. This led other dealers to follow in the same course, and in 1863 the first lithographed album, with spaces for all the varieties of stamps known at the time, was issued by Justin Lallier of Paris.

The scarcer stamps now began to command a high price, and this set the counterfeiters to work. Many were the clever forgeries, and many were there of the early collectors who were deceived.

In 1862 the first stamp paper was published by a man in England. Others of the same nature were soon in the field and contained reports of newly is-

ned stamps, descriptions of counterfeits, and also many advertisements of stamp dealers, who were in most cases the publishers of the paper.

In 1863 J. B. Moens, of Brussels, Belgium, and one of the early dealers commenced the publication of "Le Timbre Poste" (The Postage Stamp). This is the leading paper to day, in the philatelic line, published in the French language and has been issued continually for thirty-seven years.

You have now learned the history of the postage stamp in as short a space as possible, also how stamp collecting commenced. As soon as there were stamps to collect there were hundreds to collect them not only in one or two cities or towns but all over the civilized world. And perhaps you may ask the question "Is there as much interest manifested to-day in stamp collecting as there was when the postage stamp was in its infancy?" We can safely answer "Yes, and more!" For the one collector who drops out of the ranks there are two, aye and three to fill his place. Some persons are under the er-

roneous impression that stamp collecting is confined merely to the schoolboy. Such is not the case, although among schoolboys we find some enthusiastic collectors. Many men and women too—holding government, and other responsible positions take great interest in this pleasing and fascinating pastime.

Not only are there rare postage stamps, but there are also some very curious ones, the designs being unique in a great many. Take for instance the stamp of the Cape of Good Hope. This triangular series has always been a favorite with the philatelists on account of the odd shape. Again, the stamps of Afghanistan with the tigers face surrounded by inscriptions in Arabic which gives the series a rather uncanny appearance. Now turn up the first issue of the stamps of Shanghai and you will see the fabled dragon glaring at you.

To speak of all the interesting and curious figures to be found on stamps would entail the necessity of publishing a complete history of all the stamps of the world.

Antigua Stamps

"HOBBIES"

Antigua is the chief island of the Leeward group in the West Indies; other islands in the same archipelago being Dominica, St. Christopher, Montserrat, &c. Philatelically, the island of Antigua is a "closed book," no stamps of its exclusive use having been issued since the postal federation of the Leeward Islands in 1891.

Antigua's first postage stamp was of the face value of 6 cts. Postage was at that time a luxury in those days (1862), and probably the first, and for a time only, purpose to which postage stamps were devoted to Antigua was to frank letters

to "the old country" and to Europe generally. This first sixpenny stamp, though perforated after a fashion—shows no watermark, and is the only unwatermarked Antiguan stamp.

The star watermark was used for the issue of 1863, the Crown and C.C. for that of 1873, and the Crown and C.A. for that of 1884—Antigua thus going through all the usual watermarking stages of the British Crown Colonies.

Until 1879 there were but two values—1d. and 6d.; but in the course of the year named stamps of the value of 2½d. and 4d. made their appearance—the

first stamps in the De La Rue typographed style. In 1884 there was a re-erudescence of the 1d. and 6d. engraved stamps, the only variation from the original engraved issues being in the watermark, now changed to Crown and C. A.

Not till the "eighties" did Antigua experience the need of a halfpenny stamp, and then a stamp of this denomination formed one of a complete new emission of four values, represented in our catalogues by six varieties, as follows:-

Typographed Stamps, with Crown and C. A. Watermark ½d., dull green; 2½d., red brown; 2½d., ultramarine; 1d., blue; 4d., red brown; 1s., lilac.

The fourpenny blue stamp, with C. A. watermark, is held by many authorities to be even scarcer than the catalogues make out. Very many of the readers, we fear, can show only a blank space where this stamp ought to be. The 2½d. red brown, again, is an uncommon stamp, though in the C. A. watermark it is "not in the same street" with the same stamp, watermarked Crown and C. C., this latter being one of the admitted rarities of Antigua.

Less than a score of what we may call ordinary varieties claim admission to the page allocated to Antigua in our stamp albums; that there are many interesting "oddities" to be obtained

For instance, when the want of a halfpenny stamp was first felt in Antigua the authorities there sanctioned the creation of halfpenny labels by the division of a penny stamp into two halves. This was done sometimes by a cut, sometimes vertical, sometimes diagonal. Such varieties, if undoubtedly authentic and on the original envelope, are much prized, and have no inconsiderable value in the market.

Specimens with inverted watermark are known of many Antigua stamps; but the inversion of a watermark is an "error" of such frequent occurrence

(being, of course, merely the result of the placing the sheet of water marked paper on the printing "wrong way up"), that far less attention is paid to such varieties nowadays.

Again, specimens of the early Antigua stamps have been found unperforated; but as to this type of "error" a note of warning must be sounded. There is such an individual in the slums of Philately as the fraudulent "clipper." By scissoring off the perforated edges of stamps that happen to have a somewhat generous allowance of margin he is sometimes able to convert a common perforated stamp into a tab "imperf" - sometimes, but very, very seldom. Usually a little less margin on one side of the stamp or another limits his clipping, with the result that some trace of the scissoring remains. There are experts who claim to be able to tell in every case whether or not a stamp described as "imperf" has been clipped, but this we take leave to doubt.

After all, the best test of an unperforated stamp is (though the expression is dangerously like a bull to get a pair of it an unsevered pair we mean). That such unsevered pairs of the early penny and sixpenny stamps of Antigua do really exist in well known collections is the best proof of the authenticity of these varieties.

An Antigua "Postal-Fiscal" offers more variety and we shall dismiss the colony under notice. The long fourpenny fiscal stamp of Antigua, inscribed "Antigua" at top and "Stamp Duty" at bottom, was permitted to do duty as a penny postage stamp during a temporary shortage of the regular postal labels. It is a scarce stamp in the used condition (and, unused, it is worthless to a postage-stamp collector, being in that state a fiscal, pure and simple). There be any danger of forgeries in connection with the stamps of Antigua is in regard to this stamp which has doubtless proved an irresistible temptation to the purveyors of forged post marks.

Norfolk Notes

By CHARLES KING

All the publications are late—many a week behind—owing to holiday festivities.

About 15,000 albums were sold during the holidays, the dry goods store selling large quantities.

Revenues are being punched, which greatly decrease their value to collectors. Perfect specimens of cancelled revenues have greatly increased in price and demand and the prudent collector and keen speculator are purchasing now.

10c are worth \$2.50 per 100
5c " " " \$50 " "

\$10 and \$50 full catalogue value.

The 3d Zanzibar unused are worth full catalogue.

1/2 and 1/4 Provisional Uruguay are cheap at double catalogue.

The wise collector will buy readily

and freely this season as many stamps are placed at their lowest.

A great demand is being made for catalogues of the Hunter sale. Report of price in next issue.

Mr. De Coppet has returned from Europe and what he is specializing is a secret.

Many gems in the Hunter sale were purchased from Mr. De Coppet.

There is a steady and firm demand for foreign revenues and collectors of these beautiful gems will reap a rich harvest in the near future.

Imp U. S. revenues and first issue of Mauritius can be seen in pairs and blocks in the windows of a London collector, picked up many years ago in New York city for a few dollars, now worth many thousand.

Boiled Down

Original and Otherwise

People will do well by looking in old trunks, garrets or any place you may have old letters, etc. A great many valuable postage stamps which are of value lying away can be sold and may be bring big money to the owner. In all cases leave the stamps on the paper they come on, otherwise they will not bring so much. You may have one that may bring you big money.

The early stamps of Uganda are not pretty, but they are interesting. What is more, they are scarce. The chief fact distinguishing the first issued stamps of Uganda, that they were made by the sole aid of a typewriter, and were used by the untutored Ugandans by

British missionaries. These stamps are "priced" in "cowrie shells," which is, or was, the only coinage known to the natives of Uganda.

A complete "History of the Revenue Stamps of the United States" has recently been issued. It is a valuable book.

It transpires that the "Great Barrier Island Pigeon Post Stamps" were designed, printed, perforated and cancelled in Montreal, Can. It was a fraud, pure and simple.

How better could you while away the time when the snow flies and the north wind whistles than by starting a stamp

collection? Your next door neighbor is a collector. Why not you?

The Banca Bros. private proprietary stamp is on sale by dealers. It is the stamp used by an Italian firm to put on medicine for sale in the United States, and dealers had to send over there to get the stamps.

The 1898-99 issues for Cuba, the Philippines and Porto Rico cannot be had for nothing. The complete set for Cuba, 1m. to 2p., sells for \$10.50. The Philippine set and the Porto Rico set sell at \$9.50 each.

The first issue of stamps made for New Zealand was in 1855. This issue showed the full-face picture of the Queen, but in 1873 a new set was issued, showing side view. In 1882 and 1891 the design was about the same, but in 1898 the beautiful pictorial issue consisting of fourteen values was made. This set of New Zealand, the Cabot set of Newfoundland and the Omaha set of United States are the three handsomest sets ever issued, to my way of thinking.

All stamps of Great Britain and her colonies are intended for both postage and revenue. When used for postage, they bear the ordinary postal cancella-

tion, but when used for revenue, they are either cancelled with pen-mark or rubber stamp, so stamps pen-marked or with the name of a firm, have been used for the payment of revenue, and not of postage.

Now is the time to get enjoyment out of your stamp collection. Your winter is laid away for the winter, and you get tired of reading. The stamp album comes in then, and is just what is needed.

It costs the patent medicine firms who have private dies made for the printing of their revenue stamps from \$75 to \$250 to have a plate engraved.

Always be on the lookout to secure a scarce stamp in fine condition. Let scarce stamps, if in poor condition, severely alone. They are worthless.

The new Mexican revenue stamps are quite pretty, which will be of interest to collectors of these stamps.

Seven hundred and twenty thousand cardboard are utilized every year in the shape of postal cards.

The color of the 5-bani postal card of Roumania has been changed to green.

The total issue of Omaha stamps of all values was 202,753,035.

Testimonials

C. H. Johnson of Des Moines, Iowa, writes: "My ad. brought me 40 per cent. more returns than any other paper."

A. A. Hall, St. Paul, Minn.: "I am highly pleased with your paper. It is newsy and there is plenty of it."

Mrs. D. Fredericks, Yolo, California: "Contents of January number digested with much pleasure, but take my name out of Camera Exchange for I get more prints than I have time to answer. I have got a nice collection from my exchange ad."

"An interesting publication"


Ad. Hints

Make it a rule to give your ads. more and better display. Buying readers detest a closely written ad.


An ad. without an illustration is like a hook without a bait. Try to use some cut, no matter how small. To catch the eye is the main part of an ad. Make your ad. quantity in quality.

One ad. will not do the business-keeping everlastingly at it brings success. To get the best results change your ad. often. We are interested in making your advertising pay you.

Notice the steady growth of our advertising pages.



Postal Card Department



The Manager has requested me to undertake the management of this department for awhile, and I have ventured on the undertaking, having something of a hankering for cards myself. I am sure there are doubtless others better fitted than myself to take charge of this department in the PHILATELIC WEST, but somehow they have not yet come forward and offer their services. The gentle reader must, therefore, accept my efforts in a lenient spirit and we can discover a worthy successor. I will not promise what is present but will endeavor to keep the collector of postal cards and reply cards posted on new issues and any discovered varieties, though no other enterprising weeklies will get ahead of us there; a monthly may help that. There will also appear in this department, from time to time, articles on the issues of special values, such as will prove of interest to the collector. Besides, I will try to gather all manner of obtainable data on the objects of our hobby, such as statistics, historical data and the like. Any aid that can be rendered by readers will be gratefully accepted and acknowledged; especially are the readers requested to communicate to me any news of new issues.

There is just to hand the February number of the Virginia Philatelist, which ought to interest any collector of postal cards. The publishers have dedicated a special number devoted to postal cards. A frontispiece shows six of the officers of the Postal Card Society of America; their biographies are given. Mr. Tolmeyer of Baltimore is the famous "card-sharp," contributes a finely illustrated article on

the type varieties of the 1891-96 issues of Mexican cards. These were typeset, and the varieties are numerous as the sands of the sea. The article is to be continued. The same author has compiled an extended list of late new issues and discoveries, printed in this issue. Other items of interest are scattered throughout the number.

NEW ISSUES:

We have to catch up a little under this head; so do not take it amiss if you find some new issues here of which you have already heard in other papers.

Egypt has issued a definite 4 millimes card in the usual type to replace the late provisional; size, 110x90 mm., 1 m., carmine on yellow.

Persia has surcharged a number of cards with the same paraph lately used for its stamps, presumably for the same reasons. Der Philatelist chronicles: 2 chahi, brown on yellow; 2 2 chahi, brown on yellow and carmine; 5 chahi, red on yellow; 5 5 chahi, red on yellow and rose; all of above violet surcharge.

Surman has lately authorized the use of private mailing cards; they must resemble the official cards in size and weight of card, and for foreign use must bear an imprint similar to the official one. Of course we merely mention this here; they do not bear the official stamp.

Spain. The 5 centimos stamp having been changed to the Postal Union color, the reply card of the same value has followed suit, according to B. Briefin Journal, 5 5c, green on yellow.

Japan has issued a reply card to the 1½ sen card; size 90x140 mm. (each). 1½ 1½s, light blue on white.

Roumania. Various papers etc. indicate an error in the 5 b. green on white card with inscription "Carta Posata"

instead of "Postala" This seems curious; will anyone inform us whether the whole sheet bears the same error, or whether these cards were type set? The error seems almost impossible under an electrotype process.

Straits Settlements. Pahang. There is a new card here, according to *Der Philatelist*; 1c. on yellow.

Austria. The first specimens of the Heller cards are just coming over. The design is that of the old cards of 1897; the 5 heller is now in blue-green. We will give a complete list of this country and Hungary later. The Hungarian decree calls for 4 heller and 4 4 heller cards for interior service, 5 and 5 5 heller cards for intercourse with Austria, Bosnia Herzegovina, Germany, Servia and Montenegro, 10 and 10 10 heller cards for international service; also 6 and 10 heller letter cards.

Bavaria. Towards the end of 1899 certain cards were issued bearing the date 99; *Le Timbre-Poste* lists: 3 pf. brown; 3 3 pf. yellow.

Portuguese India. The same paper says that after Jan. 1st the centenary card of the 2 avos value was to be surcharged 1 avo provisorie with the old value obliterated by a bar.

Norway. Of the three oere card with Norge in Roman capitals (Scott 348) there is now also a reply card in the same style as the others of the set. 3 3 oere orange on white.

Germany. The 1900 card of the new type has been mentioned so often already that it will suffice to call attention to its existence once more.

Philippines. Mr. Camp in *M. W. S. N.* states that 100,000 one cent, 20,000 two cent and 5,000 two cent reply cards for the Philippines were surcharged at Washington lately and are now on the way out.

Puerto Rico. That is the way the surcharge of the 1c. card reads now; its Spanish now instead of Portuguese as was the first surcharge.

Photographic Notes

The length of exposure is a matter which requires fine discrimination and extensive experience. With an ordinary rapid plate, for instance 26x, and a moderately large stop, an exposure of one second is generally satisfactory in bright sunlight, when the light comes in all directions. If a building is surmounted by trees as to receive light only from the sides and not from the top, the exposure should be three times as long. If the light comes from above, the exposure should be five times as long. A cloudy day sometimes does not make the difference in length of exposure which one would expect, as the light on such a day frequently has a strong chemical action. About twice the exposure necessary for bright sunshine is generally sufficient. In general stops are so regulated that each smaller one requires but the exposure necessary for the preceding one. The length of exposure varies with the speed of the plate; gelatin plates need only three-fourths of the exposure required by 26x plates.

The winter has now come, and many an amateur photographer lays aside his camera entirely and content himself with indoor photography and the making of lantern slides. The man who does so is foolish, for Nature has many winter beauties well worth studying and photographing. One who has not noticed the beautiful appearance of even a small waterfall when it is partly frozen? Here and there streams of water trickle over great masses of gleaming ice and snow. Along the side the spray has frozen the bushes and the trees in weird, fantastic forms. The landscape, too, its sharp lines softened and its imperfections hidden by its white covering is well worthy of reproduction. The trees bending gracefully beneath their icy burden are as beautiful as when clothed in their summer green. In winter, as well as in summer, Nature amply repays the study of the amateur photographer.

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Editorials

By Business Manager

Auction catalogues come from Tuttle, Bogart and Durian of New York, as regular as most papers.

The Chicago society starts out with auction sales.

All collectors who can, should not fail to attend the stamp exhibit in the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, held March 3 to 11.

We have received our first 50c stamp from Mexico from A. McCoy Jr., of Quad-

alajara, and a post card from F. Naveda, Foluca. They are the finest looking of any of the issues of Mexico.

The Saturday Evening Post of Philadelphia, the oldest paper in America, has been publishing a series of articles by Hon. T. B. Reed, and in the issue of Feb. 10 there is one on Monopolies, one of the most pressing questions of the day.

You have only until March to send in manuscript for prize contest. Wish those devoted to subjects of scientific value and interest. We expect to have our review department reasonably free from personalities. Our postal card department may be expected in the next issue.

Ewen's Weekly Stamp News of 32 Palace Square, Norwood, London, S. E., England, is the only weekly of Europe. It is O. K. It states: Adhesive stamps will celebrate their diamond jubilee May 1; penny postage was introduced Jan. 10, 1840; Turkey issued her first stamps January 1863; Gibbons sold 42,000 stamp albums during 1899; New Zealand will issue postage due stamps.

Any interesting item of news of stamps or camera, kindly jot down on card and send me.

If you collect coins, send for a copy of Numismatist of Monroe, Mich. It is the largest paper of its kind.

The Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, under the management of the new publishers, Kirkpatrick & Pemberton, 202 H. Holboro, London, has much more reading and better than ever before. It states that Turkey will issue new stamps in March. The new stamps expected in England January 1 failed to show up. Like the Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, we wish assistance from readers abroad, and also at home, who possess information on philatelic and camera subjects which might be of interest, and who



are willing to impart it; especially information regarding new issues. If all who are in a position to help us in this way would do so, we could soon bring out as fine a paper as one could wish for.

A. Millard, of Springfield, reports sending G. Barclay, New Zealand, and W. Lowry, Australia, stamps last August, and got no reply. Any others?

The Philatelic Era, in speaking of C. P. Krauth, of Pittsburg, who died Dec. 27, says his death is recognized as a loss of the first magnitude to the whole philatelic world. For many years he was recognized as being an authority in philatelic science, and an example of his literary work with which all collectors are familiar is the introduction to Scott's standard catalogue. He had a positive genius for detail and delighted in reducing all matters that could be handled to precise written form. He employed a multiplicity of mechanical devices, topographs and schemes of classification. The den in which he kept his accumulations and made his researches resembled a workshop of an inventor, crowded as it was with machinery and tools. He would purchase a heterogenous mass of common stamps for mere pleasure of sorting and classifying them, and if he managed to hit on some oddity in paper, watermarking, perforating, or printing, he felt amply rewarded. He always held that money in stamps was quite as well invested as if it were put in stocks, bonds or real estate. He never sold a stamp, but delighted in presenting good things to his friends, and in giving a helping hand to young collectors. He will be sorely missed.

Postmarks of Toledo, Buffalo, Detroit and St. Louis conventions and expositions are seen.

The sale of the Hunter collection last month in New York at auction will exceed \$50,000. It consisted of 3321

stamps, being the very finest ever sold at public auction. The most valuable lot was No. 1593, a two cent British Guiana stamp of 1850, which brought \$1710. He bought this stamp some years ago for \$1010. This is the largest sum any stamp ever brought at this country.

H. O. Smith of Winona, Minn., treasurer A. P. A., is compiling a list of frauds and stamp freaks who substitute stamps, order stamps and do not pay for them, or in fact any who commit dishonest or shady transactions. If you know any dealers or collectors who belong to the dishonest class send their address, with particulars. Don't pass this notice without thought, but contribute something to the general good, and you will find it will be of great benefit to the philatelists at large.

We have been especially gratified with the high class of advertisement inserted in this number, and we trust that our friends will read them with care. A great many bargain offers will be found. It is our purpose to admit only reliable advertisers to our columns, and readers who have experience which would indicate to the contrary will oblige us by letting us know the facts. In writing our advertisers always mention the WEST.

Business Manager's Say



Only to March 1 to send in your prize manuscripts. We expect to use some of our next number. One of the best seen is "Counterfeits, and their Detection." Will pay you to subscribe

to the WEST for it, alone.

The editor had his manuscript and report lost in the mails, and if not seen you know the cause.

The International Philatelic Review gets better each number. The ad

prints are worth using, like the following: The way to get customers is to go after them: Poor advertising is an extravagance at any price: Make your sentences so small to carry a double meaning: Study your rival's advertisements, so as to profit by his mistakes.

One step won't take you very far
 You've got to keep on walking.
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 You've got to keep on talking.
 One inch won't make you very big,
 You've got to keep on growing.
 One little ad. won't do it all,
 You've got to keep them going.

Did any of our readers get caught by a fraud, of Malta, Millard of Ill. and Dayton of Ohio, report sending him stamps last July and August, and nothing heard. Millard also reports F. Sandauer, of Austria, as one to whom he sent stamps Aug. 29, and got no reply. Any others? Glad to hear claims for frauds.

W. Franklin Stusser writes that he will have the balance of Mexican Revenues for the next number. He has been sick, and is now at Manilla, P. I.

All outstanding accounts of the Multitonic Curio Co. must be sent within 30 days to Frank Stusser, Alameda, California. The company has suspended operations indefinitely, owing to several losses of registered material in the mails of Mexico and in the postoffice at Casas Grandes.

Write for samples of the popular sheet music of Whitney, Warner Publishing Co. of Detroit, Mich. A Ragtime Baby, Hearts are Trumps, When Neighbourhood Was in Flower, waltzes, stouts, are fine; try them.

The best Year book yet seen is that of Holsens of 31 Rose st., N. Y.; the one that Dewey uses. It is actually an almanac, with cloth covers.

Several of our readers have asked to be added to the list in the West. What do you say?

Write J. B. Sutcliffe, Holyoke, Mass.

for photographs of Dewey arch in New York. One of the best yet.

It will pay any of our readers to try our advertisers. We believe they are all right.

Part of advertisement of J. B. Gough was left out of November issue. You can see by the new copy the difference. His prices are hard to beat.

Compare the WEST with other papers of the same class, and see where you get the most for your money. Same on ads and exchange notices. The WEST is hard to beat. Try trial ad.; results will surprise you. Read our testimonials; new ones each month.

The February number of "The National Magazine" of Boston is bright and timely and in contents and appearance is easily a leader among the ten cent periodicals.

Our readers who enjoy music should not fail to send for the catalogue of the National Music Co., Chicago, 266 Wabash Ave. Their Coontown picnic is one of the greatest songs and cake-walks ever written.

Twelve Prizes

For Best MSS. on Stamps or Camera. The Contest will remain open to March, 1900. We offer in Stamps or Camera Supplies the following Prizes for Best MSS. on Stamps: First Prize, \$10.00; Second Prize, \$5.00; Ten Prizes of \$1.00 each for next ten best.

Rules. Each contestant must be a paid subscriber. MSS. must contain at least 500 words. All articles must be original, and postage fully prepaid. All articles to be published in the Magazine if they suit.

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change and issue I set instead of separate sets for each division as at present. As a large buyer I may be pardoned for the within contained advice, trusting every one of us may find this an interesting and profitable season. I remain
 Your friend,

R. L. PAYNE, President.

Exchange Department

Fellow Members - The rules of the department were published in the last number, and now that you have seen them, I hope you will promptly send in your requests for blank books and selections of stamps. I shall do my best to please you. Push the thing along.
 C. L. POND, Ex. Supt.,
 P. O. Box 584, Omaha, Ne.

Canadian Dealers

To the president and members of the Nebraska Philatelic society Ladies and Gentlemen:

In the last number of this journal your president, Mr. Payne, in the course of his address mentions the following:

"I wish to add another, (Canada) Mr. W. Kelsey Hall, of Peterboro. You will find him reliable in every way, and a thoroughly reliable gentleman. I wish I could add more, but my experience with Canada dealers has been unfortunate, and I am glad to be able to give one."

Now, in the interests of Philately in Canada, and in the interests of justice I wish to state that, although Mr. W. Kelsey Hall is certainly a most reliable man; he is not the only one. Perhaps Mr. Payne has had dealings with young boys who do not know what honesty means, and perhaps do not understand the laws. For his benefit and for the benefit of the readers of

President's Message

To the members of N. P. S. As I have by no means recovered from my long sickness, I have been unable to do hardly anything, but I feel an intense interest in the welfare of our society. This winter will soon be over and whatever is done now, will be all likely to be done until next winter. The exchange department should be well represented and a strong effort, by every individual member, should more than double our present members. I would recommend every member to secure complete sets of Adhesive & Postal Dues of the surcharged U. S. for Porto Rico, Philippines, &c.; also the Hawaiian stamps as they will ere long be superseded by regular issue of U. S. and the prices will go up. Every member would also find it to his interest to take "McKeels Weekly," published in St. Louis. It is positively the best paper published and the late "London Edition" number is alone worth the small subscription; the enterprise of the live publishers is greatly to be commended, and their paper the standard one. I had almost forgotten to say that it is well to get all the Transvaal and South African stamps as they are sure to increase in value. Australia will soon have a

is journal. I make mention of a few Canadian dealers who are most reliable. Let Mr. Payne give them a trial, and he will soon change his mind. Another thing. A large firm of stamp dealers are told me, that day after day they are deluged with letters from American stamp journal publishers soliciting advertising. Now, how can they expect Canadian dealers to advertise in their papers when they blackguard us as much as they can. Thanking you, Mr. Poolstone, for the space you have given me, and hoping Mr. Payne will carefully read the list of Canadian dealers mentioned below. Yours truly,

W. JAMES WURTELE,

Publisher of the Montreal Phil.

List of reliable Canadian dealers, besides Mr. Hall:

Montreal—Beaver Stamp Co., Geo. A. Holland, International Stamp Co., A. E. Labelle.

Quebec—Canada Stamp Co., Thomson.

Toronto—Marks Stamp Co.

Kingston—T. S. Clark, F. R. Nicolle
Other Places—Chas. N. Robertsen, Ottawa; R. S. Mason, Hamilton, A. A. Bartlett, Summerside, P. E. I.; Emory King, Halifax; and a large number of others.

Members of the society should, and are requested to, assist in making this department of the WEST interesting.

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Secretary's Report

The election of officers has just closed and their names will be found above. They will be installed Feb. 3, and as each is an enthusiastic philatelist, I predict success for the S. C. P. A. Let every member try to get one or more new members for next report. You are out of application blanks, but will be supplied by writing Mr. Brodstone, our secretary.

While I retire from the office of secretary and treasurer, I will still endeavor to make the organization one of the most popular in the United States.

although I am not interested in stamp collecting at present, having no spare time to devote to my collecting.

With best wishes for the members and the success of the S. C. P. A. of America, I remain your friend.

L. E. MOORE, Secretary.

Applications Ernest F. Wurtele, Box 117, Quebec, Canada. If there are no objections inside of thirty days, he will be admitted as a member.

REPORT OF TREASURER

Received, \$4.20; expended, \$3.72; which leaves a balance of 48 cents on hand at the close of the term.

L. E. MOORE, Treasurer.

That the WEST is appreciated is evidenced by the following testimonial from E. D. Clark, Farnworth, Canada: "Saw your paper with a friend and enclose my subscription. How could I do otherwise? Such a fine paper for almost nothing. It is certainly the largest philatelic paper I have ever seen."

CAMERA NEWS

Study in Photography

Only a few years ago a traveler, on tour, camera in hand, attracted attention. Now the camera is considered an indispensable addition to the well-regulated tourist's kit.

This series of articles is intended and written for the instruction of the beginner, and will necessarily be extremely elementary at first, as it is supposed that students who start with us in this series are only now considering the taking up of photography and consequently have little or no knowledge of its mysteries. It will be our aim to dispel the seeming mystery of using the sun as a pencil to draw beautiful pictures of nature and to teach practically and step by step the necessary knowledge for making pictures by photography. Before an artist can paint his picture he must first have and thoroughly understand the use of his brushes, colors, canvas, etc., and likewise before we make photographs we must first have the necessary articles or tools with which to work. Hence it is necessary and appropriate that we first select the camera, the lens and the plate upon which our picture is to be.

And for our future success in picture-making we must thoroughly understand why our tools are necessary, what part each plays in the making of our picture, and we must learn to handle them as intelligently as the painter handles his brush and colors or the sculptor his chisel and mallet.

The Camera - Of different styles of cameras there is no end, but for the present purpose they may be divided into two kinds; the hand camera and

the stand or tripod camera.

A beginner usually has the somewhat mistaken idea that the hand camera is the easier to handle, and in a way it is, but it is not the easier for a beginner to make good pictures with, and we are, therefore, going to recommend our class to begin with the tripod camera of a style that will admit of focusing, and of a size, say, for pictures four inches by five inches, commonly called in photographic parlance a "4 by 5". The hand camera is a very popular and extremely useful camera and will be fully taken up later in this series. It is not at all the object of these articles to recommend the goods of any one manufacturer over another, therefore the make of camera to be selected will be left to the student with the advice to purchase one of the standard makes having a good rectilinear lens, a shutter and a fairly long drawn bellows. It should also be of the front focusing style, as focusing by means of moving the front board (to which the lens is fastened) is much handier than by moving the back.

The front board spoken of above should be what is termed a sliding front, and the camera should also have a swing back, and the back should be reversible. These terms will be fully explained as they come up in future chapters.

One plate holder (holding two plates) comes with each camera, and it will be best to get two extra holders so that four or six plates may be ready for use at once. A pneumatic release shutter capable of fast or slow exposures and of time exposures should be a perma-

ent part of the lens. The tripod should be sufficiently strong to be perfectly rigid when in position and holding the camera. Some are made so as to fold into very small compass. Do not get one in which strength is sacrificed too much to the matter of folding into small space. In selecting the first camera it is a good plan to consult your friend of experience.

Over and Under Exposure.

The result of over-exposure, if not counteracted, will be to produce a flat, washed-out negative, and, therefore, our aim must be to increase contrast as much as possible; and as, in the pyro developer, pyro gives contrast, we shall increase the quantity in use above normal. As the alkali, or soda, tends to soften the negative and render development more rapid, we shall decrease it. It will be in less than the normal quantity. We want development to be slow and contrast to be as marked as possible.

A plan which is rather dangerous, in inexperienced hands, is to pour off the developer and let the image continue to grow by the action of the developer left in the film. This will also teach how much developer the plate can absorb and use.

Under exposure will give hard, lumpy black and white negatives, that is to say the contrasts will be too exaggerated and the tone will be spoiled in this direction. As pyro gives contrast, the quantity to meet this defect must be reduced, and the ammonia or soda increased in quantity. The quicker we develop the less contrast we get: so our object will be to rush out the image with as much haste as possible.

Clearing "Fogged" Negatives.

There are various causes for the white veil, or fog, or cloudy appearance of negatives after they have been fixed and washed. Too much light in the dark room during development will

cause a light fog which is difficult to remove, except by treating the film with a solution consisting of equal parts of glycerine and water and adding an equal part of a saturated solution of hyposulphite of soda. Say one half ounce of glycerine, one-half ounce of water and an one ounce of saturated solution of hyposulphites. This solution should be spread over the surface of the film and allowed to remain until the veil has disappeared; then the negative should be washed freely. Another reason for the white veil may be too much sulphite of soda or alkali, in the developer. Either will cause a chemical fog. For treatment, after fixing and washing the negative as usual, it must be immersed in a solution of alum and hydrochloric acid; say 20 ounces saturated solution of alum to 1 ounce of hydrochloric acid, then rinse freely. But the most prevalent cause for the cloudy appearance of negatives after fixing, at the present time, is the use of the combined clearing and hardening bath, recommended by plate-makers in the formulas accompanying their dry plates and films. This combined bath of hypo., alum, sulphite of soda, etc., deteriorates rapidly and is only of use when freshly made. Unless quite fresh it may cause a chemical change in the bromide of silver salts, reduce the intensity of the negative and also fail to clear it. As a rule these cloudy negatives will clear in a fresh solution of hypo. in the portion of 1 ounce of hypo to each four ounces of water, and afterwards will improve by immersing them in the alum and hydrochloric acid bath, as recommended above, after they have been rinsed freely from the hypo bath.

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Notes

It is the wish of the publisher to make this department as interesting and as helpful as possible. For the beginner, it is our aim to give plain, not technical directions, while for those who have had experience, more scientific items will be offered. The editor will be very glad to receive suggestions and current items about matters of interest to amateur photographers. Photographs, too, if return postage is enclosed, will be criticised, and suggestions made for improvement. Send to Photo. Department West, box 60, Superior, Nebraska.

To print from your cracked negative and not show this disfigurement, place the printing frame at the bottom of a deep box, and print in diffused light.

When developing or handling plates work in the dark of your own shadow and hold the plate for examination, so that the ruby light may pass to one side of you or over your shoulder, and from quite a distance.

Amateur photographers will be allowed to take photographs in the Paris Exhibition on paying a nominal fee, and giving their address, etc. Only the buildings and general groups (not individual exhibits) can be taken.

A pretty way of mounting on glass is to use an old plate from which the film has been removed, and squeegee a print face downwards upon it. A cardboard back, and, if desired, a stand-ard of some sort may be added.

If you are an amateur and have a snap-shot camera, don't for a minute think that you can give time exposures by holding the camera firmly in your hands. The action of the heart is in itself sufficient to joggle the camera and a blur is the result. A person may take four one-second pictures successfully, but the next fourteen are likely to be failures that call for tears.

No toning is required with bromide prints. Great care must be exercised, however, that the dish used for the development of these prints should be devoted exclusively to that purpose. A good developing formula for them will be found in the following: Oxalate of potash, 130 grains; water, 1 ounce.

Edison is preparing a fine series of cinematograph pictures of everyday life in Klondyke. They are intended for the Paris Exhibition. The positive pictures on the film are nine times the size of ordinary ones, and the rate of the camera in taking them was only 2 pictures a second.

Have you ever been annoyed by looking up a good negative, taken some time ago, and finding several yellow stains on it? If so, the offending marks can easily be removed by washing the negative and then putting it in water containing a small quantity of bromine. Let it dry (in sunlight if possible), wash again, and dry with alcohol.

Beautiful moonlight pictures can be taken when the objects are covered with ice or snow, and the moon shining brightly. An exposure of about 2 minutes is required with an ordinary double lens, full aperture. Care should be taken that the light is not reflected on the lens. Too much definition is not required for such a negative, and they are best developed with a weak developer, say half the usual strength, with a few drops of alkali added.

When making bromide prints, if you write the title of the subjects at the bottom of the piece of bromide paper (in such position as is most suitable) with a soft pencil before exposure, the writing prevents the light from acting on the emulsion, and after exposure, development and drying of the print, the writing can be lightly rubbed off, and you have the title or other wording in white letters on a black ground. The same plan may be used for Matt or Platinum paper.

Here is a method of quickly drying your gelatine negatives. After the final washing, place the plate in a bath of methylated spirit for four or five minutes, on taking it out flow two or three times with common methylated sulphuric ether. After this the negative should be dried in a current of air for a very few minutes. An electric fan will make them dry in 15 minutes and standing in the sun will dry them in 30, but they must be laid flat, so there is no danger of rumpling.

Some porcelain dishes which are now sold do not resist the action of water and alkaline baths, and if left to lie about wet soon acquire a rough surface. For developing plates this does not give rise to any inconvenience, beyond making it more difficult to clean the dishes perfectly, but the roughened surface is a real source of danger to gelatine prints (particularly to "platino bromides") which may be handled in them, and it is difficult to avoid getting the gelatine rubbed off some of the prints in patches. The good quality of porcelain will retain its glaze through years of use, and, though they cost more, are the cheapest in the end.

Extravagant Economy in Photography. This sounds like nonsense, but it is sometimes stern fact. For example, you spend so much in going to a certain place, and give time and care in selecting your views and exposing your plates. Then on your return you very foolishly try to be economical by developing your plates with a minimum of developer. The result is that you run a great risk of getting uneven patches, or bells, and bubble markings. The quantity of developer being small, you try to make up by violently rocking the plate so as to keep all parts covered, but what is the result? Bubbles and markings on the plate, but also they really tend to reduce the strength of the developer by oxidation. Thus to

save a small fraction of the value of one plate, you run a considerable risk of spoiling and staining the whole set, and wasting plates, time and money.

Attention is called to the Haller-Kember Co.'s adv. in this issue. We have received and tried samples of their Tolidol and Sensitol and a number of their other specialties, and can give them the most hearty recommendation. When we mention the fact that Tolidol has been adopted by the Cramer Dry Plate Company as the standard in testing their dry plates, and that it has replaced all other developers in the dark rooms of such noted experts as Strauss of St. Louis, and Ives of Philadelphia, it will give some idea of its merits as a dry plate developer. We are reliably informed that Velox paper is making phenomenal strides among the professional photographers for portrait work since it was found that Tolidol enabled them to make Velox prints that were so soft and full of detail both in the shadows and high lights that they were indistinguishable from the costly platino-types which result was unobtainable with any other developer or combination of developers. Sensitol is a liquid rich in silver. The material to which it is applied becomes sensitive to light and yields brilliant, plucky prints of fine color that are susceptible to toning in any of the standard toning baths, although its makers particularly recommend "Tonfixol" and "Tonplatinol" for the purpose. Sensitol prints on cloth, may be washed freely in hot soap suds without injury as they are practically indelible.

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plates or films cost more in Europe than in the United States, and how the custom house officers are on cameras especially for the Paris exposition. Is this information wished?

A meeting of photographers will be held in Paris July 20 to 28. The secretary is M. S. Rector, 9 Rue Lincoln, Paris.

We expect to illustrate still more in the next number, and hope to have ready a list of prizes that we will offer in this department.

H. Bauer, sole agent of Self-Toning Paper Co., writes that he can not deliver any linen fabric before the end of the month, as the last shipment of raw stock arrived damaged by salt water.

The Burlington Railroad Photographic contest resulted as follows: 1st prize, P. Soderberg, Sutton, Neb., \$20; 2nd prize, W. T. Caldwell, Alliance, Neb., \$10; four prizes of \$4 each, to H. Rufus, Ravenna, Neb., C. Gross, Geneva, Neb., W. C. Elwood, Troy, Kan., M. A. Ellingsor, Cambridge, Neb.; fifteen received honorable mention; of 340 photographs submitted, at least 20 were of unusual merit.

Omaha has formed a local camera club. Are there others in the state?

C. C. Downs, Atlantic City, N. J., 23 S. Virginia st., has magic pictures from Japan, the colors of which will become visible when exposed to heat. He desires to exchange them for prints or stamps.

The secretary wishes the names of all active camerists you may know of, and would be glad to receive any hints or suggestions. It will pay all to join the Nebraska Camera Club or the American Camera Club Exchange. Particulars free. L. T. BRODSTONE, Secretary, Superior, Neb.

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257 E J Roberts, Sutton
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261 E J Mackey, Superior; large and small negatives.

APPLICATIONS

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Note By Printer—This issue of the West has been printed under difficulties, the delay having been caused by sickness and deaths in the families of employes. Mr. Brodstone has been very lenient and kind, and has our sincere thanks. CHAS. H. FRADY, Nellig, Nebraska.



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I have a small printing press, stamps, a year's subscription to Melures Magazine and books to trade for a camera or for plate holders for an 1894, 518 Premier camera 1x5. Have prints 1x5 to 1 1/2 x 2 to swap with amateur photographers. Geo G Hibbard, Athens, Ohio, 1, Box 106.

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J Kilmore, 645 E. Bremen, Ind. exchanges eggs or prints and does printing cheap. Get my prices and see.

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C J Mitchell, B 671, Charlottown, P E I Canada, has prints Dewey, P E I, Yewes badge fishing, etc. for ex for others.

F Bradley, 71 Lascouy ave, West Hempstead, Loudon Eng. swaps stereo camera prints and stamps.

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Harry H Beal, R R C, Omaha, X prints.

W M Pardee, 2109 Ohio st, Omaha; prints from Ray & Adlake camera.

J A Phillips, 1021 Burdette st, Omaha, prints from 1 by 5 Baby Wizard.

A G Combsman, 2213 n 18 st, Omaha, 1 1/2 by 2 to swap.

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I have prints of Old Crown Plant, taken in England 1775 by Greenhat boys, to trade. R W Adlantine, Jr, Middleburg, Vermont.

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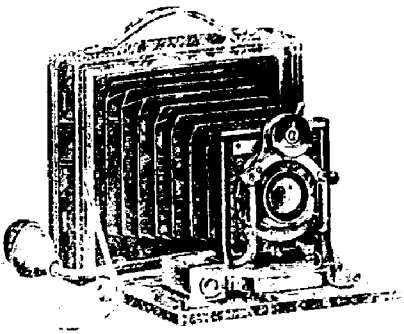
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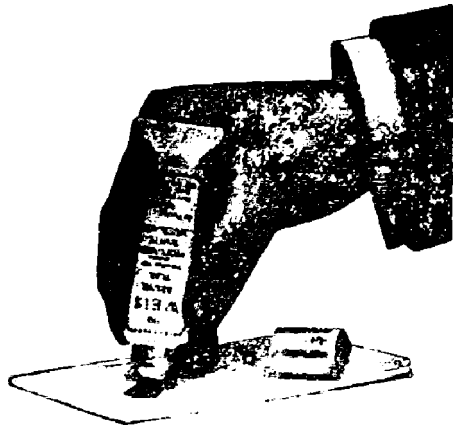


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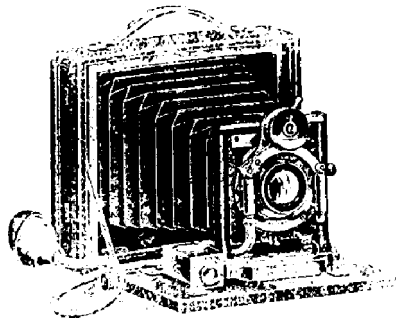
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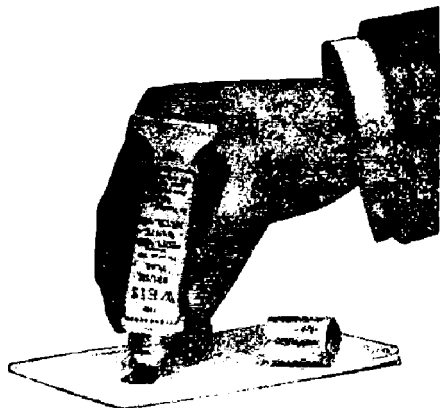
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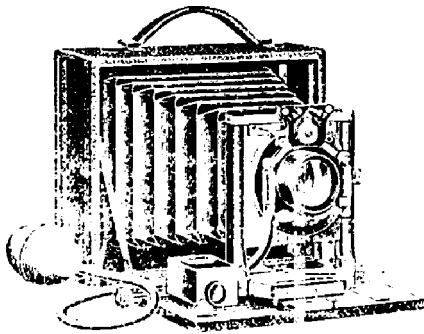
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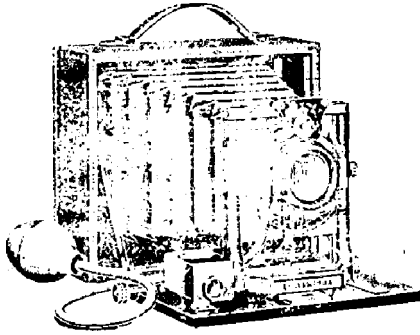
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