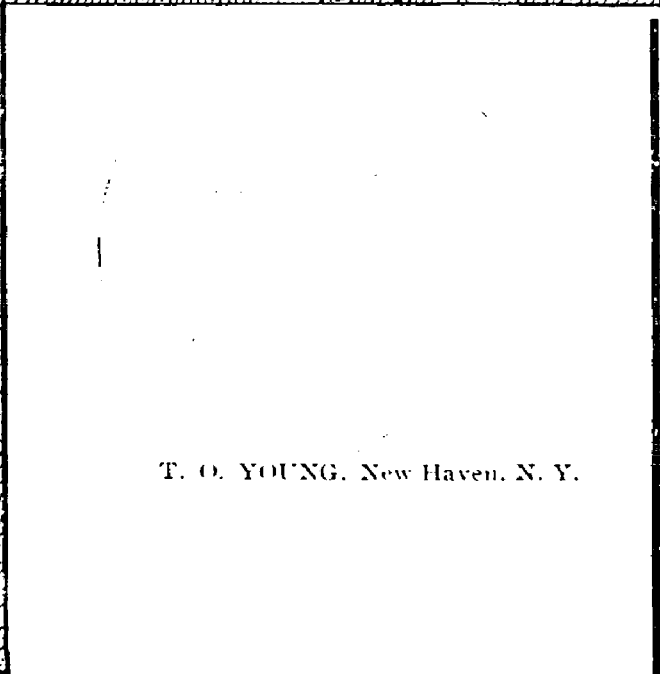


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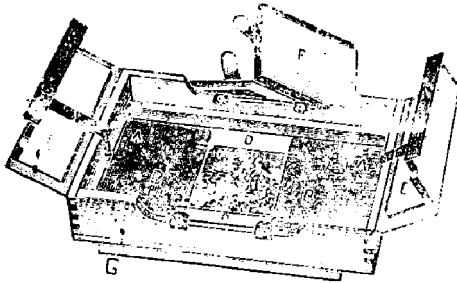
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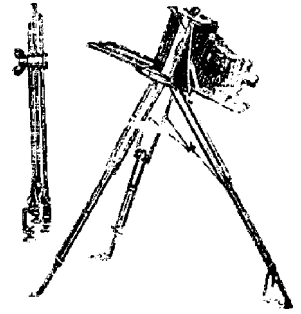


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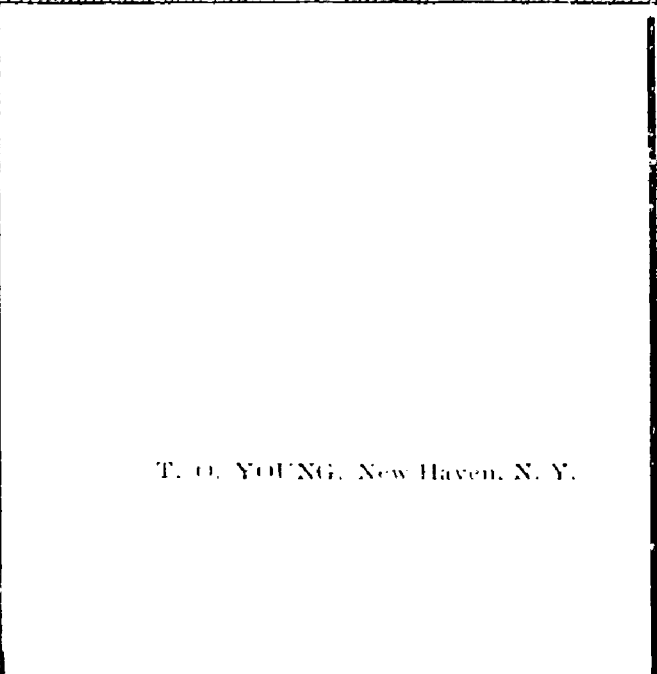
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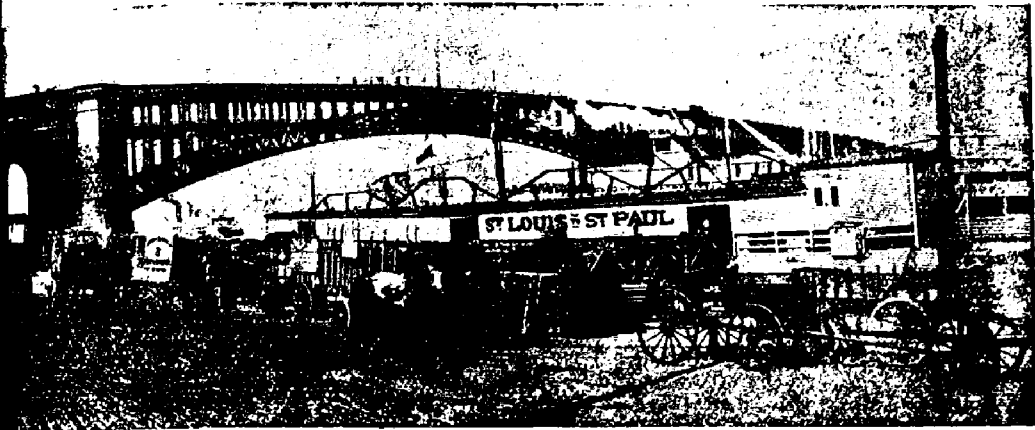
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" 2c blk Jackson		02
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16 " Salvador '97.....	27
14 " 1 each O T state, Newfd, C of G H Hawaii.....	55
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11 "	Newfoundland '63 6p.....	37
16 "	Porto Rico '91 1-8m.....	07
125 "	Portugese col.....	40
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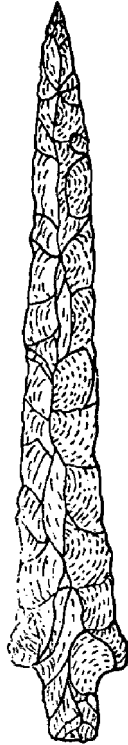
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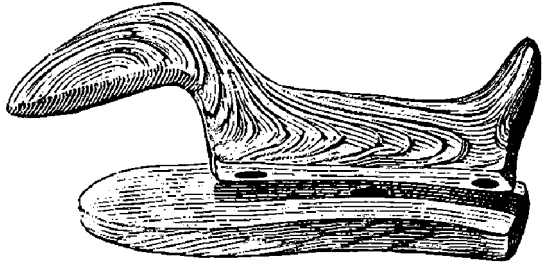
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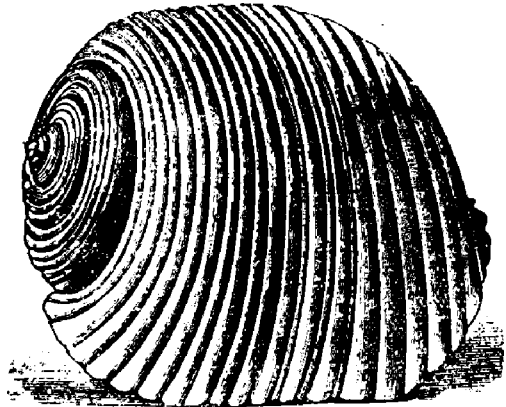
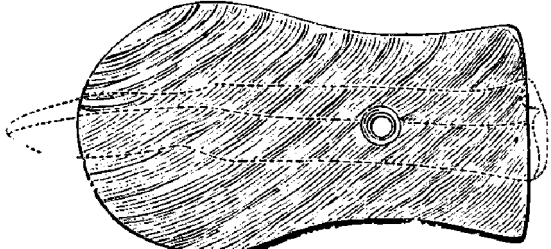
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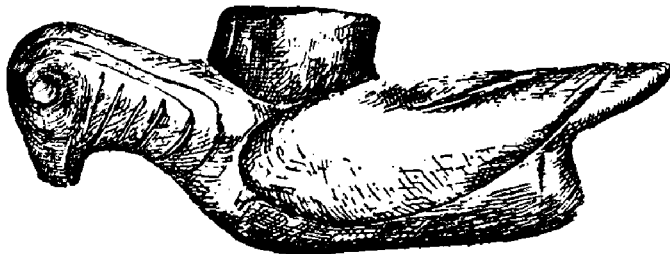
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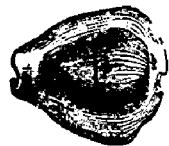
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Counterfeits and Their Detection

By *Lacus Viridis.*

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CHILE. Nothing is sacred to the counterfeiter and he has laid his nefarious hands even upon honest Christopher Columbus, as portrayed on the stamps of Chile. I have before me a number of counterfeits of 1853-62 issue, which are well calculated to deceive the beginner, notwithstanding their lithographic execution (the originals were engraved in taille douce by Perkins, Bacon & Co. of London.) The trouble with the beginner is that he usually cannot tell the difference between the various methods of production, hence he must be aided by pointing out distinctions which even the untrained eye may see. The first of these forgeries is one of the 5c red. First of all it has no watermark and the paper is too smooth in

texture as compared with the rough handmade paper of the originals. Now as to the design, there is an easy distinction to be found in the left upper corner. In the spandrel above the word **CORREOS** there are three rows of chainlike ornaments; the first row, beginning with the E, has only two links; the second row, beginning with the first O, has four links, the uppermost showing only partially; the third row has two links. This for the genuine; the counterfeit has three rows also; the first has two links; the second has four links, but the **LOWEST** one is incomplete; the third row shows **THREE** links, the middle one complete and a partial one above and below it. The lettering is fair, but the 5 is too low, measuring not quite 2 mm in height, instead of 2½ mm as on the genuine. In fact all the letters of **CENTAVOS** on the counterfeit are a trifle too low, though almost too little to measure it. The shading on the cheek of Columbus on the genuine consists of dots, on the counterfeits of dots and partly of lines. The head is the weak point of this

forgery which otherwise is quite accurate; the expression of the face is quite different, though the difference can hardly be expressed in words. Comparison with the other values of the set will show it, for the originals were all from the same original die, the value being inserted on the various transfers. The hat of Columbus on the genuine has a spot on its top which is parallel with the base of the L just above it; on the forgery the spot is almost a point, not wide enough to be parallel to the L. All this is true of counterfeits of the 10 and 20 centavos also, which seem to have been produced from the same stone, the figures 10 and 20 alone being changed. The 10 and 20 are too low in about the same proportion as the 5c above mentioned; the figure 2 on the 20 has an almost flat base instead of being distinctly curved as on the genuine. A forgery of the 1 centavo yellow of this set also resembles the above; the figure 1 measures 2 mm in height, whereas on the genuine it is nearly $2\frac{1}{2}$ mm in height. The foot of the C in CHILE is nearly horizontal (when placed upright) on the counterfeit; on the genuine it curves strongly upward. All these counterfeits bear a "postmark" almost incidental with the one really used at the time—six parallel lines, growing shorter as they are farther from the center, surrounded by four concentric circles. Its chief distinction lies in its thin, precise, factory-made appearance, that on genuine specimens being naturally much unevenly impressed.

Of the next issue I have two lithographic forgeries before me (the originals being *taille douce* productions of the Continental Bank Note Company of New York.) They are not as good as those above described; perhaps our American-made stamps are harder to imitate than those of European make. At all events the GUILLOCHE work (or

engineburning) so much employed by American engravers is an almost insuperable obstacle to the forger, no human hand being able to approach the regularity of its lace-like designs. These two counterfeits—one of the 1c orange and one of the 5 centavos red—are good examples of this, for their guilloche work looks as coarse compared with that of the originals as poultry netting compared with mosquito-bar. The lettering is also very deficient. On the genuine stamps of all values of this set—all from the same original die—the C of CENTAVOS is radically directly under the first O of COLON; on the counterfeits it is radically between the O and L. As the end of the word corresponds to the genuine, the whole word CENTAVOS is thus unduly crowded together and the space between the figure of value and the C CENTAVOS is too large: on the 1 centavo almost 2 mm instead of 1 mm, on the 5 centavos, 2 mm instead of $\frac{3}{4}$ mm. There is about 1 mm space between the front part of Columbus' hat and the H of CHILE on the forgery, but only $\frac{1}{2}$ mm on the genuine. (You will observe, no doubt that Mr. Derpat is quite right when he says in his valuable article in the last number of this paper that no collector can afford to be without a millimeter scale.) On all the genuine stamps of this set the lower part of Columbus' beard is quite level horizontally; on these two counterfeits the beard is too short and points slightly upward, giving the whole face an odd upward look. The genuine stamps of this set are perforated 12, the usual gauge of the American Bank Note Companies; these two counterfeits are perforated 13—poorly, at that. Their cancellation is a purely imaginary one, unlike any ever used in Chile: between two sets of 4 parallel bars at top and bottom, growing shorter the farther out they are so as to form a circle, there are ten short curved lines, at right angles to the others, five facing to left and five to right.

(To be continued.)

English Postmarks

Miscellaneous.

The postmarks of England are much more easily classified than those of the United States because there are only a few different styles of postmarks used in the whole territory of the British Isles. In our own country the different classes of offices have each many small varieties, while in England the different sizes of office have each only one or two varieties.

The larger towns of England use what are called duplex marks, very similar to the 2nd class U. S., shown in the May number. The numbers in the cancellers run from 1-999, and A 01 A. 99; B 01, B 99, etc., to R 46 or thereabouts. These numbers correspond something to the alphabetical order of the office names.

Another style is the double circle. This style and the rest have no "dau-ber" or canceller. Between the lines containing the office name are two heavy arcs, before and after the name. At the bottom sometimes appear numbers, and also the maltese cross.

The square postmarks have a square outline but the inside is circular, containing the office, etc. The remaining space is filled out with horizontal lines.

The smaller towns have a circular mark which is stamped on the back of the envelope. These letters, going through the larger offices are cancelled there, the received marks are impressed on the back of the envelope, but are in no way different from the despatch marks.

The collecting of British marks, offers a better opportunity for filling out sets than any other country. There are very few styles of marks to provide for, and so one line can be worked up very nicely. And so in collecting the marks of London; the different patterns are allowed for, and then the different cancellations can be filled in. London and Birmingham are about the best things to specialize.

J. L. WHEELER.

The shades of rose, carmine and lake colored stamps are the most delicate colors to handle in the connection with any kind of moisture. You will notice often rose or lake colored stamps spoiled, the color either faded, washed out or spread and the print blurred. It's simply carelessness and easily avoided. Put your stamps of that unreliable color separate from different colored stamps (not to spoil those innocents also) in a wide shallow dish filled with half an inch of water and be careful to drop them on the surface of the water keeping the face of the stamp upward and dry. The water below will soak and loosen the paper on the back of stamp and it is easily removed before the moisture reaches the color, spoiling it. With a little care the manipulation is done to satisfaction. After taking the soaked stamps out of their bath, I at once dry them between two blotters and spread them on a newspaper until dry enough to be put away. For handling stamps I either use a pair of stamp squeezers or a pen knife. My collection of now over 3100 all different and mostly cancelled postage stamps I have on hinges of course, pasted on manilla paper pages in a 11x14 scrap book. The pages I have ruled myself in squares in red ink according to the sizes of stamps of the different countries. The duplicates I keep in card board boxes, secured at a gents furnishing store. These boxes have been once the receptacles of the common bow neckties (around your neck, not the commonly so called butterflies) and you find flaps pasted to the bottom inside the box for the neckties to be strung over. These flaps I have fastened straight up by a piece of strong paper pasted to each end of flap and sides of the box, thus forming partitions for the various kinds of stamps now resting assorted peacefully in their graves until time with the sound of raised price calls for their resurrection for exchange.

 * My Experience in |
 * Stamp Collecting. *

Yes stamp collecting is a great thing, I certainly have reason to bless the day I started my collection, not because I have a valuable collection, even now, but for what the gathering of the stamp has been and still is, to me. Perhaps you would like to hear about it. I only started about three years ago, and how often since then I have wished that some one had told me about it when I was a small boy. I might have had a fine collection now, and it certainly is a splendid thing for boys and girls in a great many ways. I am a young man twenty-five years old and confined to the bed for life. About three years ago, I had a present of a small album for U. S. stamps, I had never known anything about them until then, I had a few sent me and arranged them the best I then knew how, in the album, though of course I know now a few of them were wrong, but soon after a friend brought me a large International album, and a catalogue and with another packet of stamps, I transferred them all into that, and became really interested. It grew to be more to me every day, and now it seems as though, it is the only thing that takes my mind from myself entirely, and as though I could not get along without it, so you see, it seems to be something that fits well everywhere, children, grown people, sick or well, rich or poor, find it an interesting and helpful pastime. My friends save their stamps for me and I have been fortunate in having them sent to me. I have only bought a few and now have 2,600 in my album. I do not collect the different watermarks and kinds of paper as it seems to me a stamp needs to show on its face that it is different from another in order to be a variety

by itself. However, it is well to know about these things I have found. I am constantly changing stamps in my album for better specimens, and take more pleasure in a nice copy. It is interesting to watch different people put a stamp in an album, you can tell at once whether he is neat and gets much good from his collecting. I know some who have collected years, who do not use the regular hinges but insist on spreading muscilage on paper, and using that instead of the hinges. In watching them put a stamp in, some of them will slap it in place (?) in the album without seeing if it is straight or anything. I know nearly a dozen sick people, who collect stamps and are confined to the bed or chair, and they nearly all say that nothing interests and gives them the pleasure that a few new stamps do. The greatest trouble is that after getting about so many they find it hard to get new ones, as they don't have the same chance that well people do. For such people the new issues are a help though I can see where the harm comes too, when a country gets too greedy in trying to extract the dollar from the collectors pocket—but I think in the long run such countries hurt themselves more than they gain, for after a while the body of collectors don't care for the stamps from those countries unless it is the first issues and although I am not a specialist I don't pay any attention to the stamps of three or four countries I could mention, unless it is the first ones issued. Trading stamps is my greatest pleasure now, and I eagerly watch for mail every day. Canada has given us some interesting and pretty issues lately and it is to be hoped she will not go too far with it as "enough is as good as a feast." Their Christmas stamp was rather a botch job it seems to me, at any rate it is well the map is not for practical use or we would be apt to get

rather confused, as to where we and every other country were supposed to be when at home. I hope to see some of the other collectors write about their stamp collecting.

ARTHUR LESLIE TILLOTON,
Cazenovia, N. Y.

Philatelist of Old vs Philatelist Of Modern Times.

I hardly consider it fair and considerate when somebody, giving his own rays as the iron rules for conducting a thing, scorns others of a different opinion. It seems to me unfairer still when this is done in unsparing terms, in ridicule and scoffing. Especially so in our own hobby respect everybody's own notions. If a person finds his delight in collecting new and unused stamps only let him do so, and if a person has a pious devotion for old battered relics of stamps, limbs or head shot off in the battle of service and time, don't touch his tender feelings with a rough paw. To say that philately is advanced too far for collecting stamps, rent slightly or damaged somewhat and that a collector of that kind of trash is no true philatelist of the advanced stage of our time but a "tearful sentimentalist" is going too far. Every collector has his own views, his aims, his own purposes. If a person wants a nice picture book, and besides looks to the cash value of market goods, let him collect new stamps only. Let him adorn the pages of his album in his own fancy, for instance the stamps probably rising in value the quickest paste them all on separate pages, next the slower money bearers and last the slowest. That system would suit the person looking for profits in trading or selling stamps exceedingly well. Or the person, who rejoices over the fine looking brand new stamps, let him paste one page full of green, the other full of red or blue or

pink stamps. Would that not be a surprise to the eye, a different color flash every turn of a page. Or why not arrange the stamps in their bright colors in pictures of flower baskets or fruit pieces. They could be framed for dining room ornaments. Why, there are thousands of ways of collecting, arranging or displaying of stamps and let everybody alone in his fancy. At the same time these ways would not be the slightest obstacle in studying the stamps, following philately and drawing knowledge and science from these stamps. I admit when on the other hand a person prefers to collect used stamps only, even if slightly rent or damaged in some other way, he cannot be excluded from the advanced stage of philately of modern time. Not at all! On the contrary I for my part, would consider him the True Philatelist, for he would not look to the probable advance in price, he will not collect for a probable gain in time to come, he is collecting for the true object in view from the first beginning of stamp collecting. A collection of old cancelled stamps does not look so nice, that's true, but there is more treasure hidden in it for the philatelist than in a collection of new unused stamps and more real genuine satisfaction, as I am going to prove. Besides you can learn from a cancelled stamp all that you possibly can learn from a new one in mint state or otherwise. You have the postmark; you get acquainted with the different ways of cancellation; often notice the name of the place where the letter was mailed from and where the stamp was sent on it's travels for actual duty. You go deeper into geography and names of cities of such country, tell you of places that you likely never heard of before and often you find the date of cancellation which will help you to determine the time when the stamp was used be-

fore it became obsolete. There is more interesting matter to draw from a cancelled stamp than from a new one, and all this matter helps to bring philately to perfection. And there is another point to be considered in reference to collecting: genuine postage stamps. Everybody knows that bankrupt countries print and sell an abundance of new issues for their revenue. These stamps go in a mint state into the hands of dealers, and never were intended for postal service, consequently never were in reality postage stamps not even in their birth. They are nothing but facsimiles of postage stamps and a book with pages full of stamp reproductions printed thereon would answer the same purpose as far as philatelic information is concerned. Of course for an article of trade such book would not be worth much and another point is that the postmark only in many instances renders a stamp a postage stamp and draws all the difference (and in value also) between a postage stamp and a revenue stamp. Is that not true? I then dare to assert, that the philatelist is the one collecting cancelled postage stamps, even it slightly rent or damaged otherwise, in case he cannot obtain lightly cancelled ones in good condition. The genuine and solid value of such a collection of cancelled stamps is hidden deeper, then the eye looking for money making or for beautiful external appearance can detect, no doubt that dealers don't agree with me I can readily understand. But there will be a multitude of collectors left who do not agree with me and still hang to their own ways of collecting new bright and untried stamps and I do not wish to hurt their feelings or to dispute their way. My spirit is too much American to dictate to others or to interfere with other opinions. I simply wished to give my own individual opinion on philately and have tried to defend collectors of cancelled stamps, even slightly damaged, against an article I saw lately in

one of our prominent philatelic magazines, a little too offensive to my taste.

For final I may add, that many postage stamps in a cancelled condition are even higher in price than the same issue of stamps unused and uncanceled, and this fact endorses wonderfully my argument.

Let everybody collect in his own manner, be it postage stamps, revenue or even match and medicine stamps. Everybody has his own hobby, though not everybody is a philatelist. It seems to me that the perfection or highest grade of a philatelist is the one collecting entires, reasons to cover assertion plainly given above. Match and private medicine stamps I consider outside of philately. Now I would like to hear "from another country." Fraternally for philately, E. R. STEINBRUECK.

War Issues.

Recent events incline the philatelic mind to War stamps—to stamps issued solely and especially for the purposes of war—as well as emergency issues, like the "Mafeking Besieged" or the "Bulawayo" provisionals of 1896. Not at all a bad notion would it be to make a special collection, of war stamps, for such a collection, if anywhere in the neighborhood of completeness, would be a war history of the world during the past half century.

Certain notable examples at once occur to the mind. There are, for instance, the labels issued by the all-conquering Germans in the conflict of 1870, known to philatelists as the stamps of Alsace and Lorraine, because they were used by the victorious Teutons to supercede French stamps in the "annexed provinces. One might describe these labels as "Conquerors' stamps," and, in character, if not in form, they are on a par with the stamps of the Orang Free State and the Transvaal "commandered" and converted into stamps of the Queen by

Lord Roberts.

In South America "war issues" are as thick as blackberries in September. Paraguay, Peru, Chili, Venezuela, are only a few instances. During the present civil wars in the Republic of Colombia, all kinds of fantastic provisionals have been created by the "Dictators of a day."

In your catalogue, under Peru, you will find all sorts of weird and wonderful local issues, such as Ancachs, Apurimac, Cuzco, &c., many of them the handiwork of guerilla chiefs in war time. In Mexico's days of storm and stress it was a favorite expedient on the part of local bigwigs to issue and use their own stamps. Indeed, had they not done so, there would, in many cases, have been no stamps to use.

Perhaps there is no war Issue of greater historical interest than the oblong type-set labels issued under Brazilian auspices in 1865-70. These mark the Homeric struggle waged between big Brazil and her plucky little neighbor Paraguay; and the stamps were specially created for the use of the Brazilian soldiers and sailors engaged in the war. Their crowning interest, marking them out as unique among war stamps, is the fact that they bear an inscription directly recording their use in the "War against Paraguay." Those of the stamps issued by the Brazilian Army are inscribed "Exercito," and those for the Navy bear instead the word "Armada."

Spain has issued war stamps galore, but those almost invariably have been assigned as a means of replenishing the war chest. In fact, they are, strictly speaking, War Tax stamps, and represent an addition to the postage rates in war-time. U.S. borrowed this leaf at the time of Hispano war; but Great Britain, though frequently urged to do so, never raised war funds in this way. The war stamp of the "Free State" will be well within the memory of readers; and, in short, one may find

War issues in the stamps of almost every quarter of the globe. Some are common but more are scarce; and a complete collection would be valuable, both philatelically and financially,

Miscellaneous.

Two curiosities in entires I would like to report.

1. A $\frac{3}{4}$ 2 cent documentary revenue stamp has been used for a postage stamp and passed through the mails alright.

2. A good Connecticut lady has mailed a letter from Paris Exposition to Mandan using an English 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. She may have thought English stamps are good the world over. French postmaster ignoring British supremacy called for a French postage stamp and letter has arrived here, French stamp cancelled, British stamp left untouched.

3. The orange colored 2c U. S. envelopes, I have got hold of a few, but I do not think they are genuine orange print. It seems to me that exposure to the hot sun, perhaps combined with a certain amount of moisture, dew for instance, transforms the sensitive carmine into orange.

E. R. STEINBRUECK.

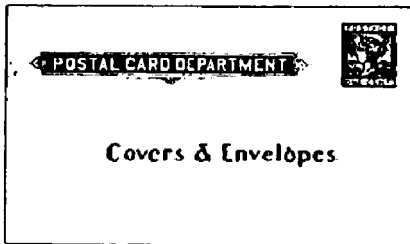
On a recent date we glean the following from the Minneapolis Tribune:

"I consider the present revenue laws governing the stamping of life insurance policies as absolutely unfair, and as unjustly discriminating against a very worthy class of people. Here is a comparison of the stamp tax on life policies for periods indicated:

	Law of 1862-4	Law of 1898
Stamp tax on \$1,000.....	\$0.25	\$ 0.30
\$10,000.....	1.00	7.00

In considering this it must be borne in mind that during the civil war the nation was battling for its life, its population and wealth immeasurably inferior to that of the present, its treasury depleted and its credit very seriously impaired. At the present time our government treasury overflowing and our national credit of the best. One great battle of our civil war was more of a strain upon our national resources than the entire Spanish war and Philippine insurrection combined."

While this view may not coincide with that of the members of the ways and means committee it is quite probable that this section of the revenue law will be modified if not repealed.



**Postal Cards
Of Finland.**

(Begun in July Number-)

ISSUE OF JUNE 1, 1873.

General arrangement similar to type P. C. 2. Same stamp at left; first line of upper inscription now has the first word spelled korrespondenskort (instead of korrespondans:) the second line now reads kirjevaihokortti Suomenmaassa (in Roman print) and is terminated by a round period; the third line reads as before but is printed in tall, thin letters and terminated by a square period. The lower inscriptions are changed by the addition of the instruction formerly printed at the left of card; the first line now reads: Pa denna sida teeknas endast adressen och adress-orten. Till Ryssland pa ryska; the second line is now in Roman letters also and reads: Talla puolella Kirjoitetaan ainoastansa vastaanottajan nimi- ossoite ja asuntopiakka. We najalle venajaksi the third line in Russian cannot be here reproduced owing to lack of the necessary type. Size, impression, cardboard, as before.

- 9. 8 Penni green on buff.
 - a green on salmon.
 - b green on straw.

The shades of green vary as much as in the former cards; here also the stamp and frame are in different shades of green, being impressed in two operations.

I would be sufficient—unless one goes in for shades—to distinguish a dark and a light shade of green. It must be noted here that in the Russian line of the inscription at the head of the card the second last letter, an i, is dotted, thus i. The inscriptions, etc., on the back remain unchanged from the previous issues; their meaning is: "Place for communication"

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ISSUE OF JAN. 1., 1874.

- Same as No 9, but inscriptions in slightly different TYPE and arranged with more space between the letters; the second line of the heading now has a square period, in the third the second last letter is not dotted. Size, impression, card board, as before.
- 10. 8 penni green on buff.
 - a. green on salmon.
 - b. green on straw.
 - c. green on pinkish (Scott red-brown.)

The same shades of green may be noted here. I suppose my number 10c is the same as that described by Scott as on red-brown, which seems rather too strong a term for the pinkish cast of the cardboard. The authorities seem to have paid but little attention to the shade of the card used. The increased space between the letters is especially noticeable in the second line of the upper inscription; the letters are also a trifle thinner. The two upper lines of the lower inscription have also grown longer, so that the second line now almost touches the border of the card, whereas on No. 9 there is quite a little space between the period and the border the third (Russian) line, on the contrary, is a little bit shorter than on the previous card. The inscriptions on the back were also newly set, which can especially be noted in the Russian inscription.

8 penni was the inland rate and if cards were to be used to Russia, another stamp had to be stuck on them. This led to the issue of a provisional card of the Russian rate.

ISSUE OF JULY 1, 1872.

SCOTT'S TYPE P. C. 3 Same as the preceding card, but another stamp impressed under the first one at the left side of the card. Same impression, etc., as before.

11. 16 penni (8x8) green on buff.

As one of the stamps was added at a later impression, the cards were at press three times and the shades of green vary accordingly, the frame and inscriptions, upper stamp and lower stamp being in different shades of green. But as this is one of the rarest of all Finnish cards, both used and unused, not many of us are apt to go in for shade collecting with this card as an object. It was in use for only two months, the definite issue appearing in September; hence the price of \$6.00 unued and \$10.00 used is reasonable as the number used was no doubt but small.

The title Korrespondenskort at first given to the card of Finland corresponded to that under which postal cards were known in Austria, the country of their origin, where they are called Korrespondenzkarten to this day. But when Sweden introduced postal cards in 1872, they were called Brefkort (letter card) and Swedish influence being then still prominent in Finland, at least linguistically, the name of the Finnish cards was changed to correspond with that of the Swedish cards. The occasion for this change was an increase of rate, which led to the

ISSUE OF JULY 1, 1875.

SCOTT'S TYPE P. C. 4 Stamp in upper right hand corner; border same as before. Three lines of inscription at top; first line: Brefkort (till ort inom Finland); second line: Kirjekortti (Suomenmaassa) and line in Russian, which we cannot

reproduce here; the words in brackets are all in script type. Three lines of inscription below, reading like those of the last issue, but with the four last words of the first line, the two last words of the second line, the five last words of the third line omitted; inscriptions on back of card unchanged. Size, impression and card as before.

12. 10 penni lilac on buff.

a mauve on buff.

13. 10x10 penni lilac on buff.

The double cards are hinged at the left, the first and third "pages" being printed on; the inscriptions are alike on both, the same as those of the single cards. The stamp of this issue was not the previous one changed, but was type III of the 1860 envelopes, used for the 5 penni adhesive in 1866; it has 8 stars, 8 lines in the shield and 26 lines in the background (see the description of the four types given under No. 5 above.) A transfer was taken from it, the value altered and it was then used for this issue, pending the preparation of the dies in the new type of 1875. The words omitted from the instructions had become unnecessary, as these cards were for use in Finland only, as shown by the additions to the upper inscriptions; till ort inom Finland mean "to a destination within Finland." As these cards like the preceding ones were produced by two impressions, the stamp and the border often vary in shade.

(To be continued.)

The collectors of entire stamped envelopes and of original covers are not saying much these days, but they are busily engaged in securing as many interesting and scarce varieties of these kinds of stamps as possible. After they have got everything in sight and there seems nothing more to gather in, you will hear such a hurrah for Entireties and Original Covers as you never heard before, and then the fellows who start in to get them will have to pay a pretty price. Make your collection as complete in these departments as possible now.

SUCCESS IN PHILATELY.

To be successful in all we undertake to do, in all of our ventures that the Golden Winged Angel of Success hover near us is the constant prayer and aim of humankind. Instinctively we grope around in darkness stretching forth our hands blindly in vain attempt to touch the hem of the Goddess of Fortune

Fitness often prepares the way for us to success, then Environment, Chance and Opportunity are great factors, but how many of us are prepared and how many of us grasp the opportunity when it arises.

On Opportunity my plans are drawn
When Chance looms big my lazy spirits yawn.

Is too often the case with we mortals. Success in Philately means of course a large and valuable collection, coupled with a thorough knowledge of stamp collecting in all its detail together with that satisfaction that comes only through achievement. Philately is full of possibilities and to the collector who with an unswerving ambition to secure a valuable collection to him belongs the prize and to him it will come sooner or later as a matter of course. The element of success is in commencing a collection and then and there with the firm resolutions to keep at it, to hold out and not to cease collecting at any cost or cause whatever. This is the kind of spirit that succeeds, that wins all of the prizes and the mortal with this spirit seems to get along better than the (other) fellow.

Try it, it pays, the indifferent collection of an indifferent collector does not amount to much artistically or from a financial point of view. Philately does not offer much to the collec-

tor who feels that stamp collecting is the one hobby one day and who is the next day wondering whether it is really worth while to collect any longer or not, this indifference continues, so does the collection. When bargains or snaps are advertised he is slow to take advantage of them if at all, he does not care to invest in them when at the same time they would be valuable additions to album, he does not invest for he believes it hardly worth while to invest in any more stamps for soon he will dispose of his entire collection and be done with the whole thing entirely. Then probably something inspires him on to a new effort, interest is again aroused, then he looks again for those bargains or snap advs he saw in a paper a month ago, he writes and finds that the adv in question does not hold good at present.

You have heard of valuable collections, true, but no one person has a monopoly on valuable collections, go into the valuable collection business yourself, it is possible.

You have heard that keeping everlastingly at it brings success, why not the same results follow by applying the same rule in philately.

WILLIAM C. KNIGHT.

A philatelist has discovered a new method of preserving rare stamps. His invention goes by the name of "glass leaves," the use of which protects original covers and varieties from dirt and handling.

The best resolution for the New Year is to resolve to become a stamp collector. This is a resolution that can be kept and if kept is one that will be a boon and continuous pleasure.

The dealers and collectors who went to Europe this summer for pleasure and to seek snaps in stamps are coming back now. Some were very successful in picking up bargains, while others were not.

Notes for
U. S. Collectors

E. R. ALDRICH.

Counterfeits of the stamps of two medicine firms exist or have existed, as it may be doubtful if any of the fraudulent have survived. In the case of one—Hennings and Bouhack—the firm was almost immediately apprehended and only escaped punishment by being mulcted a good round sum as a fine. In the second case—that of Band H. D. Howard—it is said that the firm became alarmed and endeavored to dispose of their plate by throwing it into the sea off Staten Island but that it was accidentally found by a fisherman in his seine and through him fell into the hands of a government inspector. This firm also paid heavy damages to escape punishment and very shortly retired from business as a result of their misdemeanors.

In 1888 Senator Cullom of Illinois introduced a bill providing for the construction of a complete telegraph system to be under the control of the post office department. It was to be a ten wire system and the rates were to be fixed by law at ten cents for each twenty words for a distance not exceeding 500 miles five cents for each additional ten words and for distances over 500 miles five cents for each additional 250 miles.

The office of Director General of Telegraph was also created, with rank and pay of an assistant post master general. The measure shows that careful study had been given the subject and it is greatly to be regretted that it did not become a law.

If you find revenue stamps with both styles of rouletting, save them, as the specimens in question are likely to be scarce.



BOILED DOWN

ORIGINAL AND OTHERWISE

New issues for So. Africa of all kinds are reported.

Roy F. Green's poem for P. S. of A, seen in part in several of the papers.

U. S. Revenues are reported higher in new catalogue.

Minor varieties increased and most depts are listed on ribbed paper.

Revenues in new colors are out.

The \$5,000 revenue stamp of the first issue (Civil War) mentioned some time ago being owned in Washington City, is on a Union Pacific Railroad bond, which is in a safe in one of the departments.

A great many collectors are buying new private proprietary stamps as they are issued. Some collect them singly some in pairs, and others still in blocks of four. These stamps, in unused condition will make a handsome showing.

J. Ressiggan of Avoca, Victoria sends a proposal submitted to him to commemorate the proclamation of the commonwealth on the 1st of January next by the issue of special illustrated penny postcards. When the postal departments of the federating colonies are amalgamated, it is assumed that a date will be fixed before which all the different denominations of stamps now in use will be called in and cancelled, and after that time they will have no value except to philatelists. Federal stamps will, of course, be issued in their place.

Fiscal and Department Revenue...

In the "Canadian Philatelic Magazine" for September, just received I see that the editor believes in being up with the times and has accordingly added a Fiscal department.

One item in the above is vague to say the least, where it is stated that "Walter Morley's English catalogue is the only one of its kind in the world covering revenue stamps."

Mr. Morley issues a price list and catalogue of the stamps of Great Britain including revenues price 2 | 6, 62c, also catalogue and price list of the revenue stamps of British colonies, price 2 | 6, and catalogue and price list of the telegraph stamps of the world, price 5 | — \$1.25.

A suggestion is made that a Fiscal Exchange Club be at once organized for the purpose of exchanging duplicates. I am heartily in favor of such a move, and should be pleased to hear from collectors in regard to the formation of such a club. It could be arranged so that those who make a specialty of Mexico or Canada or the United States would receive selections only of the above countries.

Credit is due to the editor of the Fiscal department of the C. P. M. for suggesting the movement, and I hope he will continue to boom it along.

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The plates of the handsome foreign bill stamps of Ceylon are engraved exactly opposite to what one would expect, I have part of original bearing unsevered trio of the (1 rupee 20c) lilac and green, which read Third of exchange, second of exchange, and lastly, first of exchange.

Telegraph stamps seem to claim considerable attention just now, for in addition to the admirable catalogue of telegraph stamps issued by Morley, the Philatelic Journal of India has an article of much value on the telegraph stamps of India, which is continued in its columns. By the way its a shame they will only let us have half a stamp to place in our albums, but they don't think much of philatelists when they lay down the law concerning telegraph stamps in India or Ceylon.

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The article by W. J. S. Rich, which appeared in the American Journal of Philately, has also been reprinted in pamphlet form, and will no doubt prove very useful to collectors of the above.

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In "The Era" Mr W. C. Stone speaks of the Aguinaldo stamps and mentions 7 varieties, there being one postage, one postage and telegraph combined, two telegraph and three fiscals. They are as follows:

- 2 centavos, rose; Correos!
- 2 " " Correos y telegrafos
- 1 mil. black; Impresos.
- 8 centavos, green, Certificado.
- 10 " brown; Recibos.
- 2 " violet; Telegrafos.
- 50 " blue; "

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In my last article I spoke particularly of stamps of Austria, or rather some of them. And especially of the Florin values of the issues of 1857 to 1870. Moens catalogues the high values as "Gulden" instead of "Florins" as is depicted on the stamp.

The first issue of Austria was in 1850 when a set consisting of the 1, 2, 3, 6, 10, 15, 30, 45 Kruzer and 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 16, 18 and 20 Florin were issued.

The one Kruzer was printed in orange and black; the 2 Kruzer in

carmine and black, and the balance of the set in green and black.

This the only set in which the 45 Kreuzer value appears. The 1 and 2 Kreuzer and all the Florin values above the 5 Florin are scarce.

All this set are found with the letters C. M. in the lower part of the circle.

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The full set of the issue of 1858 is as follows: ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6; 7, 10, 12, 15, 25, 30, 36, 50, 60, 72, 75 and 90 Kreuzer, and 1, 2, 2.50, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 1, 2 14, 16, 18 and 20 Florin.

With exception of the ½ and 72 Kreuzer, and the 14, 16 and 18 Florin they are comparatively easy to get.

In 1860 the above stamps were issued on bluish paper two new values were added, the 7 and 15 Florin, and these values were omitted, these are the 14, 16 and 18 Florin.

With exception of the ½, 72, 75 Kreuzer, and the 8, 12, and 15 Florin they are easy to get.

In 1863 all the Kreuzer values except the 1, 6, 30 and 72 were overprinted with their value in words just below the circle.

In 1870 all the values were overprinted with the date 1870 in a straight line at the bottom of the stamp.

All the above are quite common except the ½ kreuzer and the 12 and 15 florin.

The same designs were used in Lombardy Venice, but the difference may be found as follows: The issue of 1850 have the value expressed in Italian currency. The set consists of 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 75 centesimi, and 1.50, 2.25, 3, 6, 12, 15, 18, 24, 30, 36, 42, 48, 54, 60 and 72.

The difference in the issue of 1858 is in the color; they being pink, where the Australians are green.

In 1860 the entire set were printed on pink paper, instead of blue as were the

Austrian.

The Lombardy Venice are not common.

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Since writing the foregoing items I have received another paper which has added a "Fiscal Department" to its makeup. It is the Exchange published by C. E. Cooley of Peekskill, N.Y. Its fiscal editor is John Peltz of Arlington, Minn. His remarks on the U. S. revenue stamps are very interesting reading.

It would not be surprising to see all the papers fall into line with a fiscal department for the field is as wide as it is interesting. To those who invest their cash in stamps, solely as an investment, we would call their attention to the fact, that while the prices of postage stamps (as a whole) were reduced, the prices on revenues increased very much. This year, while the prices on postage remain nearly stationary, the prices on revenues again bound upwards.

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In addition to the regular U. S. revenues, many collectors are now adding the various colonies, Hawaii, Philippines, Porto Rico, and they form a very interesting study.

There is no time like the present to collect them.

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Regarding my query concerning Tati Mr. Morley the fiscal expert writes that it is in the district of the British South Africa Co., from whom they have their concessions probably.

In addition to the 10 | —I spoke of he also has a 1 | —carmine, and 2 | 6 blue. We may safely rely on their being also a 5c denomination, judging from the values already reported.

Mr. Morley puts the date of issue at about 1897.

He also speaks of the Orange Free State stamps surcharged T. F. These are telegraph stamps, and his catalogue of the telegraph stamps of the world, describes and illustrates nearly all of them. There are 67 varieties.

This catalogue secured a bronze medal at the Paris Exposition.

Speaking of the Paris Exhibition I was pleased to see that my kind correspondent, Mr. A. Preston Pearce had also secured a medal on his fiscal collection.

Speaking in Morley's Philatelic Journal on the Paris Exhibition, Mr. Pearce has this to say.

"The show of fiscals and telegraphs was far in advance of anything seen at any previous exhibition, so that the authorities were fully justified in making the excellent provisions contained in their first prospectus.

We trust that this fact will be brought home to those philatelists in this country who have been unable to appreciate the advance made by fiscal philately.

If slow the advance has been sure, and the time has now come when we may claim a franker recognition of our position and of our work. In the future, no philatelic exhibition should be projected in this country without a regular fiscal section, and we have no hesitation in saying that it would prove a most successful department from every point of view."

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The Manhattan Philatelic Society, have devoted one of their regular meetings in December to Foreign revenues

We feel sure it will prove an interesting evening to those who have not heretofore been interested in this branch.

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Some months ago I received the following letter concerning the fiscals of the Philippines.

I sent a copy to the Publisher and have just heard that it had been mislaid. I herewith repeat it:

"United States Military Government in the Philippine Islands.
Office of Collector of Internal

Revenues.

Manila P. I. April 12th, 1900.
Mr. G. W. Pepper, 27 Sutton Place,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of Feb. 26th, permit me to state as follows regarding fiscal stamps issued by the United States Military Government in the Philippine Islands: There are 3 classes of stamps as follows: Receipt and check stamps of denominations of 1, 2, 5 and 10 cents. Ten classes of documentary stamps, different colors, from 25c to \$20. 21 denominations of draft stamps from 5c to \$15. The receipt and documentary stamps are of different colors. But all draft stamps are of the same design and color.

Very Respectfully,

C. N. Sleeper,

1st. Lieut. 37 In'ty. U. S. V.
Collector of Internal Revenue.

All communications regarding this department should be addressed to G. W. Pepper, 15 Sutton Place, N. Y. City, N. Y.

Souvenir Cards

On another page are shown some very artistic and interesting cards from different places, a few only of a large collection that tells of foreign wanderings far more entertaining than would be the average letter.

Card No. 1 is from Paris and pictures the celebrated Alexander III. Bridge across the Seine.

No. 2. The Royal Playhouse in Berlin one of most striking buildings of that city.

No. 3. Pictures the village of Oberammergau, so celebrated for its Passion play.

No. 4. Bremen, one of the former free towns

No. 5 shows a Girl from Westphalia in her National Costume and in the background the great Kaiserdenkmal.

No. 6 takes us to Wilhelmshoehe near Cassel, a beautiful place, where Napoleon III ended his days in prison.

No. 7. From Cassel to Eisenach is only a few hours ride, and within walking distance is the Wartburg. This card calls back many pleasant memories of the times spent at the old Castle where Luther translated the Bible, and where there is still shown the spot where Luther fired the inkwell at Satan, who disturbed him at his task is a big hole in the wall, showing the bare rocks, the ink stain with the plaster being taken by the visitors, and if the guards were not careful they would also take the rocks and all.

No. 8. Here we are transposed to Strassburg, famed for its fine Cathedral, which is shown in the picture

No. 9, a Hermann Monument, erected in commemoration of the victories of the ancient Germans over the Romans nearly 1000 years ago.

No. 10 A card in memory of the 50th Anniversary of the Reign of his Majesty Emperor Franz Joseph, the beloved Ruler of Austria and Hungaria.

Space does not permit to show the other pictures belonging to this collection but they are just as interesting and even more so. They form a pleasant recollection of a Summer's Wanderings through Europe. There are cards showing old Westminster Abbey, the Houses of Parliament with the Thames River flowing by, and the tower with Big Ben the old clock, known by that name throughout all England.

The new fad of Postal Card collecting is one of the most interesting sports that has swept across this country. Pictorial cards to young and old are most instructive, interesting and valuable and are object lessons in History and Geography. You can exchange them

with foreign collectors and soon obtain a fine collection of views, etc. It really combines three great points of interest to one. There are the cards themselves little works of art, then there are the stamps and also the postmarks of the countries from which they were sent as well as the one in which they were received.

This year so many Americans have made pleasure trips abroad to attend the Paris Exposition, or to see the sights of the European countries and as a result, thousands, yea, millions of these pretty little souvenirs came flying across the ocean to bring news to the loved ones at home.

The Sport has grown in wonderful proportions in Europe, where nearly one-hundred millions cards are sold yearly in Germany alone. The card album with its treasures of Souvenir Cards can be found in every family, and is admired as much and considered as important as the venerable family Photograph Album. There are societies of card collectors which offer their members an opportunity to correspond with members of foreign countries, and thus by exchange to gather many valuable specimens that could hardly be obtained. Souvenir cards from the U. S. are considered rare and hard to get, in spite of the fact that our mails carried about ten million cards to Europe in the past year.

Now you will observe the following Rules:

Never use cards bearing an advertisement. They are not worth collecting. Don't send New York cards from Chicago or St. Louis cards from San Francisco.

The card must always bear the postmark the place it illustrates. Don't buy any trash. Exchange or collect good cards only. Keep all your cards neat and clean. Always place the proper stamp on the card. One cent in U. S. Canada and Mexico. Two cents to foreign countries for the regular size cards. Extra size cards cost extra postage when sent abroad. It is best to inquire of the dealer or postmaster. Keep correct account of every card you send or receive and be prompt about exchange.

HINGS ON HAYTI

The "Republic" of Hayti has cause to be astonished at its own moderation in the matter of postal issues. For, if we count only the normal varieties of Haytian stamps, these will be found to number less than sixty—a small contribution as Republics go. In Hayti, however; there are numerous interesting varieties which swell the total to near upon a hundred in the "scientific" reference lists of this country's stamps. That Hayti has come to the front as an interesting "stamp country" is proved by certain Philatelic Societies.

The first issue of Hayti, or, to speak more correctly, the Haytian stamps of the first type, are now usually listed under four heads, as follows:

- 1.—The imperforate stamps, printed on colored paper. Issued 1881.
- 2.—Stamps on colored paper, perforated $13\frac{1}{2}$. Issued 1882.
- 3.—Stamps on white paper, perforated $13\frac{1}{2}$. Issued 1883.
- 4.—Stamps on white paper, perforated 13. Issued 1886.

As regards the last named—the stamps of 1886—there is a distinct difference to be noted in the shading of the head of Liberty, a plain shading of parallel lines being now replaced by a "cross-hatching"—i.e., a shading of crossed lines.

BEWARE OF THESE FORGERIES.

In old-time lists of the stamps of Hayti one finds varieties of this first series perforated 14, $15\frac{1}{2}$ and 16. These now have to be taken, not with a grain, but with a spoonful of salt. An authority on the subject denounces the stamps of these perforations as forgeries, originally manufactured to defraud the Government of Hayti rather than the philatelic community. The stamps have disappeared from most of the recognized catalogues and that is almost proof

positive of their mala fides.

THE FIRST OF THE PROVISIONALS.

To the head of Liberty succeeded the head of a President, which is not always the same thing. In 1887 Hayti sent us stamps bearing the cheery full-face portrait of "smug, smiling Saloman," whose reign, in the place of the dethroned Liberty, was brief indeed. Belonging to the "Head of President" issue is an interesting provisional, the overprint of which was stamped athwart the President's beaming face. The surcharge is in red, and although we saw, some time ago, a reference to a specimen overprinted in black, we have never been able to get any reliable evidence of such a variety. The "deux cents" on 3c, however is to be found with a distinct double surcharge, and is probably extremely rare in this condition.

The "Palm Tree" or "Arms" type of Hayti, the next on our list, lasted from 1891 to 1898—an exceptional "run" for an issue of stamps by a small Republic. In connection with this issue, as with that bearing the head of President Saloman, there seems to have been the same difficulty in keeping a sufficient stock of 2 centimes stamps. The result was another 2c. provisional, with the overprint in red, as before. In 1893 the design was modified by a darkening of the central design of the stamps; but otherwise, the differing perforations constitute the principal point about this series of stamps. From 1891 till 1893 (when the design was slightly altered, as already stated), the perforation is believed to have been a uniform 13; but in 1893 it became 14, and, later, an uncertain something that fluctuated between 13 and $13\frac{1}{2}$.

After another provisional stamp, the 2 centimes on 20c., Hayti adopted the stamps of 1898-1900, which are mostly still current; and these are such "plain sailing" that one may dismiss them from further notice. Hayti, as a country



without any great rarities, and as offering possibilities of further interesting discoveries, may be commended to the attention of the young philatelist sighing, like Alexander, for new worlds to conquer.

The Mail Service of Mexico in 1899.

Dr. Manuel de Zamacona e Incalca, the present Postmaster General of Mexico has published an interesting statistical table regarding the transactions of the officers under his control during the year 1899 from which we take the following data:

During the year there were in the country 545 principal Post Offices, 1225 agencies and 96 railway officers, a total of 1886 officers.—There were employed in the mail service 2529 employees, 990 messengers and 4437 mail carriers, a total of 7956 employees.—The extent of the Mexican mail services was:

By rail.....	11,664	Kilometers.
By steamer	18,577	"
By ordinary roads ...	58,605	"
Total.....	88,846	"

Dr. Zamacona also compares the receipts and number of pieces of this year with those of 20 years ago, which shows a remarkable increase in both, as seen by the following figures:

Receipts:	
1878-1879	\$ 562,390.95
1898-1899	1,595,818.56
Increase	1,033,427.61
Pieces handled:	
1878-1879	6,592,633
1898-1899	122,617,116
Increase	116,024,483

A special kind of Albums are made with slits cut in the pages into which you slip the corners of the souvenir cards. This keeps them nicer and cleaner than kept in a box. Never paste them in album.

G. Butler of Colorado writes some of the precancelled one cent stamps sent out by the Youth's Companion from Boston show an inverted surcharge or rather cancellation. I possess a 1c-1890 stamp sent out by the same company in the same condition.

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J. Cox of N. S. reports that Canada has precancelled stamps but are all alike. They do not print the town or city names as they do in the United States. He now has 13 varieties of Canadian, sends a 1c stamp received from plate No. 5, a difference in paper as well as shade and 2c stamps in stamp books of lighter shade are only perforated on two sides.

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L. Walker of Natal reports the South African stamps in such demand, and premium is high, 100 to 200 per cent on the values and hard to get even at these prices.

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New values sent of New Zealand and Queensland, by readers there, are of finer shade than old issues.

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F. A. Kiff of Pa. sent 1c U. S. postal card used as letter rate with 3c revenue stamp on, an oddity seldom seen.

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G. H. Lennord of Cuba sends 5c stamp color black instead of green and states he has seen several there. He says there are lots in Cuba trying to dispose of old stamps with faked surcharges, etc. I would advise readers to be careful. Most writers seem to think the rate to Cuba is 2c and it costs them 6c postage due. Rate is 5c on half oz. Cuba is not yet a possession of U. S. He states that the post office at Havana ran out of Due stamps and are using regular post-

age stamps for dues and he has several. He has seen several 2 and 5c U. S. used without the surcharge in both Cuba and in Porto Rico.

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Epworth Herald has a fine article of Brightman on stamp collecting sent by Heyworth of KsSoc'y.

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E. Champion of Switzerland sends a note regarding Union postal issue after Dec. 31 not to be accepted as postage and all letters found after this date be collected as postage due.

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New Zealand is printing her stamps at home now, and the first lots are on unwatermarked paper. It is quite likely that watermarked paper will be used soon, and the unwatermarked varieties will be good stamps to have and to hold.

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The postoffice department has decided upon six special stamps for the benefit of the Pan-American exposition at Buffalo. The 1-cent stamp of green color will have a picture of a lake steamer to represent the great transportation industry of the inland seas in which Buffalo is so much interested. The 2-cent stamp, printed in red, will have a railway train; the 4-cent stamp, in red-brown, an automobile; the 5-cent stamp in blue, a picture of the new bridge at Niagara Falls; the 8-cent stamp, in lilac, a picture of the lock at Sault Ste. Marie, and the 10-cent stamp, of light brown, an ocean steamer.

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Subscriber of Turkey writes a special issue will appear at the 25th anniversary of the enthronement of the Sultan to be in use only one day, Sept. 1st of two designs.

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At auction sale in London was a complete set of the postage stamps issued in Mafeking during the siege. These brought their owner the substantial price of \$180.00. Furthermore, notes £1, 10s.,

3s., 2s., and 1s. from the same place and produced under the same circumstances, realized no less than \$50.00.

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If you are a young collector it will pay you to join the Phil. Sons of America, the largest and best society for young collectors. The paper alone is worth of membership besides you have the use of all the depts.

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It is stated on good authority that all the new stamps of the Dominican Republic are to be obtained imperforate as well as perforated.

NOTES.

A camera is a good investment these days; they are no longer an expensive luxury. A good one may be secured at a very low price and afford endless pleasure.

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Photography today, probably has more advocates outside the Professional, than any known profession or science. The bulb and the button are the heroes of the hour. That the future of photography is bright, there can be no doubt. The wonderful strides made by non-professional men in the last ten years gives every reason to expect still greater results in the future, and photography will owe a debt of gratitude to the amateur photographer.

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Two correspondents ask for information how to discover watermarks, a subject which, we admit, is in many instances a difficult one to define. We are of the opinion that in detecting watermarks a good deal depends upon the knowledge of the collector. It is useless to commence endeavoring to discover an indistinct watermark without some idea of the likely watermark upon the specimen in point. Consult the catalogue as to this, and then after

THE PHILATELIC WEST AND CAMERA NEWS.

Placing the specimen (if used, if unused should not be so treated) in water for a few seconds, lay it face downwards upon any black surface, and the watermark should appear. If this fails, procure some pure benzine, and immerse the stamp therein, when any doubt as to the watermark will quickly be removed. The latter test, however, should only be necessary in extreme cases, and is quite objectionable, although the benzine quickly dries out, an unpleasant odor remains to the stamp.

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VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members:-

I appreciate the honor you have conferred upon me in appointing me to the office of Vice President. I fully realize the responsibility attached to such a position but I have no hesitation in saying that with the help of my brother members success is assured. We all know the future of every society depends on the officers who must look out for the welfare of the members, for whose benefit the society originated. With this in view we should devise some plan which will bring our society to the front rank. This is not an impossibility. I trust we will see our way clear to do so. Our society is something out of the common as it helps the honest collector in many ways chiefly against

frauds. Let our officers adopt some new plan whereby our society will become a prominent spot in the Philatelic world.

In thanking you for the honor you have conferred upon me I remain yours truly
S. C. P. A. of A.

E. V. CAMPION, Vice Pres.

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Dr Blakely of Winnipeg, Can., reports Zenith City Stamp Co of Minn. Sent small order last spring and wrote 3 times since.

H Lewis of Ky reports E Montgomery of Alliance, Nebr.

F R Stearns of Ia, reports J G Warren of Nashua, N H

C R Tarver, N J, reports Chas Harding, Springfield Mo, also W Stevens, Kenosha Wis and C Gadbis Columbus ave NY

F W Robinson of Ill reports can get no reply of W Ackerman, Marengo Ia or W Wood of Chattanooga, Tenn

Hear Robinson of Winnipeg, Canada, has left that place, having become benedict. Several complaints of him.

F. Johnson of N D, reports S. Glosberg, Tarsy Romania, and N. Vidoich Constantinople Turkey.

Leading fraud editor of the eastern paper writes that D. P. A. of Canada is composed mainly of expelled members of other societies and parties whose reputation is such they cannot get admission elsewhere. He advises readers to steer clear of D. P. A. One of the leading dealers of Omaha over a year ago wrote that there were more frauds in D. P. A. than all other societies and our experience has been so and there seems to be no way to get at them.

For 4 cents to pay postage with every one we will notify each party reported a complaint has been made against that unless satisfactory explanation or settlement is made we will advertise them in our fraud Dept. If a satisfactory reply is received it will be forwarded to the party making complaint, if not we will publish the name at once. A great many will pay up rather than be published.

Our next number will give larger list of frauds some that readers may be surprised on.

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EDITORIAL

Collectors all over the country hail with delight the information that it has been definitely decided by the P. O. Dept. to issue the Pan American stamps as originally contemplated. The great beauty of the set as a work of art, and the exceedingly low price at which collectors will be able to obtain the set, coupled with a knowledge of the fact that no private parties will be able to successfully speculate on the issue, will make them exceedingly popular. J. Elwood Lee prices will undoubtedly not prevail for this set.

Collectors and dealers are beginning to realize that a commemorative set occasionally, under certain conditions, is not a thing to be looked upon with any degree of alarm. Instead of discouraging the philatelist struggling to fill up

blank spaces, it lends a new impetus to collecting. A genuine set of stamps, in whose issue no fraud has been perpetrated, obtained at a fair and reasonable price, is a welcome addition to any collection.

Mr. J. F. Dodge in the November Adhesive makes some sarcastic but timely remarks anent the J. Elwood Lee stamps. Mr. Dodge can hardly understand how they can let these stamps be sold at the ridiculously low margin of from 860 per cent to 7900 per cent!!! McKeels Weekly is more charitable in its remarks suggesting that the philatelic phase of the deal lies mainly in the suggestions and advise given the Drug Co., by the Stamp man. The whole business however, smacks strongly of speculation which is not wholly confined to the J. Elwood Lee Co.

A reduction in the War revenue taxes will undoubtedly be made in the near future. The Ways and Means committee will meet in a short time to consider the matter, and while they are not likely to recommend the abolition of all the war revenue taxes, it is expected that the present schedule will be considerably modified. The tax on proprietary articles has proved a source of considerable annoyance and has not yielded much revenue from a government stand point. The chances for a repeal of the tax on proprietary articles seems more favorable than for the repeal of other stamp taxes.

The highest values of the current revenues have made their appearance in Omaha with the new style of cancellation, viz three slits or cuts across the stamp. The stamps are being sold considerably under the prices asked for unmutilated specimens but there yet appears to be considerable discrepancy in the prices asked by various dealers.

McKeel's Weekly reports J. W. Scott as authority for the statement that \$2.00 Revenue of the current series has been issued. Inquiry at the Revenue office here, however failed to verify the statement, no information of such issue having been received. The \$1.00 Red which was put on sale in New York is reported to have been withdrawn and the original color again put on sale. The \$1 red will undoubtedly be a scarce stamp and will be unobtainable used in an un-mutilated condition.

Considerable space is being devoted to the "provisioal private proprietaries" of the J. Elwood Lee Co. Concerning this "issue" the Boston correspondent of McKeels Weekly says—"They consist of the regular proprietaries surcharged with the initials of the firm in a frame work, and I am unable to give any statement as to the cause of such "issue"

It would seem from the above that the correspondent is not well posted on the law concerning the cancellation of revenue stamps. Why are revenues cancelled with the initials of J. Elwood Lee classed as "provisional private proprietaries" while the same stamps, cancelled in the same manner by thousands of other firms, are passed over without notice? The fact is even mentioned that "some of the Stamps have an inverted surcharge."

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Fellow-members:—Commencing this month, our society begins taking rapid strides towards success, Philatelists both at home and abroad, recognize the necessity and long filled want in the spreading of our organization. The dues are within the reach of all and we will publish a long list of new members next month. Our Ex. Dept. the finest feature, can supply you at surprisingly low prices. Blank books for stamps are supplied to members Free and are not sold as other societies do. As dues will be raised after Jan 1st we ask all philatelists to join us as soon as possible. In case you have some lots to offer at auction, communicate the same at once as a sale will take place soon. Our Library while not a large one, will be greatly aided by your efforts and kindly endeavor to help out Mr Vargas as much as possible After next month nominations will be received for officers and let us see how much can be accomplished before next election. Very sincerely yours,

CH. WILLARD MYERS.

NEW MEMBERS.

- Tomas Mediz Bolio, Merida, Yucatan
- Mex, Luis Fernandez, San Rafael 4, Havana, Cuba, Tomas Torrabadella, Barcelona, Spain, F R Hayworth, Wichita, Kan, U S A, Cesai Bonna, Mercado Tacon 60. Havana, Cuba, Jose Fernandez Fajardo, Merlda-Yucatan, Mex, Ricarda E Galvez, Jesus Maria 45, Havana, Cuba, Don Colvin, Lawrence, Kan, U S A, Ramon Gonzalez, San Rafael 4, Havana, Cuba, Teodor Labrano Jr Aregna, Paraguay, Juan Caracasses, West Chester, Pa U S A.

COLECCIONISTAS

Mucho gusto tenemos en presentar a los filatelistas del continente occidental. nuestra nueva sociedad y en este numero del organo oficial, presentamos la lista de nuevos socios y nuestros oficiales- La suscripcion anual para la Sociedad es 25c oro Americano. Los beneficios son: Departamentos de Canjes, Sr Naveda. director: Ventas Publicas. sr Giron. director La Biblioteca. direccion del Sr Vargas, tambien un Diploma y nota de nombramiento. el Organo Oficial, y un buena estampilla gratis. cada mes Despues el 1 de Enero. 1901. la suscripcion sera 50c por ano, y nos invitamos los señores coleccionistas enviar sus suscripciones antes de esta fecha. Su muy attento servidor. El Secretario.

CH. WILLARD MYERS

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Members of the Kansas Philatelic Society.

As president of your society I extend to you my greeting.

The society is to be congratulated upon having successfully passed the first year of its existence and for the bright prospect it has for the future.

The Philatelic West and Camera News has been appointed official organ of the society and it will be sent monthly to each member.

The Exchange department is now in operation and big bargains are found on every circuit.

The Auction department is about ready for its first sale.

The Librarian has some good books in the library and plenty of room for any others you may send him.

Cannot each member secure at least one application before January 1st 1901. We have a large field in which to work, as Topeka, Leavenworth, Lawrence, Emporia, Salina, Abilene, Hutchinson and other large cities of our state are without a representative, if we each one do what we can we will have a large list of applications for our next report.

Wishing the society success and hoping that you will feel at liberty to write me on any matters for the best interests of the society, I am, Yours truly,

O. H. PHINNEY.

REPORT.

Fellow Members:—I desire to thank you for the honor in electing me, Exchange superintendent of our society and

I now ask the hearty co-operation of one and all which is absolutely necessary to make this department a success.

By the time this notice is published I shall have this department in full running order and I trust all members will at once mail me their books.

A few rules I call to your careful attention are: that this department will be run on a strictly cash basis; all books circulated will be marked at net prices, ten per cent commission will be charged on all sales over 50c to pay the expense of mailing circulars, etc. I can furnish blank books for circulating stamps at 2½c each (space for 60 stamps) order as many books as you can use. Any suggestions from members that will benefit this department will be thankfully received. Hoping to hear from one and all I am, Yours Faithfully,

G. R. BARKER,

145 N. Emporia Ave, Wichita, Kan.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Fellow Members of Our State Society:—Having been re-elected to the office of Librarian I desire to thank one and all for what has been done for my department in the past, and will certainly endeavor to make the library of especial interest to all in the future.

Hoping that this year will see a marked improvement in every department of the society, and, assuring you that I shall appreciate any assistance rendered by the members to the library, I am,

Faithfully yours,

CHAS. W. MYERS.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

In entering on a new year's labors the secretary wishes to thank the members for their support during the year that is past, also for his re-election and will try to serve the society to the best of his ability. At the convention Mr. Thompson handed in the name of three new members, Mr. Roy Greene also sent in his application. The trustees have met and admitted these new members.

22—Roy Farrell Greene, Arkansas

City, Kansas.

23—Thompson, Eldorado, Kan.

24—Everett A Palmer, El Dorado, Ks

25—W Kent Conley " "

We are glad to welcome these new members and hope the members will all carry out the suggestion of the convention that every member try and send in one or more names during the coming year.

As we have taken up considerable space in a report of the convention, will defer the treasurers report until next month. F. A. LILLY, Sec.

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE KANSAS PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

The second annual convention of the Kas. Philatelic society was held in the elegant parlor of the Mercantile club. of Kansas City, Kansas, on Tuesday, Oct., 2nd and was called to order about 11 a m by President Joseph B. Henderson assisted by Ex-Vice Pres. O. H. Phinney. The secretary was also present and A. D. Grant was present as a visitor, Eight members were present, including Messers Henderson of Columbus, Phinney and W. C. A. Grant of Kansas City, Kans., Kelley and Bescher of Kansas City, Mo., G. R. Barker of Wichita, Thompson of Eldorado and Lilly, of Sabetha. The chairman appointed committees on credentials, library, and sales and purchasing department, by laws and auditing committee. The committee on credentials soon made their report, showing that seventeen ballots had been received and the following had been elected by 17 votes except the secretary who received 16, having voted for Hayworth of that office. Another ballot received later made 18 votes out of a membership of 21. The following officers are declared elected for the ensuing year:—O. H. Phinney, president; F. R. Hayworth of Wichita, vice president; F. A. Lilly, of Sabetha, secretary and treasurer, C. W. Myers of

Wichita, librarian, G. R. Barker of Wichita, exchange superintendent, R. L. Thompson of Eldorado, auction manager, W C A Grant counterfeit detector, F R Hayworth, G R Barker and F J Ford of Wichita, trustees and Grant's Monthly Philatelist, official organ. Five proxies were held by G R Barker, 2 by O H Phinney and 1 by R L Thompson. After the reading of a telegram from the absent Wichita members and letters of regret from L T Brodstone and Roy F Greene the members adjourned to the home of the new president and partook of a bounteous lunch as also a flow of wit and wisdom from all present.

The second session was called to order at 2.30 p. m. The secretary read a report showing 21 paid up members and hopes of more soon, as treasurer he reported \$4.00 in the treasury. Ex-Superintendent O. H. Phinney, made a short report of his labors during the year, as did Mr. Grant as counterfeit director--the latter had nothing to do.

Committee on library made report through Mr. Bescher, who also read a very generous letter from Mr. Brodstone making liberal offers to members.

The secretary was instructed to make all dues end with the year and accept fractional part of year now.

Mr. Bescher made report on by laws and constitutions and recommended abolition of article stating only members residing in Kansas shall hold office, but no such article was found in constitution Also it was voted the charges of official organ of \$1 per page be changed, and trustees ordered to make rates with any paper for the best interests of the society. A vote of thanks was given the Mercantile club for the use of their room for this meeting.

The meeting adjourned to meet at call of the president some time next year.

FOSTER A. LILLY, Secretary.

FOSTER A S Forbes, Los Angeles Cal—I have had several replies to my ad as far off as Spain



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Lincoln, Nebr.,

Fellow members of the N. P. S.—I wish to thank the society as a whole and the members who were present at the convention in particular for the honor they conferred upon me in re-electing me vice president of the Banner State Philatelic society of the country. No one could be more interested in the welfare of the society than I am and I hope to see the greatest growth in membership during the coming year that the society has ever known.

As Bro. Estes has reasonably good health and so far as I can learn shows no signs of emigrating to any foreign shore, I am hoping that the duties of president will not fall upon me again during the coming year.

I understand that I have been criticised more or less from various quarters for calling the convention at Lincoln and I want to say in justification that my foremost purpose has been accomplished and the interests of Philately in this city have been greatly advanced by that meeting Lincoln has been very nearly dead for several years (philatelically speaking) and this convention has brought about a resurrection to such an extent that a local philatelic society is now in progress of organization. We had a rousing meeting at the Windsor hotel Friday evening at which there were present a large number of young

collectors who are members of no society. The writer was elected temporary chairman, J S McNay, temporary secretary and W D Garlock temporary treasurer and a committee was appointed to draw up a constitution. The meeting was adjourned to meet next Thursday evening when a permanent organization will be effected. The Y. M. C. A. of this city is now in a process of reconstruction and as soon as they are settled they have promised us a room with them in which to hold our meetings. The invitation is general to Lincoln philatelists to join.

Respectfully, F. A. Stanbro.

Fellow members of the N P S:—The Exchange dept is not progressing as well as we would like for it to. A number of books for the circuit have been received but the demand is increasing every day so order your books and get your duplicate on the circuit. We want to make the exchange department a success but must have the aid of the members to do it. Your book cost you a letter and return postage which is a trifle.

Remember we wish the co-operation of every member in order to make the department a success. Are you one of those members?

We want at least 75 books on hand for circuit work and we can have them too if you do your duty. Let us hear from all members. Books free for postage. Fraternally, I. S. Betzer, Supt. of Ex.

Members of N P S:—I desire to thank you for the honor cast on me by electing me librarian and I will try to perform my duties faithfully. Received the following from F. T. Phillips: Star monthly vols 7, 11, nos 4, 2 June 1900; Monarch, 1, 2; Young Philatelist October 1900, Young Philatelist 1, 5; N Y Philatelist 6; Phil Bulletin 23, 12; Canada Philatelist 5, 1. All members and publishers



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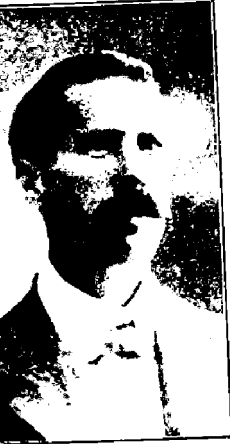




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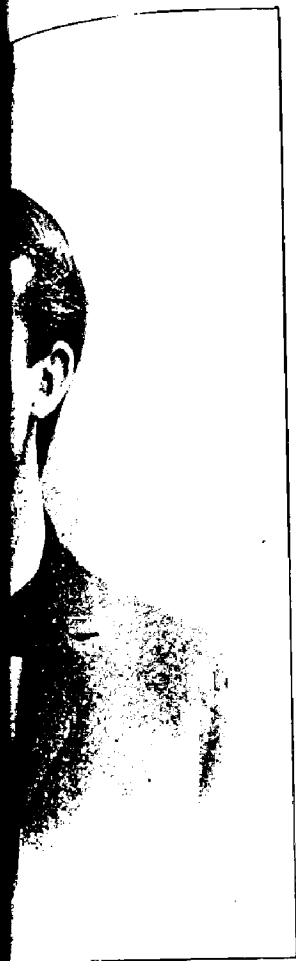
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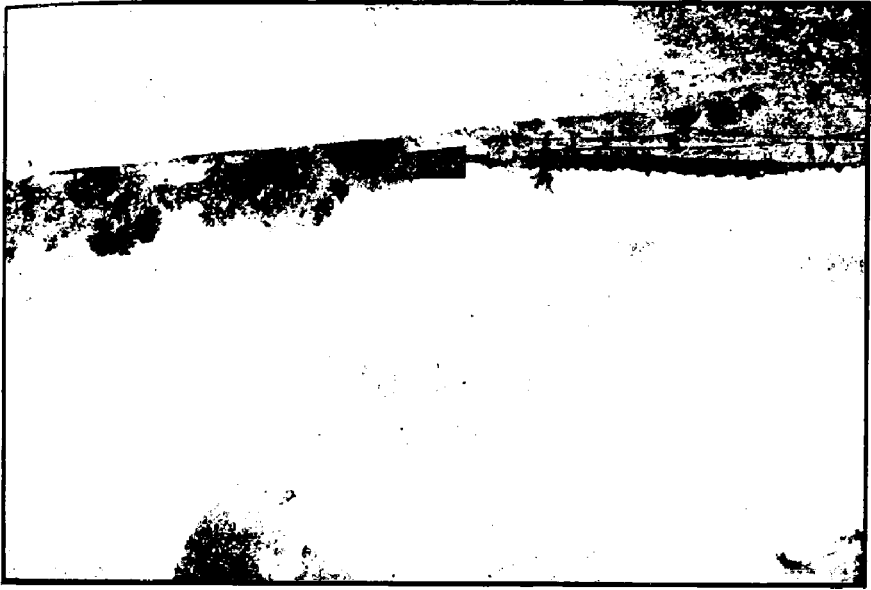


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Renewals—E Wilkinson, Omaha 14 and Vinton st, F G Phillips, Lincoln 45 M st, D Doolittle, Fremont, bx 544 H T Parker, Lincoln, 1700 P st, I S Betzer, David City bx 187, G Kerhuke, Plattsmouth bx 1217, A B Whitmer, Tecumseh.

New Members:—S Morteson, 216 N 10th st Omaha, A Hedwall 4511 Franklin st, H Wallace, Avoca.

Applications:—J P Lindberg Omaha 30 and Ames Ref J Negren, W T Kelly Franklin postmaster, L Brodstone, F E McCall, Rokeby, F W Stoney, 516 N 10th st Lincoln.

Have you tried the exchange and other depts. They will surely pay you. Wish names of any active collectors you know, can use more new members.

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New Members—285 C Foster Omaha 424 s 20 st Cyclone camera.

286 W H Searle, Verdigre

287 C Bisbee, Newcastle, no 22 Cyclone camera, western scenes, cyclone views, etc.

288 J W Latimer, Beaver Crossing, Ballard camera, exchange prints, western scenery.

289 Paul Albright, David City, Manhattan camera, western views, etc.

290 J A Anderson Loomis.

Applications—291 E W Bennison, David City.

292 W S Rothery Omaha city views.

293 E Koeuke Plattsmouth.

294 B Palmer, Bradshaw western views

285 C Hargraves, Lincoln 1729 M st

296 G O Zeigler, York, Carlton cam.
297 N Hick, Superior Cyclone camera
298 Bob Dempster, Omaha dealer.
299 W F Moore, Beatrice, 220 LaSalle
300 Geo F McCoy, Superior, Cyclone camera, Mich and Western views.
301 W T Kelly, Franklin, dealer.
302 B F Burch, Wymore.

Errata

Seldom do you see a large number without some errors. Following few in this number:

In Revenue Dept., word Australians should be Austria.

Ad of Sheldon of NY heading: "My Effort," on first stamps should be block letter instead black; last stamp should be 18 on 10 instead of 19 on 10.

Bank of Verdigrée, Neb., is chainless wheel, got from factory at cost \$75 all for \$40 with tennis set etc.

Ad of Taylor of Cleveland, should be in 8th item foreign revenues.

Cook of Colo. X notice same as ad side of it.

T L Elder, Pa., coin ad should have "classified" before Roman coins.

C K Reed of Mass., ad should read Worcester.

C Biles of Mo., ad of 20 different Mexicans should be 25c instead \$1.

C Beamish of Pa., 90c State is unused India set used.

(SECRETARY'S ADDRESS—Curio Collectors.

mind, honest in purpose and generous to one another.

Mr. Brodstone suggested that we hold a convention next year at Buffalo, N. Y., at about the time the Philatelic societies have their annual conventions. This suggestion meets with my approval what have you to say?

I hope to have a larger list for next month and it can be accomplished with your help. Do your duty to yourself and all honest collectors.

Treasury report will appear in next number.

Yours for success,
Allen Jesse Reynolds, Sec'y.,
Connersville, Ind.

P. S. Application blanks and further information can be had of the president and myself. A. J. R.

REVENUE STAMPS OF MEXICO

COMPILED AND CORRECTED TO DATE.

PART III.

The 1st and 2nd of this work appear in Nos 2 and 3 Vol X Phil West Oct. '99. They were lost from the desk of the author and appeared under a pseudonym. The author Jorie Azcarate Griggs at present secretary of Leut. Governor of Lower California, Mexico, who is his uncle.

ERRATAS ON LAST CHAPTER.

ISSUE OF 1896 & 7.

Perforated 10 25½x21 mm. Woman's head in shield Mexican eagle above, date 1896—1897.

1c brown	2c blue
5c orange	10c red
25c green	50c red
\$1.00 blue	\$5.00 gray

ISSUE OF 1897-98.

Perforated "rough" 25½x21 mm. Mexican eagle in circle. Date, Mexico beneath then numeral in corners.

1c Orange	2c red
5c brown	10c blue
25c olive	50c green
\$1.00 red	\$5.00 blue

ISSUE OF 1898-1899.

Perforated 12 25½x21 mm. Astec Sun calendar "Mexico" printed diagonally across on right hand lower corner mineral. 1898-1899.

01c pale brown	25c blue
02c ultramarine	50c red
05c orange	\$1.00 violet
10c(error)blk bn	\$5.00 brown
10c chocolate bn	\$10.00 black

ISSUE 1899-00

Perforated 11½ 25x21 mm. Goddess of Liberty with tablet of the law in center circle around same: Tim Bie 1899-1900 numeral below.

1c green	2c orange
5c ultramarine	10c brown
25c bn cho'late	50c Prussian blue
\$1.00 red	\$5.00 blue

\$10.00 red

ISSUE OF 1900-01

Perforated "New Century stamp see part V. Matias Romero late sec of treasury in center with laurel and oak wreaths, eagle above, numeral below.

1c chocolate bu	2 ultramarine
5c green	10 vermilion
25c Prussian blue	50 black
\$1.00 emerald or greenish blue	\$5.00 cirise bright red

\$10. brown. This last issue is described in part V.

MEXICAN REVENUE STAMPS. PART V.

The first as already stated was 1874 consisting of several classifications and kept on increasing until January 29, 1885 when it reached its zenith of maximum such as: Renta Interior Especial de Adnanos; Documento Contribucion Federal Merchandise, etc. [each of which I will describe.]

What United States of America has done in 1865 we here in Mexico we are doing just "Twenty Years After." In other words it was the epoch of the "Apoteosis of the Revenue Stamp" but its day had come to revolutionize the era, it came as in the far east the Typhoon or in the far west the cyclone, a poet would call it "as the wolf comes down on the fold" or a Yankee "got hit into a cocked hat."

On April 25, 1893 Presidente Porfirio Diaz in his message says: "Whereas on account of the numerous dispositions relative to the Stamp act, etc., etc., has brought an inevitable consequence a simultaneous issues of stamps which not only brings trouble and vexation to the tax payer but also to cause a great frequency of mistakes by affixing stamps different to the documents that they wish to legitimize: whereas by so doing they do not defraud the exchequer or treasury, nevertheless the

The American Society of Curio Collectors

(Organized November 1st, 1900.)

Pres. Pro Tem—Roy Farrell Greene, Arkansas ;
City, Kansas.

Secy. Pro Tem—Allen Jesse Reynolds, Conners-
ville, Ind.

ALL GENERAL COLLECTORS INVITED TO
JOIN! Initiation fee, 10c; Annual dues, 25c.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

The child is born and we have christened it The American Society of Curio Collectors. Those of the West's readers who have read each month the Curio Department are familiar with the project of organizing a general collector's society to embrace everything save stamps. We have left this branch of collecting out because there is a well grounded belief that there are enough philatelic societies already in existence and as they cover but one subject, that of philately they can be of more good to the stamp collector than a general society such as ours could be.

The society is now organized, and as we said before, it embraces all branches of collecting save the very frivolous and puerile, like buttons, tin-tags and such. There is no science or study in these and we intend our society to be composed of studious collectors.

The American Society of Curio Collectors will be much like the Agassiz Society save that in addition to natural history students those who collect autographs, coins, war relics, and a number of other branches are eligible to membership. Mineralogists, botanists, geologists, archaeologists, numismatists, oologists, ornithologists, zoologists, conchologists, and entomologists are especially invited to join the new society.

The dues have been made low, so very low in fact that no collector, no matter how little money he has or cares to invest in his collecting life, can afford not to join. We expect a large membership, consequently the dues may be small and the benefits still be large.

The society besides using several pages

commit irregularities punished by the law, etc., etc., by these strong reasons to modify the actual system, henceforth there must be but one kind of stamps.

So thanks to Diaz wise administration with help of Matios Romero; there were then only one so called issue "comunes" or common stamp. But in reality there were three different classes 1st the common stamp [No 170] documentos. 2nd the common stamp with "talon" or lable [No 431] Renta Interior. 3 Contribution Federal [580] but not for public use only for government.

The 1st class of stamps were for any document but if the document was needed in duplicate one would use No 2 affixing the stamp proper on one and the lable on the other.

If a bank check the stamp on the check and the lable on the stub, etc., they looked just like Belgium Sunday stamps issue of 1893. Such was the state of Revenue stamp history of Mexico until 1st day of July 1900 [beginning of the Fiscal year.] The New Century stamp appeared, described under No. 250.

It is the ideal or agglomeration of the Fiscal stamps. It is the "comune" stamp and comune with talon or lable and contribution Federal Stamp, the same picture on all: the realization of the dream, and crowning of same by its author.

Hon. Matias Romero Secy of the treasury of Mexico and first ambassador to the United States an honor and laurels he never enjoyed as death took him to an untimely grave.

Next number complete issue '87 to '93. Correct list of the Renta Interior and federal stamps of Mexico and issues 87 to 93.

T L Hayward, Alamosa, Colo—I favorably impressed with West and will give it a trial

of the West each month for official reports and valuable notes of guidance and interest to collectors, will in addition issue from time to time a bulletin for circulation among members only which will be worth dollars to a collector, in any of the branches mentioned above, where it costs him cents. A badge or button of a design to be agreed upon, will be prepared for member's wear and many essentials not yet worked out will be ready for announcement soon. Mr. Reynolds and I have agreed to act as secretary and president pro tem, merely for the purpose of organization. A general election participated in by all members will be held. The secretary may be addressed for further particulars.

ROY F GREENE.

MEMBERSHIP LIST.

- 1 Roy Farrell Greene Ark City Ks Ind rels. sea shells and minls
- 2 Allen Jesse Reynolds 24 Connersville Ind, paper money coins medals autos Ind rels
- 3 R Dana Goss 57 New Sharon Ia, Ind rels minerals, fossils shells
- 4 W Henry 15 431 N6th st Connersville Ind, geological spec Ind rels shells and stamps
- 5 Rev SE Davis 40 Aurora Ind, Ind rels coins especially former
- 6 John F Wagner 19 Laurel Ind, bird nests eggs
- 7 LT Brodstone Superior Neb, unmtd photos stamps covers souv cards
- 8 Geo W Turner, 42 Lawrenceburg Ind, Ind rel geolo spec, curo stps
- 9 B F Thieband 46 Connersville Ind, Ind rel geo spec shells etc
- 10 Brooke Salyers 20 Connersville Ind, geo spec shells
- 11 Fred H Andrus Elkton Ore, shells, eggs stps
- 12 Miss Alice Phillips Seiad Cal, pressed flower and curios
- 13 Jno B Halliman 227 Scott St Bowling Green Ky, Ind rel stamps
- 14 G W DuBoise Lisbon Ga, autographs minls
- 15 Basil G Hamilton 31 Winnipeg Manitoba Can coins stamps curios
- 16 Jno J Price 1322 7 st Des Moines Ia, coins stps rel shells minls etc
- 17 C Unger 20 Pottsville Pa minls fossils shells Ind rel eggs, etc
- 18 C W Baker 63 Graniteville, SC, stps coins Ind rel
- 19 J F Powell 62 Waukegan Ill, sea shells and sea curios.
- 20 Harry Elkins 17 bx 15I, Connersville Ind, geolo spec shells Ind rel
- 21 Rev E C Mitchell 64 534 Summit Ave, St Paul Min Ind rel copper rel extra long spears knives found anywhere. Shells sea curios, etc
- 22 Chas Obrecht 12 Greensburg, Ind, Ind rel coins stamps sea curios shells
- 23 John B Newton M D 30 Unionville Conn, eggs in sets U S stamps
- 24 Chas K Muchmore Laurel Ind ornithology.
- 25 Frank A Cox 36 Nunda Ill geolo spec shells relics butterflies birds etc
- 26 C M Slayton 63 Grattan Mich minls war and Ind rel shells sea curios
- 27 Dr W O Emery 37 Crawfordsville Ind, prehistoric Ind rel

FRAUDS AND DOUBTFULS.

DOUBTFUL:—Examine or have examined by an expert, all Indian relics obtained from the following parties:

J T Overstreet, Elmwood, Tenn., Chas R. Heston, war points, Sidney, Ohio, L F M Nicholson, Salem, Ind., E J Noell, Va.

FRAUDS:—The following parties are known to handle counterfeit relics: G W and J H Robinett, Flag Pond, Va., Mrs J W Robinett, Democrat, Lee-co, Va., D Levering Mo., E W Anderson, Summitsville, Tenn.

Wm. Perry, Wakefield, R. I., Wm. Perry Arnold, Peacedale, R. I., and W P Arnold, Stonnington, Conn. The three are one—he is not charged with counterfeiting Indian relics; but with being totally unreliable and irresponsible. We advise those having dealings with him to pay for nothing until the desired articles have been received and satisfactorily inspected." (American Archaeologist.)

Allen Jesse Reynolds, Sec.

BROTHER COLLECTORS:

I take great pleasure in reporting the above list of members. It should be remembered that the society has had no advertising. The November number of this paper merely hinted at the organization of the society and this is the first announcement to the public (through any paper) that there is such an organization as the American Society of Curio Collectors.

The A. S. of C. C. was organized to fill a long felt want and with the aid of all classes of collectors we can make it a grand success. It has the field to work alone. Of course there are societies for the Philatelist, Oologist, Numismatist, and so on, but heretofore there has been no general collectors society in this country.

Honest collectors of everything that is collectable are invited to join. We need to be united for mutual protection and for many other reasons known to active collectors. There are many frauds doing a rushing business and it will be the duty of each member to expose all dishonest collectors and dealers. If you have been defrauded by any one please send me full particulars.

Let each member take pleasure and pride in getting as many new members as possible. I am devoting all my spare time to the advancement of the society and expect your assistance. Each should try his best to make the society a body of collectors elevated in

(See under "Errata.")

Our Illustrations

DON FELIPE NAVEDA. — That philately has more significance than mere collecting of postage stamps has been demonstrated many times but the most pleasant feature to be gained from the acquiring of friends in other parts of the world, and through months of pleasurable correspondence as one writer says, one grows to feel that the great writer had indeed been ever a dear and dear friend and though in life they do not meet, this very fact serves to strengthen these sentiments.

It is with my friend Don Felipe Naveda of Toluca, Mexico, whom I have the pleasure to introduce to the readers of the "West."

Don Felipe Naveda was born in Mexico City the capitol, on January 1868. After a liberal education in the metropolis, he took up the study of descriptive geography and physics and came to the city of Toluca to finish, and make researches in the Toluca mountains. He had been there but a short time when at the age of 20 he was chosen to enter the honorable position of Registro Publica for the city of Toluca, an office somewhat corresponding to our recorders.

For over ten years he has been in the office and through his kindness I have been the recipient of many valuable philatelic tokens and Mexican

of Naveda's collection numbers 3000 varieties which he has been collecting since 1892, and is especially interested in early Mexican issues. His stamps are United States, English, Japan and China of which he has a fine selection. He is always generous in his exchanges with foreign collectors and does not mind exchanging. He is a mem-

ber of several philatelic societies and holds the office of exchange superintendent in the Spanish American Philatelic society.

Don Felipe Naveda, is an excellent representative of our progressive sister republic, a man imbued with the liberal ideas of Hidalgo and Juarez and these noble traits coupled with his integrity and generous nature, have won him many friends in the realm of philately. CHAS. WILLARD MYERS.

R. V. MCGREW, of Bloomington, Neb., is cashier of Naponee State bank has lived in Nebraska the last 12 years, always interested in philately and camera. Graduate of high school and studying law. Republican in politics and is a member of firm of Camera Co., of his city, having best equipped outfit for amateurs in the county.

CAMILLE COOLS, Detroit, Mich., was born in Belgium in '74; began collecting at age of 8 years and has been an ardent lover of the hobby ever since. In '89 he moved to the United States and became a general collector. He is engaged in grocery business and is a professional musician and assistant leader of East Detroit band. Has lately taken up camera and is one of the officers of camera club we are organ for. Is very popular with all who know him and has a large number of friends in Europe and United States.

CHARLES E. DUDDING. Born in Circleville, Indiana in 1871. Began collecting stamps in Oxford, Ind., in 1890. Dealer in 1894. Did considerable advertising, published small paper devoted to advertising generally and stamp notes, in 1895. Succeeding in getting quite a large collection of stamps and postal cards, Associate Editor of paper in '98. Immersed into the printing business in '98. Came south two

years ago and purchased one of the largest printing and publishing plants in the south. Now located at Memphis, Tenn., Assistant Foreman, H. M. Pitcher & Co's., printing plant, which is second to largest in the city. Member union No. 18. Has small collection of stamps yet.

CHAS. WILLARD MYERS. Although he is a comparatively young man he is well known in Philatelic circles as founder, and sec-treasurer of the Spanish-American Philatelic Society, and as librarian of the Kansas Philatelic Society, of which he is a charter member. V. Pres. Ks for P. S. of A.

Mr. Myers at one time was a reporter of the Wichita papers, and, until recently, was connected, at different times, with two opera companies. He is a good linguist, being familiar with four languages. In addition he is an able pianist.

Until recently, he was publisher of the Western Philatelic News, the largest and brightest Spanish and French edition of a philatelic paper published; next he edited the International Philatelist (El Filatelista International) from both of which he has retired.

He is a member of the P. S. of A., and, in amateur circles, of the Stamp Collectors' club, Good Time Social and Corresponding Club of Kansas City, and the Star Stamp Collectors' Club, of which last he is president. Mr. Myers commenced stamp collecting several years ago, and has always been one of our most enthusiastic collectors. He has made a number of converts to philately, and we hope will continue the good work.

Mr. Myers is at present employed in the counting room of the Aylesbury Mer Co.; of Wichita, and is, therefore in close touch with all that pertains to an active business life. He is well

known in society, has a large circle of friends, and is altogether, an estimable young man, in every respect worthy of the success that will one day be his.

WILL. A. SPALTON.

T. O. Young, New Haven, N. Y. was born in Clyde, N. Y., April 29, 1867 and is therefore 33 years of age. He began as a general collector of stamps, coins, Indian relics; and curiosities in 1887 at North Scriba, N. Y., and has been an active collector ever since. In 1894 he sold his coin and stamp collections and has since collected only U. S. stamps of which he has one of the finest collections in his section. He has also the finest collections of Indian relics to be found in his county.

Mr. Young has been a school teacher since 17 years of age until 1896 when he was elected school commissioner for the First Commissioner District of Oswego county. He was re-elected in 1899 to the same office which he now fills. He is an active member of the Odd Fellows and also the Foresters, having been treasurer of the latter order for the past five years.

Mr. Young entered the printing business and retail bicycle trade in 1897 in both of which he is now actively engaged. He is a staunch republican, being county Committeeman from his town for the past three years and has been 'stumping it' for the G. O. P. during the recent campaign. He hopes to meet many of the boys at Buffalo in August 1901.

CHARLES BEAMISH, ex-secretary of P. S. of A., the subject of our sketch this month, is in his 30th year and was born in the City of Brotherly Love. His first interest in stamps was drawn from a few common varieties given him in the fall of 1883 and since then he has been actively engaged in stamp collecting his specialty consisting of U. S. and British colon-

ials of which he has nearly 3000 varieties alone. Actively engaged in the manufacturing business. Mr. B has had little time to dabble in philatelic politics but in the summer of 1896 allowed his name to come forward as a candidate to the office of secretary of the P. S. of A. only those who have studied of such a position can truly estimate the difficulties to be met with but Mr. Bramish had the satisfaction of bringing the rival factions together through his efforts thus making better union for the members at large. Mr. Bramish has devoted his evenings and spare time to dealing in stamps of which he has accumulated a large stock. One of his purchases alone involved a cash outlay of \$1600 so our readers can judge the quality of stamps in stock. He is also active in church work being a member of Calvary Episcopal church of Germantown, Brotherhood of Saint Andrew and other organizations.

Those who have met Mr. B. at philatelic conventions can agree with me as to the sterling good qualities of Mr. B.

MR. W. G. L. PAXMAN. was born in 1839 in Quebec, Canada and educated there. In 1865 he entered his father's general merchandise establishment as assistant, and in 1881, on the retirement of his father, succeeded to the business and carried it on until 1884, when he sold out to another having been called to a responsible position in the government service, which he has held continuously since.

He has filled other public offices also, amongst which the secretary-treasurership of schools since 1890. An ardent stamp collector since boyhood he has some specimens worth seeing. He is a member of the A. P. A., vice pres for Canada of the P. S. of A., etc. He is also publisher of the Canada Stamp Sheet. Although a very busy man he has induced some years since to take

the managership of the Canada Stamp Company, Quebec.

MR. CHANDLEE is a new advertiser in our columns and handles specialties in old U. S., old revenues, C. S. A. stamps and paper money. Was born in Baltimore in 1865 but came south in '95 for his health. C. E. is an enthusiast in photography his fort being character and art work—having taken a course in art at the art institute Chicago.

At Athene, Ga., in '96 he caught a glimpse of coufed stamps and money in a display window and has been a collector since that date and a dealer since '98.

The Michigan Camera Art Association.

ORGANIZED NOV. 1, 1900.

OFFICERS:

President—Sidney Billett; 198 Townsend ave, Detroit, Mich
 Vice-President—Camille Cools, 26 Walnut St, Detroit, Mich
 Secretary—Constant Laetham, 198 Townsend ave, Detroit, Mich
 Treasurer—Felix Van Collie, 198 Townsend ave Detroit, Mich
 Exchange Supt.—Paul DeRonne, 371 Baldwin ave, Detroit, Mich
 Librarian—Sidney Billett.
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 Purchasing Agt—Camille Cools

NEW MEMBERS:

Henry Hendricks, 33 Bates st. Jules Cools, 26 Walnut st, Miss Julia DeRonne, 371 Baldwin ave, Miss Martha DeRonne, 371 Baldwin ave, Dr Carl F Muenz, 336 Townsend ave, Detroit, Mich

This society is formed for encouraging amateurs photographers to inform each other and exchange prints.

This is the only state amateurs club in Michigan. We want everyone who owns a camera to join us. The cost will be 25c a year, which will give you full membership to the M. C. A. A. No initiation fee, every member will also receive the official organ, the Philatelic West and Camera News free.

Every member has the privilege to have one 25 word article in the exchange column of the M. C. A. A.

It has been decided at the last meeting that we will have a convention and exhibition next summer in Detroit.

Applications for membership should be sent to the secretary,



Photographs for Greeting Cards.

The photographer who possesses a considerable number of prints naturally is anxious to utilize them in as many ways as possible, and at this time of year they may be usefully employed for conveying the compliments of the season to friends and acquaintances, or on such anniversaries as birthdays, etc. The stereotyped card for such purposes is thus avoided, and scope is given for any artistic power which the photographer may possess, so that he may produce a card which has not only the merit of novelty, but is effective and out of the common. If the worker desires the minimum of trouble, he can procure some of the "slip-in" mounts, which are specially prepared in various sizes, with appropriate greetings stamped upon them, or he may get such cards upon which can be mounted any prints he may have made. But if he desires to produce something which is more entirely his own, he can print on matt paper, on bromide, buena or platinotype masking out a margin round the negative by a border of black paper placed on the glass side of same, or using an oval or round mask such as is sold for the purpose, and which is laid on the negative, before the printing paper is placed thereon. The "greeting" may then be added at the top or foot, by hand, or a printer would print a few dozen such photos for a small sum. Bromide cards, which can now be easily obtained, give the photographer the requisite thickness of substance of unmounted photographs. To anyone who is able to draw, as well as photograph, a chance presents itself of making a most effective card. The

landscape, seascape, portrait or flower subject can be mounted on white card and surrounded with a decorative border drawn in pen and ink (a good water proof Indian ink being the best to employ for this purpose), and such design and photograph, with greeting drawn in fancy characters in a suitable position and of a size to allow for any reduction of the whole design, can then be copied in the camera, and from the negative so obtained any number of cards may be printed. Two or three photographs can be included in such a design if desired.

A favorite card of recent years has been that on which, in addition to the message the card conveys, the portrait of the sender is included. Such portraits are usually bromide prints of a small size, and an amateur who desires to make a supply of same can do so by the following method: Having obtained a many good silver prints of the portraits he wishes to reduce as possible, he fastens them to a drawing-board, and proceeds to copy them down to the size he requires, which, of course will be governed by the space on the card on which he desires to mount them, and having made a negative containing, say, half a dozen or a dozen small portraits, he can print from the same in any process he pleases, and then cut out the portraits separately. Of course if only one portrait is available to copy from; only one small print can be made and the printing process will be a lengthy one, if a large number are wanted. It should be born in mind that the small prints made in this way must not be from "copyright" photos, unless the permission of the owner of the copyright has been obtained.

A series of three, four or six photographs, may be mounted on cards, leaving a space at the left-hand side, and then the whole bound together by running colored ribbon through holes in the cards. These suggestions do not by any means exhaust the possible use of photographs for such purposes as those to which I have alluded, but they may form the basis on which readers may work out other and more elaborate designs.

**DEVELOPING
AFTER FIXING.**



If you over-expose an ordinary photographic dry plate, take it into your dark room and there immerse it in the hypo bath, wash well and dry, you can then develop it according to the following formula and obtain a perfect negative.

The solution is composed of the following chemicals and keeps perfectly well:—

Sulpho cyanide Ammonium	24 grammes.
Nitrate of Silver.....	4 "
Sulphite Soda.....	24 "
Hyposulphite of Soda.....	5 "
Bromide of Potassium.....	0 gr. 50.
Distilled Water.....	100 c. c.

To develop, take of above six parts, of water 54 parts, and rodinal 2 parts. As soon as you add the water to the stock solution a white precipitate forms, which can be got rid of by filtering.

The actual process of developing takes about 12 hours, when on examination the negative will appear quite white, it must then be put through the ordinary bath of mercury intensifier, when you will note the gradually darkening of the negative and then slowly goes back to white; when quite back to its original color it requires washing thoroughly, and then pass through a bath of Sulphite Soda, when the operation is finished.

The above method is capable of rendering great service to travellers, etc. as the same evening the impressions have been made the plate can be fixed and no further danger of fog or deterioration need be apprehended. Anyone who has been through tropical countries well knows that plates, however well they may be packed and taken care of, the damp will slowly but surely ruin them.

Only at a recent meeting of the Photographic Society of N. S. W. the chairman communicated to the meeting that

a friend of his, a German scientist sent out to Samoa by his government, had treated all his exposure by the above method.

Developer for

Flash-Light Explosives.

The following developer may be used with advantage:—

Water - - - - -	10 oz.
Metol - - - - -	75 gr.

When dissolved, add—

Sodium sulphite - - -	840 gr.
Sodium carbonate - - -	600 gr.
Potassium bromide - - -	5 gr.
Hypo - - - - -	25 gr.

For snapshots (under-exposed) dilute 1 part with 5 to 10 parts of water, and allow plenty of time for really slow development. This may also be used for normal exposures by diluting 1 part with 2 parts of water.

NOTES.

Rain or shine, stick to stamp collecting. Don't give up the pastime and it will never disappoint you.

All classes of people collect stamps. It is not a past time of a privileged few. The boy with his collection of five hundred of the commoner varieties gets as much enjoyment from collecting as the man with his thousands of varieties, and rare and valuable specimens. That is the beauty of the pastime.

In the Philatelic Inter Ocean a standing feature is the directory of philatelic papers in the English language. The editor in a reply to Mr. Dalton's article on Philatelic Literature takes a favorable view of our papers, saying there is never so poor a one that one could not learn something from it. I think I have seen some exceptions.

J. Phillips, Lincoln, Nebr.—Well pleased with ad and enclose larger one for next number.

H. Hirsch, Ama, La.—I get many returns from ad and think West greatest paper of its kind in America.

Never attempt landscapes on windy or misty days.

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Under exposure is the unpardonable sin of photography, because it is irredeemable.

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Aim at good pictures rather than quick ones.

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There is more certainty in working a slow than a quick process.

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Learn one process thoroughly, so as to be able to depend on it; then, and not till then, amuse and instruct yourself by practising others.

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Use plenty of water everywhere; hypo left in your negatives will cause them to star; hypo left in your prints will cause them to fade.

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You can make a white sky in the picture by covering the sky in the negative with a piece of post-office paper cut to follow the exact outlines of the horizon and the objects which show above it.

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The late Baron F. de Rothschild's hobby was photography—also a favorite with other members of the Rothschild family, His yacht, new only a year or so ago, was perfectly fitted up with a dark-room and appliances for indulgence of the hobby.

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The curious fact has been noticed that in hundreds of photographs of athletes, taken at the instant of victory, only one shows a pleasant expression.

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Some photographic dry plates have been tried after keeping 15 years. The sensitiveness was considerably lessened,

but the plates were still useful, except those which had been packed in contact with paper. The latter were hopelessly fogged.

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In securing photographs for half-tone engravings, remember the finest results can be obtained from brown toned burnished pictures. It is difficult to make perfect work from the mat finish or gray photographs, and tintypes should never be sent if good work is desired.

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Gelatine paper is far the best paper for photo button work.

The film on Platino paper is thin and rather soft, frequently mottling or being united to celluloid; hence we advise the use of little alum in fixing both.

Bromide, or porous Matt Velox can not be united to celluloid in a satisfactory manner.

Observe the following dimensions in making button prints;—22 Line or Scarf Pin prints, should be $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch square; 30 Line or Cuff Button print should be 1 inch square; 36 Line or Small button prints, should be $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches square; 50 Line; or Medium Button prints should be $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches square; 60 Line; or Large Button prints should be 2 inches square.

Cabinet Size prints will just mount onto a $5\frac{1}{2}$ inch medallion. Head must always be in center of print however as mounting a $3\frac{3}{8}$ inch print on a 3 inch medallion is a tight squeeze. Prints for a 4 inch medallion should be $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches square; for $4\frac{1}{2}$ inch medallion $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches square; on 6 inch medallion, 7 inches square.

In our estimation powdered alum is far the best hardner. In making prints for button or medallion work use one-half teaspoon powdered alum to gallon fixing bath. Matt prints can be hardened in same bath. Using alum in fixing bath will not injure

prints for any other purpose, but is a good thing.

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A few words about the dark room may not be inappropriate. Almost any room may be used at night, and many rooms may be darkened quite easily in the day time. Be sure that no ray of light enters anywhere. Before darkening the room arrange the materials which you will need, in handy places, so that you can find them easily. Have your solutions ready, and do not fail to remember which solution is in each jar. Keep your plate as much as possible away from the light even of your kerosene lantern. The red or orange glass may not always be the best quality and even if it is good, there is danger of burning the plate by holding it too near the kerosene lamp. If the edges of the plate come out clear when developed the plate has not been damaged in the dark room. If care is used in the matter of light during the early process of development, the plate will be able to stand a greater amount when development is nearly finished and there is greater need of light. In loading plate-holders in the dark room remember that the plates are packed in pairs, with the film sides together. The first plate, then will be its glass side up and the second its film side. By remembering this the plate holders may be loaded in complete darkness. There are various ways of detecting the film side, one of which is by the reflection of the ruby light. Upon the glass side the reflection is bright and clear, while upon the film it is dull.

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When taking flash light pictures it is necessary to focus by means of lamps. Some one carry a lamp around the group which you wish to photograph so that you may see what position the image occupies upon the

ground glass. Keep at least one lamp burning behind the camera. Magnesium powder is generally used for the flash light. As the process of making such a powder at home is rather dangerous, it is better to procure it already manufactured. Place your powder in such a position that the light will not shine into the lens tube and also far enough from the camera to prevent injury to it. A position at the side of the camera is generally satisfactory. Have your sitters look at the lamp and not at the flash, as the brightness of the flash will cause them to close their eyes involuntarily. When all is ready remove the slide from your plate holder and open your shutter using a large stop. There will not be light enough in the room to injure the plate. Touch off the powder and as soon as the flash is over replace the slide.

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Curly Photographs.—Who does not know the provoking way that a curly photograph resists for a time our efforts to unroll it; and when we do accomplish that it immediately skips out of the hand and rolls under the piano? To flatten a curly print lay on the table two or three thicknesses of clean blotting paper. Then take a flat, straight thin ruler or straight paper knife in the right hand. Lay the print face down on the blotting paper and the ruler across the back. With the left hand take the edge. Now slide ruler along the print and at the same time raise print in a vertical direction. It requires rather firmly and quite even pressure on ruler and at the same time a rather firm pull upwards of print. Begin by placing the ruler about the middle of the print and flatten one-half first, then reverse the ends of the print and do the second half. To try to do the whole print at once a great risk is run of tearing it.

Before using your lenses, wipe them with a soft chamois leather, and dust out the interior of your camera with a damp cloth.

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Carry your dark slide in a cloth when taking it from place to place (especially out of doors), and cover the top of the slide with it while the plate is being exposed.

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Keep your camera exactly level when perpendicular objects are to be taken; nothing is so abominable as to see distorted representations. This especially applies to architecture; when buildings are made to appear falling forward, or leaning backward, or vertical lines are crooked and twisted, they always betray mismanagement of the camera.

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Get all parts of the picture into focus if you can; if you cannot, then make the principal objects sharpest—in a portrait, the eye; in a group the central figure; in a landscape, the foreground, in preference to distant objects.

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Wash your developing-glass after each time of using.

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Keep a separate vessel for every solution, and a separate bottle and funnel for each distinct purpose; let them all be distinctly labelled. Much time and trouble in cleaning dishes and bottles will be saved and no end of uncertainty removed.

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Never open a bottle of collodion, ether, alcohol, or varnish near a flame, or an explosion may take place.

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Never allow the sun to shine on the lens when taking a picture.

ANCIENT AND MEDIAEVAL COINS



Their Value in Art and History

To the antiquarian and student of art and history, the study of ancient and mediaeval coins will ever be of absorbing interest. In their mythologic, historic and artistic value, the coins of ancient Greece are absolutely unrivaled. Many of them excel all modern coins in the purity of their lines, bold relief and delicacy of treatment. Hence it is not wonderful that many people regard a fine Greek coin the most convenient, compact, best preserved and most beautiful relic of antiquity.

Greek coins are of two classes, (a.) Mythological or religious representations and (b.) portraits of historical personages.

The period of finest Greek Art, as shown by Greek coins, was from 415 B. C., (Athenian expedition against Sicily) to 335 B. C., (Accession of Alexander The Great.)

"The art of sculpture, of which coin engraving is the offspring, receives great illustration from Numismatics. Not only is the memory of lost statues preserved to us in the design of ancient coins, but those of Greece afford admirable examples of that skill by which her sculptors obtained renown. The excellence of design of very many Greek coins, struck during the period of her finest arts, is indeed so great that were it not for their smallness, they would form the finest series of art studies in the world * * * * They are beyond all other monuments in the domain of Greek art. Their geographical and historical range is only limited by Greek history and the Greek world. They are sometimes the work of great artists, and there is no question of their authenticity; nor have they suffered from the injurious hand of the restorer. Thus they tell us what other monuments leave untold, filling up the gaps in the sequence of art and revealing local schools known from them alone * * * *"

"Roman coins, though at no time to be compared with the purest Greek, yet represent worthily the Græco-Roman art Empire; and some of them present portraits of remarkable beauty and excellence."—Encyclopedia Britannica.

The Coins of the Romans are a vast gazetteer of the nation, and proclaim her ancient customs, faith, conquests, wealth

culture, divisions, victories and her downfall.

We are indebted to coins alone for the prized portraits of the most noted characters in history. The refinement or barbarity of the peoples of the earth has been shown with fidelity by their coins.

A lot of coins found in Asia a few years ago threw valuable historical light on a great civilization (Bactrian) of which previously little was known.

The advance in enlightenment Great Britain has made in a thousand years is clearly observed by comparing the rudely stamped coins of the early Anglo-Saxons, and those issued so steadily through the centuries by the long succession of kings and queens, with the beautiful pieces bearing the likeness of Queen Victoria.

The Byzantine coins furnish interesting examples of the decadence of the art of coin engraving after the fall of Rome. The Roman coins in the later days of the Empire were miserable enough in comparison with those of the brilliant early Greek era; but poorer far became the Byzantine, until some of the types were simply caricatures. It is interesting to know that some of the later coins bore the portrait of Jesus Christ, but from some of the examples of these coins in the possession of the writer the coin engraver was by no means a Raphael. It is on the coins of John Zimisces, 969, A. D., that these profiles of the Savior appear. On the reverse the name of "Cristus" often is seen.

On the Greek coins the local conceptions of the gods and heroes worshipped in the Greek world with their attributes and symbols are presented; and in these coins the historian will find a rare gallery of portraits almost complete from Alexander to Augustus, as well as evidences of the history of political revolutions of innumerable autonomous states and cities. The student of palaeography will find on coins examples of various ancient alphabets such as Lycian and

Cyprian, Phoenician, Greek, Latin, Iberian, etc., in all stages of development. When we remember that some of the exquisite profiles on Greek coins were traced at least 400 B. C., and that we still have them almost as perfectly preserved to us as when made, it seems these little works of art are all but imperishable. The hands that fashioned them have been quieted many long centuries, but their work remains to to us a fitting tribute to the splendor and achievements of the ancient nation.

What a history gathers round a little drachma of Alexander the Great which lies there on my writing desk! Who knows but the great conquerer himself handled it once? Who knows but that bit of silver was once a part of the vast plunder of silver that the victorious army of Alexander captured from the fleeing Persians. It is doubtless on account of this stupendous sum of silver falling into the hands of Alexander that we find his coins rather common now.

The Greek coins have a singular artistic value in that they are original works of art, not copies, as are most of the extant sculptures; and they record the various phases and local varieties in Greek art and in such manner that no other class of monuments, sculptures, bronzes, terra cottas, vases or gems can compare with them. From the seventh century before the Christian era downward, and from the farthest east to the extreme west of the ancient civilized world, gold and silver coins are still extant, often as uninjured as when they left the dies. The devices and types they show, if not always made by the leading artists, yet certainly faithfully represent the style of the sculpture and even of the painting of the periods to which they belong. So in no branch of Greek monuments can the student observe so well the growth, maturity and decay of the plastic art as on coins chronologically arranged.

AN AMATEUR'S ALPHABET.

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- A stands for Amateurs aiming at art.
 B the Bewilderment, "blank shots" im-
 part.
 C for the Camera haul'd out leisure days.
 D the Development by ruby-light's rays.
 E for Enlargements, prize winners most
 often.
 F for False Focus, thrown out "just to
 soften."
 G the Graduate, dry toppers abuse.
 H stands for Hypo, when it clears off
 the views.
 I for Imitations of master work's
 wrought.
 J for the Judges, who award them with-
 out thought.
 K those first Kisses with one sitter shar-
 ed.
 L the Love mutual, which follow'd in-
 spired.
 M the kind Matron consulted alone.
 N for the Nuptials that made two hearts
 one.
 O stands for Opulence unknown to the
 pair.
 P for Palaces. Way up in the air!
 Q stands for Questions of rent and of
 larder.
 R was the 'Rastle with times somewhat
 harder.
 S stands for Suspense, soon follow'd by
 joy.
 T the Tranquility. Came with a boy.
 U the Utopian lives of the "dears!"
 V the Volatile speed of the years.
 W stands for that Wealth, which came
 after all.
 X was the 'Xertion to fulfill its call.
 Y for vague Yearnings to view distant
 climes.
 Z is the Zenith of ambition's proud
 chimes.

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REVIEW OF AMERICAN PAPERS.

An anonymous writer has an instru-
 tive article in the Philatelic Bulletin
 for October on some of the portraits of
 Latin-American stamp; I would like
 see it continued. A similar article
 though with less reference to stamp
 is the one on Palms by Mr. Jones.
 Once in awhile such articles are good
 for youthful collectors. The article

Saxon stamps describes a number of counterfeits and fakes.

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The Adhesive is at peace again with the Montreal Philatelist, at least it would appear so from Major Wurtele's portrait on the front cover of Major Chapman's paper. I am glad to see it, as both are doing such good service to philately that we cannot afford to have them waste any time squabbling. Mr. Dodge is a new contributor upon whose acquisition The Adhesive is to be congratulated; in this number he incurs Mr. Robie's wrath by defaming the highpriced J. Ellwood Lee stamps. The "Sheets" article is continued and Miss Swift writes entertainingly. As to her inquiry regarding the animal on the new French Congo set I would submit that it cannot be a tiger, which occurs only in Asia, nor a jaguar, which is exclusively American.

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The Philatelic Spectator is improving its appearance; it has a cover now. The contents still show room for improvement.

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Mr. Lecky of Richmond graces the first page of the Virginia Philatelist. Mr. Dietz's article on German Colonials is concluded, fully illustrated like the last. As concerns the last paragraph of this article, there is an official letter in the current number of Der Philatelist stating authoritatively that the first issue of German Southwest-Africa did not include any 25 or 50 pf. stamps.

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The International Philatelic Review for September gave me quite a shock of surprise by presenting a half tone plate of U. S. stamps frauduently used by a Rochester lawyer. The exhibit is very interesting, but will it not get

the Review into trouble with our Uncle Samuel? There is an instructive article on the Puerto Rico paraphs and on a Spanish frank stamp for the Cartilla (not castilla) postal de Espana. I am glad to see that this charming little paper is to be continued another year.

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A fair little article on Confederate Stamps forms the principal feature of the Collector's Companion for November.

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Energy for October is interestingly chatty and contains a short glossary of philatelic terms.

REVIEW OF FOREIGN PAPERS.

An interesting paper comes to us from Havana—El Correo de Cuba. As before mentioned it is published by Cuban postal employes in the interest of the Cuban postal service; each number contains a cut of some prominent postal official, so far all Americans. The November number gives a list of the railway post offices in Cuba; our stamp conventions are noticed and the Philatelic West receives flattering mention, more than we deserve, let us modestly remark. There is also a brief philatelic chronicle.

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Although illustrated postal cards are not philately, yet many philatelists collect them "on the side." They are well served by the new paper, The Picture Postcard, finely illustrated with new issues. Perhaps this fad may yet take hold here also.

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The Philatelic Trader contains an editorial strongly urging the collection of philatelic literature and speaking of the attention paid to it in this country. More collectors, still, should see the uses of our literature.

From Havana there comes to us El Correo de Cuba, a paper published by Cuban postal employes for the benefit of the Cuban postal service. It has various articles on postal subjects, though not directly touching on stamps, except for a brief philatelic column, which may develop in future numbers. The paper is a good sign for the intelligence of the Cuban officials.

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The late numbers of Ewen's Weekly Stamp News are still full of South African news. In No 143 there is a number of interesting clippings from a Mafeking paper published during the siege relative to postal matters; from one of them it appears that no stamps were sold at the post office; letters had to be handed in. They were sent out by runners in batches of thirty. The numbers issued are also copied from the official figures obtained by the London Philatelist. No. 145 illustrates the new Orange River Colony on ½d green Cape of Good Hope.

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The Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser for October contains little beyond the chronicle and an interesting little article on the pence issues of Canada, though there is nothing new in this either. Our stamp conventions are briefly noticed.

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Le Philatelite International has another of those articles on the Postal Service of the Middle Ages, which have so little connection with stamps. There is an interesting note to show that in September 1871 some French 15c postage due stamps were surcharged with pen and ink so as to raise their value to 25c. They are of excessive rarity of course. Another note states that the new French stamps were to be issued Nov. 15, some of the values having been ready for issue since August. If they did appear on that date, I have seen no notice of it as yet.

Die Post for October describes the German post offices in Marocco and gives a list of all German post offices in the German colonies and in foreign countries. The chronicle illustrates the New German Colonials and gives complete lists of the sets to be issued; there are just 175 adhesives! not so bad for a starter. There is also an interesting note on the present watermark of the Russian stamps: wavy lines and large Russian letters E. S. G. B.

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Speaking of German Colonials, I have received the price list of Philipp Kosack of Berlin, Germany. If I mention it here, it is because it is almost a handbook on German Colonials and their cancellation. The list is worth obtaining; the firm is one of the largest in Germany.

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Le Timbrophile Belge as usual shines by its splendid chronicle. As to the stamps of the 1896 issue of Antioquia without centerpiece, of which mention has lately been made here and there, M Mahe in an article which fully describes the process of manufacture of lithograph stamps requiring two impressions arrives at the result that they are merely unfinished proofs from the frame plate. The three die varieties of Cuba and Puerto Rico 1882 are fully described by means of enlarged cuts.

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The Stamp Collector (Birmingham) for November says that no preparations have as yet been made for new federal stamps for the commonwealth of Australia which is to come into existence Jan. 1 (or perhaps not until Jan. 26th. Perhaps all local issues will be surcharged by the federation—a prospect calculated to strike a chill of horror to the heart of the average collector. The rest of the contents are largely reprinted.

A newcomer is the Australian Journal of Philately, and a promising youngster at that. Australian stamps fashionable shortly, so there may as well be room for another paper devoted to them. Mr. Hull's article on the "Grand Old Stamp," the 5d green of N. S. W., has been extensively reprinted in our weeklies, so I need but to allude to it. In the October number the Sydney Exhibition is written up at length. A note states that the Cook Islands are about to be annexed to New Zealand, so it would be well to complete your set at once.

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Mr. A. F. Basset Hull has retired from the editorship of the Australian Philatelist, which he has filled so ably. His successor starts in quite well. I am surprised to see a contribution in the August number break a lance for the Sedang stamps, ranking them with those of Sarawak! Mot many of us will join him there. In the September number the Sydney Exhibition is described. I notice that the new Penny stamp for New Zealand is to depict "New Zealand diffusing the befinets of reduced postage throughout the world" rather a large order for so small a stamp.

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The Philatelic Trader for October contains details of a large deal in Mafeking stamp counterfeits at Cape Town; the forgers were not arrested, though denounced to the police.

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A feature of Morley's Philatelic Journal for October will be of interest to all American collectors is the article by Mr. Pearce on the fiscals issued by our administration in the Philippines; the article is fully illustrated. The two Railway stamp lists are continued as well as the list of Japanese telegraph stamps.

Mr. Castle has a very interesting paper in the London Philatelist for October treating of the early issues of Belgium, specially throwing light upon the re-engraving of the Belgian 1c stamp of 1861. From a note in this number I had my first news of the death of Leon Brummer at Muenchen, which removes a highly picturesque character from German philately. His untimely death will be widely mourned.

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The trouble about stamp-cuts in Germany seems to have been settled by using cuts with a broad white line through them; the Philatelist for October shows style of illustration. In his monthly editorial Dr. Moschkan pleads for the rehabilitation of square cut envelopes and cards, which seem to be regaining favor in Germany. A long article by Dr. Szalay deals with various features of society exchanging, such as condition, mounting, pricing; though written primarily for German conditions, every American exchange superintendent and every member patronizing their departments could read this article with profit. A valuable feature of Der Philatelist is its exhaustive chronicle of philatelic papers, covering e. g. over five pages in this number. An oddity in the postal line is noted from Greece, where the government has monopolized the illustrated postal card and will transport only those bearing a special stamp, which has already been mentioned by our American papers.

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The Philatelic feature of the British and Colonial Philatelic Advertiser (what a name!) is a comprehensive article, suited to the average collector, on Africa and Her Postage Stamps. The September number deals with B. C. A. (was the 1895 set printed by de

la Rue? I think it was Parkins, Bacon & Co.) B. E. A., Zanzibar and Zululand.

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In the Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser for September Mr. Webb, that indefatigable student of British stamps, has some discoveries in perforations of British reply cards and a new classification of the ½d postal cards and a new classifications of the ½d postal card type varieties. From black and white there is reprinted an exhaustive list of varieties of the U. R. I. surcharge on Orange Free State. There is also a list of rates for which Canadian stamps were issued.

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Over in England the Y ½ of Cuba is still making trouble as shown in the October number of Stamps; I would recommend Mr. Andreini's article in McKeel's as a settler. The Mafekings are also getting some hard knocks in stamps, whose editor makes them out as nothing but locals, and none too, good at that.

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As always, the chief feature of Le Timbrophile Belge for October its chronicle. Despite various denials, it is here stated that after Jan. 1., 1901, the new German Colonials will be on sale at Postal station 19 at Berlin. Small business for Germany, that; I should think it would not care to be classed with North Barneo. The editor in a long article demands the withdrawal of certain Belgian stamps, which will no doubt avail him but little. I am pleased to see the honored name of M. Moens heading an exhaustive article on Portuguese reprints; let us hope to hear of him oftener.

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The Curioso Americano still is engaged in bitter strife with the Madrid Fila-

telico and Sr. Galvez over the counterfeits alleged to have been circulated by the latter. The Curioso also undertakes to prove that the 10c stamp of Cuba 1880 was never put into circulation (catalogued by Scott used at \$5.00.) He seems to make out a good case; the matter is worth further investigation. There is a fearful list of varieties of Venezuelan stamps from 1892 to 1899; something for specialists, not for me. The editor has also found some new varieties of the Puerto Principe surcharges, due chiefly to poor impressions. He states that the U. S. officially sealed stamps are in use in Cuba without any surcharge.

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Ewen's Weekly Stamp News, as usual knows of nothing but U. R. I., Transvaal and the like. There is a comprehensive article on the stamps of the So. African Republic, "arranged on simplified lines"—and lengthy enough even then. Mr. Ewen is at work on a book on British Railway Stamps—to be sure their collection over here is no doubt extremely limited. Attention is called to the discovery of two types of the New Zealand due stamps, the Daffer, the value being much larger on one. It is also said that the Transvaal 1d Commemorative has been surcharged V. R. I. by means of a rubber stamp at Wolmaranstad. More's the pity!

CURIO DEPARTMENT.

The A. S. of C. C. is a "sure go!" You will wonder what the four letters stand for, no doubt, so we'll tell you. The contemplated society for general collectors, embracing all branches except philately or stamp collecting, has been formed and it is called the American Society of Curio Collectors. The dues will be 25 cents a year. The benefits will be many, such as an information bureau, an identification bureau

where fossils, minerals and such will be identified and properly named for the society's members, an exchange department through which members may trade their duplicate specimens for some other specimens that will be new to their collections. The society will begin active work on Jan. 1st. The WEST will be the official organ for the present at least. Do you want to join, or know more about it? Write to Roy F. Greene.

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About six weeks ago, some boys digging along a creek at Indianapolis unearthed an Indian skeleton in excellent state of preservation. One of the vertebrae carried imbedded in it a war or triangular flint arrow point; another of same type was found near the bones of the neck. It is reasonable to assume that the latter point was received in the fleshy part of the neck that the Indian's death resulted from the wound of either or both arrows.

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I have myself about $\frac{1}{2}$ the radius of right arm taken from mound at Quincy, Ill. The lower part of this bone carries a flint arrow deeply imbedded. Does any reader know of similar specimens; if so kindly communicate with W. E. Emery, Crawfordsville, Ind.

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J. A. Lawson in his charming book of travels, "Wanderings in New Guinea" gives some accounts of the flora of that region which will interest our young botanists. Mr. Lawson says; "The multitude and beauty of the flowers I cannot describe. At every step we crushed them down, so close together were they; and this continued until we had reached an elevation of four thousand feet; and even at the extreme summit of the mountain, several species were represented by an odd number or two, although it was eleven thousand feet above the level of the

sea. Lilies of three different kinds, red, white and yellow, were very abundant; but I did not notice them at a greater height than fifteen hundred or two thousand feet. Daisies similar to those that grow in English meadows, but as large as sunflowers, were very numerous. They were crimson-tipped, but not very modest, seeing they lifted their heads to a height of eighteen inches. "But by far the most beautiful flower I saw here was one borne by a bulbous plant. It was the shape of a narcissus, nine inches in diameter and of a lily-white color, spotted with deep crimson. It gave forth a delightful odor; which was so powerful that one's hands would retain the perfume of it an hour after the plant had been handled. The leaves were six or seven feet in length and one in breadth and so tough that I found it impossible to break one of them in two; there were from thirty to fifty on each plant, but seldom more than one flower at a time though there might be several buds in various stages of growth. The bulbs were as large as a man's head. The height of the plant nine or ten feet, the flower standing several feet above the leaves. Clustering around the foot of the flower-stalk among the leaves, was a large quantity of soft, white down, which I have proved by actual comparison to be of the same kind as that used by the bird of paradise to line its nest, so that if this bird does not actually alight on the ground, it comes to within a few inches of it." Mr. Lawson's description of big flowers seems almost incredible, but he is a thoroughly reliable explorer. Would not our young botanists like a few specimens of these flowers described?

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Cow-birds are a puzzle to the young zoologist. He can never find their nests no matter how diligently he searches. They get their name from an odd fancy

they have of taking a ride on the cow's back occasionally while in the pasture. The female is homely enough to be called a cow-bird, being of a uniform grayish-brown, but the male is a fine looking bird, clad in an entire suit of rich black velvet, with head and neck of a deep maroon color. Cow-birds are queer in their nesting habits. They look for and find the nests of birds that are smaller than they are, watching for the opportunity when the nest's proper owners have left it temporarily, the female cow-bird takes possession of the nest, leaves an egg there and then quietly takes her departure. The reason for this maybe that the birds are too lazy to build nests for themselves or they don't know how. Their eggs are large, of a dirty-white color, plentifully splashed over with a cold, gray brown. It is needless to add that the real owner of the nest has to hatch out the cow-bird's egg along with her own.

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Many who have not gained a knowledge of such work by scientific reading are reluctant to believe that the early settlers of our land, commonly known as "mound builders," could have performed very skillful or artistic work with stone and flint implements. In this connection it might be well to quote from the report of Mr. W. T. Wyndham on "The Aborigines of Australia." He says: "They turn out work that you would hardly believe possible with such rough implements. They show great ingenuity, particularly in making their harpoon heads for spearing dugong and fish; instead of shaving the wood up and down with the grain, as a European workman would do, they turn the wood for a spear-head round and chip it off across the grain, working it as wooden boxes are turned on a lathe." So it will be seen that primitive tools do great things still in our day.

Exquisite tourmalines are found in California. They are green with red center, the core of the crystal being of the latter color, and the effect not merely optical.

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The finest specimens of turquoise are found in Persia, just as the finest opals come from Hungary, but many fine turquoise are found near Los Cerillos, N. M., and at or near Silver City in which neighborhood is an ancient Indian cemetery. In every grave, in this burying plot, beads of turquoise are found, in fact the Aztecs used to gather the precious material centuries before the Spanish came. They split it out of the rock by first heating the latter with fire and pouring cold water upon it. This process damaged the turquoise, often changing its color to green. It occurs in blue veins, with now and then a "nugget."

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The editor of this department had occasion to buy a number of arrow-points recently, in order to complete his collection of these interesting little implements by states and counties, and we applied to L. W. Stillwell the well-known dealer of Deadwood, So. Dak., for a selection of carefully selected points on approval. The box of points he submitted for our selection were the finest we have ever seen in fifteen years of collecting. Agate points from Oregon, Jasper and Obsidian points from Oregon, California and New Mexico, Chalcedony points from several states and quartz and flint points from a series of states running from Oregon to Illinois, Georgia, New York and Kentucky. Stillwell has a two-story block full of curios of all kinds and a record of fair and honest dealing that cannot be questioned. No collector should be without Stillwell's catalogue and to see it means you'll buy.

The Strand Magazine has a department under the caption of 'Curiosities' which will interest and in many cases instruct the readers of these notes.

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Professor Cohn, the distinguished botanist, was won't to say at the beginning of his lecture: "The four chief constituents of plants are carbon, C; oxygen, O; hydrogen, H; nitrogen, N. Then writing down these four letters with apparent carelessness, on a black-board, COHN, he would smile as he observed: "It is clear that I ought to know something about botany!"

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India has prepared a greater variety of plants than any other country in the world, having 15,000 native species, while the flora of the entire Continent of Europe only embraces about 10,000.

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Mrs. Ida Belmar Camp of Caro, Mich., has the finest private collection of cacti in existence. She has in her possession over seven hundred specimens which she has raised herself including some rare varieties not even to be found in large botanical institutions at home or abroad.

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The distances over which birds migrate vary between wide limits, and are often surprisingly great. The bobolinks, which rear their young on the shores of Lake Winnipeg, Canada, and go to Cuba and Porto Rico to spend the winter, twice traverse a distance exceeding 2,800 miles, or more than a fifth of the circumference of our earth, each year. The kingbird lays its eggs as far north as the fifty-ninth degree of latitude, and is found in the winter in South America. The biennial pilgrimages of the little sandpiper exceed 3000 miles, and the tiny humming-bird 2000.

Many of our numismatic readers are perhaps unaware of the fact that the motto "E Pluribus Unum" on United States coins was never authorized by law. The word "God" never appeared in any government act until the year 1864, when, at the suggestion of the director of the mint, Ex-Governor Pollock of Pennsylvania, "In God We Trust" was stamped on the copper two-cent piece. Before that "E Pluribus Unum" had been the motto, but wholly without authority, as to the stamp on U. S. coinage.

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Many of our readers, particularly those of the Pacific coast, collect Chinese curios, and a handsome collection they make. How many of them know, though, that the Chinese hand-made papers are made mostly of rice straw, and are colored or stained by hand? The visiting cards which are thin octavo sheets, are colored crimson; pale red is used for bills, yellow sprinkled with gold or green for wrapping goods, orange for weddings, and so on through the list.

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It will interest our young botanist friends to know that for perfumery purposes a low estimate puts it that each year 1,860 tons of orange flowers, 930 tons of roses, 150 tons each of violets and jasmine, 75 tons of tuberose, 30 tons of cassia and 15 tons of jonquils are used.

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The soil of Peru contains the largest number of mineral species of any country. At Pluria, in the north, petroleum and sulphur; silver, lead, copper and coal in the great mining basin of Cerro de Pasco, in Central Peru, and phosphate, quicksilver, auriferous grounds and borax at Arequipa, Carabaja, and in the south. This may not be generally known by our young mineralogists.

The Archaeological Bulletins being and to be published by the Robt. Clark's Co., Cincinnati, Ohio, at the uniform price of fifty cents each are invaluable to the collector of prehistoric implements. A catalogue describing the bulletins and other collectors publications will be sent by the company to all applicants.

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The highest altitude where flowers bloom according to the testimony of eminent explorers and botanists is 19,200 feet. Nine different species of flowering plants were found at 19,000 feet and higher. These discoveries were all made in Thibet and the plants found at this high altitude were members of the order Compositac. Sir Martin Conway found in the Bolivian Andes two species of flowering plants at 18,700 feet, and 39 species above 14,000 feet, the latter belonging to 34 genera and 21 natural orders.

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The collecting of old weapons, peculiar types, of our own and other countries is a field being taken up by a great many enthusiastic collectors. Of pistols and pocket weapons alone, one can form an interesting collection.

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Ellis Chandlee of Augusta, Ga., is one of the leading dealers of the country in old confederate currency, broken bank and southern state money, "wild cat" currency and shin-plasters. One not conversant with the subject would be surprised at the cheapness with which a fine collection of currency may be acquired. Such a collection can be tastefully arranged in a small space and forms a display of historic interest to which anyone with the true collector's spirit may point with pride.

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The Collectors Supply Co., of Plainwell, Michigan are extensive dealers in

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From a recent issue of the Havana (Cuba) Post the following of interest to coin collectors is clipped:

Americans who visit the interior of Cuba are surprised beyond measure when they are given change for small purchases in cafes. The old American silver half-dime, which is no more in circulation in the United States, is used in the interior towns of Cuba, where it passes for 2½ cents. All these coins are punched and were brought to Cuba many years ago. When the bangle craze had died away in America, there were thousands of these half-dimes which had been punched and were useless, some clever Yankee conceived the idea that they could be circulated in some way in Cuba and other West India islands. The plan worked well, and ever since that time they have been passing for 2½ cents.

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Rather a new ring in geology is vegetation-carved rocks. In New Providence and other islands of the Bahama group are numerous so-called "banana holes," ranging in size from that of a pint cup to that of a large cistern. An eminent geologist, who has lately studied these holes, finds that they cannot have had the same origin as pot-holes, and do not appear to have been cut out by the waves, and he can only account for them as an effect of the action of decaying vegetation. Large quantities of leaves and other vegetable matter are found in the holes, and it is probable that the soft calcareous rock has been dissolved by the fermentation process, and washed away.

Nothing is better for cleaning copper coins than ammonia using a sponge, piece of flannel or a very soft brush in applying it. Under no circumstances should acids be used to clean and brighten coin, no matter how much diluted, nor should coins be rubbed hard in cleaning them. The less friction and abrasion the coins suffer the better your collection will grade.

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One often reads in novels and works of fiction of "fool's gold" a something which tenderfoot miners are wont to gather up in quantities thinking they have struck it rich, only to find the glistening particles worthless when tested. "Fool's gold", as it is jokingly called in the mining country, is known to mineral collectors as pyrites of gold or gold pyrites, and comes from many sections of the United States, being quite common but very pretty.

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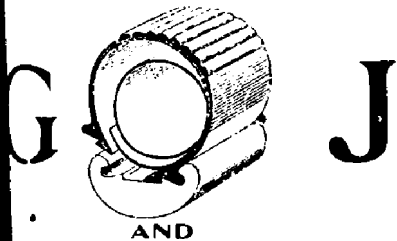
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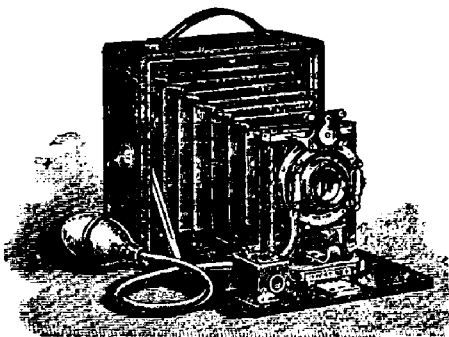
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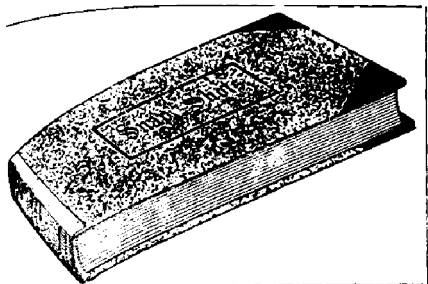
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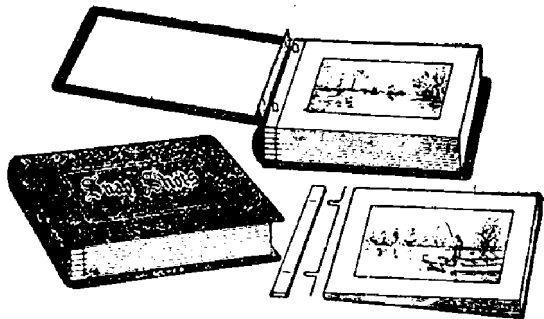
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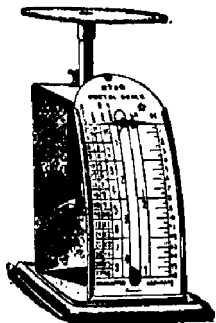
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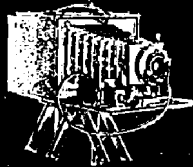
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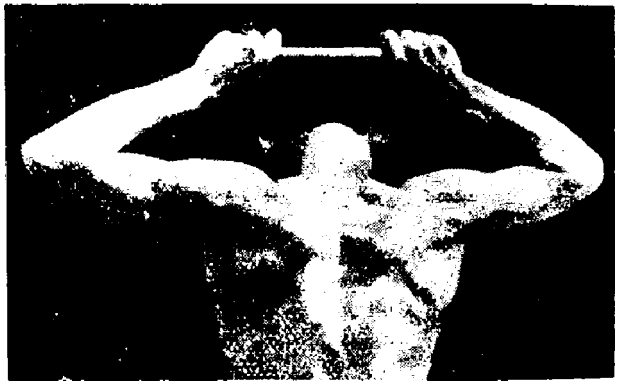
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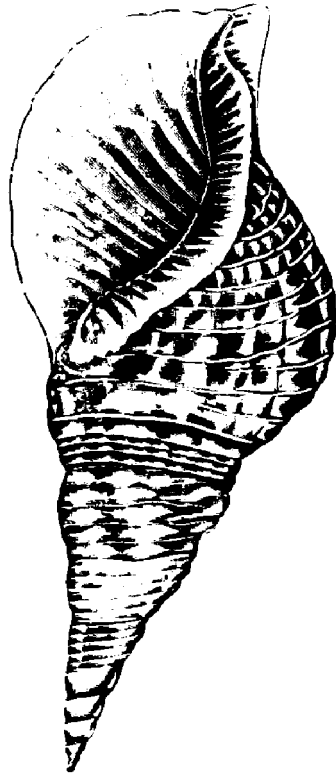
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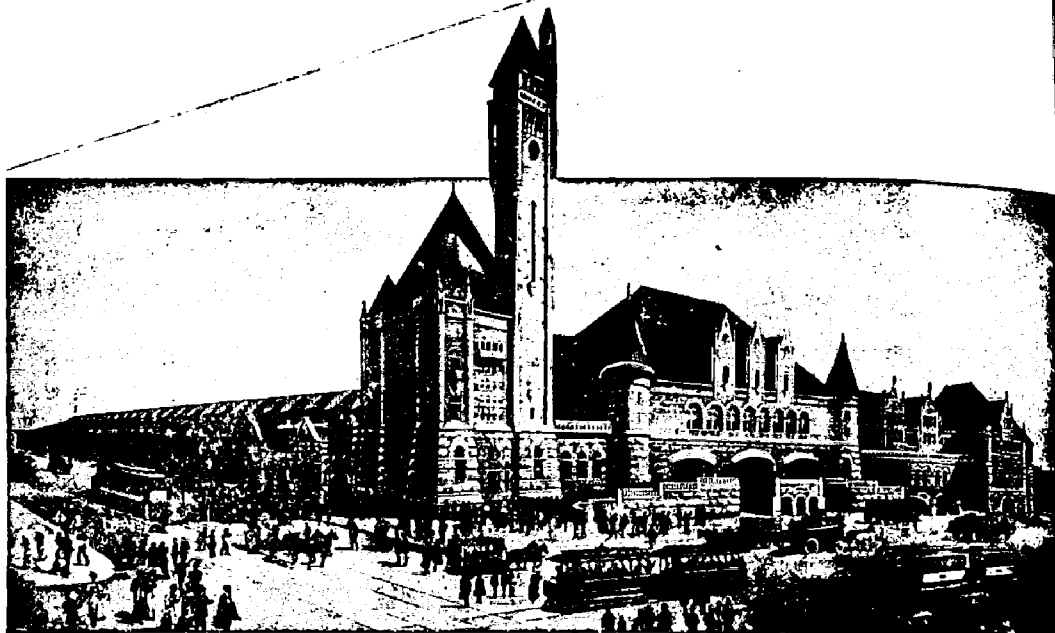
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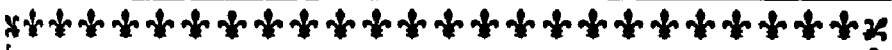
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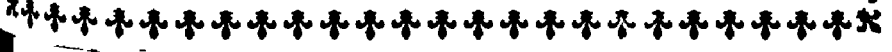
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- Complete set 4 values Columbian envelopes as above, new or used, only,
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- Italy, Humbert, 1, 2 centimos, mint,
- (Bird of Paradise on the 10th pfennig.)
- (His son is an ardent coin collector.)
- Dominican Rep., 5, 10 cents, mint
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" 1c blue	14
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" 3c rose	02
" 3c Outer line	00½
" 10c green	25
" 10c green	35
561 1c blue	05
" 2c Big head Jack	05
" 3c rose	02
" 10c green	00½
" 5c brown	10
568 1c grill	04
569 1c buff	15
" 2c horseman	50
" 3c locomotive	25
" 6c wash	06
" 10c coat of arms	01
570 1c grill	25
" 2c grill	06
" 3c grill	18
590 3c-4c-5c-6c-8c-10c	50
593 Columbian 3c green	10
" 4c ultra, 1c, 5c choc	15
" 6c purp 3c, 8c mag 2c 10c bl	02
598 Omahas 1-10c	02
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02: 6c .03	10c, .12 12c, .10

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10c P of att	03	01
15c Inl ex	04	01
20c Inl ex	02	01
25c Insurance	03	01
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Our Mr. Joseph H Makins Has Returned from the Hawaiian Islands.

AND we take pleasure in announcing that we have a very fine stock of the stamps of those Islands. Amongst other things he secured a few entire sheets of 5c 1853. There are twenty stamps on a sheet, and each stamp differs from the other; there are in reality twenty varieties. We will sell these at \$60 00 per sheet. Stock limited, and money will be promptly refunded if supply exhausted. Single copies can be supplied at \$3.00.

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1864 1c. violet.....		.25	1893 10c. brown.....	.20	
1864 1c. bright mauve.....	.12		1893 12c. black.....	.30	
1864 2c. verm., brown gum..	1.00		1893 12c. mauve, red surch..	4.00	
1864 2c. vermilion.....	.35	.25	1893 15c. brown.....	.50	
1864 5c. blue on bluish.....	1.50	.45	1893 15c. brown.....	.50	
1864 6c. green.....	.40	.40	1893 18c. red.....	.40	
1864 18c. dull rose (no gum)..	.50	.50	1893 25c. purple.....	1.00	
1875 2c. brown.....	.15	.05	1893 50c. red.....	1.15	
1875 12c. black.....	1.25	1.25	1894 5c. red.....	.10	
1882 1c. blue.....	.07	.10	1894 10c. green.....	.18	
1882 2c. lilac rose.....	.50	.24	1894 12c. blue.....	.30	
1882 5c. ultramarine.....	.12	.04	1894 25c. blue.....	.40	
1883 10c. brown.....	.60	.10			
1883 10c. vermilion.....	.85	.85	ENVELOPES.		
1863 12c. mauve.....	1.65	1.65	1883 4c. vermilion.....	.65	
1886 2c. rosy vermilion.....	.30	.24	1883 5c. blue.....	.18	
1889 2c. ver. imperforated....	.60		1883 10c. black.....	.40	
1889 2c. ver. imp. reprint....	.15		1893 1c. green.....	.18	
1889 5c. black blue.....	1.00	1.00	1893 1c. green.....	.18	
1893 1c. bright mauve.....	.13	.15	1893 2c. rose.....	.12	
1893 1c. blue.....	.13	.15	1893 5c. blue.....	.18	
1893 2c. brown.....	.20	.25	1893 10c. black.....	.35	
1893 2c. rose.....	.08	.10	1885 10c. black, spec. dispatch	1.25	
1893 5c. black blue.....	.20		Postal cards, Prov. Govt. 1893,		
1893 5c. ultramarine.....	.10	.07	1, 2 and 3c., set.....	.40	

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20 varieties.....	1.00
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25 varieties for.....	\$0.27
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12 var., cat. over \$.60.....	\$0.2
20 var., cat. over 1.40.....	3.
50 var., cat. over 8.00.....	3.
All Used.	

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THE FIRST FRENCH STAMPS

The issue of the new French stamps called up reminiscences in the Paris of the adoption of the adhesive stamps by France. The conservatism which has made the authorities keep so many years to the old design was shown when there was talk of introducing the new invention. It took ten years of discussion before the first stamps were offered to the public.

Adhesive stamps were not adopted in England when a few French deputies proposed to the minister of finances, M. Passy, to introduce them. This was on May 24, 1839. The matters had been discussed for several months already in England. President M. Passy replied that he thought it best to see how it worked in England.

Nearly two years passed and England had fully proved the utility of the labels. When a deputy, M. de la Sizeranne, called the attention of the Chamber to the fact that England had made the experiment for 18 months. No one took any interest. This was May 15, 1841. Two years later the matter came form-

ally to a vote on a proposition of M. Saint Priest providing for the issue of postal vignettes. The vote was 170 against 170 the president giving the deciding vote in the negative.

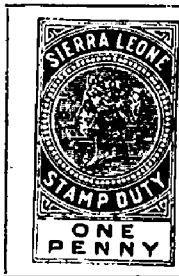
On Feb. 29, 1847 M. Glais-Bizoin called up the matter again and succeeded in getting a committee named. The chairman of this committee Emile de Girardin, founder of penny newspapers in France, brought in a favorable report, April 17, 1847. The Chamber was still not convinced and rejected the project by a vote of 187 against 162.

Finally, August 30, 1848, the minister of finances, M. Derclerc, signed a decree authorizing the postal authorities to sell at 20 centimes, 40 centimes and 1 franc, stamps which affixed to letters would prepay their postage. Even then the stamps were not ordered till M. Etienne Arago, director of posts, took the matter in hand by giving the order to M. Pelonze, director of the mint the plates bearing the head of Ceres were engraved so that the first stamps were on sale Jan., 1, 1849.

It was about time.

ERNEST R. HOLMES.

Paris, Dec. 10, 1900.



Fiscal and Revenue Dept.

By the time these lines are read, no doubt collectors will have thoroughly digested their 60th catalogue, and noted the rise or fall in the value of their collection.

•Judging by what I have been told by those who have gone over their collection, the rise in the value of one, is offset by the drop on another, so that the value is about the same as a year ago.

While this is not encouraging it is much better than the admitted slump in the 59th.

The foregoing refers to the prices on postage stamps.

With fiscals, prices show an advance, especially in the match and medicine stamps is the prices raised.

I have gone over my own collection of match and medicine stamps, and find that of my collection of 430 varieties (I do not collect varieties of paper) the prices on two varieties have dropped, the prices on 151 are the same, while the prices on the balance have advanced.

While the prices on the match and medicine stamps are in my opinion, nearer their proper value than heretofore, yet they cannot be deemed anywhere near correct when neither the publishers of the catalogue, or any other dealer for that matter are unable to supply one half the varieties listed.

Over 10 years ago I tried to buy in Scott & Co's., store, 10 each of the match and medicine stamps then priced at 1 cent each.

The clerk who waited on me politely told me, he could let me have but one of each for they properly should be listed at 5 cents each.

He told the truth too, but I have often thought that had I wanted 10 of each postage stamp listed at 1 cent each, I would have had no trouble to get my order filled.

Of the many letters received concerning fiscals I am struck by the large number coming from New Jersey, there must be enough collectors in that little state to organize a fiscal society.

On Dec. 6th the members of the Manhattan Philatelic Society devoted their evening to Foreign Revenues, and were entertained by looking over a part of the collection of Mr. A. E. Lawrence of this city, who without a doubt has the finest collection of the fiscals of foreign countries in this country.

Continuing the subject of Austrian revenues, we find that after 25 years of service the designs of the stamps issued in 1850 were abolished in 1875 and a new design issued. The values of the new set were $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 12, 15, 25, 36, 50, 60, 75, and 90 Kreuzer and 1, 2, 2.50, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 12, 15 and 20 florin.

The kreuzer values are all green in color, with the portrait of "Francis Joseph" in black. The color of the florin values is rose and black. Only one of this set may be called rare, the 12 florin, but the $\frac{1}{2}$ Kreuzer, 7, 15, and 20 florin are not common.

In 1877 another change appeared, the design remained unchanged except that the date was changed from 1875 to 1877, but the colors of the kreuzer values were changed as follows: From $\frac{1}{2}$ to 50 kreuzer, rose and black, the 60, 75 and 90 kreuzer, violet and black, the 1, 2, 2.50, 3, 4, 5 florin green and black, the 6, 7, 10, 12 florin mauve and black, 15 F yellow and black and 20 F blue and black. The $\frac{1}{2}$ kreuzer is the scarcest stamp of this issue, with the 12, 15, 6, 20, and 10 florin ranking in the order given, from first to last as to their relative rarity.

In 1879 came another change, and this time a new design, or rather a number of new designs, for in the set, the first four values are one design, then a change in the next 4, and so on throughout the set. The same values are used as in 1877, and the colors as follows: $\frac{1}{2}$ rose and black,

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1 green and black, 2 blue and black, 3
bistre and black, 4 rose and black, 5
green and black, 7 blue and black, 10
green and black, 12 rose and black, 15
bistre and black, 25 blue and black,
36 bistre and black, 50 rose and black,
60 green and black, 75 blue and black,
90 bistre and black, 1, 4, 10 Florin
rose and black, the 2, 5, and 12
green and black, the 2½, 6 and 15 blue
and black, the 3, 7 and 20 bistre and
black.

As in all Austrian fiscals there is a
vast amount of microscopical work
which does not appear at a hasty glance
and which are so complicated that it
would be worse than useless to attempt
to describe.

The same designs are continued
with the issues of 1881-3-5-8 and 93, ex-
cept that the date of issue being
changed.

The colors were also changed each
year.

(To be continued.)

Seebeck Stamps.

N. F. Seebeck, deceased, once officially
one of the managers of the Hamilton
Lithograph and Printing Co., of New
York, and stamp collector in private,
made an offer during the 80ies to sev-
eral smaller American countries to
furnish them with all the necessary
postage stamps under the condition that
every year new issues of entirely dif-
ferent designs were to be printed while
the remaining unused share of the
supply of stamps of the previous year
should be returned to them at the ending
of every year for their own use respec-
tively for the benefit of the Hamilton
Co. at the expense and danger of the
stamp collecting world.

This offer was accepted by Hon-
oraras and Nicaragua and Salvador, and
the company has furnished up to date
following so called Seebeck stamps.

Honduras—postage 1890-4.
officials 1890-3.
envelopes 1890-4
wrappers 1890-3
post cards 1890-4
Nicaragua—postage 1890-9
officials 1890-9
post due 1896-9
wrappers 1890-7
envelopes 1890-8
post cards 1890-9

Salvador — postage 1890-9
regt stamps 1897
registration,
return recp't
stamps 1897
officials 1896-9
post due 1895-9
mail order stamps 1895
post packet " 1895
envelopes 1890-8
wrappers 1890 7
postal cards 1890-97
letter sheets 1895

And later Ecuador joined in with
postage 1892-6
officials 1899-7
unpd letter stamps 1896
envelopes 1892-6
wrappers 1892
post cards 1892-4

That is the reason why these countries
have new designs every year and why so
many unused stamps of these four
countries are in circulation among deal-
ers and collectors. It is hard to tell
whether these countries obliged to ob-
tain postage stamps so cheap, have used
all the supply for their set purpose only
or have sold quantities unused to deal-
ers to help up either the finances of
their countries or the pockets of their
officials, anyway an abundance has been
printed to fill all the wants of the dif-
ferent claimants and that is one of the
many reasons why true stamp col-
lectors prefer in this case as well as in
many others, postally cancelled postage
stamps to an unused one. The Seebeck
stamps have earned miscredit further
through the issue of an unnecessary
number and variation of denominations.
Nobody though can deny that the See-
beck stamps are of beautiful design and
artistic execution and that they are
splendid specimens to fill a scrapbook
with nice bran new pictures, alongside
of labels and other scraps. I wish to
add the remark that the Seebecks used
are justly higher priced than the unused
ones, and that of these unused suspi-
cious stamps are mostly if not solely
bought by unexperienced collectors, for
their beauty. The philatelist and true
stamp collector though prefers the gen-
uine article that has seen service, has
served the purpose it was made for.

E. R. Steinbrueck, P. S. of A., 1506,
Mandan, N. D.

REVENUE STAMPS OF MEXICO

PART IV.

COMPILED AND CORRECTED TO DATE.

ESPECIAL-DE-ADUANAS OR
CUSTOM-HOUSE STAMPS.

I ISSUE 1885-86.

Perforated 12 37x41 mm.

1 centavos black	5 centavos black
10 " " "	25 " " "
\$1.00 unpeso brown	\$5.00 pesos brown
10 00 pesos " "	25 00 " " "
100.00 " " "	\$500 " " "

\$1000.00 one thousand pesos brown.

Large numeral in center. Centavos or pesos respectively written across the numeral.

ESPECIAL DE ADUANAS 1885-86.

II ISSUE 1886-1887.

Perforated 12 35x37 mm.

1 centavos blue	5 centavos blue
10 " " "	25 " " "
\$1 un peso red	\$5 pesos red
25 pesos " "	100 " " "
500 " " "	1000 tho'd pesos red

Large numeral in center, Mexico above. Date and numeral in circle.

III ISSUE 1887-88.

Perforated 12 39x41

1 centavos orange	5 centavos orange
10 " " "	25 " " "
1 pesos green	5 pesos green
10 " " "	25 " " "
100 " " "	500 " " "

1000 pesos green

Numerals in inner circle, lettering in outer circle.

Aduanes 1887-1888.

IV ISSUE 1888-89.

Perforated 12 35½x36 mm.

1 centavo dark blue	5 centavos d blue
10 " " "	25 " " "
1 peso red	5 pesos red
10 " " "	25 " " "
100 " " "	500 " " "
1000 " " "	

Numeral in circle above "aduanas" on right side 1888 on left side 1889 below value of stamp.

V ISSUE 1889-90.

Perforated 12 86x37 mm.

1 centavo green	5 centavos green
10 " " "	25 " " "
1 pesos red	5 pesos red
10 " " "	25 " " "
100 " " "	500 " " "
1000 " " "	

General Zaragoza Aduanos above numeral in lower corners.

VI 1890-91.

Perforated

1 centavo brown	5 centavos brown
10 " " "	25 " " "
1 pesos blue	5 pesos blue
10 " " "	25 " " "
100 " " "	500 " " "
1000 " " "	

View of sea, ship and light house numerals above, date below.

VII ISSUE 1891-92.

Perforated rough 12 36x37 mm.

1 centavo ultramarine	5 centavos ul'mar
10 " " "	25 " " "
1 peso chocolate bn	5 pesos chocolate
10 " " "	25 " " "
100 " " "	500 " " "
1000 " " "	

View of sea, ship, and cargo. Numeral on upper corners. Date on lower corners. Aduana above.

LAST ISSUE OF ADUANAS.

VIII ISSUE 1892-93

Perforated rough 12 36x36½ mm.

1 centavo orange	5 centavos orange
10 " " "	25 " " "
1 peso carmine	5 pesos carmine
10 " " "	25 " " "
100 " " "	500 " " "
1000 " " "	

Bust of Melchor Ocampo, a statesman and orator, numeral on sides. Date low, adornos also below.

These 8 sets ends all of the Mexico issue of Aduanos or custom house stamps. Next number correct list of International and Federal stamps of Mexico.

Counterfeits and Their Detection

By *Lacus Viridis.*

BEGUN IN APRIL NUMBER.

MODENA

The old Italian states are a most interesting field for the collector as regards their postal issues, but unfortunately there are few countries, whose stamps have been more victimized by the forger than these. Italy furnishes half the counterfeits now afloat; nowhere is the traffic in forgeries more shamelessly carried on, and the stamps of the former Italian states naturally are among the favorite objects of the counterfeiting gentry. None of these are more common than those of Modena. I dare say that there are more counterfeits than genuine copies of these stamps in the average American collections; small wonder, considering the extremely poor execution of the originals. Forgeries of the first issue are especially of frequent occurrence and I therefore describe a lot of them now before me. The original dies of all values were reproduced by stereotyping from one steel die; the lower label was left open and the value was inserted separately by means of movable type, which accounts for the many typographical errors of this issue. Of course the central design and the frame are identical for all values. The counterfeits also are all reproduced from the same lithograph, hence the descriptions here given for one apply to all, as regards the eagle and frame work. The most striking characteristic of the forgeries is found in the ornament in the left upper corner, which hangs to the right and downwards, so that the right upper corner of this ornament on blurred specimens actually touches the vertical line opposite the p of Poste, and its lower corner touches the horizontal line

below it. The ornament on genuine copies is perfectly square and upright. Another point of difference easily seen is found in the leaf on the right hand claw of the eagle. On genuine specimens this leaf terminates **BELOW** the line of the claw next to it; on these counterfeits this leaf extends nearly a millimeter **ABOVE** the line of the claw. Between this same leaf and the point where the ribbon tying the two branches crosses the righthand branch the genuine stamps show a berry close to the stem; the counterfeits have no such berry. The ornament in the center of the side labels is very nearly an exact circle on the genuine stamps; on the counterfeit it is very nearly an oval. One comical slip of the lithographer betrays the counterfeits as lithographs if nothin else did. As before said the value on the genuine stamps was inserted on the plate in type; so of course the letters of **CENT** are all equally tall, whereas lithographed letters, being made freehand, are never exactly alike. To avoid this the counterfeiter carefully drew two faint horizontal lines on his stone so as to get the letters of **CENT** of the same height. But by an oversight he did not erase them afterwards and these two lines can still be seen connecting the letters of **CENT** at top and bottom. Still another difference is found in the upper inscription. On the counterfeits all its letters are not tall enough and because of miscalculation as to the available space the last three letters **NSI** are badly crowded together. It is hardly necessary to say that the 1 lira counterfeit has no watermark. The forgeries are largely cancelled with a "postmark" showing the name Modena in a single circle, without date in the center. No such postmark was ever in use there. It is true that a postmark showing Modena in a single circle, date in the center, was used toward the end of the 50s, but the letters of

Modena are only 3 mm in height, while those of the counterfeit are all of 4 mm. in height and about twice the width of the genuine letters. Some of my counterfeits are cancelled with fine parallel lines across the stamp. This considerably resembles a genuine cancellation, except for the fact that the genuine has six parallel lines. Another counterfeit cancellation before me consists of the large letters P D without any frame. This is very similar to a genuine cancellation used at Massa and at Carrara; the letters are of exactly the same height, but fortunately the vertical strokes of the genuine letters measure only $1\frac{1}{2}$ mm in width, those of the counterfeits more than 2 mm; likewise the genuine cancellation should show a period after the P (though sometimes very faintly) which is lacking in counterfeits.

The stamps of Toscana (or TOSCANA Tuscany, as the catalogues have it) are beautiful ones, when well printed, but the printing is usually so poor that the beauty of the engraving does not show up. Hence it is not so difficult to imitate them by lithography, as shown by some samples before me. One of them is an imitation of the 1 soldo yellow of the 1851 issue. If you have no undoubtedly genuine copy of this scarce stamp, you can use any other stamp of this set for comparison, as all of them come from the same original die except the value which was inserted on small separate labels. You can easily see this from the fact that the lower frame line of the stamp is not continuous, but shows a small break at each end of the label containing the value, next to the corner ornaments. Sometimes when the label was not careful the frame line even is LOWER under the label containing the value than at the corner ornaments. Perhaps the forger did not pay attention to this; at all

events on the 1 soldo counterfeit before me this lower frameline is even and continuous throughout, showing no break where it joins the corner ornaments. These corner ornaments of the counterfeits are very poor, showing no trace of the circle joining the four arms of the St. Andrews cross on the genuine and giving them their arrow-like appearance; but as these ornaments are usually badly blurred on the genuine stamps by reason of excessive inking, this test cannot always be applied. The label bearing the value and the righthand label with the word Toscano are both too narrow, measuring only about $1\frac{1}{4}$ mm in width instead of quite 2 mm like the genuine; hence all the letters of Soldo and Toscano have a flattened-out appearance. On the contrary the word Toscano is too long measuring 13 mm in length on the counterfeit instead of barely 12 mm. as on the genuine. The Francobollo is better, but here again the forger miscalculated the space at his disposal and consequently had to crowd the last two letters together so that they nearly touch. The crown of the lion comes much too near to the upper label so near that the small cross on it shown on the genuine stamps is left off entirely for want of room. (But do not condemn a stamp merely because the cross does not appear; it is often invisible on genuine stamps, because of too much ink.) The fleur-de-lys on the shield is poorly executed, but the difference cannot easily be described in words; compare a suspect with the common stamps of the series on this point. The counterfeit on the whole is smaller than the genuine; these are the measurements: GENUINE: height $22\frac{1}{2}$ mm; width 19 mm; COUNTERFEITS: height barely 22 mm., width $18\frac{1}{2}$ mm; watermark, of course, is conspicuous by its absence.

I also have before me several coun

Notes for U. S. Collectors.

On the circulars sent out by Gamble Robinson Co., the week before Christmas a precancelled 1c Minneapolis was used with the horizontal inscription in red. Whether this variety was used by anyone else or at any other time I have been unable to learn. This firm has constantly used precancelled for the past year but this variety was used at this mailing only.

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The only new precancelled variety I have met with the past month was from Rock Island, Ill. A 1c value and was used at the offices of the head camp M. W. A. and on the envelope enclosing report blanks to the clerk of the local camp.

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The 60 edition again list and prices the "official seals." The green registry stamp is listed as it certainly should be, as though it denoted no postal value was of a class somewhat on the lines of the periodicals, supposed to be used by the post-master and not to be supplied to the general public. During the time it was current every registry envelope (in which was enclosed the letter registered) was supposed to be closed with one of these seals, cancelled so as to plainly show the date of mailing and the receiving office was expected to open so as to in no way disturb this stamp. After a certain length of time these envelopes were supposed to have been sent with other waste to the department for disposal.

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While listing the various seals used by the post-master those employed by the postal stamp agency in sealing stamp packages sent to postmasters are not. Why this discrimination is not clear to the writer's mind at least, as one should be just as collectable as the other. With the exception of the

(To be continued.)

Most dealers report the stamp business booming. They are busy either buying or selling, all the time. In order that they might have something to sell, they have to buy and they as often do as the other. Any collector having anything worth selling can dispose of it but of course no dealer will buy worthless stuff.

counterfeits of the 1860 provisional issue. This issue was produced by changing the central portion of the old die, so that the frame with the inscriptions remains unchanged. The value was inserted separately in the same manner; hence the remarks made above as to the poor fit of the label apply here also. The counterfeits—one of the 5c green and one of the 40c rose have the same fault as those described above, viz: the lower frame line is continuous, without breaks at the ends of the label of value. The inscriptions and corner ornaments are quite well imitated; what slight differences there are, are not easily described by words, but the word Postale on the genuine measures 12 mm in length, whereas on the forgery it measures 12½ mm. The heraldic mantel on the counterfeits shows no shading at all in the folds at the side; it is true that the genuine are usually too miserably printed to show much shading either, yet traces of it are visible on even the poorest genuine specimens. The central shield also furnishes a distinction it represents a white cross (the cross of St. George) on a red ground (heraldically represented by vertical shading.) The distinction lies in the shading of the quarters. On the genuine each of the four quarters has five verticle lines of shading; on the counterfeit the two quarters on the left each have five lines, and the two on the right have six each. The water mark here also shines by its absence. My counterfeits show only very small portions of their cancellation, too small to compare them with genuine cancellations.

pink typographed and the Post Obitum they are much more seldom met with.

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I want to congratulate you on the last number of the West, which in my judgement was better than usual, which is perhaps saying a good deal, as every number is interesting to me. I only wish that it could come out twice a month—it's so long between drinks you know.

I enclose a clipping from MeKeel's Weekly, which appeared recently, and which I shall be glad to have you use. It shows what philatelists and collectors are doing out in a corner of the "Slop". In addition, we are going to help crush the fakes, if there is such a thing. We recently held a stamp auction—in miniature—where the largest sale made was a dollar five; but the bidding was spirited, and we had a good time. We hold a "Smoker" once a month."

Ten leading collectors of this vicinity met on the evening of Nov. 24th and organized a collectors' society, to be known as the Central Collectors' Club; its object being to encourage and advance the interests of collectors in philately, coins and Indian relics.

A large loft and studio at the Rancho de la Jota was offered as a rendezvous, and it was voted to meet fortnightly, an interesting programme of entertainment to be provided by a committee. The loft is an ideal place for a gathering of this sort, as it is fitted up in true Bohemian style, with rare draperies, Indian blankets, taro-patch and Chinese fiddles and everything to delight the collector. Mr. William C. Aiken read an interesting paper on "Exchanging Our Duplicates," and a discussion as to whether we could make satisfactory collections by this means of accumulating. He had his collections of stamps, coins and Indian relics and curios on exhibition, and gave the members the free use of his philatelic and archaeological library. A Miss Davis delighted everyone with her magnificent collection of Indian baskets valued at several thousand dollars, and adjournment was taken amid great enthusiasm.

WILLIAM C. AIKEN,

Angwin, Calif.

President.

Notes on the Coinage of the Greeks.

By T. L. ELDER.

PART I.

It is stated upon high authority that about seven hundred years before the Christian era the Lydians in Asia Minor, at that period ruled by the dynasty of the Mermnadae, began to stamp small pieces of their native gold ore, obtained from the washings of the Pactolus river, with an official mark, guaranteeing its just weight, thus doing away with weighing the metal every time a sale of goods was made. It is believed that these small ingots were the first coins. These ingots bore only the impress of the rude punches between which the ingot was placed to receive the blow of the hammer. Soon after, however, the art of the engraver was called into play as the Greeks seemed to have in them an inherent love of the beautiful, and one side of the coin was adorned with the symbol of the state or local divinity, under whose direction the currency was issued. The oldest mints are supposed to have been within the sacred precinct of a temple. The Greek cities which dotted the coasts and islands of Asia Minor soon improved upon the punch-marked coins, and to the Greeks must be given the credit of substituting engraved dies for the punch-marks, and also for inscriptions giving the name of the people or ruler by whose authority the coin was issued. In Europe Greece, Phidon, king of Argos, is given credit for being the first to strike money, he dedicating the ancient bars of metal which had first served as money to the temple of Hera at Argos. The Euboean cities, Chalcis and Eretria and Corinth and her Colonies, as well as Athens, followed his example.

The new invention spread far and wide from these centres, to the coasts of Thrace on the north, to Cyrenaica on the south, and to Italy and Sicily

The United States Postal System.

By Miss Nellie Arnold, Denmark, Ia.

The postal system of the United States is one of the oldest institutions that we have, even older than the government itself. It was inaugurated in the American colonies by Great Britain as early as the beginning of the seventeenth century. At the close of which there was established the first across country postal service. It ran between New York and Boston. One trip was made each month.

Our own Benjamin Franklin was appointed Postmaster General of the colonies. He made important reform. During his administration the mail was carried each week instead of only once a month. At this time the only mail between England and her American colonies was carried by a packet boat, which sailed each week from New York to the Mother Country.

At the close of the eighteenth century there were only seventy-five postoffices in the United States and the postage had to be postpaid. I remember hearing an incident which really happened within the memory of my grandfather. An old lady on going to the postoffice found from her absent son a letter with postage due. Not having the twenty-five cents required for postage, she went to the office each day, where the kind hearted postmaster gave her the comfort of looking at the outside of the precious letter until at last the happy day came when, having earned the money, she was able to claim as her own this message from her absent boy. The cost of sending letters depended upon the distance which they had to travel. Postage on a letter sent from Boston to New York was seventeen cents. Letters were the only mail carried at that time. Toward the close of the eighteenth century, the Post office and Cabinet office of Postmaster General was established by Congress. In the year 1840 a series

the west. In each district the weight of the standard coin or stater was carefully adjusted in proportion to the talent there in use for weighing the precious metals. Most of the early coins were oval or bean shaped, except in southern Italy, where the earliest coins of the Achaean cities were flat and circular, and the device consisted usually of the figure of an animal, or the fore part of an animal,—the heads and figures of the gods being rarely seen at this early period. The early coins bore a device on only one side, the reverse side bearing only the rude punch-mark, usually an incuse square of the upper of the two dies between which the piece of metal was placed before being struck. (A description of the ancient coining press will be given hereafter.) However, the early coins of some of the cities of Magna Graecia are said to have stamped their coins on both sides, generally using the same die, the obverse showing the device in relief and the reverse showing it incuse.

Of the coins of the two centuries previous to the Persian wars, a considerable variety of style and execution are shown. It is interesting to compare them with other remains of archaic art of the period, and they can be divided into two classes, the earlier being very rude in form, but very expressive in the actions presented; the latter by a slow development into more defined forms with angularity and stiffness. It was customary to draw the eye, even when in profile, as if seen from the front, so that Hercules, although seen in profile, (on the coins of Alexander,) looks straight at you. The hair is usually shown by lines of small dots, and on some coins the mouth wears a fixed smile. There is, however, in the archaic coin engraving a strength and delicacy of touch often absent from the art of a later age.

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of reforms began, the letter rate was reduced to five cents for every half-ounce under three hundred miles and two cents additional for every one hundred miles over three hundred. A little later the rate was reduced to three cents for distances under three hundred miles and six cents for greater distances. Postage stamps for the first came into use and the postage was paid by the party sending. At this time, also, private letter carriers undertaking to deliver letters about the cities for two cents each compelled the government to give quicker and cheaper aid.

About the middle of the present century Congress passed the first law in reference to the ocean mail transportation. The Postmaster sent one of his assistants abroad to make the first international postal treaty. This one being established, the service was very rapid. The rate of postage then was twenty-five cents for every half ounce. But it has been gradually reduced until now under the postal union the rate is fixed at five cents for all countries which are represented in the union. There is a strong effort, at the present time, being made to introduce international penny postage. There are many objections both at home and abroad to be overcome, and we cannot say what the future may bring forth. Less than half a century ago the first locomotive had come as far west as the frontier of Kansas, but from there to the Pacific, a distance of over two thousand miles, there was no way of sending the mail. The plan agreed upon was to send the mail by horseback. This was known as the "Pony Express." The distance being so great, the traveling had to be very rapid. Stations were established every twenty-five miles, where fresh horses were kept. The riders changed at every second station. As the road was so lonely and long and as at any turn a band of Indians or robbers might be seen watching for him, each rider

went armed; even when the loss of life was very great, not only for the riders but for the men who were stationed at their different posts waiting their turn and herding the horses. The riders had to go through drifting snows, crossings and endure many hardships. Yet the trip of two thousand miles was made in ten days. The greatest record made by the pony express was in sending President Lincoln's inaugural address in 1861, when an average of ten and seven-tenths miles each hour was made. During all of this time the company had to support itself, and it was forced to stop work on account of its financial difficulties. Then the government took it up.

The dead letter office is an interesting part of the postal service. Let us see for ourselves what becomes of unclaimed mail. As the mail comes into the office about noon, we will take that time to visit it. We find that the dead letter part of the post office building has two rooms, one upper and one lower. We walk over the marble floor of the lower hall, ascend a flight of stairs, and look down on the men at work. We see four groups of men. Mail-bags from every state in the union come in each business day of the year. These are all taken to the first table, where they are looked over and we see the workers struggling to read the address. Where this is impossible the letter is opened, all the valuables are taken out and the letter sent on to the next table. There the workers see if there is any name signed to the letter, if there is it is passed on to the next table, but if not it is destroyed. The third group take the letter out, write the address on it and pass it on to the fourth and last group, who put in a new envelope, stamp it and send it to the first table, where the valuables are replaced and the letter sent to the writer. We are shown one envelope on which is written, "If not called for in

ten years return to the sender," so they are keeping it until the ten years expire.

We see all kinds of curiosities which have come in these letters, from a lace handkerchief to a large black snake, which was still wriggling when received in the post office department. They also show us a large collection of live tarantulas. The money, drafts, commercial papers and stamps thus found last year amounted to nearly one million dollars.

The sacredness of correspondence is respected. No letter is opened until the ingenuity of the best experts is applied to deciphering the address.

The mail bags vary in their style as the different parts that are traversed vary. Pouches and sacks of special design are used for these places. The mountaineer carrying the mail on foot through the deep mountain passes and the traveler in the far northwest skimming over the routes on snow-shoes, both use knapsack pouches. The Alaskan carrier trailing through snow drifts and uncut mountains has still another style, which is packed close so as not to be a burden to the dog team which is his means of travel.

Within the last eighteen years our population has increased nearly one-half, while the volume of the postal system has multiplied about three fold. The system broadens with the expansion of territory. The mail system of Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines has been greatly improved since reconstructed on the American plan. Since the American occupation registered letters have been found in Havana which had lain there untouched for years. We have every reason to believe that with much faithfulness and care on the part of American officers that this postal system will be self-sustaining. The reason that it is self-sustaining in the United States is, as

one has said, "because our government which represents the people, has chosen to be very liberal in carrying the written and printed communications of the people, rather than ask whether it pays. Even with this error of the system which was laid on broad educational lines in the hope of serving society better, the activity and enlightenment of the American people are steadily bringing it to the self-sustaining point.

Our postal system is one of the greatest institutions in the world. Charles Emory Smith, the post-master general has said, "It handles more pieces, employs more men, spends more money, reaches more homes, involves more details and touches more interests than any other human organization, public private, governmental or corporative. Thus do we perceive this great institution in America, great in its workings, great in its purpose, and great in its achievements.

Save stamps, accumulate stamps, collect stamps. It is easy to do, even from the first, and soon becomes a great pleasure. Learn to be always on the lookout for a chance to secure stamps. This teaches alertness, and this quality is useful in all walks of life. That is one thing in stamp collecting's favor; it aids its devotees to acquire qualities that are a help, in addition to all other benefits. There is everything to recommend stamp collecting. There is absolutely nothing to say against it—no unpleasant or disagreeable features; so begin collecting. And if you can't give up sufficient time to make a nice mounted collection, at least accumulate stamps. Get a number of small pasteboard boxes and put all the stamps you can get hold of in these boxes. In the course of time you will have an accumulation of stamps that will be worth a considerable amount. Collect if you have time, but accumulate and save stamps, anyway, as this is but very little trouble, and will interest you quite a little too.

Some Postal Portraits of the U. S.

By H. S. Swensen.

A collection of the stamps of the United States includes a very excellent portrait gallery of some of the most notable personages, who contributed so much of a glorious nature to our national history.

It is a prevalent notion that our postage stamps have upon their faces very poor representations of those men, whose deeds and doings shaped the destiny of the nation. And yet nothing truer in miniature to the facial appearance of the illustrious heroes could have been made. The government recognized the importance of handing down to posterity an ultra correct impression as to the looks of those who constitute a historic ancestry, and in consequence gave precise instructions that the postal likenesses be drawn from the most authentic and surpassing sculpture and portraits of the originals. These instructions having been carried out to the letter by the artists and designers authorized to do the work, we have but to turn to the postage stamp to see the features of Washington, and Franklin and Jefferson, et al., precisely delineated.

The portrait of Washington, which may be seen on the three cent stamps issued in the years of 1851, 1861 and 1870 and on two cent stamps of later issuance, and other stamps, is known as Houdon's statue of Washington in the Capitol Building at Richmond, Va.

Houdon's head is accepted as the type of Washington. The statue at Richmond is the only original statue of him. Its bust was made from a plaster cast. Every line was exactly reproduced by the facile hands and wonderful chisel of the French artist.

Houdon's creation shows that Washington was possessed of a sloping forehead, and not the broad high frontal bone as portrayed by Stuart, and other portrait artists. The expression and

profile are eminently correct.

Jeane Antoine Houdon was born at Versailles, France, March 20th, 1741, and having lived contemporaneously with Washington, was enabled to do the American hero, the justice due him, in sculptured imitation. Houdon died at Paris, in the Palace of the Institute, July 16th, 1828. He was undoubtedly the greatest sculptor of France during his time.

Stuart's portrait of Washington, a miniature copy of which is given on the ten cent stamps issued respectively in the years, 1847, 1851, 1861 et cetera, may still be seen in the original at the Boston Athenaeum.

It was certainly most appropriate that the stamp designer modelled the central device after Stuart's painting. No one had attained such fame as a portrait painter as did Gilbert Stuart. He was born of humble parentage in the colony of Rhode Island, December 4th 1755. Though an American in principle he first sought recognition in England, where he quickly rose to fame. He greatly admired Washington, and long had it been his ambition to paint him. Resolved upon the fulfillment of his ambition, he suddenly left England for America in 1794 leaving behind him success and royal patronage. He painted series of portraits of Washington, which are handiworks of a master artist. Perhaps the most famous of his Washington portraits is that known as Stuart's third original, from which the postal pictures were made. "It is this master piece of Stuart", said Tuckerman, "that has not only perpetuated, but distributed over the globe the resemblance of Washington."

Because of his Washington portraits, Stuart was called a philosopher in art and yet his genius and skill gave birth to greater creation in some of his other portraits; namely those of Jefferson, which have been reproduced upon the



five cent stamps of earlier issues.

The military picture of Washington upon the ninety cent stamp of 1857 and 1861 is taken from the Trumbull portrait the original of which is owned by Yale College.

Col. John Trumbull was the bosom friend and aide of General Washington. It was upon him, Washington bestowed the well known sobriquet of "Brother Jonathan". Trumbull's portrait of Washington in a General's costume is wonderfully true in the most insignificant details. Elizabeth Bryant Johnson in writing of the painting says that the authorities agree in pronouncing this portrait the most trustworthy type of that majestic form, yielding to it even precedence over Houden. Trumbull being essentially American, while Houden could not depart from his ideas of Kingship and has given Washington the bearing of a Bourbon Prince. We think the exquisite minutiae of Trumbull's painting is lost in reducing the picture to the diminutive size of a postage stamp, whilst the clear cut line of Houden's statue are still retained even in the miniature likeness.

All the stamp portraits of Benjamin Franklin are profiles from busts except the one on the five cent stamp of 1847 issue, which is a three-fourth's portrait after a painting by John B. Longacre. The Longacre portrait is not an original life portrait, and therefore is not as good as those by Cerrachi and Houden.

If you have a little money to spare, it is good policy to invest it in unused stamps of the United States. If you put the money in stamps you cannot spend it, and if at some future time you need some money, you can dispose of the stamps at face value, anyway, and oftentimes at several times face, where the stamps happen to be of issues of which only a comparatively small number were printed.

It is hardly possible for a monthly journal, issued at uncertain periods, to correctly and elaborately chronicle all new issues, surcharges, etc., so we will content ourselves with the mention of only the most important changes.

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The newest stamp reported for the United States is the private die of Ferrett. The stamp is oblong having picture of reindeer. This will probably close the private proprietary series as the law which requires their use has only about two months to run yet.

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The reissue of the current U. S. Revenues will provide several additional values for the collector of revenues. A \$2.00 stamp has been added to the series, and the stamps are all printed in a gray color surcharged with light line numerals of the value of the stamp in black. The \$1.00 and \$3.00 were issued for a very short period in red or carmine and will be rare. No information seems obtainable as to the number of each variety issued but it was a "limited edition."

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The New Issue of France is absorbing a great deal of attention. This is on account of the fact that it has been almost 25 years since the design of the French stamps has been changed and a new issue legitimate to all appearances is hailed with joy. The design which appeared commonplace an unattractive at first, on closer inspection appears more attractive and beautiful. The issue consists of 15 values from 1c to the 5 fr. inclusive and three designs.

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The colors on the 1, 2 and 4c stamps

of Mauritius have been changed although the types still remain the same. The 1c has been changed to gray and black
 2c " " " lilac violet
 4c " " " lilac and carmine or yellow.

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Three varieties of the new series of Paraguay are now in circulation as follows:

2 centavos	gray
5 centavos	dark green
10 centavos	carmine rose.

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Mr. J. D. Cox of Upper Stanwick, N. S., Canada sends for our inspection a pocket stamp book of Canada, which is a much neater and handier device than those issued by our own government. The books contain information in regard to a postage rates special delivery, savings banks, money orders, etc.

only a few have paid up to date. As the president and board of trustees have decided to keep them at 25c for the coming year I should be very glad to hear from the members and receive dues without a personal reminder from me per postal card. Should be glad to send you a receipt for another year and can ill afford to lose any of our members now. The exchange supt. has just received back his first circuit and reports a good per cent of sales.

Let us have a lot of new applications next month, fellow members.

F A LILLY, Secretary

REPORT OF SALES DEPT.

37 books received since last report valued at.....\$89 00
 20 books retired since last report from which a total amount of \$11 08 was sold.....\$55 24
 17 books in circulation.....\$33 83

Members drop me a postal and be upon circuit. Fine net books of new issues, German Colonies, U. S. etc cheap. Blank books for circulating stamps at 2½c each.

G. R. BARKER, Supt.



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SECRETARY'S REPORT K. P. S.

The secretary has little or nothing to report as so many of the members have been so busy through December with other duties have had no time for stamps or to work for their society. The appointment of the Philatelic West as Official Organ seems to give great satisfaction to the most of our members, so now boys, let us take off our coats and go to work to get new members now that we have the best philatelic magazine published for our O. O.

The annual dues were due from most of our members after January 1st, and

An Album for 1st and 2nd Class Postmarks

Perhaps some of the postmark collecting readers of the West would like to have some new ideas on a postmark album, and so I will describe an album which I am using for 1st and 2nd class marks.

This book I had made to order at bindery at a cost of \$1.25. The pages are 8¾ x 7½ inches, just the right size to accommodate the shape of the postmarks to the page. The covers are of stiff marbled pasteboard, and stubs are left between the pages.

To get the book ready, I first ruled a double line across the top of each page ½ inch from the top, on which to write the title of the page. I then estimated with the help of the Postal Guide (1900) and my own collection, together with lists that other collectors had sent me the number of different 2nd class which had been printed up to June 1, 1900. Then I ruled off, 4 spaces across and down the page 1⅞ x 1⅜ inches on 8

pages and marked in each space, the same of the mark it was meant for.

When the second class were all provided for, I proceeded in the same way with the different styles of 1st class cancellation some of which were described in the issue of May 1900.

The 175 pages were all filled and at the back were somewhat crowded. If I had known that so many marks were already in use, I would have confined the book to either 1st or 2nd class. The book now has something the appearance of a regular stamp album; all the spaces ruled off and marked so that new marks can be put in the right place at once.

It would be impracticable and probably impossible to prepare an album for the smaller offices, because they are so numerous and have issued so many different varieties that no one could discover them all. First and second class marks are much more interesting than those of the smaller offices. It is a good deal like stamp collecting, most collectors just try to fill up spaces and don't study their stamps, while the real, true philatelist studies his stamps and uses system and science, so the collector of the 3d and 4th class marks has a good chance just to get "bits" from the different offices and misses the true enjoyment which the other collector finds in studying and filling up sets.

J. L. WHEELER.

Notes for Collectors of Hawaii, Cuba, Etc.

It is rumored that the 12c of the 1894 issue, and the "Official" set of Hawaii, have been cornered.

During the past year Cuba got over 2,000,000 stamps, Porto Rico and the Philippines 4,000,000, while for the little island of Guam there were printed 45,000 stamps for the use of about 50,000 civilized people.

The Aguinaldo stamps are all right. There is very little doubt but that these stamps will be recognized, because they have done postal, telegraph and fiscal service, and are none the less interesting because issued by the insurgent party.

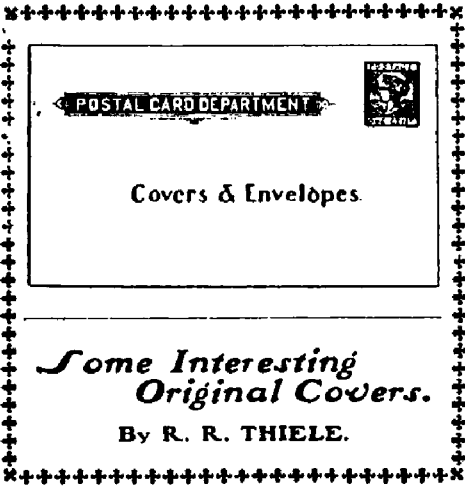
It seems almost impossible to get a copy of the 1862-64, ½ r. p. green on rose paper, of Cuba anywhere. This stamp is doubtless worth many times its catalogue value which is 40 cents for unused and 6 cents for used.

In another stamp paper of recent date an item appeared which ran as follows:—

"During the immediate past much has been written upon the subject of whether or not the last printing of stamps for Guam were legitimate from a collector's standpoint. We picture Cap. Leary, after a perusal of an article disapproving his actions, musing in this manner. "They requested, and have been supplied, but still they are not satisfied."

The stamps of Hawaii, taken as a whole are the finest in the world in artistic design and coloring. A complete set of the issues which were surcharged "Provisional Government," would form a portrait gallery not to be equalled among the stamp countries of the world. The increase of value is also rapid. A comparison of the prices in Scott's 51st edition catalogue issued in 1890 and the 59th issued for 1900, shows an advance of over 75 per cent on nearly all issues.

According to Sir Chas. Oppenheimer to English Consul at Frankfort, Germany, no less than 12000 people are employed in the interest of the manufacture of Ill. Post Card, and no less than 30 millions of new cards have been printed in Germany in 1898, the total number of cards used in that country during the same year was estimated at about 100 millions.



Some months ago I had a series of sketches of interesting old letters and envelopes in this paper. As I have been requested to furnish more such descriptions I gladly avail myself of the opportunity, for the number of those collecting stamps on the original cover is steadily on the increase and I would gladly contribute toward making this branch of our hobby more popular.

The stamps of the Confederate States are especially interesting on the original envelopes and many such specimens have been described here and there, especially the "Flag of Truce" and "Prisoner of War" letters. Of historical interest also are those letters quite frequently found whose envelopes were used twice, as they show the economic straits to which the Confederacy was reduced, even comparatively early in the war. The Southern States were almost entirely agricultural and depended for manufactured supplies almost altogether upon the Northern States and Europe. For instance the one iron foundry and machine shop upon which the Confederate Government depended almost exclusively for its war supplies were the famous Tredegar Iron Works near Richmond, whereas the Federal Government had dozens upon dozens of manufacturing plants at its disposal for

the same purposes. One of the commercial staples whose want was soon felt in the South, and which was difficult to procure, was paper. The war had lasted but comparatively few months when paper already became a treasure in the South; toward the end of the war even wall paper was used for newspaper. This scarcity of paper accounted for the double use of several envelopes before me. One of them is made of coarse grayish wrapping paper, evidently cut with the scissors. It bears a blue stamp of the 1861 issue (Scott No. 201a), a miserably printed specimen too, printed on poor white paper. It is addressed in an untrained, awkward hand to

SERGEANT D. F. ANDERSON,
 10TH REGT. RIFLES,
 CO. L. RICHMOND, VA.

As the other side of the envelope shows, the writing is probably that of Sergeant Anderson's wife. The stamp is cancelled "Anderson C. H., S. C. Feb. 7." A note in pencil gives the date as 1863, which is probably correct. The letter reached the addressee safely and was no doubt greatly treasured by its recipient with its news of the loved ones at home; but the envelope had to do duty once more, for in the camp near Richmond paper and envelopes were no doubt difficult to procure. At this time General Lee was concentrating his troops at and near Richmond preparatory to his invasion of Pennsylvania the following June, which was checked by the terrible battle of Gettysburg July 1-3. General Hooker at the same time was gathering the Federal troops for his march on Richmond in April, which was repulsed by the fearful struggle at Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville forcing Hooker back over the ominous Rappahannock with a loss of 16,000. These preparations account for the presence in the vicinity of Richmond of more than 150,000 Confederate soldiers.

at this time who no doubt used up paper at a great rate. Accordingly we find that the other side of this envelope bears the return address in a very neat hand:

MRS. D. F. ANDERSON
ANDERSON C. H.
S. C.

and at the side the address of the sender:

D. F. ANDERSON, CO. L.,
ORR'S REGT. RIFLES,
S. C. V.

This side bears the date stamp "GUINEY'S, VA., MAR.—," the day of the month being illegible. It bears no stamp, but is marked with pencil "Due 10." No doubt stamps had run out at Guiney's, a small place about 40 miles north of Richmond, near the Rappahannock, where the regiment was no doubt then in camp. But no doubt Mrs. Anderson was very well pleased to pay ten cents for a letter bringing her good news of her soldier husband. Let us hope that he survived the war and returned safely to his family. Thanks be that those fearful days of struggle between brethren have but served to establish more firmly the "Indissoluble Union of Indestructible States."

Mr. Brodstone lately sent me a similar envelope sent him by Mr. Chandler of Augusta, Ga. This one did not come from the camps of war, but passed between two ladies. It is a blue envelope of good grade. On its inside it bears a 10c blue of 1863 (Scott No. 211) cancelled by pen-strokes and bearing the date "Wright's Bluff, S. C., Aug. 11th," in writing. It is directed in a lady's hand to:

MISS HENRIETTA M. MANIGAULT,
CHARLESTON,
Care of Henry M. Manigault, Esq. SO. CA.

The recipient must have sent the envelope back to the sender or at least to the same place, for it has been turned and used on the other side. This also

bears a 10c blue of the same issue cancelled in pen and ink with pen-strokes and the large figures 1 2, whose meaning is dark to me. The cancellation is also in handwriting "Wright's Bluff, S. C., Oct. 10th," without year. The address is also in a lady's writing, but different from the other one; it reads:

MISS LOUISA I. GIBBES,
CHARLESTON,
SO. CA.

The envelope also bears two other dates, on this side, one Oct. 13 in pencil, perhaps the date of its receipt, endorsed by the addressee, the other Oct. 20 in ink, probably the date on which it was answered, which is often found on old letters.

There is nothing shocking or new about these two envelopes, but they nevertheless possess an interest all their own as mute witnesses of the hardships inflicted on our Southern Sister States by the terrible war between the States. Thank God that the wounds made by that war are healed now and the Stars and Stripes wave over a united country, which knows no North nor South anymore.

The collecting of stamps is one of the pleasantest pastimes known to youth or manhood, and profitable as well. It keeps thousands from immoral associations by its historical interest and the gratification of a wholesome passion which crowds out the dangers of many vices. It is always a safe savings bank, and scarcely a stamp has ever been issued which, if you had bought when for sale at the postoffice at its face value, but would today sell readily for a price equal to your money invested and 25 per cent annual interest. Better start you a savings bank, and it will merit your constant deposits for years to come.

G. Butler, Golden, Colo.—Last West nearly perfection the contents wonderfully interesting and my ad brought all answers which I could attend to.



BOILED DOWN

ORIGINAL AND OTHERWISE

S. A. Cox, Birmingham England, reports received from Transvaal 1s revenue stamp with the English queen's head on postally used.

Realm states:—

Our current revenues are to be surcharged for use in Porto Rico.

New Zealand will issue a stamp in commemoration of penny postage.

No less than 40 varieties of surcharged stamps of Greece have been put on sale.

This country has declined to join with Great Britain in arranging for penny postage.

Seven varieties of documentary stamps from \$1 to \$50 in gray and black are out.

Two million stamps consisting of 25c and 50c surcharges are wanted immediately for use in Potro Rico.

A set of stamps will soon issue from the Malouines Islands, but as yet no collector can find such a place on the map.

The initials C. E. F. (for Chinese Expeditionary Force) were surcharged on 10 varieties of current adhesive stamps of India, also upon the $\frac{1}{2}$ a envelope and four postal cards.

The Australian Commonwealth has become an established thing, and it is now likely that a set of stamps for all

the colonies will appear as soon as the present remainders are used up. Some predict a surcharge of 'A. C.' on all Australian stamps now on hand.

Much information on every topic related to stamps has been published by the philatelic press in the past 40 years but it is almost impossible to turn to that page which gives a description of the subject one is looking up. The committee on Philatelic Literature of the A. P. A. are now considering the plan of indexing our philatelic literature.

Mexico, Jan. 1, 1901. Secretary of State, Jose Ins Lomantour has today approved the model of the Revenue stamps for the next fiscal year beginning with July 1. Some will have the picture of Morelos, and others Gonzalez Echeverria, they are designed by Si Luis Gampa. professor of Belle Art in the said city. The stamps are considered of great artistic merit.

It is not a new idea to cancel stamps previous to use. Mr. Phillips of London exhibits two pre-cancelled stamps of the 1851 issue. The U. S. is not alone in the practice, for Canada and probably other countries, have them. The consensus of opinion seems to be that they are not worth collecting.

The English philatelist J. R. Turner has written an interesting article by which he attempts to prove that the above-named stamps are not purely speculative issues. The fact that he possesses some 50 letters franked by 200 or more of these stamps which went through the mail either to Buluwayo or Gt. Britain, proves that they were actually used to pay postage on letters. Turner probably knows more about Mafeking stamps than any other collector.



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A good many members dues fall due.
Look up your card and see if you are
out in this list.

Have you tried the Exchange and
other departments, will surely pay you
to try them and see.

One of our members, Harry W. Con-
rad, just back from Europe had a very
delightful trip all around through
Ireland, Scotland, England, Belgium,
Holland, Germany, Switzerland didn't
do anything with stamps or coins but
saw lots of nice ones displayed in var-
ious shops. He is also a great camerist.

If you have a friend collector not a
member get him to join or send me his
address. Would like to hear from
members who expect to go to Buffalo
Expo. Try and arrange it for August
some of collectors meeting week Aug.
collectors of all kinds meet and we
hope you can be there.

L. BRONSTON, Secy.

Philatelic Notes.

Stamps are selling better at auction
this winter than last, and collectors
and dealers look for a long era of good
times in philately.

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Keep your interest up by constantly
adding stamps to your collection.
Don't mount a hundred stamps one
week and then lay your album away
for six months. Keep it handy, and
add a few specimens every week in the
year. It is the steady dripping of
water that wears away the stone, and
it is the constant, steady accumulation
of stamps that makes the great collec-
tion in the future.

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It is the genuine stamp collector
who gets the most enjoyment out of
stamp collecting. The collector-dealer,
collector-speculator, etc., is not truly
so happy as the genuine collector, the
person who collects because he loves
the stamps. The collector-dealer and
collector-speculator are not always
happy, for the reason that when they
get a chance to sell a specimen, or
even their collection at a good bargain,
they let it go, and it is like pulling
teeth, sometimes, to let a stamp go. It
is like parting with an old friend.

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All postal developments are of more
or less direct interest to stamp collec-
tors. Russia is just now making great
strides postally; and the cynical will
be inclined to add that Russia is in the
favoured position of having more room
for improvement than her sister na-
tions. In the not distant future the
great railway through the heart of
Siberia to Mongolia and China will
mean a short postal cut to the Far
East, and that will mean many impor-
tant changes, and incidentally, the
creation of numerous new "Rural"
stamps for Russia.

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The new catalogue issued by the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., comes in for the usual amount of adverse criticism from the too evident philatelic kicker. While the new catalogue differs little from the many which have gone before, its binding, color, cover, typographical appearance, paper, etc., are all given a round by the critics.

The series of private proprietary

stamps continues to increase notwithstanding the fact that only a short time remains before the law will expire. Twenty-nine varieties have already appeared and the dies have been made for at least one more which will probably be the last. The speculative nature of some of these stamps has had a tendency to impair their favor but they are collected by numerous collectors still.

Many collectors owning valuable stamp collections carry no insurance on their stamps what ever. Local insurance companies write policies on stamp collections but they limit the value of any stamp to \$1.00. This would not be much consolation to the owners of St Louis, Brattleboro and Millbury stamps. Some collectors in Omaha have their stamp collection included in their insurance on household goods.

A reader calls our attention to the assertion in our editorials of last month that the \$1.00 carmine revenue would be unobtainable uncut. The paragraph was not worded to convey the exact meaning intended as there will undoubtedly be many of these stamps used and cancelled in the old way which will escape mutilation. The rule of mutilating the stamps, however, will be generally complied with and the majority of the stamps will have the cut cancellation.

Many of our current envelope postal cards and adhesives go through the mail without being cancelled but this does not imply that we can expect to secure many specimens of this kind.

Considerable interest is being manifested in pre-cancelled stamps of the United States. Many collectors have collected these stamps for years without any thought as to the probable

number in existence and it was not until McKeels weekly took up the question and endeavored to publish a list of such stamps, that the enormity of the field was discovered. They also found to their surprise that the speculator had anticipated them, and was on hand with a long list of precancelled stamps running into the highest values. The publication of the list has been suspended.

The case of the United States against J. F. Negreen charged with using cancelled stamps was quietly settled in the U. S. district court the last week in December at which time he was discharged with a light fine. Philatelic papers all over the country were bitter in their attacks on the young man and Omaha publications especially so. Negreen has been in the stamp business here for several years and there is probably no one who could truthfully say his dealings have not been square and honorable. He has simply been the victim of circumstances which would have been avoided by older and more experienced persons.

The Iconoclastic Editor of the Adhesive, Mr. Henry A. Chapman, takes advantage of his position as Editor of that Journal and as Reviewer on other well meaning but misdirected publications, to vent his spleen on larger and more fortunate publications who have intentionally or otherwise incurred his ill will. From among the magazines that came in for adverse criticisms at his hands the West probably heads the list. Never to our knowledge has a word of praise, a complimentary or even a fair comment on this paper been given by the editor of the Adhesive, either in his own paper or in his voluble and insipid reviews, more noted for their vituperative

attacks than for their reflection of the tone contents of other publications. We simply desire to suggest that the West is not published for the edification of this class. Both our subscribers and advertisers seem to be well pleased, as our subscription list and advertising pages amply show and so long as they are pleased we will probably be able to struggle along without the approval and patronage of the Sage of Rocky Hill. We do not expect to open a controversy with the editor of the Adhesive, as he probably has enough of that business on hand to hold him for some time, and readers of the West are undoubtedly more interested in stamp news than in the opinion of the Adhesive regarding the West.

About Stamp Collecting.

These persons who cultivate some constructive amusements like painting, drawing, music, growing of plants, and dozens of other things which may be classed under the head of personal recreation, have always something within their reach that makes them independent of the outside world and oblivious to lonesomeness and low spirits. Such is the amusement of stamp collecting.

It is growing more popular and entertaining than any other amusement of this nature. Once begun, the entire family becomes interested, and it proves equally as instructive as it is attractive and enticing. From the standpoint of an investment there is nothing better. Old stamps are constantly increasing in value and all dealers predict that the prices will go up higher from year to year.

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Boys, start a stamp collection this winter. The small collection made now, will perhaps be the basis of a good collection when you have become a man.



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REVIEW OF FOREIGN PAPERS.

Le Fureteur is only in part a stamp paper, the stamp article in the November number being on the various stamps occasioned by the South African war. The rest of the paper is devoted to a kinds of curiosities, including illustrated postal cards.

The leading article in Morley's Philatelic Journal for December deals with the fiscal stamps of Bulgaria, of which there is an interesting list. Such articles are timely in view of the growing interest in fiscals. The two railway stamp articles are continued and the Telegraph and fiscal are as exhaustive as usual. I wish this paper a prosperous second volume.

The chief feature of Le Philatelic Francais for October (just at hand) is an exhaustive article on the Bordeaux issue of France giving official documents at quantities, with much new information. It is too long to do justice to it here. The same is true of M. Bouvez's article on Belgian cancellations. Another article gives some more details of the post office Mauritius. In the November number the Bordeaux article is continued, describing the various type-varieties.

El Correo de Cuba is chiefly devoted to Cuban Postal affairs, but has a small stamp corner. The paper has the portrait each week of some prominent postal employee; upon the whole Cuba has a good looking lot of postal officers.

The provisional issue of German Camera forms the subject of an interesting article in the London Philatelist. Diagrams are given showing the position of three types on the pane of 50 stamps. In addition there is a fourth type re-

ing 5 Pf. (without the g), also issued at Tsingtan, and a fifth one reading 5 pf (small p without dot after the f) issued at Futchau (or Foochow). The Mafekings still cause discussion and two articles deal with them, one illustrated with similes of letters prepaid by the provisionals, one to England, the other to Salwayo. Another article gives details of the Wei-hai-Wei local post, operating from December 1898 to April 1899.

A fascinating article in *Le Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste* for November is by M. Maury on the genesis of the postage stamp. He describes the development of the 1881 French Colonial type first the rough crayon sketch, then the finished design, then the design reduced for engraving, then the die with the left blank, then another die with figures larger than afterwards adopted, finally the working die—all illustrated. At first it was intended to use only one die for all values, inserting movable figures, but afterwards dies were engraved for each value. A feature of each number of this paper lies in its illustrations of interesting French cancellations, much attention being paid to these in France.

Le Timbrophile Belge (No. 35) contains both the articles on the types of Cuba 1882 and on the reprints of Portugal and Colonies—both of great value, but too long to do justice to here. It is stated that of the new German stamps there are two types of the word "Reichspost" on the bi-colored pfennig stamps, the second type being shorter; the new stamps exist perforated $1\frac{1}{2}$ and $1\frac{1}{4}$ (later). The article on Portuguese stamps is concluded in No. 36. Various Congo stamps being retired with effect, Jan. 1, 1901, a list is given of those now in circulation in the Congo Free State.

The Illustriertes Briefmarken-Journal No. 527 concludes the review of stamps as represented at the Paris Exposition. The rest of the number

presents but little for review, consisting almost entirely of the chronicle. The new Argentine 5c surcharged "oficial" is warned against, being unofficial. In No. 528 the article on Stellaland is concluded, it being shown that the originals are perforated 12, the counterfeits $11\frac{1}{4}$. A counterfeit of the E. F. 1899 surcharge on Bolivia is also described, the upper loop of the 8 is smaller than the lower.

The five numbers of *Fwen's Weekly Stamp News* at hand since the last review present so much that we cannot attempt to review them here, as little as we can do justice to our American weeklies. Yet it may be of interest to note an item to the effect that the Cape of Good Hope postal officials have repudiated the Mafekings and declared them not good for postare. The Christmas number is especially fine, containing a long write-up of Mr. Poole's (the special correspondent of *E. W. S. N.*) trip to Kimberly for *V. R. I. S.*

The only article of note in the *British and Colonial Philatelic Advertiser* is its continued list of Africa and her stamps—i. e. of the British Colonies in Africa, Oil Rivers being up for October.

Major Evans in *S. G. M. J.* engages in a controversy with Mr. Andreini on various points connected with the Cuban $Y\frac{1}{4}$, but finally admits the reading Ynterior. The Argentine article from *Le Timbre Poste* is continued up to 1882; it is certainly very instructive and valuable. The new penny stamp of New Zealand forms the subject of various clippings from the daily press reprinted here; the papers down there poke a good deal of fun at it. Moved by the term "Spinach green" applied to the new British $\frac{1}{2}$ d stamp, a British paper suggests these as stamp colors: crushed-strawberry-color, tomato-scarlet, banana yellow, roast-potato-brown, Spanish-onion-gold, blue-funk-color, pink-of-condition and sickly yellow. Preserve us!

The *Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser* or November informs us that there will be a special set of stamps for use in the following French offices: Morocco, Levant, Dedeagh, Cavalle, Port Said, Alexandria, Zanzibar and China, the

place being indicated by a surcharge. More horrors in prospect.

DER PHILATELIST for November continues the article on essays and proofs through Luebeck, Luxemburg, Modena, Monaco, Naples, Netherlands. I wish these articles could be gathered into a pamphlet; they fill a long felt want, as there is now, to my knowledge, but one hand book of essays and that quite antiquated. Fifty years having elapsed this November since the introduction of stamps in Prussia, an interesting article gives the official notices, etc., relating thereto. Dr. Szalay in the article on exchange clubs treats interestingly of repaired stamps, giving various means of detecting them which is often very difficult. Such means are furnished by the appearance of the stamp when seen with the light falling through it, the patch often being of different texture, by the different shape of perforations; by the different appearance of the paper when viewed with the light reflected from its surface; by the darker appearance of the line of jointure, etc.

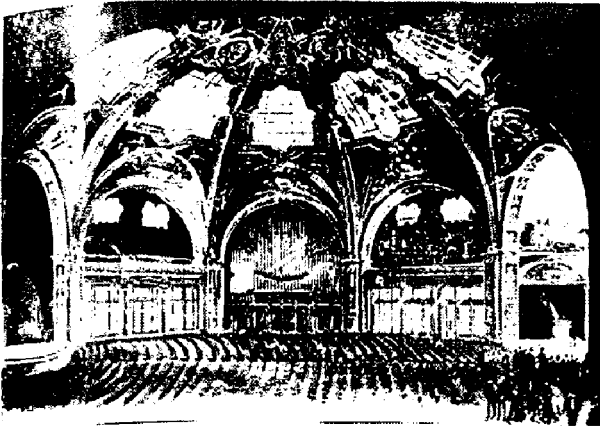
From the December number we learn that the Swiss post office department is calling for competitive designs for a new issue of postage stamps. I trust they will be more successful than the Jubilee Issue. In connection with the new issue for Bosnia an illustrated article describes how in an office by the name of Broka there were No. 1 heller stamps for about two weeks, so that letters requiring this value were franked by a hand stamp. The essay article deals instructively with Austria, Parma, Portugal, Prussia, Romagna and Roumania, though under Romagna some counterfeits are described as essays. I am pleased to see an appreciative review of the Toppan-Deats-Holland book on U. S. Revenues. The praise of an authority like Judge Suppantchitsch is worth more than gold medals. An interesting article deals with the OFFICIEL

surcharges on Luxemburg 1875-81; it appears that at first two settings of the word OFFICIEL were made in two types known and then reproduced by stereotypy, each supplying 20 surcharges, both alternating on the sheet; later on the surcharge was made from type altogether, and very poor type at that.

STAMPS for November continues Walter Wilson's article on the cards of the British Empire, which is drawing near its end; it will be missed when completed. STAMPS is still after the Mafekings with a sharp stick; I fear it will not avail much. Of present interest is Mr. Warhurst's write-up of the cards of the Orange Free State, began in this number. The reviewer for STAMPS wants Mr. Stanton's INDEX to do everything at once. Please wait a little; we are going to have an index of the older papers before long.

Australian federation furnishes the leading topic for the Australian Journal of Philately. It seems from an interview with Mr. Crick, the P. M. G. of New South Wales, that the consolidation of the various postal departments is not yet arranged for. The probable thing is that the present issues will be used up with the surcharges. The prospect is not overly pleasant.

The attitude of the Australian Philatelist towards Mafekings is easily seen when one reads as the heading of an article on them in the October number the pregnant word "Morefaking." Mr. Hull holds out prospects of a Polynesian Federation to comprise New Zealand, Fiji, Tonga and Cook Island, of which we have also read elsewhere. The idea is not so bad even from a philatelic point of view. It is said that some months ago the stamps of New South Wales were printed on paper coated with a starchy preparation, something like those of Russia. I have seen no mention of this elsewhere; wonder what values were thus printed?



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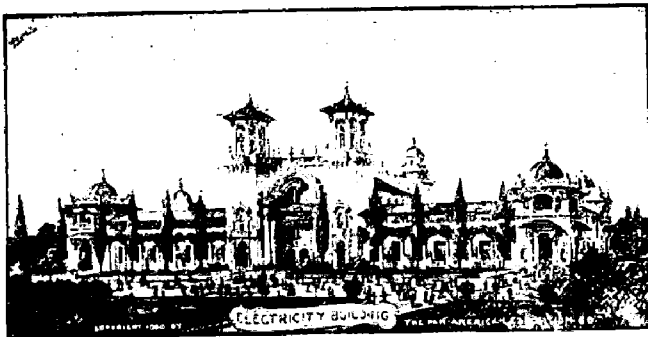
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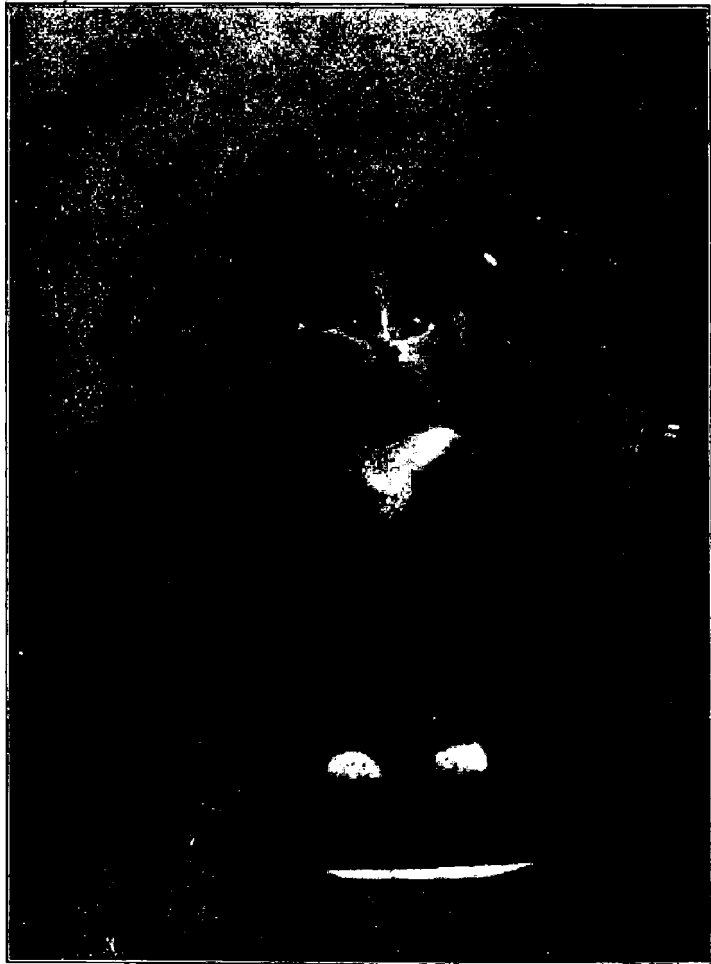
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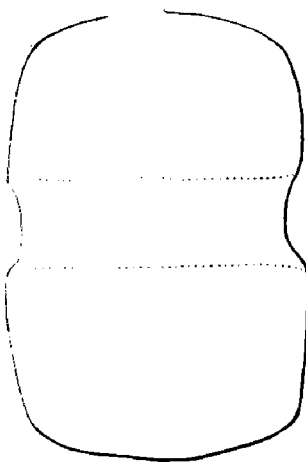
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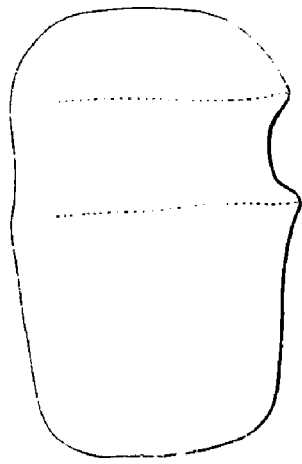
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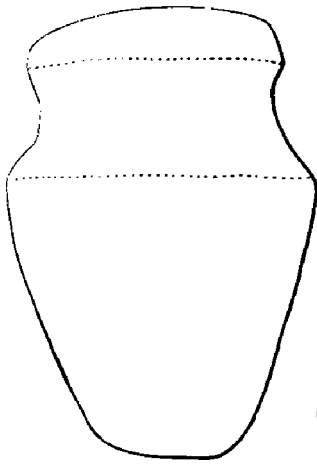
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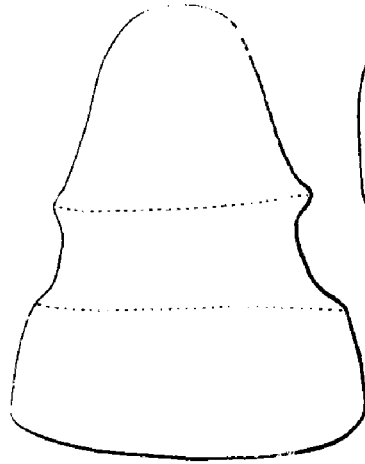
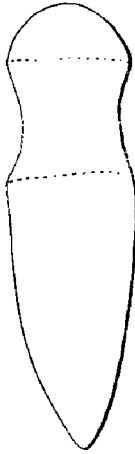
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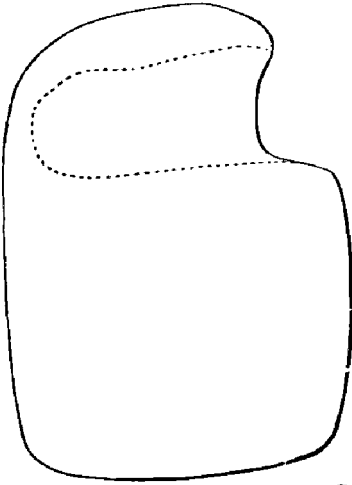
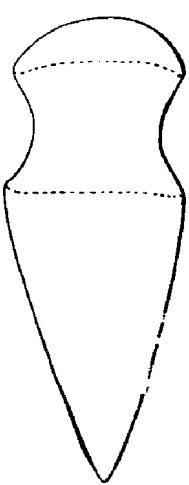
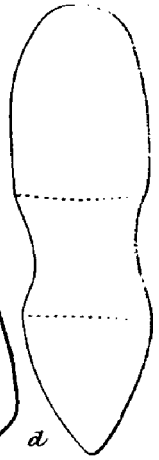
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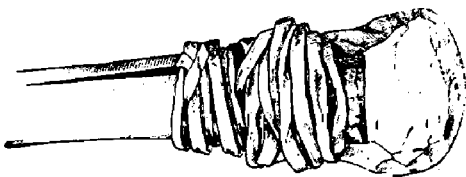
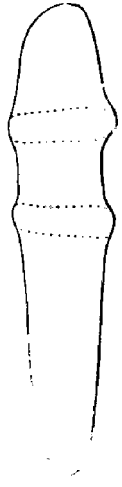
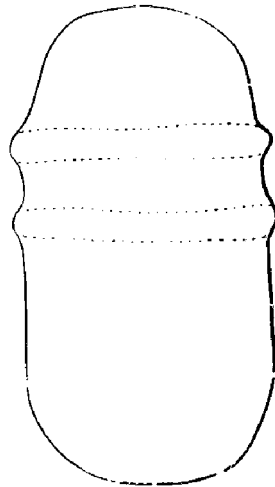
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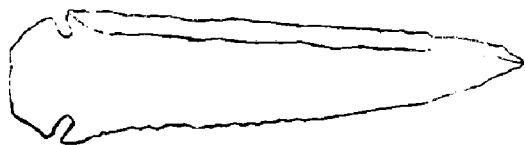
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Our Illustrations

C. F. STASCH, Chicago

Was born 1878, Jan. 28th, am 23. Started stamp collecting '97, had a collection of 2000, U. S. and Foreign and 250 Mexican revenues but sold every stamp I had and began collecting coins, sickness in the family prevented me from collecting anyway, so to keep in touch with stamps thought I would start as subs and adv'g agent, belong to S. of C. P, E. S. P. S, A. C. T. E., etc. One of West's agents for Chicago.

W. D. SIMPSON, Anderson, S. C.

Is 42 years of age, born and reared in that city, is a druggist by profession in which capacity he served 22 years. Was in the drug business all this while with his father. After his death in 1896, he found running the business alone, too great a task, also his health became very bad, so in 1897 sold out his business, since which time he has been stamp collecting, and having a good time Mr. Simpson is so situated that he no longer has to work for a living and finds that having money to back his fancy, has led to buying more stamps than he needs as a collector so he says he thinks he will have to "boom slowly into a dealer." He also says: "I find the "stamp hunt" quite fascinating, and have made some nice finds for a novice. I am, of course chasing all confederates in and out of sight." He is vice president of P. S. of A. for S. C.

THOMAS L. ELDER, Pittsburg, Pa.

Was born at Dayton, Armstrong, Co. Pa. Nov 22, 1894, and is now 26 years of age. His experience as a collector dates from 1882, since which time he has collected Indian relics, curios, war relics, relics and papers of the Ameri-

can Revolution, fossils, minerals, antiquated paper money, and ancient, mediaeval and modern coins, medals and tokens. His private collections consist chiefly of 800 Indian relics, and 2,500 coins, medals and tokens, dating from 750 B. C.

Mr. Elder's life so far has been a busy one as within the last ten years he has been identified with the Western Union Telegraph Co., Pittsburg Typewriter Co., Postal Telegraph Co., Pennsylvania Co., and Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company. Art, literature, music and genealogy have deep interest for him, and he is a lover of history, particularly that relating to the American Colonial and Revolutionary period. He is a member of the American Numismatic Association, the Sons of the American Revolution, American Society of Curio Collectors, and other literary and patriotic societies. He has recently embarked as a dealer in coins and curios, his specialty being Ancient and Mediaeval coins, a collection of which he has imported from Europe.

JOS. AUBE, Ottawa, Canada

Was born in Quebec, Canada the 5th of May, 1845, his parents being French Canadians and of French origin. He was educated in Quebec in the Frairs Academy, Seminary and Lowel Normal school and graduated from the latter. After having been some years in the mercantile business, took to painting and decorating as foreman in the Q. M. O. & O. R. R. workshop during five years after which he entered the Government as Draughtsman in the public works department on the staff of the chief engineer, and occupied that position fifteen years.

Mr. Aube has been collecting stamps for 35 years and having sold several small collections, when in Chicago at the fair, made up his mind to sell his valuable collection and discontinued collecting for five years when he de-

cided to come back to his old love and is now about fairly started in the general but with a good show of Canadians. He has mounted a map of 10 feet by 9 inches in an artistic design made up of all the different revenue stamps of their government which is the only one existing as complete as it is, and secured two diplomas at the Toronto and Ottawa fairs. Vice president of P. S. of A. for Ontario.

The spot above his eye in cut was done by engravers.

MISS META E. GARMAN, Kaneville, Illinois.

Was born at Charter Grove, Kane, Co., Ill., June 5th, 1875 and lived there with her parents until four years of age when she moved to Kanville, one of the prettiest little towns you ever saw. When she was seven years old she had an attack of spinal meningitis which left her perfectly helpless for a time, but she has regained the use of her hands and arms to a certain extent though they are still quite weak. For more than sixteen years she has been unable to walk a step but has such a host of kind friends she cannot be unhappy.

In 1894 some friends conceived the idea of collecting one-million cancelled stamps for her in order to procure treatment at some institution, and unbeknown to her a lady in New York started the chain of letters in the name of Edna Brown, a friend, and instead of the one million stamps they had hoped to get for her they received about ten million and they have been packed away, doing no one any good, until last fall, acting on the advice of old business friends, she commenced selling them by the pound.

Opening the letters and seeing the different kinds of stamps first awoke her interest and she was encouraged by friends who gave her an album and a number of stamps to begin a collec-

tion, having added to it from time to time it now numbers over 1000. Old revenues are especially interesting to her and of which she has a collection containing about 100 varieties of the first issue perforated, all nice copies.

She is also much interested in philatelic literature and finds stamp papers very interesting and instructive.

ALLEN JESSE REYNOLDS,
Connersville, Indiana,

Was born in Wabash, Ind., in 1876. Has lived in Connersville, last 20 years. Began collecting stamps at an early age and continued collecting until the latter part of 1893. Becoming interested in natural science he exchanged his stamp collection for scientific specimens. Since then he has been interested in several branches of science, especially geology, conchology and archaeology.

Several months ago he donated his large collection of geological specimens to one of the public schools of his city. Has made exchanges with the State Museum at Indianapolis and the Smithsonian Institution Washington, D. C. About three years ago he wrote a list, with notes, of the land and fresh water Mollusca of his (Fayette) county which was published under "Indiana Notes" in the "Museum," a scientific magazine formerly published in Albion N. Y.

Mr. Reynolds is secretary pro-tem of the society recently organized and known as The American Society of Curio Collectors, a society that will be the leading general collectors society of the world. He is working day and night with one purpose in view—to make the A. S. of C. C. a grand success. He invites correspondence with all collectors interested in any "hobby" outside of philately, the A. S. of C. C. not being a stamp society, though many of the members collect stamps along with other specimens.

J. W. STOWELL, Press Ag't. P. S.
of A. See lots of his work in other
papers.

BROWN—One of the dealers of N Y
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Archaeological Specimens.

One would be surprised to observe the many and varied forms of archaeological relics. In looking through Professor Moorhead's recent book *Prehistoric Implements*, I was struck with the great variety of material, size and shape. While I am not very familiar with objects of antiquity, I have secured a number of illustrations from Prof. Moorehead's book and will present them to readers from time to time.

Fig. 6 is a group of axes, all grooved, from the Potomac Valley. These show the various types and present a side and profile of each. The originals are about four times the size of the figures.

Fig. 7 shows the method of mounting scrapers in handles. It was found among the Eskimo of the extreme North.

Fig. 8 is a long, slender projectile point of fine workmanship, but is only shown in outline.

No collector should miss the opportunity to procure one of these books. I have no hesitancy in saying that I've not seen a dozen books on archaeology combined that contain as many illustrations. Prof. Moorehead spent over \$3500 on this work and as the edition has not more than paid for itself he will print no second one.

Shell cuts loaned us by Powell who has the largest stock of them of any dealer. Try him and see.

It has always been our aim to keep the amateur photographer informed, as far as possible, on all new goods and changes in prices as they occur from time to time. That others may have the benefit of these announcements we will esteem it as a favor if you will send us the names and addresses of your friends and acquaintances who are active amateur photographers.

Photography is a study which claims from us our best efforts, and offers a vast and extensive scope for the full play of intellect. The humble artisan and the sage professor—the man of science and the soldier on the field—the schoolgirl and the royal princess—alike find room in our art for the display and exercise of the best of nature's gifts. Cameras are now within the reach of the humblest citizen. They are now given as birthday and wedding presents, and parents now realize photography as the most healthy and pleasure giving pursuit for their children, and medical men urge their patients to take an outing with their cameras in search of pure pleasure. Yes, the camera now falls into the hands of all classes and conditions of people, male and female. The danger is the camera may become too common; in fact, photography is becoming a leading fashion, and by-and-bye the individual who cannot take a snapshot and develop a plate will be looked upon as not half up-to-date.

The popularity of the camera is rapidly on the increase, and it would not by an easy task to forecast what the future has in store. All over the world the highest skilled labor is busily employed in the various branches of photography, diligently perfecting every part.

We hail therefore with delight every effort made by small and great to raise the craft and fit us for the important position in this great moving world's affairs we are destined to occupy. There is a marked advance in the work our studios are today turning out, as compared with that of past years. It would

be a bad thing if it were not so. But there is sometimes a disposition to think we have reached the limit of excellence, and to rest on our oars. So that we need a little stirring up now and then to remind us we have not reached the summit—that there is still a higher and yet higher altitude to be attained.

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The following details in developing films, says an English writer, may be useful to some.

Having experienced some difficulty in developing the films cut singly, and finding the time taken was considerable, I decided to try developing six at a time in a long dish. This I found most expeditious and satisfactory.

My dishes, for a strip of six 5x4 films, are 26 inches long by 5½ wide, made of hard wood, well painted with waterproof paint, and a glass panel, 20 inches by 5 inches, let into the centre of the bottom of the dish. This enables one to judge density of film without necessity of removing it from developer.

Provided with two such dishes and a box of Primus bromide pins, I have found the development of rollable films a pleasure instead of a trouble. I have always used the Eastman pyro-soda developer, which, in my hands, has worked admirably; the only drawback to it is the liability to stain the fingers, but this to a great extent, can be avoided by always rinsing the hands in clear water when the developer comes in contact with them. It is when the pyro is allowed to dry and oxidize that the stains are caused. When everything is in order in the dark-room, mix up the developer thus: 2 ounces No. 1; 1 ounce No. 2; 4 ounces water. (Note, only half the quantity of No. 2 is used.) Unroll the spool and cut off six exposures in one strip, pin this with the bromide pins in developing dish. With a quick motion pour the developer over

the film, well rocking the dish, and seeing that the developer covers the whole surface. Particular notice should be paid to the sides of film, as sometimes these are apt to curl up and never get covered, but once they are covered, the whole strip lies quite flat. From the shape of the dish, gentle rocking causes the developer to flow evenly over the film. In most cases I have found that 1 ounce of accelerator sufficient to finish development, however, should any exposures hold back, finish off those that appear to be developing all right, cut them off, rinse in clean water, and pin them down in the other long dish, previously filled with hypo. If any need require more No. 2, pour back the developer into measure, add the necessary accelerator, and continue development. But I have found it the exception to require more than half the quantity of accelerator, or have necessity of cutting exposures for special treatment: whereas as if the full quantity of accelerator used in the first instance several films are sure to be lost through over-exposure. After fixing put the whole strip in a large bucket or tub, and wash in several changes of water for two hours, occasionally giving the films a stir round

A convenient method of washing, if it can be adopted, is to stand the bucket containing the films in a sink, attach a piece of rubber hose to the water-tap and reaching to the bottom of bucket arranging it around the sides, so that when the tap is slightly turned on, a miniature whirlpool is formed. This keeps the films gently moving, and causes a continual change of water.

When washed, pin the strips of film to pieces of thin wood picture frame backing, each piece just large enough to take two strips of six. These are most convenient, being so light yet very strong, and the films dry quickly on them. When dry, cut the strips up and store them in a film storage album

The Michigan Camera Art Association.

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This society is formed for encouraging amateur photographers to inform each other and exchange prints

This is the only state amateurs club in Michigan. We want everyone who owns a camera to join us. The cost will be 25c a year, which will give you full membership to the M. C. A. A. No initiation fee, every member will also receive the official organ, the Philatelic West and Camera News free.

Applications for Membership: Henry Verweersch, 14 Cutler St., Detroit, Mich.; Julius Harrett, Rumbeka, Belgium.

The Camera Section of the Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Wheelmen announces its 2d Annual Amateur Photographic Exhibition and Salon, February 21st, 1901, and continuing one week.

The purpose of the Exhibition is to bring together examples of Amateur Photographic work possessing the highest degree of artistic merit. The Exhibition will consist of two hundred and fifty pictures, and divided into two sections, General Exhibition and Salon. All work submitted must pass a jury who will select the two hundred and fifty pictures based on the standard of highest pictorial excellence.

A competent jury will rigidly select such work for the Salon that possesses exceptional merit and evidence of artistic conception.

Six prizes creating \$100 in value are offered. These will be awarded on the basis of pictorial composition, originality and technique. A certificate, bearing the signature of the judges, will be awarded to those whose work is accepted for the Salon.

The Nebraska Camera Club.

FOUNDED JAN. 1898.

Wishes every one in Nebraska having a camera to join. Send your name with 15c, it gives you full membership and use of all its privileges, paper which inserts your notices free of charge, where you can secure prints from all parts of the world. Cut out blank printed elsewhere and send to the secretary. Membership free to subscribers in Nebraska.

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291 E W Bennisson, David City.
 292 W S Rothery, Omaha, city views.
 293 E Koeuke, Plattsmouth.
 293 B Palmer, Bradshaw, western views.
 295 C Hargraves, Lincoln 1229 M st.
 296 G O Zeigler, York, Carlton cam.
 297 N Hick, Superior Cyclone, camera.
 298 Bob Dempster, Omaha dealer.
 299 W F Moore, Beatrice, 220 LaSalle.
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 309 E H Kendall, St Paul.
 310 Henry W Conrad, wpmore, Eastman cam.

We want names of all amateurs on any ideas or thoughts for camera dept. Would advise readers to try all papers advertised for all good, try them all and see which you like the best, prices are reasonable for kind and none in the trust. Give them a trial.

Testimonials

R. B. Buchanan, Toronto—Think the West one of the best papers in the field.

G. H. Dubose, Huguenot, Ga.—My last ad is still bringing in replies right along.

H. E. Richards, Chicago—I am still getting answers to my notice last No.

H. E. Taylor, Cleveland, O.—West is a fine paper and I enclose copy for new ad.

BUSINESS MANAGERS SAY

We hope that every reader who receives this number will compare it with other publications of the same kind. Show it to your friend collectors. It costs more to issue one number of the West than a half dozen copies of some others. Advertisers will find that it pays to keep an ad. going in the West. Several contracts for this year have been taken by advertisers who tried it last year can see that it must pay them. Why not you? No publication, for paid circulation, makes as low cash rates. The advertiser needs only a trial to be convinced. It depends upon our readers whether this publication continues the same size, and by inducing their friends whose ads. are not seen in the West, to help us, it will be still larger and better.

We will includee one free ad. to all who make a contract for the next six months. Advertisers who get their copy in early secure a better place and display. We expect our next number to be finer for we have manuscripts by a number of leading writers not seen for many years and illustrations of leading collectors not seen before, one being president of a leading society in Australia, which we hope to publish soon.

The West must be liked, for over 90 per cent. of the sample copies bring new subscribers.

The exchange column is being abused and it is cut down. One notice is all that is allowed—not one in eac number or column. We make a low cash rate of a ½c a word, or a 25-word notice for the year for a dollar bill. Send in your copy at once and run no risk of being left out. It will pay you; try it and see.

A great many want Scott's 60th catalogue. We offer it with the West 1 yr for 60 cents.

It takes time to print our large circulation and mail it, and we wish advertisers to send their copy in early.

We wish each subscriber would send in a postal card with his correct address, giving his post-office box or street number. We are revising our list and wish to have it correct.

There is nothing like cuts to help the appearance of ads.—they give color to

them. If you have cuts you wish used in your ad., send same with copy. We believe the ad. will help you more.

The entire table of contents of Cram's Magazine for January is an inviting one. Every article is full of interest and reading them all, one would find it difficult to determine which to praise most.

The Saturday Evening Post of Philadelphia gets better each week and is the best \$1 weekly we know of.

The National Magazine of Boston is hard to beat—its Washington notes alone are worth the price.

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Is it not worth your while to keep in touch with collectors? Would you not like to keep informed for the next few years? Do you not regard it as the duty of every collector to support such a magazine? You can readily understand that the greater my circulation the stronger the influence this journal can exert. Get your friends to subscribe. I should like to print 20,000 copies a month during the next year, and could easily reach that figure if all collectors would subscribe.

The American Society of Curio Collectors

(Organized November 1st, 1900.)

Pres. Pro Tem—Roy Farrell Greene, Arkansas City, Kansas.

Secy. Pro Tem—Allen Jesse Reynolds, Connersville, Ind.

Official organ—Philatelic West.

Initiation fee, 10c; annual dues, 25c.

All honest collectors of the following articles are invited to join. Shells, fossils, minerals, Indian relics, war relics, coins, medals, paper money, eggs, insects, flowers, woods, autographs, mounted birds and animals, rare books, historical articles of all kinds, sea and land curios, etc., etc.

Free Identification Bureau for naming of shells, minerals, fossils and coins. One exchange notice in official organ. Quarterly bulletin for members only. Many other benefits.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

To the Members of the A. S. of C. C.:

The society seems to be meeting with encouragement from all sources, and the membership list shows a slow but healthy growth. The class of collectors with

are enrolling themselves with us augurs well for the good work which the society has outlined for itself to do. The cost of joining is so small that no collector anywhere if he is rich in enthusiasm though poor in purse can afford not to belong.

The secretary publishes a flattering report this month and it is simple justice to say that he is performing his work well. What your president particularly asks of each member now enrolled is to get at least one new member before next month. Every collector knows some other collector as earnest and enthusiastic as himself who will be benefited by the society and who will be a benefit to it. Ask him to join and make his application. Let every member do a sort of recruit work among his brother collectors who are not yet members. The secretary will furnish you blanks for this purpose. I should be pleased to receive suggestions and designs for a society badge, either a button or a pin, for the society's members, and also any suggestions for the society's advancement and improvement. I have appointed G. Montague Butler, of the State School of Mines, Golden, Colorado, as Head of the Identification Bureau, Mineralogical Division. He will examine and name all specimens of minerals submitted to him by A. S. of C. members. Those not members will remit 25 cents as an examining fee. Hoping each member will get one new member by next month,

Yours in A. S. of C. C.,

ROY F. GREENE.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

(NEW MEMBERS.)

- 26. H. W. H. Stillwell, (19) North East, Pa. —Minerals.
- 27. W. E. Snyder (27), Beaver Dam, Wisc. —Zoology, geology, botany, curios and autographs.
- 28. Thomas G. King (), Saranac, Lake, N. Y. —Archaeological specimens.
- 29. Charles K. Reed (), Worcester, Mass., Taxidermist, dealer in specimens.
- 30. R. James (37), Norte Dame de Grace, Montreal, Can. —Admission tickets of famous singers, small books and newspapers, historical tumblers and curios

- pictures.
- No. 33. J. C. Montgomery (15), 368 Abbott St., Detroit, Mich. —Coins, Indian relics and pictures.
- No. 34. G. Montague Butler (20), Golden, Colo., —Stamps and minerals especially, and all kinds of curios.
- No. 35. H. C. Miller (50), Aurora, Ind. —Archaeological specimens.
- No. 36. E. L. Warner (18), Pontiac, Mich. —Eggs, shells and curios.
- No. 37. Geo. W. Harper (68), 2139 Gilbert Ave., Cincinnati, O. —Fossils, minerals, land and fresh water shells.
- No. 38. Ellis Chandlee (35), Augusta, Ga. —Antiquated paper money, Civil War revenues, Confederate stamps and C. S. curios of all kinds.
- No. 39. Virginius H. Chase (25), Wa dy Petra, Ill. —Herbarium specimens.
- No. 40. C. E. Tribbett (40), Thorntown, Ind. —Archaeological specimens, mastodon and mammoth teeth and bones.
- No. 41. Thomas L. Elder (26), 343 Princeton Place, E. E. Pittsburg, Pa. —Coins, curios, Indian relics, antiquated paper money, gem stones, fossils, minerals, etc., —principally coins.
- No. 42. John Strasser (14), 1605 Washington Ave., Connersville, Ind. —Curios of all kinds.
- No. 43. Geo. Pink (21), 524 West 10th St., Connersville, Ind. —Shells, minerals and coins.
- No. 44. Burt Ogburn (21), 1225 Race St., Philadelphia, Pa. —Archaeology.
- No. 45. E. J. Pardee (50), Phelps, N. Y. —Relics of all kinds.
- No. 46. E. N. Kimball (28), 1428 Arapahoe Ave., Boulder, Colo. —Specimens of all kinds.
- No. 47. Robert Sneider (59), 145 Fulton St., New York, N. Y. —Medals, rare prints and engravings.
- No. 48. Frank Gingrich (30), New Kamliche, Wash. —Coins, shells, minerals, Indian relics and stamps.
- No. 49. S. Benton (), Sanford, Maine. —U. S. coins and tokens.
- No. 50. Clarence R. Curren (17), Millbrook, Ill., Geological specimens, Indian relics, coins, paper money and curios.
- No. 51. J. Lewis Wheeler (17), Box 656, Bridgewater, Mass. —Shells, minerals and other geological specimens.
- No. 52. Luther B. Tuthill (42), South Creek, N. C. —Antiquated paper money.
- No. 53. Edwin Werner (19), 1132 Otto St., Chicago, Ill. —Minerals, Indian relics, shells, war relics, etc.
- No. 54. Geo. F. Heath (49), Monroe, Mich. —Coins, Indian relics, minerals, autographs, etc.

Fellow Members:—My list of new members is not as large as I wanted it to be, but we should be proud of the fact that it contains the names of several well-known men. My next report will give details for a contest for new members. A nice collection of specimens will be given as a prize to the person (not an officer) getting the most members within a stated length of time. Commence now; you will be credited with all the members you get.

FRAUDS: Wm. Cudney Galt, Ont., Canada, is guilty of making counterfeit Indian relics. He "caught" the Sec'y a few years ago and I am informed by Mr. Burt Ogburn that the Philadelphia Academy of Sciences has him down as a fraud.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS:

53 members, fees and dues.....	\$18.55
1 member fee and dues for two yrs.....	60
For add space in first num. (March) of the Quarterly Bulletin.....	1.25
Total.....	\$20.40

EXPENDITURES:

Book for membership list	\$.35
500 membership cards.....	1.75
500 circular letters.....	1.50
500 application blanks.....	2.25
1000 application bl. (4 page folder)....	4.00
Writing paper.....	.30
Dispatch to President Green.....	.40
Postage.....	4.65
Official Organ (Dec. and Jan.).....	.80
Total.....	\$16.00
Balance on hand.....	4.40

ALLEN JESSE REYNOLDS.

January 12, 1901. Treasurer.

RULES GOVERNING THE MINERALOGICAL DEPT. OF THE IDENTIFICATION BUREAU OF THE A. S. OF C. C.

1. The services of this department are free to members of the A. S. of C. C. Nonmembers may secure the services of the dept. for a fee of 25c per lot submitted, if the latter is not too large.

2. The department will determine the names, constituents, etc., of any specimens submitted only so far as these can be ascertained from a knowledge of the physical characteristic or by blow-pipe analysis and will not attempt to encroach upon the work of the assayer and find the value of the specimen.

3. The head of the dept. will not attempt to return specimens submitted unless full transportation and package charges are enclosed.

4. Questions relating to this branch of collecting will be cheerfully answered to the best of ability provided return postage is enclosed.

5. This dept. will not be responsible for minerals lost in transit or which do not bear the name and address of the sender.

All communications should be addressed to G. MONTAGUE BUTLER, (A. S. of C. C. 34) State School of Mines, Golden, Colorado.

A. S. OF C. C. NOTES, BY THE SEC'Y.

One of the members suggests that no exchange be held longer than three weeks. A good suggestion.

First number of the Quarterly Bulletin will be mailed about March 20th.

We have members in twenty-two States and two Provinces of Canada. You are invited to help swell the number.

If you know of any frauds and dishonest collectors please send full particulars. But you should have positive proof before sending.

Geo. N. Harper, (No. 37), has collected specimens for fifty years. He has the honor of being the oldest member having passed sixty-eight "mile stones."

One member says we should have 5,000 members in a year's time. Will you help to reach that mark? It can be done.

I wish to call your attention to the rules of the Mineralogical Dept. as set forth in my report. The dept. is for the use of all members. Mr. Butler made collecting tour through Colorado last year.

Other Depts. will be established soon as possible. We mean business.

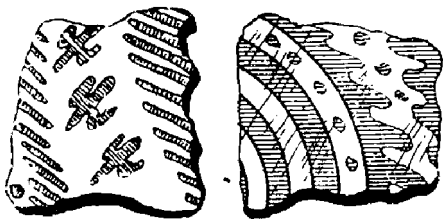
Your help is needed. I will gladly send extra application blanks to all who are willing to work for the society. Do not leave all the recruit work for the president and secretary to do.

Vol. 1, No. 1, of American Ornithology was received some time ago. It is a magazine that will gladden the hearts of all lovers of bird life. It is perfect in every respect. Published by Chas. Reed (A. S. of C. C. 31), Worcester, Mass.

Watch for the notes in next issue.

Prehistoric Arizona Pottery

The writer, having lived in Arizona, may be able to interest the readers of this department by a brief description of the pottery that is to be found in the various ruins throughout the territory. In the Rio Salado Valley there are many ruins of prehistoric villages, and around these ruins are to be found many fragments of pottery, some of which are



In ruins in the mountain Canyons (Cliff Dwellings, so called) jars containing corn, pumpkin seeds and beans have been discovered from time to time. The pottery found in these ruins is usually of a better quality than the pottery found in the Valley ruins, and some of it has a semi-glazed appearance and is of a white or grayish color. The designs are similar in appearance to those on the pottery found in the Valley ruins. Many of the designs were painted on the pottery with some black pigment—probably pulverized charcoal.

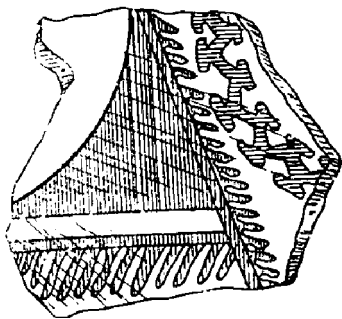
In ruins on the Moki Indian Reservation in Northern Arizona many entire vessels made of a very fine quality of pottery have been found. Some of these specimens may be seen in the National Museum at Washington.

At some future time I will write again concerning subjects which are of interest to the Archalologist and general collector as well

BURT G. OGBURN,

Member Arizona Antiquarian Association and A. S. of C. C.

Millions of old and valuable stamps are still packed away on old correspondence, to find them is to find money. Go through your old letters, and ask your friends to let you examine their old correspondence. If you are lucky you may find old stamps for which we will pay you hundreds, or even thousands of dollars. You should try to get permission to go through the old correspondence of business or banking firms in your locality, as you are most likely to find the valuable stamps among such letters.



decorated with crude and curious designs. The illustrations will give the reader some idea in regard to the designs.

As a rule the designs were painted on the pottery with some kind of a red pigment, although some specimens in the writer's collection were decorated with a white pigment. It is quite probable that the red pigment used by this ancient race for pottery decorating was an iron oxide obtained, no doubt, from the mountains.

The pottery found in and around the ruins in the Rio Salado Valley appears to be of about the same quality as that made by the Zuni Indians of the present day, and many of the designs on the Zuni pottery are similar to those on the ancient pottery found in Arizona ruins.

In many of the ruins in the Rio Salado, and the Rio Gila Valley as well, jars or jars containing incinerated human bones have been discovered, and other jars charred corn and bread have been found.

A Useful and Interesting Sport.

Men of science recognize and recommend the Illusts Post-Card as a medium of education. One of the Austrian publishing houses has a series of cards out whose one distinct object is to impart a knowledge of Geography in a most practical way.

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The government of the European countries know a good thing when they see it. According to official figures the extra revenues from the sale of stamps occasioned by the use of illustrated Post cards amounts to 20,000 marks or 5,000 dollars per day. They do everything in their power to foster the card industries, pass laws to favor collectors and manufacturers alike while our government has only been detrimental to the sport and almost killed it in its beginning. Germany has had the Government Card busines in full bloom for the last five or ten years, while we have enjoyed the privilege with many restrictions of using a private Mailing Card only since May 19, 1898. That is why our friends abroad have so long been writing in vain for American Cards in return for theirs and that is why the Americans have been so slow in recognizing the comfort and enjoyment that can be had out of the Souvenir Mailing Cards.

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England is rapidly coming to the front as a Private Post Card using country, especially since the brightest of society has identified themselves with the sport. The Picture Post Card, our esteemed contemporary, and by the way one of the brightest and best conducted papers in the interest of our sport brings word that Private Picture Post Cards is finding many admirers in the united kingdoms. The English Nobility are using a series of Post Cards with pictures of their residences and photograph of members of the family. This is a very pretty custom and will no doubt find many

friends in this country. Photo Post Cards have been used here to a limited extent and amateur work mostly, until a St. Louis firm has begun to place them on the market. This work is done in first class style and they agreed to allow a discount of 20 per cent to exchange members. Members living in places where no cards are for sale can get a dozen or more Private Postal Cards made and enjoy the pleasure of possessing something quite exclusive and novel. A sample card will be sent for five 2c stamps by addressing the Int. Souv. Card Exchange.

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We had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Joy of Centralia, Ill., lately, while searching for new souvenir cards in St. Louis. He has a great many fine specimens of cards in his possession, the result of his travels in Europe and he speaks very higly of the sport. Mr. Joy is connected with the U. S. Consulate Service in Sonneberg, Germany, on a responsible position, but at present at his home on a leave of absence. An occasional card from Mr. Joy after his return to his post of duty will be a welcome and pleasant remembrance.

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People with a practical view hail the advent of the Illustrated Post Card with delight, a little home made poetry well done, makes it so much more interesting. About 50 booklets of special Postal Card rhymes have been published in Germany alone and quite a number of them in other states. Every suitable piece of poetry sent in by members accompanied by 10c in silver will be filed and in due time published and a free copy sent to each contributor. Members handy with brush and pen who have good ideas and can execute them in an artistic manner, will do well to watch out for occasions and even those that are worth remembering on a Post Card as Washington's Birthday, Daste

th of July, etc.

A commendable example set by Mr. Wencker, Augusta, Mo., should find many followers. Being an enthusiastic collector, and no cards with views of Augusta in the market, Mr. Wencker undertook to have some made himself, and now he and his friends are using a pretto neat card with three interesting views of the quaint and picturesque little town, that rre a credit to the enterprise and ardor of Mr. Wencker. Members will find him ready and prompt to respond to any card sent him. Who will be the first to follow his example?

The camera has become a very dear companion to the amateur sport, both in the athletic fields and on his tours. Much has been accomplished with the bulb and button, and its many a joyful remembrance of the happy times its owner had while rambling through the fields and woods every once in awhile snapping a beautiful piece of scenery, or at grounds of his taking the pictures of his comrades while in training or in athletic exhibition.

J. J. Rice, Des Moines, Ia,—My ad of Stamps, Curios, etc., was a surprise to me. I got orders from all over the world and I consider it the best ad medium in this country.

Detroit Items.

BY H. W. BOERS

One of the oddest and most artistic pieces of amateur work I ever saw was that of a spider web. The web was beautifully spun, the spider was caught in its own meshes. Such views are mostly obtained in the fall or spring of the year.

The Photographer Association at their last meeting, selected Detroit as their next meeting place in 1901.

And now comes the looker round wondering what is new in the camera line for 1901.

The Bicycle houses have all had their opening the first of the month. Now that the Camera and bike go hand in hand why would it not be a good plan for the camera dealers to get together and have an opening, and show what's

Interesting Curio Items.

ROY F. GREENE.

There are 413 species of trees found within the limits of the United States and Alaska, sixteen of which will sink in water when perfectly seasoned. The heaviest of these is the blackiron-wood found only in Southern Florida, which is more than 30 per cent heavier than water. Of the other fifteen the best known are the lignum vitae and the mangroves.

The largest piece of mica in the world was taken out of a North Carolina quarry. It measures 9½x16 inches.

A new building material, called "fossil coral," has been discovered in a small island in the Bay of Suva, Fiji. When it is first removed it is soft and easily cut into square blocks, or any other desired shape, but when it is exposed to the air for some time it grows very hard, and assumes some of the characteristics of fire brick.

An ancient roadway was discovered a few years ago at Marseills, Ills. It is from four to six feet below the surface, and is constructed of stone underlaid by pounded sandstone and gravel. Each slab is about twelve feet long, from one to three feet wide, and about two inches thick. It proves that civilization had its hold here long before the advent of the Indians.

(The following item was accidentally cut in two by the "make up" on opposite page:)

The fresh water mussels are widely distributed over the surface of the globe. The rivers and minor water courses of the northern hemisphere contain a great number of species, and these are abundant. The freshets make the streams turbid with silt, and carry into the soft parts of the mussels particles of sand, which irritate the delicate tissues. This irritation causes a flow of nacreous lymph, and thus a pearl is commenced.

There are several varieties of opals found in the quarries of Mexico, viz: The precious or noble opal, the fire opal, the common opal, semi-opal, wood opal, ferruginous opal and hydrophane.

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Among some minerals found a few years ago at Stony Point, N. C., were rutiles joined to quartz, hiddenite on quartz crystals, rutile penetrating beryl and a quartz crystal an inch and a half long, containing a perfect emerald about a thirtieth of a carat in weight.

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A chip from an elm which Mr. Gladstone cut down at Hawarden, in 1889, sold in a recent London auction sale of curios for \$3.75.

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A stream near Tucson, Arizona, petrifies all soft substances thrown into it. It is in the great Colorado potato beetle belt and at the time of their migrations thousands of them fall into the stream and are converted into solid stone.

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The rattle of the rattle snake consists of three or more solid horny rings around the end of its tail. There may be as many as twenty-one of these rings which are formed by the failure of the snake to shed its entire skin. The unshed portion dries and hardens, and it is by the shaking of these rings that the snake's tail produces the peculiar sound of peas rattling around in a paper bag.

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It is strange that nearly all idols of savage nations have either forbidding or grotesque aspects. Fear ruled more than love.

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Meteorites are pretty evenly distrib-

uted over the earth's surface, though more of them fall near the equator, and the largest have been found in tropical countries. Meteoric dust can be found on many mountains.

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Different birds have a preference for certain trees, a circumstance that seems to have attracted little notice on the part of naturalists. The oak tree harbors jays, the thrush has a preference for the birch, ash and osage orange; the beach is the carpenter's shop of the woodpecker, while the little vireos seem to like the poison ivy vine and the yellow warbler exhibits a choice for the tallest cottonwood.

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The use of shells for the purposes of money by the Indians of the north west coast of North America prevailed no doubt, for a long time before any members of the European races had any knowledge of the aborigines of this portion of the continent.

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Prof. Putnam has stated that in excavating the mounds near Madisonville, Ind., not less than 50,000 pearls were found, most of them pierced and injured by heat.

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The preservation of museum specimens is of no less importance than their acquisition. All specimens should be thoroughly poisoned, and nearly all organic structures have peculiar enemies in the insect world. As instances, wood work and botanical specimens should be poisoned with corrosive sublimate. This will preserve them from the ravages of insects.

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Fool's Gold.

A short while ago, when making one of my semi-occasional examinations of the minerals contained in the magnificent collection of the state of Colorado at the capital building at Denver, I was much amused by the comments of two gentlemen upon the ore exhibited, which, the tables told them, contained such and such a value in gold to the ton of ore.

They seemed to be interested only in gold specimens and both thought that it was gold that glittered. Now few of the ores exhibited have enough free gold to be visible, but every moment one of them would call to the other to come and look at a particularly large mass of some one of the sulphides of the base metals under the impression that it was the noble metal.

The splendid pieces of wire gold from Breckenridge, Colo., hardly received a passing notice from either of them.

Of course, I do not suppose that the most of those who read this paper would know their ignorance in this manner but I am sure there are a great many collectors who do not know how to distinguish a specimen of free gold from some of the very common yellow minerals and, for the assistance of these, I give here some facts and rules which may be relied upon.

The minerals, which might be mistaken for gold are native silver, native copper, millerite (nickel-sulphide), chalcopyrite (iron-copper-sulphide) and pyrite or iron pyrites—not pyrite of which as I recently saw it written—each is a sulphide of iron.

Silver only very rarely resembles gold and in these cases it can be readily identified by the fact that it is usually covered to a certain extent with a dark coating and readily dissolves in nitric acid, a small bottle of which can be obtained for a few cents from the druggists.

In most cases, copper can be readily

distinguished from gold by its color—a distinctive red—but in other respects they resemble each other closely. Both are malleable (they can be pounded into sheets without fracture), they crystallize alike (in octahedrons—see Webster's Unabridged Dictionary—which are very small and are usually united into wire, or net, like forms), they are both comparatively heavy minerals and are both so soft that they may be cut with a knife.

Gold, however, never tarnishes and copper is seldom free from a black or green coating. The former is unaffected by nitric acid, while copper dissolves readily to a greenish liquid.

All the other minerals in the list are frequently called "Fool's Gold" and resemble the rarer metal very strongly in color, though they differ decidedly in physical properties. They are all brittle, they fly to pieces when struck with a hammer, and, with the exception of millerite, which is comparatively rare, they are too hard to be even scratched with a knife.

Another easy and certain test is the "streak." The streak of a mineral is the color, which a finely powdered portion shows and is obtained by scratching the mineral on a piece of unglazed porcelain. The broken surface of an old dish will answer nicely.

The streaks of gold, silver and copper are of the same colors as those metals, but the others, which look like gold, all show a greenish or brownish-black streak.

There are many other points of difference but the collector should encounter no trouble if he will but remember that gold is the only yellow, malleable mineral, it is very heavy, is soft and sectile, is never tarnished, does not dissolve in any acid except a mixture of nitric and hydrochloric (or muriatic), called aquaregia, practically never occurs in crystals large enough to be easily distinguished by the unaided eye and is usually found in collections in very small quantities, not in cases covering the whole side of a room.

G. MONTAGUE BUTLER.

**Blue Print Paper
and How to Make.**

Published by re-
quest from Jan.
'99 West . . .

The requirements necessary to a successful manufacture of blue print paper on a small scale are few and simple.

A couple ounces each of Citrate of Iron and Ammonia and Red Prussiate of Potash are all the chemicals that are required. Procure these from a reliable dealer and have them chemically pure or as it is generally called, C. P.

Any good hard white paper can be used for coating. Any paper that makes a good writing paper will also make a good blue paper.

A couple of graduates, a small funnel, a couple of four ounce bottles and a "buckle brush" completes the necessary apparatus.

A "buckle brush" is made by winding a strip of canton flannel around a wooden handle about $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide and $\frac{1}{2}$ inch thick, thus forming a soft "swab" for brushing or spreading the sensitizing chemicals on the paper.

Make a stock solution of the Red Prussiate of Potash by dissolving 240 grains or $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. apoth. weight in 4 oz. water; cover the bottle with yellow paper and keep in the dark, as light spoils it.

The Citrate of Iron and Ammonia does not keep in solution and must be made up as needed; however, it dissolves quickly, so this is not much bother. Take of the Citrate 100 grains and dissolve in 1 oz. water. Now pour into a graduate 1 oz. of the Potash solution, place the small funnel into another graduate and filter the Potash through a wad of absorbent cotton; now pour the oz. of Citrate solution into the funnel and allow that to filter through in the same way. The solution is now complete and ready for coating the paper.

Pin the paper to be coated to a drawing board, preferably cut into pieces about 8 x 10 inches; pour some of the

solution in a shallow dish and dip the "buckle brush" in to a depth of about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch; brush over the entire surface of the paper from left to right, and then from top to bottom, always working the brush from the same side of the sheet. Do not use too much of the solution just enough to make an even coating and do not wet the brush after starting a sheet; after you have coated a few sheets you will learn just how wet to have your brush in starting.

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

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

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

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

The other way was a little more wo

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

Linen or silk can be utilized for blue printing by folding and stretching tightly over a piece of glass of the requisite size, and sensitizing by immersion, or by the "buckle brush," whichever is preferred. As there is no way of examining the progress of printing, make a print on paper first, to get the length of time required from the negative you intend using, and time your silk or linen print accordingly, allowing, if anything, more time than less for these prints, as they wash out more.

Envelopes, writing paper, in fact almost anything with a slightly porous surface may be prepared and printed on by the above methods, yielding in all cases charming results. In the next number of Camera News I will detail methods for producing a variety of tones on blue paper.

OUR QUESTION BOX.

Notice—All communications for this column should be addressed to secretary and give address. If the question and required answer be deemed of general interest it will be answered here, otherwise by mail provided postage is inclosed.

WHITE DEPOSITS ON NEGATIVES.

Causes, alum in fixing bath, insufficient washing.

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

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YELLOW STAINS ON PRINTS.

Cause—air bubbles on prints not broken while toning in combined bath.

Remedy—place prints in solution face down, turn over prints and break any bubbles that may appear, with hand or soft brush.

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BLEACHING OF PRINTS AROUND EDGES.

Cause—gold bath too strong.

Remedy—bath should not tone in less than 8 minutes, weaken, by adding less gold stock or more water.

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FLASH LIGHTS. STARING EFFECT IN EYES

Cause—lights turned out before flash, and flash held too low.

Remedy—allow all lights to burn as ordinarily, being careful however that none shine directly into the lens.

Hold up a lamp in front of the group or person until the catch-light or bright speck in the eye appears just below the upper eye-lid, make flash from this height and to one side.

Some men regret the past—others advertise and overcome present difficulties.

A first step to prosperity is a first class advertisement.

The early advertiser catches the doubtful customer.

The best business comes from the advertising.

Neglected advertising is neglected opportunity.

Advertising will get returns, if properly written and properly placed. But advertising will not be a permanent benefit unless the advertising is honest and represents a business that is honest.

A Leading German Paper.

The Vertrauliches Korrespondenz-Blatt with Volume XI, 1901, is transferred from Hannover to Kiel, as resolved by the Twelfth Congress of Philatelists at Frankfurt a. M. The Philatelic Society at Kiel has entrusted the editorship to its president, Dr. A. Kunkler, Ziegelteich 7, Kiel, and the members P. Martens, cashier of the Provinzial Treasury, A. Herrmannsen, care Bank of Credit, Goltermann, Navy Paymaster, and Rosenthal, Pharmacist assisted in legal matters by the attorneys of the federation of German and Austrian philatelic societies, Messrs. Beringer, of Landau, and Dr. Scholtz.

The V. K. B. contains the official notices of Federation and the philatelic conventions and of each of the 220 associated societies (with a membership of 13,000) name, date of foundation, place and time of meeting, official organ, entrance and membership fee, number of members, addresses of officers, of new members and those leaving, requests for exchange, reports of conventions and exhibitions, general news, 100 addresses each of members willing to examine and procure stamps, addresses of philatelic papers, data of new publications (handbooks, albums, papers, official matter, price lists.) Besides these official and general news the numerous exact notes on counterfeits and the black list with names and reasons form a prominent part of the paper which have made it a terror to evil-doers. Many thousands in cash and stamps have thus been saved to its readers.

For societies the annual subscription up to 50 members is 5 marks, up to 100 members 10 marks, for larger societies 10 marks and 2 marks more for each 100 or fraction, a copy being free, if subscriptions (only for members of the

foreign countries 3.50 marks. Advertisements: 1-10 page 3 marks, 1-5 page marks, ½ page 12 marks, 1 page 2 marks.

The V. K. B. deserves to be aided and read by all collectors, societies and dealers.

The postoffices throughout the country, redeem entire envelopes that have been soiled or spoiled by misdirecting, and not used. These envelopes are sent to the Postoffice Department at Washington, and destroyed. A Washington collector who saw some of these envelopes destroyed described the process as follows:

"It was my privilege to witness the destruction of large quantities of spoiled envelopes sent in for redemption yesterday. The work is carried on the Postoffice Department, in a room especially reserved for the purpose, and enough of them are sent in to keep three to five clerks busy the year round. Last year between ten and eleven million were destroyed at this place. The parties were busy counting the envelopes sent in and tying them up in hundreds. They were then put back into the regular boxes of 500 each. One man was busy at the machine taking out the bunches of 100 each and putting them into a cutting machine which would cut off the upper right hand corner diagonally through the stamp. The envelopes thus cut would be put in bags, to be sold as old paper while the corners would drop to the floor. The pile under the machine was about a foot deep, a mass of red and green, being the corners of the common 2-cent envelopes. These are now sold as waste paper."

Every day a business is advertised and the success of that business is near.

What They Think of Us. best.

El Correo de Cuba of Havana gives us this send off in No 4, page 5:

"We have received the celebrated American review, 'The Philatelic West and Camera News, which is published at Superior, Neb., and is the organ of various important societies of that State. The October number which is before me contains good cuts and important articles, poetry and notes which must interest all those devoted to photography and to philately. Our affectionate greetings to its editors, to whom we offer our exchange with sincere pleasure.

L. G. Quackenbush, Oneida, N. Y., congratulates you on the West. It is tip top and certainly deserves the best of success.

C. W. Mullen, Bayonne, N. J.—There isn't a better paper than the West. I am more than pleased, if the West isn't worth its weight in gold it isn't worth looking at.

C. Hargraves, Lincoln, Neb.—I am glad I joined Nebraska society and get West as my collection is much larger than when I joined.

Bullard & Co., Boston, Mass.—December West was a veritable hit, should be congratulated.

Marion Stamp Co., Marian, O.—West is far the best publication of the kind I ever saw.

C. E. Tribbett, Thornotown, Ind.—I like West very much. It contains a great variety of things for the collector.

C. Myers, Wichita, Ks., must congratulate you on issuing one of the best and largest representatives of philately.

G. F. Dold, Chicago—Received over 100 subscriptions to my paper from one in West which is much as I got from other papers. West is best of the

C. E. Cooley, Peekskill, N. Y.—Christmas West is best 6x9 magazine I ever saw, either stamp or any other subject.

J. C. Wright, Athens, O.—West is finest paper of its kind I have seen.

E. C. Farra, Lancaster, Ky.—West is certainly the best monthly stamp paper and I consider the last number alone worth subscription price.

A. A. Denhe, Oregon City, Ore.—Last West was very fine, best seen yet of any paper.

W. Rae, Kobe, Japan—West is the best stamp paper I have had or seen.

S. Moisant, Kankakee, Ind.—Congratulate you on immense size last West, best yet seen.

Saint & Spurlin, Union, Ia—We think West a good ad medium, and find it contains the most reading matter of any paper that reaches us.

C. G. Moehling, Des Plaines, Ill.—West is getting more excellent every time.

H. Hirsch, Ama, La.—More than pleased with West. Its great.

I. Parker, Markesau, Wis.—Renew my subscription "quicker" don't want to miss a numbe.

W. T. Kelley, Franklin, Neb.—Ad brought replies, some far off as Europe and Mexico.

W. H. Sayre, Elmina, N. Y.—West presents a very fine appearance and I predict a very successful future for it.

H. C. Barr, Davenport, Ia.—Results to last ad been quite satisfactory.

A. Nelson, Boise, Idaho—My X notice paid already better than any ad I ever inserted in any paper and I have tried a good many best ones both foreign and domestic.

AD HINGS.

All things come to those who advertise.
One day's advertising won't boom business for a week.

Failure to advertise has often caused failure in business.

A man who can't advertise, and won't advertise ought to quit business.

If your business is not benefitted by advertising you do, what's the matter?

He is a fortunate man who can make every advertisement better than the last.

There's a limit to everything and there's a limit to the life of an advertisement.

Every day a business is advertised, the success of that business is nearer to realization.

It's possible to over-state a business proposition, but not possible to over-advertise it, unless the result should be limited.

A simple retouching desk can be easily made provided the worker has a small mirror and a printing frame. By screwing a pair of wooden supports fairly fast to the sides of the frame, it can be made to stand at any desired angle with the back of the frame toward the operator. A mirror is laid face up on the table and near to the window: the printing frame converted to a retouching frame if placed over it. The window blind may be lowered as required, and so protect the operator from excess of light. The mirror should have a block of wood or book behind it in order to prevent any sliding or shifting. Re-touching and blocking-out may be as carefully carried out with this arrangement as with the most expensive re-touching desks.



**Curio
Dep't**

The original autograph manuscript of Gray's "Elegy" has just passed into the possession of Eton college. On two occasions it had been knocked down to the highest bidder at Sotheby's auction rooms, London. At the dispersal of the Gray Collection in 1855 the "Elegy" went for \$655 which was regarded at that time as an abnormal high price; yet in May, 1875, it was acquired at the same place by the late Sir William Fraser for \$1150, and the latter gentleman but recently bequeathed it to Eton College.

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Four hundred Elk teeth were sold at Spokane, Wash., not long ago for \$100. The demands of the Members of the Order of Elks and the growing scarcity have increased the value of the teeth. Fourteen years ago a Montana man paid only \$80 for an Indian head dress that contained 800 Elk teeth. Two years ago a similar head dress containing only 200 teeth sold for \$200.

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The great naturalist Cuvier says that there are more muscles in a rat's tail than are to be found in the hand. In the rat, in fact, its tail serves as a sort of hand by means of which the animal is enabled to crawl along narrow ledges and other difficult passages, using it to brace with or gain a hold. It is prehensile, like the tails of some monkeys. By means of it the little beast can jump up heights otherwise inaccessible, employing it as a projectile spring.

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Many urns, vases, cups, coins, rings and bracelets, belonging to the iron age have been found in good condition during the excavations conducted in a prehistoric cemetery discovered at Erlenmehle, Canton of Argovie, Switzerland.

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The collection of 800 Arabian Manuscripts gathered by Count Landberg

been purchased by Morris K. Jessup, of New York, for \$20,000 and given to Yale University.

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Cecil A. Deane, custodian of the war relic room in the State House at Denver spent several weeks last fall searching the forlorn plateaus south of Holbrook, Arizona, for traces of the ancient inhabitants. He brought back with him many splendid specimens of prehistoric origin, among which may be mentioned corn, which mutely tells of agriculture, sea shells found only in the Mexican Gulf or Gulf of California, a polished sandstone tube, the use of which baffles imagination, a disc of sandstone strangely marked to resemble the interior of a court and evidently a symbol of some sort, a small sandstone vase with cover, a quartzite corn-mill, dressed with stone hammers and a good bit of work, a slab of sandstone having grooves made by the rubbing of stone axes in sharpening, and oldest of all a piece of sandstone eight inches high by four inches wide and four long, shaped like a Chinese pagoda, it bears the symbolic T window on its side and undoubtedly has an unusual significance as it was found in a grave. There are ear-rings of shell and other like things of personal adornment. Deane is sure the ancient inhabitants of this plateau were engulfed in a wave of molten lava. Today, hard, irregular and forbidding this lava covers the earth to a depth of 72 feet where measured and forms a deep coverlid over the homes of ancient villagers and seems to spread over an area of about 400,000 acres.

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Arrow points from Southern Kansas, Alabama and the Indian Territory are much in demand with collectors who collect by states and counties. They are but rarely found in these sections of the country.

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Broken china from the White House

commands a very high price. Unless it is broken it is not supposed to be outside of the Executive mansion, and possession of a perfect piece is prima facie evidence of theft by the possessor. But when nicked or broken the china is disposed of by the steward at public auction. Then collectors buy it up, and mend it, and add it to their collections or dispose of it again at a profit. There is a White House set for nearly every administration. Whenever it seems to be necessary Congress appropriates \$3,000 for a new State dinner service. The master and mistress of the White House have designs made and then the service is made by some such maker as Havelin. When a new service is brought in the one which has been in use is put in a cabinet, and is kept for show purposes only. The Lincoln, Grant, Hayes and Cleveland sets are now thus preserved. Harrison, when president, did not have a set made. The Hayes set is the handsomest and most costly. Mrs. Senator Fairbanks not long ago secured at an old curio shop a Lincoln, a Grant, and a Hayes plate, and considered herself fortunate in getting them at a price which would have bought a small house. Mrs. Dawes secured at about the same time a fine Grant plate, and a lady in Rochester, N. Y., recently bought a Lincoln plate at a high figure. There is never any question about the genuineness of these specimens, as they all bear the special White House mark, which is copyrighted. There is other china used at the Executive mansion on ordinary occasions which has no marks, but it is not particularly choice and is not sought after. The President has nothing to do with the disposition of the broken or nicked china, this being all in the hands of the steward, and he has to account for every piece. If he has not the original he must have the pieces or the price brought at public auction. He can make no private sales.

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Souvenir Card

DEPARTMENT.

International Souvenir Card
Exchange Conducted by Adolph
Sellge, 20 N. 4th St., St. Louis, Mo.

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Its purpose is to facilitate and regulate the exchange of Illustrated post cards with collectors in all parts of the world and to conduct collecting of post cards according to rules and regulations that will tend to create a healthy sport and pastime that has not only pleasant and interesting features, but is at the same time valuable from an educational standpoint.

It elevates and broadens the mind, gives knowledge of national and international affairs and conditions, teaches geography and other branches of science, brings works of art in constant touch with the intelligent collector.

The illustrated post card has originated in Germany where it has blossomed into a veritable craze. No town or village is too small to have at least 5 or 6 different cards with views of the most important buildings or points of interest. Hardly anybody uses a plain postal card, even for communication with foreign and home countries, and in consequence our mails contain more foreign Souv. cards than domestic ones.

That the Souvenir post card has more friends in this country than generally assumed, has been proven by the many inquiries, both in person and by mail, received during the last few weeks.

Quite a number of collectors have joined the exchange, others are heard from in every mail, so there are prospects of a good, substantial membership to begin with and all seem enthusiastic and earnest workers.

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Membership cards will be issued shortly. Lists of members and foreign collectors are in preparation and will be sent to those who have replied with

the request of sending 25c for which they will also receive 10 cards, suitable to be mailed from most anywhere in the country.

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Rubber stamp with initials of society and number of membership 15c extra. This gives you recognition among collectors and insures prompt reply to your cards.

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When making application for membership please state name and address in full, how many cards you have collected, whether you collect "any kind" of a Souv. card or a particular branch only, whether you expect each card addressed to you personally, whether used or unused, you are also requested to pledge yourself to answer promptly, within one week, every card sent you by a member in good standing, until you have given notice and such notice has been sent to members of the Exch. to the effect that you don't wish any further exchange, or that you will exchange certain kinds only.

You are supposed to extend exchange courtesies to collectors, not members of the exchange, but as such courtesies are apt to be misused, it is safe to depend mostly for exchange with members, as in that way only prompt returns can be secured.

Negligent and unreliable members are subject to being expelled and their names published.

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Those members having duplicates and other cards they are willing to dispose of, will send them to the Exch. office, to be sent to other members who may select from them cards they wish for their collections, monthly settlements to be made according to fixed rates.

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Members residing in places where no suitable cards can be had, and who are anxious to use a card with views of their own town, will receive all possible assistance and are enabled to have cards of their own, without any great expense.

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One notice under 15 words free to each subscriber. For sale notices 1/2c per word. Three insertions for price of two.

Want any kind stamps so there are no dups nor for'n revs. 15 Nos NY Phil 98 to 99, 12 Nos of Scribners Mag 94 to 95. 5 Nos Blue and Gray, 5 Nos Book-keeper, 8 Nos Nickell Mag, odd Nos The Outlook and Metropolitan. 165 Nos L A W Bulletin 96 to 1900 25c novels—LB Kinney 204 Foote ave Bellevue, Ky or Room 20 GC depot Lancaster O

Foreign collectors. English, Canadian, Newfoundland, Mexican and South American desired. Send me 25 to 200 stamps for your county and receive same value, variety and number in return. Have over 6000 duplicates of U S to X Reference. P M—E Sherman, Holyroad, Ks

Wanted, special deliveries. Omahas, Columbian (except 2c) revs and all common and scarce US Canada and foreign in large and small quantities I pay cash or give X from approval sheets ref, Pub.—Wm Eldridge bx 1352, Boston Mass

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1875 1c blue on fawn envelopes, unused, entire sheet state, cata 50c for 40c worth foreign stamps. For \$3 worth—W G Jerrems, Jr 214 Clark st Chicago Ill

Printing material and job printing to X for anything of value that I can use. Write or send what you have or state what you want. Type printer's supplies wanted for cash or X—T O Young, New Haven N Y

Wanted Johnson bicycle Diamond frame, gear 74. This frame rode about 800 miles cost \$20, all work for best offer in stamps F M Richardson, Hartford, Vt.

1c each for tob. tags. Trade coffee wrappers for tob. tags. Frank W Johnson, 23-10th st so Chicago, N Dak.

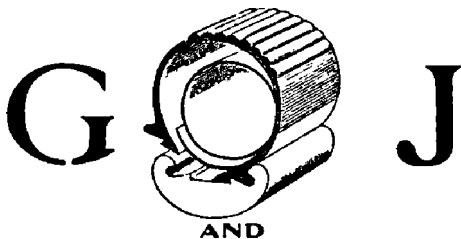
Stamps and stamp papers X, with collectors, domestic or foreign. Big list of "wants" etc. ready to be assorted if \$ for any country. W Muth, Houlton, Maine

Whoever will send me 500-5000 mixed stamps Central-South American or British West Indies will receive same quantity well mixed U S and Canada—B Sigall 125 Stanton st, New York

Wanted mixed foreign stamps 10c. App sheets at 50 per cent. Notice Star Stamp Co, Grand Mead, Minn.

Collection of foreign stamps cat about \$30 to X for U S stamps. Whole collection or small lots. W Wood, 235 Winthrop St Taunton, Mass.

Wanted X confed 5c blue and unused in fine condition for U S department stamps of equal value in condition. Ch W Hudson, Foss, Ill.



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One notice under twenty-five words free to each subscriber. For sale notices 1/2 cent per word; three insertions for the price of two.

X unmounted prints 4x5 on solio, must be good work. I have prints taken around San Francisco—Geo Collins, 1258 Webster st Oakland Cal.

Send me 6 to 12 unmounted prints on any permanent paper and receive same number in X. Want anything rich, rare and funny—Stewart Anderson, Sistersville, W Va

Fine southern cotton and negro photos 3x3 or 4x5 squeezed unmounted for good characteristic, odd or striking views of your locality, send 6 from your pet negatives for same number from mine—E Chandle, bx 509, Augusta, Ga

Photographs taken convention week to trade for stamps which can be used in 3000 collection—Lillie C Aldrich, Benson, Minn

Two cameras to X for best offer in stamps or will sell for cash 4x5 Premo B Darlot lens, 4 plate holders and roll holder, cost \$30 in '98, 5x7 Folding Hawkeye cost \$40 in '93—Dr C H Gardner, Port Townsend, Wash

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2900 miles through Rocky mts with wagon and pack animals. Have 4x5 2nd 5x7 Velox and Uinco prints for sale or X 4x5 10c 3 for 25c 5x73, for 50c also stamps and coins. I have a RkyMtn bear skin I will trade for the best offer camera. Sen 1 stamp for information—G S Cook Denver Ex 791Cclo

A group picture 14x17 of stamp collectors at the Milwaukee meets to X for \$3.00 cat. value of stamps.—Wm. F Schad, 1222 Sherman St, Milwaukee, Wis.

5x7 views on "Cyko" paper Arthur B. Coover, Roxabell, Ohio.

Magic Lantern, electric fan, rifle all kinds of stamps, postmarks, petrified wood X for relics and curiosities of any kind. Unmounted views of Washington and surrounding country for other 4x5 views of scenery, Clyde C Swayne, 48 1/2 Bates st, N W Washington, D C

To X an old flint lock pistol made in the Tower of London in the reign of King George. Brass mounted, weight, 3 lb 1 oz, length 19 1/2 in, will consider any good offer, but prefer 5x7 camera or old coins do not want any Indian or war relics, Chas A Felton, 668 Yale st Akron, Ohio

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For sale cheap 1 5x8 and 1 4x5 camera with complete outfit for printing. Write to A F Alwren, Mountain Dale, N. Y.

100 envelopes of 25c postage stamps, camera prints, coins and currency with collector's book. Write to J. W. Sullivan, Iaqui, Miss.

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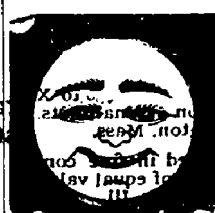
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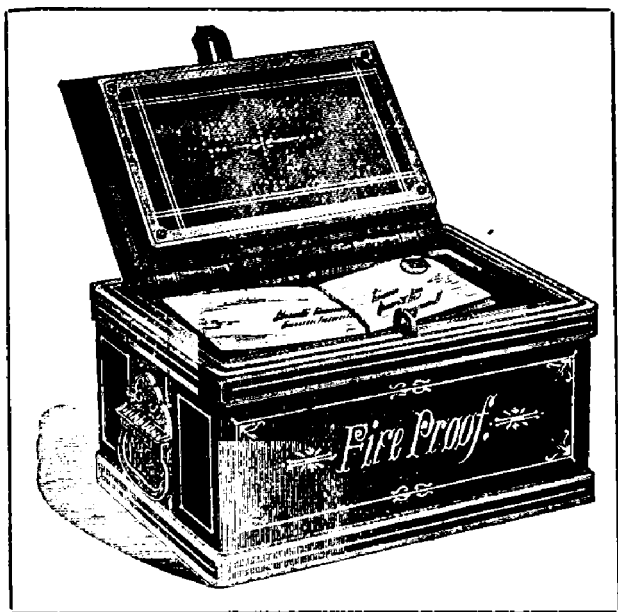
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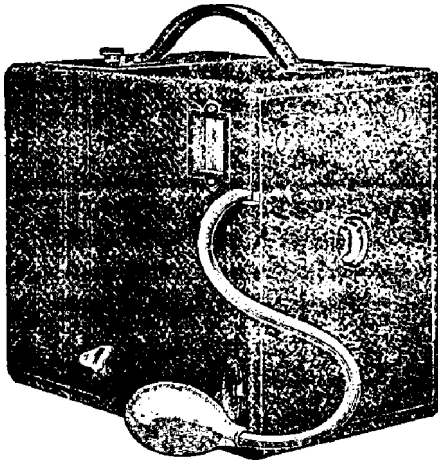
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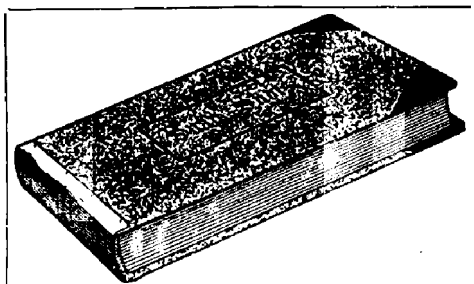
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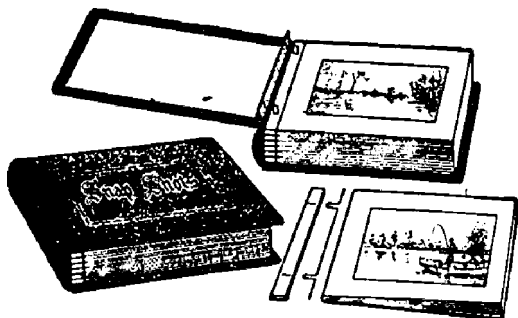
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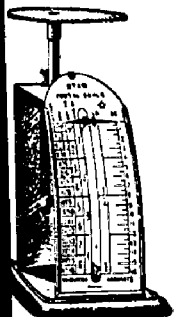
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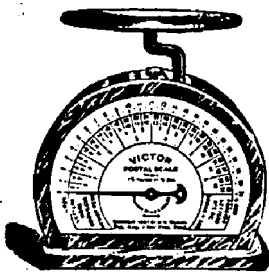
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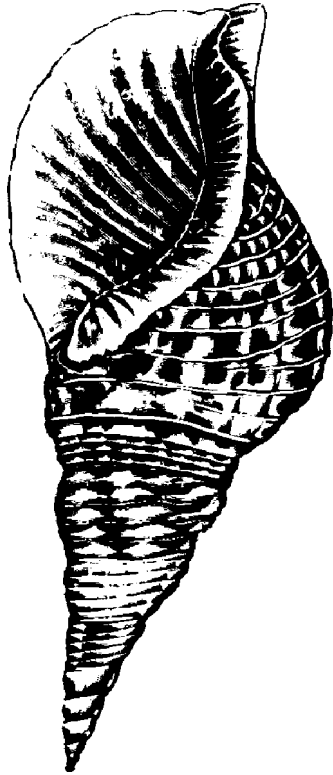
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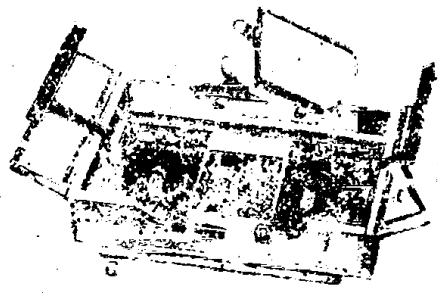
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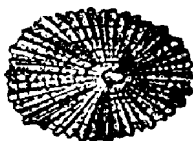
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1892	15c red-brown	-	-	-	10
1892	20c gray brown	-	-	-	17
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1898	3m orange-brown	-	-	-	02
1898	5m orange-brown	-	-	-	02
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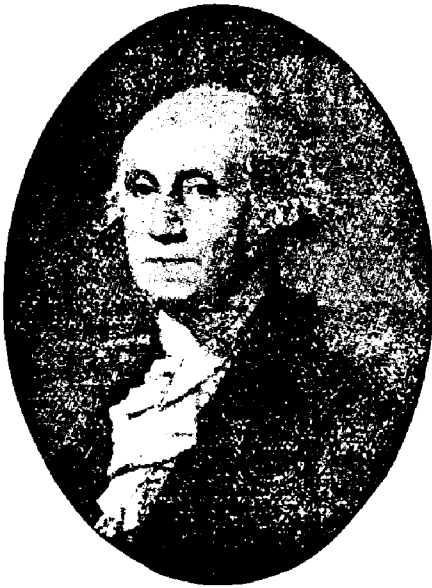
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Counterfeits and Their Detection

By *Lacus Viridis.*

The stamps of Colombia have all been produced at home—very commendable so doubt, from a patriotic standpoint, but entailing serious drawbacks in that the stamps are all lithographed, the artistic talent of the country not being able to do the necessary engraving—or perhaps it is more just to blame the graduity of the Colombian stamps on the financial state of the country, which would not permit of expensive work. Naturally these stamps have been extensively counterfeited, in lithography likewise, and therefore, all the more dangerous to the beginner. I have quite a number before me at this writing. Let me begin with a forgery of the 10 cent—blue of 1863. Its paper is too thin and its color too dark, but we are after differences of design, such as even a

beginner can recognize. Such a difference is found in the oakleaves at the top of the coat-of-arms, between it and the frame. On the genuine stamp the right-hand leaf is inclined to the left, nearly touching the shield and leaving quite a little space between its top and the frame; on the forgery the leaf is turned to the right and almost touches the frame, leaving considerable space between leaf and shield. In the lower left corner, next to the E there is a large leaf, whose extremity touches the frame just in the corner, opposite the E; in the forgery this leaf ends opposite the period after E, and does not touch the frame. The nine stars above the shield are quite large on the genuine, but quite small on the counterfeit; this of course can best be judged by comparison, but what is more "to the point" on the genuine these nine stars all have SIX points or rays, while on the forgery they have only FIVE. To make up for this, the forger has given the star at the top, between A and Co. NINE rays, while on the genuine stamp it has only EIGHT. Stars are the weak point of

this forger and, worst of all it has gratified his sense of symmetry by inserting a star after 10 cent., where the genuine has NO SUCH STARS WHATSOEVER. The CO of CORREOS is even larger in the counterfeit than the R following, whereas on the genuine the CO is much smaller than the R. In fact all the lettering of the counterfeit is too tall; compare for instance the B of COLOMBIA. The second O of this word on the genuine is horizontal, like the COL; on the forgery it is oblique, like the MBI. On the genuine there is quite a space between 10 and cent; on the counterfeit there is no space to speak of. This is no doubt accounted for by the fact that the 10c counterfeit has been printed from a plate altered from 5c, as I have a 5c counterfeit exactly corresponding in all particulars with this 10c forgery. On the 5c there is space enough, but when the 5 was erased and the figure 10 inserted, the space was not quite sufficient. Both forgeries are cancelled; the 5c by a small oval with longitudinal parallel lines within it, the 10c by concentric circles. I have never seen anything like these on any genuinely used Colombians.

Next are some forgeries of the 1865 set (Scott Type A 9): all fairly common stamps, but for that reason more liable to be bought by the beginner to whom the forgers cater. My whole set of counterfeits seems to be made from transfers of one original with only the value altered, which is correct enough, as the originals were produced in the same manner. Hence all the differences now to be described, except those in the figures of value and the word PESO, apply to the whole set of originals and counterfeits in this type. There are differences enough in the fine net work in the spandrels, but unfortunately it is quite impossible to describe such extremely minute differ-

ences in the words. The arms are quite well imitated; the most distinctive points are that the head of the condor is too large and comes too near the upper edge of the oval and that the flying scroll under the feet of the condor touches the tops of the flags on either side, while in the genuine it does not touch either flag. The fine white pearls surrounding the oval are quite distinct on all genuine specimens in my possession, while on all the forgeries they are badly blurred, almost invisible on several specimens. The lettering is likewise much blurred on the forgeries; there is an excessive space between the M and B of Colombia. A sure test is afforded by the nine stars surrounding the oval. The positions are as follows, beginning on the left and going up:

Genuine	Counterfeit
1st star under e	between e and
2nd " " e of de	under c of Col
3rd " " l of Colomb.	" 2nd o of "
4th " between m and b	" b of "
5th " under space at top	same as genuine
6th " between r and e of Correos	" "
7th " between n and a Nacionales	under n of Nacionales
8th under n of Nacionales	under o of Nacionales
9th " under last s	same as genuine

Some of these stars will show on a specimen. The ornaments in the lower label are quite small on the genuine stamps, leaving considerable space both above and below them; on the counterfeits they are so large that they nearly fill the ends of the label. The c of cent on all the genuine stamps is just under the intersection of the two branches under the central oval; on the counterfeits this c is under the left hand branch, so that on all cent values there is too little room between the c and the figures of value on the counterfeit 5c the 5 is nearer

the c than to the ornament, the genuine being just the opposite; on the counterfeit 10c the figures are too near the ornament, on the genuine they are equidistant from ornament and c; on the counterfeit 20c the 2 nearly touches the ornament and the space between the o and c is only about half that of the genuine; on the counterfeit 50c the 5 is also too near the ornament. As regards the 1 peso the letters of peso are too large, leaving less room below them than above them, whereas on the genuine there is more room above the word than above it. All my peso counterfeits show the period after peso. These forgeries are all cancelled with the same fanciful obliterations as above described; as is well known, most originals are pen-marked; the postmarked originals in my own collection all bear the familiar cancellations of Bogota or Medellin.

Do not be deceived, by the way, by slight differences in stamps otherwise seemingly genuine, for there are ten type varieties of the cent values and six of the peso. But none of them exhibit such pronounced divergences as above described for the counterfeits.

(To be continued.)

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ly new issues, revise and re-arrange the old ones and assort, mount and catalogue the stamps that are constantly pouring in.

New Stamps for Finland.

Philatetists will be interested to learn that Finland is to have a separate set of postage stamps, which go into circulation the Russian New Year's Day. The design is the same as the current Russian stamp, but with the values expressed in Finnish currency, penni and marks. The full set consists of 2, 5, 10, and 20 penni and 1 and 10 marks.

The Turks and Caicos Islands, following the lead of other British colonies, have issued new sets of stamps, discarding the Queen's head and substituting a ship as a centre design with a huge mound of salt, the only production of the islands in the foreground.

Old Time Postage.

An old almanac for 1814 gives the following as the rates of postage prevailing at that time: "For every single letter by land, for 40 miles, 8 cents; 90 miles, 10 cents, 150 miles, 12½ cents; 300 miles 17 cents; 500 miles, 25 cents. No allowance to be made for intermediate miles. Every double letter is to pay double the said rates; every triple letter triple; every packet weighing one ounce, at the rate of four single letters each ounce; every ship letter originally received at an office for delivery, 6 cents; magazines and pamphlets, not over 50 miles, 1 cent per sheet; over 50 miles and not exceeding 100 miles, 1½ cents per sheet; over 100 miles, 2 cents per sheet."

Dealers report a wonderful demand for stamp albums during the holidays. Evidently the books were for Christmas presents. Well, those who receive nice albums will likely wish to have something in the books, and will go to work and collect stamps, which is a good thing, and will redound to their own advantage in many ways.

Notes For U. S. Collectors

E. R. ALDRICH.

During the year ending July 31, 1900, two hundred and eighty four, fourth class offices became presidential and eleven presidential offices were relegated to the fourth class list and eight presidential offices were abolished or became substation of large city offices, making a total increase of two hundred and sixty salaried offices.

The absorption of the Porto Rican and Hawaiian postal services by the U. S. has added four new free delivery stations to the list. The West Indian offices are San Juan, Ponce and Mayaguez and the service is fully organized. Honolulu, however, which is also to receive the service requires considerable preparation such as numbering of streets, etc.,

Three thousand and eight new money offices were created during the year and two hundred and thirty three discontinued, making a net increase of two thousand eight hundred and sixty-five offices which make a total of twenty-nine thousand six hundred and forty-nine offices in operation, of which three thousand seven hundred and eighty-two are commissioned to sell foreign orders.

The popularity of the stamp book seems to be an assured thing, the January output of stamps in this shape being 9,564,840. The month also showed the largest output of adhesives ever made in similar length of time by the department, 504,676,615 being the number sent out.

The increased output is also instanced in the following local in the Minneapolis Times, showing that the Northwest did

its share to contribute to the increase. "The receipts from stamp sales in the Minneapolis postoffice for January were \$67,219.27. This is an increase of \$4,935.87 over the receipts in January, 1900 which were \$62,283.40."

The "fad" stage of the precancelled has passed and the collectors who like the proverbial weather cock "fly with the wind" will soon cease to collect them and in another month's time not over a hundred collectors of them will be in the country but these will probably all be stayers although the increased number will cause enthusiasm to be displayed in their gathering. The plate number fads and the precancelled are practically upon the same plane.

Stamps of 13,000 Kinds.

The largest postage stamp ever issued measures four inches by two inches, and was the old United States five-cent stamp for packages of newspapers.

The quarter-shilling stamp of Mecklenberg-Schwerin, issued in 1856, is the smallest postage stamp ever issued, being less than one-fourth the size of the ordinary stamp.

There are over 13,000 different kinds of postage stamps issued in the various countries of the world. Some of these are made only for collectors by countries wishing to make money easily.

The French colony of Obock, for instance, issued no fewer than over 20 varieties; this overdone philatelic sport being administered by a governor and eight functionaries and the capital being a village of huts.

The credit of originating that method of stamp issues belongs to the secretary of an engraving company, who bought himself for a period of ten years to supply yearly, free of charge, postage stamps to the different governments of South and Central America on condition that each yearly series differs in design and any surplus stock at the end of the year belong to the company, which also retains the dies and plates for the production of reprints.

Stamps of Germany.

By E. R. STEINBRUECK.

This sketch does not claim scientific merit. It is just what I read from my stamp collection figured with reminiscences for easier digestion.

PREFACE.

I remember the time well, when a little boy being sent to the nearest local post-office in the city with a letter for the mails I was handed some change to pay postage, nobody knowing the exact amount due. At the office the letter was weighed, the distance to its destination was looked up and the number of miles figured out by the post official. This was a very slow proceeding. According to weight and mileage the postage due ran higher or lower even within the limits of the same country. The amount of postage due or paid then was marked in large figures on the face of mail matter in blue or red pencil. If the letter was prepaid the sender wrote the word 'franco' on the upper side, and some old people stick to that ancient habit even now-a-days, when ever mail matter is to be prepaid. Non-prepayment of letters was not in the least the unusual way for the sake of earlier delivery.

We find that word "franco" on the Italian stamps yet.

While Great Britain did commence issuing postage stamps for the prepayment of mailmatter in 1840 having equal rates adjusted for letters within her boundaries, the United States government did adopt that practical plan in 1847, while since 1845 local issues in large American cities had been in use.

GERMAN STAMPS.

In Europe, Bavaria of the German countries first in line, started her official issue of postage stamps in 1849 by the use of numerals, which design was

retained till 1862 with the last issue of this kind. During 1867 and 1868 the Bavarian coat of arms of the house of the Wittelsbacher, the shield with the blue and silver quadrangles held by the Bavarian lions as shield bearers, took place of the former numerals and the stamps were, as all the previous issues, not perforated neither rouletted but had to be severed for use by the scissors.

While the stamps of 1849, except the first "Eiu Kreuzer" stamp of a slightly different design, down to the 1868 issue were secured against counterfeiters by being printed on paper speckled with silk threads, Lozenges watermarked and perforated $11\frac{1}{2}$ till 1875. We find on all these issues afore named the denomination "Kreuzer" Co Kreuzer—1 Gulden. The Bavarian arms with but slight changes, for inst. the shape of the shield being changed into an oval, were retained for the future up to the present day. The watermark lozenges was changed 1875 into horizontal wavy lines, 1881 into vertical lines, 1888 again horizontal lines closer together with a perforation $14\frac{1}{2}$, till during 1900 the old $11\frac{1}{2}$ perforation was reassumed. These changes are really of lesser interest to the philatelists, than to the counterfeiter. The philatelists attention is called to the appearance of a "1 mark" stamp, violet, imperforated, in 1874. This, in 1874. This stamp was a forrunner of coming changes though the new monetary system of the German countries generally adopted after 1874. In 1876 the denomination on the Bavarian stamps were finally changed from Kreuzer into Pfennings and Mark according to the established general standard for Germany. In these matters we have to acknowledge the ruling hand of Prussia. In 1887 the color of the 5pf which was dark green in 1876 changed into violet till 1890, when the dark green color reappeared. Other

stamps did undergo slight changes in the shades of their colors, a little more red or a little more yellow, of little or no importance in the price of such stamps for the dealer.

Prussia was next in line to follow the prepayment plan of mailmatter by postage stamps, assuming equal rates all over her country in 1850. Since 1848 to 1850 that country was in a turmoil within its own limits under the rule of a softbaked king, and we will excuse her for not being first to lead in stamp matters. Schleswig, Hanover, Saxony and Sachsen commenced issuing stamps the same year. Baden Wurtemberg and Austria (Oestereich-Eastern Realm) in 1851, Oldenburg Brunswick, Luxemburg in 1852, three of the four free cities of the "Hausa Bund" Hausa Union, viz, Hamburg, Lubeck and Bremen in 1859. Mecklenburg-Sduoerin did not come around till 1856, while her sister country Mecklenburg-Strelitz was asleep till 1864. Some people are awfully slow of conception. Russia for instance, always behind in civilization did not make any issue till 1858. Her step-child, Finland preceded her two years. Reviewing the stamps of the countries named above I find that Baden, Wurtemberg and Hanover, like Bavaria, have started with numerals. Above the a number bearing shield of the Hanoverian stamps we detect the arms of Great Britain and Ireland. What do we learn from it, that the king of Hanover was but a puppet in the hands of England. Her soldiers wore the red coat of her Majesty the Queen. Schleswig-Holstein under Denmark's club, though German to the back bone, appeared in 1850 with her own ducal arms. She had no new issues for 15 years on account of the political unrest and disturbance within her own limits and the frequent invasion of foreign elements. Fredric William IV King of Prussia with the aid of other German powers made war against Denmark for

the repossession of those German provinces in 1850. Too softhearted, no soldier, he did not succeed by half measures. After his death his brother, William III took up the task again in 1863 and vigorously brought it to a satisfactory finish. By virtue of a treaty of Vienna signed Oct. 30, 1864 the Dukedoms of Lauenburg and Schleswig, Holstein were handed over to Austria. At the convention of Gasteui Schleswig was agreed upon to belong to Prussia and Holstein to Austria. Austria did not care to hold the duchy of Lauenburg so far from home and her own finances always in a very poor condition was glad to accept \$3,250,000 from Prussia for it. England, the dictator of the world at that age and France and some minor states at the tail end were barking and kicking against these proceedings without their permission and called the Gastein convention between Prussia and Austria an outrage violating all rights of nations. Of course during these wild times Schleswig and Holstein had no opportunity issuing stamps of any design. In 1865 never the less a Prussian governor was appointed over Schleswig, the iron clad chancellor Bismark not minding the yelping of coyotes and jealously. Over Holstein an Austrian Governor was set. All this preceding was but a rival contest between Prussia and Austria for the supremacy in Germany and the weaker part had to give way very naturally. Early in 1866 the two powers, Prussia and Austria got to war between themselves and Austria being conquered in three shakes of a lamb's tail, had to give up Holstein to Prussia and that settled it. In 1866 Schleswig issued her own, what else could they display but numerals. Great events the future had in store and gradually they were unrolling.

(Continued in March number.)

✉ E. Champion, Geneva, Switzerland.—This West finest of all papers seen.

✉ G. Norlander, Fargo, N. D.—Received 10 of replies to my last ad.

Notes from Buffalo, N. Y.

No doubt practically every philatelist within five hundred miles of Buffalo (and more than half the population of the United States lives within five hundred miles of Buffalo) has made up his mind that he wants to visit the Pan-American exposition. But it is to be hoped that most of them will arrange to make their visit during the last weeks of August, when the philatelic and other collectors conventions are to be held. At Chicago there were thousands of collectors who preferred some other time to the hot summer days of August. Buffalo is far cooler in summer than Chicago. Lake breezes almost constantly blow, from Lake Erie to the west, Lake Huron to the north or Lake Ontario to the east. There will be no better month to visit the exposition than the month of the philatelic convention.

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Buffalo has not, in late years, been so fire philatelically as it used to be. Formerly there were stamp papers and a flourishing society. But there have always been many interested, though not very active collectors. Buffalo can boast of a few collections that would surprise many who have never heard of their owners. And Buffalo has a number of enterprising dealers, at least one of whom has a down town office and carries a large stock of both varieties and the cheaper packets to attract beginners. I understand that the Christmas sale of albums was very large, so that no doubt many new collections are being started. Buffalo looks to the philatelic conventions, however, to awaken and stimulate interest in stamp collecting.

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One thing should be impressed on the visitor at the Pan-American and the conventions; he ought to bring his bicycle. No city in the country has so

many miles of smooth asphalt pavement. It is possible to go to any part of the city without once leaving it. Besides the beautiful residence streets and the parks, there are many delightful cycling trips into the country, long or short to suit the rider. The trip to Niagara Falls is only about twenty miles, and can be made going one way on the American shore, the other on the Canadian side of the Niagara river. There is a beautiful road along the shore of Lake Erie, extending clear to Cleveland, O., the favorite route of those who like to make century runs. On the road to Niagara Falls is the famous Tonawanda brick pavement, eight miles long from the Buffalo city limits, where records for the distance of one mile have been made. Another trip is to the shore of Lake Ontario, by way of Lockport, where one of the newly discovered postmaster's stamps was issued, now illustrated in the catalogue. Lockport is a quaint city, with its many locks in the Erie canal, whereby boats are let down from the high level of Central New York to the lower level of Lake Erie and the Niagara river. The visitor will lose a great part of the possible enjoyment of his stay, if he does not devote part of it to short trips in the vicinity of Buffalo. And if he does not care to wheel, most if not all of these trips can be made by trolley, Lockport, Niagara Falls, even to Toronto.

Less than fifty years ago there was really no postal system in this country. Previous to 1847 mails were carried by private firms and rates varied according to distance. Carriers often traveled on foot or horseback and the process was slow. In 1846 some of the post offices issued stamps of their own, called "provisional issues." The adhesive stamp was first used in this country in 1847, and prepayment was made compulsory in 1856. In 1863 the stamp containing the head of Andrew Jackson was issued, and from then until 1875 the style adopted contained the profiles of presidents of the United States.



The management has kindly consented to loan me a few pages each month, (at regular ad rates), to tell the long suffering gentle reader what I think about it. If you don't like it, tell your friends. If you do, keep it to yourself.

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A contributor to a late arrival has the following to say regarding the publisher paying for MSS. worth advertising space:

"The philatelic field is again overrun by a great many of the "boy contributors" who take a few inches of advertising space in exchange for their articles. You can generally tell a paper that has this kind of correspondents and I would advise all publishers not to waste space with such MSS. (?)"

I wonder how he found out? Now to equalize matters this giver of advice should unburden himself thus: "The philatelic 'field' is 'again' overrun by a great many 'boy publishers' who take a few columns of MSS. and proffer in payment a few inches of advertising space." But seriously, what objection can be advanced against the writer accepting payment in advertising space? Such transactions are perfectly legitimate, and are practiced by some of our leading publishers and writers. Remuneration for his work is ridiculously inadequate, and if the writer can secure transferable advertising space he can usually dispose of it for much more than he would be able to get for his article if the publisher paid him cash. Of course this is more applicable to the contributors in lighter vein. The compiler of heavy scientific articles gets the cash, and his researches being

arduous, he deserves it.

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After writing the above, I am led to wonder why collectors cannot support a philatelic paper that is purely a news paper. We have few successful monthly papers that can devote their columns to such matter and exist. They must run heavier matter. Even our weekly publications seldom confine themselves to what one would expect but must include in their content some scientific, technical articles. I believe I would enjoy a paper containing nothing but what might be classed as news; correspondence from stamp centers, a column for new issues, comments on current events, some attention to our societies, and other news of general interest—in short, a newspaper in the fullest sense of the word.

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What farcical performances combine nation mail and personal bid auction sales are. The trusting collector sends in his bid by mail for a coveted lot and certainly he bids low in the expectation of securing a bargain. But when the sale is held the few in attendance easily disappoint him by a raise of a few cents. Patronize strictly mail sale, or have a representative present at the regular sales bid for you. This advice appears superfluous, but many collectors would do well to observe it.

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I was thinking the other day of a title for an article that would read something like this: "The headed editorial department, or the proper division of responsibility. A few years ago the publisher was editor, manager, review editor, associate editor, assistant editor and—we he was the whole thing. But now we are certainly developing.

About the softest snap is the berth of review editor. This has come to be considered a necessary adjunct to most papers. The review editor receives all the current publications as all or part of (generally all), his remuneration. His work is certainly moderate, and I may say he receives a larger rate of compensation comparatively than he who depends literally upon his own brain to furnish material.

E. H. WILKINSON.

Porto Rico.

The demand for the stamps of our new possessions is and has been very great for some months, and is much commented upon by the various publications. We have noticed several articles treating of the stamps of these colonies, and as philately and history go hand in hand we will give a short historical sketch of Porto Rico. Similar sketches of Cuba, the Hawaiian and the Philippine Islands may be given later.

Porto Rico was discovered by Columbus on his second voyage in 1493. The natives, like the Aztecs of Mexico, had a civilization of their own, though it was probably not so far advanced as that of the dwellers on the mainland. The Latimer collection in the Smithsonian institution leads to the inference that the natives of the adjacent islands resorted to it, and it may have been the Mecca of the Antilles.

The natives number not far from eight hundred thousand. Of these three hundred thousand are of African descent. In 1508 Ponce de Leon and his faithful followers waged a war of extermination against them. He took everything the simple people had and this example was emulated by succeeding Spanish rulers during a period of over four hundred years.

For one thing only the Spaniards

deserve credit. They built the splendid military road from Ponce on the south to San Juan to the north.

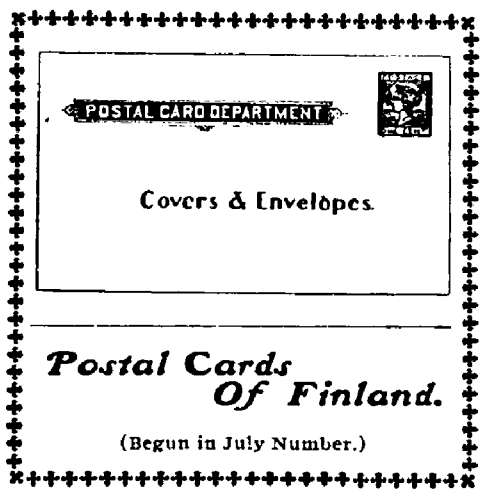
The island is thirty-five miles wide and ninety-five miles long and has an area of thirty-seven thousand square miles, being five-sevenths the size of the state of Connecticut. The natural resources make it the most beautiful, the most healthful and the most productive of all the Antilles.

Porto Rico's first postal issues was in 1873. Her stamps are medium priced, and a comparison of catalogue values with those of the Hawaiian and Philippine islands stamps show that next to the Cubans they are the cheapest of any of the issues of these recently acquired possessions. Time will show that the future means for the island regarded from a philatelic standpoint, but doubtless its stamps will be such as will add to the interest now shown in the fairest of our colonies.

San Juan is the capital and is said to have the best harbor in the West Indies. Ponce with forty thousand inhabitants lays claim to being the healthiest city on the island. Nature has freely bestowed her gifts and the people live unharmed in the midst of filth that would insure pestilence in any country lacking the fine natural drainage of Porto Rico.

The Spaniards could not destroy the resources bestowed by nature, and the island remains today as they found it, it awaits American energy and civilization to transform it into a verdant garden spot. Undeveloped, it is yet a virgin soil. For American brains and American capital it promises much, and eventually the scene will change, the spirit that has blessed our country for more than a century will descend on this future queen of the Antilles.

Can we, as Americans and as philatelists, feel other than deeply interested in a dependency that promises so much for the future?



By R. R. THIELE.

As my readers are aware, on July 1st 1875 a new issue of the Finnish stamps made its appearance—the well-known type with numerals of value in the four corners and inscriptions in Swedish and Finnish. If I am rightly informed, the designs and plates were made in Kjoebn-havn (or Copenhagen in its anglicized form) and at least the first impressions were printed there also. Of course this issue of new stamps also entailed a new issue of postal cards in the new type.

ISSUE OF SEPTEMBER 15, 1875.

Stamp in upper right-hand corner; border same as before; all the inscriptions exactly like those of the preceding issue as concerns the 10p; the 16p card has at the top in the first line (Swedish) BREFKGRT (in ornamental capitals) (till ort utom Finland) (in script type); second line (in Finnish) KIRJEKORTTI (in ornamental capitals) (ulkopuol Suomen-maata) (in script type); third line in Russian, which cannot be here reproduced for lack of the required type; the inscriptions at the bottom are exactly the same as those of our No. 9 above N. B. the second line of the instructions begins: Tällä puolella; size, impression, card board, as before (except for No. 16)

- 14. 10 penni lilac on buff.
 - a. grayish lilac.
 - b. gray.
 - c. reddish lilac.
 - d. bluish lilac.
 - e. blue.
- 15. 10 x 10 penni lilac on buff.
 - a. grayish lilac.
 - b. gray.
 - c. reddish lilac.
 - d. bluish lilac.
 - e. blue.
- 16. 16 penni brown on white.
 - a. chestnut.
 - b. stamp brown, frame orange.

The double cards are hinged at the left, the inscriptions being on the first and third pages. There is no difference in the inscriptions of the message and reply cards. Lilac being a particularly unstable color, one might distinguish even more tints of the 10 penni card than those enumerated above, were it not for the difficulty of finding names for them which would convey an idea of the shades. Sometimes the lilac is almost a pure blue. The stamp and frame being impressed at two operations, the two are naturally not always in exactly the same color, but I have not attempted to enumerate the combinations, except in the case of No. 16 b, where the difference is so marked that one can hardly call it a shade anymore.

Campbell and Schoeller in their admirable postal card hand book state that there is a variety of the 10 penni card in which the Greek frame on the back has nine bends below the inscription of the left instead of ten as usual. I find no mention of it elsewhere and have not seen it myself, though I do not doubt its existence on their authority. It would imply the existence of another plate for the inscriptions on the back.

The next issues are distinguished by orthographical corrections.

ISSUE OF THE END OF 1875 (SEPTEMBER)

Same as preceding issue but the Finnish instructions begin: Tällä puolella ki-toitetaan ainoastansa.

THE PHILATELIC WEST AND CAMERA NEWS.

17. 10 penni lilac on buff.
 a. grayish lilac.
 b. dark lilac.
 c. bluish lilac.
 d. bluish gray.
 e. Variety: talle (see below)

18 16 penni brown on white.

These cards are printed from the same

stones as before. The spelling Talia puolella being orthographically incorrect, the offending letters were erased from the stones and replaced by the correct ones, as shown above. The lithographer doing this omitted to erase the dots over a and hence the variety with e. The first printing was run off with this error, but it was then discovered and the dots removed, so that this error is of some scarcity. This issue seems to have been made in September 1875, but no exact date is available.

Next year some official got another grammatical or orthographical spell, which accounts for the next issue.

ISSUE OF OCTOBER 1876.

Same as preceding issue, but the Finnish instruction

SCOTT'S TYPE P. C. 5. now begins: Talle puolelle Kirjoitetaan ainoastaan.

19. 10 penni lilac on buff.
 a. grayish lilac.
 b. gray.
 c. blue.
 d. stamp gray, frame ult
 e. " lilac " "
 f. " " " g'nish blue
 g. " gray " "
 h. " blue " lilac.

20. 10 x 10 p lilac on buff.
 a. gray.
 b. stamp gray, frame lilac.
 c. " gray lilac " blue.

21. 16 penni brown on white.
 a. light brown.

These were also printed from the same stones as before, the correction this time being made in the word ainoastansa.

which is changed to read ainoastaan. Not being a Finnish scholar myself, I cannot venture any opinion on the merits of the change. The list of shades of the 10 penni card is by no means exhaustive; in fact I suppose it would not be difficult for the specialist to gather a few dozen shade varieties, all the more as stamp and frame usually come in different shades, but in the absence of a comprehensive color chart our language does not suffice to convey any definite idea of such variations, hence, I will not attempt to enumerate more than those above mentioned. The stone of the 16 penni card was altered beyond the mere correction; the whole Finnish line of instructions is reset, so that it now is a trifle shorter than the Swedish instruction just above it, instead of protruding beyond it, as before. The stone for the reverse of the card also seems to have been retouched somewhat; the Russian inscription especially (at the right) shows somewhat larger and thicker letters.

(To be continued.)

Take good care of your stamp album. It will while away the tedium of what would otherwise be many a dull hour.

GOOD CHEER.

Have you a kindness shown?
 Pass it on.
 'Twas not given for you alone.
 Pass it on.
 Let it travel down the years,
 Let it wipe another's tears,
 Till in heaven the deed appears.
 Pass it on.

Regular issues of the stamps of the Confederate States are worth gathering. The historical value of the set is so great, when it is considered in connection with the history of our country, that they are worth paying attention to with the design of securing as many varieties as possible. Unused specimens are in many instances quite cheap, as they have been found in large quantities in various parts of the South since the war.



BOILED DOWN

ORIGINAL AND OTHERWISE

A bill for establishing a fund of indemnity for lost first-class mail matter is now before congress. Would the stamp fraternity derive any benefit from such a law? How would the post-office department entertain a claim for stamps lost in transit, the valuation of which, as assessed by the owner, would no doubt seem excessive and beyond consideration. And yet there is no mail business subject to heavier losses than the stamp business.

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A peculiar custom followed by publishers of stamp papers in Great Britain is to charge for the annual index. Such a practice could not long exist in this country.

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Verily, the philatelic publisher is the most sanguine individual you come across. Whoever heard of a news paper but what had "Come to stay." We quote the following from a recent arrival. "There have been a large number of volume ones, number ones appear from this section of the country, but they have never appeared a second time. But we have come to stay." After a year of trials and tribulations we venture to say the aspiring publisher may express his sorrow at having "stayed."

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The Buffalo exposition stamps are to be printed in two colors.

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The collector with speculative tendencies is offered a tempting field in

our private proprietaries. With the reduction in the war revenue tax these stamps will become obsolete, and some of them are sure to rise. What protection will we have from the unscrupulous individual who, when the tax is repealed, gains control of the unused portion of some manufacturer's remainders?

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We quote the following from Stamps "Don't soak the stamps as a rule very few of the issues of late years will stand this treatment, though some will stand boiling. If the back paper has not been removed from those that are used, lay the stamp upwards in a plate or saucer containing a little warm water or on a well wet cloth so that in a minute or so they can be safely stripped without 'skinning' or tearing the stamp."

Good advice, but not applicable to certain issues that, being heavily gummed, would roll up and cause the end of bother if merely moistened as the above treatment contemplates.

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The following from The Perforator "RETARDMENT FROM VICE.

Philately will keep the boy, young man, or father in at night, whereas he would go out on the street or to a saloon to smoke, or lounge around the corners."

Has it come to this to interpret literally—collect stamps or be eternally doomed to perdition.

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It is interesting to note the style of coloring used for stamps by different countries. Some countries run to dull colors, others to loud, flashy colors, and others still to delicate colors. Some countries have pretty stamps, others homely stamps. There is one peculiarity the stamps of every country possess in common, however, and that is, it takes money to buy them.



Fiscal and Revenue Dept.

Correspondence is invited in these columns on the subject of fiscal and telegraph stamps

Collectors in foreign countries are especially requested to send information concerning new issues, oddities, uncatalogued varieties, etc. All communications should be addressed to

G. W. PEPPER,

15 Sutton Place, New York City, U. S. A.

Judging from present indications we are far from seeing the end of the private proprietary stamps.

The tax which is likely to be removed is not likely to affect those firms which would be liable to use them, and I look for many more firms to have dies made in the future.

So far as the tax on proprietary articles is concerned, the firms do not as a rule wish for it to be removed for with very few exceptions, when the tax was imposed, they went up on the price of their goods, enough to cover the tax and more too. For instance Woods' Sarsparilla before the tax was imposed sold at \$8.00 per dozen, now sells at \$8.75. Cuticura soap, before the tax sold at \$1.85 per dozen, now sells at \$2.30.

So they pay a tax of 2½ per cent and paid about 12 per cent, why should they kick?

Some years ago while looking over a number of duplicates of the Kyle match stamp, I found one on a soft paper.

On looking in the catalogue I found it listed only on old and silk paper, so I concluded I had found an uncatalogued variety on watermarked paper. While in the office of the Colonial Stamp Co., I showed it to the Manager Mr. Lyons.

He placed it in benzine and said he

could see the watermark. Mr. Lyons, does not claim to be an expert on such matters, and the supposed watermark was probably a thin spot in the stamp. I next showed it to the well known collector Dr. L. Homburger, who gave his opinion that it was a thick variety of old paper.

I decided to place it in Scotts auction sale of the Deats collection, and submitted it to Mr. Calman, who said it was the silk paper variety and of no value.

I asked him if he could suggest some authority to whom I might submit it. He said he thought there was nouse of my showing it to any one else. I next showed it at a meeting of the Manhattan Society. Mr. J. W. George said he could tell it was watermark with his eyes shut.

Mr. Geo. H. Blake, also thought it to be watermarked.

I next showed it to Mr. Bishop, who has one of the largest collections in the U. S. and he thought it to be watermark.

I next sent it to Mr. C. Eagle, who said it proved to be thick old paper, or possibly experimental silk.

I finally sent it to Mr. Toppan who states that beyond any possible doubt, upon the thick paper used in the latter part of 1869 and 1870.

As I have already found the stamp upon the experimental silk paper which was used contemporaneously with the thick, I have always suspected that the stamp would be found upon this paper, although it is the first copy I have ever seen."

In view of the various opinions of the experts, can I be blamed, for thinking it to be on watermarked paper?

The subscribers of Morleys Philatelic Journal (devoted mainly to fiscal and telegraph stamps) received a Christmas souvenir from the publisher consisting of a handsome little calan-

der, on the cover is an etching of a vessel on the ocean.

Also an envelope containing the 1, 3 and 6 pence and 1 shilling telegraph stamps of Orange Free State used.

Our readers will notice at the heading of these fiscal notes, an illustration of the fiscal stamps of Sierra Leone.

It is a very neat looking set and consists of the 1, 3, 6 Pence, 1, 2, 5 shillings and 1 Pound. For some inexplicable reason, the 2 shillings and 1 pound, are not catalogued by "Morley," but are found in "Moens."

The 6 pence was surcharged, for a short time and used as a 1 penny.

The value 6 Pence was surcharged in black with 6 straight bars, and the new value ONE-PENNY, surcharged on the upper part of the stamp.

There are a large number of Sierra Leon stamps, of the values of 1, 3, 6 pence and 1 shilling, in circulation of postage type, and surcharged in black, "REVENUE."

These stamps were prepared for use, but for some reason were never used.

Morley also catalogues a 5 shilling value with this set, but I have never seen one, and I am told by leading collectors in Europe that they doubt the existence of this value.

AUSTRIAN FISCALS CONTINUED.

In 1898 an entirely new set appeared and for oddity it leads them all. The design is printed on some transparent substance which resembles gelatine, I can think of no other stamps that resemble them except the first issue postage stamps of Turkey.

At the present time I have only 6 of this issue, and judge from them that there are only two sizes, the lower or "Heller" values measuring 24x32 millimeters, while the high or "Krone" values measure 32x37 millimeters.

The design appears to be the same throughout the set, consisting of a double

lined circle in center containing portrait of "Francis Joseph" and in small letters "K. Oesterreichische. Stempel Marke." above figure of value, below value in words, on either side ornaments. At the bottom of the stamp is a label bearing the date "1898" in center while on either side appears again the figures of value.

The ground color on all the stamps is brown and the label at the bottom is gray.

On the 2, 50 Heller and 1 Krone the portrait, value, and ornaments are blue, while the 10, 20, and 24 are in carmine.

There must be numerous other values and I would be pleased to hear from others who possess them.



This is a small month and smaller than last and last two numbers of West beat record breakers of 212 pages. We want every reader to get one or more of your friends to subscribe or try an ad for we will make the West larger and better. We offer fine com. of half or more. Try Send today while you think of it for tomorrow may be too late or you may get it.

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We have a world-wide circulation western states, where 3/4 of mail business comes from. Pays to give trial.

In our next number we expect to

MSS by lady professor on stamp collecting six years reminiscences of West by its first editor; MSS by leading writers like Quackenbush, etc. Will have cuts of collectors not seen yet. Offer advertisers, ads to face the reading matter if copy is here before the 10th. Those who want West on better paper can offer it at 5c each for we keep no back numbers and think it helps ads more to have all copies sent out. Have less than 6 files of paper we offer at \$2 or without first 2 vol for \$1 or some odd numbers left over at 30c a dozen.

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Pay advertisers to keep ads going in spring and summer find the best buyers are those who buy then and be ready for fall and winter trade.

Foreign collectors who have large lots of stamps and wish to sell or exchange in America, I will be pleased to help them for postage, being personally known by most of largest dealers of U. S. Can also buy for those who wish.

CHIPS.

It may not generally be known that the German Knights of the Cross had a postal system organized and established in the early days of the 13th century.

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What every philatelist may have observed is the fact, that while other countries represent pictures of their rulers or other living men of prominence, the United States stamps show only faces of men of fame gone to eternity. It is provided by law that no picture of a living man is to appear on our stamps or coins.

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Among the cancellation marks mentioned so far I don't find the one of Mandan, N. D. which is applied by the use of a cork, thus blotting the whole stamp and spoiling it for philatelic purposes.

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Premier Seddon of New Zealand is a stamp collector. The market in New Zealand and Australian stamps down there is very lively at present on account of the coming change and of the new imperial 1d post stamps now in use between N. Z. and Australia.

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Harold has sent me a 1 1/2d stamp reddish brown or yellow brown rather, with soldiers on both sides, in background a cavalry charge, in front an angel or some kind of a winged animal blowing a horn and the lettering—"The Empires Call" postally cancelled. E. R. St.

Errata

The word "many" should be before "unused" in A. Millard ad of Springfield, Ill.

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Alpha Paper Co. of Springfield, Mass. should be Alfa Paper Co.

REVENUE STAMPS of MEXICO, Renta Interior Talanaria

	for 1 yr. numeral in center of stamp	for 1 year Juarez in center	for 2 years numeral in center	for 2 years numeral in center	for 2 years Juarez in center	Liberty cap in center.	Picture in center	"De-gollado" in center	"Mina" in center	Eagle on 1/2 No on in other 1/2	Liberty in center	Woman-crown-ing Com. & Ag.	Eagle center of Shield	Head of G	Liberty in center laurel wreath
meas of stp 2mm	mm *23-39	mm *38-19	mm *40-24	*40-24	*40-24	*41-27	*41-27	†25-41	‡31-46	21-43	¶44-26	¶41-21	¶41-21	¶40-21	¶40-20
1c	green	green	br'wn	green	Br'wn	1/2 Carm	Green	† Br'n	1c Bro'n	Red	Orange	Brown	Orange	Brown	Green
2c	blue	"	"	"	"	1 "	"	"	2 Blue	Brown	Rose	Blue	Red	Blue	Orange Red
5c	drk blue	"	"	"	"	5 "	"	"	5 brown	Choc'lte	Green	Orange	Brown	Red	Blue
10c	brown olive	"	"	"	"	10 "	"	"	10 Verm	Green	Blue	Brown	Blue	Yellow Brown	Green
25c	olive	"	"	"	"	25 "	"	"	Red	Lilac	Brown	Green	Olive	Blue	Brown
50c	red violet	"	"	"	"	50 "	"	"	Olive Blue	Blue	Blue	Red	Red	Red	Blue
\$ 1.00	violet	violet br'wn	blue	red	blue green	\$1 "	"	"	Blue	Carmin'	Green	Lilac	Blue	Violet	Green
5.00	brown	"	"	"	"	\$5 "	"	"	Green	Orange	Lilac	Blue	Brown	Brown	Red
10.00	violet	"	"	"	"	\$10 "	"	"	Blue	2 Red Brn	Blue	Brown	Brown	Gray	Lt Gr'n
25.00	"	"	"	"	"	\$25 "	"	"	Purple	Blue	Crim's'n	"	"	"	"
50.00	"	"	"	"	"	\$50 "	"	"	"	Prussi'n	Blue	"	"	"	"
						\$100 "	"	"	"	Slate	"	"	"	"	"

*NOTES: *Perforated across center of stamp. †Label on left side. ‡Label on right. ¶\$10 stamp not in Mekeel's; have 1 in my collection. ¶Label below.

\$5	\$1	25c	5c	1c			\$5	\$1	25c	5c	1c				
blue	green	brown	slate	pink	58-42	1874-5	blue	blue	brown	brown	brown	55-36	1888-9		
green	yellow	red	blue	blue	45-60	1876	carmine	carmine	rose	rose	purple gray	36-55	1889-0		
		"	gray	"	45-60	1877	*blue	*blue	brown	brown	brown	55-36	1890-1		
carmine	blue	green	brown	orange	45-60	1878	red	red	blue	blue	blue	55-36	1891-2		
purple	rose	violet	orange	green	55-40	1879	green	green	brown	brown	brown	55-40	1892-3		
vermilion	green	red	green	blue	40-55	1880	† "	blue	orange	red brown	dk "	55-41	1893-4		
carmine	blue	green	"	brown	55-40	1881	carmine	salmon	blue	green	brown	48-40	1894-5		
"	green	olive	orange	indigo	40-55	1882	lilac	green	brown	blue green	orange	40-40	1895-6		
brown	blue	brown	green	vermilion	40-55	1883	light green	purple	green	orange	brown	45-39	1896-7		
"	rose	violet	green	orange	30-50	1883-4	carmine	blue	olive	brown	orange	45-40	1897-8		
violet	red	green	orange	blue	59-38	1885-6	blue	green	blue	orange	brown	20-40	1898-9		
carmine	carmine	blue	blue	"	50 38	1887-8									

*Mekeel says \$1 and \$5 are brown—is an error, they are blue. †Mekeel says they are all brown—error, they are all different colors.

Three Species

My experience is not very large and my success smaller still, so far anyway, I mean in getting members for one of the best and most prominent stamp societies, the Philatelic Sons of America. So much I have learned though that there are three distinctly different classes of people, and let me classify them, thus: The first, not the cleverest, not the first in rank but at the bottom, are the specimens that want it all, the earth and a fence around it. They ask hundredfold returns for their small fees and dues. They live for own material gain only. Stamps and society are looked upon as means to bring fortune for them. This class are the mercenaries and any society is best off without them. The second class, pending on the centre, are the foundation and the pivot of the society. They are satisfied with the benefits offered and find them liberal and just. They look on the mutual benefits and are willing to put their shoulder to the wheel. They enjoy good fellowship and are happy in their knowing that they are members of something of scientific merit for the education of our youth and for the finer civilization of coming generations. This is what Philately really brings forth although the "innocent world" does not understand it yet, still the scales will drop and horizon will widen in time to come. Future will show that the above assertion is true, for it is not founded on airy imagination but on logical calculation. When somebody expressed his fear that stamp collecting might fade away and stamps would become worthless, he was surely one of the first class of the three species. It is not remarkable, that every country now-a-days devotes greater pains in the designing of better and more artistically executed picturesque stamps! I claim Philately has produced that and has to get the credit for it. No danger of stamp

collecting going to the dogs.

The third class we will consider now, supposing you turn the proper classification upside down, is indeed a peculiar species and the world, the innocent world, will call them cranks. There are not very many of them, but still there are not a few. These people gladly join a stamp society without exactly employing any practical judgement in regard to gain or loss. They are like the weary of working plunging into the cool waters of a pleasant lake, no matter how deep the bottom, enjoying the refreshing—Ah! and cleansing exercise, that removes the sweat and dust of the day's hardships. They feel elevated above the common level, because they found something higher worth living and working for besides their daily toil for money. They contribute willingly, regretting that they have not more to give. Reward in cash they will despise. If a stamp comes their way—you bet they won't refuse, but they ain't looking for it. They are satisfied and happy in their sphere and don't look for profits. The practical man pities them for lack of prudence, still they don't care.

The first class are no philatelists, the second counts a multitude, the third are philatelists of the purest water, the gems of Philately. They are like the ornaments on a magnificent block, in which dark cellars the rats are ravaging; they are like the lillies of the valley in the deep, green, fragrant meadow, where the grub worm is rooting in the rich mellow soil beneath in oblivion. Rhemus

Trade journal ads especially are weak in this way; they seem to take it for granted that the readers know all about their goods.

As a matter of fact there is nothing under the sun that is advertised, or that can be advertised, about which there is, or not, some new and interesting facts which have not yet been published.

Three Cornered Capes.

Every young collector yearns for "three-cornered Capes." Their fame is everlasting. It is a superstition among persons who have only a nodding acquaintance with stamp-collecting that the triangular issues of the Cape of Good Hope are the rarest of all stamps. Of course, that is not a fact. They are all interesting; some of them are rare, but they are not comparable with such gems as "The Postoffice" Mauritius, and some of the early British Guianas.

So much fancy has been interwoven with the known facts about the Cape of Good Hope triangulars that a plain statement as to their characteristics may be of some use, not only to the novice but also to the more advanced collector.

A CLASSIFICATION BY "PRINTINGS."

Time was when the triangular Cape stamps were divided into two classes only—the engraved stamps and the so-called "woodblock" issue. Strictly speaking, there is no "woodblock" issue, the stamps so known having been produced by Messrs. Saul Solomon & Co., of Cape Town, by typographical process in which wood-engraving played no part whatever.

These soi-disant "woodblock" stamps constituted only a provisional, or "stop-gap" issue—hence their rarity. The extremely scarce errors—the 1d. blue, and the 4d. red—were caused by an inadvertent transposition of dies.

It is now customary, in the leading philatelic handbooks, to classify the triangular Capes according to printings, as follows:

- 1.—Messrs. Perkins, Bacon's & Co.s. printing, on bluish paper, imperforate; 1853.
- 2.—Ditto, on white-wove paper, imperforate; 1855.
- 3.—Ditto, white-wove paper, rouletted (unofficial).
- 4.—Messrs. Saul & Co's printing (the "wood-block" issue) laid paper; 1861.

5.—Messrs. De La Rue & Co's printing, white-wove paper, imperforate 1861. It may be added here that the reprint of the "wood-block" stamps were betrayed by the paper, which is wove instead of LAID.

Now, apart from the "wood-block" stamps, all the triangular labels of the Cape Colony must either be "Perkins Bacon print" or "De La Rue print." The matter is one that makes no very great difference as regards the cash value of the stamps; but the philatelic importance of a proper differentiation of these printings is very great indeed. And this is just one of the things as to which there are no set rules. No one philatelist can, in the present condition of our information on the subject, definitely say whether any particular specimen of the engraved triangular is "Perkins Bacon" or a "De La Rue print." Readers who happen to have specimens on the original envelopes showing postmarks, can possibly help in the elucidation of this problem. It all

A QUESTION OF COLOR.

It is known that the steel-plates for printing the triangular stamps were handed over, on January 28th, 1862, by Messrs. Perkins Bacon & Co. to Messrs. De La Rue & Co., and it necessarily follows that all printing subsequent to that date emanated from the works of the last-named firm. But now comes the difficulty. The design of the stamp shows no difference whatever; the paper is the same; only in the colors used there is any difference whatever between the Perkins Bacon and the De La Rue prints.

Mr. E. D. Bacon, a philatelist, whose family connection with the first-named firm makes his opinion authoritative, gives the following as the distinctive shades of the De La Rue stamps compared with those of Perkins Bacon's printing:—

The one-penny De La Rue is re

instead of brick-red or carmine-rose.
The fourpence is bright blue instead of dull blue or dark blue.

The sixpence is bright mauve instead of pale lilac, mauve, gray-lilac or dark lilac.

The one shilling is emerald instead of dark green or yellow green.

As regards copies of the stamps preserved on the original envelopes the case stands very differently. The earliest dates on which specimens of the De La Rue triangulars could be used are as follows:—

6d and 1s values... March, 1863.

4d value May, 1863.

1d value..... January, 1864.

All triangulars (apart from the "wood-blocks") showing postmarks of dates prior to the above must necessarily belong to the Perkins Bacon printing.—Hobbies.

Stamp Classics.

If you are a collector be one in a business way. If a dealer employ business methods. Lax methods, whether employed by dealer or collector, justly deserve criticism.

Collector and dealer, to be successful, must be strictly honest and look out for the welfare of the pursuit in general.

Never consider time wasted that is spent in learning the rudiments of philately—overcome the temptation to pass up the iotas, for it is folly to undervalue their importance.

A broad knowledge of stamps can be obtained only by intense devotion. Remember this, if not devoted you will succeed indifferently.

Do not be afraid to invest your money in good stamps. They increase in value from year to year.

Remember, that a chance which comes today may be gone to-morrow; that he who risks nothing gains nothing; and without, remember stamp collecting is on

a firm basis, and its supporters find recreation, pleasure and profit in it,—if not one of them enlist at once under Philatelia's banner.

What Are "Mafekings" Worth.

We advise readers to fight shy of these stamps at the high rates now ruling. There is, however, better means of judging these stamps than formerly existed, for an official list of the quantities issued of each value has been published on the authority of no less a person than the postmaster of Mafeking. That list shows a total issue of over 60,000 stamps this number including the surcharged series as well as the "Baden-Powell" and "Bicycle" stamps. Of some values less than 1,000 specimens were issued (in one case the number being under 500) but in no instance is there any evidence in support of the statement that "as few as 120 specimens of some values were issued." The list, in short, does not increase our respect for Mafekings as marketable commodities; but of course nothing can dim their lustre as one of the most interesting issues of "Siege" or "War" stamps the world has ever seen.

All ranks and all classes mingle in the study of stamps in a way, and to an extent seldom witnessed in connection with any other pastime. The membership roll of the London Philatelic Society, for instance, includes two royal dukes, two foreign princes, two earls, three baronets, four barons, one knight, two J. P.'s, about half a dozen clergymen and the same number of lawyers, several eminent medical men, and over a score of naval and military officers.

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International Phil. Review has been bought by E:change. Also reported that the N. Y. Phil. and Perforater changed hands.



U.S. stamps used in Hawaiian Islands can be told by the color of postmark, which is violet.

L. Walker of Pietzerburgh, Natal, reports Mafekings coming down in price, but other stamps higher than in London.

The great demand just now is for Free State stamps with the letters "V. R. I." stamped upon them in black. They are rare at present, for the curious reason that most of them were lost in the Mexican.

New issues for Uruguay, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Samoa, Salvador, Timor, Columbian Republic Caroline, Marianna and Marshall Islands, German Colonies in Africa and Guiana were reported in last number of American Journal of Philly.

"Der Phitalist" tabulates as follows the "New Issues" of the past ten years:

	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895	TOTAL
Europe,	146	89	69	71	61	436
Asia,	90	124	100	98	107	519
Africa,	137	221	230	293	260	1141
America,	223	259	217	149	207	1055
Australia,	52	67	121	20	37	297
Totals,	648	760	737	631	672	3448
	1896	1897	1898	1899	1900	
Europe,	73	31	56	44	140	344
Asia,	118	120	158	148	64	609
Africa,	221	173	319	128	75	916
America,	235	206	333	219	144	1137
Australia,	12	35	30	39	65	478
Totals,	660	565	896	578	488	3187

J J Smith, Amsterdam, NY—Think West is good ad medium and a first class monthly. A 1 inch ad auction sale brought over 24 bids and all good ones.

Ad Hints.

Advertise judiciously and your business will grow continually.

You can make no investment that will pay you so well as the hours you devote to advertising.

A good illustration tells in the quickest possible time what words cannot intelligently describe.

Successful ads consists in finding something people want and then letting them know you have it for sale.

Advertising is the sunlight that give life to business.

A leading circus man says if he had \$3.00 capital, he would put \$1 in stock and \$2 in advertising.

The trouble with most ads is that they are so sparing of information. They seem afraid of telling something which will be useful and interesting to the reader.

An ad that contains real information will always be interesting.

The reason some ads do not pay in most cases, that too many words are crowded into limited space, and to have an ad properly set makes your chance much better for returns. For six lines an ad should be an inch or more, and it is better to have a two inch ad make a quarter page, for it will pay you better in the long run. You know the larger the ad, the more attention it draws and is consequently the cheapest.

VC Cross, W London, England—I must say West is one of the best and most interesting I have ever seen, and what a lot for the money



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The December number of the S. G. Monthly Journal—the last at hand—brings as chief feature a translation of Theodore Haas' article on the Puerto Principe provisionals, illustrated by the same plate which appeared with it in the Ill. Bfm. Journal and Le Timbrophile Belge. The article on Hawaiian reprints has since been taken up by Mr. Luff in the A. J. of P. Mr. Haas begins the translation of Lieutenant Ohrt's book on Oldenburg, the standard authority on these.

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We feel flattered at finding that the

only articles of philatelic interest in the Philatelic Trader are clippings from the Philatelic West.

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The first number of the Vertrauliches Korrespondenz-Blatt under the management of the Kiel society, is at hand and we take the opportunity of urging all collectors to subscribe to this invaluable publication. Its specialty is the report of counterfeits and frauds.

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From the Australian Journal of Philately for December it appears that it may be six months or a year before the various Australian post office departments are amalgamated; as to surcharges in the meanwhile, there is nothing definite as yet. A letter from New Zealand blames the late vagaries in that colony's stamps on the non-arrival of some inks (!) from America!

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The Australian Philatelist for November is a bright, readable number, but has nothing of special importance calling for mention.

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From Die Post for December I see that the Grecian provisionals are no longer sold by the post offices and that the post office made no money on them. Thanks be! Of the 50 lepta provisionals only about 600 copies were perforated, of the 30 and 40 about 300 each, of the 20 lepta several thousand.

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Stamps for December concludes the valuable article on Orange Free State postal cards and also brings the last instalment of Mr. Wilson's list of the postal cards of the British Empire—a feature which will be missed. It is announced that in the next volume the fiscal department will be much enlarged—a sign of the times.

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The January number of the Stamp

Collector takes up much space with a description of Mr. Avery's collection one of the best there is. It needs a "barrel" to make one of its kind. An interesting paper describes a variety of the Turkish stamps from 1876 to 1891, consisting of a broken M in Ottoman. A halftone plate illustrates all varieties of Mafekings and there is considerable reprinted matter about them. An interesting picture shows small slips of cardboard with stamps pasted on the back which were officially issued as money at Bulawayo, B. S. A., in 1900.

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An interesting article in *Le Philatelist International* for January describes the various kinds of groundwork used in stamp-engraving. There is more in the subject than one would imagine. Unfavorable comparison by a contributor between the new French stamps and our American ones.

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The chief feature of *Le Timbrophile Belge* for January is, as always, its splendid chronicle. It appears that of all the first printing of the lately issued French Congo stamps not one copy went out to the colony! Now the printers have been changed and there is to be a new set. It is also reported that at Trinidad a surcharge of 3d on 5d has been prepared, but was destroyed entirely, for which small mercy let us be thankful.

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Le Philatiste Transais for December gives enlarged reproductions of the new stamps of France, together with much interesting information about the designs. It appears that the stamps of the second type were at first printed in two operations, the figure of value separately, so that the figure is often out of register; this first printing is becoming scarce, it is said. The

article on the Bordeaux issue is condensed with a study of its cancellations.

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El Curioso Americano, apropos of discussion concerning the $\frac{1}{4}$ of Cuba gives a facsimile of a letter bearing one of these stamps and a handstamp of *Correo interior*, which goes far to support Mr. Andrien's contention that stands for Ynterior. For the guidance of cataloguers a contributor gives a comprehensive list showing what Cuban stamps now catalogued do not exist, which were not issued, which should be included, and notes on their relative rarity. I commend it to the catalogue-makers.

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Even's Weekly Stamp News is devoting considerable space to English envelope stamp of late—a welcome feature, considering how Stanley Gibbons have put entire ones under ban. Postmarks also are again written on "Duplex" well-known by former efforts. Space does not allow me to mention the many interesting features of the five numbers at hand.

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Philately is not very prominent in *Correo de Cuba*, but the paper is quite interesting in a postal way.

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The article on essays and proofs in *Der Philatelist* takes up Russia and Siam, the latter especially exhaustive. The chief feature besides this and chronicle is the extensive chronicle philatelic papers.



AMERICAN PAPERS.

The Adhesive for February has an installment of the article on sheets of stamps; the regular departments are to the standard; Bro-Chapman even a philatelic novelist on his staff now

The Columbian Philatelist is a new
 to me. It is small but neat and I
 sh it growth in every respect.

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There is a lack of really instructive
 matter in the Philatelic Bulletin for
 January, though the number is quite
 readable.

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The feature of the Perforator is a de-
 scription of the photograph taken on
 the Library at Milwaukee, naming those
 the picture. I regret to see that Mr.
 Asinger offers the paper for sale; let
 hope that it will fall into hands as
 good as his.

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Energy for January is very slim, ow-
 ing to the grippe.

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Another new one is the Omaha Month-
 ly Philatelist published by J. F. Negreen
 The first number is devoted to the vindi-
 cation of Mr. Negreen.

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I can but mention the receipt of the
 recent numbers of our three indispen-
 sible weeklies; to review them is im-
 possible within the space allotted to me.

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Also received with thanks the follow-
 ing amateur papers: The Monarch
 Monthly, The Dewey and the Monthly
 Amateur and Stamp News.

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The Virginia Philatelist for January
 just at hand and bright as usual,
 though containing little worth special
 mention. Mr. Jenney strikes a novel
 subject in an article on the size and
 shape of stamps.

Bony is always soaked for six to
 seven months as soon as cut. It
 is chiefly from Taritius, and from
 the East Indies.

NOTES.

Benjamin Franklin's autograph
 brought forty dollars in Boston last
 month. There were times in the past
 century when he might have given it for
 less.—Saturday Evening Post.

A Norwegian, Mr. Olaf Kahrs, has in-
 vented a "Stamp Automatic," which, it
 is hoped, will supplant the adhesive
 postage stamp. The machine is attached
 to letter boxes, and a penny is placed
 in the slot when the letter is posted. The
 machine stamps the letter "paid"—and
 there you are. The hope is that the
 invention will save the cost of printing
 stamps and the trouble of sticking them
 on, but it remains to be seen how it will
 work in practice. The Christiana postal
 authorities are said to view the invention
 with favour.

Let all those who once were collectors,
 but who, for some reason or other, gave
 up philately, again embrace the hobby.
 Give it another trial and see if you do
 not feel the old thrill of pleasure as you
 sit surrounded with your stamps.
 Philately may yet have its greatest joys
 in store for you if you will meet it half
 way.

"While the lamp burns," etc. The
 lamp is not only burning brightly, but
 it has a beautiful red shade and more-
 over it stands in the parlor window,
 bidding the philatelic back-slider to
 return.

W. Kermeen of England, sends this:
 "Following the precedent of the U. S.
 with its portrait gallery of Presidents, it
 is now suggested that some of our postage
 stamps should continue to bear the rep-
 resentation of our late beloved Sovereign.
 As it was during the Queen's reign that
 postage stamps were introduced, the pen-
 ny stamp at least might remain a mem-
 orial of one for ever enshrined in the
 hearts of her people.

F. Johnson, Fargo, N. D.—I got more
 replies from West than of four other
 papers whose rates are higher.

The Philatelic West,

Amalgamated With

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Entered at the postoffice of Superior, Nebr., as second class mail matter.

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EDITORIAL

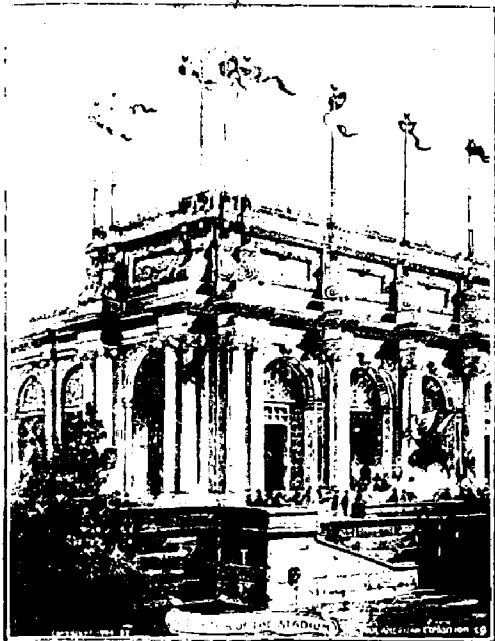
Our remarks in the January number of this paper regarding the unfair and unjust comments made on this publication by the Editor of the Adhesive seem to have been duly appreciated by our readers. Numerous letters from different parts of the country have reached us showing clearly that the tactics pursued by the said Editor generally are not greatly appreciated by the stamp collecting fraternity.

The recent death of the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, has given rise to much speculation among philatelists as to the future

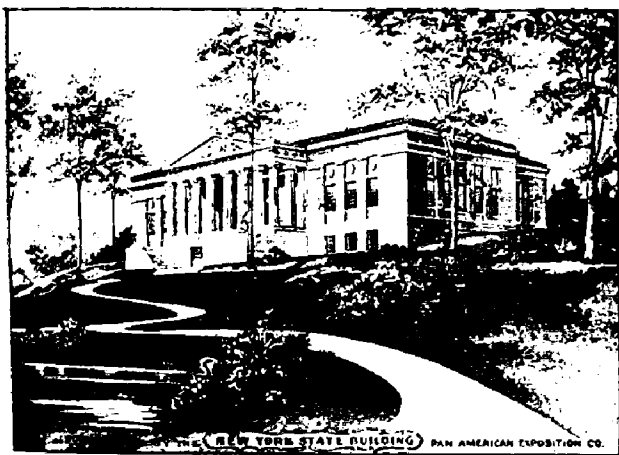
status of the stamps of that country. In our country no living person may have their portrait grace our stamp issues. In the United Kingdom the rule is reversed—the stamp must bear the portrait of a living person. While it is evident that the portrait of King Edward VII will, and should appear on the stamp issues of that country, it hardly seems proper that the face of the good Queen should disappear entirely from future or current issues. A brief newspaper dispatch announces that Mr. Mulock has given instructions to prepare designs for a new set of stamps.

An exceedingly interesting article on the Pan-American stamps appeared recently in McKeels Weekly from the pen of their Washington correspondent. The first proof sheet of the two cent value has been made, and the result is reported as a decided success. The engraving is said to be fully up to that of the Columbian and Trans-Mississippi series if not superior. The stamps are smaller than those of the two previous commemoration sets, but will be larger than those of the regular issue. The vignette will be printed first and the borders afterwards. Much anxiety is expressed as to whether the double printing will allow the vignette to be perfectly centered within the borders, as the beauty of the stamps will depend largely on this fact. The sheets are first printed damp, and then quickly dried, causing them to shrink somewhat and making the task of double printing more difficult on that account.

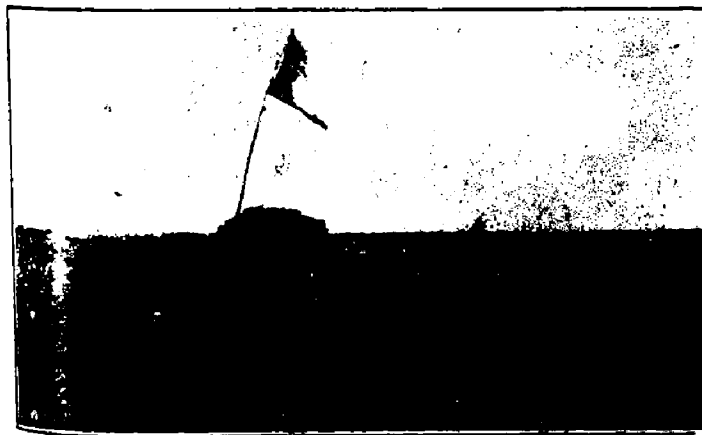
The new bill providing for a reduction in the revenues has not yet become law, as it has not as yet passed the Senate. As now prepared, it provides for only a partial removal of the proprietary articles, the removal entirely of the tax on telegrams and express receipts but the tax will remain on checks, draft



L. V. CASS
McGraw N. Y.

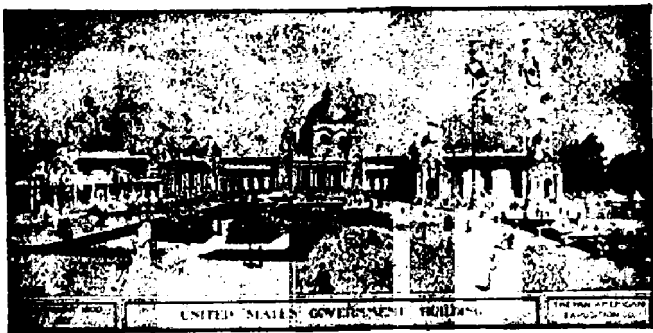


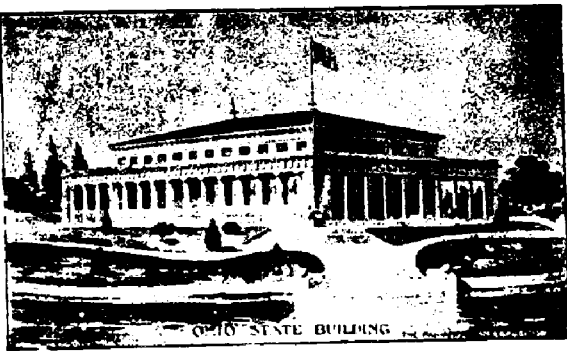
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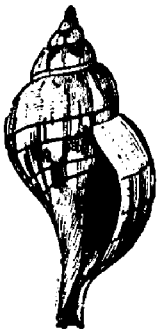




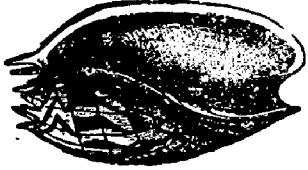
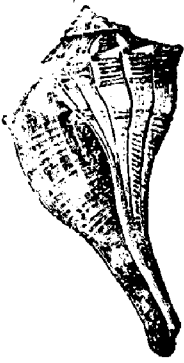
CHAMPION AMATEUR BALL TEAM, NEBRASKA-KANSAS







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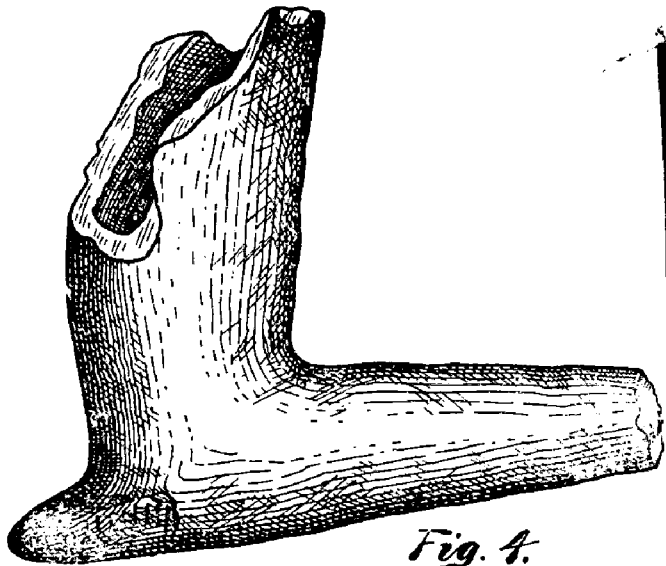


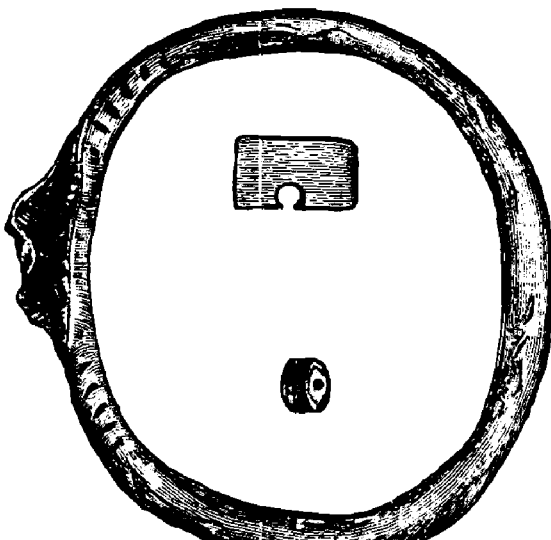
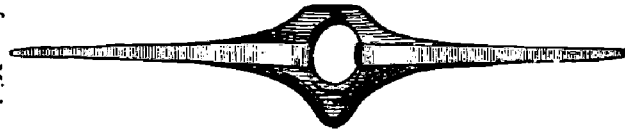
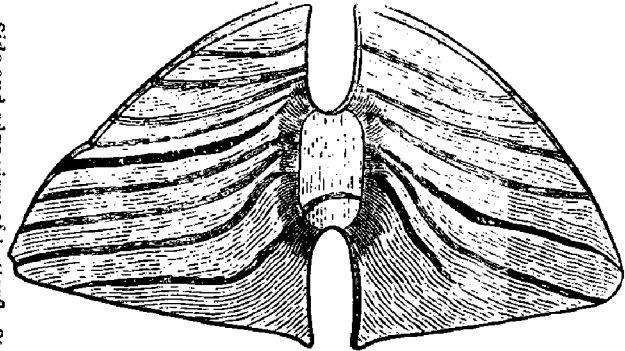
Fig. 4.

A rough stone pipe from Missouri, common in Mississippi valley



Rare Flint implements from Georgia.

Side and edge view of Butterfly Stone from Mich



Relics from Arizona mine—the circular obje is a shell bracelet, turquoise and native iron beads, the small shell pendants above.

THE PHILATELIC WEST AND CAMERA NEWS.

and money orders as at present. There is a possibility that this bill may be further changed by the Senate.

We are sorry to note that the well and favorably known Perforator is likely to change owners, and perhaps be discontinued. The publication is offered for sale to the highest bidder and the present publisher, Mr. C. W. Kissinger, will retire from the ranks of the Philatelic Journalism. It is to be hoped that the Perforator will be acquired by some one who will keep it up to the high standard of excellency maintained in the past.

Another old and favorably known philatelic publication, The Evergreen State Philatelist, has also passed away but its demise was so quiet and unexpected that probably very few noticed it. The Philatelic Post will fill out its subscriptions. This leaves West the oldest stamp monthly of America not run by a dealer there being only three published at the time the West started, all run by dealers.

The prospect of a new issue of stamps for our own country, even though only a mere possibility, is sufficient to cause unlimited comment from the Philatelic Press. The scheme is to have an entirely new issue, heads in the oval as at present, but with the name of the man whose portrait adorns the stamp printed thereunder. It is the belief of the Post-Office Department that our citizens should be more familiar with the names of our great men thus honored, than they are at present.

BORN.

On Feb. 14th, 1901, St. Valentine's Day, "Oswego Stamp and Publishing Company, Inc." Mr. C. B. Rice, Agent of the U. S. Express Co., at Oswego, N. Y., and Mr. Chas. S. Sheldon, teacher

of Biology and Chemistry in the State Normal School in the same city are both very busy men, and have each come to the conclusion that they cannot care for their rapidly increasing stamp business in the narrow limits of their spare time. They have consequently decided to join their interests "for better or for worse" and on Feb. 14th the incorporation papers of the above Co., were filed with the Secretary of the State at Albany, N. Y. with a capital of \$10000 of which \$5150 is paid up capital.

They are now located in their light, commodious quarters in the Arcade, where they are ready to attend to all correspondence promptly and efficiently. When in Oswego call on them. When not in Oswego write to them. They will do you good.

Our Illustrations

J. J. PRICE.

was born in Jefferson City, Mo., in 1857 and lived there during the Civil War and shall never forget it.

After graduating learned the painter's trade but gave it up to accept a position as traveling salesman, for a paint company which has been a great help as he travelled in a great many states and has had a chance to collect a great many curios himself.

He first started to collect medicine stamps and was very successful. He has a very fine collection of them.

In 1882 he began to collect U. S. and Foreign stamps and today he has a fine collection but prizes U. S. above all. He has almost the complete sets of U. S. and Revenues.

In his travels in Colorado, Dakota and Missouri he collected some very fine specimens of minerals, geodes, fossils and woods. He also collected bird eggs, bugs, butter-flies, moths, leaves, curios—both U. S. and foreign, Civil and

Spanish War Curios.

Last but not least he began collecting Indian relics and now has a fine collection from nearly all the different states by exchanging and buying and has many duplicates to sell or exchange for those not in his collection.

H. S. SWENSEN.

a native of Minneapolis, Minn., and still a resident, has been connected with Philately since 1886, then ten years of age. He is one of the old time members of the Minneapolis Philatelic Society, which in its day was one of the best of its kind in the country. A few years since Mr. Swensen was one of the best known Philatelists in the world, this being due to his many contributions to Philatelic literature. In 1893 to 94 he became editor of the Minnesota Philatelist. In the same year he became member of the various Philatelic Societies of the country. In 1894 he issued the first number of his audacious publication the Philatelic News Letter. This periodical was almost sine generis. So conspicuous was its advent that such men as the late John K. Tiffany, who were alive to the possibilities of this venture sent in four year subscriptions. The size of the paper was 9 by 12 and each issue contained as its principal feature lengthy columns of editorials which were characterized by their fearlessness and uniqueness. Unlike most Journals of the kind it immediately attained to a prosperous foot-hold. At the time of publication of this paper Mr. Swensen was attending the University of Minnesota as a freshmen. Philatelic matters pressed upon him to such an extent at the beginning of his jnnior year that he was compelled to discontinue his studies less his health be undermined. It was at this point that his publication was sold to well known Philatelists but Mr. Swensen was still retained as edttor. Later he re-entered the Uni iversity tak-

ing up the law curriculum. He received his Bachelors Degree in the spring of 1899 and was admitted to practise in the supreme court in the same year. While in college Mr. Swensen was very prominent in University affairs. He was at one time acting editor of the Ayriel, the College weekly, and made liberal contributions in its behalf, and was once the editor of the Junior Annual. He is a member of the Theta Delta Chi College Fraternity. In the spring of 1900 he received his J. L. M. degree from the Minnesota Institution. In October '99 he was admitted to practise before the U. S. district Court. He is now a practising attorney and is very successful. He is still interested in collecting stamps and specializes the stamps of Greece and Egypt.

We hope to publish more of his MSS. our last number had "Some Postal Portraits of United States."

L. HIRSCH.

was born in the city of New Orleans, Sept. 16, 1881, and resided there until he was 7 years, when he removed with his parents to Ama. Received an early education in New Orleans and Ama and later attended a private military academy in New Orleans, but left shortly before graduating when he entered his father's branch store as manager. He was interested in stamp collecting, but sold out entire collection last year. He is an enthusiastic camera "fiend," and does lots of exchanging. He is a member of of A. C. C. E. and other camera clubs

A. B. COOVER.

was born near Roxabell, Ohio, April, 3, 1868. At the age of 12 moved to Green field with parents. Educated in the public schools and at 16 was apprenticed to a watchmaker. At 21 he went to California and worked as expert watchmaker. At 23 came back to Ohio.

The Nebraska Camera Club.

FOUNDED JAN. 1898.

Wishes every one in Nebraska having a camera to join. Send your name with 15c, it gives you full membership and use of all its privileges, paper which inserts your notices free of charge, where you can secure prints from all parts of the world. Cut out blank printed elsewhere and send to the secretary. Membership free to subscribers in Nebraska.

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NEW MEMBERS:

303 Miss M Cuff, Edgar, Cyclone, western views.
 305 D E Johnson, Newcastle.
 306 W DeCarson, Omaha.
 307 A L Stonecypther, Omaha.
 309 E H Kendall, St Paul.
 310 Henry W Conrad, Wynore, Eastman cam.

We want names of all amateurs on any ideas or thoughts for camera dept. Would advise readers to try all papers advertised for all good, try them all and see what you like the best, prices are reasonable for kind and none in the trust. Give them a trial.

APPLICATIONS:

S B Alloway, Bennington, Vive and Eastman camera; Cuba and Western views to X.
 314 H T Davis, Rushville.
 315 R S Woods, Hastings.
 316 Miss I M Klein, Beatrice, 1930 Washington St.
 317 W P Heeron, 2010 Maple St., Omaha.
 318 E W Sponsor, Superior, 5x8 Premo, all kinds Western views.

If members have any goods to exchange, sell, etc., send list.

I have three sets fine 4x5 lens in leather cases, offer at half price, never used, and can offer in exchange for other photo goods that I can use. Would like to hear any member's ideas or hints for camera, and be glad to Exch. photoes with all readers. Resp'y,
 L. BRODSTONE.

The Curio Editor has received from J. Milton Finch of Dayton, Ohio, some of the prettiest paleo-cycles, or disjointed sections of crinoid lily stems, we have ever seen. They are found in England as well as America, the poet Tennyson having mentioned them as at one time, long ago, being strung for beads by the English children. They range in size from a pea to a silver dime and are in shape from a circle to a perfect star. They are very pretty in a collection and these that Mr. French sends, having been found in the grounds of the National soldiers' home at Dayton have a pretty sentimental interest as well.

ROY F. GREENE.

24 moved to Iowa and run a store for himself. At 26 moved back to Ohio and ran a Printing office and jewelery store. At 28 he became interested in Archaeology and since has devoted most of his time to the study of Archaeology. Has life membership, in Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Society. Has a fine collection of Pre-Historical Indian relics in the Society's Museum at Columbus, also a nice collection at home. He has acted as photographer for the society in their field work for two seasons. He became an active amateur photographer and has a fine collection of views.

He is a lover of nature and has crossed the continent from the Atlantic to the Pacific twice in the study of our own country. He thinks it is time to visit foreign countries only after we are acquainted with our own.

Correspondence solicited from amateur photographers of foreign countries.

LEON V. CASS.

Born in Solon, N. Y., July 5th, 1881. Became interested in stamps seven years ago, removed to McGranville, N. Y., in 1896. Became interested in curios and relics in 1897. Published the Bi-Monthly Collector 1899-1900. Now publishing The Yankee Collector.

He is Vice President for N. Y. of the S. D. P. A. and C. P. S.

Has no stamp collection at present as he is devoting all his time to dealing in stamps, curios and relics

Has written considerable for the Philatelic press, his first article appearing in the December 1896 Number of the Philatelic West

Stamp moisteners are the latest articles for the library table. They are of cut glass, silver mounted, with a sponge fastened in one end.



NEBRASKA PHILATELIC SOCIETY. 222

Nebraska's
Pride.

ORGANIZED 1892. LARGEST STATE SOCIETY EXTANT.

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Official Organ, Philatelic West

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

New Members—F. R. Parker, Wilsonville
Applications—H A Cameron 1311 s 25 st Omaha
Reference Omaha Stamp and Coin Co.

Renewals—H Wendt, Sterling, P H Wilkinson
Omaha 101 Stamford circle. G C Doehling, Su-
prise.

Great many of our members are back on dues
look up cards for last. Do not expect paper un-
less dues are paid and still have more room for
new members.

The 4th sale of the Neb. Phil. Soc. was held in Omaha Feb., 2nd, in quarters generously provided by the Omaha Stamp and Coin Co. Owing to inclement weather, and this despite the fact that the ground-hog has failed to see his shadow during the day, the attendance was not as large as had been expected, judging from previous sales. Probably the few who were present are not inclined to feel bad about this, as they were able to legitimately obtain lots at a low price, as the mail bids were very low, some being ridiculous, and the bidders in attendance did not appear to be possessed of a great amount of capital. No doubt some who placed lots in the sale may think—well, unmentionable thoughts. As an auctioneer Mr. Morstenson is all that could be desired. His success in forcing the unwilling bidder to become enthusiastic in their calls was unmasked. His arguments touching on the merits of a lot were convincing, and he often succeeded in hypnotizing some one into buying a poor lot at a good price, (I speak from personal experience). During the sale an Omaha policeman of imposing mien and stature sauntered into the room to the consternation of the auctioneer for he had forgotten (?) to procure license prescribed by the city ordinances. With his usual versatility he quickly

fixed things and the sale proceeded. Considering value the best price obtained for a lot was \$5.50 for a set of newspaper stamps—you know what they are worth. A stamp of five im-
perforated P. O. seal dark brown unse-
catalogued five dollars brought 40 cents
and Mostenson had the temerity to re-
mark "just think of it—five dollars for
40c. who is the lucky man?"

I unfortunately neglected to secure complete list of the bids, and must send this in at once to insure publication. However, I will mention price I secured a few lots for. It is customary to mention those lots for which high prices were secured, but I will reserve this and give the opposite. I won't mention those I got stuck on.)
Interior 1-2-3-6-10-12-15-24
War, complete set, 7ct. poor
Interior, all but 90c, some fine
Navy, 2-6-10-12-30

The above lots contained some imperfect specimens, but averaged out very well. I think the managers should see to it that the co-operation of the weather bureau is secured for the next sale. While I profited by the small attendance, I should prefer it otherwise.
E. H. Wilkinson.

The Michigan Camera Art Association

ORGANIZED NOV. 1, 1900.

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Detroit, Mich
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Art Reviewers—Miss Julia Cools, 26 Walnut st
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ple st, Sidney Billett, Detroit, Mich
Purchasing Agt—Camille Cools

This society is formed for encouraging amateur photographers to inform each other and exchange prints.

This is the only state amateurs club in Michigan. We want everyone who owns a camera to join us. The cost will be 25c a year, which will give you full membership to the M. C. A. A. initiation fee, every member will also receive the official organ, the Philatelic West and Camera News free.

NEW MEMBERS: Henry Ve
meersch, 14 Culter St., Detroit, Mich.; Jul
Parrett, Rumbeka, Belgium.

Souvenir Card DEPARTMENT.

International. Souvenir, Card
Exchange Conducted by Adolph
Selige, 20 N. 4th St., St. Louis, Mo.

There is an increasing interest in our sport manifested by a steady stream of applications for membership.

Although the conditions are quite satisfactory, still, we ask the kind cooperation of each member and others interested, to send us the names and addresses of all Souvenir Card collectors known to them. Let each member try to bring in at least one new member during the coming month, the more, the merrier, and the more interesting to all concerned. Don't fail to send for a rubber stamp with your number on, this will identify you as a member and assure prompt return and better satisfaction all around. Stamp alone 15c, with one year's subscription to Phil. West 25c.

Not all the names on the list are members, but all of them are supposed to be collectors of Souvenir cards. If you find any one's name that you are sure does not collect, or who pays no attention to cards sent them, please to notify the Secy. to take him off the list.

Our members have made use of the list of collectors and a most lively exchange and correspondence has sprung up. One of our most interested members addressed a card to a Mrs. M. and receiving one in return, found to his great astonishment, this lady to be an old schoolmate of his. They had drifted apart many years ago and hardly knew of the others existence, now they exchange souvenir cards and reminiscences of days gone by.

A more enthusiastic member than Miss Millicent I. Woodside of Phila. could hardly be found. Her collection

numbers 1500 personally addressed cards, she also offers in exch unused Irish and English cards. Miss Woodside is very prompt in answering and exchanging of cards, and on every one of her cards she pennes a few lines that give them a pleasant flavor and makes them so much more interesting. Miss Woodside is a native of Ireland and at present visiting friends in Phila, but expects to return to her home this spring. Sorry to see her leave, although she has promised to keep up a lively exchange of souvenir cards with her American friends. We wish Miss Woodside a happy voyage and safe arrival, and many a pretty souv card.

Dr. C. H. Gardner and Mr. R. F. Troxler, of Port Townsend, Wash., are using some very interesting Velox postal cards, made of his own negatives by the doctor, who is known as an able amateur photographer.

Both of the gentlemen are connected with the U S. Marine hospital service.

Get your Board of Trade and your progressive business men, and your post-master interested in the souvenir card. There is no greater and more far reaching way of advertising a city or town, than through the illustrated private mailing card.

Going to give an Euchre, birthday or some other party, or just a tea? If you want to be in it, try the souvenir card for an invitation, or as a tally card, or at least send a card to your friends, while you are having a good time, and let all present sign their name, its lots of fun for both sender and reciever.

One of our St. Louis friends gave a red white and blue party used a pretty flag card for an invitation.

An Inexpensive Cabinet.

A good many collectors are not able to buy a high priced cabinet, who might be able to make one themselves if they had some tools and ideas.

This cabinet is one which I have at-

most finished, and which has proved quite cheap. (The lumber cost only \$3.00 and the trimmings need not be very expensive.) It stands about six feet high, including the scroll work at the back, and is three feet wide by a foot deep.

At the top is a cabinet with folding glass doors and a shelf. This is for the more showy specimens and those too large for the drawers. Below this are eleven drawers each three inches deep. At the bottom are two drawers six inches deep, and eighteen inches wide, so they set together. In these two drawers can be put books, tools, duplicates, and such things.

It would take too much space to give all the details and figures. The appearance would be greatly improved by putting corner pieces on the bottom and using casters. The back should be fastened with great care, as it alone keeps the cabinet from moving back and forth at the top. Use only three or four boards on the back and fasten these with dowels, so that the edges of the boards cannot slide on each other.

This cabinet is built entirely of whitewood, but it would make a fine piece of furniture made of cherry or walnut. It would look still better if the sides were panelled and the locks and drawer pulls made of brass or bronze.

This cabinet I use for shells and minerals, but it could also be used for many other branches of collecting, such as eggs, curios, relics and insects.

J. L. WHEELER,
No. 51 A. S. of C. C.

"Success" of New York for March challenges attention by a brilliant array of contributors. Helen Miller Gould makes her debut in literature, Ex-Governor Newell, of New Jersey, tells how a wreck gave birth to life saving service. Beauty and helpfulness characterize other leading articles

Notes.

F. Spinony San Francisco—Last ad brought me more work than I can do and almost cleaned me out. Ads from West are in the lead.

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F. Johnson Fargo, N. Y., West brought me 16 to 1 more replies than Advocate which cost four times more.

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C. H. Smith, Phila—I tried Advocate don't think it amounts to a hill of beans for ads. A little ex notice in West brings more answers in a week than an ad in the Advocate in a month. Has poorer reading and least of it for number of ads of any stamp paper and have heard great many say the same.

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Send for copy of Saturday Evening Post of Philadelphia. One Benjamin Franklin founded in 1728. It is no doubt the best \$1 weekly going.

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National Magazine, of Boston, Crampton of Chicago, and Success of New York are monthlies that all readers will do well to send for copy or if you wish to take these or any leading papers get our combine rates, we have not yet seen a low offered.

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Many want souvenir cards and in the age of pictorial art you can attract more notice in your correspondence than any other way for ladies say "how pretty" and a busy man is sure to look at your souvenir card first of all and it gains attention. We can send you 100 different for trial for \$1 bill.

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PHILATELY is the name applied to the study of stamps as NUMISMATICS is applied to coins.

It has never become general, but the information of those to whom it is

new word, we give the definition of it and its companions just as they are given in the Century Dictionary (*).

PHILATELIC (fil-a-tel-ik) a [philatelic]. Of or relating to philately.

PHILATELIST (fi-lat-e-list) n [philatelyst]. A collector of postage stamps and revenue stamps as objects of curiosity or interest.

PHILATELITY (fi-lat-e-li) n [F. philately] intended to mean the love of the study of all that concerns prepayment, i. e. of stamps, absurdly formed (by M. Herpin, stamp collector in "Le Collectionneur" in 1855) Greek philos, loving (prop. philein love), tateles free of tax or charge (taken in the sense of prepaid) a-priv'telos tax, duty.

The fancy for collecting and classifying postage stamps and revenue stamps as objects of curiosity: also the occupation of making such collections.—Meekel's Drummer.

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Professor Nipher, of Washington University, Saint Louis, Missouri, has at length developed a fine reversed photographic picture with the developing bath in direct sunlight. The developer was a modification of hydrochinone. The bromide was left out, and the sodium carbonate solution was made up at half the strength used for negatives. The mixed developer was diluted with water in the proportion of one part to nine.

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A scientist announces that the way to find out whether a postage stamp has been used or not is to photograph it, says Ewen's Weekly Stamp News. If the postmark has been obliterated, the blue or green color will not make any impression on the plate, while the black traces of obliteration will appear with great clearness. Even when the stamps have been well washed and no traces of obliteration can be seen by the naked eye or through the microscope, the photograph will show very clearly the two

concentric circles of the stamp, the date, and even the name of the locality.

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S. E. Meaford, Philadelphia, Pa., died Feb. 19, is an old collector and reader and is a member of P. S. of A. and other societies.

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What is the "paraphe" on some of the stamps of Puerto Rico? The "paraphe" is the very flourishing sign manual of a Spanish official applied as a surcharge to certain of the Puerto Rican issues as a preventive of fraud. It has been remarked more than once that for some eighteen years from 1855 the stamps supplied for Cuba and Puerto Rico by the Spanish authorities were identical, the two islands being practically one as regarded their postal issues. But when trouble came to Cuba, in the shape of mutterings of sedition, followed by outbreaks of rebellion, the system paved the way for an elaborate system of, to put it mildly sharp practice. Wily merchants of Cuba discovered that money was to be made by purchasing stamps in their own island at the depreciated currency rates then ruling, and reselling the same in the less turbulent and consequently more prosperous island of Puerto Rico. The game appears to have been played merrily and without let or hindrance for some years. At last the traffic was discovered; a secret investigation, quite a Postal Inquisition in its way, sat with closed doors, and as a result came the "paraphe"—surcharged upon the stamps actually sold in Puerto Rico. Without the "paraphe" none was available for postage in the smaller island, and the extensive stamp dealings of the Cubans were at last effectively checked.—Hobbies

CC DeSelms, Richmond, Ind.—Leonard of Cuba says he is literally flooded with orders from ad offering Cuba stamps. I also have had good results!

Toledo Stamp Co., Toledo, Ohio—Received lots of orders from our last ad.

THE CONFEDERATE BILL.



“**R**EPRESENTING nothing on God's earth now,
And naught in the waters below it,—
As the pledge of a nation ti at passed away,
Keep it, dear friend, and show it.

Show it to those who will lend an ear,
To the tale this trifle will tell;
Of liberty born of a patriot's dream,
Of a storm cradled nation that fell.

Too poor to possess the precious ores,
And too much of a stranger to borrow;
We issued today our 'promise to pay,'
And hoped to redeem on the morrow.

The days rolled on and the weeks became years,
But our coffers were empty still;
Coin was so scarce the Treasury quaked,
If a dollar should drop in the till.

But the faith that was in us was strong indeed;
Though our poverty well we discerned,
And this little check represents the pay
That our suffering veterans earned.

They knew it had hardly a value in gold,
Yet as gold our soldiers received it;
It gazed into our eyes with a promise to pay,
And every true soldier believed it.

But our boys thought little of price or pay,
Or of bills that were over due—
We knew if it bought our bread today,
'Twas the best our poor country could do.

Keep it; it tells all our history over,
From the birth of the dream to its last;
Modest, and born of the angel Hope,
Like our hope of success, IT PASSED.

[The above original lines were written on the back of a Confederate bill; the author unknown.]

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mission.

The February issue of Cram's Magazine contains a number of articles of the sort that one having read puts away for future reference. Among these may especially be noted "Our Useful Conifers," by Prof Charles E. Aron; a brief, but graphic history of "William III., of England," by Milton Reeve; a very clear and entertaining account of the bloodless "Toledo War," by E. F. Watrous; a number of little known points

regarding "Edward VII, of Great Britain," by Spencer Townsend; and some interesting statistics regarding the "Growth of Churches in the Nineteenth Century."

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Pleased to see article on postage stamp collecting in the Ladies' Home Journal by our friend Strickler an old member of P. S. A. and furnishes stamp matter for leading daily of his city.

Notes on the Coinage of the Greeks.

By T. L. ELDER.

PART I.—Cont'd.

FIRST PERIOD B. C. 700-480.

The advance in the art of coin engraving is shown in an interesting manner by the silver pieces of Aegina, a small island about nine miles long and seven miles wide, located some twelve miles S. S. W. of the Piræus, what was the Saronic gulf, now the gulf of Aegina. Remember that the oldest silver coins now extant were coined there.

The coins of this island are divided into three periods. The earliest (B. C. 700) bore on the obverse a rude figure of a turtle, and the reverse four punch-marks. (The turtle was a symbol of Minerva, the Phœnician goddess of Wisdom.) In the next period the turtle looks more symmetrical, and the punch-marks are more regular. On the third period (about 400 B. C.) the turtle is greatly elaborated, the shell being ornamented, while in the first period it is smooth, and on the field are seen no Greek letters. The punch mark now assumes the nature of a device.

An example of the incuse coins, of which I have made mention, is found at Tarentum, which bears on the obverse side the figure of Taras in relief, and on the reverse side the same incuse mark. About 510 B. C. coins appeared in Magna Graecia bearing the figure of a griffin in relief on both sides, and about 400 B. C. this kind of coins becomes very common. Each period showed a great improvement in the engraving art, until about 400 B. C. it reached a very high degree of artistic finish. One of the most beautiful examples of ancient engraving is a medal of this period, the obverse bearing the head of the deity called by the Romans Prosperina, the wife Hades,

the infernal goddess of death, yet the all-prevailing goddess of nature, who produces and destroys everything. The head is surrounded by dolphins and Grecian inscriptions. The reverse shows a charioteer reigning his four horses abreast, while the flying goddess of Victory stoops to crown him in the races of the Olympian games. The profile of Prosperina is most beautiful and expressive. This medal was so noted that for many years afterwards the kings of Greece imitated it on their coins. Among the earliest issues those of Athens were noted for the fineness of their metals. They bore on the obverse generally a very archaic head of Pallas Athene, and on the reverse a rude owl, and the letters AOE (Athens). The workmanship of the Attic coins never reached the perfection shown on certain other Greek coins. In later issues the head of Pallas was often fine, but the owl was as rude and ungainly as ever, with great eyes and ill-proportioned legs.

One of the very oldest coins of this period is the gold double stater of Miletus, which shows on the obverse a lion's head, taken from the symbols of the Bœotian worship of Cybele or Rhea, the wife of Chronos or Saturn, the mother of the highest of the gods and goddesses. The reverse side of the coin shows nothing but a rude punch-mark. The gold Stater of Sardis is even thought by some to be older than the Stater of Miletus. On the obverse is seen the foreparts of a lion and bull, supposed to represent the triumph of the king over all opposition. The obverse, as usual, shows only a punch-mark. An early coin of Acanthus shows on the front side a lion devouring a bull, and the back shows the punch-mark. There were lions in this district at the time of the Persian wars, as we read in Herodotus's works that "they came down from the mountains and seized upon the beasts of

burden in the army or Xerxes."

A coin of Crete bears the figure of a Minotaur, in the shape of a man with the head of a bull, kneeling on one knee, and holding a stone in his hand. The other side shows a Labyrinth, the four corners consisting of deep incuse squares. This is an early representation of the famous labyrinth by Daedalus, the home of the Minotaur.

An interesting series are those of Tarentum, many of which are fine examples of relief work. The types are generally Taras riding on a dolphin, sometimes holding a cuttle fish, and his head or arms in reverse. Aristotle tells us that "the city was named for Taras, son of Poseidon."

A coin of Rhegium, of this period, bears a charioteer in a biga drawn by mules, and on the reverse side a hare. Aristotle states that Anaxilaus, who was tyrant of Rhegium B. C. 494-476, once gained a victory at Olympia with the "mule-car", and struck coins bearing mules and car. This is one of the coins he refers to.

A coin of Caulonia, presents Apollo naked holding in his right hand a branch, and on his outstretched left arm a small running figure with winged feet, which also holds a branch, and in front is a stag, looking back. The reverse show the same type incuse, but the small figure is absent. The meaning of this type is rather obscure.

(to be continued.)

The American Society of Curio Collectors

(Organized November 1st, 1900.)

Pres. Pro Tem—Roy Farrell Greene, Arkansas City, Kansas.

Vice-Pres.—T L Elder, 343 Princeton Place, Pittsburg, Pa.

Secy. Pro Tem—Allen Jesse Reynolds, Connersville, Ind.

Official organ—Philatelic West.

Initiation fee, 10c; annual dues, 25c.

All honest collectors of the following articles are invited to join. Shells, fossils, minerals, Indian relics, war relics, coins, medals, paper money, eggs, insects, flowers, woods, autographs, mounted birds and animals, rare books, historical articles of all kinds, sea and land curios, etc., etc.

Free Identification Bureau for naming of shells,

minerals, fossils and coins. One exchange fee in official organ. Quarterly bulletin for use of members only. Many other benefits.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Since the last report was made the society has increased its membership considerably and some of the plans and projects early contemplated to make the society helpful to members are being worked out. I have thought it best to have a Recruit Committee whose duty shall be that of recruit work, helping the Secretary to secure members, answering questions regarding the society, corresponding with collectors who contemplate joining and in all ways advancing the society. It has been deemed best to subdivide this work in geographical divisions: North, South, East and West, having four members of the Recruit Committee, one to represent each of the above sections. I have to announce the appointment of Geo. M. Du Bose (Lithonia, Georgia) as the Southern member of the Recruit Bureau. The appointments of the other three members will be announced later.

Believing it wise to have a Vice President to assist in the society management I have the honor to announce the appointment of Thomas L. Elder, (Princeton Place, Pittsburg, Penn.), Vice President, his duties to begin at once.

As Conchology covers such a wide field it has been thought wise to subdivide its work, as regards the Identification Bureau, into four divisions, namely: Atlantic, Pacific, Land and Freshwater. With this plan in view I beg to announce the appointment of J. Le Wheeler, (Bridgewater, Mass.) to position on the Identification Bureau being given charge of the Marine, Atlantic division, Department of Conchology. He will be glad to examine specimens of Atlantic sea-shells sent him, and will properly name and classify them for society members free of charge if return postage is enclosed.

I have received from Brother Butler Golden, Colo., and Brother Ogburn Philadelphia, designs for the Society badge. These designs are both worthy of consideration but I should like

suggestions and designs submitted to
 by members.
 More appointments will be announced
 next month. Suggestions gladly re-
 ceived.
 ROY F. GREENE

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

NEW MEMBERS.

- No 55 C. Abbott Davis, (33) 1141 Elmwood Ave., Providence, R. I.—Insects.
- No 56. Harry Lindquist, (16) 404 Iron Mountain St., Iron Mountain, Mich.—Fossils, minerals, Indian and war relics, autographs and sea curios.
- No 57. Wm. M. Ericson, (20) 517 Webster St., Red Wing, Minn.—Stamps, coins, tags, war relics and other curios.
- No 58. S. N. McClintic, (52) Winterset, Ia.—Geological specimens and sea shells.
- No 59. D. A. Kinney, (45) Waseca, Minn.—Indian relics, coins and stamps.
- No 60. Chas. F. Weber, () 504 Race St., Philadelphia, Pa.—Geological specimens, eggs, shells, insects, Indian relics, coins and curios of all kinds.
- No 61. Wm. C. Aikin, (28) Angwin, Napa-co., Calif.—Indian relics, coins and minerals.
- No 62. Richard J. Homan, (22) Lock B. 549, Silver Creek, N. Y.—Indian Relics, war relics, sea curios, old books by American authors, a specialty of 1st editions.
- No 63. J. J. Walshe, (33) box 480, North Adams, Mass.—American archaeology.
- No 64. W. H. Johnston, (33) Gregory, Clark-co., Mo.—Indian relics, fossils, historical and archaeological books.
- No 65. Arthur Chamberlain, (45) 36 N. 22nd St., East Orange, N. J.—Minerals and cut gems.
- No 66. C. F. Fisk, (50) Denver, Ind.—Bird eggs, skins, Indian relics, mammal skins and curios of all kinds.
- No 67. Paul W. Dilg, () 1-27 Oakdale Ave., Chicago Ill.—Indian relics.
- No 68. Willis N. Worthington, (40) box 154, Shelter Island Heights, N. Y.—Birds, eggs, Indian relics, mammals, insects, shells, etc.
- No 69. Geo. N. Dixon, (31) Watertown, So. Dak.—Eggs, Indian relics, gem stones, coins and shells.
- No 70. Hall N. Jackson, (33) 36 W. 6th St., Cincinnati, O.—Books, coins and stamps.
- No 71. T. O. Young, (33) New Haven, N. Y.—Indian Relics, U. S. stamps coins, curios.
- No 72. P. W. Coning, (20) Maryville, Tenn.—Coins, paper money, old books, papers, autograph letters, historical relics and stamps.
- No 73. R. L. Jessee, M. D., (30) Philo, Ill.—Birds their nests and eggs.
- No 74. Harvey H. Brown, (24) box 54, Hamilton, Ill.—Minerals, Indian relics, stamps and good standard books, cloth or paper.
- No 75. G. C. Welsh, (33) Greensburg, Ind. (c-o Citizens Nat Bank.)—Mounted birds and birds eggs.
- No 76. W. G. McLain, (22) Edison, O.—Indian relics.
- No 77. Burt Newkirk, [17] Connersville, Ind.—Coins and Indian relics.
- No 78. Joel H. DuBose, [40] Huguenot, Ga.—

- Stamps, Indian relics and coins, also incidentally, shells, antiquated paper money, etc
- No 79. Fred W. Hill, [18] Iowa Falls, Ia.—Indian relics, minerals, coins, unmounted photos and stamps.
- No 80. C. A. Lentz, () East Palestine, Ohio.
- No 81. Thomas A. Bonser, (40) Carey, Ohio—Botanical specimens, birds eggs, butterflies.
- No 82. Dan D. Doolittle, [35] Fremont, Nebr.—Coins, stamps, antiquated paper money, rare books, newspapers and almanacs
- No 83. A. D. Doerge, [18] Navasota, Texas—Spear points, birds eggs, skins, mounted birds and stamps.
- No 84. Frederick G. Hillman, [] 1036 Acushnet Ave. New Bedford, Mass.
- No 85. R. L. Deitrick, [31] Lorraine, Va.—Dealer in Confederate stamps broken bank notes and fractional currency
- No 86 H. Ernest Beebe, (15) Ipswich, S Dak—Stamps and philatelic papers.
- No 87. Dr. O. G. Gowin [] St. James, Mo.
- No 88. Victor Wm. Reity, [] St. James, Mo.
- No 89. Geo. W. Davis, [] St. James, Mo.
- No 90. Phil Weller, [] Cuba, Mo.
- No 91. C. L. Curren, [17] Fox, Ill.—Indian relics, foreign stamps, coins, shells and minerals.
- No 92. W. S. LeRoy, [36] Cor Quay and 6th St., Manitowoc, Wis.—relics, coins and unused stamps.

NOTE:

Nos. 80, 84, 87, 88, 89 and 90 sent in their applications before they had proper blanks. Information as to what they collect will be in the Bulletin.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS:

Balance on hands Jan 12, 1901.....\$ 4 40
 38 members, fees and dues..... 13.30

Total..... 17.70

EXPENDITURES:

Ad space Curio Exchange .. 70
 " " Oologist for Feb..... 60
 Off orgn including sample copies..... 1 25
 Printing..... 95
 Postage..... 3 40

Total..... 6 90

Balance on hand Feb 13, 1901..... 11 15

The society is growing but its growth would be a great deal faster if you would hustle. Let each member try to get a new member as soon as possible.

OUR CONTEST FOR NEW MEMBERS: The society will give three prizes to the three members getting the most members between now and June 1st 1901.

1st prize to consist of 100 varieties of nice specimens. Winner to have at least 15 names to his credit.

2nd prize—50 specimens, winner to have at least 12 names to his credit.

3rd prize—25 specimens, winner to have at least 10 names to his credit.

Mr. Burt Ogburn, Philadelphia, Pa., informs me that G. W. Robinette's latest address is Kiosk, Va. Look out for him! Held me to keep trace of this party.

Yours for success,

ALLEN JESSE REYNOLDS, Sec'y.

Kansas Philatelic Society

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PRES. ADDRESS.

FELLOW MEMBERS:

The 1901 dues are now payable to the treasurer, don't neglect it, pay at once. Have you received any of the circuits, if not, write to the Superintendent G. R. Barker at once, he has some bargains on hand.

We want 10 new members for March can you not send in one application, "Hustle" must be our motto for the month, take off your coat and try it. If you have no blank applications, write Secretary Foster A. Lilly, he will send you a supply.

We must each one do all he can for our society, Yours truly,

O. H. PHINNEY, President

REPORT OF SECRETARY

FELLOW MEMBERS;—While our society has made but little progress the past month, was glad to receive at the eleventh hour, two applications for membership, from Bro. R. C. Edgar. Only one member has sent in his dues for the present year, in response to my appeal in the last number. Were you unable to read my report, or find it in the large feast of good things provided by Bro. Brodstone, for his subscribers, last month?

I wish to report the following applications:

Will M. Stryker, age 17, student, Arkansas City, Kas. References, Rob't C. Edgar, Chas. Willard Myers.

Joe B. Fordyce, age 15, student, Wichita, Kans. References, Rob't. C. Edgar, C. W. Myers.

Renewals—O. H. Phinney, Kansas City, Kan, G. R. Barker, F. R. Hayworth, Wichita, M. E. Milver, Kinsley, Kas, Jos. L. Weber, Osborne, Ks. Let us hear from many more members the coming month or you will receive the official organ no longer.

Respectfully,

F. A. LILLY, Secretary

Looking Backward.

MRS. C. B. F.

Any one who is fortunate enough have access to to the jutting limestone ledges of Northern Kansas will have little trouble in finding geodes.

Twenty years ago, when I knew little about their value but had a still love for the "pretty stones," I roamed over a good portion of several sections of upland prairie land in Marshall Co.

The geodes I found were from the size of a hazelnut to that of a good sized apple. On breaking them some were found to be only a shell, lined with tiny glass like crystals but in others the crystals were pink or bluish-white and opaque. Still others were quite solid and of beautiful pink, blue, white shades. All were seemingly the same gray limestone outside. A visit to the same locality five years ago resulted in a few good specimens but I lacked the time and activity of former years. It is a field that will repay any ones research. The gravel beds that occur in some parts of the same country also contain agates though I never found any very fine ones.

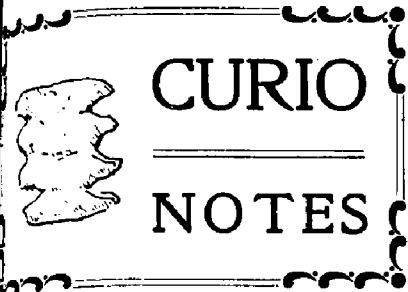
There, also, are the gypsum beds, pink, gray pure white and sometime one can get from the miners odd crystals found in caves or "pockets" in the veins of gypsum.

One "find" I never could explain was a stone resembling a chip cut from a log. It was found on a limestone ledge that cropped out near the top of a tall bluff. No other pieces were near and no rock had ever been quarried there. I am told it is a genuine bit of petrified wood.

To a botanist or flower lover those prairies prove a source of delight from the first blue or white daisy-like flowers in the spring until the last seed-pod and tumble weed have blown away in the fall.

A constant succession of nameless beauties, with generally beautiful weather in which to search for them.

But let me whisper the one drawback to all these pleasant finds and rambles and that was—suakes.



CURIO NOTES

welcome him as collectors to the great collector's society.

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G. Montague Butler of Golden, Colo., who is not only a member of the A. S. of C. C. but the head of the Identification bureau, Mineralogical Division, as well is an advanced student at the Colorado State School of mines, and an intelligent, learned and skilled mineralogist as well as being an enthusiastic collector. J. Lewis Wheeler of Bridgewater, Mass., (A. S. of C. C. No. 51) is a conchologist of more than state reputation, though young in years. He is as familiar with the shells of the Atlantic Coast as many a gray-haired scientist who has made it the study of years. He will take charge of the Society's Identification Bureau, Conchological Division, Marine (Atlantic) department. We have thought it best to divide Conchology, for the classification of specimens into four departments—viz: Atlantic, Pacific, Land, Fresh Water. There will be a head of an identification Bureau for each of the latter three announced later.

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We cannot individually mention all of the members to date, but suffice it to say that every one is an enthusiast in the collecting field with a record for honesty, fair dealing and good fellowship. There is no collector, anywhere, no matter how much 35 cents means to him, who can afford not to pay out that sum for the benefits, the help and protection, the A. S. of C. C. offers in one year.

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Personages in public life have dealt with the autograph problem in various ways. Ellen Terry asks a shilling for her signature, and applies the revenue to the support of a bed in a London hospital. Richard Mansfield, though he refuses his signature, is himself a

The American Society of Curio Collectors, or the A. S. of C. C. as it is familiarly known, has the distinction of doubling its first month's membership the second month, which is a thing to be proud of, particularly since there is no dead-wood in the membership list, every member being an enthusiastic, energetic collector. The society can hardly hope to double its previous membership every month in the twelve to come, but it is safe to say that by the end of 1901 every prominent curio collector and every progressive collector though he lay no claim to prominence will be on the rolls.

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Already some of the best-known collectors in the country are enrolled. Dr. Geo. F. Heath, of Monroe, Michigan, (A. S. of C. C. No. 54) has long been the President of the Coin Collectors' Society of America and a numismatist of standing the world over. The Doctor has been several times mayor of his home city and is quite as well known in the social circles and political world as he is in the fields of collecting. Chas. K. Reed of Worcester, Mass., (A. S. of C. C. No. 53) is known to every ornithologist and biologist in the country. Wherever a collector roams a field to take a clutch of eggs, or perchance a single, for his collection Read's egg tools are known. He has been a dealer in eggs, shells, stuffed birds and curios for several years as well as a collector, and we

collector of letters and manuscripts, and has a passion for securing fugitive documents and scraps of notable writing. He almost reverences a savant who delves for historical autographs, but he believes that the ordinary seeker would as soon be the recipient of Jim Jeffries' autograph as of his.

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The law department of the University of Pennsylvania has in its collection of historic papers communications from President George Washington and Louis XVI of France to Judge Wilson, associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court and the first president of the Pennsylvania Law School. The paper from President Washington is the notification of appointment to the Supreme bench, and that from King Louis is a commission appointing him advocate-general of the French nation at Philadelphia.

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It is said that tauric moss, which grows upon rocks and roots of trees in this country furnishes an acid, chemically obtained, which while it produces no affect upon iron, renders gold, silver steel, aluminum and lead soft and pliable.

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A remarkable bible which is in the possession of Mr. W. Williamson, a Toronto bookseller, consists of twelve great folio volumes, containing the text, each page being accompanied with illustrations, of which there are over 15000 in the whole work. The collection is the result of the efforts of a lifetime spent by one of the Biblical scholars in Canada. He sought pictures from every source, and has succeeded in getting together a collection that is most interesting and instructing. It includes reproductions in steel, wood, copper and other engravings and chromo lithographs of the work of

some of the world's greatest masters. Among the great painters whose labors are represented are Dore, Raphael, Van Dyck, Rubens and Bartlett, while the names of the engravers are in many cases hardly less noted.

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The oldest loaf of bread in the world is in the British museum. It is supposed to have been baked in the year 500 B. C., resembles a small bun in shape and is said to be in perfect condition though just how it would taste no one has had the hardihood to guess.

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The collecting of old fashioned door knockers is one of the latest hobbies in England and promises to spread in this country. The big brass knocker, here in place by a fleur-de-lis of other metal which long adorned the door of Dickens' home recently passed into the hands of an English collector as did also one from the door of that sage old philosopher Samuel Johnson.

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The famous Turquoise mine at Cerillos, about thirty miles south of Santa Fe, is now the property of the Tiffany and Company, the New York jewellers, who are working it on scientific methods. There are about sixty turquoise mines in New Mexico, the product of which amounts to over a half million dollars each year and is entirely controlled in the United States. The largest piece of turquoise ever discovered there was taken from the Tiffany mine, and was valued at \$6000. The collectors of minerals who read this will be satisfied with a much smaller piece for their cabinets.

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The deepest hole in the Earth is at Schladebach, near Ketschan, Germany. It is 5,735 feet in depth, and is for geologic research only. The drilling was begun in 1880 and stopped six years later because the engineers were unable with their instruments to go deeper.

There is at this moment in the Bank of England a specimen of a bank-note supposed to be the oldest extant, dating from the 14th century of our era. It is of Chinese origin and fairly well preserved. The Chinese, it seems, were familiar with paper money many centuries before it came into use in Europe. It has been proved that paper money was issued in China as early as 807 A. D. These securities closely resembled the famous French assignats in being based upon the estates of the kingdom. The bank of Stockholm seems to have been the first European concern to issue paper money but the bank of England followed close with the issue of £20 notes in 1696.

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A copy of the first folio of Shakespeare was recently sold in London for \$3,500.

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The other day ye editor hunted up his climbers, blow-pipes, drills, egg-boxes, cotton and all the paraphernalia of egg collecting, saw that they were all put into proper order and is now ready for the nesting season to begin. Of course it is a little early yet, even for the mild climate of southern Kansas, but some of the birds, notably owls, begin nesting here early in March and having gone over our outfit we are sure now that we will be quite ready when the time comes. All our naturalist members had better take a hint from this and be ready.

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Geo. M. Du Bose of Lisbon, Ga., (A. S. of C. C. No. 14) is one of the most enthusiastic collectors of the South. He is one of the ardent autograph collectors of the society and treasures the signatures of great men and women as the lapidary treasures a brilliant gemstone. Du Bose is worthy of the right-hand of fellowship and the society extends such to him with gladness.

Dr. W. O. Emery (A. S. of C. C. No. 27) and Rev. E. C. Mitchel (No. 21) are both enthusiasts in the matter of pre-historic implements and would like to hear from all collectors of that branch among our members. A correspondence with these advanced collectors will do any younger fellow good.

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A number of Canadian collectors are joining the A. S. of C. C. and we welcome them gladly. The Stars and Stripes and the Union Jack both float over the society and a little thing like a boundary line may affect the matter of custom duties but not the warm feelings of good fellowship in collectors hearts. We would be glad to unite with the two flags the standard of the splendid republic of Mexico. Will not some collector in the land of the dark-eyed Senorita please step forward till he is counted?

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R. W. Neumann of Wymore, Nebr., has patented and put upon the market something that nearly every collector will want. This is an absolutely fire-proof box, which weighs about 50 pounds handy in size, which is almost invaluable as a depository for valuable papers or specimens. It is burglar proof as well, or at least it would discourage a midnight prowler into thinking the only way to get its contents would be to carry off the whole thing and its weight is against such a proposition as a free escape. We prophecy many collectors will buy this box for safety of their valuable specimens.

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Many of the Yankee boys in China are sending home curios from that far eastern country to delight home cabinets. The British boys are likewise mailing to friends or bringing when invalidated home strange things from the South African country, so war is not so bad, from a collectors standpoint after all.

ROY F. GREENE.



HOW TO TONE BLUE-PRINTS.

Various modifications of tone may be produced on blue prints by the use of methods given below.

Prints should be fully printed, except for first formula, and well washed afterward to insure good results and permanent prints.

Green—Print rather lightly, wash well and immerse in 15 minims of sulphuric acid diluted with 10 ounces of water.

Violet—Immerse the blue print in a 25 per cent, solution of acetate of lead.

Sepia—Wash well, and immerse in water 10 oz. tannic acid 1 dr., for a few minutes, then immerse in carbonate of soda 1 dr., water 4 oz., for a very short time, then return to tannic acid bath, and if necessary repeat the operation until the right tint is obtained.

Brown (dark.)—Immerse in caustic potash 1 dr., to water 8 oz., (or ammonia .880, 10 per cent solution) until blue color disappears and prints are a pale orange yellow, then change to (above) tannic acid bath until tint required is reached.

Black.—Bathe in 4 per cent solution of potassium carbonate (or sodium carbonate) until blue disappears and print is yellowish-brown. Wash and bathe in 4 per cent solution of tannin.

PHOTOGRAPHIC NOTES.

That the coming season is going to be the greatest ever known in amateur photography is generally expressed throughout the photographic trade.

All indications point to a most prosperous year.

There seems to be a greater unanimity among dealers in regard to upholding of prices, and the discouragement of illegitimate competition.

The action of one of the leading camera concerns in the country in making a standard discount, below which their goods cannot be sold, while it is a most radical departure from their

former methods it is hailed with joy by dealers who desire to make a fair profit on the goods they sell.

QUESTION BOX.

YELLOW STAINS ON DEVELOPING PAPER

Cause—Prints not moved around fixing bath.

Remedy—Have a small wooden paddle and with it move the print around your fixing tray, as soon as possible after immersion.

MAGIC PHOTOGRAPH.

The so-called magic photographs are used by fortune tellers who, for a small consideration, will show you the exact likeness of your future wife or husband. They are produced in this way: Fix a print on albumenized paper in a perfectly fresh hypo bath and wash well. Bleach this print in bi-chloride of mercury solution when the image will completely disappear. Now soak a blotter in strong hypo solution and allow to dry. To again develop the print, cut a piece of blotter the size of print and immerse both in water, the face of the print being next to the blotter. Allow to remain in contact for a minute when the print will again be fully visible.

CLEANING LENSES.

A piece of fine chamois skin moistened slightly with alcohol is the best thing to use. Do not rub the surface of the lens but merely wipe away with a gentle motion, any dirt or scum that may have collected upon them. A soft camel hair duster is excellent in cleaning lenses and the inside of cameras also.

Warming Developers.

Pour warm water in the measure glass and allow it to stand for a few minutes. Now pour off water, and substitute developer; the warmed glass will be found to make developer just warm which is just how a developer should be used.

Mineral Collecting.

There are probably few branches of collecting which require such broad study for their intelligent pursuit, yet are undertaken with less knowledge of even the fundamentals, than is mineral collecting.

It is safe to say that a considerable majority of the inhabitants of this old globe have at one time or another collected, or at least been interested in "pretty stones" or specimens but to only a very few are they anything more than pretty stone. Such people, although they may be fairly successful in stocking a cabinet, are really going blind. They miss, unconsciously, the greatest degree of pleasure and profit and are learning almost nothing. They are merely hoarding something, which has struck their fancy.

It is for the purpose of pointing out what can, and must, be learned before we can converse understandingly of the minerals in our possession that this article is written. I shall also undertake to give methods of acquiring this knowledge. It must be understood that I offer but a bare outline, to be filled in, more or less completely, as the opportunities of the individual make this possible.

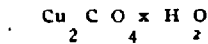
Of course, there is no royal road to Mineralogy or anything else. Only long, persistent study and experience can make a Mineralogist, who is competent to determine the name, composition, characteristics, etc., of any specimen submitted for his examination. Yet it is not at all necessary that collectors should be able to do this. In most cases, minerals are labeled or the collector has a wiser friend, who will identify them for him and this should be all that he need to know.

Dictionaries and encyclopaedias are very valuable aids but every collector,

who is really in earnest, should possess a good book on the subjects of mineralogy and crystallography. Such a one may be obtained very reasonably and should be used simply as a reference book. When the name of a mineral is known, we have but to turn to the proper page to find out all about it.

A knowledge of some general chemistry is essential. By this, I mean only the elementary principles of this science, such as can be mastered in a very short time. This should include the idea of elements, molecules, compounds, acids, salts, and especially the last two, together with the abbreviations used for names of the more important elements. A few minutes given to the subject or even a good encyclopaedia should suffice.

To show the use to which this is applied, let us take the common, green copper mineral, Malachite. To one who understood chemistry, I could say that it was a hydrated, copper carbonate and write its composition by the letters:



(read C-U-2, C, O-4 plus H-2-O) but to anyone else I must say that it is composed of two parts (by weight) of copper, one part of carbon, four parts of oxygen and more or less water. How clumsy the latter description is when we desire to label a specimen.

A working knowledge of Crystallography (the science which treats of the naturally occurring forms of minerals) is necessary, since, in many cases, minerals can be identified easily in no other way except by the shape in which they crystallize. It is not needful that we be able to recognize complicated forms but we should know the names of the common ones and at least be able to place a crystal into the system to which it belongs. An hours work with

an encyclopedia should be ample.

An acquaintance with Geology, while not indispensable, is certainly desirable and makes our hobby much more interesting.

The selection and arrangement of the pieces composing a collection require no small amount of taste. In fact few people are sufficiently artistic to know how to show off their prized specimens to the best advantage. Many creditable collections are spoiled and the finest specimen will often lose its individuality through too much massing or crowding of the pieces. Observation must be the teacher here and many ideas may be obtained by visiting some large display collection.

Finally, do not be discouraged by present lack of knowledge. Remember that all great Mineralogists were once in your position and that your specimens will amply repay you for all the spare time and study which you can manage to give them.

G. MONTAGUE BUTLER.

How the Photographer Fakes.

When the millennium arrives (remarks Science Siftings), it is probable that a photographer will please his patrons without resorting to retouching. But, except a few fortunate mortals, all photographers are obliged at the present time to do more or less after-work on their negatives. The reasons for this are twofold: first, to correct defects in plate and manipulation—though this might be more properly classed as "spotting;" and, secondly, to tone down those details of feature, &c., which the camera is apt to exaggerate.

There is no royal road to retouching and there are no trade secrets in it: Care, close attention, and lots of practice are very necessary, the retoucher should have all the general art he can obtain; and, most of all, the man who would really excel must have a fine sense of restraint and know when to stay his hand.

The essentials for retouching are few. The retouching desk is a sloping board to stand on a table, with a small hole cut in it. The negative is placed over this hole resting on a little ledge which is fastened to the board, and held in place by a metal clip-spring or other simple means. The hole in the board allows light to be thrown through the negative and so secures a good illumination.

HOW TO FAKE.

Either lamp or daylight may be used and a mirror reflector will direct the light to the right spot. A pencil of the best quality should be used, and it should be sharpened to a long, very fine point. After sharpening with a knife, finish the point by rubbing on sandpaper. The pencil-point will not "bite" on the surface, and so a retouching medium is used to give the negative film a slight roughness. A good retouching medium is

Gum Dammar6 grains

Rectified Turpentine1 ounce

thoroughly dissolved together and filtered through absorbent cotton.

To coat the negative, take a wad of silk rag, or of very soft, clean chamois leather which has been repeatedly washed, and moisten it with the varnish and rub it gently on the film. Rub with a circular motion. If cotton wadding is used the "hairs" stick to the varnish and cause trouble, and a line or cotton cloth may scratch the film.

A QUESTION OF SIGHT.

Before entering on retouching it is well to be sure of one's eyesight. It is very trying work, and requires not only a steady strong eye, but a delicate hand as well. The stroke given with the pencil is so short that it is generally made with a slight vibratory motion. The finger and thumb, the wrist not being called into play. The elbow should rest on the edge of the table to give support, and for the most delicate work a stick should be used to support the wrist, being held, of course, in the

hand. Sit squarely up to the work
 don't bend over it too closely; that is
 neither for the eyes nor the health.
 The special touch to be used in re-
 touching is largely a matter of prefer-
 ence, or perhaps of habit. Many touches
 are recommended. Some people sug-
 gest a mere succession of dots with the
 pencil; others suggest curved lines, or
 cross-hatching, or other special prefer-
 ence. More important it is to know
 exactly where you want your touches
 and what result you are aiming at. The
 touch will then come of itself, to a large
 extent. Before going into details of a
 retouch, we caution the retoucher to be very
 careful to study the exact shape of his
 subjects.

ABOUT NOSES.

Take, as an example, the nose. We
 often see a photograph with a straight,
 brilliant strip of light running from the
 root to the tip, where it expands into a
 larger spot. Now, the nose is really
 composed of three sections. First, there
 is the bone for about one-third of its
 length. This is continued as gristle, and
 at the point of connection the band of
 gristle is generally bent; and, lastly,
 there is the fleshy end of the nose,
 where the light again changes. The
 modelling, too, of the temple, of
 the cheekbone—in fact, of every detail
 depends on proper appreciation of the
 shapes and values of the different areas
 of the face. A good modelling is very
 essential. Retouching gives an added
 roundness to the face or figure.

Before commencing to retouch, obtain
 a proof-print from your negative; com-
 pare it with finished prints from
 retouched negatives, and mark where
 the retouching fails. The wrinkles or curves at the
 corners of the mouth generally require
 retouching down, and if, as is sometimes the
 case, they have a downward trend, they
 should be straightened or turned upward.
 A mouth curved upward at the corners

gives a pleasant expression. A down-
 ward curve gives the reverse. The lips
 being red, naturally tend to "take"
 darker than they should do. Notice
 these carefully in the proof. There will
 probably be three depths of shade in
 them, and these relative depths must be
 preserved.

FAKED LIPS.

A little accentuation of the shape of
 the lips can be done. In theatrical work
 the lips and teeth sometimes are subject
 to considerable modelling. The eyes
 share with the mouth in giving expres-
 sion to the face, and in the eye great
 care is required. It is generally a great
 mistake to lighten the white of the eye,
 run a decided line around the iris, and
 then darken the pupil, though this is
 often done. This darkening of the
 pupil is done with a needle, making tiny
 holes in the film to let the light through.
 And here we may say that darkening
 the iris or "cutting away" is very useful
 in photography. With a really sharp knife,
 and care, high lights can be pared down
 and a good deal of control exercised. If
 there are many conflicting reflections
 in the eyes, work out most of them.

The eyelashes are often scratched in,
 and done very badly. We do not see
 the separate lashes as we look at a per-
 son; they are either in even shades or
 in small masses. In working round the
 big masses—the forehead and cheeks—
 don't get too much light. Gradually
 soften down in working away from the
 highest light, and do not encroach too
 much on the shadows at the sides of the
 face. They give modelling and relief
 to the portrait. In cases of ladies in
 low-cut dresses—especially if the sub-
 jects are very thin—it will be necessary
 to tone down certain muscles, as the one
 leading from the ear to the breast bone,
 and the hollow at its intersection into
 the bone. In this case the knife may
 darken and the pencil lighten to over-
 come undue contrast.

Geology of Niagara.

By F. A. W. DEAN.

Niagara River yields a vast area for the student, naturalist and professor starting at Buffalo and following the river down to the brink of the Falls. Numerous species of fossil shells, coral, and sea mosses are in abundance, a few plants thrive. Journeying below the Falls toward the Horseshoe Falls, below Goat Island we find beautiful cavities of Pearly Dolomite (pearlspar vac.)

Snowy white gypsum, massive and crystalized calcite, massive and crystalized (dogtooth spar), petrified leaves, moss and limestone. Then we go down the enclined railway on the opposite side of the Falls and follow the rocky banks, strewn with numerous fossil shells, till the mouth of the great tunnel is reached then we find a bed of a greenish sandstone mingled with a reddish brown sandstone, nadina sandstone, which is literally filled with crinoid and furoid stems standing up in bold relief from $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, thence further down we come to what is left of Catlins cave, directly under the new pen stock of the power house. This cave had an opening just big enough for a person to crawl in and when inside could stand erect and go probably 75 ft. The walls were composed of petrified moss (calc lufa) to a thickness of $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 ft the outer portion was covered with beautiful green moss which is constantly wet by the lime water dripping through the walls which slowly petrifies the moss. Then we follow the great gorge along to the Whirlpool rapids, Devils hole and whirlpool where numerous fine specimens such as Parositis, Honeycomb and Halliopium and Maduporic corals are in abundance. Crinoid heads and stems, trilobites and susestr and fish and vertebrate remains are also found.

Petrified wood and leaves and numerous small shells, etc., are in great quantity.

Storing Negatives.

It is well to store these in original boxes in batches of twelve, placing them film side down, and taking care that no grit or dust gets between them. If packed film to film, the lower negative is liable to be scratched when removing the upper one. Write titles in side lid of box for reference.

Mounting Matt Surface Prints.

The following is a very effective way of mounting matt surface prints, especially brown toned ones:—Get some thick toned etching paper—as rough as possible (this may be procured from a stationer or dealer in artists' necessaries). Tear this roughly to the desired size, mount the print on it, and then place on a piece of blotting paper and rule a margin round the print with a piece of ebonite, or the smooth end of a glass rod. This will make a sort of plate sunk mark, which will be deeper the harder you press on the ebonite. The mounted photo looks for all the world like a toned etching.

Framing Photographs.

To ensure the proper preservation of a photograph when framed, special precautions are necessary to protect it from damp and dust. When the glass is placed in the frame, glue narrow strips of brown paper round the edges of the glass, sticking them both to the glass and the side of the rebate. Pay special attention to the corners, and put aside to dry till next day. Then clean the glass, insert photo, and place behind the mount a stout sheet of paper, or even two or three thicknesses. Put in the back board, and then over all the back glue another sheet of sound paper, gluing only the edges, and slightly dampening to make it draw tight. The photo is then practically in an air-tight case.

**Souvenir Card
DEPARTMENT.**

International Souvenir Card
Exchange Conducted by Adolph
Sollge, 20 N. 4th St., St. Louis, Mo.

It is very important for collectors of Souvenir Postal Cards to observe a few fundamental rules of collectery. The American Collector has not as large an assortment of cards to choose from, as his European brother has, and is therefore anxious to collect almost anything in Illustrated post cards that comes his way, whether used or unused, whether postmarked properly or not.

USED CARDS.

It is well to make it a rule never to send a card of one place, from another place. This is one rule that ought to be strictly followed and in course of time you will see the wisdom of it. Supposing you are traveling in Europe and sending home a card showing a view of the Thames or some other noted point. The card in going through the mail, will tell the tale, without you making special mention of the fact, that you are in London, even though you write only your name on the back of it.

But what a puzzle it would be to your friends, to receive a card bearing a picture of the Switzerland Mountains and maybe in printing the legend, Greeting from the White Horse Inn, Geneva, Switzerland. Maybe the postmark would be indistinct, and could not be made out readily. Take the same card safely placed among others in the album holding all the cards sent home as souvenirs of your trip, in what way would a card with views of Switzerland or South Africa, remind you of your sojourn in London, or a card with views of Blarney Castle

help you illustrate the fun you had at a German beer garden?

Its the same with cards you send out, when at home. Don't mail cards, unless they are either strictly local or of a general or national character, such as card with scenes, that can be seen in almost any American city or those negro, cakewalk or Indian, or other character cards. Artistic Genre cards, as they are called in Europe, with Still life, flowers, birds or children scenes, Illustrated Quotation of poets, and thousands of other subjects, are quite suitable, if proper view cards are not obtainable.

The strict observance of these rules, is what makes the collecting of USED cards so interesting, and this is what gives the used souvenir card a market value. The same applies to cards issued in commemoration of certain events. There is no sense nor excuse for mailing a card today, that was issued at the time of the Chicago World's Fair and was intended to be either sent then and there or merely kept as an unused card in remembrance of the event.

On the other hand the collector of UNUSED cards will collect anything that has not gone through the mail, that is, not written on and postmarked. He generally takes up some special field, such as collecting views of American cities only, or European countries only, western or eastern cities and tries to get his collection complete as possible. This is the easiest branch of the sport, and quite interesting, still, there seems to be a great majority in favor of collecting the used card.

No collector is really happy, unless he finds some one takes an interest in his fancies, therefore, let there be a lively exchange of cards, and don't forget to answer promptly any card you will receive, bearing the stamp of a member of the International Souv. Card Exchange. Members should bear

this in mind and remember that they must only expect prompt attention and even value in return, but that it is necessary for every member to extend these courtesies to brother members, in the first place and under any and all circumstances. Still, they should not forget to be courteous and liberal with any other collector who might ask him to exchange.

Don't fail to keep a careful record of any card received, also when and what card was sent in exchange. In this way you will be sure not to send the same card to the same person more than once.

The list of Souv. Card Collectors furnished by the Exchange to its members contains hundreds of names of collectors from all over the world. Every respectable collector is requested to join the Exchange, to send names of all collectors known to him or her, and to induce his friends to join the merry band. Send 25c for 10 cards and membership card and 15c for the Identification stamp of the Exchange. The Philatelic West is official organ of the International Souv. Card Exch. Price 25c per year. Send 50c with your application and receive 10 cards, Identification stamp and West for one year. Address International Souv. Card Ex., 3636 California Ave, St. Louis, Mo., U. S. A.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I hereby make application to become a member of the International Souv. Card Exchange, St. Louis, Mo., and promise to faithfully obey all rules of the Exchange in regard to the prompt and honest exchange of Souvenir or Illustrated Private Post Cards as prescribed by the Rules of the Exchange, upon my word of honor. Enclosed find 25c to pay for 10 cards and membership card also 15c for Identification stamp, to be used on the address side of all cards mailed by me, and additional 10c to pay for subscription to Philatelic West and Camera News, 50c in all (75c foreign) for one year.

I have a collection of.....cards
 I make a specialty of.....

 Name and Address (write very plain.)

MOUNTING PHOTOGRAPHS UPON METAL.

The Photographische Chronik gives the following hint to those who may wish to mount labels or photographs upon metal:

Thoroughly cleanse the surface of the metal from all traces of grease by washing it with hot water in which carbonate of soda has been dissolved.

Rub dry with clean duster and prepare surface with the juice of an onion.

The photographs may then be mounted in the ordinary way upon the metal and will adhere to it firmly.

SPOTTING MEDIUM.

An excellent medium may be prepared by scraping away the dense portions of old negatives. When a sufficient quantity has been secured place it in a small bottle, add a little water, a few drops of acetic acid, and dissolve by means of heat.

A thickish paste is thus obtained which has the same properties as the negative, and which is easily used with a brush. The paste may also be prepared from the cuttings of toned prints.

HOW TO RETOUCH DRESSES.

The dress often calls for retouching. In getting a correctly-exposed plate, say, a lady's head and shoulders, the dress may be over or under-exposed according to its colour. Observation and practice will suggest the right touch. A dress of soft clinging texture will call for curves very different from the straight lines of a silk wedding dress; and the lighting of a cheaper plush. It is very seldom that velvet reflections are produced in white light, and care should be exercised to avoid overdoing them. In lace, etc., do not pick out every thread of the pattern; indicate it as delicately as possible. This applies to all parts of the dress where practicable. Many ladies wish for a record of their dresses, and of course, it is essential to render them faithfully; but the face is, after all, the centre of attraction.

American Camera Club Exchange

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 Secretary—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 advance to the secretary. Corresponding membership for a stamp. All communications and questions should be addressed to the secretary, L. T. Brodstone, Superior, Nebr., and should be accompanied by a stamp to insure prompt reply. Corresponding members wishing membership card must inclose a 2c stamp to the secretary for reply. Why not become a member. It costs you nothing if a subscriber. Send names of your active photographer friends.



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Wanted, to trade or for cash, various copies of Am Jnl of Phil. P J of A, Methrop Phil. Monthly, Post Office, Halifax Phil. Boston Stamp Bk, Phil Californian, Stamp Coins Fortnightly, Stanley Gibbons Monthly Jnl, Phil Record, P J of B and all European and other foreign stamp papers Send list of what you have and what you ask to R R Thiele, Manchester, Wis

1875 1c blue on fawn envelopes, unused, entire mint state, cata 50c for 40c worth foreign stamps, 10 for \$3 worth—W G Jerrems, Jr 214 Clark st Chicago Ill

Printing material and job printing to X for anything of value that I can use Write or send what you have or state what you want Type or printer's supplies wanted for cash or X—T O Young, New Haven N Y

Iver Johnson bicycle Diamond frame, gear 74, 26 in frame rode about 800 miles cost \$50, all o k X for best offer in stamps F M Richardson, Hartland, Vt.

Novels to X for stamps, 1 novel for every stamp cat 15c ny selection—A M Foisy, Mapleton, Minn

A foreign stamp listing 4c and an unused 1c stamp brings you 6 stamp papers—E R Aldrich, Benson, Minn

I collect U S postage, revenues, match and medicine and X with other collectors of same Good U S depts on hand J M Westphal, Care of Cerman Loan and Sav Bank, Joliet, Ill

X desired with collectors in Porto Rico, Cuba, Hawaii, Guam and Philippines send lots of 50-500 common also better ones on sheets—Harry Tiusman, FINDERNE, N J

Wanted, G B unused plate numbers, all issues, and British Beehananaland Nos 2, 24, 25 unused J Graner, 1760 Jackson Ave, New Orleans, La

A number copies of LeTrumbre Post and Der Philatelist to trade for stamps—Aldrich, Benson, Minn

1000 varieties foreign stamps (value \$5) free. We have a unique offer for the first applicant from each place Write today, enclose 4c postage The Imperial Co bx 215, Meaford, Ontario.

Will give paper covered book for stamps cat 10c none under 5c wanted W H Barker, Pond st Quincy, Mass.

to stamps cataloging .25 for any copy of the London Philatelist—Aldrich, Benson, Minn

Foreign and U S stamp papers etc for U S postage and revenue and U S colonies write—Harry Tiusman, FINDERNE, N J

Camera Club & Souvenir Card Ex

One notice under fifteen words free to each subscriber. For sale notices ½ cent per word; three insertions for the price of two.

Fine southern cotton and negro photos 3x4 4x5 squeezed unmounted for good character, odd or striking views of your locality, 56 from your pet negatives for same number of mine—E Chandle, bx 509, Augusta, Ga

Photographs taken convention week to trade for stamps which can be used in 3000 collection—Lillie C Aldrich, Benson, Minn

Two cameras to X for best offer in stamps will sell for cash 4x5 Premo B Darlot lens plate holders and roll holder, cost \$30 in '98, Folding Hawkeve cost \$40 in '93—Dr C H Gerner, Port Townsend, Wash

ARMillard 8 1/2 S 1/2 2st Sp'g (1d) Ill has fine unmounted prints 5x7 of the Lincoln homes and monuments to X for stamps The 2 for 50c worth cat Variety selection, also paper weights, write me Broistone

2700 miles through Rocky mts with wagon pack animals Have 4x5 and 5x7 Velox and Vinco prints for sale or X 4x5 10c 3 for 25c 5x7 for 50c also stamps and coins. I have a Rky bear skin I will trade for the best offer camera Send stamp for information—G S Cook Denton, Wis

A group picture 14x17 of stamp collectors the Milwaukee meets to X for \$3.00 cat. value stamps.—Wm F Schad, 1222 Sherman St Milwaukee, Wis.

Albert L Goddoy 1700, 15 th St Washington C has good photographs of this city which would like to exchange for stamps

A pound and ¼ of photographic magazine trade for four private die medicine stamps of one lot Aldrich, Benson Minn

Birds-eye views of Milwaukee or Toledo to trade for others or Canada Rev or good Finland or Denmark stamps Mrs A C Stewart 226 Floyd st Eada Ohio

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Lack of space cut our last report short for combination of two societies. We now have up in the hundreds of membership, and should be pleased to have other reliable collectors join.

We see the Fair Stamp Co. ads in a number of papers. We wonder how

many got their pay? The firm is reported to have left St. Louis to parts unknown.

Secy D. P. A. reports Lowe of Toronto to have been expelled in May '99 No and October '99 No, trustees say his case and four others have been taken care of, but yet we have to see any paper have it, and January, 1900 No. organ has cut off Lowe and change address; so which am I to believe?

T. Fagan of Topeka, Kan., reports lots of frauds in ads. of Advocate and got him.

Dr. Lewis sends a list of several to be published if no reply is made.

J. L. Weber of Kansas reports that he gets no reply from C. G. Blue of Lees Summit, Mo

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We learn from Mr. Bull of N Y that he thinks the society was a means of getting him returns.

Regards D. P. A. report of fraud, editor of N. Y. Philatelist seems to have good many write similar, for it is funny to see Chap. kicks, when, for instance, his claim of party in prison. Is member of D. P. A. and member of most of the other societies, in such a place since last April, and not one society has dropped him yet.

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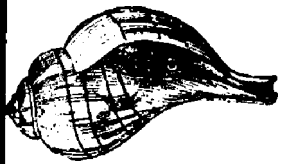
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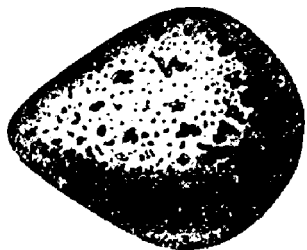


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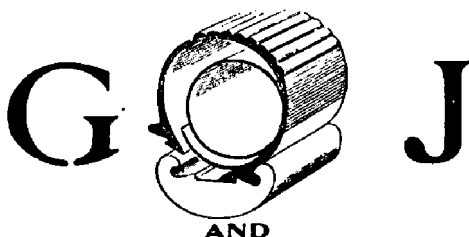
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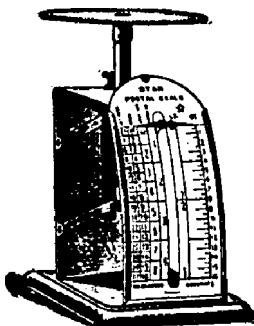
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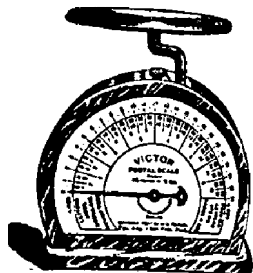
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