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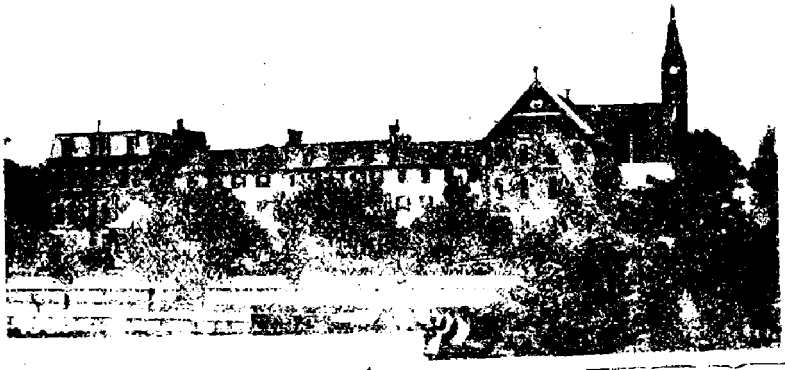

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er 100	.06	$1 gr per 12	.10
" 100	.04	40 each	.02
" 25	.08	80 "	.10
" 25	.05	$1 red "	.25
" 100	.12	$3 "	.10
" 100	.12	$5 "	.16
9 var	.05	$1 olive each	.15
var	.25	1 set including one of each above	.75

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d 2c per 100	.03	80c each	.03
d 4c " 100	.05	$1 gr per 10	.04
" 100	.04	$1 red each	.03
" 100	.04	$1 olive "	.03
" 100	.06	$3 "	.04
" 5	.04	$5 "	.08
" 25	.07	$10 "	.40

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100 " includes Hawaii, Philippines etc	.10
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1 " " book	.02
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100 best hinges	.10

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100 "	35c	150 "	.50
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1000 " " " " better grade	25c
1000 " " " " 50 var	50c
1000 " foreign good assortment	25c
50 var U. S. postage (cat over $1.75	50c
25 " " "	10c
60 " " revenue " " $2,00	50c

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10 " " dues 1, 2, 3, 5, 10 - -
10 " " war rev ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 25, 50, $1.00
} Postfree Registered **$1.00**

500 dues 1 and 2c - - - - - - - - - - $
1200 dues 1 and 2c - - - - - - - - - - $

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Canada No. 1, 2, 2, 3, 5 (60 of each 300 in all) - - - - $

Philippines!
15 different - - - $3
25 different pairs - - $7
25 different blocks of four

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150 var good stamps - - - -	.15

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" 1900, 11 var	.14
Argentine Rep, 10 dif	.08
N. Borneo, 1897, 6 var. fine	.14
Labaum, 1897, 6 var. fine	.14
Costa Rica, 1889, 1-50c, 6 var	.07
Cuba, 20 var	.16
Hungary, 15 var. obsolete	.06
Peru, 1895, 9 dif	.03
Uruguay, 10 var. fine set	.15
Italy, 25 var	.08
Servia 10 var	.11
Sweden, 30 dif	.11
Hayti, 7 dif	.16
1,000 omega hinges	.05

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Counterfeits and Their Detection

By Lacus Viridis.

(Continued.)

MEXICO. The 1868 issue of Mexico is not particularly beautiful, though quitel interesting. Mexico, having just passed through the war which ended in the execution of the usurper Maximilian, was in poor financial shape and could not afford expensive postage stamps; hence the post office authorities had resource to native lithographic talent. The result fairly invites forgery by its slipshod execution. Accordingly I have before me a lot of counterfeits of this issue. Both originals and counterfiets being lithographed, the printing itself furnishes no clue. Of the 6c value, I have two counterfeits which are not identical, though resembling each other in certain points; perhaps one due to a retouch of the other (not though that we must bother with retouches on genuine stamps, these counterfeits put similar frills on their products) The forgeries are both supposed to be of the variety without dot after the value, but the figure of value is not thin, as it should be, but thick and broad, like that with dot. Still it does not quite resemble the genuine thick figure either, the lower part being much too flat. The most striking difference is in the position of the figure; in the genuine 6c it is halfway between the left corner ornament and the word CENT, but on the counterfeits it is away over at the left, quite close to the corner ornament. On one of the forgeries the top part of the 6 is quite a little wider than on the other. Above the value there should be a horizontal line all the way across below the circle; on these counterfeits this line is conspicuous by its absence. Perhaps the same stone was used for printing forgeries of the other values and this line was accidentally erased with the former value. The lettering is quite fair, though all the letters of MEXICO, and CENT are a trifle too low. On the

genuine stamps of this et (which evidently all come from the same original die or rather stone) the letter I of MEXICO is distinctly composed of two parallel lines, on the counterfeits it has but one line. Thanks be that our friends, the forgers, sleep over their work once in a while! The corner ornaments show variations also between the counterfeits and originals, as well as between the two forgeries before me, but the differences are so exceedingly minute that they can hardly be made plain in words without illustrations. The head of Hidalgo on the originals is no work of art, but the forgeries have treated the noble liberator of Mexico even worse. The differences are hardly describable, but the counterfeits have succeeded in giving the father of his country a singularly sour and discontented look—small wonder, when he has to serve on a counterfeit. As to the paper of this 6c it is of a much lighter brown than any I have ever seen on any original; but the other counterfeit, on the contrary, has a very dark brown paper. The forgeries of the other values before me are apparently all from the same stone as this and the above descriptions will answer here also accept that the horizontal line above the value appears in all of them. The 12c is of the thick figure variety with period; the upper part of the 2 is too small, the lower part much too long compared with the genuine. The 25c is of the same type; the figure 2 has a curved foot instead of a straight one like the genuine: the top of the 5 is also curved instead of straight. The two is too close to the left corner, while on the genuine there is about the same space before the 2 and behind the 5; the period is nearer to the c than to the 5 instead of vice versa, as on the genuine. The 50c is also of the same type (with period) the 5 and 0 are of the same height, whereas on the genuine the 5 is a trifle smaller than the 0; the period is on the lower horizontal line, instead of a little distance above it; in the E of CENT the middle stroke is equidistant from the upper and lower bars instead of being nearer the upper one as on the genuine. The 100c has no period; the figures are too close to the left corner and there is the same space between the two 0's as between the 1 and 0, though on the genuine the two 0's are a little farther apart than the 1 and the 0. The counterfeit of this value before me is black on brown, oddly enough; it should have been just as easy to print the more valuable brown on brown. All my forgeries of this set are imperforate, which in this case saves trouble and is worth nearly as much.

Of the 1872 issue with head to left I have forgeries only of the 6 and 100c. The 6c forgery is remarkable in that the value SEIS reads upward instead of downward; that is enough identification in itself. The letters of all the inscriptions besides this are too tall. The ornaments to the right and left of the words CORREOS and MEXICO on this value (mind, not on all of the others) are on the background of vertical lines in the original, whereas the forgery here has horizontal lines. As to the MOIRE pattern on the back, that bears very little resemblance indeed to the genuine. The counterfeit of the 100c is pretty fair. The outer line of the frame between each of the four labels and the corner ornaments is double on the genuine stamp, but single on the counterfeit. The first R of CORREOS on the genuine is smaller than the second R; on the counterfeits both are of the same size. On the genuine there is more space between the E and X of MEXICO than between the other letters of this word; on the counterfeit these letters are all equidistant. The ornaments at each side of the labels are also incorrectly drawn, e. g. at the left of the upper label the end of the ornament points downward instead of upward. The moire pattern here also is but a distant

elative of that on the genuine. Both of ese counterfeits are imperforate and of urse unwatermarked. The color of e 6c is a grayish green, that of the 100c very near that of the original.

(To be continued)

Notes For U. S. Collectors

E. R. ALDRICH.

The amount of the revenue under the ar tax measure paid by the Postoffice epartment on money order for the scal year 1899-1900 was $646055.48 the tire amount of which by arrangement tween the treasury and postoffice deartment was paid through the Baltiore, Md., office. Who can explain y this course is pursued instead of ving the transaction done direct at e Capitol.

Our new possessions have caused the dition of one hundred and one new oney order offices, fiftyeight of them the Sandwich Islands, twenty four in rto Rico and nineteen in the Philipnes.

I recently saw a specimen of the three nt 1861 issue which was the size of 1869 issue. It must have resulted m a sheet of this value being run rough the perforating machine while y were arranged for the latter issue.

The only new precancelled I have ted this month is a three cent Akron, , with horizontal surcharge. The cimen I have is an invert but the ular type undoubtedly exists. It is d by a threshing machine company tubes enclosing hangers.

The local dead letter office at San Juan ich was discontinued has been reestablished as being more convenient for the service. A similar office has also been established in connection with the Philippine service at Manila.

Commencing Nov. 1, 1900, special cars for the delivery of mail sacks from the Belt Line Depot to the postoffice were placed in use on the electric line at Kansas City. Only two or three other cities have such service. Even with the additional cost thus entailed the running expenses of the office are smaller pro rata than that of either of the sixteen largest offices in the country.

For the past ten years the government of Chile has been victimized by counterfeiters of postage stamps, and for the past four years the Chilean postoffice department has filed reports showing that several thousand more stamps of Chile have been used than printed. The mail service there is probably the poorest and most unsatisfactory of any country.

Printing upon the stamps of Venezula frequently attracts attention, inasmuch as it appears very much like a surcharge. It is, however, of similar nature to the fine perforations which are found in stamps of Great Britain, India, and many other countries, which are intended to prevent the stealing of stamps by employees of large firms. The government of Venezuela allows stamps to be overprinted in this way for this purpose. The letters in the corners of the stamps of Great Britain are intended to indicate the position of the stamp upon which they occur in the sheet. The alphabetical order is down the sheet of stamps and across it from left to right. Thus there are no two stamps in the same sheet which have the same letters. This was originally intended as a guard against counterfeiting, but, like many other things invented for this purpose, it has been abandoned in recent years as unnecessary.

The Philippines

N. STAPLES.

Ferdinand Magellen was the first European to see the Philippine Islands. Historians differ as to the exact time of the discovery, but it was between the years 1519 and 1521. He found them in the possession of wild, barbarous tribes that were never entirely subjugated by Spain during a period of nearly four hundred years. It was in these islands that the sturdy sailor met his death after one of the most daring sea voyages recorded in history.

Luzon is the largest of the group comprising the Philippines, having an area of 40,000 square miles and a population of over 4,500,000. It is classed among the largest islands in the world, ranking thirteenth in size. This great group, called by the Spaniards, Ilas Filipinas, numbers about fourteen hundred islands which constitute an archipelago lying between the China Sea on the west and the Pacific ocean on the east.

Little more than a semblance of civilization has ever been maintained outside the chief cities, and as a colony the Philippines were never really prosperous. In the life of the Filipinos there is a interwoven a strange restlessness that has prevented them from qnietly submitting to the rule of tyrannical Spaniards, and it is this same spirit of discontent that has influenced the rebellion against the United States. For years the islands were a dependency of Mexico. England captured them during the French and Indian War, but eventually returned them to Spain.

Americans and the world in general are well acquainted with the history of the islands since the memorabie morning of May 1, 1898, when Admiral Dewey began at daybreak, the most remarkable naval battle in history. The Filipinos welcomed the Americans as their deliverers and for a while worked in unis with them. But to the K. K. K. socie a sort of secret organization, is d much of the opposition to the rule of t United States. The society is a nation one and unites all classes, and by ma is thought to be related to true Fre masonry.

In the centers of the stamps of the s called Filipino republic is the emble of this society. These are termed "Agu naldo" stamps, and at present there a good grounds for classing them as bo fide postage stamps. There are fi stamps in the set and perhaps more, b the only one known to have been us is the 2c. rose. It is, or was, made i side the territory of the insurgents supply a legitimate postal need, and matter to what extent used, it seems us they are collectible and should classed as genuine postage stamps.

The demand for U. S. colonials m be classified as follows: Hawaiian Philppines, Guam, Cuba and Porto Ric The Philippine stamps afford a wi range for philatelic study and researc and many of them are very rare, affor ing a good investment for dealer collector. Very few good counterfe are known to exist, with the exceptio of those of the 1863 issue, the 5 and centesimos and 1 and 2 reales. We no upon the authority of Mr. Bartels th the scarcest of all the Philippine stam is the 1854 issue, 1r., surcharged Habi itado, No 155, which is uncatalogue but was recently offered at $90.00.

At present the postal system of th islands is supposed to be the same our own, and, as American ideas a being rapidly instilled, it is natural suppose that it will soon reach as a hig degree of perfection. Many improv ments are already noticeable sin American occupation, and the cla made by some of our soldier boys th there is no such thing as a postal syste can no longer be substantiated

Stamp Collecting.

Miss Agnes Knowlton, Denmark, Ia., U. S. A.

Stamp collecting has gained for itself such widespread popularity that it has become a science and has received the name Philately, and the collectors, Philatelists. Last spring the Brooklyn institute of Arts and Sciences created a department of Philately, thus recognizing it as one of the sciences. Societies of Philately have been formed in all parts of this country and in Europe and many papers are being published in the interest of stamp collecting.

All this proves that stamp collecting is not a mere fad or hobby of certain persons, as is too generally supposed. Yet the interest in stamps and the knowledge about them comes gradually to all Philatelists.

I well remember the first time I heard of anyone's collecting cancelled postage stamps. It seemed to me a most absurd fad. I could sympathize with the Irishman, whose son was a collector. "Bedad," he said, "If ye ain't making a big kind of fuss over a little piece of colored paper with jist a little fancy stuff around the idge." It was not long however, before I found myself securing the stamps from old letters and saving all that I could lay my hands on. After I had added to this diminutive collection about a dozen foreign varieties I considered myself a full fledged collector. No longer were these stamps termed small pieces of paper and if anyone in my presence called them such he quickly repented.

Christmas soon came and with it a stamp album. Now my work began in earnest for to place the stamps in the album neatly one must needs have deft fingers. The stamps are easily torn and a torn stamp has little value and is not an ornament to any album. With an outlay of ten cents one can secure one thousand small, square gummed hinges which are used to place the specimens in the book. The apparent size of my collection had considerably diminished when it was mounted in my album. As most of my stamps were of the common varieties of United States stamps, many of the pages were blank. Now came the problem of how to enlarge my collection.

My first step in this direction was to study the alluring advertisements of numerous companies. The result of this was that I sent my name to one of these firms. I received in return a good collection of stamps on approval, as it is called. These collections consist of stamps mounted on sheets of paper with the value of each stamp given. After one has selected the specimens he desires he returns the rest. This is a most satisfactory way of obtaining stamps but necessitates the expenditure of a small amount of money.

A collector of postage stamps has a great advantage over other collectors as he can secure his collection with the out lay of so little money. Take for instance a collection of coins. He is forced to pay a goodly sum for each one of his coins as every coin has a face value, it matters not how great or how small the denomination. In spite of the absence of intrinsic worth, some cancelled stamps command very high prices.

The highest price ever paid for a United States stamp was $4,400. This was an old Baltimore local issued by a private citizen of Baltimore before the postal system was under the control of Uncle Sam.

The fact that the stamps differ so much in value makes them of just so much more interest. They also vary widely in size, shape, design and color. The average size is that of our common two cent red stamp. Yet there are stamps which would measure three or four inches in length and some are round, others three cornered.

The changes which have taken place in the last ten years in the two cent United States stamp now in general use,

are unknown to the majority of Americans. This stamp when first issued was a darker shade of red, lake as it is called than the present one. Then came a change in design. A small triangle was placed in each of the upper corners of stamp and the shade was changed to that of the stamp now issued. The next alteration was the placing of a small cap over the figure in the lower corners. These are termed cap two stamps.

Why do you collect stamps is a question I often hear. A small boy when asked this same question promptly replied, "Why! for fun." This would be the most truthful answer I could give. I do it because I enjoy it. However, this reply often fails to satisfy the questioner and I am forced to give more practical reasons. One who makes a study of Philately soon acquires a useful knowledge of Geography and History. One becomes familiar with the money used in different parts of the world. It teaches one to be careful and neat and above all it trains one in observing closely. One who is familiar with stamps which have undergone changes similar to those of our own two cent and the success of a Philatelist rests largely on his ability in detecting these minor changes.

The Philatelic West.

A Retrospect.

Sixty-four months old! Few philatelic publications can survive the numerous hardships that are their portion as long a period as this. This is aptly demonstrated by the recent demise of the Evergreen State Philatelist—a sad and regretable event. This leaves the West the oldest philatelic paper in America published by a non-dealer—and only three papers contemorary to its first number are now appearing, and these are all controlled by dealers. Truly a notable distinction. It seems befitting that at this time a few reminiscenses should be indulged in.

December 1895! A memorable month for Brodstone and Wilkinson. After weeks and months of planning and figuring—scheming how to successfully fill that "long felt want," and using quantities of graphite in the ante-natal computation of profits—the Philatelic West was given to the public. The publishers lacked the compass of experience to guide them, and they found that their path was not strewn with roses to any noticeable extent. But Brodstone is endowed with that rare gift tritely termed sticktoit-iveness, and this proved valuable to the aspirants in that critical time, and the storms of the first year were weathered, success seemed assured.

Vol. I No. 1 consisted of but four pages, in size slightly larger than that of the current issues. This style was adhered to during the first volume. With the first number of Vol. II the present size of page was adopted. The typographical work at this time was sans reproche. The publication of cuts of various philatelic lights was now begun, to Mr. F. B. Woolston being accorded the honor of being the first subject. These illustrations have continued to be a noteworthy feature. The fortunate possessor of a complete file has a valuable collection of the likenesses of a host of philatelists who have achieved success and risen to prominence—many of whom have passed into the great unknown.

In June, 1897, Wilkinson found that business cares demanded his entire attention, and not wishing to slight his portion of the cares incidental to publication, he transferred his interest to Brodstone and resigned the editorial post. This left Brodstone the sole owner, and finding that he too lacked the requisite time to assure the continuance of the success the paper had been enjoying, he entered into a successful negotiations with Mr. R. L. Shepard, of Omaha. Under this gentleman's administration * * * * numbers appeared, Brodstone again resuming control in Dec. 1897.

In casting about for a new editor, his eye fell upon Mr. F. Woolston, at that time residing in Wayne, Nebr. That his judgement was good was evidenced by the meritorious labors of the new incumbent. He continued in the editorial chair until September 1899, when Mr. A. C. Daily, of Omaha, was called to take up the work. Under his efficient management the editorial columns continued to be of a high standard.

Various philatelic stars have been ntified with the West in the capacities Associate Editors. In December 1898 amera department—a feature that has ntributed much to the popularity of West—was added, Mr. G. B. Ward, Chicago being in charge. Another nge in the personel of the editorial f occurred in July, 1899, Mr. S. R. ghes assuming the duties of associate tor and Mr. H. V. Thornton becom- editor of that department now term- the Camera News. Mr. Hughs sur- ed the ordeal but a short time, he re- quishing his title in September 1899. ring 1900 the following gentlemen ed in the various capacities mention- Mr. A. R. Thiele, Post cards and latelic Review; Mr. G. Pepper, Fiscal; R. F. Greene, Curios. The latter e still retain their jobs.

We have exhausted personalities—let try generalities. A remarkable and resting feature of the West has been steady growth in size, attractiveness value, this being accompanied by milar increase in patronage. Begin- g with four pages and a rather at- nated subscription list, it has develop- into an "elephantine magazine," to te from a recent review artists re- rks, replete with choice varied read- matter and interesting advertise- nts. The subscription list—too large mention; a disclosure of figures ht lead some to question our well wn veracity. The West is one of philatelic publications, that the rantile agencies quote—and their tations are good, indeed. The West always been a warm friend to so- es, great or small, and has ever d ready to lend aid to the production he new and to the upbuilding of the The editorial policies expounded he first incumbent—to refrain from sonal vituperation, to avoid unclean tics, to always be fair, square and artial in every way—have been ely adhered to by his successors. No stress is laid on the mentioned fact that the first editor inaugurated these rules. It is mentioned as a commendable feature which has deservedly enhanced the paper's popularity.

Many events of note have occurred since the West first appeared. Changes, some startling, others gradual, have occurred. Collectors have arrived—collectors have departed. During the West's life, stamp papers, meritorious and otherwise, have been born, have thriven, waned, died. Wars have occurred, governments have been altered. To chronicle all of these would be fitting, but space forbids.

In conclusion, we wish to present the opening editorial appearing in the West's first number. We disclaim its reproduction as a matter of personal pride in the authorship—it is merely given to show the modest expectations and promises that the publishers entertained and made and their ample fulfillment.

"There is no special reason why, but The Philatelic West is here, and possibly to stay. Who knows? It sent out no heralds in advance—few knew it was enroute. But it is here and intends to make regular trips in the future.

It has not come to fill a long felt want. At least that was not the original intention. But if, by any means, it can overtake this "long felt want" of which so many speak, it will endeavor to fill it to overflowing.

This sheet is not as good as we hoped to make the first number. But who is ever ready when the day comes to launch a venture? However, a stamp paper cannot be born full grown: they are a growth rather than a creation. It is therefore hoped by the editors and publishers that the contracts between this, our first number, and those which follow it will form a series of pleasant surprises to our readers.

We need make no formal announcement of the raison d'etre. This number and those that will follow will speak for themselves, and we are confident that we will give the philatelic public a good excuse for living."

Voila tent.

E. H. WILKINSON.

Stamps of Germany.

By E. R. STEINBRUECK.

This sketch does not claim scientific merit. It is just what I read from my stamp collection spiced with reminiscences for easier digestion.

(Continued from February No.)

BISMARK had great ideas and plans in his ambitious mind for the restoration f Germany, which had been broken and scattered into 32 little sovereignties by the great schemer Napoleon I always afraid and jealous of Germany's power among the nations. Hanover which had shown hostilities, as well as other little states, became either provinces of Prussia or were subdued under her control, gradually becoming Prussian territory and so consequently they lost all reason for issuing stamps of their own. We find that the duchy of Aldenburg her last issue 1862 with the arms of the Duke flying, Hanover with the picture of her blind King George in 1864, Saxony with her shield of black and gold stripes crossed by a crest, Hamburg with her white three towered castle on a red field, Lubeck with her crownless black double eagle on a golden field, Bremen with her key (Bremer Schlotel") and Schleswig-Holstein with numerals, all these latter ceased issuing stamps in 1868.

The flag of Hamburg, under which I have been sailing for three long hard years, all for fun, recalls to my memory always a friendly and sweet recollection. Of the friendly I may say, that the boy's restless longing for the wide, wide world was satisfied—of the sweet I shall not speak.

The stamps of the Dukedom of Brunswick with the white horse on a red field dissappeared with the issue of 1866; th ox head of the Duke of Mecklenburg year afterwards. Only the sovereig kingdoms of Bavaria and Wurtenberg the latter with three pronges of the dee of her dense forests remained sovereig and independent till our present time.

Before we go any further I have t review the stamps of Prussia, my nativ land, the first stamps I e ver saw. Then I behold the face of the old King Fried rich Wilhelm IV to whom I swore, mariner, allegiance in 1855. As a bo of 11 years old I remember the uprisin of the people in Berlin and the notoriou 18th day of March 1848. I recollect th shooting, the noise of battle in th streets of the capital and the tolling o the bells. I recollect the barricades, th uprooted pavement and the demolished buildings. wandering with my cockad of black, red and gold through th streets after the storm had lulled down. On the 18th day of March 1848, th people had crowded in front of the royal palace demanding certain concessions, which were granted by the liberal and softhearted king, when the crown-prince William of Prussia, later King William III of Prussia and again Emperor o Germany as William I, stepped up in rage, shouting, "Shoot down the dogs!" A single shot fell—The people rushed back "To arms!" and the murderous, bloody fight began. Barricades were thrown up in no time omnibus, they had no street cars in those times, and other vehicles were overthrown and piled up with the furniture taken from the houses. Furious hags squirted vitriol and threw bricks and other missiles from the house top onto the soldiers, mutilating and burning them fearfully, and the King and Queen weeping did order the retreat and withdrew the troops from the city and the rage of the people calmed down.

When the grand and endless funeral procession of all the heroes and others fallen in the struggle for liberty was

sing the royal palace on its way to drichshain, I stood by. I saw the in his soldier's fatigue dress step on the balcony and "Cap off!" the e shouted. The old king doffed cap, though that is no soldierly cus- and stood there humbly and griev-

He soon afterwards died and liam, crownprince became king. an iron fist, he restored peace and ude, henceforth called Grenade- ce. With his reign the old stamps the picture of Fredric William IV replaced by stamps with no por- but the Prussian eagle, the black of the Dukes of Brandenburg on white field. The new king's pic- did not appear and I guess why. ppose William III did not fancy to his back licked and his face hed not even in effigie. The ps with the eagle first appeared in with denomonations of Pfennige Silbergrosden 12 Pfennige to one ergroschen and 30 Silbergroschen, ne Fhaler. Later in 1867, to suit monetary systems of some of the zed countries a new issue with the mination kreuzer was made. 60 zer to one gulden, one gulden, 20 rgroschen. To do away with all ate stamps and individual tokens ceding character, as afore said, stamps of Brunswick, Hanover, klenburg, Hansa cities, Oldenburg ony, Schleswig Holstein and Prus- ere cancelled and a new postal n was created the Nord Deutscher verein under the controll and sup- ion of Prussia in 1868. To men- the stamps of the Prince of Thuru Taxis I would say that this prince no sovereign prince only owner st landed property in the north south of Germany. It would not been proper for him to make an gant display of his own colors and fore probably his private stamps single numerals with the token stal service, of old and romantic times of travel the post horses in the four corners. These stamps of Thurn and Taxis I compare in nature with the private medicine stamps of our days in U. S. and Bergedorf stamps are considered to be about the same. Bergedorf is a small town having been tributary to Hamburg and is now long ago swallowed by Prussia. Prussia then organized and installed the North German Postal Union in 1868 and these stamps of the "Nord German Post Bezirk" North German Postal District, very considerately appear without any display of arms, or any token of power or supremacy. They are adorned significantly with a wreath of the leaves of the German oak, the "wreath of the victor" for the northern countries, where the laurel does not grow, and for Germany in particular. The stamps of the Nord Deutscher Post Bezirk in two different designs, one with a circle for the groschen and the other with an oval for the kreuzer to suit the moneys of the different German states were in use only three years, Brunswick, Oldenburg, Mecklenburg and Saxony and even Prussia envelopes being surcharged with the stamp of the N. D. P. B. in such a manner that only a very small corner of the original stamp was allowed to peep out into the world, the eclipse soon becoming total. As Napoleon I's policy had broken Germany's power, Napoleon III was destined to be the indirect means to restore that country to its former splendor and proper place amongst the great powers of the world. France stepped in her impudence and hatred on Prussia's toe in 1870 not giving her consent, she was not asked for, to the accession of the Spanish throne by a German prince. The quick invasion of the German troops and the seizure of Alsace and Lorraine did away with the French stamp of old and the so called war stamps, very sinple numerals, without any show of partiality came in use for a verv short time. (To be continued.)

Notes on the Coinage of the Greeks.

By T. L. ELDER.

PART I.—Cont'd.

PERIOD II B.C. 480-400.

High authorities divide the coins of this period into two broad classes, those which are in appearance like the archaic coins of period 1, and those which border upon the coins of the fully developed and artistic workmanship of Period III.

Cyzicus, on the Propontis, in Asia Minor, an important commercial city obtained the monopoly of coining electrum, the "Great King" retaining the right to coin pure gold.

The Athenian coinage in European Greece had a wide circulation and the purity of the metals used obtained for it a high reputation both in Europe and in the far East, and so accurate was its weight that it was thought unwise to change the types lest its circulation should suffer.

So while other Greek rulers are constantly improving the workmanship of their coin engraving, the Attic coins remain as rude and unsightly as ever.

A money that had a wide circulation in those times is the Corinthian, especially that of the West.

The coins of Elis, in contrast to those of Athens and Corinth present a great variety of types and an improvement in style.

I wish to make mention of some of the types on the coins of Elis on account of their peculiar artistic value. Among them were shown: An eagle with serpent; reverse, a thunderbolt. Similar, but with Nike running, carrying a wreath, on reverse. Head of Olympian Zeus; reverse thunderbolt in laurel wreath; weight 185 grains. Another has upon it the head of Hera wearing upright stephanos. An interesting one; An eagle devouring a hare; revenue Nike seated on a base. In the exergue a branch of laurel. The reverse of this coin was considered so fine that Mr. T. Wyson copied it in engraving the medal commemorative of the battle of Waterloo.

These staters of Elis are the most varied and beautiful in the whole range of Greek coins. At this mint artists of the highest abilities were employed. The types often refer to the worship of Zeus and Hera at Olympia.

The Coinage of Tarentum was the richest.

In Sicily the city of Syracuse presented more types than any other city in Greece, and so marked is the improvement in style that it can be traced step by step.

During this transitional period we notice a great improvement in the technical skill in which the coin dies are prepared. The former rude incuse square is improved upon by a regular incuse square, often containing a devise and occasionly an ornamented quartering, as well as the name of the issuing city or magistrate under whose authority the coin was struck. But in Asia Minor the incuse square is adhered to down to a more recent time than in European Greece.

An increased delicacy in the rendering of details and a true knowledge of the anatomical structure of the human body are among the artistic features shown by the coin engravers of this period. And towards the close of the period are shown greater freedom of movement, and a great effort to realize ideal conceptions, and a mastery of technical skill.

The Chief sculptors of the time, and contemporary with the coins to be presently described, are the following;

Class a: Sicyon—Canachus and Aristocles.
Aegina—Callon and Onatas.
Argos—Ageladas-B. C. 508-452
Rhegium—Pythagoras (before B. C. 450)
Athens—Calamis and Myron.

Class b: Athens—Myron, Phidias and Alcamenes.
Peloponnesus—Polycletus.
Pæonius of Mende.

(To be continued.)

As it Appears To Me

By K.

It is with a certain amount of disgust that the average collector views the squabbles between many of our stamp papers. Month in and month out, the long suffering reader is regaled (?) with an unedifying account of the petty grievances, fancied or real of the editors.

All this uproar because the ink-slinger of the "Pokunk Philatelist" thinks that the chief scribe of the "Stamp Crank" has not given him enough free puffs. Or perhaps the aforesaid chief scribe has playfully remarked that "Bro. So and So parts his hair in the middle," or something equally trivial. Upon reading this, Bro. So and So, with fire in his eye (and perhaps murder in his heart) takes off his coat, paces up and down his sanctum a few times to get up steam, grasps his trusty pen and dashes off a few pages of "copy" that fill even a disinterested reader with apprehension for the safety of the luckless wight who incurred his desperate displeasure.

Doesn't it seem ridiculous? Might not all the energy and space wasted in this manner be used to better purpose? It is my opinion that one inch of space devoted to the enlightenment of the reader, would be more appreciated by the stamp collecting public than columns of venomous attacks upon contemporaries.

"But we must maintain our dignity" exclaims one who imagines he has been injured by some pleasantry of another paper. Maintaining your dignity is perfectly proper, but did you ever see anybody maintain his dignity by throwing generous quantities of mud at his neighbor? Neither can you maintain your dignity by retaliating in the manner usually adopted. You certainly will not rise in the estimation of your readers, nor will you add to your popularity, and incidentally, prosperity.

Do not construe this article as an attempt to run your paper, Mr. Publisher. It is written merely to let you know how an onlooker feels about these "tempests in a teapot."

Perhaps one great cause of this friction in our ranks is the "Review Department." Much good has been, and can yet be done by a department of this kind, provided it is conducted by an able writer who can, and is not AFRAID to give his UNBIASED opinion of the various publications sent him for review. He should treat all alike, those deserving of commendation or censure should receive it regardless of who or what they are.

Honest criticism will do no one harm, and a publisher who is so near sighted that he flares up whenever he is given a kindly suggestion regarding the improvement of his journal, is to be pitied.

But then again the reviewer should take into consideration that some papers are not as opulent as others. They cannot buy the best MSS., they cannot dress themselves as they would like, but must be content to eke out their existence as best they can, and with the means at their disposal.

Therefore, O Wielder of the Trenchant Pen and Knight of the Review! Judge not too harshly the shortcomings of your fellow workers. Instead of reviling them for some error, (for you know to err is human) extend the hand of fellowship and lead them into the light. A little kindness goes a great way, and remember the old saying about "bread cast upon the waters."

☞A. Carter, Covina, Calif.—Was agreeably surprised in West for it is certainly the best paper of its kind that has come to my notice.

POSTAL CARD DEPARTMENT

Covers & Envelopes

Observations on Some Original Covers

By R. R. THIELE.

The stamps of the old German States are often found on original covers casting curious side lights on the commerce and social intercourse of fifty years ago as well as upon postal peculiarities of that time. I have before me a yellow 3Kr. stamp of the first issue of Baden, stuck on the back of a grocery bill. The stamp and bill came from Kenzingen, Baden, dated with a datestamp consisting of two concentric circles with the name between them above and date—10 Okt., year illegible—within the inner circle; the stamp is cancelled with the usual five-ring cancellator of Baden showing the number of the postoffice in the center of five concentric circles—69 seems to be the Kenzingen number. The letter bears no arrival postmark, but the railway postmark:

E. B. 10, OKT.
Curs I. O

E. B. means Eisen-Bahn, railway; Curs means route, or in this case about the same as trip, No. 1, the mystic sign at the end denotes the direction, though I cannot now tell just what direction in this case. The bill is addressed to a firm at Huttingen; it enumerates 1 box of sulphur, 1 box of candy and 1 sack Java coffee; the latter is billed at ab 16 cents per pound, which seems not bad for that time (1853). The to amount was 82 gulden 29 Kreuzer; recipient deducted 1 gulden 7 Kreu adding at the side "1 per cent discou which seems to me very peculiar ari metic, and endorsed below, in Germ of course: "Sent by mail on the 1 inst," so that he was at least a pro settler. An interesting light is cast u the complications of the German co age at that time by a printed notice the bill to the effect that all curren especially of the Convention Th Standard, would be accepted at Frankfurt rate of exchange. Frank the home of the Rothschilds, was that time the money market of cen Europe and its exchange rates domi ed all transactions throughout Germa where the exchange of currency was that time a matter of daily concern, cause of the many individual coina then current. These things are ea nowadays.

The addressee of this letter must h been a merchant with considerable t for I have before me a number of o letters addressed to him by var wholesale houses. One of them bea green 3kr. stamp of Baden 1853 is and comes Freiburg. The stamp is c celled with the five ring cancell bearing the number 13, the number the Freiburg office; the date stamp i

FREIBURG.
14 OKT.

struck in red ink, as seems to have b customary there at this time. There no arrival stamp, only the railway just like the one above described, bearing the date of Oct. 14. This le acknowledges the receipt of 28.40 gul in payment of some goods and mourn ly urges the addressee to accept a s

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

With this issue of the Phil. West and Camera News the Pennsylvania Camera Club exchange makes its initial bow to the public.

The object of the exchange will be fostering and furtherance of amateur photography, to promote a feeling of fellowship among its members and to promote their mutual welfare.

We invite contributions to this column of any matter which will be of interest to members and photographers generally, also write to the secretary giving any suggestions you may have to offer.

If there are any points in photography regarding which you might be in doubt we will endeavor to answer same through medium of the question box which will appear in this column from time to time.

All letters will be answered personally if a stamp is enclosed for reply, otherwise they will be answered through this column.

Amateur photographers who have any apparatus for sale or exchange are invited to communicate with the secretary of this department giving list of what they have and what they want, enclosing stamp for reply.

Watch this column next month.

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Souvenir Card DEPARTMENT.

International Souvenir Card Exchange Conducted by Adolph Selige, 20 N. 4th St., St. Louis, Mo.

The Souvenir Postal Card Fad.

The Sunday Post Dispatch, March 17, devoted a whole page profusely illustrated to Souv. Card Collecting. Surely a good compliment to our Sport.

The post-card collecting and distributing fad has taken a strong hold upon this country. It has probably 100 devotees in St Louis and this city is advertised to the world by 50 different styles of souvenir cards. St Louis is the headquarters of the International Souvenir Card Exchange, of which L. Brodstone, of Superior, Nebraska, is president. Adolph Selige of St Louis is secretary.

A post card is postal card of special design which serves as a souvenir of the place it represents. On one side is a space for the address of the person for whom the card is intended. In one corner is a square indicating where the proper amount of postage is to be pasted. On the other side is some design, either a halftone, steel engraving or lithograph, typical to the town, city or country where it is issued and from which it is sent. Either at the bottom or in one corner is a small space on which a message may be written. For example:

Your friend Gay Rover goes to Europe. He decides to scale the Matterhorn or dally with the Rock of Ehrenbreitstein. While so doing he happens to think of you. Having purchased from one of the thousands of German dealers a supply of souvenirs in the way of post cards, at the top of Matterhorn, he selects a typical card and writes thereon:

Mr Fairly Welles.
St Louis, Mo., U. S. A.
My dear Boy: How is this for high? I am off for Carlsbad tomorrow. Has St. Louis got a moon yet? Regards to Uncle Henry. Address me at 36 Rue de Shampagnewater, Paris, France. Yours,

GAY ROVER.

In return you have about fifty sty of St Louis souvenir cards from whi you may select one on which to se him a reply. The styles most used ha a small circular design in the upper rig hand corner bearing in red letters timely legend:

ST. LOUIS WORLD'S FAIR, 1903

When you reply you can select a Louis souvenir card bearing a liken of the City Hall and send him the f lowing:

Mr. Gay Rover,
36 Rue de Shampagnewater,
Paris, France.

St. Louis has a moon yet,
But Uncle Henry Z
Will dance another tune yet
Ere 1903.

Ever yours,
FAIRLY WELLES.

The St Louisian who desires to sen a friend in a distant state or a for a country a reminder of this city has m styles of souvenir post cards from wh to choose. There are some re beautiful views of the Reservoir P Water tower, on Grand Avenue. Union Trust building, the post office, court house, Union Station and m other notable buildings, besides vari scenes typical of St. Louis, such gatherings of people of different nati alities, scenes in the tenements le views, steam boating and Eads bridge

All of these cards are published in Louis and are distributed from here enthusiasts.

Card collecting in Germany has pa the fad stage and has become an ac industry, and I predict that it will s assume the proportions of a business

e United States. In Germany no less an 12,000 persons are constantly emoyed in the manufacture and printing f post cards and post card albums, made pecially for collectors. Millions of rds, representing almost every city, llage and community, as well as speci- places and celebrated occasions, are sued every year. They are all of about e same size and in every conceivable yle. Lithographs in a profusion of lors, half tones steel engravings, and en hand work, some with pen and me with paints, make a dazling array om which to choose. Apparently there no taste that cannot be satisfied, so ersified, so brilliant and so numer- s are the designs.

The German Post Card Exchange is cated at Nordhausen and has 1500 embers, yet this membership is insig- ficant when compared with the vast mber of collectors scattered through- t Germany. Members of the Card xchange collect not only German cards t cards from all other countries where ey are issued. Many St Louis cards orn the albums of these enthusiasts.

The fad originated in an odd way. uring the Franco-Persian war in 1870 e German soldiers were provided with stal cards on which to send brief essages to their relatives and friends. he first of these cards bore the likeness a soldier. Later other cards were is- ed bearing the picture of a fort or camp here a certain regiment was stationed. hese cards came to be a feature of sol- er life, and after the war the idea was adually] adopted by civilians. Thus e post card of today came into exist- ce. At first it was a distinctively rman institution, but in the course of me it spread to other countries and now has a strong hold on the United States no other city are there more enthusi- tic collectors than in St Louis, and no her city has a more attractive group of rds.

The size of the post card is regulated by the United States government and is placed at 3¼ by 5½ inches. Persons sending cards larger than this size to a foreign country are liable to find excess postage required at the other end.

The uses of the post card are almost innumerable. On some of the ocean liners, the Norddeutscher or the Lloyd Bremen line, for example, the top of the "speisekarte," or bill of fare, is the exact size of a post card and has on it a beautiful design, so that it can be detached and mailed. On the back is the proper space for the address and postage.

During the Chinese troubles last year the German troops sent to the Orient did not forget the home customs, and at the first landing they made, at Port Said they mailed souvenir cards back to Germany.

Still other uses for post cards have been noted at Hamburg. The citizens there were in favor of converting a certain "blind" street into an open thoroughfare. Their request was denied by city authorities. A business firm thereupon published several thousand post cards bearing a picture of the street and a brief demand that it be opened to traffic. These cards were distributed broad cast and so many hundreds poured in onto the city officials that they gave way before this expression of public opinion and made the change demanded.

Still other uses are found for post cards in Germany, and these may yet be adopted in this country. They are sent to announce parties, euchers, birthday and wedding celebrations, births and even deaths, each with an appropriate inscription.

One publisher in Germany makes a specialty of issuing cards containing original humerous verses suited to all occasions—four lines, no more and no less, illustrated.

When a collector belongs to a card exchange he is in a much better position to get hold of different kinds of cards than otherwise. For example he is

in communication with 200 people whom he has never seen, and from all of them he receives cards, some addressed to him and others sent in packages. In return he sends them cards from his own town. In this manner he will receive cards from many foreign countries.

This reminds one of the fact that the publication of souvenir post cards has been prohibited in Turkey. So many of them were sent out bearing pictures of natives and native scenes—a thing which the government considered bad policy—that the Sultan forbade more to be issued.

In Greece, on the other hand, the government derives a large annual income from the post card by means of a system of stamp taxation similar to the American war tax.

To show you the widespread interest taken in the post card collection fad I need only to recall these facts:

The Archduke Eugene of Austria is an honorary member ol the Kosmopolit, an Austrian card exchange.

An international exhibition of illustrated post cards was held at Berlin May 1, 1896.

A similar exhibition was held at Munich, Bavaria, June 1, 1898.

In Jannary, 1899, a card exchange was founded at Sorocabo, Brazil, and the society now publishes a paper.

Jan. 15, 1899, an exhibition enternational in scope was held at Nizza, France.

A similar display was made at Prague, Bohemia, in May 1899.

Other exhibitions were held at Ostend, Belgium, and Brunn, Austria.

☞A. Hoffman, Chicago.—Your paper gets better and more interesting each issue.

☞S. K. Frey, Caldwallader, Pa.—I had great many replies to my ad, and just up from seven weeks' sickness cause of my neglected correspondence.

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Order in the Dark Room.

One of the most frequent causes of trouble to the beginner is not being able to lay his hand in the darkness or dim light of the dark room on just the bottle he wants. This is easy to get over if the bottles are arranged in something like order, and always put back in the same places again. Chacum a son gout. I always arrange mine as they would naturally be used, all the developers together, the intensifiers, the reducers, and so on, and each bottle is labelled with a plainly written label, and each label is varnished without previous sizing. This makes the paper semi-translucent, and the writing is thus read more easily.

☞H. P. Day, Peoria Ill.—Your paper is a great credit to you.

☞J. Price, DesMoines, Ia.—Am having more replies to my ad than I can fill.

☞J. Aalberg, Madison, Wis.—Think West all right, and would not be without it for anything.

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FOREIGN REVIEW.

Stamps for February gives us quite favorable notice, except that it takes exception to our printing and general get-up. Please take notice, Mr. Printer, we would like to earn the favorable opinion of our friend over yonder in this respect also. As to Stamps, it is a neat paper, to be sure, and its contents are worthy of its neat dress. In this number there is a reproduction of half a pane of Orange Free State 6d with surcharge V. R. I. showing the dot varieties of the 1851 one cent. Fiscals are always prominent; there is a long list of St. Vincent revenues this time. Apropos Cuban Y¼ there is a letter from the Spanish P. M. G., which states authoritatively that the Y stands for Interior.

The Australian Journal of Philately for January is devoted to federation in its philatelic aspects. The Postal Conference between the P. M. G's of the states has recommended that all state issues be surcharged A. C. and be valid all over the Commonwealth. Preserve us! Still this had to be endorsed by the ministery, which was to meet some time in February, so it is not yet definite. Of course every one is advised to collect Australians right away, quick. An interesting paper describes the N. S. W. postage stamp factory.

An interesting article in the December Australian Philatelist is that in which Mr. Hagen explains the origin of the imperforate sheets of Samoa Express which were the cause of so much heartburning at San Francisco a while ago. In this number also the war cry is: "Collect Australians!" Good advice, no doubt.

The Stamp Collector for March brings as a frontispiece a portrait of Richard Hollick, the president of the Birmingham Society. I am glad to notice an earnest appeal for the collection of entires; let the good work go on. The advice of the Canada Stamp Sheet to the writer of philatelic articles is quoted approvingly—deservedly so.

The Philatelic Chronicle and Adver-

tiser has grown quite large since New Year and has added illustrations to its good features. I wish it success in its new form. The chief article in this number is a translation from Le Philateliste Trancais on the "Post Office" Mauritius, with a picture of a pair of 1d sold for 1800 pounds by Mr. Peckitt some time ago. Numerous tables of these stamps have lately appeared; by way of summary it may be said that of the 1d there are known 2 unused and 10 used copies, of the 2d 3 unused and 5 used copies, 20 in all, 7 in England, 12 in France, 1 in Russia. None seems ever to have been over here; perhaps Mr. Brodstone has already made enough on the Philatelic West to buy one? The February number goes for the Mafekings and has an article on the distinctive marks of genuine Hamburgs.

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Since the lamented decease of Le Timbre Post, the front rank among Belgian papers—perhaps amongst all those in the French language—is held by Le Timbrophile Belge. Its chronicle is always the fullest and well illustrated; I am glad that it pays special attention to entires. In addition the February number has the first installment of an important article on the Samoa Express stamps. I call attention to the fact that all stamps showing an uninterrupted horizontal line above the X of EXPRESS are undoubtedly original, whereas of the second and third variety—line broken and line repaired by a small curve—there are both originals and reprints.

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The January number of S. G. Monthly Journal has only just reached me a very fine portrait of Queen Victoria is inserted by way of frontispiece. The editor sits on the Mafekings very hard and his opinion will no doubt carry great weight with it. The translation of the Puerto Principe article is concluded; Mr. Jones' article on Sta Colors has since been reprinted in Era. Mr. Phillips has a batch American Notes and the article Hawaiian reprints is concluded.

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Le Philateliste Francais for Janu begins an article on stamps of Rou nia which promises to be an exhaust one. The first installment is histori only. The translation of John N. La U. S. article has just reached secret marks of 1873. The new stam of France are unmercifully ridiculed a long article, no one seems to hav good word for them.

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La Reue Philatelique Francaise b become the French organ of the Dr den Society. The January num writes up the stamps of St. Pierre a Miquelon for 1891-92. The fiscal p continues the exhaustive list of Sw revenues; the issue of Bern are n under consideration.

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The highly interesting series of ticles on proofs and essays in Philatelist for February deals w Sardinia, Switzerland, San Marino a Sicily; under Switzerland some beau ful design are shown, which make feel sorry at their rejection. Dr. Ro mel speaks very appreciatively of Second Annual Report of the Liter Committee of the A. P. A. he is one the greatest European authorities the subject of philatelic literature.

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Filatelia is the name of a newcom from Buenos Aires, Argentina. starts out promisingly, well prin and illustrated by process cuts. Th isn't much reading matter as yet, we wish the new paper all manner success.

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The article of chief interest in

chweizer Briefmarkenzeitung for anuary is the continuation of the rticle on Argentine stamps. It is of nterest to note that the second variety f the 5c of 1891 was made by the outh American Bank Note Co., with-ut authority and without notifying e postal officials, so that these stamps ere at first taken for counterfeits. he article on Mecklenburg-Schwerin om Filatelic Facts and Fallacies here ppears in French.

Our lively little Cuban Exchange, l Correo de Cuba, boasts a new head-g and has considerable philatelic atter of late, chiefly on new issues. hen Cuba has become entirely inde-endent, as we trust to see it shortly, e hope that this energetic contempo-ry will do its best to keep the Cuban stal service at its present efficient vel.

The four numbers of Ewen's Weekly amp News at hand contain so much interest that I cannot begin to do stice to them here. Special attention lately paid by this paper to South frican postmarks. If it gave notes om the main cities of Europe it ould be still more interesting and I sure it would pay them to do so.

The Vertrauliches Korrespondenz-latt has fallen into good hands under e management of the society at iel, as shown by the February num-r. It contains a large plate with for-ry illustrations. Amongst other unterfeits illustrated is one of the 1c hilippines on U. S. The paper is orthy of the heartiest support.

No 242 of the Le Collectionneur de imbres-Poste is at last at hand, it is most entirely devoted to the new rench set—not exactly complimentary ther, "But what," asks Mr. Maury, an you expect of a postoffice depart-ent whose chief aim is economy?" these new ones cost only 4 cents per 00, one surely cannot expect works of t for the price.

The February number of Morley's hilatelic Journal illustrates an article Queen Victoria by reproductions of r most noteworthy stamp portraits—interesting gallery. The first in-lment of the great fiscal catalogue covers part of the Argentine revenue stamps, will evidently be an extremely valuable work. I see a collector begins an article on the arrangement of a collection of reprints and counterfiets. I have begun one myself and find it very interesting.

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Our offer to write any parties complained of for 4c postage has brought a good many returns. Foreign costs 7c postage.

How many have had unsatisfactory dealings with Cole of Omaha? Would like to hear from all. Moorhouse of Wisconsin reports Ayers of Philadelhia, H. Ioor of Indianapolis, Passtroem of Warsa, Finland, Price of Liverpool, Eng, and P. Daly of Buenos Ayres, S. A. Butler of Colorado reports X with Robinet of Va., but sends so many counterfeits, look out for him.

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1 shilling, lilac and red.
2 " " " "
5 " " " "
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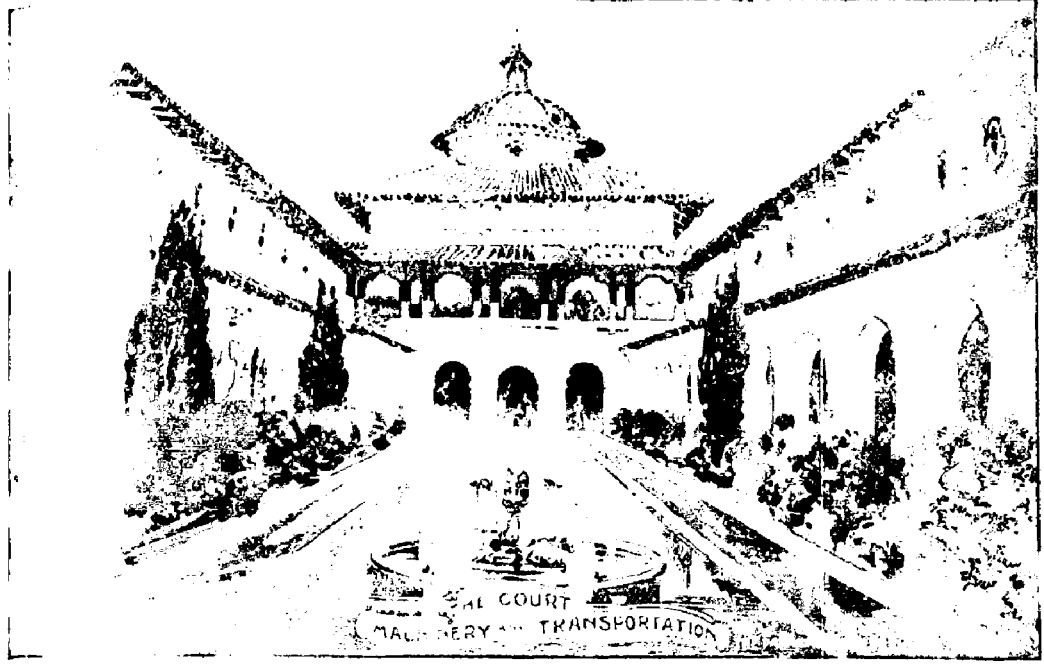

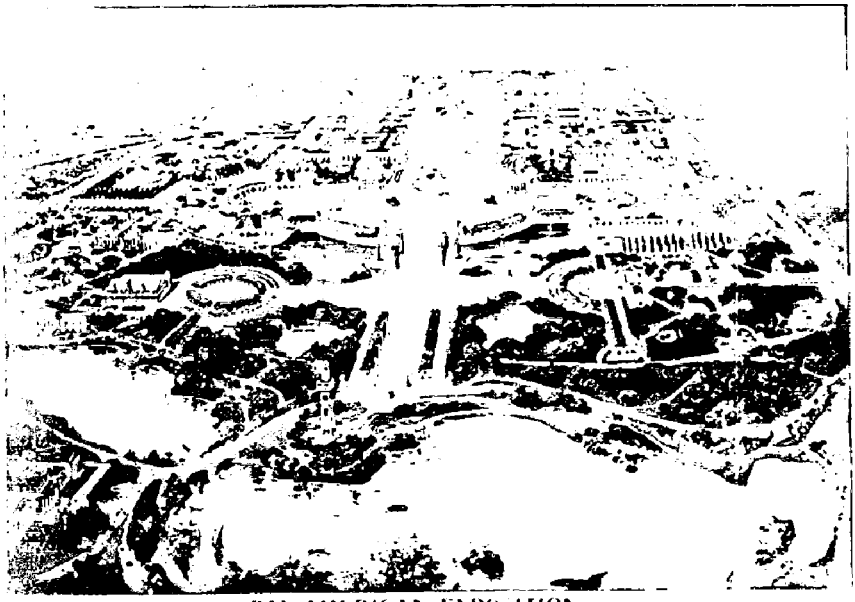

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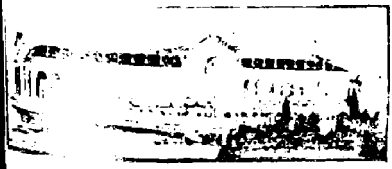

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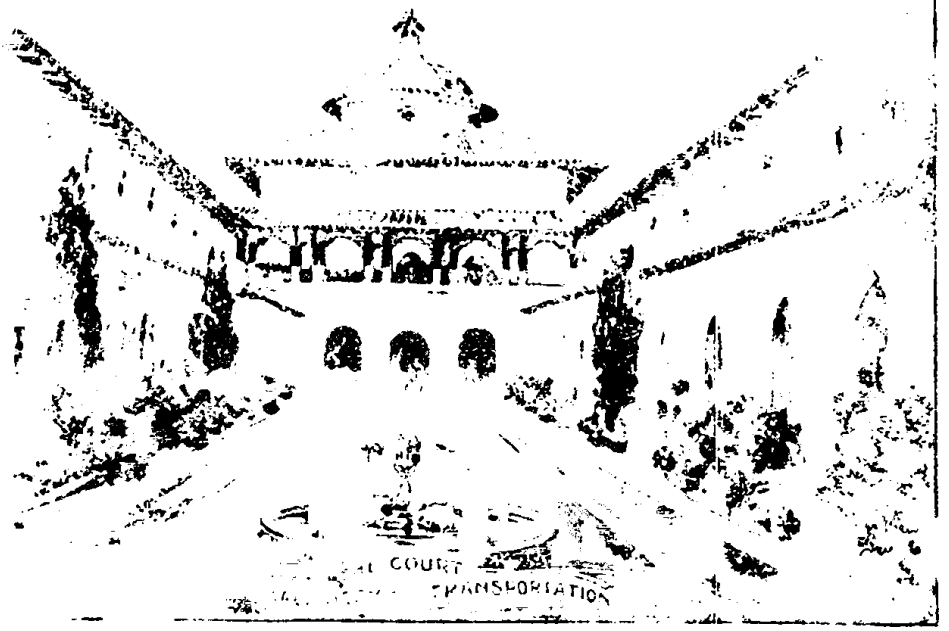

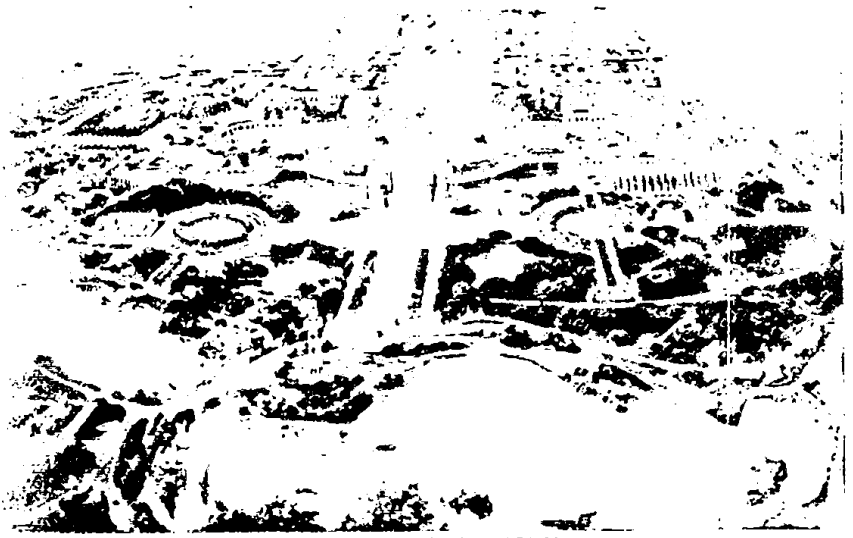

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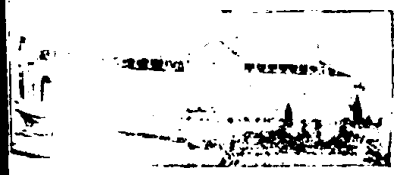

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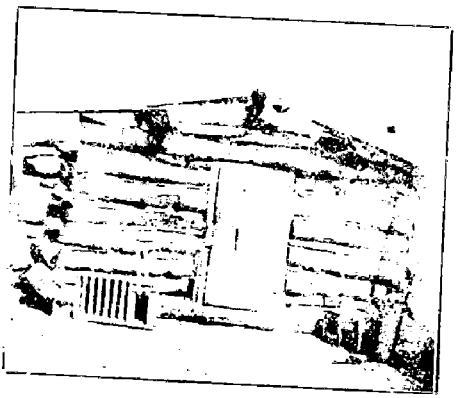

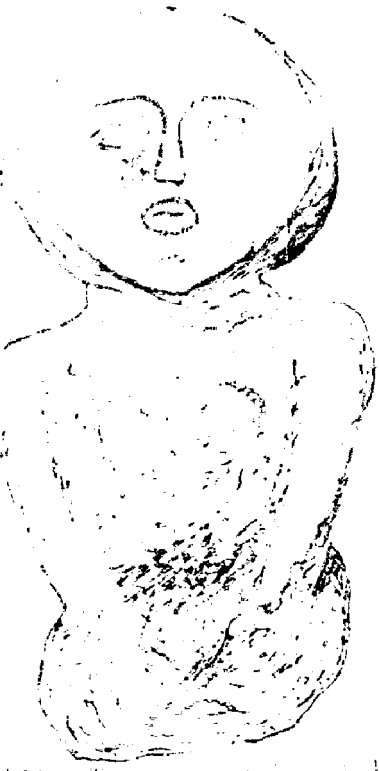

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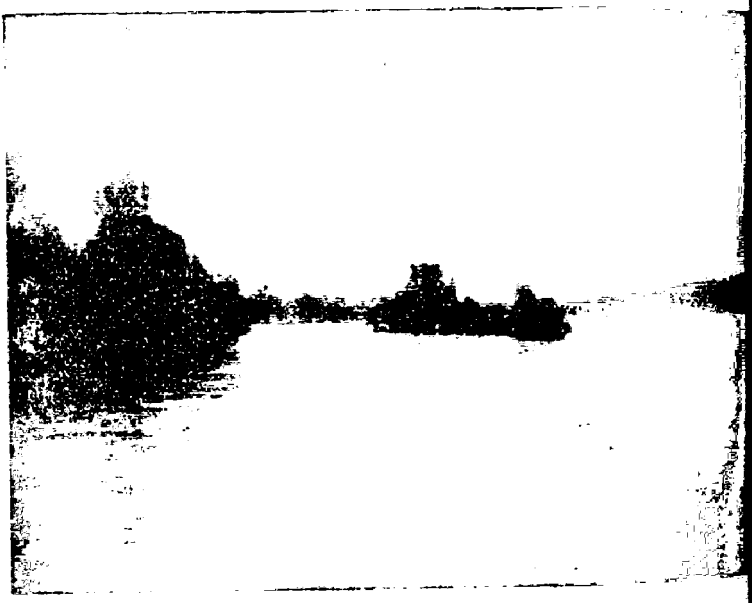

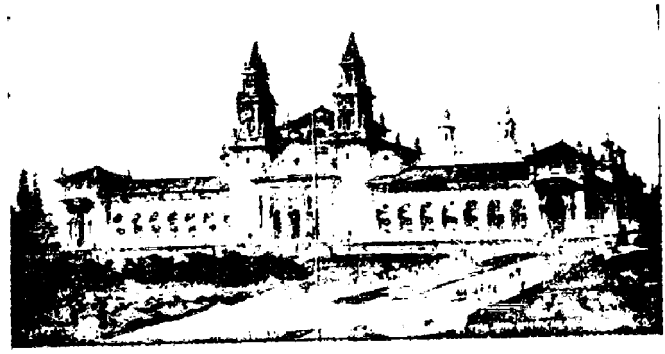

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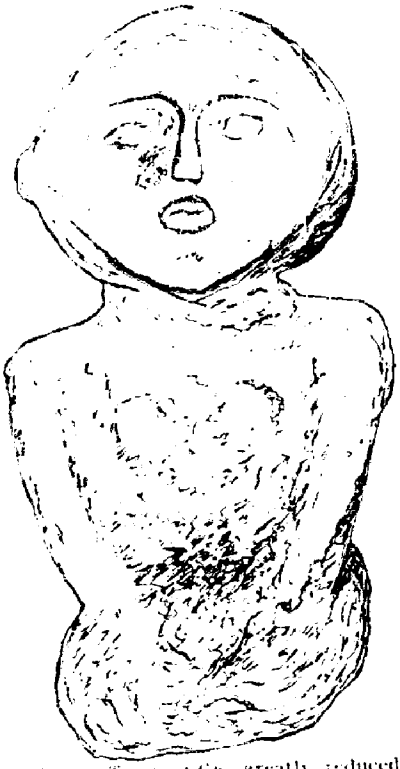

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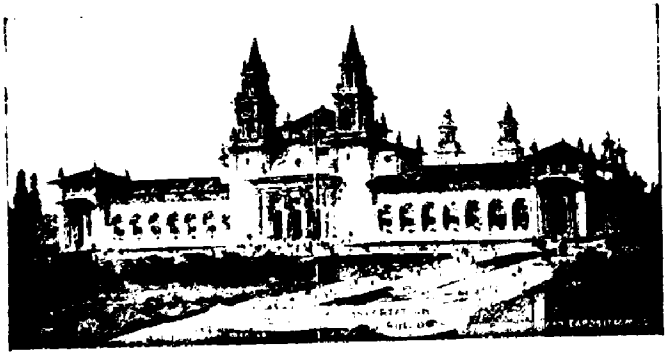

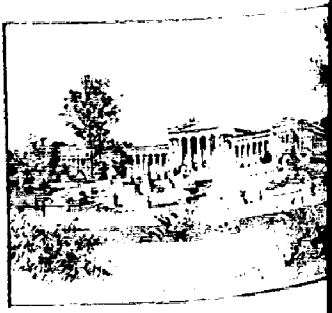

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Was born in St. Liboire P. Q. Canada Sept. 17, 1873, but came to this country when he was 3 years old and has lived here since.

He began collecting at the age of 12 when his school teacher gave him some very valueable stamps as a present on examination day, which he prized very much but in house cleaning the next spring his mother by mistake threw them in the fire. Since then he has collected but few until 4 years ago when he started in earnest and now has a collection of 1500 varieties besides about 70,000 common stamps.

He is at present councilman, representing his ward with honor and distinction. He is also government mail contractor on Star routes for the U. S. government carrying mail as follows: Fitchburg and Luneuburg, Hudson and Bolton, South Royalston and Royalston, Barre and Dana, Athol and North Orange, Rutland and the railroad. Mr. Cadorette will not of course personally conduct any of these routes but has placed them in good hands and the government is assured a good service which it always insists upon.

He is also a member of the Phil. Sons of America, S. C. P. of A. etc., and we hope to see him at Buffalo.

FOREST GAINES.

Born in Indianola, Illinois, August 23 1881. He received a common school education in the public schools there. After coming to Champaign in 1894, he entered the High School and graduated from it in 1899, in a science course. Is now taking natural history work in the University of Illinois, located at Champaign (specialized in geology) and a member of Natural History Society, Chemical club, Athletic Association, etc

He began collecting stamps about seven years ago but gave it up three years later for the collection of g logical specimens. His collection n contains probably 1000 geological spe mens, minerals, fossils, etc. He also collected zoological and botani specimens at intervals, also Indian rel and curios.

He is president of the Young Natur ist's Club, which was organized t years ago. It is especially for youn naturalists, and now has a members of about sixty, in most of the vari states. Those writing to either secret Ambrose P. Spencer, St Cloud, Mi or Clarence W. Nelson, Covington, I can obtain particulars if this organizati

Is at present editor of the "Rook" small science journal published Lawrence, Arkansas, solely in the terests of the Young Naturalists' Cl

Has written much for publication a is much interested in amateur journ ism and has written much for amat papers, edited departments in them, e Many of the articles written are of scientific nature.

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He has lately joined the the A. S. C. C. and is much impressed with great array of prominent collect found therein and hopes most of Young Naturalists will join this pro inent association in the near future.

GLEN M. HATHORN.

Born in Aurora, Ill., "way back '76," and moved to Cedar Radids, Io his present home when he was eig years of age. He there entered public school; graduated from the Hi school in 1897, and entered the serv of the B., C. R., and N. railway wh he is now employed as draftsman.

He began collecting stamps in Ju 1890, and since then has owned seve small collections. Although not active collector at present, he is still terested in Philately, and has a go collection of U. S. stamps, to which added a choice specimen now and the

He is a member of the P. S. of A. a expects to be present at the annual co vention at Buffalo this summer, whe he hopes to meet some of the "big un in the philatelic world.

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Gentlemen and Fellow-Members:

It is with no little amount of satisfaction that we have watched the steady progress of our society during the past several months. While our membership has not gained with spasmodic strides like many (which afterwards decrease with the same kind of strides) it has behind it strong principles that are being accomplished, and the co-operation of members and officers in building higher the already well laid foundation. We invite to our membership only those philatelists who are interested in the features we offer. Our system of exchanges, the rarity of postage stamps given free each month to the members of the society, together with many other unsurpassed advantages.

We have issued to our members the largest and most beautiful Diplomas ever sent out by any philatelic organization, and a philatelist's possession of one insures you of his reliability. The Directors thoroughly investigate every application for membership. Another thing—some have the impression that it is required of them to be a scholar in foreign languages to be a member of the Spanish-American Philatelic Society. Such is not the case, but in case of one's inability to translate letters in other languages, the secretary will gladly translate any member's letters gratis and free.

Among those to receive membership Diplomas this month are:

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A los Sonores socios de La Sociedad Filatelica Hispano-Americana: Arriba doy los nombres de los socios neuvos y los que recibiran en este mes sus Diplomas como miembros de la Association. Tambien doy en este numero del organo oficial, los oficiales electados desde la ultima emision del organo oficial. He recibido para repartir entre las socios (gratis) algunas emissiones nuevas de estampillas postales y las he enviado segun los reglamentos de la Association. Es el deseo de el Secretario publicar un numero especial de este periodico, commemorativo de la organizacion de la Sociedad y desea recibir los grabados o retratos de todos los socios interesados. Se solicita correspondencia Eso me causa el mayor placer en saber que tenemos ahora en la Sociedad algunos de los filatelistas principales de el continente y la palabra es. ADELANTE!!

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Herrn Refissor Meurat
in Stuttgart,

ear at the side this endorsement:

D. S.
V. Schultheissen Both
Eyfendorf.

stands for Dienst-Sache—"Official ess;" the letter came from the ltheiss" or Mayor of Eyfendorf ent to a treasury auditor of the Government at Stuttgart. The y Mayor, by the way, was a little on his spelling, for the title of auditor in German should be d Revisor, not Refissor. The bears no stamp, but only the numeral 3 written in red ink, 3 kr. the single letter rate. At the right corner it bears the date-

OBERNDORF
9 Feb. 1855.

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Another envelope before me is just like the one here described, but originated at Stuttgart in the same office and was turned and re-directed by the addressee, the same one as above. Here also the letter was franked by the large figure 3 written with red pencil. A third cover is precisely similar, while a fouth one came from the same official in Stuttgart, but is addressed to the Royal Circuit Court at Maulbronn; the clerk of court—oh, that our officials were as economical also!—turned it and re-directed it to the official who had sent it. This also is franked on the re-directed side by the large figure 3 in red ink, the other side, bearing the usual yellow 3 kr stamp. Still another cover has been used three times. It came from the same official at Stuttgart as all the others and is addressed to the Royal Circuit Court at Cannstatt. Here it was turned and re-directed to

Seiner Wohlgeboren
Herrn Secretar Weegmann
Hier

i. e. "To the wellborn Mr. Secretary W., Present." No stamp is with this address, as the letter was probably delivered by messenger. It must have been used once more after that without change, for still later it is returned, addressed to official who sent it, not by the Circuit Court, nor by Mr. Weegmann, but by the Mayor's office at Uhlback, though the cancellation reads Cannstatt. This address shows no stamp, but only a large figure 1 in red ink. Perhaps the enclosure was a printed one; as you will notice, all those above had a large figure 3. This cover also shows two delivery marks: one at Stuttgart, similar to the one with D 1 mentioned above, but bearing the letter D3; another much larger one probably used at Cannstatt, showing.

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Some other similar covers also used twice about this time do not show the large written figures, but bear stamps on both sides. Ordinary stamps were evidently employed in those days for official matter also, but in 1875 Wuerttemberg brought a set (Scott Type O 1) for communications between the local authorities and in 1881 another set (Scott Type O 2) for the correspondence of the royal government officials.

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ave before me two covers hailing Wuerttemberg, which are inter- g in that they show how for years the introduction of stamps in that ry letters were still prepaid in Both covers are official ones and been used twice. The inside, the nal one, is addressed to

Herrn Refissor Meurat
in Stuttgart,

bear at the side this endorsement:

D. S.
V. Schultheissen Both
Eyfendorf.

stands for Dienst-Sache—"Official ness;" the letter came from the ultheiss" or Mayor of Eyfendorf went to a treasury auditor of the l Government at Stuttgart. The y Mayor, by the way, was a little on his spelling, for the title of auditor in German should be ed Revisor, not Refissor. The bears no stamp, but only the numeral 3 written in red ink, 3 kr. the single letter rate. At the right corner it bears the date-

OBERNDORF
9 Feb. 1855.

being presumably no post office fendorf. It also shows a small postmark which indicates the time of delivery at Stuttgart. Small business as it may seem for a govenment office, nevertheless the cover urned by the auditor's office and cted to the sender, but this time rs a yellow 3 kr stamp of the issue, cancelled by the usual amp, consisting of two concentric , bearing Stuttgart above be- them and the date within the circle.

Another envelope before me is just like the one here described, but originated at Stuttgart in the same office and was turned and re-directed by the addressee, the same one as above. Here also the letter was franked by the large figure 3 written with red pencil. A third cover is precisely similar, while a fouth one came from the same official in Stuttgart, but is addressed to the Royal Circuit Court at Maulbronn; the clerk of court—oh, that our officials were as economical also!—turned it and re-directed it to the official who had sent it. This also is franked on the re-directed side by the large figure 3 in red ink, the other side, bearing the usual yellow 3 kr stamp. Still another cover has been used three times. It came from the same official at Stuttgart as all the others and is addressed to the Royal Circuit Court at Cannstatt. Here it was turned and re-directed to

Seiner Wohlgeboren
Herrn Secretar Weegmann
Hier

i. e. "To the wellborn Mr. Secretary W., Present." No stamp is with this address, as the letter was probably delivered by messenger. It must have been used once more after that without change, for still later it is returned, addressed to official who sent it, not by the Circuit Court, nor by Mr. Weegmann, but by the Mayor's office at Uhlback, though the cancellation reads Cannstatt. This address shows no stamp, but only a large figure 1 in red ink. Perhaps the enclosure was a printed one; as you will notice, all those above had a large figure 3. This cover also shows two delivery marks: one at Stuttgart, similar to the one with D 1 mentioned above, but bearing the letter D3; another much larger one probably used at Cannstatt, showing.

D 2
10 | 4

Some other similar covers also used twice about this time do not show the large written figures, but bear stamps on both sides. Ordinary stamps were evidently employed in those days for official matter also, but in 1875 Wuerttemberg brought a set (Scott Type O 1) for communications between the local authorities and in 1881 another set (Scott Type O 2) for the correspondence of the royal government officials.

(To be continued.)

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EDITORIAL

After several years of desultory drifting in the sea of philatelic journalism, it again devolves upon me to assume charge of these columns. Mr. Daily, the late incumbent, having found it necessary to sever his connection with the West. With the West at its birth, business cares compelled me to discontinue my official connection in June, 1897. As an observer I have since that time seen it prosper to a degree beyond the wildest hopes ever entertained by the founders during the first year or two of its existance. That the prosperity is to continue is indubitable—to again be a vital part of its organization is indeed a pleasur To all my old friends I extend a hea felt greeting—to those I hope to mak a cordial welcome; to my enemies— editor can claim immunity—I will n throw down the guantlet, but exte the hand of fellowship in recognition our esteemable common cause; to t late predecessor, congratulations up the high criterion he has established this work; to my associate editors, earnest desire for harmonious, creditab labor; to my friend the printer, an a peal for consideration.

That these notes are somewhat c tailed this month is not surprising in view of the fact that they were writ "between two days." Some of th were skeletoned for another colum which was to be headed "By the Si Assistant Editor," we having assum that nom de guerre, but the unexpec happened and it becomes imperative transform them iuto editorials.

Last month we made a few remarks another column about the absence horse-sense as exhibited by bidders combination mail and personal bid sal After being present at the last sale the Nebraska Philatelic Society, held Omaha Feb. 2nd, no reason is found a change of opinion. What do think of a bid of thirty-five cents the 2-6-10-12-30c Navy? They are listed in the sale catalogue as hav any imperfections, and are catalog at $7.50. (We bid in the lot for seven five cents ourselves—but that is anot story). Other bids on this sale f out of town collectors were just as sane as the one above mentioned. man sent in a bid on every lot, and bids all being of the above character failed to secure anything worth m tioning. Let us repeat, the only from which results may be expected

elegate some one who can be present at the sale to do the bidding. Name the maxium figure you are willing to pay, and let him do the work at N. P. S. sales for any member of the society.

A quotation from the editorial bow appearing in the first number of a late aspirant for philatelic honors: "This paper will be used for the purpose of furthering the stamp business in general and our own business in particular. While advertisements and subscriptions will be thankfully received, they are not necessarily indispensable to the continuance of this magazine. The proprietors are amply able to continue the publication regardless of the support we receive in this direction." This is a variation of the stereotyped "we have come to stay," and is a strong bid for patronage. However, if the official who passes on the allowance of second-class rates happens to peruse it, his views regarding the paper rates are obvious, for the editorial is on the face of it a statement that the publication is and for the company issuing it. The publication deserves success—we trust the announcement will be overlooked.

Some complaint has been made that our stamp papers are devoting too much space to personal items and views. We may have made some criticism on this point in times gone by. Perchance the admonition to the occupant of a glass house should be remembered. However, this tendency is not to be wondered at, after all. In all these years since philately became sufficiently strong to support stamp journals, the researches of those of studious leaning have been given to collectors until the field has been so generally covered there is very little unexplored territory. Technical articles still abound, but in the main they are merely a relation of personal observations, and although valuable and interesting, we find that the topic has usually been touched upon previously. It is not true, as some one has remarked, that the studious, painstaking collector is becoming less numerous. He is still with us, and has more company every year, but he hesitates to write for publication upon topics that have been given to the world by his co-laborers. We recently read an argument that philately was rapidly going into a decadence, the opinion being inspire by the apparent lack of "heavy" contributions to our papers. The situation should occasion no alarm—it is only the natural trend of affairs. If perusing articles of lighter vein, and at present they are prevalent, does not agree with the collector, let him turn to the files of back numbers which contain what he is seeking.

It is hoped that our brother publishers will deem us worthy of an exchange copy each month. We have such a large staff that this may appear to be a large order—but don't forget the editor-in-chief, anyway. We always reciprocate to an unlimited extent.

There are a great many odd devices on stamps, some of which have a meaning and are worthy of study. The arms of different nations are frequently made up in such a way that the designs are very interesting. The double-headed eagle which may be seen on European stamps has its origin in the union of the Eastern and Western empires once divided under the Romans. Stamps such as those of Bergedorf show the bringing together of arms of different nations, known in heraldry as quartering. A collection which exhibits the different emblems and designs used in heraldry would surely be very interesting to one who likes to study ancient ideas as applied in modern life.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

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Have you tried the depts., or got at least one member we need them and your help. And soon will be time to get ready for stamp meets and new officers.

If you have no application blanks the secretary will be glad to send you some at once to all requests.

Collectors should examine their stamps carefully for rare specimens which they are likely to find among those of many countries. It has been customary among all collectors, both young and old, during late years to use a perforation guage which enables them to readily discover which are in many instances very important so far as the collecting value of stamps is concerned. The way in which the size of the perforation is indicated is by the numbers that are to be found in the space of twenty millimeters; thus a stamp is spoken of as perforated ten, twelve, or any other number. Stamps which are quite common with the ordinary perforations are sometimes exceedingly rare and high priced with perforations that are unusual. The countries in which the difference in the size of the perforations most frequently occurs and is of most consequence are the British colonies throu out the world. There is likewise iety in the perforation of other co tries; but in some of these, as in case of Japan, little atttention is to the difference.

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Our Motto for April: PUSH.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Fellow Members:—Your secretary has little to report this month. By the slow with which the dues come in judge many sleeping. Wake up brother and renew your terest in our society and send in your quart I am glad to report one more applicant f Trustee Hayworth, as follows:

Rev. Father Mark, Age 37, clergyman. Joseph's church, Hays City, Kansas Refere F. R. Hayworth and G. R. Barker, Wichita

New Members;—

26 Will M. Stryker, Arkansas City, Kas
27 Joe S. Fordyce, Wichita, Kans

Renewal:—F. J. Ford, Wichita, Kan.

Our auction monager, R. L. Thompson moved to St Louis to pursue his studies in graphy, but as that department has never b very well patronized, our president will not point a successor for the present.

There is still room for more members in society.

Respectfully.
F. A. LILLY, Secreta

REPORT OF SALES DEPARTMENT.
JANUARY AND FEBRUARY.

17 Books in circulation per report of Dec. 31, value	$ 3
31 Books received	1
48	$ 13
37 Books retired, from which a total amt of $13.20 was sold, value	$ 10
11 Books in circulation, value	$ 3

Only three circuits were sent out the past months on account of a circuit being delayed.

I am pleased to see that members are tak more interest in this department. Some fine lections are promised to be sent in in the few days. Members write and be put on circ Some fine stamps at low prices.

G. R. BARKER, Supt.,
145 N Emporia Ave,
Wichita, Kan

CAMERA NEWS

Spook, Freak and Trick Photography.

GHOSTS.

Ghost or spook photographs, as they are called, are extremely easy to make. One very simple method of making a ghost photograph is to make some person sit or stand in one particular place, say in a room, for about two seconds; then cap the lens, let them walk away entirely from the front of the camera, and then uncap the lens again and give another two or five seconds exposure. On developing the negative there will be seen a faint image of the person with the objects behind seen through the body, which of course falls in with the ordinarily accepted ideas that ghosts are transparent. If all the paraphernalia of the ordinary ghost are required, then let the person wear a white sheet draped over his or her head and shoulders, and proceed exactly as just described.

Just in this way it is possible to make a picture with a ghost appear in it as addressing a warning to someone sitting at a table, or else as holding up a warning finger, or as standing beside a person may be perfectly unconscious of it.

Many years ago considerable amusement and wonder was excited by prints showing a man playing chess with himself or fighting himself, even now this is quite a source of astonishment to outsiders. The method of producing such prints is extremely simple.

Just inside the camera, close to the frame work or grooves into which the dark slides are placed, should be fitted a piece of zinc by means of a strip of brass or some stout drawing pins at the bottom, and two little turn buckles at the top, this zinc should just cover half the plate when it is exposed.

The sitter should be posed to one side of the picture so that the whole of his body is seen on the half of the focussing screen left unexposed by the zinc, and after focussing and capping the lens, the dark slide should be inserted and the shutter withdrawn, and the exposure made the lens should be capped, the dark slide closed and withdrawn from the camera. Great care must be taken not to shift the camera, the background or any of the accessories. The zinc should now be shifted over to the other side of the focussing screen, and the sitter moved over to the other side, the lens capped and the slide again inserted, and the shutter withdrawn and a second exposure made. On development a negative will be obtained which will show the same person in two positions, and if the zinc partition is rightly made and blackened there will be absolutely no trace of a join.

Instead of using the zinc in the camera, a sort of tunnel may be built out in front of the lens, the length of which should be about equal to the focus of the lens, and a species of folding doors opening in the middle made for the mouth of the tunnel, and these opened and closed in turn, an exposure being made each side.

Caricature Photography.

May be made by various methods. One very simple way is to procure some large sheets of white cardboard, and to draw on these with good black color some figures; for instance, a donkey with a man's body on its back, or a very small body of a man. A slightly curved piece should be cut out where the head should join the neck. The sitter should now be posed on a chair, in front of the camera, and told to hold the drawing on his knees, the small piece cut out of the top just fitting under the chin. If an exposure is made on this, the resulting negative will show an ordinary sized

head on an abnormally small body. Should the upper edge of the card show, it may be touched out.

Another method is instead of using the ordinary lens to use two metal plates, placed one behind the other in the lense tube, and which should be provided with very narrow slits about one-fiftieth of an inch wide and half an inch long. By turning these slits at different angles all sorts of curious effects can be obtained. Of course this method of working necessitates prolonged exposure which may be avoided by taking the negative in the ordinary way, making a transparency from it by contact printing, and then copying this in the camera by means of the slits.

It is a well-known law that the nearer an object is to the camera the larger it appears, therefore by taking advantage of this we may make some astonishing records, particularly if we use a somewhat short focus lens. If, for instance, a fisherman for once catches a fish, he may hang this when dead onto a hook at the end of his line, and by means of the rod can hang the fish a good six or eight feet nearer the lens than he himself is. The result will be that the poor little fish which might have measured in life about six inches, will appear to be two or three feet long.

Imitation Portraits.

Portraits in imitations of paintings are very easy to make, and very effective sometimes. Procure a good sized gold frame and also some coarse canvas such as artists use which should be stained a deep brown. Behind the frame place the sitter; the head and shoulders will be quite enough to show. Behind, place the stained canvas tightly stretched on a frame, now focus the sitter sharply, expose and cap the lens, close the dark slide and again focus on the canvas: insert the dark slide again, and a expose. The result will be a nega which will show everywhere the g of the canvas, even on the face of sitter.

Portraits in imitation of statuary by no means difficult to make. want first of all a pillar, such as b are usually supported on, and a piec wood cut to represent the base of a painted white. Behind this should arranged the sitter, and white dra arranged in the classical style aro the shoulders and the wooden base the hair and face be powdered thickly with white face powder, or theatrical white paint be smeared the face and neck, very good imita statues can be made.

Silhouette Portraits.

All that is wanted to make these teresting pictures is a semi-transpa screen, which can be made out of an sheet, or linen or even thin paper. front of this the sitter should be pla in profile of course, and the outli the face very sharply focussed. by burning about a foot of magne ribbon be hind the screen, or usi flash lamp, we shall obtain a succ ful negative showing the head shonlders black against the w background.

Fake Clouds.

You often see photographs of l scapes in which the sky is simp grey patch. Why not, when print dob a little paint or black lead the glass side so as to make clo It is a very simple operation, and by means of which the view ma greatly improved.

☞H. Pifer, Lovington, Ill.—I West an excellent paper.

American Society of Curio Collectors

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Albert Eikenberry, Denver, Ind.
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Mrs Ina L Burrie bx 338, Marysville, O.
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No 129. Clarence C Downs, bx 162, Atlantic City, N. J.
No 130. A D Grutymacher, Mukwonago, Wis.
No 131. A C Hunter, bx 33, West Branch, Iowa.
No 132. W B Hinsdale, M. D., Ann Harbor, Mich

FELLOW MEMBERS:—As our membership is increasing at such a rapid rate, we have decided to publish the names of all applicants, to be subject to the approval of the society. Therefore, the above list of applicants will be admitted to full membership, provided no sufficient objection is filed against them before April 15th.

With this report we bid the "West" good-bye. The society is growing so rapidly, and embraces such a large field of collecting not included in the West that it is thought best to have a different official organ.

Your Secretary will undertake the editing and publishing of a monthly publication devoted to natural science, archaeology, numismatics and curio collecting. President Greene has suggested "The Curio Monthly" for the name, so you can expect to see the April report in the first issue, April 20.

With our new organ we will have plenty of space for reports, society news, etc.

My associate editors are the President, Vice President, Prof. Emery, Prof. Davis and Basil G. Hamilton, Canada, so you can expect something "great."

Now let every member push! push!! push!!! We are here to stay so you should not hesitate about recommending the A. S. of C. C. to your friends. Who will win prize No. 1? It is worth working for—and so are Nos. 2 and 3.

Yours "till we meet again."

ALLEN JESSIE REYNOLDS.

Most of the members are subscribers those who are not, can secure the West at half price if sent direct to publishers. Our next number will contain fine MSS "The Geological Formation of Illnois" by president of Naturalist club and expect to take charge Socy. of Young Scientists, etc., will be well illustrated and will sure pay all to be readers.

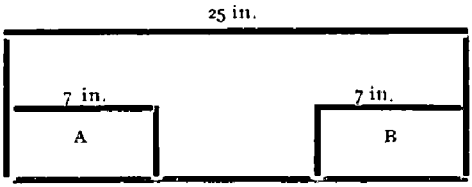
How to Make an Egg Case.

Some of the older collectors may laugh at this case but it is not meant for them but for the young collector and I think it makes quite a good appearance.

The dimensions of the one I have are 3x5x25 inches (not counting the cover) but of course you can make it any size to suit yourself.

First get some hardwood flooring about 1½ inches wide and ¼ in. thick and of this make a box 3 inches long, 5 inches wide and 25 inches long. Be careful to saw and fit the boards correctly if you want your case to look well.

Before you nail it together cut two pieces (a and b) out of the front at the bottom, 7 inches long and the width of one of the pieces of flooring.



FRONT OF CASE.

These pieces are for two little drawers and these can easily be made out of cigar boxes.

Now put it together and over each drawer on the inside nail a cigar box cover (c) of the right size to a cleat (d) nailed to the end of the case and another piece of cigar box (e) at the other end of the drawer. Nail these so that the drawer will work easily.

Now nail another piece (f) just like (e) to (e) and cut another cigar box cover (g) so that it will just fit over this hollow space and rest on the cleats (f) but do not nail it.

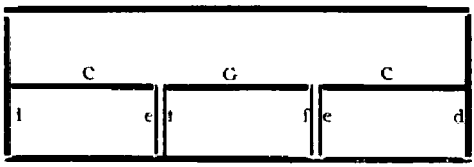


FIGURE SHOWING CASE WITH FRONT TAKEN OFF.

This hollow place can be used to keep your egg drills, etc., or your duplicate eggs in. The drawers are useful to keep your datas and check lists, etc., and also small or damaged eggs.

The cover comes next and the best and cheapest way is to make it of wood but your case will look better with a glass top. Get some grooved moulding; make a frame of this and after having a glass cut to fit it fasten it in with putty.

But the great objection to the glass top case is that the light fades a great many eggs and especially the delicate shades of blue.

Fasten the cover with three small hinges.

Now after putting a catch on the cover and a pull on each of the drawers and giving it a good coat of hard wood finish your case is ready for the eggs.

Do not make fixed partitions for the case but buy some egg trays. Nearly every dealer in eggs has them and they cost but a few cents. Sooner or later you are sure to break an egg trying to remove them if you use partitions while the trays can be lifted out.

The best part of the case is that it costs only 25 cents and does as well as a $2 or $3 one.

I hope this will help some young collector who does not know just how to make a case and I will gladly answer any questions if you send return postage.

I am a member of the A. S. of C. C. and advise all curio collectors not members to join and participate in the many benefits of the society. I would like to correspond with all curio collectors.

HOWARD E. BISHOP,
Sayre, Pa.

☞L. V. Cass, N. Y.—Last West alone worth 25c to any stamp or curio collector.

☞L. A. Beebe, Yonkers, N. Y.—My ad paid for itself, and I like your paper fine as ad medium.

CURIO NOTES

asps nests, very frequently seen sus-
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dried-up and scaly gelatinous sub-
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eggs are deposited. The mud-dauber
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glaze the prehistoric man used, but
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the French people "faience," and
e Italians "majolica," the latter
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the residents of an island by that
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ny collectors may not know that
Declaration of Independence, that historic old document the original of which is carefully preserved at Washington, when it was first published to the world bore but two signatures, those of John Hancock, President; and Char- Thomson, Secretary; under resolution of Congress, July 14, 1776.

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In "Tonto Basin" in the northern part of Gila county, Arizona, is a natural bridge which, between rock walls more than 700 feet high, spans a cavern 200 feet wide in a single arch. The width is 600 feet, and the average thickness of the arch is forty feet, though in one place near the top it is scarcely six feet thick. Here, through a circular hole, may be seen the waters dashing along so far below. From the numerous caves and caverns in the vicinity, in which abound beautiful stalaetites and stalagmites, so my informant tells me, it has been suggested that the now open canon was once a subterranean passage and that the natural bridge is the last remains of the roof that once covered the entire passage. The rock is a limestone.

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It is generally conceded that the ancient people who wroked in stone and flint to quarry the rocks they needed for making implements used both fire and water. They builded quick fires of straw upon the stone they wished to quarry and then cooled the surface thus heated with cold water, causing the stone to crack, into these cracks wedges were inserted, driven in with wooden or stone mallets, and thus the desired amount of stone slabbed off. It is believed that they also drilled holes sometimes in the surface of the stone, plugged these holes with wooden wedges which they afterward saturated with water and the expansion of the wood cracked the stone. In cold weather it is

probable they filled these holes with water only and allowed the expansion of the congealing liquid to do the work.

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Eminent scientists have differed greatly in their estimates of the world's age. Alexander Winchell assigned but 3,000,000 years as the required length of geologic time; Geikie from 73,000,000 years upward; Cromwell claimed it to be about 72,000,000 years; Darwin 200,000,000 years; and Sir Charles Lyall, basing his estimate on modifications of certain species of marine life, assigned 240,000,000 years; while McGee, Upham and other recent authorities claim from 100,000,000 up to 680,000,000 years, and all young collectors who have delved in geology will agree that it is quite old enough to be interesting.

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The color of rocks, as may be imagined, is not constant, but liable to change under varying conditions, particularly those of exposure. Rocks black with carbonaceous matter will fade almost to whitness on prolonged exposure, owing to the bleaching out of the coloring materials. Rocks rich in magnetite of free iron oxides, or sulphides, or in highly ferruginous silicate minerals, are likewise liable to a change of color, becoming yellowish, red or brown, through oxidation of the ferruginous constituents.

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One would hardly suppose that humming-birds have a wide range, but such is the fact. Species of them are found in Northern Canada and even in Alaska.

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The heaviest authentic meteorite in any collection is the one discovered in 1816 at Beadego, near Bahia, Brazil. It weighs 11792 pounds. There is said to have fallen in China near the source of the Yellow river one which weighs 22,000 pounds, and one on the plain of Tuccuman in South America whi weighs about 33,000 pounds. The t latter however are not authenticat finds. There is said to have been meteoric stone found in Arizona whi contained minute diamonds.

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Dan D. Doolittle, one of the A. S. C. C. members, who lives in Fremon Nebraska, has an interesting collecti of old almanacs, geographies, a early maps of this country. A colle tion of such things is of great intere and is well worth seeing.

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Among precious stones the rub the topaz and the sapphire are co posed mainly of alumina, colored wi different earth and metallic salts. T diamond is a carbon crystalized, everybody knows; the garnet is a mi ture of silica and alumina; the opa silica and water; the turquoise, pho phate of alumina, colored with salts copper, which also turns silicate magnesia into the gleaming gre malachite.

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George W. Dixon, A. S. of C. C. N 69, of Watertown, So. Dak., has som fine second-hand books on archaeolog ical, ornithological, geological, a kindred subjects, just what the ave age young collector needs, which h wishes to dispose of and lists of whic he is mailing to all interested partie

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Stillwell, of Deadwood, one of th best known curio dealers in the countr has issued a new catalogue which is work of beauty as well as a thing interest.

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J. H. Holmes, of Dunedin, Florid has favored the curio editor with copy of his illustrated catalogue o shells. The book is a very pretty an attractive one and Holmes offers som nice bargains. As all the readers o the West, however, nor all the member

the curio society will get to see a alogue, wouldn't it be a treat for collectors who are liberal buyers, a good business investment for Mr. lmes, if every month he would take age advertisement in the West set- forth his bargains in popular ls. and illustrating the same with pretty pictures he gives us in his alogue. This is just a suggestion ours, but we think it would be a ner.

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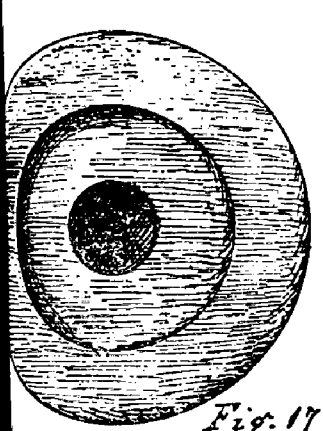
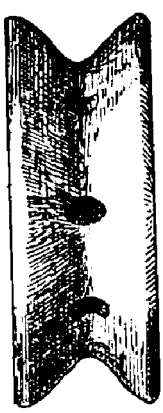
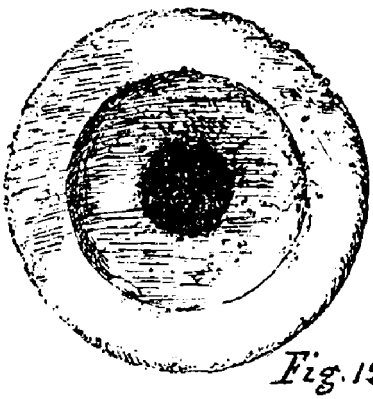
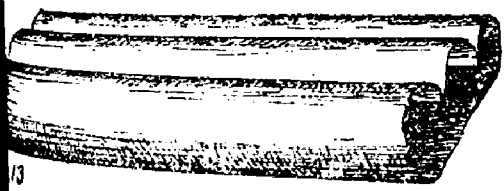
If any collector of curios who reads column has not yet joined the A. of C. C. we should like for him to te the secretary or myself for an lication blank which he may fill and be enrolled at once. The soci- is worth dollars to any collector re it costs him cents. The bond of ship it inspires cannot be calculat- in sordid cash, the benefits it offers scarcely be estimated and the pro- ive features against frauds is a ner with every one. The society gh still young, has already made Robinette and Arnold hunt their holes. The government authorities are now investigating Arnold. There is not a collector anywhere, who can afford not to be a member. The society's growth up to date is flattering in the extreme, but there is no reason why 1000 collectors should not band together this way, help each other and themselves, exchange experience, get better acquinted, warn each other of frauds, say a good word for the worthy, grow wiser, better and bigger just through the companionship and correspondence a membership card in such a society promises. Why, I wouldn't take $10 for my little membership card, (which only runs till next November and which I shall have to have renewed then), if I should not be able to get another. I have been a collector for fifteen years and have known many collecting friends in that time, but never so many at any one time as I know now. Who wouldn't be a member of the A. S. of C. C? Let me hear from him too!

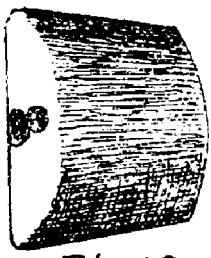
ROY F. GREENE.











Group of Wheels, Tubes, and small Pipes, from a Mound in Illinois.

Sensitizing Postal Cards.

In place of the cards now offered ready sensitized you may prepare them yourself. Make a solution as follows:

Frankincense .....60 grains
Gum mastic .....48 "
Calcium chloride .....45 "
Alcohol..... 6 ounces

Immerse the card in the above solution for two minutes, avoiding bubbles and air bells, then withdraw and dry.

When dry sensitize with a 60-grain solution of nitrate of silver, applied to the card with a tuft of absorbent cotton.

Dry thoroughly. Print rather deep tone in ordinary good toning bath, fix and wash as usual.—Professional Pointers.

Invention of the Post Office.

The invention of the post office is ascribed to Cyrus, King of Persia, who lived about 600 B. C.

Cyrus required all of his governors of provinces and chief commanders of troops to write him exact accounts of everything that occurred in their several districts and armies.

Persian empire was of vast extent, and some means had to be provided to render that correspondence sure and expeditious. Cyrus therefore caused post offices to be built and messengers appointed in every province. He found how far a good horse, with an experienced rider could travel in a day without being hurt and then had stables built in proportion, at equal distances from each other. At each of these places he also appointed postmasters, whose duty it was to receive the letters from the couriers as they arrived, and give them to others, and to give fresh horses in exchange for those that had performed their part of the journey. Thus, the post went continually night and day, rain or snow, heat or cold, and Cyrus received speedy news of all occurrences, and sent back whatever orders he considered nece

Darius, the last king of the a Persians, was superintendent of before he came to the throne.—Ha Young People.

Old illegible manuscripts re found in Breslau were made readab painting with a 1 per cent solutio tannic acid. Ammonium sulphide pleted the restoration.

M. Guilleminot has devised a m of taking Rontgen photographs o living heart and lungs with good de tion. These organs move, and ordinary photograhs are indistinct, the new process brings the rays to at certain times when the heart or l are in a particular phase of their m ments.

What Others Say

☞My wife made this remark your last number of West "that was the only paper I subscribed for, was the only one she found interes to read" so you see your paper is preciated by others beside stamp co tors, but all Western collectors sh be proud of it as it certainly leads i departments—O. H. Phinney, Ka City, Ks.

☞Enjoy the "West." The ads a me. The art of putting things is g Then there is meat of other sorts in West.—Oren Root, D. D., Hami College, N. Y.

☞F L Kline, Ridgway, Pa. Am vinced West is best ad medium I yet found.

☞G. A. Fink, Connersville, In Much pleased with West.

☞Miss Garman, Kaneville, Think West the finest paper I have s

BOILED DOWN

ORIGINAL AND OTHERWISE

Mr. B. O. Evanmark sends us from Finland copies of the new Finland set. The set comprises the 2-5-10-20 pmi, 1 and 5 mark. The type is simi- to the current stamps of Russia.

The death of Queen Victoria places the most stamp collector in the world in next succession to the English throne. ward is now a man of sixty seasons, at the best, his reign will be a short , and his son, Prince of Wales, Duke York, will then be the sovereign. turn is not long distant, and then philatelists may say that on the one of the mightiest empire the rld has seen, sits a stamp collector.

France has enacted a new law which permit a soldier and sailor of France send two simple letters per month free. To carry out this project and order that the stamps may not be ized by others, a new series of stamps be produced. They will bear across vignette the two letters, F. M. anchise militaire."

One of the amendments offered in the se to the new revenue law provides the internal revenue commissioner ould place the stamps provided for in bill on sale at the postoffices of the untry.

A Canadian daily paper states that it thought probable that a new issue for nada will soon appear bearing the ness of King Edward VII. There is no precedent, however, to guide the Canadian authorities in a matter of this kind. The late Queen succeeded to the throne in 1837, but it was not until 1840 that the first postage stamp was adopted. Prior to the latter date, and, indeed, until a much later period, a certain fixed sum was paid for the carriage of a letter, and the amount was stamped by the postmaster on the envelopes. The likelihood is that a new issue of stamps will be made almost immediately, but that they will not come into general use until the bulk of the stamps at present in stock have been disposed of.

Those who are railing at the precancelled stamp as a speculative affair, and to be shunned, might turn their attention to J. Ellwood Lee Co., and its "stickers." An advertisement from the company's "authorized agent" states that there will ever be, that there are 6000 sets complete of these stamps, 5 values, all that there will ever be, that the law will be repealed, and that the price from January 1, 1901 is $1.50 per set. The cost of a die at the Treasury department is about $100.00. 5 of them total $500: the 6000 sets at 9½ cents a set cost the company $570. The whole thing therefore stands them in $1070; and the difference between that and $9,000 shows the profit on this private issue $7,930.

No one is too old to collect stamps or join a society. The age of an applicant to the S. of P. is given as 99 years.

The new revenue law will probably go into effect March 4th. Proprietary stamps will be used only on wine. There will be little use for the lower denominations of the documentary set, and in fact only 10 per cent of the number of all revenue stamps now in use will be required after the above date.

American Camera Club Exchange

President—H. V. Thornton, 11 Memorial Tower, 37 and Spruce st, Phila., Pa.
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 prom reply. Corresponding members wishing membership card must inclose a stamp to the secretary for reply. Why not become a member. It costs y nothing if a subscriber. Send names of your active photographer friends.

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elics of the Battle of Chippawa

By F. A. W. DEAN.

on excavating gravel by the Nia- Falls, Park & River Electric rail- n Chippawa creek, the working- unearthed a lot of human bones, h being informed by a friend who employed on the excavation with lf, worked all day Sunday unearth- relics of the late war, our find con- g of the entire skeletons of three grown persons, two pelvis bones of dren, a horses jaw, 21 pound iron on ball, one iron tomahawk, one tell made of smooth green sand- e, several grape shot, and pieces of les, which I have deposited in my of historic objects.

e battle of Chippawa was fought on morning of July 4, 1814.

ott's brigade took up its line of h toward Chippawa from Erie to join the Marquis of Twee- and forces who construed the way 5 miles and a big fight was kept up day. The British having been driven across the creek, the British being flanked on the north of the Chippawa creek where relics were unearthed was an old powder house and camp the American forces holding the south of Streets Creek.

General Brown and forces joined the Scott army and on the morning of the 5th they encountered the British again. The Britith advanced in full force and crossed the Chippawa and one of the fiercest and bloodiest battles of this age was anticipated in on the open fields between the two streams.

The British could not stand the heroic charge of the American army and the heavy artillery causing a panic drove the British off in haste, although they fought bravely the American forces were estimated, according to David Young, at 1900, British 2100· British losses 138 killed, 319 wounded, 46 missing, total 503.

American losses, 60 killed, 248 wounded, 19 missing, total loss 327. Grand total loss 830.

The British forces according to British Adjutant General's report, dated July 14 1814 gives: 1st regt Royal· Scots, 8th Sweeden 100th, (Marq. of Twee) Royal 19th dragoon, detachment of artilery and part of Canadian militia.

American troops consisted of the 11th, 25th, and 8th Inf. detachment of 22nd Towson artilery and Portin volunteers.

A PASTE THAT WILL STICK ANYTHING.

Take three parts of sugar of lead, three parts of alum, five parts of gum arabic, and sixteen parts of good wheat flour. Dissolve the gum arabic in two quarts of warm water: when cold stir in the wheat flour and add the sugar of lead and alum, which must have been previously dissolve in water. Cock until it shows signs of ebullition. Let it cool and it is ready for use.

GAUDY MOUNTS—Shun gaudy mounts, as they draw attention away from the picture to themselves, just as showy backgrounds weaken portraits.

EXCHANGE COLUMN

One notice under 15 words free to each subscriber. For sale notices ½c per word. Three insertions for price of two.

Foreign collector sending me 50 t 250 good assortment of their stamps will rec 10 per cent. more in good ass'tment of U S stamps Will accept cut sq envs and wrappers and 1 entire post card and 1 entire letter sheet Please register all sendings and I'll register back—John T Thompson, Bx 65, Marietta, Ga

Canada common 20c 100, Maps 45c 100, green laws 45c 100, 50 diff Canada $1; 1901 Canada rev. cat 10c; Canada Postage Album illustrated 75cc Canada Rev Album 75c; Canadian Philateli; Magazine and price lists free—Wm R Ada n.s Toronto, Ont

Photos Queen Victoria's home at Windsor. Set of 10 4x5 prints on velox paper One for each 25c cata value stamps my selection Also fine breech loading Marlin rifle to exchange for stp collection L A Beebe, 802 North Broadway, Yonkers, N Y

I will give 50c worth of stamps off of sheets or the same value in fossils, minerals, Indian rel. or curiosities for the following issues of the Saturday Evening Post (Philadelphia) vol 172, no 52 (June 23 1900) vol 173, no 2 (July 14 1900) vol 173, no 4, (July 28 1900) Drop a postal if you have them. Roy F Greene, Arkansas City, Ks

Willson's special 25 varieties Canadian postage stamps X for 15c we buy VRI unused W G H Willson, bx 11, Longueuil, Que' Canada

N Castagnino, Rua cochabamba 884, Buenos Aires, Argentine Republic, South America, desires to receive good postage tsamps, especially high values on approval sheets, of U. S., Canada and Mexica Offers in X good stamps and high values of Uraguay, Argentine Republic and Paraguay Will not accept common stamps, revenues, entires and fac-similes First class ref Base: Scott on Senf Letters registered

Finland send me good stamps (50 to 500) and receive the same value of Finland 1891, 1900, 1901 and Europe rare for rare, B O Ewenmark, ABO Finland, Europe

Only a few fine Alaska seal caps left X for good stamps, if I have your size Write for information R B Geoghegan, The hatter, 1042 4 ave Louisville, Ky

Unmounted prints 5x7 of the Lincoln homes and monuments to X for stamps, the 2 for 50c worth, cat. value, my selection, also paper wts, write me Ref. Brodstone A R Millard, stamp dealer 831 12th St Springfield, Ill.

Have a bicycle seat and pair of handle bars nearly new, a nice little clock and a telescope to X for stamps Frank A Kill, Alba, Bradford-co Pa

Books, Quo Vadis, An Egyptian Princess, Confession of a Nun and many others for Coffee signatures or best offer that you have—George A Fink, 524 W 10th st, Connersville, Ind

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One notice under fifteen words free to each subscriber. For sale notices 1 cent per word; five insertions for the price of three.

Two cameras to X for best offer in stamp will sell for cash 4x5 Premo B. Darlot le plate holders and roll holder, cost $30 in '98 Folding Hawkeye cost $40 in '93—Dr C H G ner, Port Townsend, Wash

Birds eye views of Milwaukee or Toledo for others or Canada Rev or good Finland or mark stamps Mrs A C Stewart 226 Floyd st eda Ohio

American papers and magazines wanted. Religious, Secular, Farm, Housedold. will English ones in X or will send packets of un picture post cards—Wm C Cross 5 Inglis Ealing, W London Eng

I have 4x5 southern and 3½x3½ New Y views to X Only permanent prints wanted S 6 and receive same Henry Hirsch, Ama, La

Have $5 View Camera, 12 holders, 2 print frames, $1 tripod, 5x7 washing box, 2½x2½ agara camera will X above for 4x5 Folding c era, best offer. Have also lot of magazines reading matter, 6 Dewey spoons—G W Smith, Warren St, Brooklyn, N Y.

I want a camara and will X coins and sta for one—Erastus Cornell, Marshalltown, Ia, b

Franklin is on the one cent stamp, I h fine photographs of statues of Franklin in Bos and Chicago Unmounted .06 each or 15c trad stamps—Aldrich, Benson, Minn

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Have 4¼x4¼ and 3½x3½ prints to X Cuban others—S B Alloway, Bennington, Nebr

10 American souvenir cards free for every 5 bona fide addresses of souvenir card collec living in Asia, Africa, Australia, South Ame —A Selige, 20 N 4th St, St Louis, Mo.

The photo amateur readers of this maga will be treated to a new 10c booklet "Picture Pointers" in X for 10 names and addresse Kodak friends and and one 2c stamp. Me Photo Pub Co S 96-5th Ave., Chicago.

I camera takes pictures 2½x2½, 2 plate ho ers, 1 Ruby lamp candle light, 3 trays, above $1 Apply to Arthur A. Nelson, 1438 Noble Chicago, Ill.

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EXCHANGE COLUMN.

Wanted, special deliveries, Omahas, Columbian (except 2c) revs and all common and scarce US, Canada snd foreign in large and small quantities I pay cash or give X from approval sheets Ref, Pub.—Wm Eldridge bx 1352, Boston Mass

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 Cols Fortnightly, Stanley Gibbons Monthly Jnl, Phil Record, P J of E 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 pritner's supplies wanted for cash or X—T O Young, New Haven N Y

Pair of photoes of St Louis Labor parade for 20 foreign stamps, cat 3c each—Aldrich, Benson, NY

Have you any good dups, cat over 3c that you wish to X for 250 circs, 60 words, postpaid; years subs to West or PSP for 1000 mixed stamps—AE Carr, 42 Marianna St, Lynn, Mass

NS Moore, Naples, Ills—Sells 45 var US stamps no revenues catalogued ninty cents or over for 25c 35 varieties 10c, 50 varieties with revenues 20c, 1000 mixed not over fifty alike for 75c. Foreign stamps on sheets catalogued at $1 or over for 12c 1000 hinges 10c, 3000 for 20c postpaid.

I collect stamps, curios and coins Have some duplicates for exchange, Henry Jessen, White S. D.

Mexican Opals—wholesale and retail to exchange for stamps, Agents wanted. The Sonora News Co, Akron, Ohio.

Foreign Collectors! Send stamps of your country for equal value of U S North Star Stamp Co, Grand Meadow, Minn, U S A

I will exchange all kinds of 5 cent novels for Happy Days Gift Coupons for Further particulars write to Edward Moon, Mystic Iowa, box 545.

Two good trimmed meercham pipes, retail price $15, the "real articles" a Duncan-Whitely punching bag, retails $10, all unused, stamps and cash for a broken down typewriter in good repair EH Wilkinson, 101 Stanford Circle, Omaha Nebr.

Send me some of your good duplicates catalogued over 4c each for a fine rubber stamp with your name and address on, no trash, Hawaiians and picture stamps wanted. A E Carr 42 Marianna St Lynn, Mass.

While they last ¼ stamp papers for 3c. E. R. Aldrich, Benson, Minn.

Send Newton S. Moore, Naples, Ill—Any number common and medium priced stamps of your country for same number, variety and value old U S postage, revenues dues, Columbians etc., Reference:—Member D P A and S C P A of A.

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Wanted Lynn precancelled 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, stamp—E R Aldrich, Benson Minn

I will give 20 foreign stamps for every s head J T. Horseshoe, Standard Navy Dun Cross Bow, Good Luck and Nobby Stam Ro sent me in quantities of 20 or over, 15 stam each Aabuckles sig Lion head and Mel. F W. Johnson 23-10th st So. Fargo, N D

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Send me 25-50 stamps of your country and same number and value U S in return—Chamberlain 5225 Page Ave St. Louis, Mo.

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Send me 25—50 stamps of your country I will send in return same value and number in France and colonies· Please register all letters-Duhamel Maurice, Saint Omer, France, Europe. Correspondence in English and French. Philatelic papers desired.

Will give a good magic lantern and complete outfit cost $6 for $8 cat value good stamps from sheets—Geo. W. Linn, 85 Wisconsin Ave, Columbus, Ohio.

A 2c Liberty 5th issue Revenue, roulletted cat. 25c to X for 3 $1. Red or one 3.00 or $5 Rev. Guatemale, 1 peso 1878, used, cat. 50c for 12c or 25c 1894 Hawaii.—C. H. Smith, Box 4009, Sta. B Philadelphia, Pa.

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12 Mex., Hidalgo Express entire env
13 " Natural " " "
14 US Dues, 30c brown - -
15 " " 50c " - -
16 Canada 2c purple no - -
17 " 1c no - -
18 " 2c red no - -
19 " 3c no - -
20 " 3c maple - -
21 " 5c numerals -
22 US war revs 1, 5, 10 unused 1
23 " " " another lot - 1
24 " " " " " - - 1
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12 Mex., Hidalgo Express entire env
13 " Natural " "
14 US Laes, 50c brown
15 " " 50c "
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Express "	$1.00	40
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Inl'd Exchange	.35	18
Insurance	.25	13
Inld Exchange	.10	05

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1c	Express	.06	02
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2c	Prop "	.10	04
3c	"	15	07
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3c	For. Exchange	.10	05
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40c	" "	.07	04
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British Guiana	10	"
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Ecuador 1892	4	"
Gold Coast	4	"
Hayti 1883-1900	10	"
Labuan 1897	6	"
North Borneo 1897	6	"

New Brunswick	1860	12½c
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"	1890-5	3c
"	"	6c
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he Sordid Side of Philately.

By L. G. Quackenbush

The financial side of our hobby has, hin the past decade or so, developed o a stupendously powerful factor in ilatelic matters. At no time since hilately first began to be seriously followed has it been possible to ignore it together; but at no previous period s it forced itself one half so insistent- into the very warp and woof of philaic life. The last ten years of the neteenth century must ever remain table in the annals of our hobby as era of great and grave changes in ilatelic things; changes whose magnide few of us fully realized until, as w we look back and in the clearer rspective which the past affords, see eir real import and significance. It s been a period of gigantic growth d large achievement, All things ilatelic have loomed up on a Titanic ale. The struggling young pursuit of or a dozen years ago has grown by ndrous leaps and bounds into a lusty nt. Great movements have taken ce and great strides have been made many different directions; and, as st be the case with whatever waxes big and strong Philately's increased greatness has brought into being new dangers and fresh crises that were unforseen in its less ambitious days. Of these things, born of its very strength, that have menaced Philately's welfare and are yet causes for grave uneasiness, all are more or less the outgrowth of Philately's commercial side. The reprint, the forgery and the speculative issue are most deeply to be feared because they attack collectors in the most vulnerable of points, the pocket; and this is as it should be. He who purchases any pleasure giving device (and is not a postage stamp, in its philatelic sense to be so considered) can find no joy in the possession if he later learns that he has been duped as to its nature. The adulterated and the false are even more to be feared in Philately than in many other of life's concerns, since the basis on which stamp collecting rests is so purely one of sentiment. An obsolete stamp whether used or unused, is in itself worth absolutely nothing. Its valne as a curiosity depends alone on the amount of pleasure the philatelists of the world are securing from their hobby. Yet how far has this simple truth been lost sight of in

the presence of that sordid spirit that has of late years seemed to animate so large a section of the body philatelic. There is little need to here retell a story that is already to most of us painfully familiar, of the yearly increasing of catalogue values on all stamps in any degree desirable, sometimes only a little higher, sometimes doubled, sometimes trebled, sometimes even more; of the day of the auction sale with its ever rising quotations and its wide heralded record-breaking prices; of the day of boom and inflation and speculation, when "purchase" and "sale" were the words most often on philatelic lips, when big collections almost daily changed hands at unheard of sums and the philatelic press seemed at times, only an echo of the auction room; of these later days when speculators began to realize and prices began to fall and collections depreciated and the dark days came; of all this and many other things let some great philatelic historian of the future draw the picture in all its vivid colors. Let us simply strive to discern the lessons which these things should teach —lessons still I fear, as little comprehended by many of us as they were a half dozen years ago. For today there still remains a great deal of the old spirit. There still exist a great many collectors who seemingly cannot look at stamps in any other light than miniature coupon bonds. Any marked decrease in stampic values they hail as a calamity most terrible, and decided stiffening of the prices, they greet with glad rejoicing. They yearn for the time when prices shall again move skyward and in mournful tones proclaim that these are the days of philatelic decadence. Are these critics right? Is it necessary that even in the hobby which beguiles and makes sweeter our leisure hours, we must be pursued by that haunting, dreary phantom named financial expeciency? Must we of modest purses, O, ye wise ones, lament the train of circumstances that has brought within our means t prices of many long wished for spec mens? Must we sing and be joyf when prices do advance, simply becau such advance indicates a healthier tone the philatelic market due to increasi numbers of collectors. Philately do not so much need new blood and ne recruits as an increase in earnest e thusiasm on the part of those alread enrolled. Any great increase in t number of active collectors of cour means that each of us can count his ow collection of higher value as a realizab asset. But is this to be all and end a of collecting. It is all very well argue that unless stamps had a fair staple market value, we could not affo to lock up in them as much money we often do. It is an extremely pleasa thing when one can eat his cake a have it too; or, in other words after o has extracted all the enjoyment possib out of his stamps to be able, in comme cial phrase, to return the goods and g the money back. We doubtless fe more free to spend money on our hob than if all sums so laid out were go irretrievably; and this is of course rig and proper. But let no man think f one moment that this is the real foun ation and corner stone of collectin that when prices fall philately tremble that when they rise it is thereby glori ed. The eternal sources of philately hold upon mankind are to be found its own inherent attractions. Not b cause prices rise or prices fall; not b cause men make money from it or b cause they lose it; not because stam have a commercial value, but becau they have a far more important value another kind does our pursuit sta where it is today.

The collection of the true philateli has a value to him not to be measure in money. It is the embodiment of a that has entered into its making: all t study, all the research, all the effor that have accompanied its growth; a the hours of pleasure: all the plac

ment: all the soothing of weary troubled moments; all the quicken- of mental powers; all the thrills of ultation; all that has inspired us to and feel. It is the repository of asant memories. the always true and sy friend. the ever ready comforter mental solace. How can this value be uced to concrete figures? The mere logue worth of the individual stamps s easy to arrive at, but what about s other value, so much harder to imate. yet every whit as real. What market quotations do break most rply; there is a value to stamps that entirely unaffected. Nothing can take way. Even though it may seem to ish when one's collection is laid de and neglected, yet the germs of latelic interest are never wholly dead the heart of any man who has been votary; and those of us who have sed through long spells of philatelic por know full well how easily the old lings are reawakened and how little paired is the fascination that attaches the stamps we have kept by us during hibernation.

It seems to me that he is a poor latelist whose attachment to Philately so much a matter of dollars and cents at a decline in the catalogue value of stamps means a corresponding de- in his pleasure in them. Do we lect for money? Are we stamp kers and buyers and sellers or are e of us simply collectors in the good way? Why should we collectors care so very much which way the rket moves. If prices rise, we must ply work a little harder or deny our- es a few necessities to provide for our sen pleasure; if prices fall our phil- ic pocket money will simply go a tle farther. If it should chance that ersity befall us or, O thrice cursed that our interest in philately flickers dies out, what if we can realize from treasures only a portion of their ual cost. Are we to count as nothing all the pleasant hours they have afforded us? Are we to begrudge their cost? Have we not had value received from them many times over? We spend money on many a pleasure without the least hope of ever deriving therefrom a grain of financial benefit and yet feel ourselves well repaid in the happiness of the moment and the resultant addition to our store of pleasant memories. If philately makes our lives sweeter and better worth while, can we not afford its cost, be it great or be it small; If the money we put into stamps proves to be the casting of bread on the waters, to return with interest after so many days, so much the better. But let us not expect too much. Let us make up our minds that what we spend on philately is worth in the solid enjoyment which it brings, all and more than the cost. Let us do less of this anxious watching of catalogues and restless studying of values, and turn more of our efiorts to the finer side of philatelic study.

It is inexplicable how any real philatelist can find it in his heart to give up his hobby simply because the monetary value of his treasures may chance to depreciate. There are too many of the weak kneed and faint hearted in our ranks; men, whom the first indication of a wane in prices sent post haste to the auction room or other markets of sale, and thereby proven how slight after all was their interst in real philately. There has been a great weeding out among us in the last five years and I am no, sure but it is better so. It has been sad some ways to see the desertion of mony men who have been counted among the moguls of philately; men with princely collections and princely means for developing and increasing them. It would seem that those possessed of worldly riches would be the last to give up philately on account of depreciated values. But, strange to say, they have, in many cases, been among the very first to sacrifice their treasures and abandon the pursuit. And we need not bewail them. The leaving of the philatelic clans, the sifting out of the few to whom philately is a lifelong interest and study from among the many to whom it is but a passing fad, is in reality a blessing in disguise.

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Philately as an Occupation.

By K.

From a business point of view, philately presents numerous phases, some very pleasant and others not so roseate. Taking it as a whole, however, stamp dealing is an ideal pursuit. The stock carried occupies less space than that of any other business, and unlike almost all others it increases in value as time rolls on.

That it is a congenial occupation is testified by the large number of persons engaged in the traffic of these bits of paper. The ever-changing contents of the stock-book presents a kaleidoscopic array of beautiful colors and designs both fascinating and interesting. In it is displayed a striking example of that fickle quantity—public fancy. Today it is this stamp and tomorrow it may be one from the other corner of the earth.

New issues are added almost daily to the already large number of varieties and these vie with the older issues in popularity. The stamps in greater favor are given the most conspicuous positions while those in less demand are necessarily placed in the background. So it is that the dealer more than anyone else is impressed by the constant shifting of philatelic fashion. Verily, it is like a weather-cock, that turns at the slightest breath of air.

Of course, stamp dealing has its drawbacks the same as any other business. There is that despicable vulture, the substituter and approval sheet fraud. He has been justly roasted to a turn by other writers, so it is quite unnecessary to speak of him at length here. Nevertheless, he continues his depredations, and laughs with ghoulish glee, as it were, at the confusion of the "innocents."

Then there is another adjunct to stamp dealing that is quite a terror. It is like a bottomless pit from which there are no returns, usually. I speak I speak of advertising. Every deal advertises in some sort of way, but do the right kind in the right way there's the rub.

Half of the dealers do not conside the circulation or typographical a pearance of a journal, but look at th rate when placing ads. The lower th rate, the more heedlessly they rus into the thing, and usually come ou losers in the end.

Experience has shown that a goo paper with a circulation of actual su scribers, not sample copy friend brings the best results. The rates of such papers may seem rather steep a first thought, but the outlay will b justified by the replies from your ad I do not say that high priced paper will always pay the best, no that cheap papers are an advertisin failure, but that is the rule, not th exception.

"Scott's" is supposed to be the basi of all prices. Some dealers allow straight discount of 50 percent o everything from A to Z, and this ha become so common that some inexpe ienced collectors let out a howl of pro test when they have to pay more tha half catalogue prices for really goo stamps, and declare they are bein fleeced. They are unreasonable enoug to demand such stamps as unuse British Colonials, etc., that are bough at the stamp window of the postoffic for more than half catalogue. 50 per cent discount is all right with th commoner stamps, but when it come down to pricing the better kind, I be lieve as some other writer has said that is to take the cost price of th stamp, add on a fair profit and let i go at that.

Placing the merits and demerits o stamp dealing in the balance, th merits easily outweigh the demerits and the enjoyment derived from i more than compensates for the annoy ances. Another business is hard t find that afford such a large scope fo study and such an unlimited amount o pleasure.

Rambling

The above is as applicable to the fol-
wing thoughts as to the author during
s last summer's vacation. My trip
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ent the same time among my country
en, if away from entertaining friends.
the continent of Europe I frequently
d to contend with a language un-
own to me but usually the people
re patient with one speaking a foreign
ngue so it was not a great disadvantage.
only heightened their amusement and
thoroughly enjoyed it myself. In the
ies, however, the principal shops,
ores), hotels, etc., had made pro-
sion for taking care of a foreigner.
e frequently met with such signs as
se in the windows: "On parle Franc-
s." "Man Spricht Deutsch," "Parlate
liano," English spokeh." Occasion-
y I would find such a place where the
rd "English" seemed to be the only
e of the language "spoken." At
st it was the only one understood.

I had been a collector long enough to
e past the point where I wanted every
mp I saw, but was still too much of
amateur to trust myself to make
ections without a catalogue at hand
ry time so I did no collecting on the
p. I realize now it would have been
excellent opportunity though, had I
pared my want list beforehand. I
ght have been found several times
ing my way into a motley crowd to
e with them at some new arrangement
dealer's display window. Some of
se were quite artistic, while others
e prepared for a general effect to attract attention by their oddity. One philatelic instrument I recall that attracted a good deal of attention, even from those who were not enthusiasts in stamp collecting, was a surveyor's license in the window of Stanley Gibbons & Co., London, bearing the personal signature of Paul Kruger. Philately's claim upon it was revenue stamps to the value of 15 pounds or $75.00 upon its face. Displays might be seen in all sorts of places, from the fancy bazaar to the dingiest junk shop; arranged in the cases of the exclusive dealer or occupying a small frame in a shop of other wares. This impressed me that collecting was more general there than here. Possibly it was only an indication that they had more small dealers than we. I found these conditions and quite an interest manifested in the "hobby" wherever I went and I visited England, Ireland, Scotland, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Switzerland, Italy and France.

Some of these little pasters are great travelers. A fascinating and educational feature of the fad for me is first to associate the stamp with its starting point and then consider the journey it must have made to reach me. This apprises us of the magnitude and completeness in details of ours and the international postal system. So carefully are these details looked after that we are able to compute to within a few hours the exact time a letter should reach any part of the earth where regular mail service has been established. I received my mail regularly on the trip by arranging my itinerary to be at a certain point on or about a certain date having it addressed in care of some business firm. At one place I was informed that it had arrived only 15 minutes ahead of me but that was only a coincident as I allowed a reasonable limit for irregularities. Intending a parcel and a book for folks at home I dropped them in a mail post in front of Euston Station, London, the former bearing stamps at

letter rate the latter at book parcel rate. Arriving in Liverpool the next day it occurred to me that I hadn't addressed them. I sent the postmaster of Euston office a card requesting him to address and forward. The parcel reached its destination but the book did not. I have wondered why the book went astray. Many people in this country have been wondering why certain articles got lost, I presume, judging from the array in the postoffice museum at Washington, which I had visited, but it wasn't the fault of the stamp and in most cases not of the department.

The postoffice in the U. S. pavilion on the exposition grounds was a great convenience for American visitors. At the branch of the Paris office on the grounds I was unable to purchase a stamp because the clerk didn't know what I wanted till I mustered enough of poor French acquired on the trip to ask "pour une vingt cinque centimes timbres postes" with the beginner's usual pronunciation.

The illustrated post cards are used to a great extent in all the countries I visited. They bear scenes common to the country, real and fanciful, present and traditional. Some of these are copied from photographs but the most of them are works of the printer's and engraver's art embellished in colors. These can be used by affixing stamps to the required denomination but the only souvenir cards of government issue I saw were some in Bavaria with scenes of the Passion Play printed on them and I don't know but the scenes were put on them by individuals.

My knowledge of coins gained mainly through study in collecting was of service to me on the entire trip. It helped me to more readily become familiar with the monies of the different countries of and saved me a little in various instanecs. In France especially there are a good many counterfeits and coins of other countries not current in France that the unscrupulous attempt to pass on the tourist, and it is a good idea to count the change received too. At the exchange counter of the Vintimille Station on the border between Italy and France I was given a 50 lepta of Greece which I shoved back for a 50 centime of France. At Marseilles in making a purchase I was offered in exchange a 2 franc of lead which was easily detected. In both the cases, of course, the other party was surprised that they should possess such a coin but in both cases I noticed they came from the bottom of the till. The above remarks on the coin question may lead to the inference that most of the people of that country are dishonest but I do not wish to imply that. It is there as it is here, a few of them are ready to take advantage of the unsuspecting and a stranger is generally selected as the victim. It was a very enjoyable trip all round and the people generally treated me so nicely that I should like to visit them again.

H. W. CONARD.

BOILED DOWN

ORIGINAL AND OTHERWISE

An arrest recently made in New York developed a circumstance that chagrins the revenue officials. It is said that the new color of the revenues is not an absolute safeguard against successfull revenue stamp washing. It is just among the possibilities that the future will see further changes in the revenues.

Postmaster General Smith, in accordance with the decision arrived at by the cabinet, has issued the following order:

"Postmasters are informed that on

and after April 1 next the United States domestic rates of postage and classification shall apply to all mail matter passing between the United States and Cuba. Notices of this change should be displayed in post-office corridors and given to the public press when acceptable as a news item."

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The Victorian Postal Department has offered philatelists the opportunity of purchasing complete sets of Victorian stamps for £5. These stamps have from some cause been slightly marked, so that they are unfit for ordinary postage use and they are being sold just as they are to philatelists, instead of being branded, as in other states, with the word "specimen."

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The Russian authorities have imposed a stamp tax on passenger tickets for the benefit of the Society of the Red Cross, which cares for the sick and wounded. The tax amounts to two and one-half cents, and is required on all first and second-class tickets which cost two rubles ($1.03) or more, and third-class tickets which cost eight rubles ($4.12) or more. It is estimated that the Red Cross will get about $125,000 a year from this tax.

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Henri Banche, a notorious stamp forger of London, recently received a long sentence there. His work was said to be exceptional, he having succeeded in deceiving many prominent dealers and collectors.

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The new French stamps are catching right and left. A very clever cartoon in L'Echo de la Timbrologie presents an enlarged cut of the 15 centime with the female howling dolefully while a postman standing at one side asks why she mourns. The reply is "The have stolen a man."

The pendulum of our public feeling is swinging towards a greater simplicity in collecting. Instead of collecting plate numbers, match and medicine stamps, revenues, freaks, etc., we are now approaching an era of common sense, and the day of the 'straight' collector is fast dawning. But don't let the pendulum swing too far in the other direction as the results would be equally harmful.

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All the plates, dies, etc., of Newfoundland stamps, of the issues of 1866 to 1896, in possession of the American Bank Note Co., of New York, were destroyed about this time last year. Among the plates were the 6c pink, 12c brown, 13c orange and 24c blue. As the plates in possession of the British American Bank Note Company, of Montreal were destroyed several months before and also the plates of the Cabots, there will be no further reprints of Newfoundland.

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Although thay list the U. S. seals, the publishers of the Scott Catalogue leave out the Canada seal. The consistency of the position is one not easily understood as if one is collectable the other certainly is. The unperforate Canada seal is quite a rarity.

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Most collectors have trouble in removing the remains of hinges from original gum specimens without damaging the gum; also in stamps when the color runs easily. The following method may be useful to someone: Procure a shallow tin box with cover; place one or two thicknesses of blotting paper, well moistened, on bottom, place the stamps on this face up, and put on the lid. In about five minutes you will find the gum soft, so that any paper adhering to the back may be pulled off without removing any of the gum. After the stamp has dried it would be impossible to tell it ever came in contact with a hinge.

Notes For U. S. Collectors

E. R. ALDRICH.

An advertisement of the Butterick Co., in the Delineator shows a full size stamped check, showing the stamp full sized. Several years ago in illustrating a story the New York Weekly published a full sized envelope with stamp showing. Speaking of illustrating U. S. stamps, a thing I understand is forbidden by law reminds me that in the eighties a gum manufacturer ornamented his gum with lithographed scrap pictures showing stamp in colors. I have the two cent brown and three cent green so printed.

I, this week, received a precancelled 2 cent Chicago. The surcharge is in two lines horizontally small block capitals, Chicago, Illinois with a single line above and below. I understand a 1 cent is also being employed and that the 15c is used by Montgomery Ward & Co., on their catalogues.

Under the date of March 14, a Washington dispatch is responsible for the statement that the Bureau is required to keep a supply of a million each the one and two cent values on hand and that the demand this year so far has been so heavy that it has taxed the present capacity of the plant to keep the supply on hand.

An imperforated 2c orange bank check stamp on a position of the original check is offered in the Burton sale. It is a variety which has never before been listed and is undoubtedly unique.

A 1c Pine Bluff, N. C. precancelled horrizontally is one of the latest additions to this class of stamps.

Zisemann, Griesheim & Co., were a match manufacturing plant in St. Louis and first issued their private stamp in 1868, and in 1875 the business was sold to F. Mansfield & Co., who conducted it until the latter part of 1879 when the business passed into the hands of the Alligator Match Co.

Why I Collect Stamps.

Miss Alma Appleton, Goodales Corners, Me.

Some ten years ago I began like many others to collect a million stamps but soon became a collector from the interest I took in looking them over. Having been an invalid unable to walk for 19 years I can surely be able to say what will interest one most. Stamps first and always with me. In exchanging and selling my duplicates I have found many kind friends which makes life pleasant even away out on a Maine farm. Friends have given me many stamps so I have about a barrel of well mixed U. S. which I am selling out and as I have bought many wholesale lots have a fine collection and many duplicates for sale and ex.

A beginner asked me the other day to let her see my stamp papers so she might choose which to subscribe for and of course it was the Philatelic West and Camera News.

It is what every beginner can understand and enjoy. I have found all the stamps I have collected and saved from year to year have paid me in other ways as well as pleasure and instruction. Once a collector always a collector.

The Modern Maud Muller.

Maud Muller on a stormy day,
Walked to the post-office far away:
Unmindful of the blizzard's blast,
She skipped along on her journey, fast.
Her lover met her on the way,
But she paused only long enough to say:
"I'll see you later and tell the rest,
For I am going to get the West,—
The Philatelic West and Camera News,—
The very best remedy for the blues."
With these words spoken, away she went
Through the snow, on her eager mission bent:
She reached the post-office far away,
And her paper had come without delay.
"Here's the gladdest word of tongue or pen:
I've got my Philatelic West again."
She said, as she rushed to the door to start.
With the paper pressed to her glowing heart.
Her lover was waiting when she returned.
But his tender greeting she almost spurned:
And when to his heart her form he pressed,
There was something nearer her heart,—
THE WEST.

GEORGE J. REMBURG

OAK MILLS, KS.

The Sordid Side of Philately.

(Concluded from page 3)

It strengthens and solidifies the co-rts of Philately. It brings out in ighter relief the true philatelist hose interest in his hobby springs om so much more enduring a basis. he sordid side of philately is not now arly as prominent as it once was, t it is still too prominent by far and e more it is subordinated and stified d kept under cover in the future, the tter will it be for philatelic interests large. Let us strive to educate the ing philatelic generation to a differ-t standard. Let us teach them that e intellectual and ethical beauties of ilately are the keystone of its power, d that its greatest benefits and larg-t dividends are not in negotiable coin. is all very well that they who traffic stamps should prosper and that we o buy of them can look on the stamp um as in one sense a personal sav-gs bank. But he who can take no ttier view of philately's inner mples than as a place of merchandise s not in his soul the constituents of e true philatelist.

English Stamps....

New Issues.

bert G. Ridgeway V.-Pres. England P.S. of A.

The new issue of English stamps at esent under consideration is, of urse, a subject of great interest to English collectors, and no doubt to llectors the world over.

Mr. Henniker Heaton is endeavoring bring about a stamp reform, and to ve plain figures on all stamps, and so to bring about a change of color r the penny stamps.

Mr. Austin Chamberlain replying on arch 10th in the House of Commons Mr. Heaton's interpellation says:—

"The necessary steps are being taken for the issue of new postage stamps, but it is not expected that they will be ready for some months to come. The Postmaster-General would point out to the honourable member that, with the exception of the half-penny, penny, and shilling stamps, all the adhesive stamps now in use do bear figures clearly indicating their value, aud the same plan will probably be continued. In the case of the three stamps particularized, they are of so distinctive a character that it was not thought necessary to print on them the value in figures as well as in words, and the Postmaster-General is not aware of any inconvenience having resulted. He does not think it desirable to submit the design of the proposed stamps to the public. The Postmaster-General is not satisfied that any reason exists for altering the colour of the penny stamp as suggested by the honourable member."

This evidently did not "settle" Mr. Heaton, for on the 28th March he forwarded to the Postmaster-General (The Marquis of Londonderry) a memorial signed at short notice by about 100 members of the House of Commons, in favor of a Royal scarlet or red stamp being used in place of the present mauve 1d stamp. Mr. Heaton says he could have obtained 400 signatures at the House of Commons if necessary.

Those who advertise only once in a while do not get full value of their advertising. Neither themselves nor their business ever benefit from the cumulative value of publicity. Each announcement may bear some fruit in proportion to its individual value, but one absorbs nothing of the good wrought by the other. A firm name is not kept constantly before the people. It is not unremittingly impressed upon the consumers. Hence it is a new advertiser every time they advertise.

NEW ISSUES

W. Rae of Japan reports Corean surcharges of Japanese stamps are to be withdrawn first of April so prices will go up. China surcharges remain the same but prices going up.

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C. Phildius of Bklyn reports cor. from India writes large quanity of India stamps burned account of Plague.

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Bartells of D. C. expect to issue new plate number catalog soon as information concerning the Pan American issue is complete.

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New Zealand issue trade discount stamps redeemable at any P. O.

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Pan American stamps of two colors are to be delivered in sheets of 100 with two plate numbers to each sheet.

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Reported copy of 5c rose red 54-7 issue Chile printed both sides.

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Postal cards and envelopes of Hawaii were last remainders destroyed.

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New Zealand has at last restored to surches on first of year of letter. card 1½ mauve on green.

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Egyptian paper has adv'd used Egyptian stamps, taken off undelivered letters.

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Advice readers to buy Australians stamps before the 6 colonies made in one.

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U. S. Gov must be using poorer paper in their postage stamps for ones rec'd folded break in two and paper seems rotten for tears more easily than where perforated.

Kansas Philatelic Society

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Our Motto for April: PULL.

FELLOW MEMBERS:—

What can you do to bring in new members? Is there not some stamp collector who is your friend and will join if you ask him? Try it and see. Explain the benefits to be derived from membership in the Kansas Philatelic Society.

Pull let us all pull and see if we can not have the largest list of applications for May we have ever had in any one month.

I am proud of the work already done and know the labors of those who are pulling will be rewarded in the future.

If enough members wish, arrangements will be made to supply new issues of stamps at a small per cent over face if you care for them write me what you want and to what value.

Don't fail to patronize our Exchange department it is wonderful what bargains are being offered.

Have you any complete volumes of stamp Journals that you do not wish to keep and will donate them to the library if so let the librarian know and he will send the postage for them.

Remember our motto "pull" during the month of May.

O. H. PHINNEY, President.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

As the dull season of the year draws nigh, for stamp collecting we do not expect much, so am not disappointed. But I have been pleased to hear from so many of our membors with their annual dues but there are a few more I would like to hear from.

I have no application this month but report one new member.

No. 28—Rev. Father Mark, Hays City Kansas.

Renewals:—C. W. Myers, Wichita, Wm. P. Kelley, Kansas City, Mo., T. O. Cunningham, Kansas City, Ks.

Stollenwerk, Liebenthal, Ks.

Another circuit of stamps will be start- the last month by our Exchange . Now is the time to join and buy stamps cheap. You had better a circuit at once.

Yours respectfully.

F. A. LILLY.

REPORT OF SALES DEPARTMENT.

ks in circulation per report of Feb. value - - - - - -	$ 28.75
oks received since Feb. 28 value	40.62
	$ 68.77
retired from which $12.46 sold	57.47
in circulation - value	$ 11.30

embers desiring to partake in Sales Dept. e drop me a card blank books for circulat- stamps 2½c each. G. R. BARKER, Supt., 155 N Emporia Ave., Wichita, Kans.

NEBRASKA PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Nebraska's Pride.

ANIZED 1892. LARGEST STATE SOC- IRTY EXTANT.

es W. C. Estes, Omaha.
Pres., F. A. Stanbro, Lincoln.
ce-Treas., L. T. Brodstone, Superior.
ch Supt., R. Betzer, Devid City
ction Mgr., J. Negreen, Omaha
nterfeit Detector, A. Whitmer, Tecumseh
rarian, F. T. Phillips, 1645 M st. Lincoln
rney, H. Whipple, Omaha
stees, Parker, Phillips, Stanbro, Lincoln
cial Organ, Philatelic West

SECRETARY'S REPORT

New Member:—H. D. Lister, Minden.

Renewals:—J. F. Negreen, Omaha; . Payne, Barados Islands.

pplications.—Guy Parker, Lock box . Minden.

Reference, H. D. Lester.

Have you done your duty to try and new members? And how many mbers can say they got at least one mber, for we would like to have all Nebraska to join with us. The larger society, the more and betster the efits.

Would like to hear your ideas on how get more life into the society as well members. Need them.

Globe Stamp Co., Milawaukee—st is certainly a good one for adver- s. and we have secured some good tomers from our ads.

Notes from England.

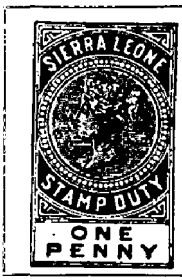
W. Kermeen, Jr.

It is announced by the Postoffice that the colour of the stamp on halfpenny post-cards, halfpenny embossed envelopes, and halfpenny newspaper wrappers will in future be green. A decision has also been arrived at to change the colour of the one-penny stamp on newspaper wrappers to carmine Philatelists will be interested to learn that the supply of the latter in the old colour to postmasters and others is exhausted, so that the carmine tinted stamps will appear almost immediately. In the case of the former it is understood that there is a large stock at present on hand. The green-tinted half penny stamps will, therefore, not be on sale until after Easter.

The new postage stamps on which the King's head will appear are not to be issued, it seems, until the whole of the Victorian issue has been disposed of. Many millions of the latter are still held by the post office. Speculators in Victorian stamps are advised to buy the 10d labels. Unused Victorian red penny stamps have gone up to $2 and $2.50 apiece. Black specimens are practically not to be got at a reasonable price.

The German post office threatens an innovation which will affect correspondence; it is proposed to make it compulsory to use envelopes of a special size. The variety of sizes, especially in letters from Great Britain, causes loss of time to the German postal authorities in the stamping of postmarks, and they intend to put an end to it.

A pleasing touch of romance appeared at the exhibition of stamps in Effingham House. Arundel-street, London, which the International Philatelic Union organized. Among the envelopes was one bearing several Transvaal stamps with the legend "Mafeking Beseiged." It was posted by a soldier. On his return to England the fair recipient sold the envelope and bought a wedding dress with the proceeds.



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,
220 E. 57th St.,, New York City, U. S. A.

By the time this number is in the hands of the reader the much heralded "Pan American" stamps will be placed on sale at the larger post offices in the country.

Should any of our readers live in a small town where they cannot be procured I would be pleased to purchase for them any number of sets of the above, or in fact any other current U. S. stamps at actual face value, providing stamped envelope is enclosed with remittance for stamps, required.

Address G. W. Pepper,
220 E. 57th St., N. Y. City, N. Y.

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After skirmishing around to obtain a U. S. documentary $3 red for my collection, I am led to say, that lucky is the collector who already has one, either cut or uncut!

Judging by their scarcity in the hands of dealers in New York, they are worth all they are being advertised at, and more.

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A correspondent asks me "how many varieties there are in the bicolored set of New South Wales."

This beautiful set consists of 20 different denomintations.

They are as follows:

4 pence lilac and blue
6 " " " "
8 " " " "
1 shilling lilac and brown
1 " 6 pence lilac and brown
2 " " " " "
2 " 6 pence " " "
3 " " " "
4 " " " "
5 " lilac and green
6 " " " "
7 " " " "
8 " " " "
9 " " " "
10 " " " carmine
12 " 4 pence lilac and carmine
12 " 6 " " " "
15 " " " "
20 " " " "
30 " " " "

The above are listed by "Moens" but strange to say "Morley" omits the 12 shilling 4 pence; 12 shillings 6 pence and 30 shillings.

I have seen all the 20 varieties except the 30 shillings.

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I have it on good authority that one of the largest stamp dealers in New York City, has been quietly buying up a stock of foreign revenues and that he intends to issue a price list of what he has in stock.

This is a new departure for a stamp dealer, and if the interest in this branch continues, it is safe to say that all the regular dealers will find it profitable to introduce foreign revenues as a part of their regular business.

I certainly wish him success in his venture.

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A few days ago I received from W. H. Hale, the stamp drummer, a post card which was indeed striking in its appearance. The rate of postage on a foreign card from Monaco, at which place it was posted, is 20 centines, this was made up by using stamps of small denominations and to make its appearance more startling, he has added one of the large 5 centine fiscal stamps.

The postal clerks evidently knew the

ifference between a postage and a revenue stamp, for they did not cancel the atter.

Any one who is interested in "freak overs" would do well to write to Mr. Hale.

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It has long been a mystery to me why the handsome stamps used by the New York Custom House, are not catalogued and priced, as are other U. S. revenue stamps.

Is there some law against one having them in their possession, as is the case with cigar, beer, etc., stamps?

If not it certainly will be a wise move for collectors to place them in their collection, providing they can procure them.

Thus far I have only been able to secure three varieties, they are the 20 cent carmine, 40 cents dark green, and 50 cents purple.

I feel sure I have seen other values somewhere, but cannot recollect where.

It seems very likely that there should be an 80 cent and $1.00 denomination.

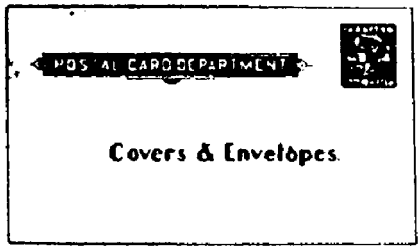
These stamps measure 44x30 millimeters, and at the lower left hand corner contain a portrait of "Wright" oval; above and to the right "U. S. Custom House, N. Y. Cashiers office fees received" then follows the amount.

The 20 cent denomination is the only one that may be called common, the other denominations are very scarce.

☞ Pioneer leading Amateur Paper, Phila., says. "Phil. West is a magazine, philatelists and camera fiends might well be proud of, as it equals many the large magazines, both in quality and quantity. The matter is arranged in a most agreeable way.

☞ H. Wendt, Sterling, Neb.—My ads in West pay me well.

☞ C. DeSelms, Richmond, Ind.—I have so much business on hand that it is impossible to keep up with it, and assure you the biggest share came through the West



Observations on Some Original Covers

By R. R. THIELE.

Among foreign correspondence received by myself there are many letters whose various postmarks form an interesting commentary on the world's postal affairs. I will describe just a few taken at hap-hazard. Here is a letter sent to me registered from St. Petersburg, Russia, bearing the current 20 Kop. blue and red, evidently sufficient for both postage and registration fee. The stamp is cancelled by a circular singlelined postmark, showing the date in the center, above semicircle, S. PETERBURG, at each side the large figure 1, below in a semicircle GLAWNAJA TELEGR KONT (all this in Russian type, of course.) This shows that the letter was mailed at a telegraph office, the telegraph in Russia being a branch of the post office: a small upright rectangle of white paper, without frame, bearing the inscription in four lines:

S. PETERBURG
GOR. TEL.
No. 1 Knot.
No. 565.

GOR. TEL. no doubt stands for Gorodskoi Telegraph—city telegraph; KNOT. means "office" the number of the office being inserted by hand. The letter then went to the main post office;

the postmark of this is on the back: a double-lined circle, a broad label partitioned off across the center with fine verticle lines above and below filling the space be tween the inner circle and the label, inscribed above S. PETERBURG, in the central label Z (date)Z, below 5 EKSP. The EKSP: means "expedition"—mail going out. On the front of the letter the international registration mark is struck in black:

R ST. PETERSBOURG,
No.

but no new number is inserted, that of the branch office no doubt serving here also. The next postmark is an oval one in black showing in a singlelined oval these inscriptions:

Registered
XA
(date)
London.

I do not at this writing know the significance of the XA; it may be the number of the stamp. Next day the letter left London again, as shown by a stamp struck in aniline ink set in semi-circular shape with a light line around it:

REGISTERED
LONDON
C
(date)

The letter also bears the number 55771 struck in blue by a numbering machine which was probably impressed at London. London seems to have registered through to Chicago, for there is no New York postmark on the letter; the only other postmark being one on the back struck in aniline ink with a rubber stamp:

RECEIVED
(date)
Chicago, Ill.

It also bears the number 41 written with red pencil on the back. You will notice that Registered mail bears specially interesting postmarks. London seems to handle two-thirds of the registered matter coming here from Europe; its registration stamp is much in evidence on letters from there, except on such as come from Germany and in part from France, which are mostly sent by direct lines. Registered letters received by me from Germany usually bear only the datestamp of the forwarding office and the international registration label pasted on, showing these inscriptions, for instance on a letter coming from Leipzig:

LEIPZIG 8
Eingeschrieben,
No. 395.
R

(the frame lines, the R and the word "Eingeschrieben" in red, the rest in black.) On the back they usually bear the stamp of one of the German-American Sea Post Offices, with following inscription in a circle:

Deutsch-Amerikanische-Seepost.
Bremen-
New-York
(date)

This sea post-office seems to make through pouches for Chicago; at least letters coming from it seldom bear the New York registration stamp, but usually only this stuck on the back in aniline ink:

RECEIVED
(date)
CHICAGO, ILL.

They also bear another number usually blue or violet aniline ink struck with a numbering-machine; I think this is impressed in Chicago, though there is nothing to show.

The registration labels used for international correspondence form quite an interesting study in themselves. Some countries use printed and gummed labels; others, more economical, use hand stamps. All of them are supposed to contain the R which signifies registration in all countries, the name of the forwarding office and the number of the piece. Our own country uses printed labels, of this style:

R | United States of America
NEW YORK, N. Y.
No. 49479 | Exchange

printed in red except the number, ich is struck in blue by a numbering chine. A German label is shown ove; those used by Bavaria and Wuertmberg are exactly the same. Austria ints hers in black on yellow paper ack and yellow are the Austrian ional colors); they are gotten up like s:

R	Triest 7
	No. 320

Just as Austria prints her postal cards different languages for her various vinces, so too with her registration els; for instance one from Prag is in hemian and German:

R	PRAG—PRAHA
	No. / Cis. } 335

Here is one from Roumania, a very n one:

R	GARA MUNTENI
	No. 27

The R is in red; all the rest in black, ept the number, which is inserted by nd.

A still plainer one is this, which came m Frederikshamn, Finland:

FINLAND
R

You will notice that it is an exception not showing the office name. I e one here that came from The gue, capital of the Netherlands, and ws the same peculiarity, but has ther one in showing the weight. It ke this:

Nederland
R
No. 421
1000 gram

It is printed in black on pink paper; weight is inserted by hand. It came a package of books; I do not know at the weight has to do with the stration.

Here is one from Hungary, which translates the r; it looks like this:

R TEMESVAR 223
(Ajanlott)

"Ajanlott" is presumably the Hungarian equivalent for "Registered." The name and number are in black, the the rest in red on white paper.

One from Greece is printed in French, the official language of the Universal Postal Union; it is gotten up like this:

R GREECE ATHENS
No. 548

I have several copies, some printed in gray on white, some in black on white, the number is inserted in black by a numbering machine.

French is also the language of one from Mexico which looks like this:

REPUBLIQUE MEXICAINE
U. P. U.
Num..... R

It is printed in blue on white; the number is inserted with pen and ink. The letter came from Tampico, Tamaulipas, but as you will observe no office name is shown on the label. There is a printer's error on it—or rather two. the accent over the u of Republique should be over the first e of the same word and there should be an accent over the first e of Mexicaine. These are used for foreign service; further on I will describe some used locally in Mexico.

Here is one from Chile:

R VALPARAISO
No. 7534

It is printed in black on white; the name, Valparaiso is inserted with a handstamp and the number with a numbering machine.

Switzerland has regulation size like this:

R GENEVE
No. 493

The name is in black, all the rest in red on white.

Belgium uses a very plain one; it is like this:

R BELGIQUE
Anvers (station) 506

It is printed in red except the words Anvers (Station) which are inserted in black ink with a rubber stamp.

Suriname, the Dutch colony, uses one more like the regulation style than that of the mother country; it has this shape:

R SURINAME
No. .....

It is printed in black on red paper, the number being written in with pen and ink. It is evidently of local manufacture, very poorly printed.

I have others before me, but this will do for the present. If this proves interesting, I will describe a number of handstamps serving the same purpose next time.

REVIEW

Papers desiring an impartial review on the lines of those below are requested to send a copy of each issue to the address below. Foreign papers are especially desired.

Auslaendische Fachzeitungen sind hoflichst gebeten ein Tauschexamplar an den Unterzeichneten zu senden.

Tous les Journeaux philateliques sont pries d' envoyer un examplaire en echange a l' addresse souse-donnee.

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R. R. THIELE.
Box 149, Manchester, Wis., U. S. A.

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LeFureteur is not exactly a stamp paper, but of extreme interest to our brethren, the curiosity collectors. It is always well illustrated with reproductions of ancient paintings, engravings, old furniture, books and all such things. I would recommend all members of the A. S. C. C. to send for a copy.

L'Annonce Philatelique contains nothing but advertisements—a species quite numerous in Europe.

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Le Timbrophile Belge for March is a a little slim; the article of chief interest besides its excellent chronicle is the continuation of Mr. Beilicke's article on the issues of Samoa. Particulars are given of the various reprintings of the Samoa Express stamps including the quantities printed.

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The Australian Journal of Philately for February informs us that the first P. M. G. of the new Australian Commonwealth has been transferred to the ministry of Defence and a new one Mr. Drake, has been appointed. The former one, Sir John Forrest, had construed a clause in the Constitution Act to mean that the revenues of the various Colonial Post Offices must be kept separate for five years, which would mean that the stamps now current would continue so for five years unless the Constitution is amended. Perhaps his successor may be of different opinion; in the meanwhile matters are abeyance. Wherefore hurry your orders to Australia while there is time. A myterious paragraph states that New Zealand has issued trade discount stamps, which will be redeemable at any post office. What's this? Must we collect trading stamps also?

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Argentine Revenues are certainly to the fore now: the Revistade la Sociedad Filatelica Argentina and Morley's Philatelic Journal are both running lists of them as suppliments. That of the former now deals with the issues of Buenos Aires; the list is very complete, even giving the plate numbers and the quantities issued. Some doubts having arisen as to whether the 10c black of Cordova was ever used, a long

ter describes a copy used on original over owned by a subscriber. M. Jaquier's article on Argentine is translated here.

The Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser for March contains no article of special interest, though Mr. Webb's notes on British stamps are always interesting. An illustrated article gives a resume of the stamps of the Victorian Era.

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The April number of the Stamp Collector shows a portrait of Mr. William Pimm, well known as the vice-president of the Birmingham Philatelic Society. In answer to an inter-pellation in the House of Commons, the P. M. G. of Great Britain stated that 1 penny stamp would not be changed to red to accord with the U. P. U. scheme. Is not Mr. Whearme mistaken in advising a correspondent in this number that the Canadian currency shilling had fifteen pence? It flatters the reviewer considerably to find a long review of the Philatelic West in this number, although it dampens our joy to see the S. C. refer to us as the Wild West, as regards our get up. Nevertheless, he does us honor to congratulate Mr. Brodstone upon his paper and its staff and to quote extensively from our pages. We will endeavor to merit the S. C's. esteem in the future also, though we can hardly hope to reach the sumptuousness of our esteemed contemporary (heavy plate paper, large margins and general get-up) These things cost money.

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No. 83 of Le Philateliste Francais has missed me: the March number is as good as ever. The article on Romania deals with the issues of 1869 and 1870 extensively, describing the type-varieties of these issues very minutely. An interesting set of articles is begun on the Old Spanish West Indies; San Domingo leads off with a long list of the first issues. An interesting letter from Guadeloupe states that from some date the latter part of December 1900 up to about the 9th of January 1901 letters circulating within the colony were paid in cash and stamped P P; letters beyond the colony had to bear stamps as usual. The reason was shortage of stamps from 1 to 15 centimes. The translation of Mr. Luff's U. S. article is continued as well as M. Bouvez's article on Belgian Post Marks.

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The Curioso Americano in its double number for January and February puts an energetic stop to its controversy with the Madrid Filatelico, reiterating its assertions that the 2 r. p. f. red of Cuba 1856 (wmk crossed lines) was never surcharged Y¼ like those of 1855 (wmk loops) or 1857 (no wmk) i that the Cuban ¼ r p f black of 1877; that the Cuban 10c dep. stamps of 1877, 1878 and 1880 were never issued; that a letter bearing a 5 and a 10c of 1880 illustrated in the Madrid Filatelico as having been postally used is a fraud. Another article deals with the same controversy. An article of great interest reproduces eleven official decrees and documents regarding some of the earlier issues of Cuba and Puerto Rico. I hope that more will be published; the author states that he has an extensive catalogue of Cuban stamps in preparation The Curios Americano comes to Mr. Andreiui's aid on the Y¼ question as against M. Gainsborg's assertion that Y does not stand for I in Spanish. There are also many minor notes of interest.

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Filatelia, the newcomer from Buenos Aires, presents a creditable second number, especially a short article on Argentine varieties. A decree is given for the new Argentine 2, 7, 25 and 50c and 1 peso stamps.

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D. Agustin Vazquez, Habana, Cuba, nos escribe:—"Le envio mis mas expresivas gracias por mi nombramiento en La Sociedad Filatelica Hispano-Americana, y hare todo lo que pueda por la prosperidad de esa Sociedad."

Mr. W. C. A. Grant, Kansas City, Kansas:—I am just in receipt of a letter from a prominent collector of Parimaribo, Surinam, who desires to become a member of our society. Kindly forward application blank by return mail."

Don Tomas Torrabedella, Barcelona, Spain:—"I have just received the official organ showing my admission to the Spanish-American Philatelic Society, and desire to express my sincere appreciation for the same. Anything I can do towards the good of the society and the members I would be highly pleased to do, and wish the Society a great success."

Don Felipe Naveda, Toluca, Mexico:—Co gusto he recibi do el nombramiento de la Soci dad Filatelica Hispano-Americana, y se lo agr desco mucho. Creo que los socios estaran mu contentos al recibir de la nota que es una prueb que justifica la honradez de la Corporacion ojala que muy pronto, el numero de socios se aun mayor. Dicha nota de nombramiento es d buen gusto.

L. T. Brodstone, Pub. Philatelic West, writes:—"I think the Spanish-American Philatelic Societ is a good thing and would be pleased to help i out in every manner possible.

Teodoro Labrano, Aregua, Paraguay.—Habiendome l legado de V. unos e jemplares de organo oficial, con placer he toma do conocien ieno de la nueva fundacion de la Sociedad Fila telica Hispano-Americana, y tengo la alta honr de comunicar a la Comision Directiva de ella, l siguiente:—Que cerciorado minuciosamiente po el organo oficial indicado, de los beneficios qu puede reportar a un filatelista, el ser socio d dicha Sociedad, solicito por si hubiere lugar ello, mi adhesion como tal, de la Comisio Directiva de la Sociedad Filatelica Hispano Americana, que me puede conceder para el efect el Diploma corespondente. Al ofrecerme com socio de la Sociedad hago constar a la Comisio Directiva, expontansaminte le ofrecere con tod asunto filatelico de este pais y otros limitrofes.

Mr. Allen McCoy, Jr., clerk with Mexica Central R. R., at Guadalajara, Mexico, writes:—"In your next letter send me a number of appl cation blanks, etc., so I can get members righ here. I have also a number of friends in th U. S. that I think would be glad to join. I wil do my best to boom the Sociedad Filatelica His pano-Americana, and if I can be of any servic to the members, I would be highly pleased to d so."

Mr. Guillermo Carrasco, an advanced collecto in the city of Chihuahua, Mexico says:—"I desir to inform you of my high satisfaction with th Spanish-American Philatelic Socy., and also m desire to contribute every possible means to wards the advancement of this honorable assoc ation.

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Address (Direccion).....

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Member of what Philatelic organizations?.....

You will be investigated by the Directive Board and if found admissable, Diploma will be sent together with other offers made our members. If your application is not passed upon favorably it is agreed to refund promptly all dues and initiation sent in advance by said applicant.

Owing to the fact that our Directive Board has not had sufficient time to pass upon the applications sent in last month, they will all appear in this next issue of the official organ. It is especially requested of all applicants who desire to become members in time to receive the Special issue of the official organ and set of new issue to forward their application blanks at once.

CHAS. WILLARD MYERS,
Secretary-Treasurer,
Elm & St. Francis Aves.,
Wichita, Kansas U. S. A.

CHIPS.

By E. R. STEINBRUECK.

I distinguish two distinctly different colors of the one cent Canada jubilee stamp. The one is bright red orange, the other brownish yellow. Both are postally cancelled. They are as different in color as a sorrel and buckskin pony. Scott does not mention the fact.

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I had mailed a heavy letter to Germany and the postage was triple 15c. I then licked my 5 and 10 cent stamp and pasted them on the envelope carefully. The 10c stamp has cracked off during the journey, of which I make public complaint cautioning others. The addressee had to pay double the amount of the 10c missing or 10 cents due, although it was plainly noticeable by the cancellation mark, that another stamp had been affixed thereon. Hence the addressee had to pay 5c more than the usual rates. I would suggest that all postmasters be instructed to use a stamp "Paid" for cancelling letters, the postage of which had been paid in full at their office to avoid unjust demands for faulty gum or otherwise, and that such poslally used cancellation mark "Paid" with date and name of post office combined should be acknowledged as full payment the world over, in case stamps have come loose during the journey of the letter.

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Some Phil. papers of scant circulation contain very readable or instructive articles, and are worthty of being encouraged. For want of food they starve to death. Other papers, even of less merit claiming en immense number of subscribers, live through their advertisements. Big fish eat little fish. Fraud detectives ought to investigate sworn statements and books besides, and publish the actual number, minus free sample copies.

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Looking at every side of the matter it may be really wiser not to publish all the differences between genuine and counterfeit stamps, thus instructing the counterfeiters of their misprints and how to improve their dies. If a person is doubtful about the genuineness of a stamp let him send it for examination to experts. Members of societies can have this done gratis.

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Some of those unpronounceable unspellable cognomens of foreign countries are weighty matters for the unfortunate printer who handles philatelic matter. Even the contributors oftentimes go wrong. We have observed the following varieties in the spelling of the name of the German colony. Kiauschou, Kiautchow, Kiautchou, Kiaochow, Kiachou, Kiauchow—and so on, ad lib. One enterprising compositor in a recent issue of a western contemporary in a commendable effort to do the right thing spells it in two different ways in the same advertisement.

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Uncle Sam is apparently not printing the Pan-American stamps with the idea of pushing their sale from a speculative view-point. The circular of instructions to post-masters regarding this issue is interesting but is too lengthy for reproduction; the following is the clause above referred to:

"The Pan-American stamps will be sold to purchasers only when asked for. It is required further that a supply of the regular series must be carried in stock. "If you don't see what you want, ask for it."

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Did you ever receive a sadly mangled letter or card bearing the rubber stamp notation "accidentaly injured by post marking machine"? Perhaps we should feel thankful towards the post office sattellites for their care in advising us of the cause of the accident, but in case of a letter containing stamps of some value becoming the unwilling victim of the misplaced energies of the postmarking machine, the explanation is unsubstantial consolation.

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Hot weather time approacheth and the collector begins to think of camera

wheel, gun fishing-tackle, or at least some out door sport. Taking the Omaha issue of stamps as a precedent, deserions from our ranks during the coming summer should be less than usual, the Pan-Americans serving as a good tonic to the drowsy collector's ambition. Our contemporaries all prophecy a lively summer season. We believe these expectations will be fully realized. We might add a hint to the advertiser to keep his wares before the public, but this is our business manager's department—we don't believe he will overlook this opportunity to boom summer advertising.

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The system of one collector exchanging with another is becoming less common as philately developes. As a matter of fact, it should be relegated to the attic along with other obsolete practices. We remember the time when this method was largely in vogue, hundreds of collectors being dependant upon it to add new varieties to their collections and to dispose of their duplicates. With the advent of the exchange departments of our numerous societies, the necessity for direct exchanging was removed, the department becoming the ideal place for sale and purchase, this being analogous to the old fashioned exchanging stamp for stamp or value for value. Collectors are beginning to recognize this very evident fact—it should require no demonstration. In truth it has been demonstrated so frequently and so concisely that it would be but stale repetition to again bring forth the argument. If you do not belong to a good society, wake up and send in your application. If you do belong, tell the sales superintendent or exchange superintendent or whatever his official appellation may be that you yant to take advantage of this feature—he will do the rest.

We have often wondered why our standard catalogue lists telegraph stamps. They are neither postage or fiscal in nature, and are certainly of no more interest than exposition labels and similar truck. A very interesting paper was read at a recent meeting of the London Philatelic Society along this line, the author being very discriminating indeed. The gentleman thinks that we should completely discard official stamps, registration stamps, "too late" stamps, return receipt labels and special delivery stamps We can't agree with him altogether. for all of the stamps mentioned are entitled to some consideration and have a certain value from a philatelic stand point. We feel sure that few American collectors will follow up the lines he has drawn so closely. His argument seems to be that we should only pay attention to those stamps that actually pay postage—he holds that postage due stamps are worthy because they pay postage—at the consignee's end. We think that officially sealed stickers might well be eliminated from the collectible list, but they have a certain duty to perform in the postal service and after all, are quite worthy, and, in short, all of those mentioned sustain obvious relations to the postal service and are deserving recognition for this reason. The average collector wants to fill any space his album provides, without question as to whether he should or shouldn't; the specialist wants to secure as complete a selection of the postal emissions of his chosen country as possible. Each to his own fancy is the undeviable custom—rules laid down by one man or one society or one paper are interesting from that point of view—as a guide to adhere to they are seldom followed.

NOTE:—Counterfeits and their detection left out for lack of space will be given in next number. British Honduras, Dominica, etc.

Errata.

Omaha Stamp Co.—10c of 1847 price, should be $2. E. H. Short of Rochester, N Y—Students Mineral collection should be 53 varieties. Maple, of Ohio, ad should be in Mississippi valleys. E. Spinony, San Francisco, Calif.—2c Aguinaldo stamp should be priced 20c. DT Eaton, Iowa, 30c Columbian unused at 25c

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

Fellow Members:—It is with pleasure I am once more able to address you in the capacity of President. I wish to thank those whose vote so kindly elected me over my more worthy and capable opponents, and, also those who showed their interest in the society by casting theirs in other directions.

Since last I addressed you we have consolidated S. C. P. A. of A. with the S. D. P. A. under the former title. In doing this we have co-operated the force of the two protective associations to hurl at the defrauding dogs. We have also added considerably to our membership.

Resident Vice President for the benefit of those states from which no officers were chosed, I have considered it wise to appoint the following recruiters and fraud chasers:

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As you see by my appointing foreign- ers that I do not think we ought to tak heed to the last A of our title as a grea many of our American collectors trad all over the world.

Brother officers, you have been chose to fill some particular branch of wor for our society, now you are expected t do the utmost for that branch and fo the society in general. Let us put on shoulder to the wheel and push the S P A of A to the "top notch" of philate ic societies ere another election may re move us for our more worthy followers

I once more beg of each member t send to the secretary for applicatio blanks and secure at least one member

Again thanking you for the honor be stowed upon me, and assuring you appreciate it, and that I shall do all i my power to the building up of ou noble organization, I remain as ever

Obediently

R. E. Smund Lee DuBose, Pres

Fellow Members:—Having elected m for Auction manager, I will do all in m power to make it successful. I wan you all to take much interest in this de partment and send stamps for the firs sale which will be advertised in the nex issue and you should have stamps her by May 8th for the May sale.

Yours faithfully,

C. E. Cooly, Auction Mgr.

Kind Friends:—I hereby wish t thank you all for electing me as librariar You know as well as I do that the librar of a society should be one of its principa features.

I will start by donating 25 pieces o Philatelic literature. Who is next?

Any member can at any time have complete list of all papers or periodical in the library. If there is any specia article or any iniormation about certai things that you want I'll look it up an if it's in our library you may have it fo ten days if you forward postage.

Publishers are requested to send on copy to our library.

I am a literature collector and there fore ask all persons sending papers t the library to mark them for librar S. C. P. A. of A., so they will not be come mixed with my private mail.

Mr. R. L. DuBose stated in the Jan-ry number of this paper that he would nate 200 philatelic papers and maga-nes to the newly elected librarian.

Please forward at your earliest con-enience.

All articles donated to library must ave postage or express fully prepaid.

Respectfully
Geo. W. Linn, Librarian
85 Wisconsin Ave., Columbus, O.

Dear Fellow Members:—Having been osen for the office of Sales Superin-ndent, I have pleasure in thanking ou for the confidence thereby reposed in e and I assure you it shall be my arnest endeavor to prove myself worthy the position. With your co-operation shall strive to make this department a ading feature of the society and a enuine attraction for new recruits.

As in other societies stamps must be ounted in books prepared specially r the society and marked in ink at our own net prices. The usual rate f 10 per cent commission will be charg-d on all sales also 1 per cent insurance n gross value of stamps.

I have prepared with rubber stamp for emporary use 200 small books to ac-ommodate 60 stamps. I will furnish ese at 2c each. All members wish-g to be put on circuits please advise e to that effect. JOEL H. DUBOSE
Sales Supt.

MEMBERSHIP LIST.

L Smith, Hope, Ark., L C Powell, chmond, Va, J Thompson, Toledo,O, spinony, San Francisco, Cal, 433 ontg St; J E Campaull, Melloe,Spain Bowman, Fullerton, Cal, J R Ver-cke, Washington, DC 936 Tst, C M ach, Bloomfield, Ia. S Odell, Seneca ills. N Y; R Graham, Windsor, NS.

Party named M. Broadsword of Lockhart,Tex, s the publisher as reference without author-: Don't know the party, nor is he reader of st that I am aware of.

F Moore of Arkansas reports SH Golden of azor, Me, has stamps of his since Dec 27th, o VE Rule of Cincinnati, O, since Dec 8th,and get no reply from either.

B Wendt reports Penn Stamp Co of Phila, got amps and not paid for.

C Biles of K C reports E Beckstrom and F rgendohl of Moline, Ill, sent them Feb 3d and get no reply.

O Hedwall of Omaha, reports Leon Defize Fexhe Huis Liege, Belgium.

F Steinbrueck of ND reports Northwestern amp Co. Freeport, Ill sent them Nov 20, also ational Stamp Exch, of Claremont, NH, sent em stamps Feb 4th

Eikemont of Ia reports WA Tebow, Sacra-ento, Cal, and Charlotte Stamp Co, Charlotte, ch

F Bennison of Neb, reports W Hecker of Hol-rook, Ks

ley of our readers having acct against 1B Terry of Syracuse, NY or DJ Ferris, 435 E 17th, NY, let me know

Le Mar Curio Co of Clinton, Ia, dealers in stamps, coins curios, reported left for parts unknown; theirs was one of ads we left out of a dozen or more. West received because did not show up well by reports. Wish to hear from any readers had bad dealings with C King, NY, or Aug Van de Velde of Amsterdam, Europe.

W Kelsey Hall of Canada sends the following list to place in roll of Honor of Frauds, he has met with in last 3 years:

Cadet M G Young, Blacksburg, Va., $3.30 & 3.40 at 50 per cent

F J Knox, Elgin, Ill $3 at 50 per cent 4-13, 1899.

Will Baker, C-of Racine College,Racine, Wis 2.30 & 3.40 at 50 per ct 4-12 1899

Wm McKnight,Alleghany, Pa,6-23 1899 1.70 & 4 at 50 per cent

J S Walton, Richmond, Que 2-8 1899, 9,75, Ex bal due me

L R Baldwin, Holly, Mich, 2-23 1897, 7.82, 33⅓ per cent

C E Bostwick, Elkhart, Ind. 3-3 1897, 6.80 & 6.85 net.

F E Cressy, Windsor, Mo or Me 1-29, 1897 3.80 net

J A Albert, Trenton, N J 5-5 1897 8.85 at 40 per cent

Hy V Baxter, Chester Pa, 12-30 1896 12.35 net

Chas T Scott, Wellsville, N. Y. 5-5 1897 5 net

C A Ralston, Vinton, Ia. 4-2 1898 2.30 & 2.60 at 50 per cent

J S Mortimer, Guelph, Ont 10-18 1898, 2.10, 3 & 4.60 at 50 per cent

L F Morrison, Zoar, Mass, 11-12 1898 5 & 10.50 at 50 per cent

Ray L Knight, Crown Point, Ind 4-14 1899, 1.30, 2.10 & 2.60 50 per cent

W Shaw, Alleghany, Pa. 6-19 1896, 1.80, 2 & 2.15, 60 per cent

F A Noble, Cleveland,O, 7-5 1899 2 & 2 50 per cent

Jas R Maillet, St Doniuique, Que 9-9 '99 4.80 & 9.60, 50 per cent

A J Kaess, New Ulm, Minn 9-15 '99 2.10 & 5, 50 per cent

G O Ilseley, Medford, Mass, 12-2 '99 2.20 & 2.90 50 per cent

L Knudson, Milwaukee, Wis. 4-23 1900, 2.05, 2.10 & 6.10 50 per cent 2 sets 50c net

O Peartree, Richmond, Va. 9-17 1900 17.30 50 per cent

B F Gottling, W Franklin st., Baltimore, Md 85c cash & 4.50 Ex. due

Geo E Dodd, Georgetown, D C 5-30 '99 1.80 and 1.50, 50 per cent

Geo O Fruest, Stockton, Cal, 6-5 '99, 27.50, 50 per cent.

L Lasseigue, St Mary's College, Ky,

5-28 '98 1.24, 4.70 & 45, 50 per cent
Eph Hobbs, Savannah, Ga. 7-14 '98, 1.95 & 2.45, 50 per cent
Harry Wright, 67 Chestnut st Newark, N J, 11-15 '97, 2.10 & 2.65, 10 per ct
B Straton, Lower St Mary's, York Co., N. B 5-31 '98 cash due $3
Jas. A. Snedeker, 12 Woolsey St. New Haven, Conn. 20 Nov. '9u, net 7.60
S H Rosenfield, Houston, Tex., 1-4 '97, net 6.75.

Stamps of Germany.

By E. R. STEINBRUECK.

(Continued from March West.)

The short fierce and bloody war had come to an unexpected end and King William III of Prussia was chosen and proclaimed Emperor of Germany as William I early in 1871 at Versailles, France. Then of course all these interimistic stamp issues came to a sudden stop and the stamps of the German Empire appeared for all the German lands under the Emperor's direct control and the map of Europe shows us today, what Germany in general and what Prussia especially had accomplished during the last twenty years under the leadership of the greatest statesman, Prince Bismark.

The black eagle in the white field, the Brandenburg eagle of the house of Hohenzollern, was called by the sailors of other German seaports "the Prussian crow." Well, well, it did crow effectually. The very same eagle was chosen the imperial eagle of Germany and it appears on the first issue of the German Empire in 1871, bearing the Prussian eagle on its breast plate.

During 1871—74 little regard was taken on other countries moneys and "Pfennige" and "Kreuzer" issues were used till the necessity of a general standard because urgent and the latest monetary system was agreed upon for all Germany. The old Silbergroschen and kreuzer were abolished and a new system with pfenning, one hundred to the Mark was adopted. A mark is ⅓ of the old Thaler. The first issue of these imperial stamps in 1875 shows the word pfennige while the next issue 1880 has dropped the final "e" and that is of no importance both gramatically proper. The new issue of 1889 is different in design and bears the word Reichspost on top, which means imperial post. There were no denominations of 2 pfiennige for local mails in the larger cities and like the old local issues of cities in the U. S. in 1845 to 1847 local stamps fo Berlin and Munich were issued by com panies carrying the mail. The stamp of Berlin bear the token of the city, bear, and there is an old legend, whic tells us the origin of the name Berlin There were in olden times of Brandenburg, two cities, each on either side of the river Spree, connected by a narro bridge. One day one of the Markgrafs I think Albricht, while crossing th bridge, met a huge bear. Not willin to give room he accosted the bear an applying a cuff sent Mr. Bruin reelin into the river.

The stamp of Munich, which is th capital of a specific catholic country shows a child, the 'Munchener Kindel in a monk's cowl.

The new stamps of Germany of 190 are of an entirely different design an character Done away with any individuality the denominations of 2 Pfen niges, now officially issued in place o the formerly local 2 pfennig stamps u to 80 pfennige display the immage of the "Germania" in armor and if yo will please observe that placing th stamp head to the north like a map th face looks like that of the eagle to the west, watching France the arch enemy The Watch on the Rhine? Is it no wonderful how much interesting matte you can read from your stamps? An that is the joy of the philatelist to div into similar studies of all the countrie on the globe.

I have not seen any of the one or fiv mark stamps of 1900 and wish some body would send me a copy of each

The 2 m represents the north an south of Germany in the tight grasp o a hand, the old German custom o deeper meaning, as good as an oath never to be broken. Underneath as the words 'Seid einig, einig, einig. B united, united, united. Union is strengt and they know it. The 3 m as near as can decipher shows the 'Brandenburge Thor" at Berlin (The Brandenburg gate with the goddess of Victory on top This image was taken to Paris once b Napoleon the first, after conquerin North Germany by superior power an bribe but speedily it was moved bac after the downfall of the first empire i France. I think I can distinguish Em peror William II on horseback calle Dutch Willem, in front of the statue o his grandfather Emperor William I a the unveiling of that newly erected token of appreciation and honor in 1897

Pennsylvania - - - Camera Club Ex

GEO. F. SHEERS, President, Athens, Pa.
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AUGUST LUFT, Secy and Treas., Aspinwall Pa

Terms of Membership, 25c per year, including subscription to the Philatelic West and Camera News. Present subscribers send 10c for membership.

All amateur photographers in Pennsylvania are invited to send 25c for membership or $1 for membership and choice of any of the following: Screen, Wide Angle Lens, Tele Photo Lens, Enlarging and Copying Lens, Violet Portrait Lens, or Laughlin Fountain Pen.

Departments, Print Exchange, Print Criticism, Photo Contest, Sales and Exchange Department, Correspondence Department and Question Box.

Address all correspondence relating to the P.C.C.E. to August Luft, Secy, Aspinwall, Pa. All letters will be answered personally if stamp is enclosed for reply, otherwise will be answered through this column.

NEW MEMBERS.

26, 27 John R Hoffman, 779 Huber St, Johnstown, Pa.
28 C. P. Brown, Aspinwall, Pa.
29. J. T. Austen, Aspinwall, Pa.
30. Enos C. Baker, Coatesville, Pa.
31. Miss May L. Cully, Loretto, Pa.
32. S. K. Fry, Cadwallader, Pa.
33. J. W. Hartley, c-of McConway-Torley Co. Pittsburg, Pa.
34. L. Hanselman, 47 Shilo St Pittsburg, Pa.
35. C. S. Kirker, 2217 Penn Ave Pittsburg Pa.
36. Ed. Miltner, Box 24, Bennett, Pa.
37. Thos. S. Massey, Cadwallader, Pa.
38. F. R. Hilton, 12 Florence Ave, Bellevue, Pa
39. Henry Hubbard, 1328 River Ave. Esplen, Pittsburg, Pa.
40. Fred Harper, E 2nd St., South Oil City, Pa

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

In order to make a success of the various departments of this society it will be necessary to have the hearty co-operation of its members and all should make an effort to send in the names of at least one new member per month.

We want to increase our membership to 200 this month and to that end offer the following inducements:

For five members we will send you a package of Trenol Developer, for fifteen members we will send a wide angle lens, tele-photo lens, violet portrait lens, or ray screen, for twenty members a 5x6 dark ground.

Now let every one get to work and send in some new members.

If you send in a new member with the dollar for membership and any of the premiums mentioned at the head of this column, this will count as four members at 25 cents each.

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The Penna Camera Club Exchange will offer a prize of one gross of 4x5 Velox paper, or equal value of any other size for the best land scape sent to the secretary before July 1st., subject to the following conditions:

1. All the contestants must be members of the P. C. C. E.
2. All pictures must be mounted and have the title of the picture, and the name of the sender on the back of the mount.
3. Any number of pictures may be sent, there is no limit as to how many entries you may make.
4. All work must be done by the contestant.
5. All pictures must be in the hands of the secretary before July 1st., and no pictures will be returned.

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Every amateur photographer should be a member of some photographic society and subscribe to a photographic journal. Just as reading maketh a full man so will photogrophic fellowship enlarge the amateur's conception of photography as an art, an amusement or a means of livelihood.

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The Philatelic West and Camera News is all right but we want to make it "all-righter" by catering more to the photographer's needs. Any of the members who have any notes, pointers or anything of general interest to contribute send it to the secretary.

One of our enthusiastic members has suggested a convention of the P. C. C. E. at Buffalo this year. While this is a strong proposition for a new organization, yet stranger things have happened, though the prospects in this case are rather remote.

Friend Sheers, our worthy president

has already attempted to steer the P. C. C. E to Athens. He says they have a first class hotel up there, the genial proprietor of which is Mr. H. A. Stimson who is an amateur photographer and has cast his lot in the P. C. C. E.

A convention this year is extremely remote yet we are glad that our members are displaying enthusiasm for the welfare of the P. C. C. E. Let the good work go on. Stir it up along the line.

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Anyone having a type-writer to sell or exchange will please communicate with the secretary of this department.

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We have received the following unique contribution the name of the writer being with held:—

"You will probably remember that I sent you a 25 cents a couple weeks ago, for which I was to get "Camera News" 1 year and exchange advantages, etc., as described on your card, but to date I have received neither March or April number of "Camera News".

Would like to know why I aint getting it. Have you any offer for my camera? I haven't received one.

Yours Truly,

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In answer to the above would like to inform Mr. Man that the March number was mailed to him on the last day of March when the magazine was issued The April number will not be out until the last of April which our friend will receive in due season.

If he didn't receive his paper he is entitled to a "kick" but we don't like the style of the above complaint.

We have sent the gentleman a duplicate copy of the March number and trust that in the future the correspondence received at our office will be of a more cordial nature.

Regarding the exchange advantages mentioned we don't guarantee to sell cameras for our members but we do try to assist them as far as possible and as this service is given gratis on our part we decline to guarantee a sale in every case.

The above is not published with any prejudice to the writer of the epistle, bnt only to caution our friends that we are human and want to conduct this department in a humane and gentlemanly way.

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NOTES.

I recommend the blue print cloth as unusually fineone, cannot fully realize how true to nature the blueprint produces the water and clouds until they have seen a blueprint made as it should be. It is to be wondered at that the blueprint is not used more than it is. It has been looked upon by the amateur as something cheap, but the best of our amateurs are beginning to find when they want to make a little marine scene a cloud effect or certain landscapes and want them right they use the blueprint process and mount it on pure white card with a good margin. The blueprint sofa pillow first made its appearance in the East about one year ago. It seemed as if everyone was getting collections of familiar veiws and making them into pillow covers. When one sees a pillow made up in this way they think that it is certainly something worth while, as you not only have the photos but you can put them to some use. It does not stop altogether with the sofa pillow, there are a great many ways that they can be utilized, as lambrequins, screens, and pieced together into bed spreads.

Photo print papers, we have ads of we have tried and think they are good. We advise readers to at least try them all and see which you like best for you will not be disappointed and it will be worth your while to try them and see.

The backing, snbstituted for ground

lass used by the Niagara photographer backing transparencies is not known utside of this city.

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HOTOGRAPHING SILVER WARE, LOVING CUPS, ETC.

The finest results obtainable in photo-raphing above is to fill article with ice ater which causes a sweat that gives eautiful soft effects free from halation hich is the evil of photographing olished surfaces, better than the old ethod with various powders.

F. A. W. DEAN.

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ETHOD OF DETECTING HYPO IN PHOTOGRAPHIC WORK.

The impc rtance of thoroughly elimin-ing the hypo from negatives or prints photographic work is so well re-ognized that it need not be insisted pon, and it will therefore be useful to ive a method for detecting small traces hypo in the washing water and thus bserving when the operation is finished. nto a deep tray is poured a small uantity of the water or solution in estion and a few pieces of granulated inc are thrown in, after which add a w drops of hydrochloric acid. Place ove the tray a filter paper wet with a olution of acetate of lead. If the least ace of hyposulhite remains in the olution the paper will become brown, nd afterwards assume a black metallic ppearance. This action is due to the ormation of hydrogen sulphide, which scapes to the surface and colors the aper by forming lead sulphide. In is way it is always easy to determine hen the washing is finished or to ex-mine a solution suspected of containing ypo.—Sciuntific American.

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A POINT IN DEVELOPING.

Many workers do not mind whether heir negatives are stained or dry with curious marks on them, which do not affect the printing appreciably. On the other hand, there are many who like a negative as clean and free from foreign matter as it is possible to have one. To these the following tips should be serviceable:—Always go over the negative when it is put in the developer with a camel-hair brush or piece of cotton-wool, as this will not only prevent uneven flow of developer, but will clear the gelatine of any matter which, if left, might be the cause of spots appearing in undesirable places. After development, wash the "neg" well under the tap, both back and front, and go over the gelatine surface with a nice, soft sponge, specially kept for this purpose. The difference that this precaution makes is well seen when a negative which has been treated in this way is compared with one which has only been dashed in the water, or has not been washed at all. Having washed the negative for the usual time, just before putting up to dry go over the gelatine surface as before with the sponge, holding the negative under the tap whilst doing so. These matters are ones which should be made a note of by every careful worker, and should be gone through as a matter of routine. The results then will be nice clean negatives, which will save the worker much trouble in spotting, etc.

By the blowing down of a tree above Cockleroi, England, and near the Kipps, about two miles south of Linlithgow, where there is a large field with Druidical stones, a stone coffin has been laid bare. Inside the coffin was found a stone battle-axe, and also a stone quern. From the appearance of the stone implements, it is supposed that they and the coffin belong to the fourth or fifth century.

☞S. Phillips, Sioux City, Iowa—West is a good ad puller and well worth ad rates and then some.

☞A. Carter, Los Angles. Calif.—Returns from single insertion of my ad has been perfectly satisfactory.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S SAY

This is the time of year for next six months, don't send stamps unless wrapped in oiled paper for if stuck together it is your loss. Prefer Express or P.O. order or registered mail. Already got stamps this year from Canada stuck together

Arrangements made for valuable articles in next and subsequent issues and still be as helpful as possible to make it. Will give in our next number cut of Dr. Heath, Sec'y Numismatists Soc'y and W. F. Schad, V. Pres. P. S, of A., and Pres. Phinney of Kansas City Would like to see more like him, for he keeps the West on file at Kansas City Library with other papers which are read by quite a number. If there is a library in your city it would be a good idea to give your papers and magazines. They may help to induce many to start collecting. Try it.

Exchange notices not published by readers who send "For Sale" or over 15 word exchange notices may know cause and send ones that come under rule. Of course some are too late. Fuller particulars for postage.

How many of our readers take the National Magazine of Boston, Recreation of N. Y., Outdoor Life of Denver, all dollar magazines. We can offer any one at 75c with West. This is just a sample of prices we offer with other papers, can save you from 10 to half on all. Enclose postage for fuller particulars, or what papers you wish.

Has been some complaint of agents, advise all who send to agent to enclose 2c extra for a receipt so you may know for sure if West receives it.

Will pay you to keep ads going in summer for it is best time to get the best buyers and be ready for fall and wint trade, and will offer special induceme of $1 for 1 inch ad in next three nu bers. Cash with copy, no stamps tak with this offerr Try a keyed ad and convinced that West is leader.

Sioux City, Iowa, has formed Sta and Curio club with J. Chilson, Pre and Guy Phillips, Secy. Pleased to he of other local clubs for they are the kin that do the most good.

Remember that the larger the ad t more attention it draws and better di play can be given. Try it. You m know that ads must pay in West as las numbers of 400 pages are world reco for consecutive issues. We circulate a over the world. Compare West wi any collectors' paper of last two years.

The best customers are those got i summer, one generaly finds them t best buyers in the fall and you can s why ads pay in the West. More st than go that try it; for the outlay is ha to beat and you will not regret giving it a trial.

If you wish the cards of the presiden we must receive 25 cents or, if paid b fore offer made, or send with an age enclose ten cents extra, cost to us, wi send you the set.

We have received from W. E. Bark Hillsboro, Engand, first edition of t British and Colonial Philatelic Directo price, 1s 6d or 36c, well worth the pri asked.

We have a few of Lewis Robie Stamp Hunting which sell at 50c whic we offer till supply is taken at half, 25

If you get an extra copy of the We and no friend you think interested, re turn; we can use back numbers if i good shape, or send list of what yo have.

Every reader invited to send sho notes on stamps, camera or curios of 10 words.

If you have cuts of self or scener Indian relics, or curios would like t use in West or would be pleased to se proof and prices if you wish to sell.

Souvenir Card DEPARTMENT.

International. Souvenir. Card Exchange Conducted by Adolph Selige, 20 N. 4th St., St. Louis, Mo.

The souvenir card season will soon open after a long winter's rest. People will go traveling and buy cards wherever they stop, to send a message to those poor mortals, who are condemned to spend the hot and dusty summer at home. What will be the result of the Pan American Expo on the souvenir card sport? It seems the Omaha Ex., has been of little benefit, nor has the Midwinter at San Francisco done much toward introducing the Souv. cards, so we are wondering what will be done at the Pan American Expo in Buffalo this year. A few of the official cards came to our notice, but it cannot be said that they lay any claim to either design or execution of a superior order. If the concession for the official souvenir cards is in the hands of someone who knows the ins and outs of the business, there ought to be a good deal of money in it. It seems the Omaha experience did not come up to expectations, all of which goes to prove, that this is something with two sides to it, one a theoretical, the other a practical, and it takes money and experience to make a success of it. Amateurs please take warning.

The membership of the Int. Souv. Card Exch. is increasing, not rapidly, but slow and sure. A few of the members who are rather indifferent, we expect to drop out in a short time and we will then have the nucleus for a club of intelligent and earnest collectors, who will help us to elevate our sport above a mere pastime and place it on a level with any of the best European collector socities in existance.

We have several cards from Dr. Gardner sent us during his recent trips to Vancover, Victoria and other places in Canada, for which we take pleasure in thanking him very much. According to current reports, both Dr. Gardner and Dr. Troxler, find life a great deal more worth living, since they have discovered how souvenir post cards may play an inportant part in making up life's pleasures. Right here it should be said that both of these gentlemen are now in position to promptly answer any card sent them in appropriate style to-wit: The new set of 6 handsome views of Port Townsend, Wash, from the Doctors own photos, are finished, and all cards received hereafter will be answered by those new ones.

One more farewell to Miss M. I Woodside, she has gone back to Erin, but promised to keep up a lively Exch. of cards with her American friends. Her new address is Killollogh, Coleraini, Co Derry, Ireland. Her collection now numbers 2400 cards and all in splendid condition and systematic order, every-one personally addressed. Au revoir.

Baron da Mesnil's name is getting to be quite familiar to our members and we are indebted to him for a number of interesting cards, among them one showing a photo of his chateau, his mail coach and handsome team of four horses and last but not least, himself, and we presume, the Baroness and his two daughters, comfortably seated in the coach. Besides some fine views of the late Paris fair, he sends out a series of cards of greatest interest to stamp collectors, illustrating the customs of the different foreign countrtes in regards to the delivery of mail. Each card bears also a reproduction of the flag and a post-stamp of the respective countries.

Have you seen Mr. J. A. Aalberg's scheme for introducing Souv. cards? Better write him, his address is Madison, Wis., P. O. box 441 and help him push the good work along.

Eugene V. Birfeld of 3304 Calumen Avenue Chicago, has started a local club of collectors, and we wish him success. There is nothing like cooperation and going at it with a will. He is a member of the Int. Souv. Card Ex. and ought to have all the encouragement the members can give him.

Strange to say, we have not seen one good or reasonably good card from Canada. All the Canadian cards that have come to our notice are poorly printed on cheap card board and from inferior cuts. They are cheap work amateurish to put it mildly. Why doesn't some one get out a good card, as good as expert and careful workmanship can produce, instead of this cheap job work. Collectors should be careful and compare the kind of cards they intend to send in Exchange for those beautiful and artistic European cards, try and give equal value for cards received, don't send cheap trash.

Collectors of Curios should not miss to notice the reproduction of a prehistoric footprint, on a postal card, this is claimed to be the only authentic footprint in existence. The reason it has been so well preserved is that it is in one of the wonderful Burkville caves, about 10 miles from St. Louis, Mo.

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

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Purchasing Agt—Camille Cools

This society is formed for encouraging amateur photographers to inform each other and to 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 innitiation fee, every member will also receive the official organ the Philatelic West and Camera News free.

QUESTION BOX

Conducted by August Luft, Bx 43, Aspinwall, Pa.

In this column will be answered all questions relating to photography to the best of our knowledge and ability. Any letters requiring a personal reply must be accompanied by a 2c stamp.

We positively decline to advertise any goods in this column and will refuse to answer such questions as "What is the best Developer?" "What is the best Camera?", "Whose Plates are the best?", etc.

Any person desiring answers to questions of this kind will receive the benefit of our experience, as we will cheerfully answer such questions personally if stamp is enclosed for reply.

This column is for the use of all our subscribers and we want to encourage our friends to ask all the questions they can.

WHAT IS AN AMATEUR?

We have been asked the question, "What is an amateur photographer, and how do you divide the line between amateurs and professionals?"

This is a question which we are unable to answer at present but would like the opinions of our members and will mail a package of developer for the best opinion

All opinions will be published so let us hear from each of you.

CAMERA NOTES.

It is of the utmost importance in using Velox or any other developing papers to get the proper amount of Bromide potash solution in the developer. When the formula calls for ten drops it is folly to guess and throw in about eight or twelve or fifteen, ten drops is what it should be.

In pouring from a bottle it is very difficult to count exactly ten drops and the drops will be larger from bottles with different sizes of mouths.

The best plan is to purchase a medicine dropper which can be had in any drug store for a nickel and you can count

our drops precisely and with greater uniformity. The writer has spoiled a few batches of Velox paper by carelessness in this regard.

When I first took up portraiture I had an insatiable desire to make large heads and of course got as close to my subjects as possible. This made the bellows longer and necessarily increased the required exposure.

After having enough under exposed plates to build a good sized chicken house, I cut my eye teeth, (figuratively) and now I use a 6½x8½ lens on a 4x5 plate.

A sma'l head is just as artistic and symmetrical as a large one, and in amateur work more preferable, and as the focus is shorter when the head is small, better results are obtained with snap shots and short exposures.

I went to a chicken show not long since and was shown a rooster owned by a friend and valued at one hundred dollars.

I told him that when I became crazy enough to pay one hundred for a rooster it was time to have a guardian appointed and inquiry made regarding my sanity.

The friend knowing my weakness for photography answered that it matters not what a man is crazy about, some people are crazy about chickens and some about cameras, so what's the odds so long as you have a hobby.

This is food for very deliberate thought a man who has no hobby is out of place in this enlightened age.

No matter how busy a man is with the cares of this life he needs a hobby or diversion to relax his nervous tention and give him a rest from the ordinary routine of life.

Hurrah for the man with a hobby!

A very clever idea for a picture frame is to take an old 4x5 printing frame, stain it a dead black color and make a picture frame of it. They can be used in pairs or any combination. The writer has six on hinges standing on top of a book case somewhat like a rail fence and they present a neat appearance.

One advantage of this plan is when you are tired of your picture frames you can dismantle them and press into service for printing frames once more.

The regulations restricting the use of cameras on the grounds of the Pan-American Exposition, provide that no cameras exceeding four by five inches shall be allowed within the gates. Stereoscopic cameras and tripods will not be admitted under any circumstances. The fee for the admission of cameras four by five inches or under will be 50c for a day or one dollar and fifty cents for a week.

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How many of the members will take in the Buffalo Exposition? Try to be there the last of August for the meetings for collectors and leading camera club. You will not regret it if you wait and take it in.

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Our Illustrations.

JOS. L. WEBER,

Of Osborne, Kan., is a native of Bethleham, Pa.,moved to Osborne, Ks., in Aug 1878, where resided ever since. Commenced to collect a few when a boy, collected some at the Centennial, of which has a few fine envelopes, and seen made, also has a collection of entires and original covers probably 1000 more or less, did not commence active collectivg till three or four years ago. In his earlier collecting of only old coins of which he has a collection of $200 face value, some rare, many dublicates, the last four years he has dropped coins and is collecting only stamps of which he now has between 5 and 6000 in collection, has at least 100,000 duplicates which would sell cheap, none of the very rare or valuable ones, yet there are a good many good stamps, rev. cigar, tobacco, snuff, in fact everything of U. S. government. Stamp license papers has quite a collection of such and been doing quite a foreign exchange business the last year, so much so that he has to put the greater part of his time in on stamps. He expects to close business by May and go to Buffalo then on to Pennsylvania to revisit the scenes of youth and rummage old garrets for good finds, having no family cares so he expects to make a long stay disposed of all his propertv so he is free to go and come as he pleases.

Eventually if a good opportunity and good price he will sell both coin and stamp collection and then start new to keep out of mischief, as cannot get rid of the stamp hobby altogether am a member of S. C. P. of A. Kansas, Phil. society, ect. Has 300 foreign souvenir cards, only 8 or 10 words brought them showing what printer's ink does. He don't make any effort on cards only answer those sent unsolicited and still they come from all parts of the world.

R. YATES.

Was born in Bargaintown, N. J. Jan. 25, 1892. Moved to Atlantic City in 1875. Received a common school education, after which entered a preparatory school Pennington Seminary, Pennington, N. J. Taking a special course of Moral science and theory of the Bible for evangelistic work thirty seven weeks coarse after leaving Pennington entered Redfield college, Redfield, S. D. continuing course in Evangelical work where he discontinued an uncompleted course, finally traveling as an evangelist.

H. W. CONARD.

Born Dec. 1, 1872 in Indiana. When 8 years old moved to Kansas and lived there on a farm until eight years ago when he entered the service of the B. & M. R. R. Is now working as extra agent.

He started collecting coins first and after procuring about 500 varieties from about 60 different countries he decided to relinquish numismatics for philately because coins are difficult to arrange to advantage and a collection becomes bulky for one not permanently located to transport about with him. This objection is not the case with stamps. He is disposing of his coins in favor of the stamps. After gathering quite an amateur's collection of stamps he sold out and started over again, but is not very active at present. Is only attempting to obtain a representative collection of the world's stamps for framing purposes. This frame will contain a single stamp from every country of the world ever issuing one and a good many of their local issues arranged systematically. Each country consisting of several divisions, Germany and Great Britain for instance, will be grouped, the several divisions and their colonies together thus giving one at a glance a philatelic as well as a geographical and historical knowledge of the world.

He still has a camera but recently has done but little work. He is a member of the Nebraska Phil. society and Camera Club.

The Geological Formation of Illinois

By FOREST GAINES,
Champaign, Ills.

Champaign County, Illinois, is form- primarily of true glacial silt, or the posits of glaciers. Numerous bould- of granite are found.

This granite varies from very dark red pink and light gray. Quartz in sev- varieties is also found.

The greater portion of Illinois is of imentary deposits. A great part of deposit consists of coal veins. This is mostly bituminous. The veins end nearly entirely across Illinois, the eastern to the western border the state.

the coal veins, are mixed with the deposits, beds of shale, fireclay, and other formations.

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ds of lithographic limestone lie in icinity of Chicago.

the northern part of the state, ex- ve lead mines are found. They r in the vicinity of Galena. The s sulphide of lead or galena. These s have the reputation of being some e best in the United States.

e limestone spoken of before, occurs only throughout the state. In oun county on the Mississippi, it is sively quarried. In the rougher s of the country, in the southern of the state, it is also very common.

PALEONTOLOGY.

e fossil fish in Illinois are of wide- ering types. They compose many lies and several hundred species been discovered. They are to be scattered at intervals, over the

CRINOIDEA.

To this group belong the crinoids or sea lilies. They are of many varieties and varying forms. I have found many of them myself in various gravel banks. They are interesting from their peculiar stellated structure. They are commonly known as Indian Beads.

TRILOBITES

This is a crustacean time fossil. They belong to the lower Silurian Age. They are of very peculiar shape, many are found in the vicinity of Chicago. While digging the drainage canal, many were found imbedded in the stone.

CARBONIFEROUS PLANTS.

Many carboniferous fossils come from Mazon Creek, Morris, Illinois, a noted locality. The fossils are generally found in ironstone concretions, which, when split open, reveal the outlines of leaves and ferns. These concretions are of a flattened, lenticular shape. The concretions vary from about two to five inches.

TRILOBITES.

These interesting carboniferous fossils which I described before are widely found in the Potsdam formation.

CALHOUN COUNTY.

This is a very remarkable county in geological formation, lying on the Mississippi River in the southwestern part of Illinois.

The county begins with the St. Peters sandstone in the upper part and ends with the St. Louis limestone at Alton.

This county is apparently mostly of eruptive origin; especially is this so in the northern part, where rocks are jumbled together in a conglomerate mass.

Valuable lithographic stone has been found in this county by Prof. William McAdams, who had several valuable collections on display at the World's Fair in the Illinois geological and archaelogical exhibit. Prof. McAdams

had charge of this exhibit.

Calhoun county is now mostly an agricultural region.

This county was a favorable resort of the Indians, and many interesting relics of them are now found there. Many Indian mounds have been opened and the trinkets taken out.

Hawaii

The Hawaiian (Sandwich) Islands were discovered by Capt. Cook in 1788. They were united into one kingdom under Kamehameha I a few years later.

His successor and Queen died in England in 1823, and it was during the reign of Kamehameha III that the kingdom was recognized by the United States England and other countries. He gave his subjects a constitution in 1840, and in 1864 his brother proclaimed a more liberal and revised constitution. The reins of the government were apparently well handled, until on the 15th of January, 1893' Queen Lilionkalani attempted coercion in compelling her cabinet to approve a new constitution, which they declined to do. A revolution followed and the Queen was deposed. A committee of Public Safety was formed and a deputation sent to the United States petitioning the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands. President Harrison favored the idea and steps were taken to secure the commercial and strategical advantages thus offered. In the meantime President Cleveland had been elected, and he appointed a special committee to visit the islands and report the existing state of affairs. The report being made the American minister was ordered to restore the deposed Queen, but the provisional government had strengthened its hold and continued in control until the establishment of a permanent government. On Janurry 17, 1893, the committee of Public Safety elected Sanford B. Dole president and issued an edict abolishing the monarchical form of government,

The population numbered probabl 200,000 at the time of Capt. Cook's dis covery. Since then the natives hav rapidly decreased, while the foreig population has steadily increased. Al form of religion are permitted and pro tected.

Hawaii has been called the beautiful half-way resting house between Califor nia and Japan,—a rich and most in teresting chain of islands thirteen i number, only eight or nine of which ar inhabited. They are distant from Sa Francisco 2100 miles and from Japa 3400 miles and have an area of 674 square miles. The most important o the group are Oahu and Hawaii.

Honolulu, the capital, is situated o the island Hawaii. Its harbor is one o the most beautiful in the world and i reached through a narrow winding passage of deep blue water, the surf running white over the coral reefs on both sides, while its waters are covered with countless canoes filled with natives and dotted with American and English trading vessels. Ninty per cent of the foreign trade is with the United States. In the background are lofty peaks, cleft by deep chasms and ravines. Of all the cities of our new possessions none are more beautifully picturesque than this "American" city situated so far from American soil.

The wonderful rise in the price of stamps of this colony is current comment to those who keep abreast the times. They have steadily advanced for many months and each succeeding auction sale justifies the prediction that the limit is not yet reached. They are duly appreciated and the collector is wise who never misses an opportunity to fill a vacant space. Should philately's sleeping followers awake from their slumbers and note the present quotations on Hawaiians they would doubtless exclaim, Lo, and in the fullness of time a kingdom has risen from out the sea and to our people has given the choicest gems in the collecting world.

CAMERA NEWS

Moonlight Pictures.

It is possible, of course, to take photographs by moonlight, the exposure varying from half to two hours, according to the light. But the photographs we refer to are usually sea or river scenes with a fine cloud effect, the moon just peeping through and throwing a long line of brilliant light along the water, across which in the distance is frequently seen a small boat. The effect is good, particularly if it be printed on deep blue green paper. The negatives for such prints are usually made in the daytime, a short exposure being made with a shutter and the negative being slightly under-developed, and the print decidedly over printed on a green aluminized paper, or if gelatine-chloride paper is used, it may, after fixing and full washing, be dyed in green dye, such as may be obtained for a few pence from any chemist or oilshop, Diamond Dyes being suitable.

Stiff Dark Slides.

How often one sees a beginner vainly struggling to draw the shutter of his dark slide without moving the camera. This is very irritating when you are trying to catch some passing cloud effect, or an expression on the face of a sitter. The best way to get over this difficulty is to take the dark slide when empty, draw the shutter, and pour into the grooves a little powdered blacklead. Now, after working the shutter up and down for a short time, you will find it works quite easily. In case of emergency you can use an ordinary lead pencil instead of the powdered black lead.

Number Your Plates.

Nearly everyone has a special way of his own for numbering his plates but by far the best and simplest method is to write on the film with a pencil. Use a sharp point and make the figures small, and close up to the edge of the plate so that in all probability they will come on the clear margin of the negative. Do not bear too hard on the pencil or you scratch the film or cause frilling, etc. These pencil marks will not wash out, and so the number will show on the negative when finished.

Lastly, who has not at some time or other wanted another developing dish in a hurry? Take the lid of one of your old plate boxes and make sure that it is free from holes. Now take a piece of candle about two inches long, and, after melting it in some handy vessel, pour it carefully into the lid, which must be tilted so that the melted wax may come in contact with every part. After it is thoroughly soaked with wax, drain off and allow the lid to dry. You have now got a water-tight developing dish.

A Background Hint.

In making a background for portraiture, simplicity should be aimed at; and anything which tends to distract the attention—such as an elaborately sketched landscape, castle, etc.,—should be avoided if we wish to concentrate the attention to the figure, and so obtain a picture instead of a mere portrait. Many excellent backgrounds are obtainable at the dealers, such as cream, grey, brown. etc., a very useful one being grey. It is however, far cheaper and quite as satisfactory, to manufacture our own background. Ordinary carpet-paper does well, giving a tint not too deep and not too light. This paper is generally pretty stiff, and will stand very well if supported by a chair at the back. Very good effects may be obtained by arranging the paper background in the form of an arc, instead of having it it quite flat. There is a very pleasing shading of light and altogether is a very satisfactory arrangement.

Notes on the Coinage of the Greeks.

By T. L. ELDER.

PART I.—Cont'd.

PERIOD II B. C. 480-400.

The "stater and the "hectae" of Cyzicus circulated in immense numbers in those times. The former weighed about 248 grains, and the latter about 40 grains. The stater is frequently mentioned in early writings and inscriptions.

The mintmark of Cyzicus is a tunny-fish, and the types are extremely numerous. A noted coin was one representing two golden eagles on the omphalos of Apollo at Delphi, mentioned by Pindar (Pyth. iv. 4), and on another Cecrops, half man and half serpent, is seen holding an olive branch.

Sinope, then one of the wealthiest Greek city on the Euxine, was also mistress of that sea as far as the Bosphorus. On its coins the city is likened to a sea-eagle seizing its prey in the waters.

The coins of Ancore, a town of Bithynia bore an anchor.

A coin of Daranus bears a figure on horseback and on the reverse a bird in an incuse square. The reverse also bears a monogram composed of several letters, and some attribute it on that account to Zenis, satrap of Aeolis, under Artaxerxes.

Mnemon. The figure on horseback is supposed to be the famous queen Mania, his wife, and successor in the satrapy.

Scepsis had belonged to Queen Mania, but after her death Dercyllidas, the Spartan, got possession of the town, and the sovereign power was restored to the citizens (B. C. 399). This is probably the date of this coin.

An Ephesian stater of the fifth century bears a bee on the obverse, and an incuse square on the reverse. The bee was the badge of the city and was connected with the worship of the Ephesian Artemis.

A coin of Erythrae has on it a naken youth holding in a prancing horse which is stung by a bee or wasp, and on the reverse side a flower in an incuse square. This coin is of fine style, and the bee is probably only the symbol of a magistrate.

On a coin of Chios we see the Sphinx seated before an amphora, or vase, above which is a bunch of grapes. Reverse, the incuse square, as usual. Chios was famed for its wine, and the Sphinx is a symbol of Dionysus.

Cos issued a coin bearing Appollo beating a cymbal, and dancing before a tripod. The back of the coin shows a crab in a square.

An interesting little coin, gotten by a Mr. Newton on the Island of Cos shows on the obverse Hercules kneeling, and on the reverse a lion,s head. The front side bears the name of Tymmes, a despot of Termera about the middle of the fifth century, probably the son of Tymmes of Termer, whom Herodotus mentions as being in the fleet of Xerxes in 480 B. C.

It is said that the head of a Persian satrap is to be seen on an early coin of Lycia, which if true is the FIRST PORTRAIT EVER PUT ON A COIN. Judging from the style of this coin, it was made about 400 B. C.

A cow standing on a dolphin is seen on the obverse of a coin of Byzantium. The types of the Byzantine coins of the period were very similar to those of Chalcedon on the opposite side of the Bosphorus.

Maronea issued a coin bearing a horse prancing, and on the other side of it a vine enclosed in a square. Like Chios, this city was famed for its wine, hence we note the vine. Maron, the founder of this city was known as the "grandson of Bacchus."

We see on a coin of Alexander 1, of Macedon (B. C. 498-454) a man carrying two spears, standing on the farther side of a horse.

On a coin of Larissa is portrayed a man seizing a bull by the horns while on the reverse in an incuse square is seen a galloping horse. The Thessalian youths were renowned for their skill in catching bulls and taming horses.

In a group of Theban coins we see on No. 1 a Boetian Buckler, with a reverse showihg an incuse square in which Harmonia, daughter of Ares and Aphrodite, and wife of Cadmus is seated holding a helmet. No. 2 Hercules walking, holding a bow and club. No. 3 Hercules stringing his bow. No. 4 Hercules carrying off the Delphic tripod. All of these coins are fine examples of style of the art immediately preceding that of Phidias, and all are previous to 430 B. C.

A coin of Aegina bears a land turtlose, AI. reverse, incuse square divided into five compartments, and within the letters NI and a dolphin. Note the difference in this coin from the earlier Aeginctan coins spoken of in the former part of this article. The coin just described, is you are aware, of the later period. This Island ceased to strike silver in B. C. 456, when it became part of the Athenian Empire.

(To be continued.)

Collectors of coins should know that the use of acids in cleaning dirty stones will ruin them, practically, as it eats into and roughens the coin and destroys the clearness of the design. Then if the coin is polished, this roughened surface is worn away. Simply wash the coins in soapsuds and wipe them dry.

The great Serpent Mound in Ohio has been transferred to the Ohio Archaelogical and Historical Society.

Spotting.

The ordinary spotting pencil leaves a mark which can be distinctly seen in some lights. If you use an ordinary writing pencil and then moisten the tip of the finger, and apply to parts retouched, no trace of the work can be found in any light.

Two Useful Hints.

Of course every amateur knows that is the correct way when developing to work at a distance from the dark-room lamp to prevent a gradual fogging of the plate; but when we wish to examine the plate to see if it is sufficiently developed we generally venture much closer, and it is a very good plan to have a small dish in front of the lamp, so that when examining a plate in this way the drippings from it will drop into it, and so avoid making a nasty mess on the bench or table.

Another advantage of using this dish is that it will prevent any white diffused light which may issue from under the lamp, and will in no way interfere with the ventilation, for there is plenty at the back and sides of the lamp.

From 1863 to 1880 auction sales of rare coins were held in New York nearly every week during the greater portion of each year. The first auction sale of stamps was crowded in between two of these coin sales in 1870. Since then the stamp sales have gradually crowded the coin sales into the background, and now, while every week, during the winter season at least, from one to four stamp sales are held, it is only occasionally that we hear of a coin sale. Still, there are many coin collectors, and there always will be, but coin collecting will never take its place alongside stamp collecting as a popular pastime.

CURIO NOTES

The editor of the Curio Department acknowledges herewith the receipt of the April number of American Ornithology, Chas. K. Reed's new magazine for bird-lovers, published at Worcester, Mass. The issue before us consists of twenty pages and cover and has eight beautiful half tone plates of birds, and bird-nests. The value of this bright little magazine to the student of birds cannot be estimated, and Brother Reed is to be congratulated of putting before the naturalists of the world such a spicy, entertaining and valuable work. We honestly recommend the magazine to all lovers of birds and of nature.

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Tumblers resembling in shape and dimensions those employed today, have been found in great numbers in Pompeii. They were made of gold, silver, glass, marble, agate and of precious stones.

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Flies are not the only things found in amber. In a big mass of clear amber, dredged up out of the Baltic sea recently, there was distinctly visible in its interior a small squirrel--fur, teeth and claws intact.

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Every bee carried his market basket round his hind legs. Anyone examining the body of a bee through a microscope will observe that on the hind legs of the creature there is a fringe of stiff hairs on the surface, the hairs approaching each other at the tips, so as to form a sort of cage. This is the bee's basket, and into it, after a successful journey, he will cram enough pollen to last two or three days.

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The wine cellar of the old Chaldean King, Argastes II, has been discovered near Lake Van, in Asia Minor. It was filled with colossal earthenware vessels, some of which has been sent to the Berlin museum.

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Lake Morat, in Switzerland, has the curious property of turning red every ten years, owing to the presence of certain aquatic plants which are not known in any other lake in the world.

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The largest flower in the world, it is said, is the bolo, which grows on the island of Mindanao, one of the Philippine group. It has five petals, measuring nearly a yard in width, and a single flower has been known to weigh twenty-two pounds. It grows on the highest pinnacle of the land, about 2,000 feet above the level of the sea.

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A splendid find of opals is reported from Winton, Queensland, where two Germans, having already done very well with it, had sold their claim to two other men. The new proprietors very speedily came upon a big opal band, and, this being further investigated, one of the largest blocks of opal that has ever been discovered was joyfully unearthed. The pipe is said to be eleven feet in length, and in places as thick as a man's thigh, whilst it was so heavy that four men were required to carry it. This rich find is estimated to be worth between $35,000 and $50,000.

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The island of Malta is the only

known spot where the remains of dwarf elephants are found. There are several places on the island where the bones of these miniature pachy derms have been unearthed, and hundreds of skeletons have been secured, in whole or in part. One of these, whose teeth and bones showed was a full-grown specimen, was less than two and a half feet in height, and could not have weighed over 600 pounds when in the flesh.

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One of the rarest and most expensive of Chinese gold-fishes is the brush-tail, a pair of which sell for $1,000. The brush-tail gold fish is so small that an American silver dollar will cover it, and probably there is no other living thing of its size and weight that is worth so much money. Like all other Chinese fishes that are so highly prized by the collector, the form of the brush-tail is due to some extent to artificial methods. The Chinese know how to assist nature in shaping and beautifying fishes. How they do it is one of their many secrets which we have not discovered yet.

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It is a curious fact that the roots and branches of a tree are so alike in their nature that if a tree be uprooted and turned upside down the underground branches will take to themselves the functions of roots, and the exposed roots will in time bud and become veritable branches.

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The smallest coin now current in Europe, and the one having the least value, is the Greek lepton. The lepton is, according to the decimal monetary system, current in all countries belonging to the Latin union. Some idea of this valueless little disc of copper may be gathered from the fact that the lepton is the one-hundredth part of a drachma. The Greek drachma usually passes for the same value that a franc piece does, that is, it is about equal to 20 cents of our money.

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At Kames, in the Isle of Bute, Mr. R. A. Stewart, a saddler, has succeeded in growing a fine crop of peas from seed found in the tomb of an ancient Egyptian King. Mr. Stewart got the peas from a Glasgow friend of his who has sons in Egypt, by whom they were forwarded to Glasgow, and the seed is estimated to have been 2,000 or 3,000 years old, The peas were sown in open ground, the plants have grown up strong and vigorous to a height of about 6 feet. They possess certain characteristics. The flower of the ancient Egyptian variety has a beautiful red centre, surrounded by a white corona, and looks very chaste and handsome. The pods average from two to three inches in length by one-half-inch in breadth, and the peas are said to be of excellent flavor.

ROY F. GREENE.

The United States has declined to join with Great Britain in arranging for penny posatage.

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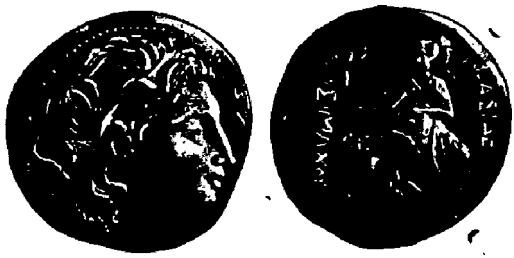

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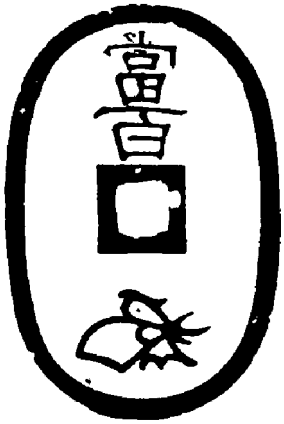

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Counterfeits and Their Detection

By Lacus Viridis.

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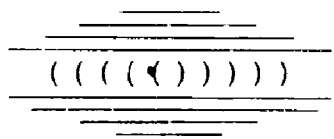
DOMINICA

Much as we may deplore the artistic decadence of the De la Rue products as compared with their Perkins, Bacon & Co., predecessor, it is yet a fact that their uniformity of printing and general excellence of mechanical execution has made it an unprofitable job to forge them very much. Nevertheless I have before me a number of counterfeits of various West Indian stamps, most of them imitations of the De la Rue manufactures. Three of them are of stamps of Dominica. The first one is the 1 penny lilac of 1874 or 1879—I cannot say for which one the counterfeit is meant, as the perforation is so scraggly that I cannot make out the gauge. As usual the counterfeit is a lithograph, but for a fact a very good one approaching the typographed original in clearness. The paper is rather too yellowish and the watermark is conspiciuous by absence. The color is away off the mark, being more of a brownish purple than lilac. The head is very well drawn and the differences are hard to make clear without the aid of enlarged illustrations. The lower extremity of the bust on the counterfeit shows no shading above the line of the cut and clearly visible shading under it; on the original the shading comes down to the cut and the shading under the cut is so heavy that the individual lines are seen but indistinctly. The lower left extremity of the bust on the counterfeit runs right into the white space surrounding the horizontal lines of the background, so that a white break shows here instead of its being separated from the space by a line of color. The label of value is surrounded by a line af color; on the original this approaches the solid circle of color very closely just under the T of POSTAGE, but is still separated from it by a narrow white space. On the counterfeit this line and the circle here run into each other for a short distance. The lettering in the circle is pretty fair on the counterfeit; the only appreciable difference is that the upper and middle cross-strokes of the E in POSTAGE are somewhat shorter than in the genuine. The little ornaments at the sides of the circle

are also a little clumsier and thicker than those of the original; the corner ornaments are pretty well done. As to the lower inscription of value, the letters all seem a little too bold and narrow as compared with the original; the O, P and Y show this quite distinctly. Another counterfeit is of the 6 pence of this issue, the perforation also being indistinct. It seems to be from the same stone as the one just above described, but the stone must be worn, as there is a number of small defects in it. For instance between the G of POSTAGE and the corner ornament there is a blot of color; the white space surrounding the background is of irregular outline; there are small white spots here and there in the circle of solid color, e. g., between P and O, between A and G; between N and I, otherwise the distinctions noted above will apply here also. In the inscription SIX PENCE the following may be noted: the S of the forgery is smaller above than below—on the genuine the halves are fairly equal; the X of the forgery is much thinner than that of the original; in the first E of PENCE on the forgery the upper crossbar is a trifle longer than the lower one. The distance between C and the last E of PENCE on the counterfeit is a little larger than that between the other letters; on the genuine the letters are all evenly spaced. The color of this counterfeit is much darker than the bluish-green of the original. A third forgery is of the 1 sh lake of this set the perforation here is quite distinctly 14. The distinctions before given for the 1 penny are good here also, the two presumably being from the same stone. The inscription ONE SHILLING is very well imitated indeed; about the only difference I can describe is that the G is a trifle narrower than that of the genuine. If the color of this imitation were somewhat brighter, it would be quite deceptive; fortunately it is much too dull and without the gloss of the genuine ink. By the way, if you have specimens of these and other West Indian stamps of this design which show irregularities in the position of the lower inscription, do not condemn them on that account, for on all these the value was printed by a separate operation, so that sometimes even the color of the value will differ slightly from that of the rest of the stamp.

All these counterfeits are cancelled by an impossible postmark; nothing like it is found on any genuine stamps. It shows this form:



At this writing BRITISH HONDURAS I have only one counterfeit of this colony before me, and a poor one at that. It is supposed to be a 3 pence brown of the 1872 set, but the perforation is too ragged to say whether it was meant for the perf. 12½ or the perf. 14. But the comical thing is that the festive counterfeiter for once did not pay attention. He did not observe, it seems, that the design of the buckle and strap at the lower end of the garter containing the inscriptions differ for each value. His original seems to have been a 1 d. When he came to utilize his stone for a 3d counterfeit, of course the THREE took up more room than the ONE; so he simply erased the buckle entirely to make room for the extra two letters. Thus this 3 d forgery shows no buckle at all, but only the end of the strap hanging over, giving it a decidedly droll appearance. Of course the inscriptions on both sides comes too low by this procedure, so that the left lower extremity of the bust points to the left upper corner of the second E in THREE, instead of at the right upper corner of the same letter, as it should; similarly the back of the bust points at the first E of

PENCE instead of pointing to the left of the P, as in the genuine. The little ornaments between name and value are those of the 1 penny, showing a dot in the center whereas those of the 3 pence original are shaped quite differently and have no dot in the center. These few distinctions are quite sufficient to brand this counterfeit. The portion of the cancellation is too small to describe it properly.

(To be continued.)

What to Collect

FOR THE COLLECTOR OF MODERATE MEANS.

BY CHAS. J. FISHER.

In the year 1840 Great Britain issued the first postage stamp. And now at the beginning of the 20th century, after sixty years of use, there are estimated to be about thirty thousand distinct varieties and a large number of minor varieties. To obtain a copy of each stamp would mean the expenditure of a large sum of money. This might be well for the fellow with a long purse. But as many of us have only a moderate income, we are unable to invest a large amount in any one hobby or recreation.

Nearly every collector makes a specialty of, or favors the stamps of certain countries or groups of countries. Among American collectors, perhaps the leading favorites are Great Britain and British colonies. While British North America, West Indies, Europe, and have their followers. However, a large number of the stamps of the countries comprising these groups are high priced. So, when we find that we cannot stretch our pocket book to fit the country we must find a country to fit the pocket book.

The three Scandinavian countries, Norway, Swenen and Denmark, are not only popular with many classes of collectors but their stamps with a few exceptions are all low priced. Netherlands and her colonies, Curacao, Dutch Indies and Surinam, are very interesting, while nearly all of the stamps are within reach. Austria, Hungary and Bosnia comprise another group easy to complete.

A collection of either Cooks Islands or Corea may be acquired by little expense. All the stamps of Cooks Island being issued since 1892; and those of Corea since 1885. Bavaria, Belgium and Bulgaria are three interesting European countries. Belgium and Bavaria should prove attractive to the specialist, each country having many minor varieties of shade and perforation. Bulgaria makes a very pretty showing with her first issues of bi-colored stamps. Egypt is the only oriental country having very many low priced stamps. Of her eighty stamps (including five minor varieties) eight are catalogued at $7.50 to $1.00 each. And one each at 90c, 60c, 50c and 40c, two at 35c and the remaining sixty-six stamps from 30c to $1 each. The majority of Bolivian and Chilean stamps represent only a small percentage of the whole, a nearly complete collection of both countries can easily be made.

It is a common saying that it is better to know one thing and know it well than to have a smattering of a little of everything. This is applicable to stamp collecting. A stamp dealer will pay more for a collection of a few countries complete or nearly so, than for a collection of the same value scattered from A to Z.

☞H. C. Tidd, Kendallville, Ind—West can't help but have a "pull" to it and is a regular bracer to dealer's.

☞Smith, West Chester, Pa. West is the best of all.

☞C. H. Saint, Union, Ia. I can't do without your paper. Best of its kind I ever saw.

☞Adler, Louisville, Ky., West is well worth the price asked.

Notes For U. S. Collectors

E. R. ALDRICH.

In 1894 A. Holton, of Boston, unearthed a three cent green with the grill entirely covering one vertical half of the stamp.

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This week in the album of a friend on the back of an old photograph I "dug off" a fine specimen of a part perforate two cent blue proprietary.

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On a lot of sheets of medicine stamps I recently saw were a number of fine specimens on old paper, that is they were old until they met some benzine and then—well prices would drop when the watermark letter appeared.

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The first Chicago precancelled stamps bore the inscription in two lines Chicago, Illinois, but the next lot issued had the date 4-1 between the words. If this practice of dating is continued the first lot will not be so frequently met with and will be fairly scarce.

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The portrait on the Chicago Match Co's proprietary stamp is that of Albert L Hale who was president of the Company. The stamp is said to have only been in use about eight months and a half.

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Of the January 1893 stamp sales at Philadelphia over 86 per cent were Columbians, at New York 77 per cent, at Chicago nearly 75 per cent, at Boston 83 per cent and at St. Louis over 91 per cent. Will the "Buffaloes" be as popular as this?

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Under the law the owners and masters of vessels not regularly engaged in the transportation of mails are entitled to compensation on their arrival to port for letters brought and delivered by them to post offices for transmission to their destination. In every case the amount thus paid the owner or master of a vessel is collected by the postmaster at the office of delivery, in addition to the regular postage, which amount is therefore made good to the government.

There has been a considerable fluctuation in the expenditure for this object, but it is believed that $1,000 for the coming year will be sufficient to cover all contingencies.

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In his last annual report the P. M. G. say:

"During the period covered by this report a total of 18,422,649 pieces of registered mail were handled by the employees of the Department, and, as illustrating the growing efficiency of the service, the losses averaged but 1 piece to every 35,703 handled, while for the preceding year the average loss was 1 piece to every 25,980.

There were 7,165 complaints of alleged loss received, and 4,927 were investigated by the inspector force. Of these, the loss was recovered in 1,349, and in 3,223 it was found that no loss had been sustained, leaving only 355 cases in which actual losses occured."

A Unique Postage Stamp.

Mecklenburg-Schwerin, whose reigning Duke has just come of age, has another distinction in addition to those mentioned already. It has a postage stamp which is probably unique in the world. Its value is about a penny, but the stamp is perforated so that it can be be divided into four portions, any one of which can be used for conveying a a letter a certain distance. If we are not mistaken it is the only place in the world where such stamps are in use, and there is certainly not a cheaper stamp than one of these quarters, whose value is about a farthing.

BOILED DOWN

ORIGINAL AND OTHERWISE

A letter closed in the ordinary way can be opened easily, even wafers can be removed, and sealing wax by means of a hot iron or steam. By using the following method a letter can not be opened unless by force so that it can be noticed. Close your letter by applying a wafer well moistened and let it dry. Over this punch the letter with a large needle and then seal in the usual manner. This seal can not be removed either by dry or moist heat.

This week the newspapers throughout the country have published the following:

"Business has been resumed at the Frogtown Postoffice. Theodore Epping had charge of the office, which pays a salary of $12 a year. He was appointed four months ago, and became weary of the job. He placed the postoffice outfit in a cracker box and sent it to Washington by express on the first day of the new year. Since that time no mail matter has been delivered to the Frogtown Office, or, rather, the postmaster has refused to accept it. Tuesday the cracker box containing the postoffice paraphernalia was received at Chicago by the registered mail. With it was a letter to Epping instructing him to act as postmaster until the office was officially discontinued. Epping refused to take the box when first returned, but friends advised him to accept the outfit and thus avoid trouble with the government.

Something new in the line of a cancellation stamp is reported from East Clarendon, Vt. The portion used for cancelling the postage stamp is an outline portrait of Admiral Dewey, with his name below.

"One-cent letter postage will come," said Postmaster General Merritt to a Washington newspaper man, "but not for a few years. For several years the deficiency in postal receipts has gradually been growing less until the fiscal year just closed, when the deficiency was a little over $5,000,000. The year before the defficiency was something over $7,000,000. At this ratio of decrease the postal service ought to be self-sustaining in about three years, and when it becomes self sustaining then, in my opinion, Congress will give the people a one-cent letter postage."

We believe the following to be a complete list of the Colonies of Great Britain which have issued stamps bearing a portrait of Queen Victoria:

Bahamas, Bermuda, Bechuanaland Protectorate, British Honduras, Canada, Ceylon, Cyprus, Falkland Islands, Fiji Islands, Gambia, Gibraltar, Gold Coast, Grenada, Hong Kong, India, Jamaica, Lagos, Leeward Islands, Malta, Natal, Newfoundland, New South Wales, Niger Coast, Queensland, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, South Australia, Straits Settlements, Tasmania, Trinidad, Victoria and Western Australia.

All Samoa Express stamps showing an uninterrupted horizontal line above X of EXPRESS are originals. The reprints occur in both of the other two varieties—line broken and line repaired by small curve.

The P. M. G. of Spain says that the "Y" in the "Y¼" on Cuban stamps

means "Interior."

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The Indianopolis Philatelic Society is dead, after more than a year of fairly successful work. Another attempt will be made to reorganize this fall.

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The total value of the books in the sales department of the American Philatelic Society on March 31 was $10,258.11; the sales for the month were $526.40.

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J. Ellwood Ill stamps are still to be had at no advance in price.

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How valuable do you believe a paper to be that offers a year's subscription of fifty-two numbers for 5 cents?

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In 1800 it cost six cents to send a letter thirty miles; now two cents will carry a letter to the Philippines and back.

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The Post Office Department reports that the books of 2 cent postage stamps are averaging a sale of 18,500 a day throughout the U. S. The fraction of a cent which the government earns on a single book has amounted in the eleven months during which they have been on sale to the handsome net profit of $33672.

New Zealand Notes.

With reference to the New Zealand Postmaster-General's suggestion that Victoria should admit New Zealand penny letters without surcharge, Mr. Drake says it would be wise for the Federal Ministry to consider a Commonwealth penny postage before settling New Zealand's application.

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Penny postage has now been extended to letters addressed to Nicaragua, Chili, Peru and Paraguay.

Loafers and postage stamps are usually stuck on corners.

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It has been decided to withdraw from sale on the 31st July next all stamps bearing the Queen's head. The stamps in question have already been called in by the head office, but a supply has now been reissued, to the Chief Postmasters at Auckland, Wellington Christchurch and Dunedin to enable dealers in stamps and private collectors to purchase such stamps before final withdrawal. It may be mentioned that the withdrawal does not apply to post cards, letter cards or stamped or embossed envelopes bearing the Queen's head, but solely to stamps themselves.

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We find two different prints of the new New Zealand one penny stamp for the universal penny post the colonial print with a rough perforation 10½x10½ and the English print perforated 14½x14½.

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☛The West is with out doubt the best paper of its kind I have seen.—W. H. Clark, Aukland.

☛ J. Walsh, Adams, Mass.—Ad in West disposed of all my goods and could sold a ton if I had them and replies are still coming. I will be bankrupt buy-stamps and cards. It is a great magazine.

☛J. Long, Church Butts, Wyo.—Well pleased with appearence of ad. West is a "nectarine" with apoligies to Geo. Ade.

☛S. Connely, Horton Ks.—Don't let me miss a No. for I can't get along well with out it.

☛J. Remburg, Oak Mills, Ks.—West is best collectors paper I ever saw.

☛W. Walton, Birm England—West no doubt is largest and best collectors paper in America. Am glad to combine rates with Chronical of England.

Chips

Addendum: In February "West" I noticed under "Chips" a private communication to Brody published about a new New Zealand stamp, received from a dear young friend in Timarn, N. Z., whom I found through philatelic corresdondence. The stamp described is a 1½d stamp with the inscription "The Empires Call" in very small letters, I suppose, sounding from the horn of the coinged angel or something af the kind.

We find persons of all stations in life among the philatelists. As Diogenes went in broad daylight with a lighted lantern in search of a man, we can find men by their stamp of philately; who really is a philatelist and who not, whether he handles stamps, I have at several preceeding occasions tried to expound.

While the letters of the German soldier in China are forwarded free to the old country, providing they do not exceed 20 grain in weight, the British soldiers have to pay postage from China, India and other colonies to England. To adjust the rates the one Anna Indian stamp is sold to the soldiers for four cents Chinese at Hong Kong. Now this should open a fine speculation for the shrewd pigtailed oriental to buy these one Anna stamps for four cents a piece in Hong Kong and sell them or turn them in on payments for their actual value in Chinese or Indian ports. One Anna namely is worth nearly 5 cts Chinese. To prevent this fraudlent business transaction the 1 Anna military stamps are surcharged in black C. E. F. (Chinese Expeditionary Force) and thus become worthless for speculation in private hands.

Oddities.—Single rate postage from Cook Islands to Tahiti is five cents. From any of these Islands to any point inside the International Postal Union the single rate is only two pence half penny. From Cape of Good Hope to Rhodesia single rate is four pence, from England to Rhodesia two pence hal' penny only.

A Frence stamp dealer (name immaterial) in Paris France has bonght all remaining Spanish stamps of Puerto Rico of the issues 1890-99, about ten millions and also the Philippines and Cuban stamps of the same kind. No wonder that so many of these stamps are afloat and consequently of little value at present although there are many varieties among them of interest to specialists.

The specialist L'Estrange Ewen detected about fifty distinctly different varieties of the 2c Canada Map stamp I call that "going in details."

The Canadian government is reported to be partaking in the reel of the stamp speculating governments of other countries of a dubious color. It is told for an established fact that the Canadian government has sold during 1898 and 99 to stamp dealers and stamp collectors uncancelled postage stamps to the amount of £40,000. How is that for high? and how do you like uncancelled stamps in your collection of "genuine postage stamps"? These stamps were born postage stamps, dead born, miscarried.

The maple leaf on the Canadian stamp is the emblem of the Dominion of Canada, as the rose is that of England, the thistle the Scotch and the three-leaf clover (oxalis), kind of wood sorrel, the Irish emblem.

Stamps of Germany.

An Explanation Due.

By E. R. Steinbrueck.

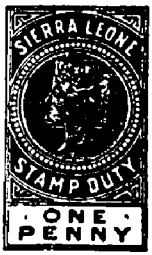
"I ran up against a snag" as we say in slang of the Northwest and I feel compelled to give an explanation.

In my sketch of "Stamps of Germany" which I am heading with the remark, that it "does not claim scientific merit," I gave only what I had to give, namely, what I read from my stamp collection."

In regard to the stamps of Thurn and Taxis I said "these stamps of Thurn and Taxis I compare in nature with the private medicine stamps of our days in U. S." and this sentence needs comment, having caused some misunderstanding. Other German states having been souvereign at their time eo ipso perfectly, entitled to their own issue of stamps, bearing or representing either the image of the ruler or the arms of his house. The prince of Thurn and Taxis was no souvereign (therefore his simple numerals) still he enjoyed the privilege of a stamp issue of his own and I presume for two reasons. First, because he was the first General Postmaster for German countries and later on for Belgium as the kind reader will find told in another article about "Belgium and Thurn and Taxis" to appear in next number of The Philatelic Chronicle. Second, because he was very rich especially in landed property all over the German realm. When I say, I personally compare the T. and T. stamps to our private medicine stamps, I do not mean to say that they were nothing better, but private medicine stamps. Oh no! It was merely a comparison, drawing a paralell, what the private medicine and match stamps are among the revenue stamps of the dominating government.

I hold the T&T stamps to be in a way the same thing among the postage stamps of souvereign rulers. They were permitted, suffered and authorized, as also are the private medicine stamps. I might have said "they were private postage stamps authorized, though not of a sovereign country, for the circulation in the vast domaines of the Prince of T & T, scattered under and tributary to different minor and major potentates" These stamps authorized of course were recognized and have a perfect right in any stamp collection, yes, more so the real genuine T & T stamps of old are of great value and not by far do I disdain the T & T stamps as my collection gives proof. What led me to draw such a strict line of separation between the Thurn and Taxis and the other stamps of Germany principally and simply is the fact that in Scott's catalogue the Thurn and Taxis stamps are taking the lead under "Germany" which is thoroughly misleading, as if these stamps had been the first postage stamps of and for the German empire, though shattered at that time and sleeping. The stamps ol Thurn and Taxis of the past, like like those of Baden, Hanover, Hamburg, etc., should take their place in the catalogue under their own individual heading in the observed alphabetical order, viz: after "Tasmania—The "North German Postal District" is the first bud, of the Imperial German stamp existence to follow, heralding the dawn of the great German Empire, so planned in the restless and ambitious brain of the greatest statesman of his century, the iron chancellor Prince Bismarck—and the Thurn and Taxis have nothing to do with this as valuable as their stamps are as stamps in their place.

For Russians, and other stsmps that will not bear soaking in water.—Cut three or four thicknesses of white blotting paper, to fit easily into the bottom of an ordinary dinner plate, pour on it sufficient water to thoroughly wet the blotter, place the paper with stamp to be detached on this, (stamp upward, of course), and let it remain until the stamp can be easily raised from the paper. Dry slowly (i. e. in a cool place). This process, would not, I think, affect even a grilled stamp, though, unfortunately I have never had the chance to try its efficacy in this direction.



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,
220 E. 57th St., New York City, U. S. A.

My offer to purchase the Buffalo stamps at face value, for those living in towns where these stamds were not on sale, has placed me in quite a dilemnia. The Madison Square post-office sold out their entire stock of the 2ct denomination the first day they were placed on sale, and at this writing (May 12th) no Pan American stamps can be purchased at the New York post office.

It is expected that a new supply will reach here from Washington this week.

I have received from both Mr. C. Clark, and Mr. G. Bergeman of Mexico copies of 2 document stamps which I have never seen mentioned.

They are the 25 and 50 pessos issue of 1883-84.

According to Mr. Bergeman, "these stamps were only discovered lately, and 6 of the 25 pesos, and 12 of the 50 pesos were all that were found, and it is thought they were a special strike for the government, as all those found were on a document in the Treasury Dep't. of the Mexican government."

They are of same size and design as the lower values of this issue.

25 Pesos, green and brown.

50 Pesos, purple and dark brown.

There has been such a large number of collectors of fiscals, urging an (Exchange Society), not only from the U. S. but from Canada and Mexico, as well, that it may be taken as an assured fact that such a society will be formed before next winter.

Several times I have called attention in these columns to the Fiscal Exchange Society of England. I have urged collectors to join as I believed it would prove an excellent thing.

I am extremly sorry to say that I have found by sad experience that it is anything but a good thing; except for its manager; that is so far as foreign members are concerned.

I sent some of my sheets for exchange one year ago last December, containing a nice lot of match and medicine, etc., and at the same time sent a want list of a large number of stamps that I needed. After waiting about 6 months I received my sheets from the manager, and found a large amount to my credit, but instead of the stamps I had asked for, he sent me less than 20 stamps, not one that I had asked for, and nearly all marked at prices that were absurd. For instance the English 2 shillings "Police,Court" he marked at 5 shillings, while it is advertised at 3 pence by London dealers.

I wrote to the manager, Mr. A. Preston Pearce, and told him I was dissatisfied and requested a selection of the stamps I had sent him want list of, this was August 27, 1900. I have also written him since asking him why I do not hear from him, but to no purpose. I have a letter from another party who sent stamps to Mr. Pearce for exchange, and who had to wait about 2 years and "threaten to show him up" before he received an answer.

I do not believe the British members of the society are aware of the treatment received by their foreign members at the hands of their Exchange manager, and I look for a change in this office when the matter is looked

into. I have confidence enough in the spirit of fair play shown by Britishers to believe this will be accomplished, and until then I say foreigners DON'T join.

Speaking of Exchange Societies, I have had a wide experience with them and believe that it may prove of interest to collectors.

I shall relate my experience with the manager of one of these societies which is now being widely advertised unless he straightens out my account before the next number of this paper appears. And if my loss will prove a warning to others, I shall feel amply repaid.

In the last number of this paper, there appeared under the heading of "Boiled Down" the following. "The pendulum of our public feeling is swinging towards a greater simplicity in collecting—, match and medicine stamps, revenues,—etc., we are now approaching an era of (common sense) and the day of the straight collector is fast dawning, etc."

Who the author is I am unable to say, but it is a pity he did not boil it down a little more and give us some facts to make good his statements.

Does he wish us to believe that such authorities on Philately as Messers Toppan, Sterling, Deats, Eagle, George Kilbon and a host of others, after collecting and studying these interesting branches, some of them for over 20 years, have only just discovered that they have not been using 'common sense" in so doing?

Or have the Boston Society after issuing their splendid work, on match and medicine and revenues, just come to the conclusion, that it was out of the "era of common sense," and that in the future they will confine themselves to "straight collecting"?

Boil it down again my friend, and give us your own idea of what is common sense, and what is straight collecting!

TO MY MOTHER.

By AUGUST LUFT, Aspinwall, Pa.

"Fatherless," how sad the sound
Which falls on human ears,
It brings us recollections
Of a life of doubts and fears;
No father's hand to guide us,
No strong protecting arm
To help us brave life's battles
To shield our lives from harm.

I remember how in childhood days
I heard my father's voice,
And when I heard the welcome sound
It made my heart rejoice;
At night we'd gather at his knee
Before the cheerful fire
Our father is not with us now
For he has gone up higher.

I remember on a winter morn
They called us to his bed,
His lips were sealed forever
For he now was with the dead;
I placed my hand upon his brow
But it was firm and cold
I then knew I was fatherless
And I but six years old.

Fatherless, and all alone
Life's billowed seas to brave
Tossed as is the little bark
Upon the cruel wave
Stranded on the sands of time
No beacon light to guide
Alone and no protector near
To stem the restless tide.

But ah, one still is left to me
Whom I shall ne'er forget,
In times of tribulation
She has never failed me yet;
There still is left a mother dear
I know her sterling worth
She stepped down to the brink of death
That she might give me birth.

She guarded me in childhood's hour
And in my boyhood days
Tried to guide my wayward feet
From life's wicked ways;
Ready at a moment's call
To shield me from all care
When sorrow blighted any home
You'd always find her there.

But now she's getting old and gray
Her race is almost run
And I will ne'er forget the good
For me that she has done;
She trusted God to give her strength
And looked to him for grace
She watched me with a mother's care
And took a father's place.

Oh God who holds our destiny
Out from thy richest store
Thy blessings on that silvery head
Wilt thou in mercy pour;
For in the hour of deep distress
Thou hast us always shown
That Thou who marks the sparrow's fall
Wilt ne'er forget thine own.

Chips

The Leeward Islands comprise a part of the Little Antilles the English Isles Antigua, Dominica, Montserrat, Nervis, St. Christopher and Virgin Islands, and geopraphically the French Isles, Guadaloupe, Marie Galante and Martinique, and Danish West Indies.

Attention stamp forgers! There is a law in Siam imposing a penalty of seven years penitentiary with hard labor and £1000 in cash on the forgery and the counterfeiting of Siamese postage stamps and also for being found and convicted of keeping tools and implements for such purpose. Too bad that this law is not in force all over the world. It is really horrible how much fraud is committed. Consequently every stamphandling individual ought to be very careful where and of whom stamps of gennine value are obtained. The old countries are really the worst in the art and practice of counterfeiitng stamps for dishonest purposes. It's a wonder that the authorities don't look to that. They watch and punish the adulteration of other articles, milk, butter or anything eatable and ignore open imposition in another line of great importance, though not generally acknowledged by the innocents.

The first postoffice in France was established in 1462 while England did not get there till 1581.

Scott states that "the only genuinely inverted watermark known is the heraldic emblem watermark of Great Britain, in which the roses are upside down. I have found several stamps of the one penny violet New South Wales No. 77 wmk Large Crown N. S. W. water mark inverted.

QUESTION: Who can tell me in this paper what country's stamp this is: Vermillion print on white. Frame shows on left side the word "Dch" on right side "Sedaug" on top in oval the number "4," at the bottom the word Pouenmath," all words in capital letters. In the four corners are royal crowns. The centre shows a shield with a lion dotted (means golden) on horizontal lines (means blue). The shield is surmounted by a royal crown and two sceptres are sticking out crosswise, the left one bearing an imperial orb, the right one a hand with fingers stretched. The stamp bears cancellation mark, round top "Deh Sedaug" round bottom part "Slei Agua" centre "1889".

I notice and have experienced myself that there is quite a good deal fuss and misunderstanding about "return postage." It seems to me proper that in mutual business transactions, inquiries on request, sending stamps for exchange a. s. o. each party ought to pay its own share of postage, except it has been stipulated otherwise in the advertisement It is very inconvenient to wait months for an answer in vain, write and write again without avail, till finally you guess that the party is wanting a 2 cent stamp. I call that miserable miserly.

Remember

1—That stamp papers should be kept for future reference. They form a valuable part of any philalelic library.

2—That in buying stamps it is not a question of how cheap, but what quality.

3—That what is old to you is perhaps new to your neighbor,—exchange ideas as well as stamps.

4—That stamp collectors support nations (some of them), so you may well be proud of your philatelic inclinations.

5—That good counterfeits of the stamps of Portugal exist. Some of them are cleverly executed.

6—That collectors and dealers are warned against buying so-called errors of the new Finnish stamps. They are a private speculation.

7—That no other country in the world has issued more stamps thau the United States.

8—That the bureau of engravlng and printing will print the following quantities of Pan-Americsn stamps: One-cent 71,000,000; two-cent, 160,000,000; four-cent, 5,000,000; five-cent, 8,000,000; eight-cent, 3,000,000; ten-cent, 4,000,000 —a total of 251,000,000 stamps.

Contributions

I believe that there should be given a wider range to MSS of all kinds dwelling on philatelic matters and that philatelists of any age or breed should endeavor to contribute freely to our magazines without looking for cash pay in return, for the benefits are mutual. Of course stamps as a premium are always welcome.

Some of our phila. magazines feel called upon to act as censors or critics, overhauling deeds and ideas of others. That is alright to a certain limit drawn by kind regard. Others are only or principally treating matters of a more solid scientific character, refusing all lighter stuff. That's first rate and very instructive. Official organs bring business matter concerning their respective societies. That's in order. Others again act as "Fraud reporters" to clean the philatelic air of parasites and dangerous germs. That's meritorious. Some, and especially weeklies, bring us the latest news in issues, changes, etc., and we need them. But, if all the army of philatelic journals, magazines and phamplets or sheets would follow strictly in the wake of the one or the other of the papers described, the thing would become very monotonous and the readers would select only the best of a certain line and drop the rest. And still there is so much of interest to talk about, even of a lighter communicative nature. I believe that philatelic papers should serve also a still higher and nobler purpose as a means of exchange of opinions and experiences between members of our hobby introducing one to another leading to acquaintances and to even more than that.

Sometimes younger members would like to have their say in their own way and they have a perfect right to do so, but they are scared to silence by severe censure of others by phraselogists, or their MSS. ignored is thrown into the waste basket. The young spirit is blighted for the future. As long as the MSS., though insignificant, is within the horizon of a young inexperienced brain, is not too silly or outside of the boundaries of common decency, unworthy of a gentleman, I think it ought to be published. Our young generation ought to be encouraged to partake actually in the friendly exchange of philatelic conversation, thus becoming more deeply interested in philately, for they are the pillars of philately of the coming time. Nobody should feel too discouraged to contribute. It is not the high termed jawbreakers of awe inspiring construction and hard to swallow for the common mortal, that renders merit to a piece of MSS. It is rather the idea often clad in a very modest dress of speech, that true, powerful and deep strikes the sparks in the mind of the reader, or it is the heartfelt sympathy hidden under simple words that kindles the flame of everlasting friendship between congenials, personally unacquainted, far away, over the divide, across the ocean, on opposite sides of the globe. Accomplishing this I call a higher and nobler aim even, to my estimation, than the most scientific essay, which only touches the brain, not the heart. "Beg to differ" I hear some distant murming.—Answer: "Alright, have it your own way." Don't criticise and name me a "tearful sentimentalist" please, though I own a heart, Philatelists are human and not brutes or mere machines working for material gain. There is another difference between a philatelist and a cold business man, a stock broker or a stamp monger. A philatelist enjoys the treasure of science, of instruction, of beauty; he does not look to material gain, and

what is more beautiful than concord and harmony among philatelists?

Editors like good MMS and small blame. They choose the best to their liking, if they have a pile to pick from. Editors know they themselves are judged generally by their publications. But I think, that as long as the name of the writer is given the credit or blame for an article should entirely be laid to the author. Of course the editor has to use his discretion especially in the last point I have to touch upon and which is a very delicate and sore one. Many of our magazines would be a great deal the wiser to accept even sillier articles in their columns, of a friendly tendency instead of making their papers public dumping grounds for private grievances and quarrels between stamp men of any and sometimes of a very questionable color. Such dishes are not palatable to the taste of the unconcerned. And what for hang the dirty linen of others connected with our hobby on the public clothes lines thus disgracing Philately before the public, the mass of innocents. Report frauds to the fraud reporter, the police of Philately. Alas! that it is necessary in some instances foreign to philately. I claim that no true philatelist is or could be a fraud willingly and knowingly. It is not in accord with his nature. A fraud is an individual looking for gain only fair or foul. Don't dirty the philatelic papers, don't disgust nobler thinking men with such rubbish. How much more delightful it is, to read elevating reading matter sententious, instructive or sympathetic, inviting Philatelists as one brotherhood, honest faithful and true.

A Great Sunday Magazine.

Not only is the news of the whole world covered with unexampled fullness in the Sunday issue of The Chicago Record-Herald, but every edition embraces also an exceedingly choice assortment of illustrated special articles ranking with the highest products of our best magazines. Such well-known and popular writers as William E. Curtis, Clara Morris, "Bob" Burdette and Frank G. Carpenter are regular contributors to the Sunday Chicago Record-Herald.

NEW ISSUES

The Pan-Americans are of the same size as the present Battleship revenues, instead of being rouletted, they are perforated 11½x11½. They are a nice set of 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, and 10 cents, artistically executed, such as we need not be ashamed of, Germany and France have done not half so well in their designs.

R. Ridgeway V. Pres. P. S. of A. of England says there appears an order of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue giving notice that the use of the dies for printing certain adhesive stamps is discontinued. The Board of Inland Revenue state that this notice has not, as appears to have been thought in some quarters, reference to the change of dies that has been rendered necessary by the demise of the Crown. It refers only to the placing out of currency. of certain obsolete stamps and stamped envelopes, such as the Mulready covers and envelopes.

H. C. Tidd of Indiana reports steamer of Pan American 1c stamp is Alpena which doubtless many are familiar with.

H. Treberne of England reports they have ½d post cards printed in green instead of brown.

Nearly all cities reported to be out of new issues and see less used than Omaha or Columbians. C. S. Bentley reports 250,000 received at Cleveland, Ohio, P. O. the first week, also sends slip Uncle Sam has stopped the precancellation of stamps by new order forbidding them the privilege on ground it is an irregularity.

1-2 4c inverted Pan American are already out. Be on the look ont for them valued $20 each.

L. Campbell of Calcutta, Iudia, sends new issue of Travancore native state of India printed in black. He also has lot Indians he will exchange for Americans.

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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

What is your wish for place of holding next annual convention. Write Secretary at once. Also what place you prefer for next meeting, also send in your nomination for officers to the Secretary by June 15th.

W. C. ESTES.

NEW MEMBERS:—Guy Parker, Minden bx 314.
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We can use more new members. Time for nominations, as per presidents notice, is in order

Notes by H. C. Tidd.

While glancing over the April number of the Postal Guide, I noticed in the "Information for the Public" a few items which may be of some interest to collectors.

Advertising circulars are liable in Canada to a specific customs duty of 15 cents per pound, which duty Canadian Custom officials are required to collect when such pamphlets arrive by mail, even though each pamphlet bears a different address. But bona fide trade catalogues and price lists of goods for wholesale, not exceeding three to any one address are admitted to Canada free of customs duty.

Packages of cancelled postage stamps, or postal cards addressed to or received from foreign countries are subject to postage at letter rates except when sent by Parcel Post to the countries named in paragraph 30. The principal ones mentioned are Jamaca, including the Turks and Caicos Islands. Honduras Chili, Germany, New Zealand and Venezuela unless fully prepaid at the pound rate of postage applicable to letters for that country.

The letter "T" stamped upon the wrapper of an article received in the mails from a foreign country indicates that it was considered in that country as not fully prepaid, and that additional postage is to be collected on delivery. An "O" at the side of the postage stamp indicates that the stamps were no value for postal use in the country in which the article was mailed.

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Help our Exchange Department.

Help our Library.

You can each help a little and if we all help, June will be our banner month.

Remember that you must secure one new member before your work is done for June.

O. H. PHINNEY, President.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

As the dull season of the year is here, members are taking a rest from stamp collecting, also we fear from soliciting others to join our society. Still we are happy to have two applications this month from collectors, but Mr. Brodstone informs us he has probably one hundred subscribers in Kansas alone, who are not members of our society. The following desire to join our society.

Cleve Combs, 336 Wabash Ave., Wichita, Scholn guaranteed by Mrs. Ruth Combs, References. W. R. Dulaney, G. R. Barker, R. C. Edgar.

W. H. Broadbent, Kansas City, Kansas, Attorney, age 31. Ref. E. L. Fischer, District Judge. L. F. Atkinson. O. H. Phinney.

We are thankful for these members but there is still room for more. Send in your name and be put on a circuit and buy some stamps.

F. A. LILLY, Sec'ty.

REPORT OF SALES DEPT.

5	Books in circulation per report of April 1. value	$ 11.30
13	" received	42.27
18	"	$ 53.57
16	" Retired from which a total amount of $9.60 was sold	42.72
2	" in circulation	10.85

Members who have books to circulate or who want to be on circuit. Write me I would like to hear from all members before this department is closed July 1st. Why not write now?

G. R. BARKER, Supt.,
145 N. Emporia Ave.,
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IMPORTANT.

To all members of the Spanish-American Philatelic Society. Word has reached me that there has been a failure on the part of some in receiving regularly their official organ, especially this is noticeable among our foreign members, in many cases its wrapper being almost totally destroyed or stamps removed, also to those who have been exchanging with foreign members and are receiving their envelopes and parcels with stamps taken off. Kindly inform me at once, giving all particulars. It is annoying to say the least, and is certainly punishable by law. Something should be done and immediately towards protecting philatelists from this injustice and we take this opportunity to assure you of our desires to suppress it. After consultation with our society's attorney we have come to the conclusion that the most available remedy is to arouse an interest among philatelists and take definite steps towards preventing further progress of this evil immediately. While we have never heard of the government convicting a party of a misdemeanor of this nature, nor of a society endeavoring to, at least express its indignation, no especial importance should be attached to this fact, when we consider that no circumstantial (?) evidence would conclusively prove the advisability of making a complaint to the U. S. Postal Department. Let us hear from all interested in the matter.

Among the applications for membership I am pleased to report so far this month, those of the following gentlemen whose applications will be considered eligible unless objection is filed with the secretary within the ensuing ten days.

Hon. C. W. Merriman, Brockville, Ontario, Canada. United States Consul. Age 45. References:—Second National Bank of Beloit, Wis., The Bank of Toronto, Brockville, Ontario, Hon. Simon Smith, Mayor Beloit, Wis., W. S. Buell, Mayor, Brockville, Ontario, Canada.

Samuel P. Hughes, 2121, No. 28th St. Omaha, Nebr., U. S. A., Age, 27 years, Stamp Dealer. References:—L. T. Brodstone, Mgr. and E. H. Wilkinson, Editor Philatelic West.

Juan B. Caracasses, Nationality, Cuban, Age, 20 years, student, West Chester Pennsylvania, State Normal school. References Chas. Willard Myers, Frank R. Hayworth, Wichita, Kansas. Guarantor:—F. R. Hayworth.

H. Bert Johnson, 110 East Gaston St. Grennsboro, N. C. U. S. A., Age, 18 years. Mngr and Owner North Carolina S. Co. References:—Prof. M. Thos. Edgerton, Ronald B. Wilson.

Cleve. Combs. 434 N. Wabash Ave. Wichita, Ks Age 17 years, Student, References:—W. R. Dulaney, Supt. Wichita Stock Yards Union, F. J. Ford, Chas. W. Myers. Guarantor, Mrs. L. M. Combs, Wichita, Ks.

We will push this society and every one of our new members writes he is highly pleased with the many advantages offered by the society. We have sent every one of our members this month two varieties of postage stamps, including the new Pan-American issue. I am authorized to receive bids for the supplying of new issues each month to be given our members each month. Any dealer in postage stamps who is a member of our society or is an applicant for membership, may take advantage of this proposition, no others need write on any other conditions.

We are about ready to issue the long expected SPECIAL number of our official organ, but are awaiting some half tones from several outside officers. Let me hear from one and all on anything of interest or what may be of benefit to our members and KEEP ON THE GOOD WORK.

CHAS WILLARD MYERS, Secy-Treas.,
Elm and St. Francis Sts., Wichita, Ks., U.S.A.

Papers desiring an impartial review on the lines of those below are requested to send a copy of each issue to the address below. Foreign papers are especially desired.

Auslaendische Fachzeitungen sind hoflichst gebeten ein Tauschexamplar an den Unterzeichneten zu senden.

Tous les Journeaux philateliques sont pries d' envoyer un examplaire en echange a l' addresse souse-donnee.

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R. R. THIELE,
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Send American papers to Editor E. H. Wilkinson, Suite 101 Stanford Circle, Omaha, Neb

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The eternal album question is the subject of an interesting article in Die Post for March; nevertheless nothing new is advanced. Of vital interest is the series of articles (finished in this number) on the suppression of the merry counterfeiter. The article on the German Colonial cancellations is also continued; few of us, no doubt, specialize in postmarks. An interesting illustration is given of a German Field Postal Card sent from Tientsin by a German soldier; he went around to the various foreign offices, affixed a low value stamp and had it postmarked, so that the card bears seven different stamps. It is not stated which of them carried the card to its destination.

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The April number of the Vertrauliches Korrespondenz-Blatt consists as usual chiefly of the latest news of counterfeits; many of them are splendidly illustrated. This feature is really invaluable to any serious collector, let alone to any dealer.

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M. Mahe continues his "roast" of the new French stamps in the March number of the Revue Philatelique Francaise. You may judge of his strictures concerning the design of the lowest values from this criticism: "As far as we know, nobody ever saw children lift a leg to embrace each other!"—As it has been claimed that none of the new French Congo stamps went out to the Colony at all, M. Douehet reproduces an envelope franked to Paris by means of these stamps: "behold," he says, "homely as they are, they are stamps, anyway!" An interesting article gives a number of particulars about the wellknown "ship" series of Buenos Ayres. The fiscal chronicle is of great interest and the continued article on the fiscals of Bern (Switzerland) no less so.

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The Courrier Philatelique Belge for May states that the new series in preparation for Switzerland will show William Tell and his boy. It will be news that a new series is really preparing. The paper likewise states that Spain is about to change her currency to francs and centimes instead of pesetas and centimos—though I always supposed the peseta to be the equivalent of the franc.

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The March number of the Australian Journal of Philately brings the news of the transfer of the State postoffices to the Commonwealth, but nothing has yet been settled about stamps nor will be for some time. In the meanwhile, by way of souvenir, six sets of all stamps up to 1 pound in

each colony are to be issued to each member of the colonial parliament, all cancelled with the ordinary postmark. This means about 600 sets in each state. In addition the Victoria Post Office Department is offering sets of the new issue lately made, postmarked to order for 4 shillings a set. Small business, that for a state like Victoria! Mr. Hulls instructive article on the classification of Australian stamps by production is concluded.

In the March number of Stanley Gibbon's Monthly Journal Major Evans discourses on the question raised by Mr. Ehrnbach in the London Philatelist as to the status of official, special delivery, registration and unpaid stamps; he pleads for them all, except for official stamps without specified value. His reasoning is sound and his views are doubtless those of the majority of collectors. The Hawaiian reprint question is again ventilated in reply to an article in the A. J. of P., but the results cannot easily be condensed for our present purpose. In the series of articles on the Indian Native States Major Evans deals exhaustively with the first issue of Hyderabad. Mr. Phillips furnishes the second instalment of his notes on his recent American trip; he missed it in not stopping at Superior, Nebraska.

The February number of the Australian Philatelist is accompanied by a plate of illustations of V. R. I. varieties to illustrate a paper on these stamps read by Col. Williams before Sidney Club. It also reports that the stamp to be issued commemorative of Duke of York's visit to Australia will be the current ½d green of New South Wales with the head of the Duke of York substituted for that of the Queen. Things philatelic are in bad shape in Australia; there is a letter reprinted here from the P. M. G. of Western Australia to a stamp dealer in which the P. M. G. furnishes certain current stamps, but refers the applicant to a firm of stam dealers for further supplies of the current stamps! Wouldn't that beat you?

Filatelia for March gives enlarged reproductions of two varieties of the 10c green 1867 of Argentina; the difference lies in the background of the center: horizontal lines in one variety, crossed lines in the other. The paper promises pretty well, indeed.

The March number of El Curioso Americano prints a number of hitherto unpublished documents relative to the Interior post of Havana in 1885—the one responsible for the Y¼ surcharge; among them is the order of the Captain-General to the Superintendent of stamps for the Y¼ surcharge. From these documents and especially this order it is evident beyond a doubt that the value of the stamp was to be ¼ real and that the Y is an abbreviation of YNTERIOR. There is also considerable mention of various interesting Spanish Colonials. Our colleagues of this paper are doing very good work indeed in clearing up various doubtful points in Cuban issues; we look for more documents from them especially.

Fiscals are especially prominent in Stamps for April: interesting notes are given on the Egyptian Salt Tax Stamps and the Provisional Revenues issued for Alsace-Lorraine in the early days of the German occupation. The article on the stamps of the United States disposes of the 1861 and 1869 issues on a little over two pages. All the other contents are of the usual order of excellence.

An interesting article in Le Timbrophile Belge for April deals with the occurrence of double paper similar to that used experimentally for U. S. stamps in 1873 on other stamps also. The author claims to have an Indian on H. M. S., not specified, on this paper and also all the following:

Chili	1876-81:2,10 and 20c.
Paraguay	1887:10c lilac.
Netherlands	1864:15c
	1867:5, 10, 15 and 20c
Belgium	1861:20
	1863:10, 20 and 30c

The editor, who has inspected these stamps, says they are beyond doubt, but neither author nor editor can explain the occurrence of this paper on such various stamps. Evidentally there are no end of dark corners in philately even now. An illustration is given of varieties of surcharge in the recent Greek stamps, together with detailed descriptions of many of them.

A paper by the name of "Stamps" has come to me from Calcutta, already in Vol. IV, though I must confess I never knew it before. I hope it will come regularly hereafter. The April number does not call for special mention but I must take exception to a statement made in it that only three stamp papers have so far appeared in India: The

Philatelic World, the Philatelic Journal of India and Stamps. The Indian Philatelist was published at Bombay some years back, but I do not know just how long. How is it, Bro. Stone?

The items of chief interest in the Philatelic Chronicle & Advertiser for April are Mr. Webb's "Notes on British Stamps," from which I gather that the British 4½d will be retired entirely, and Mr. Schumacher's description of some of the designs recently submitted for the new Swiss stamps. Some Fijian C. R. counterfeits are also described.

A document of some historical interest for the collecting fraternity is reproduced in the March number of the Schweizer Briefmarken-Zeitung. It is a letter from one of the earliest stamp dealers of Paris to M. Moens, offering and demanding certain stamps. Its interest lies in the light it throws on those early days of collecting (1861) when the knowledge of the world's various issues was very limited. The valuable paper on Argentines brings us up to the 1899 issue; another instalment will finish it.

Students of postmarks are always to the fore in Germany; witness another long article on Prussian cancellations in the April number of Der Philatelist, four other pages with 43 illustrations describe essay of Spain and the list might be longer still. Numerous forgeries are described and the Swiss competition for designs is described at length here also.

My notice of Mr. Lehner's new paper, Philatelic Literature, was crowded out last time, I would like to direct attention to it once more. The paper bids fair to become valuable to all literature collectors. Our smaller papers in the United States are severely scored by one of the contributors, not undeservedly in many cases, we must admit.

In the April number of Mr. NanKivell's Philatelic Record, Mr. Beckton describes and illustrates a curious forgery of the 20c blue of France, issue of 1862. The forgery was made officially to see whether the stamp could be successfully imitated. Only 25 copies were made. The forgery is wonderfully exact; Mr. Beckton is unable to give any test. Various other interesting French varieties are also illustrated. Dr. Diena whose portrait and biography appear in this number, pleads for Italian stamps; they do not get the attention they deserve from American collectors either.

Mr. Peck, vice-president of the Birmigham Philatelic Society, is portrayed in the Stamp Collector for May. An interesting article deals with the stamps of the Coolgardie Cycle Express. The rest of the paper is reprinted.

De Postzelgids for April has an article on Paris and Athens prints of the first Grecian issue and facsimilies of the government counterfeits of the U. S. 1847 issue.

It is impossible to review four numbers of Ewen's Weekly Stamp News in our limited space; all the contents of the four numbers before me are of great interest.

CLIPPINGS FROM THE FOREIGN PRESS.

All obsolete Congo Free State stamps were demonetized on January 1st last.—E. W. S. N.

Some little time ago owing to the shortage of stamps in Negri Sembilan a supply of Perak stamps was obtained for use there. Collectors will thus now be able to collect Perak stamps with Negri Sembilan postmarks—truly an interesting combination!—E. W. S. N.

It was said that the Russian government intended to abolish the Livonian or Wenden stamp altogether. I have just received from Russia a copy of the said stamp and intimation that the stamp is still current.—Stamp Collector.

The over print "Cancelled" was applied to remainders of certain Mauritius stamps of the issues of 1864-1877 by the postal authorities of the island before the stamps were delivered to a firm in Great Britain that had acquired them by purchase.—Stamps, Calcutta.

The letters C. W. C. on the neck of the portrait of the 1d and 4d first issue of Tasmania are the engraver of these stamps.—C. W. Coard—E. W. S. N

In each sheet of 150 of the recent Greek surcharged 30 on 40, 40 on 2 and 50 on 40 there are 54 stamps with broad O in the figures of value and 97 with narrow O.—E. W. S. N.

In addition to the Dhar State Office we hear that Bussahir and Jhalawar post offices are now taken over by the Imperial Administration.—Stamps, Rushden.

Transvaal 1d stamps surcharged E. R. I: are said to have been issued in Johannesburg on March 20th. They are, by the way, the first stamps to be issued under King Edward's rule.—E. W. S. N.

It appears that of the panther type of French Congo a 2c red has been printed in the color of the 10c. 44 sheets were printed in error in this shade by the Chassepot firm and afterwards taken to the Department to be burned. They left the printing establishment all right, but they never arrived at the Colonial Office. Nevertheless they were not entirely lost, as specimens from these sheets are now being offered to collectors.—Echo de la Timbrologie.

OFFICIAL NOTICE.

Berlin, Feb. 7., 1901.

Cards in the form of beer-glasses are not mailable; they can be sent only under cover. Letters in three cornered envelopes are unmailable.

The Imperial Post Office.—Die Post.

Queer things they have in the Fatherland.

F. Gaines, Champaign, Ill., I got answers from ad all over U.S. So one can judge of wide circulation of West, but its advertisements are the best index to its circulation.

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Mr. Publisher: Do not forget that the editorship of the West has changed—put the new incubent on your ex. list in return for the same favor that is shown you by us.

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The Collectors Club, an experiment four year ago, now an assured success, is looking for more commodious quarters, it being the intention to supply the members with all the features that tend to make a club house popular. Such organizations as this must lead the belittling outsider to wonder what there is in stamp collecting anyway. To continue to say that it is boys play is not possible in the face of such evidences of stability and financial aspect as this.

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"Why advertising does not pay" is an interesting field for observation. One advertiser in a recent number of the West offered his stamp paper one year and a certain stamp, mentioned as cataloguing at forty cents, for fifteen cents.

In the same advertisement this stamp was offered for eight cents.

What is this? Asininity?

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To the layman the unexplained abbreviations used in some auction catalogues must be rather mystifying. To save space, the cataloguers often resort to the extreme limit, resulting in a confused, meaningless jumble of letters. "Canada 1c Jub uns f blk res 30c." "Canada new 20c num v f uns." "Entires and o o c f var 40." The versatile cataloguer does not even condescend to interpolate punctation marks for the guidance of the unlearned.

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A chronicle of a fictitious stamp find of quasi-interest, recently appearing in a contemporary, describes three barrels filled chock full of Centennial envelopes and old stamped bank checks which were alleged to have been found in the cellar of an untenanted house, said cellar being densely populated with rats, and supposedly other vermin. As the habits of these rodents lead them to direct their energies towards the mastication and destroyance of such material as the barrels are described as containing, the gentle reader must be dull indeed who finds interest in such an obvious neglect of facts.

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Collectors are hailing with satisfaction the statement that the speculators who attempted to corner the 1 farthing on 1 shilling gray Bermuda were badly bitten.

It seems that some over wise persons figured that there were only about 1,000 of these stamps printed, and the report was assidiously spread in this country that the available supply had all been bought up, and this seems to have been correct. An advance over face was easily secured until a steamer arrived in Bermuda carrying a new supply of 500,000.

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The recently announced discovery of the third known specimen of the Caterson, Brontz & Co., playing card stamp by Mr. Bartels leads us to wonder what luck insuring talisman this fortunate man possesses, as this is only one of the many finds he has made in the rarety line. Three specimens of the Goldback match stamp, now priced at $100 have been unearthed by him, and the discovery of new varieties of envelopes is a recently heralded piece of good fortune. We feel prone to quote the expression of an old German friend of ours—it appears applicable: "He who has, gets; he who has not gets not!"

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The paper mentioned last month of Mr. R. Ehrenbach which was read before the London Philatelic Society in February has raised a storm of criticism; we can think of no article on minor topics which has received the attention that this has. It seems to be the concensus of opinion the gentleman was a little too severe, although some of his arguments are good. As previously remarked, it is not possible to lay down arbitrary rules for collectors to observe when choosing stamps for their collection; it is entirely a matter of individual opinion, chiefly governed by the standard catalogue, which is the vade mecum of all not sufficiently advanced to draw lines of their own, and in this respect only is the collectors choice influenced.

As an illustration of a futile attempt to influence the collection of a certain line of stamps which had been entirely neglected previously we may cite the Mexican revenue furor which was inaugurated by dealers holding large stocks of these stamps a few years ago. Catalogues and albums dealing exclusively with these stamps were issued and a liberal amount of advertising space was devoted to their exploitation. A temporary demand for them was made—what do we hear of them now? The only guide that may be cited as being followed is the recognized standard catalogue; the listing of a stamp therein insures its favorable reception by the majority; the omission seems to relegate it to oblivion.

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Uncle Sams' coffers were enriched to the extent of $50,000 recently in an Omaha transaction wherein the documents required the attachment of revenue stamps whose face value represented this amount. One hundred million dollars is the amount of the mortgage which was filed with the Douglas county register of deeds on May 4th, this being the first lien mortgage and deed of trust from the Union Pacific Railroad company tc the Mercantile Trust company of New York, given to secure the payment of an issue of $100,000,000 of 4 per cent gold bonds, dated April 15, 1901, and due May 1, 1911. The original mortgage is an interesting document on account of the $50,000 worth of revenue stamps it bears. There are fifty stamps of the $1,000 denomination, twelve on each of the first four pages of the mortgage and two on the fifth.

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That the love of stamps will sometimes make a collector go so far to gratify it as to transgress the the laws of his country is regrettable. The recent conviction of James Bulmer in London is a case in point. This young man defrauded innumerable dealers, not to secure any monetary gain, but merely to

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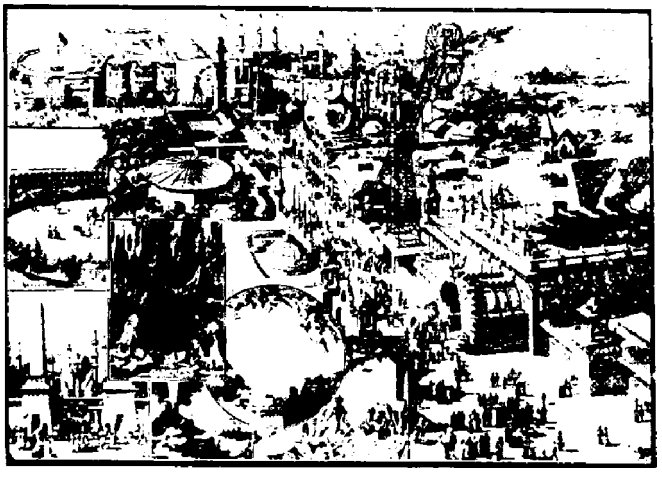

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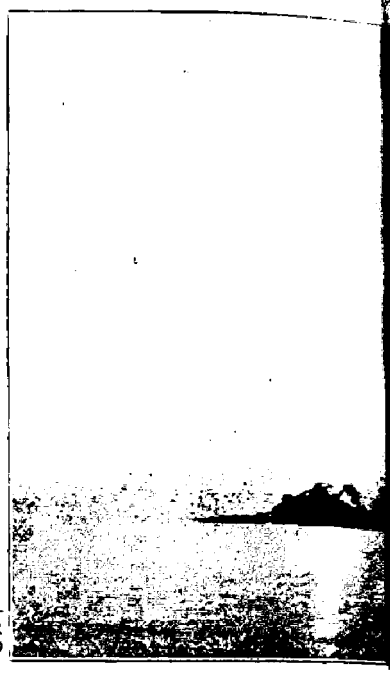

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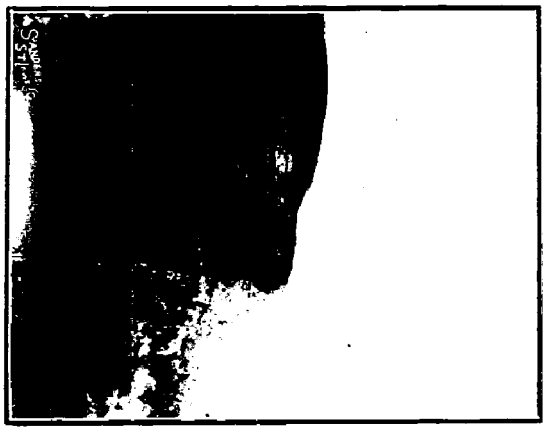

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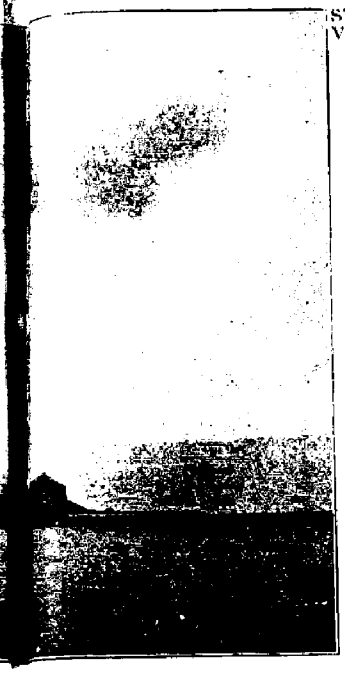

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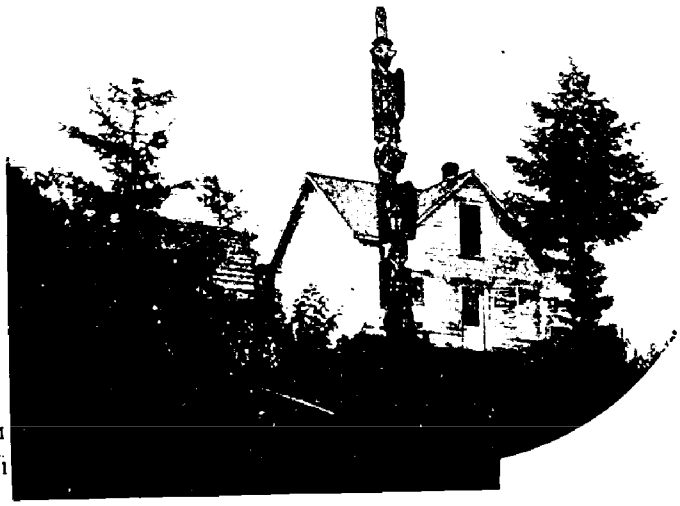

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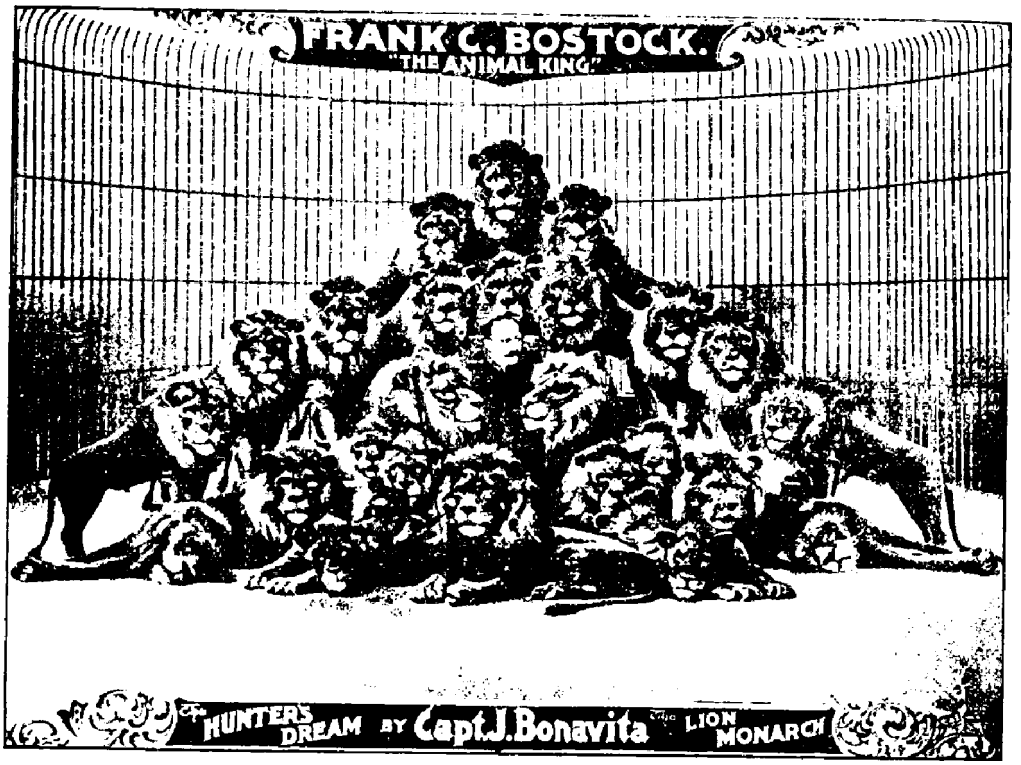

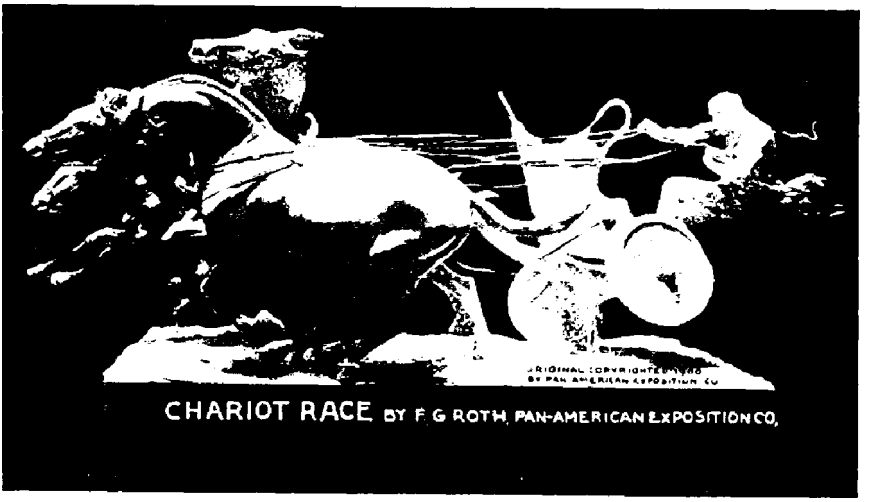

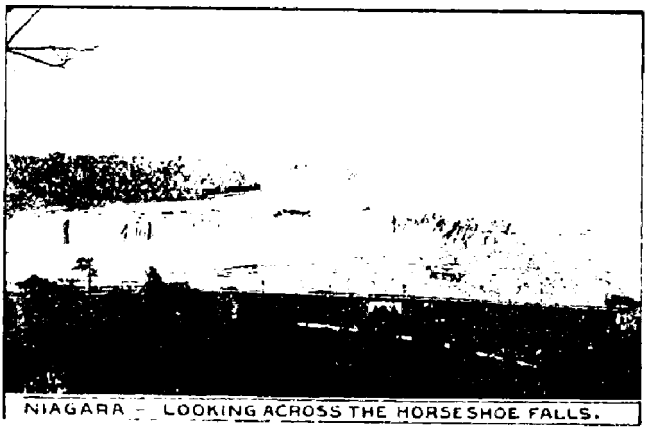
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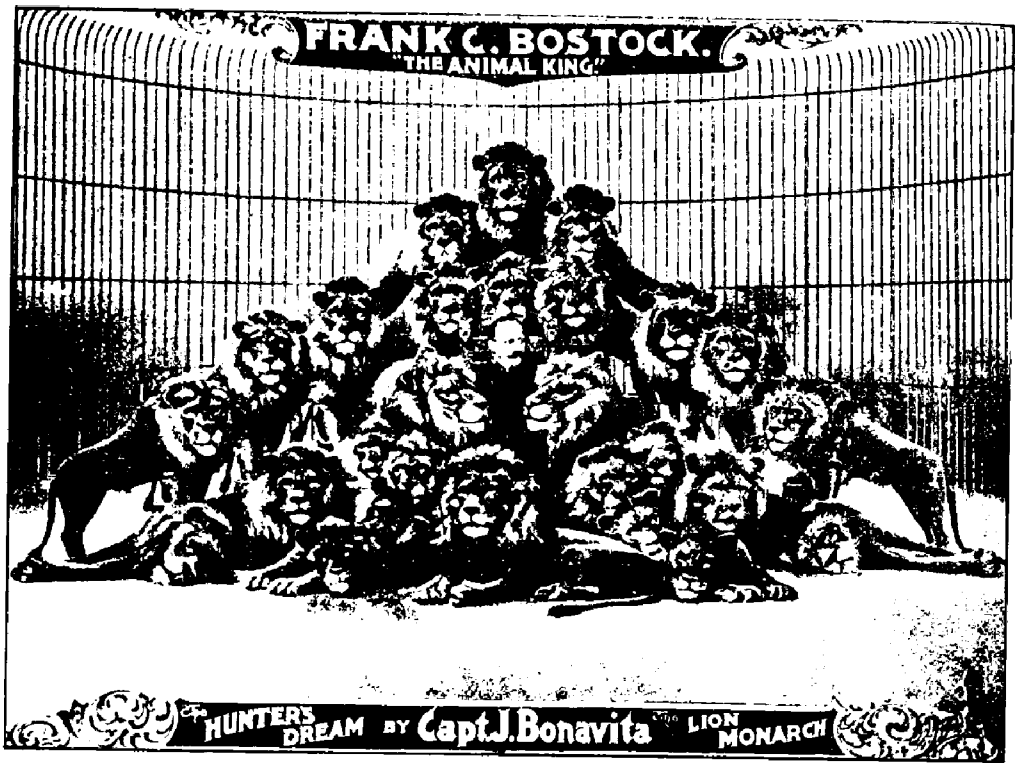

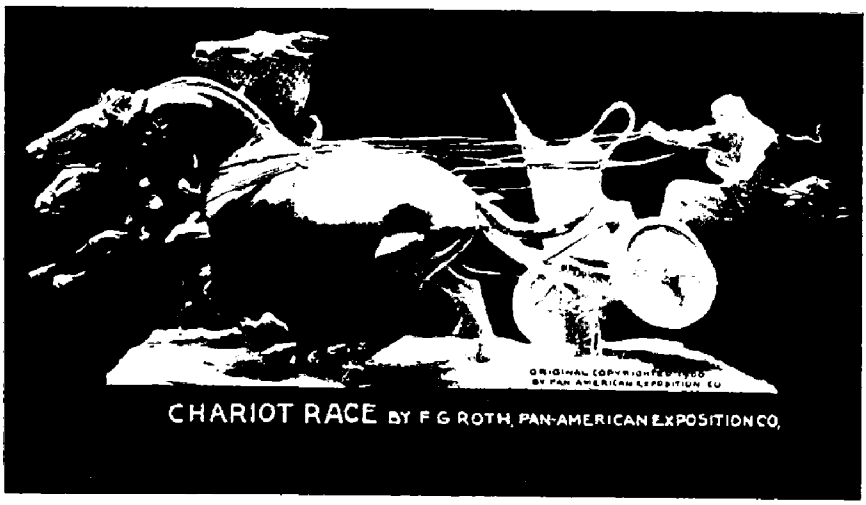


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"Mr. Truly Yours" do you mean this to be taken seriously? It is certainly superfluous to call attention to the hundreds of bright, trustworthy men who find time in their spare hours to conduct a successful stamp business, and who are able to offer the collector just as reliable goods and service as those "who make stamps their business" and are just as worthy of receiving the collectors trade. Should the fact that they do not see fit to devote their entire time to their stamp business be set up as a reason why they should not be the recipients of patronage? Certainly not. "Yours Truly" says, "The ignorant are usually found to be among those who dabble in stamps as a side issue. They may be good dry goods clerks, lawyers, insurance agents, prospectois or politicians, but they can hardly master the stamp business as long as they devote to it only a small portion and that the least desirable portion of their time." "Yours Truly" is a callous critic—perchance the inspiration of his remarks may have been the bad taste left in his mouth from an unsuccessful career experienced in this line. We have not the pleasure of knowing who "Yours Truly" is, but a poor impression of his ability to discriminate between good and bad is obtained from his assertions, which may be just in isolated cases but as a whole are inconsistent and deserving of censure.

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Mr. Quackenbushe's article in our last number on "The Sordid Side of Philately" does not seem to meet with the concurrence of many, judging from the correspondence we have received regarding it. We may express ourselves as inclined to think that perhaps a view somewhat too pessimistic is taken of the matter; we do not believe that all collectors or any considerable number of them are sordid in the meaning conveyed. It certainly is difficult for the philatelist to entirely disassociate the market or catalogue value and the sentimental value; in times gone by it was the fashion to pay no attention to the alleged value of the stamps—in all exchanging it was simply stamp for stamp; as collectors became more numerous they became aware of the fact that some stamps were harder to procure than others, and to obtain them they were willing to give more; to regard these more valued possessions with equal interest with their less ostentatious neighbors was indeed not a matter of sentiment but of human nature. It is pleasing for the collector to know that if he is wise in his investments he has a certain realizable value, and no amount of sentiment will ever make the modern collector disregard this point when his interest in his collection is considered. Who has not felt a thrill run through him as, deeply engrossed in a search for minor varieties, he discovers a rare watermark or perforation? The mere fact that at that instant he finds that the heretofore common specimen assumes enhanced value suffices to drive all sentiment from his mind, or at least whatever sentiment he may entertain is inspired by the sordid features of the proposition. The patrician to whom the price of the stamp is of minor moment, may be imbued with sentiment; his less fortunate associates must consider the cost and thereupon become devoid of sentiment· Tne financial side of philately is something to command respect, and no amount of sentiment can ever place our pursuit upon a firmer, more enduring basis; that it is doomed to a short existance because of this lack is not conceivable. Sentiment cannot be eliminated, but it must not be allowed to overshadow the often remarked fact that a stamp collection can be made an investment as well as afford pleasure. Let us have sentiment, if you will, but not to the entire elimination of this sordidness, which, although a harsh appelation, is not to be considered unworthy. Sentiment and sordidness can well go together, and neither will suffer by the other's presence.

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Mr. Joseph Rechert passed from this life at his home in Hoboken, N. J., a few weeks ago. Mr. Rechert was well and favorably known to the philatelic fraternity, and his unexpected demise will be learned with sorrow. Deeply interested in philately, he always put forth his best efforts to aid in its upbuilding; his life of character and integrity stands before collectors as a worthy criterion for emulation.

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Dr. Lewis report received replies from Australia parties reported after ten months waiting.

E. Steinbrueck reports parties mentioned last number have settled.

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E. Smith of Illinois reports B. Mundell of Canada, can get no reply. Also owes publisher.

Any readers have acct vs Aug Velde of Amsterdam, Europe? We get no reply from him.

Dear Members:

On account of lateness of last West, many did not send stamps to Auction Dept. who otherwise would. Send in stamps now and we will have a good auction in June. Remember you send the stamps and I will get you cash for their full auction value even if I have to bid them in myself.

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I am happy to be able to report even the following small start toward getting ready for active business:

4 books received, value, $14.89

1 member asked to be put on the circuits

I expect to have all the blanks ready in a few days and would be glad to hear from all who wish to be put on circuits. I am sending out one book gratis to each member and as I haven't a file of all the names I shall be pleased to hear from each member who does not receive such book by the 1st of June.

When filling your books please remember that good duplicates give better results than poor ones; also, that the cheaper the stamps are marked the better and quicker returns may be expected.

Hoping to hear from every member I remain, Yours for the advancement of our society, JOEL H. DUBOSE,

Sales Superintendent.

Errata.

☞ Original Covers Dept held for next issue.

F. Leonard, of Cuba, writes unused Pan Americans accepted in payment for amounts under $1.

Burnet Stamp Co., Cincinati, O., write their guessing contest put off till June 30th.

A. G. Cook, Cincinnati, O., says change his address from box to 316 Vine St.

Pepper sends special delivery to cut out article in fiscal department regarding Peerce. He has made him fine returns and sorry notice came so late.

BUSINESS MANAGERS SAY.

New rates for ALL agents again is made. Send postage for fuller particulars for old rates not in force after this number. Our circulation increasing so fast demands this.

If can remit any other way don't send stamps. Too many lost by being stuck.

Cuts we use of Alaska and Behring sea are from the Souvenir cards of Dr. Gardner of Port Townsend, Wash. Lover's Leap, from Souvenir cards of M. M. Drake, Hannibal, Mo.

If you don't get paper regularly, be sure and send address including P. O. box No. or street No. as well as county, and we'll do our part to reach you each month.

If is 5 or 6 collectors or camera friends in your city, why not form a club. It will pay you.

We will be glad to help you all we can, and act as organ for you.

Notice eastern writers and ad agents class West with largest circulation of any stamp paper in America, even ahead of the weeklies. So you know it is good one to be in. Trial ad is all is asked to judge for yourself.

T. O. Young of N. Y. requests that delay of his not replying is account of being school commissioner, and in April, May and June is away inspecting schools, and will attend to all matters After June 20th.

Leading Papers of their Kind.

Send for sample copy of "Land of Sunshine" of LosAngles, Calif., finest magazine we have seen of Calif. Illustrated article on Relics of Old Calif., and letters of Prof. Moorhead that will pay any curio collector.

If you do not take or have not seen the Saturday Evening Post of Phila., Pa., oldest paper of America, or National magazine of Boston founded over 100 years ago, Success of N. Y., and Crams Magazine of Chicago are leaders of their kind. We can offer a low combine rate on them. All wonld cost you over $6, we will send the 4 and West all one year for $4.

We have many other papers of America and England we can give low rates on.

Our combine rates of stamp papers, 6 leaders of America for $1 bill and will include 3 of England for $2. It will save you $1 or more.

The combine of Chicago Record and Times-Herald makes it the largest daily paper in the world and if you have not seen a copy will pay you to send for one, for it is largest in size and circulation.

A Noteworthy Combination.

The consolidation of the Chicago Times-Herald was one of the most important events in the history of metropolitan journalism. People familiar with the newspapers published in the great capitals of the world say that the best daily papers are made in Chicago, and it is well known that The Chicago Times-Herald and Record ranked at the very front among Chicago's best dailies. Each covered the world's news thoroughly every day, and each possessed also distinctive special features giving it that individuality so attractive to its readers. Now that the two have been combined, all the resources and world-wide facilities of both papers are united in the Chicago Record-Herald. It is in truth a "great combination,"—a combination without parallel in American journalism. The fortunate readers of the Chicago Record and the Chicago Times-Herald now receive every day a newspaper whose news facilities are unequaled by any other American newspaper.

Just What The Boys and Girls Need.

The Chicago Record-Herald makes it a special point to cater to the interests of the younger members of the family, printing every week in its Saturday issue a page entitled "Talks with our Boys and Girls'—a page that is always bright with the sort of entertaining illustrated stories that boys and girls enjoy, curious facts and fancies that appeal to the imagination of young people, condensed items from the world's important news, etc., and also the "Open Window Club" department, which has been instrumental in the organization of thousands of club "chapters" for mutual improvement and entertainment. Every issue of the Sunday edition contains also a young people's page full of all that is brightest and most attractive to the boys and girls.

Letters From Abroad.

There is no better way to keep posted in detail on the progress of the world outside of the United States than by watching the "Foreign News Notes" published in the Chicago Record-Herald. Over a hundred foreign staff correspondents of The Chicago Record-Herald are located in important cities abroad. Their duties do not end with the transmission of news by cable, but include also correspondence by mail concerning all important matters of any interest to readers in this country. It is worthy of note also, that in addition to the work of its own correspondents the Chicago Record-Herald receives the full foreign news service of The New York Herald, the New York Tribune and The Associated Press.

Souvenir Card DEPARTMENT.

International Souvenir Card Exchange Conducted by Adolph Selige, 20 N. 4th St., St. Louis, Mo.

Our members report big and gratifying success in exchanging cards with foreign collectors, and all are well pleased and more enthusiastic than ever. Let us all try and each bring in a new member, to the Exchange, the more the merrier, and the more interesting our Sport will become.

Redfields Weekly is becoming alarmed at the growing popularity of collecting souvenir cards, it fears some of the stamp collectors might forsake their old love for a new. It even goes so far as to advise stamp papers not to give space to matter pertaining to souvenir post cards.

Maybe the writer of this article has a collection of cards himself, and knows what he is talking about. He ought not beat around the bush, but come right in and join the Exchange. We'll be glad to have him.

It is not necessary to keep up corresponding and exchanging cards with the same person unless one has a reason for doing so. Unless you receive a pretty card, worth having in your album you may ask your correspondent, as courteously as possible, to either send equal value for your card, or discontinue to exchange.

Ninety per cent of the foreign cards received here are very pretty and interesting, and, as there is some scarcity of suitable cards, especially in colored ones that can be used for exchange within the rules observed by intelligent collectors, it has been found desirable to use cards of the Yellowstone National Park and of Niagara Falls, in exchange with foreign collectors.

Indian cards are in demand and often called for by foreign collectors. A new set of 6 Indian Wild West cards, after original paintings by the celebrated Indian Painter O. Berninghans, who paints the noble Red man in his native haunts, will be ready about June 15th. These paintings were made expressly for souvenir post cards, and will be a pleasing deviation fr(m the conventional style of Indian portrait, now so common.

Among the foreign card collectors we find a surprising number of people of intelligence and high social position.

There are Dukes, Counts, Barons, even a prince with royal blood in his veins, aud doctors, professors, students, government officials, etc. Surely we are in good company, Some of these are able to correspond in two or three languages and generally write a very fair English, as for instance, Mr. Washington Elia, an Italian, whose father was a great admirer of President Washington and named his son after the father of our country.

Mr. Elia sends some beautiful colored cards showing Mt. Vesuvius in action, and he never fails to add a few interesting remarks that make his cards so much more desirable.

Many of our prettiest cards are being disfigured and their beauty spoiled by the carelessness of the P. O. employes.

An order has been issued by the P. O. department in regard to separating post cards from letters and cancelling on the address side only, but the observance of this order is very lax. Every collector of souvenir cards, who has the time to do so, ought to personally place this matter before his or her respective Postmaster and thus start the movement against this nuisance.

Beautiful effects can be produced on Velox postcards, by amateur photographers, there being no limit so far as the subjects go. Many who would like to exchange cards, but cannot get local view cards, should try their hand at Velox postals. Albums are in great demand just now in which to arrange, preserve and display the treasurers of the souvenir card collector.

Albums and the greatest collection of souvenir post cards at Exch Headqrtrs, 20 N 4th St., St. Louis, Mo.

Pennsylvania - - - Camera Club Ex

GEO. F. SHEERS, President, Athens, Pa.
H. F. MAXWELL, Vice-President, South Oil City, Pa.
AUGUST LUFT, Secy and Treas., Aspinwall Pa

Terms of Membership, 25c per year, including subscription to the Philatelic West and Camera News. Present subscribers send 10c for membership.

All amateur photographers EVERYWHERE are invited to send 25c for membership or $1 for membership and choice of any of the following: Ray Screen, Wide Angle Lens, Tele Photo Lens, Enlarging and Copying Lens, Violet Portrait Lens, or Laughlin Fountain Pen.

Departments, Print Exchange, Print Criticism, Photo Contest, Sales and Exchange Department, Correspondence Department and Question Box.

Address all correspondence relating to the P.C. C. E. to August Luft, Secy, Aspinwall, Pa. All letters will be answered personally if stamp is enclosed for reply, otherwise will be answered through this column.

NEW MEMBERS.

We have arranged some very attractive clubbing rates for members of the P. C. C. E. by which standard photo magazines can be had at reduced rates along with Phil. West and membership in the P. C. E. E.

If you want to join us and get the benefit send stamp for list of magazines to Aug. Luft, Box 43, Aspinwall, Pa.

The Penna Camera Club Exchange will offer a prize of one gross 4x5 Velox, or equal value of any other size for the best landscape sent to the secretary before July 1st., subject to the following conditions:—

1 All contestants must be members of the P. C. C. E.

2 All pictures must be mounted, with the name of sender and the title of the picture on the back.

3 Any number of pictures may be entered, there is no limit as to how entries you may make.

4 All work must be done by the contestant.

5 All pictures must be in the hands of the secretary before July 1st. and no pictures will be retnrned.

Send in your memberships and pictures as soon as possible to the secretary.

NEW MEMBERS.

No. 41 Ralph Velte, 297 Main St., Pittsburg, Pa.
42 H. H. Hogentogler, 26 Boyd St. Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.
43 H. R. Pfaff, Jennings, Ala.
44 Chas. A. Lange, 7001 Idlewood St., Pittsburg. Pa.
45 A. L. Ackerman, 4512 Minerva St., Pittsburg, Pa.
46 Henry G. Lefferts, 215 Water St. Pittsburg, Pa.
47 Chas. H. Smith, box 103, Aspinwall, Pa.
48 H. S. McFeeters, 556 5th ave. Pittsburg, Pa.
49 W. W. Gilman, Marston Blk Madison, Wis.

Change of address of C. S. Kirker. No. 35 to 2118 Penn. Ave. Pittsburg, Pa.

Yours Respectfully,
AUG. LUFT.

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.

OFFICERS:

President—Miss L P Tillotson, Omaha, 843 Park Avenue.
Vice-president—G R Boomer, Beatrice.
Secretary—L T Brodstone, Superior.
Purchasing Agent—D E DePutron, Lincoln.

NEW MEMBERS:—322 B. Reynolds, Hastings 323 C. B. Meegler, York. 324 F. G. Koesten, Silver Creek.

APPLICATIONS:—C. L. Hovet, Fairfield, Jack Koenigstein, Norfolk G. Parker, Minden, bx 314. C. R. Jackson, Wymore.

Professional camera people meet at Lincoln this month. A number of the members will attend the state fair or Omaha festivals will be good time for meeting of members. We are always glad to get ideas and suggestions and names all of your active friends.

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.
Trustees—Jos Diehl, 335 Townsend ave, Remi Cools, 26 Walnut st, B S Summers, 62-64 Congress st, East, Detroit, Mich
Art Reviewers—Miss Julia Cools, 26 Walnut st, Camille Cools, 26 Walnut st, H W Boers, 389 Maple st, Sidney Billett, Detroit, Mich
Purchasing Agt—Camille Cools

This society is formed for encouraging amateur photographers to inform each other and to 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 innitiation fee, every member will also receive the official organ, the Philatelic West and Camera News free.

AMERICAN Society of Young Scientists

Acting General Secretary, F. E. BARTH, 1028 Spring Place, Seattle, Wash.

Offiaial Organ, PHILATELIC WEST.

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

Any person of good moral standing, who is interested in any branch of science, may become a member by remitting the above named fee to the General Secretary.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Fellow Members:

The executive committee have instructed me not to publish list of members for at least two months believing that in the meantime we can secure at least a 1000 members for our Charter membership list.

Any person joining may become a charter member and enter the membership contest for the following prizes which will be awarded August 1st, 1901.

1st prize—To the person securing the largest number of members (at least 100) to be given a gold filled watch guaranteed for ten years.

2nd prize—A collection of postage stamps, valued at fifteen dollars.

3rd prize—A genuine Klondike nugget.

And to every person securing 20 new members will be given a choice of the following books: David Harum, Richard Carvel, Quincy Adams Sawyer, or Eben Holden.

Each member securing 10 new members will be given gold pin of the society.

Now let everybody work, for each one can win a prize.

Go among your schoolmates and get them to join, for they all should be members of this society, so should your teacher, get him or her to join also. If you are not a member join today. For further information address

F. E. BARTH.

All who are interested in stamps, coins, minerals, animals, birds, stones, shells, plants, forests, Indian relics, eggs, in fact everything in science, should not fail to write Sec'y of society. You will find society to be a good one for it embraces all kinds of collecting and especially in different lines. Wish all boys and girls, young men and young women and others interested in above to join. Expect to give cut of secretary in next number.

Cuba Notes By G. H. Leonard.

There is good demand for revenues from Cuba and sent Pepper of New York 35 varieties.

Great many collectors in P O department in Havana.

The West was the first U. S. Stamp paper that mentioned reduced post rate of 2c to Cuba.

Cuban stamps are scarce and hard to get for they ask fabulous prices for what they have to sell and if buying want something for nothing.

A good many from Cuba are joining the Philatelic Sons of America and Spanish America Philatelic societies. Hope to see a branch there.

Any amateur who has any good negatives should experiment by enlarging them by any of the popular processes. Sometimes a 4x5 negative which is extra fine can be enlarged to good advantage as large as 10x12 without losing much of the detail and the operation enlarges your ideas of photography, is instructive and amusing, as well as a source of profit.

Our Illustrations

O. H. PHINNEY

O. H. Phinney, whose pictur we publish, was born in Illinois 1866. His early life was spent at Mt. Pulaski, Ill. By profession he is a lawyer having been liscenced by the Supreme Court of Illinois as an attorney and counsellor at law in 1888. He located in Kansas City, Kansas in 1889 and has since been identified with its leading business interests.

At present he is serving his second term as Deputy Co. Treasurer of Wyandotte Co., Kansas.

He began collecting stamps in 1883 but disposed of his collection in 1891, and not until '94 did he start to form his present collection, which now numbers about 3500 varieties. He has no specialty but accepts all regular postage stamps excepting "Seebeck's" and that class.

He is No. 1238 of Sons of Philatly and is President of Kansas Philatelic Society. The official society for the state of Kansas.

He has a pleasant home and family and the latch-string is always out to stamp collectors.

FOSTER A. LILLY.

Foster A. Lilly was born in Crawford, New Jersey nearly half a century ago, but spent the first 17 years of his life in New York state, at various places, his father being a Presbyterian clergyman. He went to Kansas in October 1870, and a large share of his life has since been spent in Sabetha or within two miles of it. At Albany, Kanses, his first home, he at once went into a post office and country store and acquired the taste for Uncle Sam's postage stamps, and mails, that has since stuck by him. He has been an active P. M. or clerk in P. O. for many years, was for several years an extra man in the railway mail service and saw much of western Kansas and Nebraska, in this business. He also learned the printing trade in 1876 and has been a contributor or local editor much of the time since then, as to be an author and editor was his early ambition. He is at present content with handling the U. S. mail at his home P. O. it being steadier pay than literary work, and is collecting precancelled stamps at present.

In early life he became a collector, first of coins and later of stamps, collecting most of the 1860-69 issue of U.S. stamps as they came out, and of course handled many of the next issue. He has since collected stamps of all countries and made an attempt to deal in them in 1872, but the chief benefits was filling the spaces in his own album. For the past 10 years he has tried to become a more active collector, being a member of the P. S. of A. after its first year and one of the charter members of the Sun Flower state branch of it. Is a member of the Columbian P. S. and has been secretary and treasurer of the Kansas Philatelical society since its organization.

He has a general collection of 4,000 or more satmps but draws the line on surcharges and foreign revennes.

L. H. CHAPMAN.

L. H. Chapman is 35 years old. He is strictly temperate not tasting liquor in any form. Mr. Chapman is captain of the steamboat W. G. Nixdorf, which plies between Little Falls and Utica on the Erie Canal, during the open season. This line has been in operation for four years and has proved of great value to merchants. The line is managed with ability, promptness and reliability, and its success is as pronounced as it well deserved.

GEO. F. HEAHT, M. D.

Was born Warsaw, N. Y., Sept. 20, 1850. Learned the drug business in Poultney, Vt., the same term that Horace Greely and Jared Sparks learned their trade 1864-70.

1870 went to Warrensburg, Mo., and

for five years 1871-76 held commission in postal service under Grant 1876-1879 drug business Warrensburg, Mo., during same time served two terms in city council as alderman from the third.

1879—81 studied medicine at Univ. of Mich Ann Arbor 1881—85 in charge of State Hospital Ann Arbor, Mich, 1884 to date Monroe, Mich., in practice of medicine; 1890—1 Mayor of Monroe also 1896—98, in all three terms. Division surgeon M. C. R. R. Detroit—Toledo.

1863 began first to collect coins and coins, stamps and late autograph of prominent people has large accumulations. When not engaged in relieving afflicted humanity, amputations and other kindred amusements devote time to the more serious business of his collections, and The Numismatist, which he has published continuously since 1888.

WILLIAM F. SCHAD.

Age 30 years. Born in Racine, Wis. Lived in Milwaukee, Wis. past twelve years. Married. Manager Chas. Winterfield Co., Plumbers Supplies. Sec'y Crescent Lodge No. 23 K. of P. Exalted Ruler, Milwaukee Lodge No. 46 B. P. O. of Elks. Sec'y. of Committe in charge of Elks reunion to be held in Milwaukee July 1901 (Mayor Rose of Milwaukee is chairman of this com.) The Elk Lodge presented Mr. Schad, April 27th, with gold watch, chain and emblematic charm. He being an officer since its organization having filled every chair from outside guard to exalted ruler.

Also Vice-President P. S. of A., and an active candidate for president at Buffalo meet. He solicits the proxies and support of members who want good government of the society.

☞Jno. Seybold, Syracuse, N. Y.—I am very much pleased with West, send complete volume.

QUESTION BOX ?

Conducted by August Luft, Bx 43, Aspinwall, Pa.

In this column will be answered all questions relating to photography to the best of our knowledge and ability. Any letters requiring a personal reply must be accompanied by a 2c stamp.

We positively decline to advertise any goods in this column and will refuse to answer such questions as "What is the best Developer?", "What is the best Camera?", "Whose Plates are the best?", etc.

Any person desiring answers to questions of this kind will receive the benefit of our experience, as we will cheerfully answer such questions personally if stamp is enclosed for reply.

This column is for the use of all our subscribers and we want to encourage our friends to ask all the questions they can.

In the last months issue we asked the question "What is an amateur and how do you divide the line between amateurs and professionals?"

The object of the question was to provoke a general discussion but only two responses were received which are given below.

Can we not have a few more opinions on the subject?

Let everybody express themselves to make the discussion interesting, and a package of Trenol Developer will be mailed for the best opinion.

E. W. Trimbath, Mt. Pleasant, Pa. says:

"I believe the distinction between an amateur and a professional photographer is this. A professional as opposed to an amateur is one who pursues as a business or profession that which others engage in merely for pleasure. An amateur is one who makes a pretense to practising an art without having under gone any professional preparation.

The word "amateur" is applied to one who pursues an art simply for pleasure. The word "amateur" car-

ries a natural implication of superficialness though marked excellence is sometimes attained by amatuers. An amateur migh accept money for specimens of work but never makes a business venture of his hobby, i. e. he is not dependent upon it for sustenance.

L. A. McGee, Porcupine, South Dakota says:

"An amateur photographer works for pleasure and culture, a professional works for profit."

Both of the above are very good but it would be a tame world if we were all of the same mind, so let's have a few more.

A. M., Beaver Falls, Pa. Your pictures are stained by leaving in the developer too long. Print up pretty strong and prolonged developement is not necessary. The prints sent show care in posing and composition.

C. T., New Brighton, Pa. The stains in your negative are caused by the pyro developer being old which will give the negatives a straw color. It is always cheaper in the long run to use fresh developers.

C. G. H., Phila., Pa. The lines or marks on your film are caused by turning the films too rapidly in changing. This generates electricity and causes the flashes on the fims.

Pennsylvania Camera Club Report.

(Continued.)

We have been asked to modify regulations sufficiently to include members from all states in the Penna Camera Club exchange and have decided to open the books to amateurs everywhere.

In order to take proper care of members in the enlarged Exchange it will be necessary for us to appoint a consul for each state and the first application received from each state, the applicant will be appointed state consul, provided said applicant possesses the necessary qualifications.

This will also admit amateurs everywhere to compete in our photo contest noted elsewhere, a prize being offered for the best landscape sent in before July 1st.

Send in your applications or if further particulars are desired same will be furnished for stamp.

An enterprising individul has asked if there was any P. C. C. E. stock for sale and what dividends it pays.

You can occupy a share of our stock for 25 cents and the dividends will be the eternal gratitude of the secretary.

We heard not long since of an amateur who was out in the country on a snapshotting tour and finding himself alone in a beautiful glen, set up his apparatus ready for a shot, put the focusing cloth over his head and was surprised to hear a sharp command "Don't move on your life!" Of course he didn't and he felt a string passed around his neck and the focussing cloth was tied tight.

After he managed to extricate himself from his diffculty he saw a man walking off in the distance with his sixty dollar camera.

Moral:—When going out for snap shooting, be ready for any kind of shooting when occasion arises.

In picking up the average photographic journal the articles are couched in high flowing phrases, technical terms are used, formulae are given in the metric system and she average amateur might as well try to read Hindoo.

Why can't they give us something in simpler terms so that any and all who read may understand and profit for their reading.

This does not apply to all the journals as we take and read some that are bright, newsy and to the point.

CAMERA NEWS

BRUSH WORK ON NEGATIVES.

Most amateur photographers have tried local reduction or intensification on negatives, and have been exasperated at the plate being spoilt by the work going farther than was intended—the chemical solutions spreading beyond their limits. The use of olive oil will prevent this. Take a fine camel-hair brush and dip it in the oil, then wipe lightly with a rag, and with the moistened brush go carefully, and most exactly, round the part to be locally treated. If little oil be used, the limitations can be most exactly marked, and subsequent solutions supplied without the least risk of spreading where not wanted. Weak ammonia will finally remove the oil.

TINTING A NEGATIVE.

It often occurs that certain shadows are too heavy in an otherwise perfect negative, or that a face or the hair or some portion of the dress in the portrait do not print light enough. To remedy this defect, tinting must be resorted to. It is a very simple means of retarding printing locally, and consists merely in dabbing a trifle of water color, red or blue, according to amount of retarding desired, on the back of the negative at the desired spots, and then gently patting it with the finger until a smooth, even coat is thus distributed. The finger, of course, leaves an imprint on the color, and by patting all around and cross ways a smoothly stippled color will result.

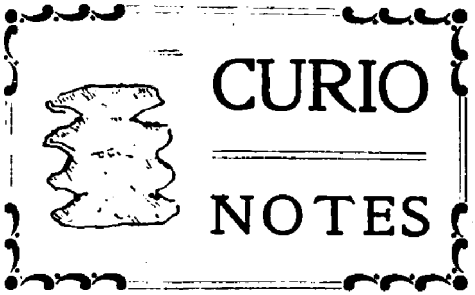
GROUND GLASS VARNISH.

When a negative is a trifle too thin, a coat of this invaluable varnish on the back of the plate will give it just the right amount of printing resistance. The use of this varnish is better than printing under ground glass or tissue, as portions of it can be scraped off when set, thus giving the printer great control over the result. The surface takes the pencil admirably, and high lights can be readily touched up if weak and great brilliance thus added. Back of any parts which are already sufficiently dense, the varnish can be scraped away so as to afford full exposure to such parts. After a negative is thus "doctored," tissue paper should be pasted over the frame during printing.

A curious suggestion is the study of thunder from photographs of the figures produced by its vibrations in sand on stretched parchment.

INTENSIFYING NEGATIVES.

After a bleaching in bromide of copper negatives can be considerably intensified with nitrate of silver. But the negative must not be washed too long after bleaching, because the blackening might not proceed. For fear that this might take place, the negative is sometimes not sufficiently washed. Bromide of copper will then remain in the film, which, with the nitrate of silver, forms bromide of silver. By applying a weak silver bath, for the same reason as above, a thin bromide of silver skin will form on the plate, which prevents the penetration of the salt. Thereby the blackening is but feeble, even if a new silver bath is repeatedly applied. Only by using a concentrated bath will it come up to the desired strength. If the latter is put to immediate action, which is of advantage, bromide of silver will form within the film, which, of course, has to be removed later on by fixing bath. Similar effects by insufficient washing can take place with the bichloride of mercury and ammonia method. Still, I prefer to dilute the ammonia a little. The amide can be removed from the surface by slight rubbing with the finger. If a white cloudiness has once formed within the film, it can not be removed any more.



Rev. H. R. Marsh, of Joliet, Ills., a well known collector and prominent archaeologist intends to leave his home next month for an indefinite sojourn in Alaska. His address will be Point Barron, and he will be glad to hear from collectors wanting Eskimo implements and Alaskan curios.

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Asbestos has been found in all quarters of the globe. It comes from Italy, China, Japan, Australia, Spain, Portugal, Hungary, Germany, Russia, The Cape, Central Africa, Canada, Newfoundland, Texas and other parts of the country.

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Calcite or calc-spar has a number of common names for each of its varieties. When crystallized, in acute crystals, it is called "dog-tooth spar," each crystal resembling somewhat a canine tooth. When the crystals are flat and the angles obtuse, it is called "nail-head spar," on account of its similarity to the old wrought-iron nail-head. Calcite rhombs when twinned form a pretty crystal called the "butterfly twin," and the clearable transparent calcite is the peculiar variety called "Iceland spar," which makes any object seen through it appear double.

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The cries of sea-birds, especially sea-gulls, are very valuable as fog-signals. The birds cluster on the cliffs and coast, and their cries warn boatmen that they are near the land.

An almanac 234 years old was recently sold in Boston to a collector of antiquities for $15.

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The fossil remains of horses no bigger than foxes and belonging to the eocene age, have been found recently in California, it is reported.

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Joseph M. Terry of Peconic, N. Y., some months ago presented the Suffolk County Historical Society a very valuable relic of Daniel Webster. It is an ivory paper cutter which Mr. Webster used for a number of years in his library at Marshfield, Mass. Webster gave it to Charles Taylor, then a boy, whose father was at this time manager of Webster's farm. Young Taylor preserved the relic and several years ago while residing near Mr. Terry's house gave it to him.

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Near the church of Plan-Couthey, in the Canton Valais, Switzerland, there has just been unearthed an ancient Roman villa in splendid preservation. The professional details of the building excite enthusiastic admiration among Swiss architects.

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Crocodiles, like ostriches, swallow pebbles and small stones for the purpose of grinding their food, a fact not known or to many natural history students.

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Eminent botanists tell us that all plants have periods of activity and rest. Some are active in the daytime and sleep at night; others repose during the daylight hours and are awake at night.

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The house fly makes 310 strokes a second with its wings; the bee only 190 strokes.

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Various kinds of seeds have been employed for food. The Indians of North-

America eat the seeds of certain cacti, which are parched, pulverized and made into palatable gruel. Their fondness for some pines is well known, these "pinons" being to them what sugar plums are to white people. Sunflower seeds, too, they parch, grind and make into cakes, which are said to be equal to corn bread. From the same seeds they get oil for annointing their bodies. Seeds of many kinds have been found in the ruins of the ancient cliff dwellers of Arizona, the evidence being satisfactory that they were used for food. Among these may be mentioned the common golden bean, which is also discovered in many mounds in the Southwest. The cliff dwellers used to eat the seed of the ordinary "pig-weed". Indians generally to this day consume the seeds of many species of grasses, making bread and mush from them. Along the rivers in Colorado and Arizona grass seeds are collected in great quantities for grinding into flour. Grape seeds, gourd seeds, and acorns are likewise employed.

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The wax-palm tree of South America, which grows to an altitude of 10,000 feet above sea level, is completely covered with a coating which consists of a vegetable wax and crystalline resin. When mixed with tallow this substance is made into candles.

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According to Blanco's works on the flora of the Philippines, there are 28 genera of palms, with 87 species, on those islands.

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The best collection of Chinese coins to be found outside of China was given to the Archaeological museum of the University of Pennsylvania not long ago by Rev. E. W. Twing, a Honolulu missionary. The collection goes back to a time over 2500 years ago and includes those odd early Chinese coins which were made in the form of spades, razors, keys, shirts and tools.

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A dispatch to a London newspaper, some time ago, from Rome said that the Pope had ordered that about 150,000 old swords, halberds, spears and battle-axes in the Vatican armory be melted and the iron sold. A furnace for the purpose was being erected in the Vatican gardens. The weapons were useless except as curios, and it cost too much to keep them polished. Wouldn't a lot of American curio lovers have liked to have secured the collection in a job-lot? It seems a pity that they should have been destroyed at any rate!

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Every ton of Atlantic water, when evaporated, yields 81 pounds of salt; a ton of Pacific water, 79 pounds; Arctic and Antarctic waters yield 85 pounds to the ton, and Dead Sea water 187 pounds.

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Oolite is a limestone made up of small spherical grains, and the whole mass looks like the roe of fish, whence its name. Each of these small globules has a concentric structure which is seen nicely when cut into a section for the microscope. When the concretions are large the specimens are called pisolite or pea-stone. Excellent specimens are found at the hot springs of Karlsbad, Bohemia. In Idaho, they are fonud with eight faces on each oolite, the cause of which is unknown. At College Station, Centre Co., Penn., an oolite which has been silicified is found in large beds.

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Among the historical relics preserved at old Carpenters' Hall, Philadelphia, none are more carefully and jealously guarded than ten or twelve hardwood chairs which occupy a railed-off corner of the Congress room on the first floor, near the southern door way. They are

some of the original chairs that were used during the session of the continental congress by Patrick Henry and his patriotic colleagues. Three or four of the chairs have high arms, and are the identical ones used by the officers of the Congress. Until recent years the old chairs were ranged about the walls of the room, but hardened relic hnnters began to chip them, and to save the priceless articles of furniture from complete destruction it was necessary to place them behind a railing. The colored porter in charge of the hall keeps a watchful eye to see that the old relics are not disturbed or injured.

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The diatones, single-celled plants of the sea weed family, are so small that three thousand of them laid end to end scarcely suffice to cover an inch of space on the rule.

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It is popularly supposed that the common horse-chestnuts are very unwholesome. Nevertheless, in Turkey they are roasted for coffee, fermented for liquor and utilized for horse medicine.

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"Manjak" is the name of a new mineral, of a lustrous black color, discovered on the island of Barbadoes. According to experts, it is petrified petroleum mixed with solid organic matter. It will form a valuable fuel, much superior to coal.

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For a score of years geologists have known of the existence of immense beds of shale in Wyoming which occasionally yielded fine specimens of fossil fishes, but it is only recently that similar beds have been discovered in Colorado. These beds of petrified fish, containing millions upon millions of individual specimens, cover hundreds of square miles in the northwestern part of the state. They extend a distance of 100 miles in the direction of Green River, and "shelve out" for 100 miles or more toward the interior of the state. In some places these beds—almost a solid mass of perfectly fossilized fish—are from 150 to 200 feet in thickness. One of the greatest puzzles regarding the find is the fact that they lie about 8,000 feet above sea level.

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Will all lovers of the curious in Nature, collectors of antiques, and Natural history students, who would like to join a great collector's society where the yearly dues are low, the benefits in the way of exchange among members, an interchange of opinions and ideas and good fellowship in general, please write the editor of this department, at Arkansas City, Kansas, and get information about such a society which will be worth dollars to his collection and himself! A postal card will do!

ROY F. GREENE.

☞W. Newton, San Antonio, Tex.—My small ad paid well; I sold almost all I had. Enclose clipping from one of my letters about West and have others as good.—P. S. In your last letter you mentioned Phil. West, I take it now, and it is the best one out of about one dozen I take. R. S. S.

☞Mrs J M Browne, Denver, SC—West is the best all-round stamp monthly I ever saw; none, even the weeklies, can excell it.

Locked up in a safe at the Boston Public Library is the gold medal awarded George Washington by the Continental Congress by a vote of March 27, 1776, for his services in expelling the British from Boston, March 17, 1776. As a souvenir of the anniversary of evacuation day about 80,000 medals, made from this design and half the size of the original, were distributed to the school children of Boston recently. The medal was bought from one of Washington's heirs 25 years ago.

Notes on the Coinage of the Greeks

By T. L. ELDER.

PERIOD III B. C. 400-336.

Cyzicus continued to strike her electrum staters in large quantities during the war in Asia Minor between the Spartans and Persians, and on this coin the archaic reverse was used. About the time of the peace of Antalcidas, or thereabout, this famous coinage was generally superseded by gold currency, which was minted at Lampsacus.

Ephesus, Samos, Chios and Rhodes now furnish the bnlk of the silver currency of Western Asia Minor, while the eastern Phoenician cities of Sidon, Tyre and Aradus begin (about 400 B. C.) to strike large silver coins which were circulated also along the caravan routes across the desert as far as Euphrates and Tigris.

In the north the gold coinage of Panticapaeum, the modern Kertch, is remarkable for its peculiar weight as compared with other places. In Macedon the gold and silver currency of the Chalcidian League was predominant until its issue was stopped by Philip, when he began to work the gold mines of Philipi (about B. C. 358) and re-organized the gold coinage.

In Central Greece the chief curriencies were those of Corinth, Thebes, and Athens. In Peloponnesus the Messenians and Arcadians, under the protection of Epaminondas struck money in small quantities.

Italy was rich in gold and silver coinages, and only rivalled by the same issues of Neapolis and Metapontum.

In Sicily the splendid coinage of Syracuse competed with that of the Carthaginian dominions, until about 345 B. C., when the Dionysian dynasty was finally expelled, and after that the Pegasus staters supersede the larger coins of the age of the Dionsii.

In this series of notes we have now reached the triumphant age of Greek art. This was the magical age of Greece; the age when she produced works of sculpture and engraving that have by their divine beauty amazed the world. Never has numismatic art reached quite so lofty a pinnicle of excellence as it obtained then. The devices on the coinage are characterized by marvelous intensity of action, pathos, charm of bearing, high finish and rich ornamentation. The naked human form was shown in high relief,as was the heads of the divinities such as Apollo at Clanzomenae, Rhodes, etc; of Hermes at Aenus, of Apollo at Amphipolis, of the nymph Larissa at the city of that name in Thessaly; of Hera Lacinia at Pandosia in Southern Italy, of Arethusa and Pallas at Syracuse, and of Zeus at Olymphia, by Phidias. It seems a pity that the history, and the names even, of most of the engravers of these beautiful coines are entirely unknown. It was not uncommon to find at certain cities, especially in Sicily, the name of the engraver in small characters, generally in the field of the coin.

During this period the principal sculptors are the Athenians Scopas and Praxiteles, and the principal extant works are: The Mausoleum Sculptures. British Museum. The Choragic monument of Lyscrates. Athens. The Statue of Dionysos from the Choragic monument of Thrasyllos,B.C.320 British museum. Statue of Hermes, by Praxiteles, found at Olymphia. The head of Asklepios or Zeus from Melos. British Museum. The sculptures of the Niobides, by Scopas or Praxiteles. Copies in Florence.

DESCRIPTION OF SOME OF THE MOST NOTABLE COINS OF ALL TIME.

A stater of Cyzicus bears the beautiful veiled head of Demeter, but the reverse shows the archaic style.

(To be continued.)

Nature's Field Around Niagara.

BY F. A. W. DEAN.

To the lover of Mother Nature, Niagara Falls is rendezvous, to the Minerologist as I have previously written, Conchologist, Botanist, Ornithologist, Oologist in fact all branches of science, it abounds with interest and material.

The conchologist can procure many rare fresh water shells. The Uniodea family has a large range, there being about 150 distinct species, many quite rare, some found in shallow water, stagnant, swift current within 200 ft of the brink of the falls living species are found, others in ponds, etc.,

2 varieties Planochs,
30 varieties Physsa,
40 or 50 varieties Helix,
20 varieties fresh water Algara.

To the lover of botany over 700 different plants grow on Goat Island alone. Fosters Flatts and the whirlpool are also botanical gardens.

The ornithologist and oologist can procure many species such as warbler, hummers, thrushes, ducks, geese, gulls, grebes, hawks, owls and many waden. Several varieties have been taken, such as razor-bill auk, black gullemont, pigeon gullenot, auklets, royal, caspian and bridle tems, puffin, mun, white egret, whooping and sandhill cranes, whistling and black swans and bald eagles.

There is a bald eagle's nest on Grand Island where they rear their young every year and the eagle tree is protected by an honest farmer.

Butterflies of great beauty and rarety can also be had.

War and Indian relics are very scarce as our local collectors and museums get all the spoils of contractors doing excavating but there are several historical spots around Niagara. The old stone Chimney of old Fort Schlosser which was built by the French in 1750 which was destroyed by themselves when they evacuated after the fall of old Fort Niagara.

The Devil's Hole, where the supply train of the British army traveling from Fort Niagara to Fort Schlosser, Sept, 14 1763 was stopped for lunch their guns hardly being set down when a band of Seneca Indians who lay in Ambush closed in upon them and drove them over the bank or murdered them with tomahawk.

The stream that runs through that section and over the bank at this spot was completely colored with blood, from which it derives its name, Bloody Run.

Fort Niagara, Fort George, Fort Erie, Battle Grounds of Chippawa, Lundys Lane, Plank Road, Little Niagara, Lewiston Heights, Queenston Heights and other historical reserves.

Fish of Niagara water are Perch, Rock, wide and little mouth black, silver and strawberry bass, pickeral, blue, yellow and duck bill pike, musk-olonge, eel, cat. Chanel cat have been caught weighing 63 pounds. Sturgeon, several weighing 200 pounds have been caught. White fish, herring and many delicate eating fish abound in the lakes close by.

Mammals do not amount to much as the gunners have cleaned the small game out pretty well.

Red, gray black and fox squirrels, racoon, fox, woodchuck, skunk, martin, weasel and muskrats are to be found.

Over 2 tons of clear transparent selemite has been taken out of the last extention of the new power house 178 feet below the surface, which is the possession of the local collectors, one collector alone having half a ton for summer trade.

The Geological Succession of Animals and Plants

A RETROSPECT.

By Forest Gaines, Champaign, Ill.

The science of palaeontology, or the study of fossils has come to be one of the most interesting scientific studies now extant. By means of this science, the geologist is enabled to trace back the past history of the earth through a grim vista of millions of years. The age of our earth is now variously calculated to be from fifty to seventy-five millions of years—who can scarcely comprehend that vast period.

Palaeontology is used much as a book might be. The geologist opens the leaves of his book; the strata of the earth; and there reads this great history. The words of his book are the fossils imbedded in the strata. By comparison with formation and erosion at the present time, the age of this gangue strata is then determined.

The study of fossils is now very complete. Comparisons can now be made from corals, and other animals of simple organization, up to man. We shall now digress a little from the general subject and take up a little more definite study of these petrified structures.

Corals are found almost everywhere. During various subsidences and upheavals of the earth, nearly all the earth, has at one time or another been covered with water. Thus animals of the sea have had a chance to encroach on dominions where they are not now found, and leave us their skeletons to study. The Cretaceons, Devonian, Silmian, and Jurassic racks furnish us some of the best fossil corals we have at the present day. The petrifactions are mostly in limestone.

Sponges are also found petrified in abundance. Many specimens have the separate sponge spicules wonderfully preserved. The flint cliffs of England afford us a good example of petrified sponges. Some of the best specimens of this class are found along the Ohio river; some of the best ones at the falls of the Ohio. The author has found many specimens of petrified coral in the vicinity of his home; though perhaps the fossils were brought down in the glacial drift from the north.

Small siliceous shells, or those composed of quartz or silica are rather common. Silica was slowly dissolved by the action of the water, and then taken up by these organisms during their growth. A large bed of clay near Richmond, Virginia, is almost entirely composed of these microscopic shells. The stratum averages about twelve feet in thickness. The "rotten-stone" or Tripoli from Germany is made up of these very minute organisms. The well known diatoms, now regarded as vegetable forms, are made up of these siliceous shells.

The Hydrozoa and Bryozoa, two groups of simple structure animals are found in abundance in many places at the present day.

The fossil mollusks may well be considered next. They are one of our most abundant forms for fossil study. In shape, the ancient mollusks usually differed greatly from those of the present day. The common "Orthoceras" is composed of a succession of segmented rings, in the form of a cylinder. The well known Ammonites present many curious forms from rounded, notched shells, to rounded, square cornered, segmented ones. The Pearly Nautilies of the Southern Ocean, is the only representative we have of the Ammorites at the present day of the world. At the same time with the Ammorites, occurred the most of the Belemnites. These latter, as found at the present day, are the skeletous of cuttle-fishes.

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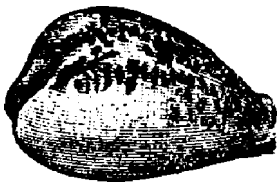

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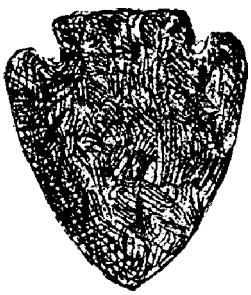

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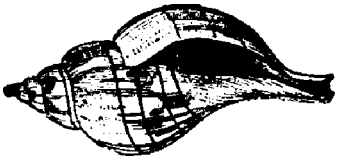

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The object of the "California Curio Club" is to supply its members with a collection of beautiful California Curios, sea shells, mosses, etc., at the actual cost of gathering or collecting them, each member paying an equal share of the expense and receiving an equal share of all shells and curios gathered.

The first shell gathering expedition will be to San Nicholas Island about 70 miles off the coast of California where thousands of beautiful and some rare shells, mosses, Indian relics and curios will be collected. As soon as 100 members have paid $1 each for membership we will charter a launch and land two experienced shell gatherers on the island with provisions to last them 15 days when the launch will return for them and all shells, curios, etc., that they have collected.

By this plan each member will secure a rare and valuable collection at the actual cost of gathering, that would probably cost all the way from $10 to $25 or more if bought from curio dealers.

San Nicholas is a lonely island, uninhabited for many years but at one time thickly populated by Indians who have left many relics such as Arrow Heads, Spear Heads, Scrapers, Morters, Pestles, Beads, bone and shell fish hooks and jewelry a fine collection of which can be seen in the chamber of Commerce in Los Angeles. The finest Abalones in the world are found on these islands, many easterners paying the Los Augeles dealers $1.50 to $2.50 each for specimens that will cost our members practically nothing. Hundreds of other varieties are found, including Pink Murax, Star fish of several different varieties, Large Sea Urchins, Cowries, Tent Shells, Blue Points, Curtain Shells from which beautiful portieres are made. Melon shells, many different varieties of clam shells, mermaids cradles, worm shells, paper nautilus, brain coral, trochus, cardium magnum, pecten, pearly nautilus, Turks cap, marlinspike and many others too numerous to mention.

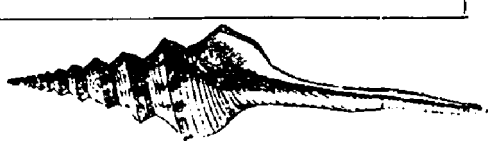
GUARANTEE:

I, Albert Carter, secretary of the "California Curio Club" personally guarantee each and every member who pays $1 for membership to receive not less than 250 beautiful sea shells (assorted) an equal share of all Indian relics, sea mosses and other curios found on our expedition to San Nicholas and in addition to receive 10 "snap shot" views of our shell gathering expedition (taken on the Island and enroute) and mounted on cards with a beautiful spray of sea moss.

Membership limited to 100 as $100 is the amount required to pay all expenses of the expedition. Send your application today accompanied by $1 postoffice money order or registered letter or you may be too late. If club is full when application is received your money will be returned. Membership fee can be paid in four weekly installments of 25c (silver) each if desired. Get two members to send with you and we will send you an "Orange wood basket" filled with shells and curios for your trouble.

REFERENCE: As to my honesty and integrity I refer you to any merchant or business man of Covina, Cal., (my former home). Old members please notice change in address and address all communications to our permanent headquarters at address given below.

ALBERT CARTER, Secty.
121½ South Broadway,
Los Angeles, - Calif.



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" " " full "	2.50 to 3.50
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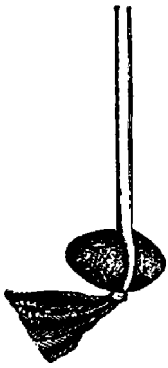

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☞A. R. Millard, Springfield, Ill., West is the best ad puller I have ever tried, it reaches the people who buy.

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Exchange Column

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