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## His Last とUOrds: "Good-bye, good-bye all; God. retill, not ours, be done."

For the third time in our history the bullet of an assassin ha stricken down the chief magistrate of the republic. 'Lincoln fel a victim to sectional hate, Garfield to political malignity, McKinle! to the murderous spirit of anarchy.

Of all men, William McKinley is the very last one whocould have been thought of as an object of enmity even to an anarchist.

Throughout his public career he has been the sincere and zealous friend of those whom Abraham Lincoln called the plain people. He sprung from their ranks and has ever been in sympa thy with them. No publi: man of his time has done more than William McKinley for improving the condition of Ameriaa labor and promoting the material progress and prosperity of the country. As the chief executive of the nation he has admimisteri his great trust with a judicious regard for the interests and rights of all classes. His whole life has been upright and honorable adid no president has more fully commanded or justly merited the es teem of his countrymen. It is not too much to say that Wiliam McKinley holds first place among living statesmen in the affection and confidence of his countrymen. Only the most distemperid and fiendish mind could conceive and act upon the thought of taki ing the life of such a man.

William McKinley was the 25 th President of the United Stater He was born at Niles, Ohio, in 1843. He served two tertmsin congress from Ohio, and was twice elected governor of Ohio. He was elected President in 1896 and again in 1900. He was assass inated on Friday September sixth at 4:15 P. M. in The Templed Music, Pan-American Exposition, at Buffalo, N. Y. Died Satr day September 14th, at $2: 15 \mathrm{~A} . \mathrm{M}$. at Milburn House in Buftal Buried Thursday. September nineteenth at Canton,Ohio, his hone
this "scoop." Williams was arrested in Omaha on liriday, September 6, (the date in the report, August 6 , being erronious). The last pages of the September number of the Wust were then in press, and a telegram to the printer to hold the number open was necessary. Expecting his trial to occur Monday, the 8th, the details of the arrest were held, but it being seen that no trial could be held for some days owing to the necessity of communicating with the Montreal victims, the matter was mailed on the Sth. This was received by the printer on the 9 th and within two hours after the receipt of the same, the paper was being wrapped for mailing.

It is generally regretted that that most dangerous of stamp swindlers, Williams, alias ad infinitum, escaper punishment, although arrested in Omaha last month while practicing his nefarious work. His clever destroyal of the incriminating check by mastication and swallowing is proof conclusive that he was guilty, but the absence of this necessary piece of evidence made conviction impossible. Omaha aspires to be termed metropolitan, but the detective making this arrest would seem to be sadly lacking in the qualifications regarded requisite for his position, his return of the check to Whlliams after it being in his possession being inexcusable. The Omaha officials displayed a commendable interest in the affair, and had the Montreal victims done as required and as was necessary, conviction would have been made possible. After holding him for a week, a fine for carrying concealed weapons and the costs of the case was imposed and the was allowed to go free. That the man is endowed with considerable "nerve" is shown by his subsequent actions. The day after his release, daily papers printed dispatches from Nebraska City, Neb., giving particulars of his fleecing a hotel keeper out of $\$ 50$ by the use of a
worthless check. This appeared to 4 drawn by the Scott Stamp \& Coin $C_{0}$ Williams alleging that he was ont their traveling representatives, exhimy ing letters from them on their regte letter head. These letter heads we:t, part of the plunder found in his poxis sion in Owaha, and which he was aline ed to retai:1. He was not apprehendin in Nebraska City, he having deparne before the worthlessness of the chede was discovered, and it is presumed thr he will seek new fields and conlines swindle the unwary.

If the remarks of our numerous com spondents can be viewed as a criterm the selection of Springfield, Mass.in the 1902 conventions of the P.S. of 1 and the $S$. of $P$. is not entirely satisix tory. We hope to have more to anent this matter shortly.

At the P. S. of A. and S. of P. as ventions a resolution was adopted dire: ing the Presidents to appoint comnitue to confer together with a wiew to acce taining the feasability of combining to two societies. This is a move in in right direction. Instead of laving in societies, each struggling along with os adequate membership to give it infute and prosperity, there should be a which would be made strong in prest and popularity by such a consolidatia The total membership of the two orga izations is little over five hundred. seems to have become evident that national societies of this character in not both be successful, there being? sufficient support for both. Becaus party strife in the S. of P., the P.S. A. was formed; it would now be fith for unseemly differences to be laid and forgotten, and, combining intereo all should work for the same end ${ }^{-1}$ advancement of philately.

The circular of the Scott stam? Coin Co., giving their plans to:
rthconing number of the standard talogue is of great interest. We reet that it was unavoidably crowded out the September number of the Westr, It deem it unnecessary to reproduce it this late date, the majority of our mtmpotaries having given it. It is mmendable for the compilers to thus we the public an advance announceenl of what the book will be, and the firal of the new edition will be awaitin anxious anticipation. While it is frain that this new (and commendable, ing proper) scheme will have a de. oralizing tendency on the habits and siness methods of a majority of deals, few bewail this fact. But it would pear that the compilers have underten a task of no mean proportions, ecomplete success of which cannot measured in advance. Mr. Capen struck a new note in the manner of ficing only the specimens of fine modition. This would seem to be the rrect basis to work on. And yet, all is beautiful theorizing is, as yet, but fort, untried and unproven.
in waking the catalogue price the rect valuation for specimens of perF condition, a certain incentive is rent to the elimination of poor specibas from the collection.
It may be safely presumed, however, th although the ideal catalogue seems be on the road, dealers, in their ife to secure business, will continue discount as of yore. Mr. Gregory, Wi York correspondent of Mekeel's eekly, expresses himeslf as follows: "This is a beautiful theory, but so of as the 'Flim Flam Stamp Co.' can $y$ old collections at 5 per cent or 10 tcent of their value, they can adverd stamps at 50 per cent, 60 per cent deven 75 per cent discount, as they now. Of course Messrs. 'Flim Flam' not have any stock from which to fill atists,: but the mischief is done by aupie."

Mr. F. W. Coning, of Maryville, Tenn. the new secretary of the American ciety of Curio Collectors.

Those interested in inverts will find an example of an intentional invert in our advertising columns.

It may be noted that advertisements of the West are to be found in many publications other that philatelic. 300 replies were received from one advertisement in a prominent theatrical monthly-one half of these became subscribers.

We thank our many kind critics who, in response to our invitation to offer criticism on the West (for a remuneration) chose the typographical work as their subject. To do more than thank them for their interest were contrary to the stipulations of our offer. That the WEST is not a model of typographical perfection is well known to the pnblishers, and, of course, to others. The September number was distressingly badthis due to Mr. Brodstone's absence from supervision. We are now negotiating for work that will be all that can be desired-we are anxious to give our subscribers the best obtainable, cost what it may. In the meanwhile, critics should bear in mind that it is an onerous task to get cut eighty to one hundred pages each month, as we have been doing for over a year. With the majority of stamp papers, the small size allows better opportunity for careful printing.

The September number of the West was the smallest issued for a long fime, this owing to the summer vacation of the publishers. However, it might be mentioned that this number contained approximately forty pages of purely philatelic matter. And this in a number of reduced size, too. We have no competition to meet in this line.

What promises to be a very successful organization was started in Onaha during the N. P.S. convention. It is known as the Omaha Collectors Club and starts out with a charter membership of twenty-five. The following are the officers: President, W. C. Fstes; Vice President, F. S. Parmalee; Secretaryrreasurer, E. H. Wilkinson.

## \&ottings from Old England *

## By Regular Correspondent.

The French soldier is not to have the special postage stamp referred to a short time ago. It is found that the manufacture of a special tri-colored flag would be too costly. It would cost a little more than a million francs for the machinery alone. SoJean-Jacques is to have an ordinary stamp marked "F, M." (franchise militairel. Two of the stamps will be given him each month, and should he not require them they must be returned to the intendance. Two free postage stamps per month may not seem much to an Englishman or an American, but they represent several days' pay. The French soldier receives, in addition to his food, etc., a halfpenny-a sou a day.

From a London daily: "Philatelist will soon be able to add the British $4 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. stamp to their collections of extinct species. Note the word "extinct species." This is amusing.

The overhanling to which the various royal palaces are being subjected, by order of King Edwara, is leading to extraordinary discoveries. Garrets and cellars closed over a century are being cleared and thrown open. A collector who is usually well informed told me the other day that a lot of complete sets of first issues of England and also of some of the Colonies had been brought to light. Wonder what became of them?

London dealers do not seem to regard the imposing American stamp "trust" with much alarm. Any attempt to increase prices will be bene-
ficial to the English trade. Our dealen are reaching out after Americantide and many of them are doing a nite line of business with collectors in te States.

This summer has been a very pros perous one for English dealers--w say it is the best season for years.

The current 1 shilling stamp se. charged "Gort. Parcels" is good pris erty. One authority has it that on about twelve copies a day are used.
-The Lyric Stamp Exchange Socte: is the harmonious title of a Britu collectors organization.

It is proposed that the British Pox Office arrange to have on sale fortig and Colonial postage stamps, this to the benefit of the public, primarily ta those who wish to make small remil tances. The British press is agitatix the question strongly, and no leis person than Mr. Henniker Heatan in favor of it.

Mr. K. R. Thiele's articles on shet of stamps appearing in an Ameria paper have attracted much attentio here. $[\mathrm{Mr}$. Thiele is on the editoti staff of the West.J-Ed.

Hast A. Carter, Los Angeles, Calif: Received replies to my ad from sad America and all over, and have alay been well pleased with results. can always count on us for ad.

Jo J. Campbell, Calcutta, West is a splendid paper.


## BOILED DOWN

 Oricinal ano DtherwiseIno thousand dollars represents the orlage of the coumittee that had arge of the Paris Philatelic Exhibition.

What to collect is an oft mooted ettion. One man is engaged in the lection of the titles of philatelic pubpuons cut from the title page.

The first issue of Senf's new catalogue, (ow copies, was sold out within a ort tine after publication.
the te and 12c surcharged "On Ser*" are not known to exist in Ceylon the surcharge must be bugus.

The issue of the new Pan-American mips ending 1902, will amount to 160 ,,000. The cost to manufacture these mps by the Govermment is 20 cents thousand as against 5 cents for the inary stamps.
lie number of Special Delivery mps issued in 1900 was $6,940,650$. tage due stamps issued $20,969,410$. pks of stamps 20,000 books per day.
there were issued during the fiscal 4 $19003,958,143,660$ ordinary postage mps.

## Pertinacity NecessityMonarch Monthly.

he collector who collects in fits and 1s. spending every cent he gets for mip one month and not looking at collection for the next six or eight nits is not the one to gather a very for valuable collection.

## She tehichness of the euharness. Philatelic Chronicle.

Articles on the desirability of collecting stamps, etc., may be of interest to a certain few, but what the great majority of collectors want is information on stamp issues, notes on varieties. descriptive articles on the issues of various countrics, and matters that will add to their knowledge of stamps, and not diffuse essays on The Whichness of the Whatever or the Ifness of the Finite When.

## As to Condition. <br> Curio Exchange.

Collectors should remember that the great majority of stamps as they come to hand after service in the mails are only in average condition and be satisfied if their collection consists of such copies. Avoid paying a high price for a stamp for condition. Of course, of two copies select the better; that goes without saying. But a slightly damaged copy at ten cents will pay a better profit in the course of years than a perfect copy at $\$ 1.00$, in spite of all talk to the contrary.

## relorth Copying.

Why should not variations of the same design in watermark and in the minor degrees of shade, perforation, and even of paper be placed side by side? The gain of such an arrangement may be readered obvious. Take, for example, a series which varies in ail three particulars noted. Personally, I break away from the orthodox methods and arrange such stamps in vertical columns. In the first column I put the first perforation. Then in the next column I place such stamps of the series as were issued with a second variety of perforation. Then the third variety of perforation in the third column and so all through all varieties of perforation, taking care to keep each value in line across the page. The advantage of this arrangement is that it tells at a glance what stamps are, and what are not, to be found in each variety of perforation.

## NEと CATALOGUE

We have been advised by the publishers that the standard catalogue will appear in November. This will be regarded with favor by all. And yet, Oliver Twist like, we are ever asking for more. The admirable plans of the publishers are receiving unstinted praise from every side, but there remains one thing unassured that is lacking to fill our cup of satisfaction to the brim. In the years past, this important vade mecum has never appeared on the date announced by the publishers in advance. Two months or more have generally elapsed before it is readv for distribution. The shortness of the stamp season makes two months a considerable period of time. These months are usually noted as a time of fluctuations in stamp values, unsteady prices, and an unwillingness of dealers to sell what may be desirable stock and a marked reluctance of collectors to purchase heavily in anticipation of lower prices when the past due catalogue appears. It may occur to some that these same troubles sloould be just as apparent prior to the catalogue's appearance, even though it appeared on time. Well, this experiment has uever been tried. At least the element of uncertainty would have been removed in this case, and everyone being assured of the exact date of issuance would adjust their sales and purchases accordingly.

It occurs to us that the issuance of this catalogue right at the commencement of the active stamp season, in September, or in the first part of October, would be a boon to collector and dealer alike. During the summer months, business is not so brisk, and the issue of the preceding season would serve satisfactorily. During this time, the publishers, relieved in a measure from the onerous work of heary business, would find their time more free to devote to conipilation. It has never appeared to be the correct system to have this supremely important
book reach the public in January oriater, months after its need is severely iet the transaction of a major part of bas season being based on the catalogte of the previous year. No addition to op work of the publishers would be impox ed were this commendable featurs adopted.

Of recognized value is the publicatios of notable variations in prices as gleaned from the advance sheets issued prio to the publication of the complete work The publishers, having announced the selves as for the elimination, as possible, of unstability in prices, woos do well to see to it that the leadies journals are provided with advang sheets upon application for same. T company issuing the American standre of values exercises an entire monoply the business (many remember the igmminious failure of a rival catalogue year ago). They have evinced a gencin interest in securing for their work to unqualified approbation of all. To then abundant praise has been given. If the comply with the demands of the stas? public and assure the appearance of c book on the date set, they will receive em gratulations and further commendatios Next year an effort to issue in Septembe will add to their laurels.

> The Career of a Thigf. Philatelic Record.

Now how does he begin his careet this philatelic thief? There never was a thief who began by stealing thirgo of great value, all began by taking litte things and the philatelic thief doesfite wise. He finds some old photograps with stamps on the back, and withont word to the owner who might or ming not be willing if asked, he soaks the stamps off and appropriates them. Steb ing! He receives approval sheets, rats some of the contents, and then inter of paying for them, puts worthless thingt of his own in their place. Staling He claims falsely that approval or es change sheets sent by mail were lost is transit coming or going. Stealing' the story runs on antil some more usually flagrant breach of honesty 2 then comes exposure, disgrace and blats for the delinquent while the victims hag faith in philatelic humanity and woncy if it is safe to trust anyone. Are a io stamps or a bit of money worth price? No, nor the whole Ayer colico tion either.

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## Foreign Papers

At the suggestion of Mr. Wilkinson I all in this number experiment with a W style of review-mew for this paper. least. I shall pick out the articles of month, as you might say, and review thi at greater length, devoting myself the lealing papers in turn. The pars not so reviewed will receive briefer ention each month. I shall be pleased the readere would advise me whether plan suits diem better than the old Oh or hot: we are open to criticisul.
In last monti's review I brieflo refertod lo Mr. Castle's article on the first
issue of Portugal published in the London Philatelist. Asthis article is contimued in the August number of the satme paper, it may be well to comdense the whole, all the nore as one sees but little in print relating to Portugal.

The first issue came into use July lst, 1853. It was engraved by I'rancisco Borja Freire, who was inspired by the octagonal embossed stamps then used in England; the embossing machine also came from England, but the stanps were printed at the mint at Lisbon. The 5,25 and 100 reis were printed on both thick and thin paper, the 50 reis on thick only. Of the 5 reis there were issued $3,515,400$ of the 25 reis $7,317,193$, of the 50 reis 179,057 , of the 100 reis 104,664 , (In view of these numbers the proportion between the catalogue prices of the various values is rather pecular.) Of the 5 reis there are two dies, whose differences may be thus summed up:

Die I. The pendant curl curls outward away from the neck; the two ornamental littes approaching the word CORREIO above at the left and right, and below pointing to the center of the 5 at the left and the upper part of the 5 at the right are short and broken in the center at an angle of almost 45 per cent.

Die II. The curl is cut away where it projects beyond the contour of the back of the head, although by excessive inking it often appears to project farther: the lines above mentioned are longer, thinner and straighter, so as to appear curved instead of angled. This die is met only on thin paper.

The second issue was engraved and printed as before. Of the 5J reis there are 5 dies, differing in the ntmmer of pearls and other variations; of the 25 reis there are two dies, die I haring rather larger lettering than die II (Scott's type I is die II and vice-versa.) Of the Curly Hair type only two values were issued: 5 and 25 reis; of the 25 reis there are at heast four dies perhaps more, in each color, differing chiefly in the network. especially under the 5 and $F$, of the lower inscription.
'lhe accession of King Luis gave rise to the issue of 1862, engraved as before. The 5 reis of this, as is well known. exists in two varieties, but it will be news that Mr. Castle has discovered five dies of the 25 reis also, slowing differences in the background (chiefly over the F : of CORRFIO.

## THE PHILATELIC WEST AND CAMERA NEWS.

The 1866-67 issue was engraved by $C$. Wiener of Brussels; the 5 and 25 reis show types. Of the 5 there are two, distinguished by Mr. Castle by the right upper 5 ; of the 25 reis he has found three varieties, differing in the relrtive positions of the 2 and 5 , and expects to find more. The same varieties of the 5 are found in the 1867-70 issue, while of the 25 reis Mr. Castle so far knows of seven varieties!

The 1870 issue was engraved by M. Campos. Some die varieties here are well-known; Mr. Castle adds more, listing 7 of the 25 reis and 2 of the 50 reis. The differences lie in the relative position of the numerals.

Another interesting feature of the August Jondon Philatelist is a paper by Mr. Hull on some of the later issues of Tasmatila.

Collectors no doubt have viewed with distrust the rapid decline in the price of the Abyssinian stamps of late. In this connection an article from " Le Collectionnear De Timdres Poste (no 248) together with the couments made thereon by Paul Lietzow, the editor of Die Post, in the August number of the latter paper will prove of interest. I give extract, as follows:

Every collector knows that in 1894 I received stamps of Anyssinia for sale through the Charge d' affaires of the Negns and that I advertised them in my lists. These stamps, whoes dies were cut by M. Mouchon, were made in the French postage stamp manufactory under govermental control, the ordnary stamps as well as those interded (later on! P. I. ) to be used as postage due stamps. These latter I received for sale after I received notice of their issue by telegram and then by the following letter, postmarked Paris, Nov. 18, 1896 and and addressed to me:
"Dear Sir-;
I have been advised from Harrar that the Menlik cards and the unpaid stamps are in circulation there "-Follow news of Abyssinea's joining the Postal Union. (ht has not yet join2d, after 5 years. P. L.)

This letter is signed by a deputy and French minister plemplotentiary with the authority of the Abyssinia Postmark General(how lofty that sounds! P. L. ) I will add that among a lot of genuine Abyssinian stamps, unfortunably sold under face value. The was about an equal number of unpaid stamps, of which no one will claim they were made for my benifit - - - - These
stamps were uot intended for the pabie ath they (who I. L.) even refuse to stul them to collectors in France. (This as. sertion of the M. Maury sounnls when one considers that he sold thousands of sets of the sadpas since 1894 . Maury has not yet furnish, fine talk, proof that the postage due stemon ed the proof are really genuine and boto fite postage stamps. P.L.)

From the report of the mectieg of :4 French Socicty we add the following:
M. Montader reports on stamps of Abyssinia. It appears that the postage stamps proper are used for prepaymer within the country, as Abyssinia ise not belong to the Postal Cnion. Bz the postage due stamps are entirly on known within this country. From Maury's explanations his good faith apparent and as concerns the sulder tumble in the price of these stamps ! Maury is evidently quite innocent of (At all events it is clear that the thes sinian unpaid stamps were and are frad P. L.)

The June number of the Rerista de: Sociedad filatilica Argentine brings is degree of the Chilean Goverment an nouncing new stamps for September There will be the following values: $k$ green, 2c rose, 5 c blue, 10 c black and vermillion, 30 c black and violet, 50 c blach and orange; on the latter a portra will be in black and will show Columbs without a beard.

The July number of the same papn bas a long catalogue of Chilean stamp from which it appears that the 20 c d the first type exists in London, impres sion only, not in local print only

Madrid Filatelico in its August nte ber concludes its condensed history d the stamps of Mauritius and brings valuable article on the reprints of Bergt dorf rather too long for review here. hope to recur to this later on, as the tr prints are so excessively common- - Pe es 49 to 64 of the History of Spanist stamps cone with the two last number containing chiefly official documents.

Artey Letras is the title of a new pare published at Havana whose first number is before me. It is literary in its 5 copp. but has a philatelic page. I wish it success.

The Abyssinian affair is rousing mad dispute in European papers; Fi Fijatelio Espanol discusses it in its August num ber, but arrives at no resuit except thd the stamps no doubt were in circulation in Abyssinia. The explanation theif sod
"hear movenent given by M. Maury: hat they have been retired for a new Eut, is luoted at. Where is the new fan now. if the old ones are Abbysd no new ones issued? The retired five dark all around - Some affair is descriptions are translated fronter-

Le Philateliste Francais for July ings sonm interesting notes on the anips of France. Fur instance the stoficial notice states that the first wips of France were to appear int red, perd in black, but the three stamps d. respectively. sucentimes stamp law of 1850 decreed ated.-On an old letter a printed apsheenfound, affixed by the post-office, fich states that the rate for prepaid fletters within laris is 10 c , but that letter in question, not being prepaid Eabject to a rate of 15 c . It was used his and is undoubteply the very then form of a postage-due stamp. cestamps of the Empire are found th advertisuments on the back, like be of Sew Zealand.-An illustration given of a leantiful essay with the bif the French Prince Imperial, ennel be Joubert in 1869. If the Emfhai not gone to smash the next r. we might liave a French stamp the thead of this unfortunate young ree, who fell under Zula spears in tica at the age of 23.-The Roumanarucle is brought up to the issues Min.
filatelia informs us that the Hungarifovernment has placed on sale mp hooklets like ours, containing 24 mps. This is the first I have heard t: have the European chronicles not icel it? - The paper devotes considerattention to fiscal stamps, a fiscal hange clut) having been formed at thas Aires.
Noticiero Fibatelico, our contempo at Mayrguez. Puerto Rico, is almost trely devated to advertisements.
hers is a good article in the July pher of ia Revue Pinlatelique Franedescribing the differences between bundon and local prints of the late enf Sew \%ealand, but these have oly: been lescribed so often that I not repeat them here. By the way, article states that the "d"" on the \%ealand postage-dut stamps stands Gume i surely the editor ought to To hetter: This paper is quite devottof fiscal stamps and has a good chronitof new fiscal issues.

Die Post still continues its article on German Colonial Cancellations and is at German East Africa at present.

The August number of the Vertrauliches Korrespoudenz-Blatt is largely takell up with announcements of the XIII. German Philatelists' Reunion at Berlin, now past. The list of counterests and frauds is, unfortunately, always a long one. - With this number there came a long list ( 545 numbers) of philatelic societies and papers which can be obtained separately and will be valuable to many.

Der Philatelist for August is exceptionally slim and furnishes nothing special for review. Its strong point is, as usual, the excellent chronicle.

The following are noteworthy articles from other periodicles:

Morley's Philatelic Journal for August: Postage Stamps of Tonga (concluded).

Fgypt Salt Department Revenue stamps.

Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal for July:

Hyderabad Envelopes (continued)
St. Pierre \& Miquelon surcharges.
Stamp Collector for August and September:

## Philatelic Tit-Bits.

Philatelic Cyclopaedia.
Danish West Indies.
Philatelic Chronicle \& Advertiser for August:

Stamps of Luebeck (continued).
A Philatelic New Year's Card (Greece).

Philatelic Journal of Great Britain for August:

Notes on Greek Stamps (continued
Design of British Stamps.
Abyssinian unpaid Letter Stamps.
Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly, Nos. 167, 168, 169:

Collectors' Guide to Values.
Reorganizing the Stamp Trade.
New French Reprints.
New Forgeries.
Hague Exhibition.
Review of Reviews.
Stamps for July and August.
Fiscal Notes and Chronicle.
First Bermuda Stamp.
Shades and Stamp-Color Names.
International Stamp.
Australasian Notes.
Philatelic Referee for Amgust:
Rustenburg, Leydenburg, Ury-
burg issues.
Haytian Stamps (continued).
Stamps of the Transvaal.

# Ye Caustic Critic's Column. Yous endiaty 

No lessanauthority than C. E. Severn ascribes Denver"s failure to land the 1902 convention seats to the lack of unanimityfof the western men. He saysin part: It is probable that the Chicago delegates did not vote to elect Denver, so that Chicago city could make a successful bidding for the conventions in 1903.

This fact existing, Denver's friends can't be expected to root very hard for Chicago next year. Such a coupd'etat inspires no admiration from the defeated. E. K. Aldrich also tells how Denver came to lose: "Too much creditcan not be given the western proxy holders by Eastern members as had Merell, Eaton and myself not followed what we believed was the desire of those we represented but cast onr votes solid for Denver the next meet would have gone west. Should the Easterners hold the upper hand next year may they be as considerate.
Solack of organization and unanimous work "queered" Denver. 'The West has not been honored with the conventions since 1894; why it should be thrown out in favor of a remote town with few attractions, comparatively. is incomprehensible. If the attendance at Springrield (Massachusetts) is small - remembar the "crime of '01." And do not wayer on Chicago's chances for 1903. "There's many a slip etc."

Brown, the versatile an! "Yours Trueiy." the omnipotent, of the $\boldsymbol{A} . \mathrm{P}^{\prime}$. Mara_ine, and Severn, the obsequions, of the Mekeel's. are entertaining (sic) the readers of their respective papers with a cornerd spat, wherein two endeavor stremonsly to demonstrate the absurdity of the ones views and vice versa. "Yours Truely" would appear to be a ratical disciple of Quackenbush whose conservative views as to the deplo:able sordidness of philately gained publicity in the WESTR. Brown, in a sort of love-me-love-my-dog fashion, champions his half appointed arbitrer of prices (to the extent of a page and a quarter in one isstue.) Severn, representative of thedread vampire commercialism, twists and turns in agonizing effort to escape the fire of invective the two direct upon him. All this trouble over the question as to whether the rlealer should affably endeavor to please his cu:tomer, acceding his demands, aceeptink his proof, acknow-
ledging inferiority of stock, admitting exorbitance of prices, or whether by over the transom if he shond havetizy unwarranted temerit or should quib more perfect specinen or should quib,
, ble about the price. My, my, hat
tempest in a teapot-in truth. mut ado about nothing. "Tot homines, quot sententiae." Iittle has bet trailled by this senseless controversit is a prostitution of vahuable spas that could be devoted to more edifyin? matter. "Yours Truly" is very dical-too much so. Any dealer adip: ing his idea would have speedy caly for regret-his business would sufferis the natural result of such impraction practices. The recommendation the if the customer becomes too insistez in his demands ats to the condition and price the dealer should "forcibly ejeit him is to quote severn, puerile.

A York State man wants to bur: philatelic paper or two. He says his advertisement "With good pape and lots of ink and type. I belierel could get up a mighty fine paper:" Hum.

Poor Any L. Swift! Some one, re: mame wnknown, grinds ont the follia ing-what shall we call it? Potre: Twould be a libel to do so- -anda wer ern publisher has the temerity to pris: it:

She took the Adhesive the retris hauled down.
Und stuck id fast on her night-gura Und putl id in her review ver all woid see
That der was one who loved tha: (good old Adhesive so free?!!)
A look of gladness came ooer the fer Of Don, und he lamshed alount.
Who refuses to break every strims ib dat crazy girl's night-gown.
Dies like a busted stamp paber,
Skip along, he siad.
Isn't this scandalons? The entiat "poen'" cannot be reprinted-- twere waste of time to do so. But the cte clucling parasraph-ah, there's sumt thing of worth. Near brother and sif ters, let us commiserate

Amy Swift's vork vos done. She don't anymore kin git madat tear hair and kiss her fellor . and subscribe for the ***** Pully for her: Vnd crack a smite Of dat olt girl midnot being atras of ritting a slap on de jaw in tre meanwhile!
Poetry is, or should be, admisat: to the lhilatelic pa per only wader wat consideration it shonk be poetry, ad shonld be relevant. The abure bab I apoligize for the reprodaction.

## in "Impursto ds Guerra" <br> Stamps of \$pain.

Ny specialty of collecting is postage camps only. At first I used to collect ant thing in the line of stamps that cane to hand, until I saw, that a limit ation to one species of stamps would tenliloy my faculties more satisfactorily. To this end I commenced to discard from my collection every stamp not a monge stamp. I counted several "im firsto de guerra' stamps unter Spain aul cousulting scott found that they wete classed as "war stamps", with the frmark "these stamps are only revenue Smps. etc." Away with them! And anay they went in exchange for postage samps. Later on I came across a closer inthrmation about these so called "war Eups, revenues only" and perhaps fs of interest to some of our readers if If momuncate my lesson to them. The frar of Spain against Don Carlos and Ahe insurrection of the Cubans in 1873 misulte an extra expense to poor fpaim and the had to lery an extra tax Hers articles as documents, bonds. frith. diplomas. receipts, lottery abd heater bickets. etc., and also on letters Fibhin the domains of Spain and to is -poni- atnd colonies tributary to the Wher country. Accorling to a decree ha. 2. 159: artiele 3 there were issumed fo tanuse scemtimes and 10 cemtimes. White the 10 centimos really was folimy else, but a war revenue stamp In other domments. of corresponding finc, the 3 centimos, though a reventae角解 was an additional postage tax befifes the ordinary postage due or in ther Worilsa real postage stamp. No (anel lether was permitted to be mailed to leave the post office without this ditional postage tas stamp. regardless the weight of such letters. Ithis deowas enforced January 1st. 1874. for inctance a letter was posted with Purdinars postage stamp or stamps qherel in full payment of the usual
postage rates, but lacking the extra war tax 5 centimos stamp, such letter was retained and the sender notified as if no postage at all had been paid. In Spain prepayment of postage is required by law. And-now mark-to prove that the 5 centimos "impuesto de guerra," of course cancelled by postal mark, was nothing but an additional and a real postage stamp I wish to state that letters bearing the "impuesto de guerra" stamp osis were forwarded by the royal mail, even if the ordinary postage stamps were missing.

Consequently the 5 centimos "impuesto de guerra'' is really a postage stamp.

For the reason that this additional postage fee probabiy would be necessary only a short time, the government did not cloose to make any changes in the postal tarriff, but simply issued this extra stamp, which she was at liberty to withdraw at any time.
letters to foreign countries under international agreements were free from such extra taxation and passed over their routes without that additional postai fee also postal cards within the clomain.

First issue, Jan 1, 187t inscription: Impuesto de Guerra 5 cent feseta, between two lines forming an owal, color: black on white.

Soon counterfeits were in circulation and could be distinguished as such in. the following manner. The number 5 is larger with the connterfeits than with the genuine, so is the star between the insctiptions larger and does not form an exact circle, hut isbroader and larger and third, the space between the oval line and the lower inscription is too wide with the counterfeits.

The lost Master General. not the Revenue Authority, gave the alarm and asked the Postmasters' caution all over the land. This is another proof that the j cxatimos "impuesto de guerra" was and is a postage stamp and camot be
considered a revenue stamp. There are other falsifications of differt design.

Second issue January 1,1875, - May 31, 1875, inscription Tempto de guerra
"Espana'’ on both sides cut at the bottom and a " 5 " in a small oval in each corner below, color: green on white. With the issue of this green stamp for 1875 the former black was cancelled and declared invalid.

Still in the province of Tarragona, probably in want of the new issue, the first black issue was kept in use with a black surcharge by the post master of that district Adm. Econ. Tarragona hab. pr 1875'. Only a few of these stamps being used until the supply of the new green issue had arrived. These stamps are naturally very rare, and their genniness is doubted by some philatelists. E. R. Steinbrueck, Mandan, N. Dak.

## Chip.s.

## By E. R. Steinbrueck

A very interesting feature of onr present $\mathrm{U} . \mathrm{S}$. stamps is that the perforation tears easier up and down than herizontally. Try it mailing about a thousand letters a day.

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The precancelled stamp craze has not died out. Why should it! It's a hobby like all the others. Disinterested call such a leaning a "craze," others make it their "hobby." I am not exactly wild about precancelled stamps. I pick 'em up as they come my way and for oddity sake I collect them without much more regard. I don't hunt them as I do stamps.

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E. Spinony \& Co., a San Francisco firm took friendly interest in the propaganda of stamp collecting in North Dakota, having offered premiums for stamp collections exhibited at our last state fair. There was no stamp collection. however, worthy of any premium
except my own which took first prik
and one dollar premium.

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The DeSedang stamp I have is posta: ly cancelled and probably was asci legally as it is the case with some of be Harrier Island pigeon post stamps, in which I bave good authority, no matto what others say.

One of our teachers in the publy schools of Mandon is going to get up stamp collection for the school and the purpose of teaching from it. So mude accomplislıed by exhibiting my stam? collection in the Educational Depar: ment of the Fair and explaining buaters May other teachers have as much gox sense as the Mandans.

> Russian Rurals.
> Montreal Philatelist.

In a country of Russia's dimensions would not pay to run the postofice mi routes into every little nook and cons: The manner in which this difficulty surmounted is interesting. The imptri post determines a fixed route for mails. All districts which are not of that route are permitted to estabis miniature posts, which carry letters $\%$ the nearest station on the route oft $x$ imperial post. These posts are orgary ed and worked by the local muicipi governments, which issue stamps forto purpose. These posts were authoris by an edict (dated September, 3 , 150 to carry local letters from one point 3 the district to another, and also to tir letters to and from the nearest office ${ }^{0}$ the government postal service. It their characteristic fondness for rim colors, the designers of the rural starff have made them of many bues. and they are not particularly artistic tor are decidedly highly colored. Sowt the results are, in consequence, absurd but some of them are admo specimens of the engravers art.

## Notes <br> For U. S Collectors

## E. R. ALDRICH.

A recent list of an eastern dealer gives no guotations which cannot fail to inerest those who are interested in Uncle fan's adhesives. The first is for a paer pr of of the August type of the 3c sisi offered for 51.00 and the ouher an mperforate pair of 18902 centers at ©

The continued scarcity of used copies fthe $\leqslant 0$ revenues keeps the price well I have noted but two offers recently eing made, one at $\$ 12.50$ and the other 4.50. It does not seem that a price of tre a third of face could be maintained there is no indication of any weakfing in the market. Either the stamps ore not reached the dealers or tise the at of purchase by them is being careth: concealed.

In their latest quotations the publishsof the standard catalog furmish prices 29 c and 2111 , the special prititing of e 5 c brown and to green, which they w offer at $\$ 25.00$ each.

One of the interesting exhibits in mection with the postal display at " Pan-Am" is an electric cancelling achine upon which souvenirs given to fiturs are cancelted. The card used is Iflinary postal card stock upon which He inscription in four lines:

PostOffice Depart...ent Fxhibit
$-1^{\circ}$ S. Government Building, -l'an-American Exposition,
Ruffalo, N. Y. and in parenthisis in small letters in lower sinster corner "thailable." The cancellation used is Buffalo, X. Y.-1901 with date ard "Pon: in celltre and seven lines with "P. U. Dep't Ex"' between third and
fifth in centre.

At Scott Co's 86th Sale held April 231888 a superb copy of a proof of the $\$ 5000$ revenue realized $\$ 43.00$. The specimen was pronounced by those who examined it as the finest ever offered in New York.

At this same sale an used albino of the 1853 envelope was sold for sixty and an esssay prepared for the letter sheet, showing Grant's portrait and printed in blue brought thirty cents. These prices are old, of course, but it is only once in a long time that we see any prices at all upon this class of specimens.

Since the untimely death of Presdent MeKinley, or at least since collectors have recovered from the dazing effects of the shock of the assassination they have begun speculating if precedent would be followed and the design on some of the sombre colored valuts be changed to make way for the features of the well beloved ruler whom the anarchist's bullet has removed from the executive chair of our land. In the present list of colors to snpercede Perry on the dollar value with our late president would seem evidently proper.

## French Reprints

## L'Echv de la Timbrologie.

A new lot of reprints, consisting of a large number of postage stamps of France, China, Cavalle, Dedeagh, Port Largos, Vathy, Morocco, Madagascar of the allegory type and unpaid letter stamps, with and without surcharge, have been recently turned out. The colors are slightly different from those of the originals and the paper is appreciably thicker. A number of varieties which were previously known only in type II, may now be seen in type I.

## Hydrogen Peroxide.

## Baraar.

The lydrogen peroxide can be had in either a watery or an ethereal solution. I am inclined to prefer the latter, as it dries quicker, and lasts longer-1. f... the oxygen does not seem to escape from the solution so rapidly, for I find that the watery solution soon loses its oxygen.

My monds opronsin is as follows: I lay the stamp on a piece of paper, and paint the peroxide all over it with a soft paint-brush, stroking the stamp repeatedly with the brush. After a few seconds of this, I dry off the peroxile with clean blotting-paper, and paint again with some more. Tus is done again and again, till all the black has changed into the original orange, vermilion, blue, or lilac, as the case may be.

Another way, which, however, is more wasteful, is to put the stamp into a watch-glass, or similar receptacle, and pour a teaspoonful of the peroxide on it. leaving it in until the colour has quite cone back. In very obstinate cases I have found that the peroxide seems to act more rapidly and more surely if, between the paintings, the stamp be held to the fire to dry.

Readers mast understand that the peroxide will not injure the most delicate colours.

## CHICAGO MARKETS

As one would expect of a newspaper combining the tacilities of The Chicsno Rricord and The Chicaco TimesHfralid, The Chicaco Record-HerAID covers the markets and fitancial and coumercial intelligence generally: on a scale of exce; tional fullness, covering two entire pages of each issue. The quotations on live stock, grain and prorisions, stocks and bonds, and in fact. every commercial aud financial market in which the people of the Northwest are interested, are thoroughly complete and satisfactors. Examine the market pages of any issue and see for yourself.

## Le Roy Wonders.

LeRoy.
I have often wondered why Scotlist. ed the C. S. Revenues, inverted medal: lions as a regular issue or at least it seems so from the description given in the catalogue. I always supposer they were errors. Why does Scott's 3 ghti show two separate issues of the U. s. dues of 189. the 60th but one?

## ENTERTAINING FICTION

One advantage of reading a serial story in a daily newspaper is that an installment of convenient length is receir. ed every day that does not consume an undue amount of the reader's time. Al installment of a high-grade serial ston appears in every issue of The Chicacio Record-Heralib-a popular featureo: that enterprising Chicago daily. Ever issue contains aiso a she rt illustrated humorous story on the editorial page. Realers of The Chicago Record. HenAr,is can depent upon a never-failing source of pleasant entertainment in the noteworthy fiction that is always to be found in its columns.

Keep your eye out for the little thing that kill an advertisement. Rememk: that
good ents,
good type,
good display,
prices quoted.
white space.
and consincing talk.
will win for you. Aroid alway:
bluster, brag,
blow, generalities.
flowery language.
Worn out cuts,
type and badly
formed advertisements are not good for
business.
Foreign readersare especially requet ed to semd us interesting items pertifo ing to stamps or canteras.

##  <br> Covers $\&$ Envelopes.

## Observations on Some Original Covers <br> $++++++++++++4+4++++++++$

 By R. R. THIELE. (Continued from last number)fas we are still in registration marks, may mention a few others. Most pittors are familiar with the linen trlopes furnished by Great Britain for Instration purposes, bearing the stamp the flap of the envelope, while the tage is affixed on its face. To call Guntion to the registered character of letter, two heavy blue lines cross its A and a large blue letter $R$ is usually fited in the upper left corner. Simienvelopes have been adopted by mo of the British colonies and by a w other countries. Their use is not ligatory; if letters are registered in dinary envelopes in Great Britain, a 3 fre cross is made on their face with a acil in imitation of the printed lines dthey are marked with the large tial R in anoval.


Similar blue lines are used on register-
letters in ordinary envelopes in lows other countries. For instance Are is one frotn India, which bears the allowing registration mark, impressed Iniblack ink?

Attungal being the name of the origin. ating office. This envelope bears on its back this postmark in a circle:

## SEA POST OFFICE

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22 DE
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This is the stamp of the post office on board the leninsular and Oriental steamers between Bombay and London, or between Bombay and Brindisi, where the Indian mail is transferred to the railways across Italy and France. There must be quite a number of these, distinguished by the letter under the words SEA POST OFFICE.

Another letter showing such blue lines came from the Orange Free State -'befo' de wah,' to be sure. It bears no K on its face. The postmark reads:

GEREGISTEERI)
APR 17
99

## BLOEMFONTEIN

all enclosed in an oval. The letter bears the further postmark on its back:

REGISTERED LETTTER OFFICE APR 1999
CAPETOWN
also enclosed in a transverse oval. Still another postmark is the fawiliar une of the American exchange office:

NEW YORK, N. Y.
5-17
1899
REG'Y. DIV.
enclosed in a doublelined oval, the date within the inner oval. The time made by this letter is pretty fair; there is no indication of its having passed through London, though I doubt that mail is carried direct between Capetown and New lork.

Blue lines like those described are also found on an envelope before me coming from Spain and bearing in addition to 50 centimes in other statups, one of the special 5 c black war tax stamps-mournful souvenir of Spain's unfortunate war against our own country. Continued.

## the philatelic west and camera news.

## Counterfeits and Gheir Detection

By Lacus Viridis

## Gurkey

(Continued.)
The 5 piastres has also been imitated but it is easily told by the characteristic before described: the Arabic figure 5 is in circles instead of (as it should be) in an octagon. Finally, all these forgeries can be told infallibly by counting the pearls of the inner oval; as above, there are only 43 whereas there should be 48 .

The issue of 1876 with the FMP: OTTOMAN has been counterfeited quite as extensively as the others. Take the 10 paras black and lilac of 1976 , for instance. The characteristic lies in the inscription EMP: OTTOMAN which is moch too large and thick on the counterfeit, as well as the word PARAS. Compare suspects on this point with the others of the set. The Os in OTTOMAN are quite circular on the genuine, but oval on the counterfeits. The distance between the lower line of the crescent and the line above OTTOMAN is too large on the counterfeits, being nearly twice the width of that on the genuine. To remedy this the counterfeiter extended the triangular ornaments in the lower spandrels too far. so that the right point of this triangle ends over the second T of OTTOMAN, whereas it should end over the second $O$. The Arabic figure 1 in the righthand spandrel should be almost parallel with the line just below it, but on the counterfeit it stands at an angle of about 40 degrees to this line. Most of this holds good also for a forgery of the 20 paras red violet and green. It canl moreover be toll at a glance by the fact that on the connterfeit the lower extremity of the Arabic figure 2 in the lefthand spandrel points directly into the corner above the worl k:All:, while
ou the genuine it points nearly $?$ min above the corner. The small arabesgee ornaments above the word Paris should be distinctly formed of two lints up to the small inner balls. but the counterfeit shows only one line os either side near the balls. Another counterfeit showing the same earmaths is one of the 50 paras blue and relior In addition it betrays itself by the es. cessive height of the figures 50 ; the ; nearly touches the line under FMP: and the $O$ nearly touches the arabesque ornament, whereas there should be near. ly a millimeter space above each. I have another forgery of this value, bat printed in blue only, without the gellon background, thus creating all artifcial error-a gem without price, surely. it is just like the one described above, es. cept for the figures 50 which are quire different. They are also taller thoo those of the genuine, but the five has a very long tail, whereas the 5 of both the genuine and the counterfeit before de. scribed has a short tail; the 0 of the $a$ on this latter forgery is directly undef the end of the arabesque, whereas it should be somewhat to the left of the same. The general characteristics befort given-size of inscription, space under crescent, end of triangle-will ady answer for a counterfeit of the 2 piastro black and yellow brown; it is otherwis very well imitated. The same is true of a forgery of the 5 piastres red and blur: here an additional mark is found in the figure 5 , the tail of which should be turned slightly upwards, whereas on the counterfeit it distinctly hangs downard. The A of PIASTRES should be exact? under the open space between the tro arabesques, but on the counterfeit it is a little to the left of the same. Stillar other forgery of the same general ap: pearance is one of the 25 piastres clant: and rose. The tail of the 5 should to almost straight, but is cursed on the forgery; the figure 2 is much too tail The top of the Arabic figures 2 in th
wandrels shond be quite curved, but
the the forgers it is quite straight. The (b) grounc: fits straigll (lunt there are other count ats. not before ...e at this writing, fir it hangs to the left.) Aneasy on teil comuterfeits of this set is by the of orTOMAN; on the genuine pip it is almost always so badly Ifred that there is no color at all in eupper part or only the timest dot of for: on the counterfeits owing to the ger size of the $A$, the upper part is fars distinctly prined.
(To be continued.)

## Ir the Amsrisan I.seal Post-Allices Were Managed.

By A. Treherne, of England.
firre were three classes of thege fr:-:-the cespatch posts, the sub toftices and the delivery offices. A Fuatch post's stock in trade consisted a route of tin letter boxes of from to 1000 boxes. (A good illustration one of these boxes is given in the als of Brady \& Co., New York 1858.) fere boxes were stationed in the vahis parts of the city, and were not the particular charge of anyone, but pe were in the charge of the protots of drug, book and grocery fes who undertook to take care of letter boxes in consideration of a fit of fifty cents which they gained the sale of every $\$ 2$ worth of stamps. in sign with "Despatch Post" on it sometimes attached to the door to Th that the letter box was inside, bugh the box was usually hung Aride. The hours of collecting and Bery were marked on the box, and be letters taken to the office of the it three or four times daily. Hoyd's \% post in New York and Blood's in d delphia were specimens of this the sub post offices differed
from the despatch posts, as they employed no carriers, whatever, all their business was conducted in their office which was usually in a public thoroughfare. A set of boxes was fitted up in the post office which the proprietors rented at a stated sum per month. All letters directed to any person, naming the particular sub post office were, on their arrival, thrown into the box owned by that letter office and were then taken to their destination by a special messenger.

The convenience to the public con. sisted in their having their letters brought to a convenient distance from their residences, the anmoyance of the crowded post offices being thus a voided. Such pest offices were the Broadway post office 1848, the Union Square post office 1850 and Pipe Daily Mail 1863. The Pomeroy Letter Express stamps were issued by the proprietors of a despatch post and the different colored stamps were issued for different districts. A very little known local is the Hordons Express post for Brooklyn issued about 1850. I have only seen three of these stamps: one in green, unused and two on yellow glazed paper used, one on the entire original envelope. These stamps are not catalogued uy Scott but I have no doubt they are genuine locals and did postal service.

Much to the annoyance and inconvenience of the local postal authorities. a swarm of bees recently took possession of the letterbox in Killbridge, near Mullinger (England.) All attempts to disloge them have proved unsuccessful and the mails still remain within the letter box. The postmastergeneral has liberally offered a reward of 2 sh to anyone who will effect a clearance of the busy occupants, but no one has undertaken the task and it is feared we must await Lord Kitchener's return.-The Stamp Collector.

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## Stamp.s of Venezuela

 By YSince 1859 the stanips of Venezula have had all the values in each issue of the same general design but differing somewhat in detail. I do not know as to whether the 1859 and 1861 issues have been counterfeited or not but I know that the 1863 and 1866 issues have secret marks, as follows:

The $1 / 2$ real, type I 1863, has a dot in one of the pearls at the top and a vertical line in a pearl ont the left of the circle.

The $I$ and 2 reals, $1 / 2$ and 1 centavo have the vertical line only.

In the 1866 issue the words "Dios $y$ federacion" appear in the knot of the scroll bearing the inscription. The secret marks of the 1866 issue are as follows:

The $1 / 2$ real has a vertical line in the centre, The 1 real has two horizontal lines on the left one small and one thick vertical line in the centre, one horizontal line on the right and a $G$ in the cornucopia toward the left.

The 2 reals has three large dots.
In the $1 / 2$ centavo, on the left a dot and in the middle the letter 1 .

In the 1 cetavo, a large dot in the middle.

In the 2 centavos, on the right is an oblique line and a dot in the centre.

1866 issue January $1 / 2 \mathrm{r}$, 1st. transfer. The sheet contains 135 stamps in 15 rows of 9 stamps each.

In the cornucopia at the left are four long lines. The horses tail nearly touches the sheild at the left and is formed of a thick dash. The Howers from the cormucopia are partly covered by the laurel branches. The palm leaves on the right, especially the fourth, are bent. The inscription Dios $y$ federacion are composed of three separate words. The letters are uniform in size and the scrolls are split in two even parts at the ends. The $s$ of los is straight.

The stars on each side of the ritat are evenly formed. The gum is smona and white.

The paper was rather thin and: color rather light where as in the tig issues the was white and the deeper. The three principal colorsin, pale brown violet, dark brown vidiey and b:ight brown violet.

1870 issue. July $1 / 2 \mathrm{r}$. 2nd transe A bout Juiy 1870 a second printing na made of the $1 / 2$ real. The sheets ca tained 135 stamps in 15 rows of 9 eqs The third, sixth and ninth stamp the fourth, eighth, twelfth fifteenth row, horizontally are reserse.

The paper was at first thick and dull white but later on thin and not white. The colors are lilac rose, brim and dark, brown rose, red brown, ki and dark, carmine and pale brur: Ald these shades exist tete-beche.

FORGERY OF $1 / 2$ REAL, 1870.
These stamps, the color and pape appeared at about the same time as: origrinals.

The cornticopia at the left is heara shaded by vertical lines. The hurr is shorter and thicker. The tail is is from the shield and is formed of small dash.

The laurel leaves do not touch te flowers of the cornucopia and arema bent.

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In Belgiunt a new stamp is to be F sued bearing a new portrait of the fit It is said that the new stamp is mar nificiently designed by the Brusis artist Omer Dierick, who alsodesigm the 1000 franc note. The new typer entirely different from the former:sues. It is unusually simple, mithat the ornamentation with which the Belgian stamps have been overload It is composed of few, but strong lies and the portrait of the King is versit like. New methods will be follorm in the making of this stamp. It is ai yet known when this stamp will issued. -De postzegelgics.


Ancient Indian Relics.
B. WM. WARNFK. JR.. (A.S. of C.C. No.150.)

Heing a comparatively young collector of Indian Relics, I can only speak of my experience from the time 1 becane interested in then, which befan on the 26 th day of November 1897, on which date I was passing the home of a friend who had a small collection of choice specimens of Indian relics, and who lad placed forty or more of his rough and inferior flint arrows and -pears around the edge of a flower moutucl.
Ihat noticed them there for some time and the more I saw them the more interestad I became, (rough as they were) and I desired to possess them, I therefore, asked ing friend what he wanted for the lot and to my delight, the told me I conld have them for a "starter" which I eagerly gathered wp and took with me.
I then began to study thent more and more and from that time on, have added arrows, spears, axes, celts, etc., to those forty or meste until riy collection mumbers up in the thousands of specimens, fine and rare, and shapes of all kinds.
In the course of six months after $m y$ fient's aft, my collection more than donbled his, in the number of specimells as well as quality, and it was not fong until I purchased his entire colection. which I still have.
After a tinte when I had gathered a reat many specimens I began planning Onle way to arrange them so that they Fould be attractive and could not be fanded by careless persons (for if laid
on shelves, tables or in show cases, it requires constant watching to keep them from being handied or misplaced. I therefore concluded to monnt them.

I secured a supply of cardboard and made the cards $1+x 17$ in size, covered them with black cloth, on which I sewed my arrows and spears, arranging them to represent designs, such as a heart, crescent, star, shield, cross, fan, Maltese cross and many others, using only the tiny arrows to lay off the designs and then filling up with larger arrows and spears. I then placed a white backgronnd on the walls of niy office, over which I fastened the cards, leaving a two inch margin between each card, friving it the desired effect, and making it lock in all as attractiveas a picture. I have frequently overheard remarks from the people passing my office "What queer wall paper that is" or "what nice pictures of Indian arrows those are' this and many similar expressions, tends to show that the manner in which 1 have arranged my specimens, at least draws the attention of the people who are not interested in then at all, and parties who take an interest in Archaeology and are themselves collecting, think the arrangement and dispiay immense.

The beanty of it all is, that the entire mgunted collection can be seen and admired, without being touched, thereby decreasing the danger of loss from breaking or chipping.

I now have sixty-five cards mommted and ann continually adding to them as my time permits, as I have but about half of my collection mounted, my whole collection numbering about six thousand specimens.

Only those who have seen the collection or photorraphs of it can grain any idea of how well it looks, I thitik I am the originator of this way of monnting Indian relics, as I have seen momerous coliections and varions at-
rangements, in cabinets, show cases and otherwise but nothing on the order of mine. My heary stone and flint implements I have placed on shelves, immediately under the mounted specimens, the whole collection in this way requires but little room, whereas, if othermise arranged it would consume considerable space.

## Picked Up In Passing.

By F. May Tuttle (A. S. of C. C. No. 102)
A friend in New Hampshire, who had formerly been a resident of Ohio, writes we as follows: "There was a spring near the place where we lived in Ohio which boiled up many fine white shells. None of these shells could be found upon the surface of the ground except where the water flowed from the spring. A railroad was built across a piece of low, wet ground not far distant from this spring and while the workmen were at dinner one day several rods of the road, (yet unfinished), sank. leaving water several feet in depth in which there were fish."

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While calling at Col. Abernethy's the other day he showed me an interesting specimen that stands in his front yard. It is a large piece of granite which was found two miles south of Osage. Iowa. It stands about three feet high, tapering to a point in a pyramidal form. One side has been polished by glacial action, and from a certain angle the strae are plainly visible.

While botanizing one day this summer I came across a very interesting geological area. A familirr sight in this locality is the pure, white limestone outcropping terywhere, dipping at all angles, and at each point of the compass. The particular spot that arrested my attention was a nmber of ravines, made by heavy rains, down the sides of a railway embank ment. The glacial drift con-
sists of pebbles of all descriptions, some worn by the action of water and others. by glacial action. Among the drift were two limestone rocks containing brachio. pods and crinoid stems, an interesting find as all the other outcropping rocks around that locality were devoid of fossil remains.

A rather startling theory was lately advanced by Professor L. Errara of the Uuiversity of Brussels, before a confer. ence of the Association of the Studens of Science. His theory is that plants can be proven to possess souls. As illus. trations of his theory he cites the fol. lowing incidents. The closing of the leaves of the Dionea at the slightest touch; the organism of the protozoids: the sensibility of certain fungi, and the habits of certain plants. "It is a well known fact," he says, "that young plants subjected to a unilateral illumination toward the light. If the flame is located at an angle of 180 degrees the plants bend in a direction diametrically opposite. If the experiment is repeated a number ot times, at regular intervals. then suddenly debar the plants from all light they will still continue for a certain length of time to execute regular!! their clock-like movement. They bas in a way remembered the time, and what is to be said of the trees which in Auturn. in one climate, lose their leaves at a fixed season of the year and which continue to do so in warmer regions where their congeners no longer lose them!" He seems to have at least convinced himself when he adds: "The soul is complex and differentiated in animal life and in human life. In the vegetable world it consists of an aggregatiou of numberless properties or attributes. It only needs to follow the course of eio lution and the complications of anatom: cal structure." Even though we mar not agree with the learned professor: theory, it opens up a new field of thought
for the loutanst, of the habits of plants and their sensibilities! Even a child mary be conscious of the personality of a Harer. While gathering Hepaticas in the woods this spring, accompanied by fon little maidens, one of the quartet astonished me by saying. " Mirs. Tuttle, does it lurt these dear little flowers when we pick them?"

A few years ago I made an interesting find in a pile of sand just frests from the sand-pit. It was a cowrie, probably cmpaea obeollata common in the Pacific islands. There are three ways in which it might have found its way to the inland. It might have been cast away by soneone: as the Indians used to use them in trading it might have been brought in that way; or these inland sum-beds may have once been the bottura of the ocean. At any rate a cowrie ssifl seemed very much out of place in an lowa sand-pit.

The Pioneer Society of San Bernarlino bunt!. Calformia, an orgamization combried of men and women who crossed lle plains in ${ }^{\circ} 49$, and who lave resided there for over half a century, has removel an old $\log$ cabin from the San Bernatino mountains to the city of San Bermadino, where hereafter the oldfimers will meet in regular weekly session. pier 300 curios are on exhibitoon in it, hief of which is a silver spoon that came fer on the Mayflower in 1620, a shotWun made in 1737 , a lamp at one time Se! lyy Joseph Bonapart, a sugar bowl milclock formerly used by George WashFioton. a pistol which was used by Davy fockett huring the siege of the Alamo. (i) Carson's rifle, which has killedover fiscore of ment Jamiel Boone's pocket mapass that laid out the lines in Kenply: a bed quilt made eighty-five fars ago. a pocket book over 200 years 4. Which came to America in the Mayfower and was formerly owned by GouPirr Wilhan Rradforil: a hymn book
printed in 1820; a butcher knife that was brought across the plains in 1849 , a tomahawk found in Death Valley beside two bodies by Lewis LeFerre; a bowie knife that has a record of having scalped over three score emigrants; a looking-glass frame used by Washington during the Revolution, porcelain ware found at Brin's cabin in 1849, where the Donner party of eighteen camped and later died from thirst; a French saber that saw service in the battle of Waterloo; shears that cut the clothes which Washington wore when he was made a General; a Bible printed in 1791; a handkerchief ninety-seven years old, and a fife used by Major Arthur Henry in the Mexican War. Collectors who visit San Bernadno should by all means visit the old cabin and inspect its treasures.

A musty diary, in which for ten years David Sewall, a register of probate of York County, Maine, recorded memoranda of his daily life, has been dis. covered in the Court House archives at Alfred. Judge Sewall was appointed by President Washington, Judge of the District Court of Massachusetts.

The latgest iron meteorites come from the Carion Diablo, in Arizona, and were discovered about ten years ago. Of this famous "fall" Professor Ward, the natural history collector, has seven large specmens and twenty or more smaller ones. The surface of the larger ones is covered with indentations or pits scooped out by the air through which they fell, as if by a chisel. Sometimes holes were thus bored entirely through these openings, that the specimens may be suspended for more effective display. The Canon Diablo meteorites are remarkable in being one of the two known kinds that contain diamonds. The diamonds are black and microscopic, and have no commercial value.

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## Curio Notes

## By Roy Farrel Greene (A.S. of C.C.. Na. 1.)

Mr. V. M. Buck of Pawnee, Oklahoma Ty., has in his possession a copper coin or medal which thus far curio collectors have been unable to name or identify. About fifteen years ago while workmen were excavating for the foundation of a house in the suburbs of St. Paul. Minn., the coin was unearthed from what appeared to be an Indian grave, as a number of Indian ornaments were found with it. The coin is of copper, about the size of a half dollar, but thicker than a silver dollar. It is plated with gold, and in the edge is a ring by which it can be attached to a chain. The coin is crulely willed, and appears to have been molded instead of stamped. On one side are two crossed arrows, with a crown between their points, and the date 1766 between their feathered ends. In the left rightangle is " 20 R ," and in the right "S. M." The reverse face bears a crowned shield on the field of which is a lion rampant. Below and on each side of the shield is a small crown. To the left of the shield are the letters "A. F.," to the right "S. G" and below "V. R." Mr. Buck is curious to know the history of his relic.

Geologists are of the opinion that the vast territory now known as $W$ yoming once had numerous fresh water lakes and a climate approaching the semitropical, and that the animals whose bones are from time to time coming to light inhabited these lakes and adjoining swamps in myriads. They sank into the and in dying, and their bones were covered with other deposits and become petrified. The large beds are found at points supposed to have been the mouths of great rivers, the animals after death having floated down these rivers to places where they were de-
posited in these estuaries, thus account. ing for the vast deposits which character. ize certain localities and which hate proved such a study to scientific investi. gators.

One of the wonders of the bare, sandy plains of New Mexico are the thunder snakes They are by no means common. yet they are often encountered by prairic travelers, especially before and after thunderstorms. Flashes of lightning and claps of thunder, which are so terrifying to bipeds and quadrupeds, seem to have the greatest charm and delight for these members of the serpent famity. Whenever a thunderstorm comes up ther have a regular picnic. They come crawling out of holes, from behind rocks and rotten stumps, aud enjoy the fun while it lasts. Their nature is quarrel. some, their character fierce, and ther are aggressive in a high degree, although their markings are very beautiful. Thes are not poisonous, however, their bark being much worse than their bite.

A love of plants, if genuine, canot fail to arouse in us a desire to know all that can be learnt about their life-history. their structure, classification and habits. The subject, however, is a vast one, and may well alarm the tyro. In fact, grasp, other than general, of the whole range of botany may at once be set dori as beyond the scope of any except those who make a professional study of it. Nevertheless it does not follow that the labors of those who find in botan! a delightful recreation need be lost 10 the science. Indeed there is great ned of the work of such in the immellis field of North American flora-a fon that must be ever increasing in the number of identified species as ner territory is explored by careful and es perienced observers. Much good migy. le done, if those who find pleasure it
foliecting and inentifying wild flowers ould take up as a spectal sturly some inglegronp or genus.and carefully ranthe whote of the district in which live for :pecimens. The importfoe of making a specialty of some parcalar branch of our flura may be gath(rd from the preface to Gray's fifth htion of his Manual Botany. The arpurnts in favor of it grow stronger fery year. as the country becomes more ated and persons flock more and more the rural districts during the heated anon. What a boon it would be if we da list of North American plants corsponding to the "Loudon Catalogue" Pritish plants, procurable for a few mits, in which we could mark off the buts that we meet with in our summer mbles! There can be little doubt that cha convenience would result in greatinterest in the foras of districts, and chless not only would new localities discovered and recorded. but even species might reward the keenhited observer.

The largest of flight birds is the Calruia rulture or condor, measuring atip to cip nine and a half to ten t. and excetding considerably in size true condor of South America. The d lays but one egg each seasonge oral ashy green in color, and ply pitted, so distinctive in appearfe that it cannot be confounded with other. The California condor is idly approaching extinction, and stums all over the work are eager to ure living specimens. It is believed there is only one in captivity.

Chere are many energetic and enthusic collectors in this country today de:ote their time and considerable ner in the collecting of monograms. a fiell which strongly appeals to ny with a love for the hisroric and
antique and too much cannot be said in favor of its devotees. We intend to have a splendid article on this subject in an early number of this paper, and the American Society of Curio Collectors will have a department presided over by a competent head to look after the interests of monogram collectors. All those interested in this branch of collecting are earnestly requested to become readers of the West and members of the A. S. of C. C. that they may not miss the good things to be provided for their benefit.
"Humuhumunukunukuapuaa" is the name of a fish that is plentiful in Hawaiian waters and in pursuit of which native Hawaiian fishermen delight to go. There will be trouble for those of them who are in the habit of taking flat, brown bottles along, if their wives ever think of subjecting them to the test of pronunciation of that name when they return at nightfall.

A pleasant accompaniment of the hot weather this summer is the increasing tendency on the part of eity teamsters to provide their horses with head coverings. 'Ihe really fashionable thing in equine millinery, says a metropolitan exchatge, is a walking hat of straw, with a high crown and holes in the brim through which the horse's ears protrude. Some of the teamsters who have feminine friends and a sense of humor have provided their animals with trimmed hats, generously decorated with ehifton, brightcolored ribbous or a gaudy quill. The hats themselves are a considerable protection against the sun, and when. as is usual, a wet sponge is placed in the crown, the horse can do his work without danger and in greater comfort. It is a sensible innovation.

# Constitution of the American <br> Society of Curio Cullectors. 

## ARTICI.E I-NAMF.

The natme of this organization shall be The American Society of Curio Collectors. ARTICIEII-OBJFCT.
The olsject of this society is to provide for the inteliectual development of its inembers th stimulate research into the different departments of science, and to promote and advance the inles. ests of each menber in his chosen lines of rollecting.

ARTICLE III-MFMBERSHIP.
Section I. All reliable persons interested in the following curios are eligible to membershipShells, fossils, minetals, coins. medals, paper money, eggs, insects, woods, flowers, mounted brd amd animals, autographs, rare booksand papers, postmarks, monogranis, lindian relics, war feliog bistorical relics, and all kinds of curios and antiques.

Section 2. Reatizing the existersce of somany good organizations devoted to stampcollectorz this society will not have a departhent for phifately. but any stamp collector, who is intertsted is any of the lines embraced in the foregoing list, is cordially invited to become a mentrer

Section 3. Amy person wishing to join this society shatl fik with the secretary ati application blatik properly filled out, accompanied by the entrance fee and dues for one year, the whole to be refunded if admission is refused.

A list of all applications, shall tre published monthly in the official journal, and if no oljection: are raised within thirty days, the applicants shall he considered elected.

Scction 4 . The entrance fee shalt be ten cents for all mentbers.
The dues of members resuling in the Cinited states, Canada. and Mexico shall be twentr for cents per annum. The dues of members residing ontside of the tiouted States. Canada and blexim shall be fifty cents per annum.

The ducs of all members shall be payable anmually on or before the first of Jannary. when the fiscal year shall commence, Members admitted during October, November and December of eate year shall pay only one-hall the dues, for the current year, in addition to the usual entrance fee.

Section 5. Any member itt arrears over two months shall be dropped fronn the roll, buth mar tee reinstated upoil payment of all arrears.

Gection 6 . Ans memberin good standing, may at any time temer his resignation to the seme tary who shall publish the same in the official journaland if no objection is received within of month of the date of publication it shall be accepted, but no member will be permitted to resign while indebted to the society.
section 7 . All charges of improper conduct on the part of any member of the society shall be addressed in writing to the Board of Vice Presidents who shall investigate the charges. and ther may in their judgement suspend or expel such menther. and their action shatl be finat and bindirs on all parties.

ARTICI.F IV.
Section $r$. The affairs of this society shall be managed by a board of Directors. consisting at five members. a President. three Vice Presidents and a sectetary-Treasurer.

Section 2. The Hoard of Ifirectors shall excercise a general sugervision over the affairs of the society decide all questions arising (except thowe which are especially delegated to the Board d vice $\mathbf{P}_{\text {residents }}$ and generally manage the butsiness of the society.

Section 3. The President. in addition to the geveral duties of his office, shall appoint all com mittees, and the smperintemdents of the several departments, and fil all vacancies from any cank stibject io the approval of the Board of Inirectors.

Section 4 : The three Directors elected as Vice Presidents shall select one of their mumer 6 act as First Vict President. Who shall perform all of the duties of the President, in casc of the abbence. death or inabitity of the President.

The Bontd of vice Presiclents shall decide all points arising as to the admission of applicants or affecting the character of anty metnber. and their decision on all such nuatters shatl be fial.

Section 5. The secretary-Treasurer shall perform the duties usaally devolving on his offirt Jfe shall at times be subject to the direction of the Iresideth, of lirectors in the performanter his duties.

## ARTICI,E V.-EI,FCTIONS.

section $I$. The election of Directors shall be under the control of the contmittee on credentis consisting of three members appointed by the President, all of whom shatl be residents of the ste city or lown.

At a stated time the conmmite shall meet and comit the votes and anmonnce the result.
Section 2. At all elections a phorality of the votes cast shall elect, and each Director shall hat office wntil the close of the mext anmum election and mutil his successor shall have quatified.

Sections. Priot to each annmal or special etection, nominations for offices may be went by and member to the iecretary who shatt make publication of same in the official jomruat.

Section 4. The vote shall be taken by means of an official ballot. on which shal! appear the tames of the candichates, and the offices for which they are candidates. 'This ballot thall be mis ed to every member of the society and shall contain space for the member's signature, and diretin's for its inse.

> AKTICLEVI-PROPERTY.

All officurs shall at the expiration of their terms of office. deliver to their succtsuors. all both papers, monies and other property of the society, ity their possession, and they shall mot be relime. froms theit obligationts until this reguirement shidl be complied with.

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ARTICLE VII-DEPARTMENTS.
This society shall have the following departments:
Ornithology and oology,

- Numismatics.
"Botally.
* Conchology Pacific Division

Pacific Divi
Atlantic I and and Fresh water Division.
" Entomolagy.

- Archaeology
" Geology.
" Mineralogy.
" Bibliograply
$\because$ Autographs.
Postmarks.
$\because$ Monograms.
- War Kelies.
- Antiquated Paper Money
" Historical Relics and Antiques.
Section 2. Each Department shall be incharge of a superintendent appointed by the president Fach Superintendent shall make rules, for the management of his department. subject to the ppromi of the Board of Directors.

Eaclu superintendent will as far as possible, dentify and classify specimens sent him by mombers for that purpose. when the member has complied with the rutes of the department.
fach supermendent will also devise waysand means to make his department as useful as pasible to the members.

## ARTICLE VIII-RRANCH SOCIETIES

section 1 . When ten or more menbers resident in the same locality, or twenty-five members rident in the same state shall notify the board of Directors that they have associated themselves mpether as a branch society, adopted a name and rules and selected officers for their government. a:d suluntted a copy of their rules and a list of officers and members to the Board of Directors, the Burd if satisfied that it will be of mutual advantage shall authorize that such a society shall be pirolled as a branch society.
suct bratuches shall be numbered in regular order and each socicty shall be known by its mamber, in addition to the name selected by it.

Section 2. Branch societies shall admit to membership only persons who are members of the antional society.

Nection - The Secretary of each btanch shall file with the Secretary Treasurer a report of ewh of their meetings, and shall forward to the Secretary-Treasurer on the first of January of each yera a list of the members in good standing.

## ARTICLE IX-MEMBERSHIPCOMMITTEF.

The President at the beginning of each year, shall appoint a standing committee of four members known as the Membershipcommitee whose duty it shall be to devise ways and neaths fur getting new and desirable members into the society.

ARTICLEX. OFFICAT, JOURNAL.
section 1 . The Official Journal of the society shall be a regularly issued monthly journal. which shall provide space each month for the reports of the various officers, and a copy of which thall be sent to each member. at an expense not exceeding fifteen cents per annum.

The publisher to pay postage on atl copies mailed to members in the l'uited States, Canada and Mexico.

The official journal shall be chosen each year at the annual election.
ARTICIE KI, BCLI,ETMN.
section 1 . The society shall issue a Quarterly Bulletin. in the months of March. June. Septem-
berand December, which shall contain the list of members admitted duriag the quarter. with
tixir specialties, the list of exchanges, the official reports, and other matter of interest to the miombers.

Section 2 The Bulletin will be published by the Secretary-Treasurer under the direction of the Board of Directors and he may accept advertisements from reliable parties, at a price agreal upont.
section 3. The Bulletian shall be free to members: to non members the price shall be five cents a copr.

ARTICIFE XII AMENDMENTS.
section :. This Constitution may be altered or amended only by the conseut of twothirds of the members roting upon such alteration or amendment and providing that such two-thirds shall constitute a third of all the members entitled to vote.
setion ? The foard of Directors shall bare power to add new laws which do not confiet with the Constitulion. Shonld twenty-five nembers object to the proposed by law it shall be submitted at a mail vole.
rection 3. At the request of twenty-five members the President shall call for a mail rote upon anydesired question; a majority of the votes cast shall be sufficient to determine the question.

ARTICLE XIII.
section 1 . This Constitution shall go into effect on January 1,1902
Section 2. The power to make alterations and amendments to this Constitution shall be alArted the Eoard of Directors until January 1. 1903. when Article XII shall conse into full force and Article N111 be abolistred.
shonhl five members object to proposed afteration or amendment it shall be summitted to a main tote.

# Quartz Crystal.s... 

## Montague Butler

(Continued.)
That the plus rhombohedron does not always predominate is plainly shown in the lower crystal of Fig. 3. In such cases, the larger terminating faces resemble closely a lexagonal pyramin.

Fig. 1 shows plainly the strong tendency of this mineral to crystallize in highly distorted forms and an attempt is made to bring out the fine, horizontal striations on the prism face, which are so characteristic and are caused by many repetitions of a stuper rhomboheron and the prism. This also causes many crystals to taper gradually toward the apex.

Old forms, such as the cross, Fig. 2, are not uncommon and are viry attractive and interesting.

True twins are rare but are occasion. ally found, the plane of twinning or twisting being parallel to a possible basal or rhomb face.

A capped crystal is well shown in lig. 3. The larger crystal was formed in the usual manner and then either the supply of mineralizer became exhausted and there was a pertod of rest, followed

by a further rleposit of a slighny differ.
ent character or else the change wis gradual without cessation of depmit. The former is the more reasonable as: widely accepted theory. Cappederysta, therefore represent two or more gelita, tions. We do not know just why the new crystal should start at isolated points on the crystal-usually the endsbut, at any rate, they do not erystallise

in a hap-hazard fashion but follow the law of the larger crystal. When yos catch a flash of light from a face of the large crystal, you, at the same time, st a flash from a correspondingly placed face on the small crystal. This is called parallelism of growth.

Since the two generations usuala differ slighty in composition, the may be expected to present a differem appearance. Many striking and beaut: ful combinations are thus formed. sud as: colorless ard amethyst, amethys and milky, and, commonest of all, milts and colorless. I have a small crystald -milky quart\% which has two caps d clear quarts, one on top of the other.

Double terminated crystals are relatior ly gute rare but are found rery shar? lefmed, though small, in the marl, o clayey limestone, of Herkimer Co. : Y. See Figs. 4 and 5. They may $k$ easily seperated, ummarred from t matrix and are indeed very beautifin looking like cut gems when placed os black veluct.

Nearly all quart\% crystals show mia ute, enclosed bubbles under the milro scope and sometimes these are plair? visibie to the naked eve as in Fig. These bubbles are eithor pure wath
water containing mineral in solution, liguit carlon dioxide or some compoum? resembling letroleum, which was enclosed at the time of formation of the irytal. In some rare cases a second mineral. such as the Calcite in Fig. 4 , has crystallized out by cooling.
Sometmes, when the bubbles are large or mumerous, the crystal, if heated, will hly to pieces with a loud report due to the expanding of the substance in the buldle, and. in such a case, a perfect rhumbohedral cleavage may be developed Although quartz, as sand, has many uses. the crystals are valuable principal ly as curiosities. Some are used in cleap jewelery and for certain optical purposes when free from bubbles. Perfect globes, cut from clear crystals, are thoth valuable and handsome. These are supposed by some people to possess superlinatural properties and have long hrin mall. by the Japanese. Anethyst foclored by a compound of Iron and Srlimm or perhaps, by Manganese, and sinky quart\% (colored by Fitanic acid) are salued as gems. All quartz crystals fre not as small as the cuts would indiFtte. A sitngle specimen of rock crystal (thar. crystallized quart\%) in Milan. laly is $3^{\prime}$ : feet long, 5 ! feet in circumfrence and weighs 870 pounds. NeithFr are they all valueless since, over one bundred years ago, a drusy cavity was ppened at Zinken, containing 100,000 panmls of rock crystal, which sold for Fint.10:1,

## Our Illustrations. <br> lrank w. coning

Thue wan when the sunny Sonthland ras full af collectors who occupied the tuter of the stage in phitately and ther brathehes of collecting but of late tars things have changed and there Pill. to be few representatives of the (a)hics in that picturesque coterie of ates lying outh of Mason and Dixon's he. What there is lacking in quantity however. made up in quality, and
king of the clan of good-fellows is Frank W. Coning of Maryville Temmessee whose picture is presented to the readers of the Wesr this month.

Born in the city where he still makes his home in the year 1880 , he has but lately celebrated the year of his majority and can speak with us of the days "When We were Twenty One." Coning received his early education at Friend's school, later attending Maryville college from which he passed-out before finishing his course in order that he might engage in business with his father. He became interested in stamps somewhere abont 1890, and acquired a large general collection which he has since disposed of that he might better specialize in about a dozen countries more to his liking. This circumscribed stamp collection, a good collection of original covers, a superb Cabinet of Coins, a collection of antiquated paper money, war relics, old books and newspapers, various curios and antiques he still posesses and is adding to continually. He is a member of the dmerican Philatelic Association. Philatelic Sons of America, Sons of Philatelia, Southern Philatelic Association, League of Canadian Philatelists, Dominion Plilatelic Association, Ameican Numismatic Association, The I:ternational Philatelic Society of Dresdan, Germany, and the Atherican Society of Curio Collectors of which latter society he has recently been chosen Secretary, a most important office in a growing society. Frank Coning is a friend to all collectors, be they old-timers or new-beginnersf and is always glad to offer adrice, exchange opinions and answer letters of anyone who addresses him. He is a worthy brother and a Southern gentleman! R.F.G.

THOS. I. KNITTEL, JR.
Manager of Twentieth Century Stamp Co., was born Nov. 12 th 18,2 at St. Lomis. Mo. Began collecting stamps in 1ss6. In l.Sss he took a trip sonth to

Arkansas to visit Grand Parents, while there he got a nice lot of old $\mathrm{U} . \mathrm{S}$ and Confederates. He began dealing in stamps 1895., Jan. 1st 1601 witnessed the birth of the Twentieth Century Stamp Co. and was made manager of said Co. He is a member of the P . S. of A. etc.
F. P. LATHROP.

He has collected since 1893 when the Columbians interested him, 'til he amassed a foreign collection of over 3000 varieties which he disposed of in "99 in order to devote his entire time to U.S. Has charge of Advanced Col. Dept. Phil.Era of Wymore, Neb. President of the Postage Club which is a society for New York City amateurs and expect in the near future to be on a level with the leading stamp organizations of the day. Glad to hear from any other N. Y. City annaieur collector.

## AB LEVF

$A b$ Leve the new owner and editor of the new Perforator of Syracuse N. X. is pushing the Perforator rapidly forward. Mr. Leve is a collector of old U. S. revenues, revenue proofs and state revenues. The Perforator is the organ of the Philatelic Sons of America, is one of the oldest stamp papers and one of the best. Mr. Leve is always ready to inform correspor:dents on revenue stamp matters.

## NOTORIOUS STAMP CROOK



Walker, alias Wetmore, alias Williams.

Age about 25, weight about

138 lbs ,
Complexion dark.

## DEPARTMENT OF INQUIRY <br> Conducted by

L. G. DORPAT, Sheboygan, Wis.

Questions relative to stamps will be ansmeted in this column free of charge to subscribers. it questions must be sent to the above addres and a 2c stamp must accompany each letteren taining questions. When stamps art sentom examination. return postage must be inclede besides the fee above provided for.

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Can any of the readers inform me of the wht abouts of T O Goodwin who used to be spontiz editor on Cincin.. O Trilane? He cauzht m and Weisman of Massachusets and we are stipl hunting for him.
Always glad to heat comphaints. Be sure : enclose postage for reply.
L. Brodstone.

## Errata.

Ad of Carl H. Neiman of Des Moines. Ia. should read 96 c instead of 36 .

Ad of E. Chandlee of Augusta, Ga. should read:
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PRESIIJENT'S RFPORT
CHETIESAEN:-As president of the "Nebraska Piblatelic society" I have the honor of openinig hos our 10 th anmual meet. Reports from all the pficese cxcept. Jibrariant. have been rectived. a to reasoll why this report is mot here, as all ofinets were motified, botit by the sceretary. Mr. Brodstonc, and insself. I wish to readthe folowing letter:

## Byracuse. Nebraska Sept. 13th, igor.

Mr. W. Ç. Fistes. Omaha. Nebraska.
Ditr ink-I write to inforin you of the death fay sol. F, A. Stastbro, which occu-ed Jmise 8th on yous very truly.

WM. StaNboro.
vr stanhoro wás our vice-president, aud I am ers worfy at this late date to learin of his death. hur membership the past year shows a small mirease yet, it sloould be better.
l'pon approaching a collector formembersinip,
Fa fits question lie asks is: 'Of what bencfit is
to socicty to me?" Now, although our dues are Ey low aind we also receive the Official Orgain the there really should be some greater inducebent. In a society of this kind, the answer to be guestion lies in the advantages given by the frinuge and anction departments. these enable collector to tura to adrantage his diplicates. bther. for cash or their equivelent in other tamps. These departments Tun as they should e Sehraska collectors would soon see, that bepining a member of our society had its admant-家 - ing procuring for thent. stamps at prices not Dainabite clswhere.
The reyort of out atuction managet for the past ear is rery satisfactory, and shows what cant be ole along this litue The Commossion for gales ten purcent to members only. in this departtint is so low. that it covers only the actual si of handing the stanps, and. for this reason hope to see this departmen patronized, even tors generously than has been dore.
As sour fetiring president I wish to say a jew ordis to the new officers about to be elected. cis volit presideft. hy so doing you help the citi. The office of president of a growing soat is one of much tesponsibitity. He is the fanter moring spirit and. by his zeal and efforts. dus animation to the whofe society. To be able dothis. howereer, he requites the assistance of his officers. They should report to him as tinas ptactable the workings of their various hiscs sont hat these reports he can be gutided his monthly or quarterly reports to the society roigh thei. official organ, the Philatelic Wevi.

## FHOW SELY-TREAS REPORT

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## ACCTION MGR, REPORT

I have held seven auction sales the past year. sale No 2. NoN. 23, being the inost successful, the attendance being 36 and total realized $\$ 105 . \infty 0$. The total amonnt realized of the seren auction sales about ${ }^{2} 400$ net. I believe this department to be the most successfut of all the departments. Thanking the menabers for patronizing the sales I remain respectfully
J. F. NFGKEFN.

> SAIFS SUPFRINTYNDENT.

Members of N. P. S.:-I sent ont 175 books and urged that theg be filled and returimed atad I rer ceived 30 books filled. A superintendent cannot make a success of a thing unless the members helpand whoever thay be your Supt. the enmuing year, I ask the members to support him.

Fours Kespectfully.
I S. BETZER.
COCNTERFIT DFTECTOKIREPORT
One lot sent in from Kev. H. Wendt and in that case nofee was exacted. I fegtet lly inability to be present at the convention.
A. 33. WHTMER.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.
This is probathly my last report for the fiscal year. I think we have reason to be thankful that two years of our official existence have passed so successfuily; that we have heen highly favored in having such a good offical organ and amid ad$v$ rse conditions can show a steady growth in menlbership. One yontago we reported 20 nien. bers now we have 30 . We are glad to report ane new applicant for membership. F.N. De LaMater of Witchita Ref. I. K. Barker, F A Lilly.

As I have been treasurer as well as secretary. I attach to this a britf report of out finnmeial condition.
lu closing 1 wish to thank the members of the K ${ }^{P}$ s for bearing so patiently with my shortcomings end failutes the past vear and hope they will extend the sante contesy to thy successor

FOSTER A.I,IFL'.
F. A. Lilly in account with the K P S as Treas for year ending Sept. 15. 1901.
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After Oct, sth all members desiring to partake in sales dept will please address out new Supt. W. P. Kelley, 3324 Perrey Ave., Kansas City. Io.

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Cost of Membership - initiation fee 10 cents: annual dues, 25 cents. Members receite copy of the official organ each mouth. The secretary will furfioh application blanks.
all honest collectors. Whatever be their chosen branch of collecting, except stanms are javife: to join. We do not solicit stamp collectors as members as thereare se many good philatef societies now in existebce. but cullectors of stamps whocollect along other lithes also are inf ed to become members.

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Many otherbenefits accure to collectors throngh membership. Address the secretary fordo application blank and fuller details or write to the President or atuy of the following memben of the Kecruit Bureau for blanks and information; howard F. Bishop Sayer. Penn: Clates C. Downs. Hox I6?, Atantic City, N. J: Hasil G. Hamilton, Collingwood Ont Canada: w. G : Latin. Edison, Whio: feo W. Dixon. Watertown. So. Dakota: C. L. Curren. Fox. Mlibos. of Joelk Dubose, Huguenot Georgia

DRI:SIDFNT: RFFORT
Applications for membership in our society have been coming in rather slowly the past two months, but indications point to a revival of interest very soon and a decided increase in the number of applications. It is the earnest wish of your president that every member do all in his power to interest other collectors in the society and induce them to join. Secretary Coning will be glad to send application blanks to anyone who wishes to do recruit work.

## Respectully. Koy F. Greene.

SECRETARXSKFPORT.
Fellow Members:-In assuming the duties of the office to which the 1 resident has appointed tue, I fully realize that a large amount of work devolves infon this office. 1 also realize that unless I thave the aid and encontagement of each member I cannot make the office what it should les. I feed confictent howerer that the members will give me their aid, and I look forward with pleasire to becoming acquainted with each and cery member throngh correspondence as I cansot lope for a personal acequatance with every member. Owing perhaps to the change of offic ers. the applications are not maty this month. hut ly nest month everything should le smoothly rutbing again and 1 trust the applications will roll in. I am getting out new application blanks and shall be ghad to send them wherever requested. as If want them to tre used. In closing will say that if my work shall lue quite as successful as was the former weretarys. my friend. Mr keymolds. I shall feet that may labors will have nut been in vain. A wating font commands. I am sincerely. F. W. Cosise
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## Making Good so Negatives.

Cady Harkis Saint, Union, Iowa.
The majority of the beginners in photography as well as a large proportion of those who have passed that stage and should know better, persist in using the fastest plates obtainable for all kinds and under all conditions wf work. The use of a fast plate excopt in those cases where short exppoures are imperative, is a sreat mistake. The exactness of the exposure demanded by these rapid emulsions causes a large proportion of our unsatisfactory results in the shape of thin, weak, washed-out looking negatives on the one hand; and the harsh, boot-and-whitewash kind on the other. From either kind it is impossible to produce a satisfactory print, yet how commonthey are amongst the nega* tives of the ordinary amateur.
The use of a fast plate on a landsape full of delicate gradation, where there is $n 0$ movement to prevent the fiving of a time exposure, is as ill-adFised as would be the harnessing of a high-bred race horse to a heavy farm Fanon. Each has its own field in fhich it excels; in any other sphere it ls at a disadvantage. The extra rapidty of the fast plate will not produce the richness and depth of detail that nuy be so easily obtained with the lower plate, any more than will the peed of the race horse enable him to atisfactori]y perform the work of the
heavy draught animal. Permitting as it does of more latitude in exposure, the slow plate has the additional advantage of being more under control in development. Time exposures are to be preferred to those made with a shutter if the best possible printing qualities are desired in ones negatives. Time exposures on slow plate would develope into negatives that would be a revalation to many an amateur that has never used anything but the most rapid emulsions and a quick shutter. His percentage of failures would decrease and the improvement of his work would be as gratifying as would be his satisfaction at having found the method by which the better negatives could be secured without the constant search for some new and wonder-working developer.

The novice, in his fear of over-exposure, caused by sad experience with the fast plates, rishes to the other extreme; producing almost invariably the harsh, unnatural results that are so objectionable. Gradation, tone, texture and softness are all sacraficed at the altar of the small stop, quick shutter, and fast Plate. Alarge diaphragm, a slow plate, and an exposure that is generous, will result in negatives with the delicate half-tones reproduced in all their beauty of full gradations from dense bigh lights to clear transparency in the deepest shadows. The opposite method will result, unless the exact exposure be given, in an entirely different kind of negative.
(To be continued.)

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W. N. F.-Substitute for Negative Yarnishing:-Negatives can be hardened to such an extent by the use of formalise that varnishing is hardly necessary. The possibility of injuring can be further reduced if the negative be treated with parafite after being hardened. Immerse the negative for fittell minutes in a one in five solution of formaline, which is quite strong enough and then wash thoroughly. When iry, make it quite hot before a fire or over a spirit lamp, and then rub If mitha lump of parafine wax. Remove fhe surplus, and when dry, put the negative on a perfectly flat surface and polish it with a flannel parl. Varnish will then be quite unnecessary. If the film should show signs of leaving the glass white in the formaline bath, it is too strong for those plates, and a longer immersion should be given in a weaker solution.
F. M. G.-Purp'e tones and the comfined bath:-If you will soak some pieces of unfixed paper in the bath, or add a few grains of silver chloride to it, th will give you purple tones instead of he brown that you object to so much. If a lot of prints are toned and fixed at Pnce, they will tone purple, bnt one or wo at a time will remain brown, unless on first add silver chloride as suggest-
IV. C. H.-Developing Under-expos-rr:-The chief thing is to remember he principle of development. In an finder-exposed negative we naturally ish to secure detail, and this must be one by using more soda and less py:o ban in normal exposure bromide should entirely ommiter. You do not say
what formula you use; but if in two solutions, it is safe that instead of using equal parts of each (as in normal development) use one part of pyro solution, and add one part of water. When development is completed in the shadows, if you want more density, throw off the developer and apply one containing equal parts of the pyro and soda solutions.
E. K. R.-Retouching BromidePrints - :The only preparation necessary is to rub the surface with powdered pumice. Ordinary crayons may be used, but there are special retouching crayons sold for the purpose. They usually come in cases containing several shades of black grey and white.
A. J. B,-The following gives velvety black tones:-

Sodium acetate - - 60 grains
Sodium bicarbonate - - 10
Sodium chloride 30
Distilled water - - i5ounces
When dissolved, add
Uranium nitrate - - 5 grains
Gold chloride
Shake well and add enough
water to make - - 20 ounces
C. B. W.-Testing Camera for Fog:Cover the center of a plate with a disk of black paper and then leave it in the camera in a bright light without opening the shutter. After about ten minutes remove the paper and develope the plate. If the center only is clear of fos, the camera leaks: if the center also fogs, the dark-room is at fault
C. R. T.-Waterproofing Wooden Trays:-The glass-bottomed trays that yon desire to make should be put together with red lead and screws in lien of glue. The red lead can be bought about the conststency of putty. It is a good plan to let the glass botion lie on a rabbet as a negative does in a printing frame: cover this rabhet thickly with the red lead and then press the glass home. Allow it to harden fot several rlass, then paint it over with several cuats of bath enamel. Such trays. though troublesome to make, are practically everlasting.

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Now that the intense light of summer is giving way to the mellow light of autumn, landscape photography will be more of a pleasure, as the pictures will not have the glare and the marked contrast which they have when taken in strong light. Then, alas too soon, will we be compelled to stay indoors as the winter comes on but there is a field open to amateurs which so few of them ap. preciate, home portraiture. What is nicer than a good bunch of family photos taken by ourselves and with what pride do we exhibit them to our friends. Last winter the writer took up home portraiture and while the first results were somewhat startling, he now has a few portraits which he is proud of. While on the subject, the Eastman Kodak Co. issue a little booklet on home portraiture from which the writer has secured some helpful hints, and while it is not our intention to advertise the Kodak people in this column, yet it would be to the interest of every amateur who contemplates doing this kind of work to possess a copy which can be had free for the asking.

While on the subject of winter photography, we will also turn our thoughts to finishing some of the many picteurs which we promised to our friends way last summer. The average amateur is better on promises than he is on picteurs, we have all been there ourselves.

As several of our members have sent in their photos the thought strikes us that we would like to have photos of all the readers of the "West" for an album
and all who care to send an unmounted photo of themselves will receive one is return.

It has been suggested that the P.C. C. E. be changed to the Pan American Camera Worker's League and that the scope of its work be enlarged as well s its name changed. The suggestion came from H.R. Pfaff, of Jennings, Ala., who is chock full of ideas and the suggestion is a good one. Let us hear from on members about it.

The idea has also been suggested of having a circulating album to which each member will contribute one or more prints and then mail from one arember to the other for inspection and criticism. Let us hear some ideas on this also.

We desire to impress it upon our members that we will always be glad to hear from them at any time with suggestions of this kind, or any other idea which might occur to them. Friends Sheers and Pfaff come in occasionalls with ideas and suggestions but there is room for many more.
Our purchasing department has placed sew ral new cameras with members this month at are entitled to the benefits of this deparmets who desire to take advantage of them. sfod stamp for particulars.

For one month only we will accept five mer herships for one dollar and will mail a packaze of Trenol Developer to the one organizing a rob of five. Try what you can do among your phote graphic friends, and swell our membership i you can. A sample of the developer with folit instructions will be mailed to any address for five cents in stamps.

We received a query from one of our member recently asking us why we used velox paperes clusively. Our answer was that we used it whes there were no others, that we had become amp tomed to it ant were convinced that it was be only reliable developing paper. Since that hor ever we have received some samples of Pholit from the Alfa Paper Co. and the results wett surprising. We have always sworn be velor but we are not bigoted and can truthfilly sit that we were very well satisfied with the resile

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## Still ewater

How many photographs are quite spoiled by the way the still water is rendered. It is only after experience gained through failure that one recognizes the wondrous reflective power of still water, printing out as a blank, gradation less white patch. Io avoid this is usually easy; $i$, $e$, when the water is within a stones throw. A handful of small stones cast into the water a second or two before the exposure is made, and then just time enough allowed for the circles to subside and blend a little, will usualy give just enough broken light to render the results well worth this little trouble.

## A Dark R oom Hint

A developer bottle placed between the developing dish and the darkroon light will throw a shadow upon the develop. ing disll, thus minimizing the danger of fog from wostrong a light, allowing of a mould stronger light being used than would be otherwise possible. For rapid plates this plan is extremely useful.

## Reeducing By A/cohol.

For reducing mild cases of halation, such as windows indark interiors, trec tops against bright skys, etc., and for reducing patches on your negative where a general reduction by chemical means would be undesirable, the best method is to keep a piece of silk rag moistened with alcohol and rub down with a circular motionuntil sufficient transparency is obtained, always using a fresh portion of the rag as it gets blackened with the deposit of the film. Clouds can be fairly suggested in a dense sky by this method. It is surprising the amount of fricticn the gelatine will stand. The negative, of course, must be dry.

## Making up Solutions

A good dodge connected with the mak ing up of solutions is as follows:-Say a bottle is to be kept of such a solution as washing soda $20 z$. , water to 20 ozs . Measure accurately 20ozs. of water, pour in the bottle and notice how high up it reaches. Write out the label, and stick it to the bottle, so that its top edge shall be in exact register with the height of the water. Now at any future time to make a similar sotution, just put 2025. of soda in the bottle, and fill with water to top edge of the label. This saves a lot of trouble, and if the label be var. nished over with a hard drying varnish it will be permanent and waterproof. Every bottle should be carefully labeled in this manner.

## Backdrounds For Flower Studies.

A very simple background of various shades nay be secured by using sheets of brown paper or drawing paper of different tints, stretched whilst danip to ensure against creases, with drawing pins either on a board or wall. When desired, this background may be varied and shaded with clalk and stump.

## Ghe Hawkeye Camera Club Organized July 1901

This society is fomed for encouraging amateur photographers to infurm each other and to exchange prints.
This is the only state amateurs clubin [owa
We want everyone who owns a camera to join us The cost will be 25 c a year, which will give you fall membership to the H. F. C. C. No innitiation fee. every member will also receive the official organ the Philatelic West and camera News free
Just moved to this city and too busy to get out report. Expect a large one next month and to make it the leading club. All amateurs are invited to write Secretary for application blanks, etc. Secretary-Treasurer, L. F. Spirlin, Iowa Falls, Iowa.
W. C. Stone, Bx 352, Lamer, Mo., wishes to hear from all camera people of Missouri in regards to forming a club for that state. Will be leader of World's Fair in 1903.

## To Secure Detail in Snapshots.

When the exposure has been very brief, and when made during dull weather, it is often difficult to secure sufficient detail in hand-camera negatives, and avoid soot-and-chalk effects. One of the best plans is to commence development with a weak metol or rodinal developer until all detail is out, and you will then have a very thin but well-detailed negative. This secured, finish development and obtain density with a pyro or hydroquinone developer.

## Finding Ehe Picture.

There are only portions of nature suitable for pictorial presentation, as in a story, a song, or a sermon there are only portions which lend themselves to quotation. It is the first business of the artist to see his picture before he uncaps his lens. And not as so many beginners are so apt to think; to "chance" a lot of shots with the hope that some one of them may perhaps turnout satisfactory. One of our best workers recently said, "If $4 \times 5$ plates
only cost $\$ 2.00$ apiece we should have far more pictures than we get now, for pecple would think a moment befort strapping off $\$ 2.00$ bills, and consequen. 1y, with more thought beforehand, we should get better sork. Cheapness is is therefore not an unmitigated bless. ing."

## Photographing Flowers.

The light from a north window is best. The flowers should be placed about three feet from the windor, a sheet of white cardbeard bent into a semi-circular shape and kept in that position by a thin string tied around the top and bottom makes a gcod background. At different angles to the light it gives different effects of light and shade. Before making the exposure give this matter of inclination to the light, amount of curvature and distance from the flowers of this background, your attention and your cate will be rewarded.

## 30 <br> Chadoters.

You can no more make a picture without shadows that you can dawa picture with white chalk on white paper.

## Retouching Bromide Prints

 A very convenient way of touching up bromide enlargements is with 20 ordinary lead pencil. A tiner poirt can be obtained, and there is also mort control over it than with the chatceal pencil. The chief objection to it is however, that the parts retouchech show up so plainly. This can be eail! remedied by dabbing the parts * affected with a paci of cotton mad soaked in alchohol, which has the ac vantage of drying quickly. When dr the print will show no signs of tix work in pencil.
## She Importance Of Reading.

The hegimer and more advanced worker in photography will find, as winter approaches and the long evenings make themselves manifest, a growing desise and ambition to branch out into new lines of experiment, and will take up brotn de enlarging, flash-light photography, the making of lantern slides, or some other special branch of the art.
It goes without saying, that a vast amount of enjoyment is to be found along any of these lines, and the results to be obtained are astonishingly good if the work is taken up soberiy and with a view to getting the best results possible. Too many, however, attack the subject with spasmodic enthusiasm, spoil a few dozens of paper or plates without getting a fairly grod result and drop it in disgust, only to repeat the operation along some otherine at a subsequent time. Now there is no reason why one who can make a good negative may not also make a good lantern slide, bromide enlargement, or, in fact, anything photograplic, if he or she will only devote a reasonable amount of attention to the matter, and go abont it in a sensible manner. The first step to be taken should be the choice of work, and once that is decided some book of instruction should be obtained which will give the general principles of the process, together with simple directions for operating. The reader should become familiar with the instructions before attempting the experment. and then, when the general outline of the manipulation has been memorized, let him start in and put it in practice.
Test books covering all the various branches of photography are now to be found in all dealer's hands, and at a price within the reach of everyone-in fact, the cost of an instruction book, even if it were three times what it is,
would soon be more than saved in materials and supplies that, without the book, would be wasted in learning the elementary lessons which the author learned and paid for, and whose experience may well be made use of by those who have it all to learn.

When the start is made understandingly, and the several steps taken with care and a general knowledge of their relations to each other, the result is much more likely to be successful than if each step is a blind groping in the dark for something that may not even be recognized when found. The old saw that "nothing succeeds like success" finds application in the work of the amateur photographer as well as elsewhere, and he who acquires the greatest proficiency in his work is he whose enthusiasm for it and enjoyment of it are greatest. Read, then, for a knowledge of principles, and afterwards put in practice the knowledge you have acquired if you will get the most out of your expenditure of time and money.The Amateur Pointer.

## Repose.

The quality of repose is an element of all great art work. Pictures representing violent action, intense emotion, etc., impress us the i.ost at first glance, and presently grow less and less attractive.

## The Gracefaland the Picturesque.

These two highly desirable art qualities, often confused, are entirely independent. Gracefulness is chiefly a matter of line and form, while picturesqueness is largely a question of light and shade.

Toning Made Eass.
Put any number of prints into a quantity of old toning bath in a large vessel. Then have new toning bath in smaller dish, take prints a few at a time from the old bath, and finish toning in the new bath. Do not put at once all new touing bath in the dish but keep some to add as required. By this means you get even toning and have it under perfect control.

## the philatelic west and camera news.



Many thanks to those who have written me of their appreciation of my work on Camera News. The appreciation is mutual.

Our leader this month from the pen of Cady Harris Saint should have the earnest consideration of all our readers. It is a valuable contribution.

Mr. Saint is an enthusiastic amateur, one who has learned by experience the truth of his convictions. He is a prominent member of the new Hawkeye Camera Club, and I trust will secure the office in that club to which his popularity and ability entitles him.

An artical on develupement from the pen of Wm. C. Stone, of Lamar, Mo., will grace our next issue. Mr. Stone is capable of writing authoritively on any photographic subjects and our readers may e s pect some good advice. Practice, not theory is the secret of his capabillities in this direction.

I am in hopes of securing one or more contributions from the facile pen of Mr. Ellis Chandlee of Augusta, Ga. Mr. Chandlee does a large business, the largest in Augusta, in kodak finishing and amateur supplies besides dealing at wholesale in Views and Souvenirs. Should time permit him, our readers may look forward to a treat.

At-the rate things are going we will soon have to enlarge Camera News a few pages. This is hardly possible at present but some of my correspondents
have suggested that there are one or two clubs that only publish the same list of officers month after month. As one of them says; "Why dou't you write the club and find out if there isn't sotise. thing doing. If not, use that space for more valuable matter'". Will the offict: it charge of the correspondence of the various clubs represented write une it there is " somothing doing"

The feasibility of the Postal Camen Club suggested in the last number, is at this date, September 15 th, not yet deter. mined. The August number being a little late, letters have not yet had time to reach us except from the more near. by readers. Those interested shouidnot delay to send in a few prints and ask fo: enrollment in the list. Details will be arranged later. Do not neglect to seed full data concerning month, hour, light, stop and exposure given with each prin! They will all be forwarded to some member who will act as director. $t$ will be his duty to prepare the album: and route list and attend to the corre spondence of the club. It is hoped bat Mr. Luft will find time to attend to it.

Fraternally,
Fayette J. Chete

CLFANING THE CAMERA.
It is a good plan from time to tixix to give the inside of the camera: thorough dusting, and this is donemith a soft ragor brush just sligtly moiste ed with glycerine. All dust will $x$ up if the whole of the interior surfa: is treated, and the result will be a dir tinct dimincetion in spots on the mig atives. The shutter, too, should $x$ carefully freed from dust, and paw holders also. The best to treat thex latter is with an ordinary pair of $x$ : lows, which permits the dust being " moved from the hinged Hap which po tects the slide opening.

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Western collectors are beginning to push St. Louis for the 1903 conventions.

The Sydney Philatelic Club finally persuaded the government of New South Wales to discontinue the sale of of post marked to order sets. Ferchance the Club's intimacy with the heir to the British throne had something to do with it.

## THE PHILATELIC WEST AND CANERA NEWS.

Who is responsible for the value of stamps lost in transit? The consignee or the consignor? This is an issue of great seriousness, one that has been thoronghly discussed many times in the past. None of these arguments have ever enjoyed a satisfactory termination. As the matter now stands, if a selection of stamps is lost in the mail going from the dealer to the customer, the latter must make good the loss, and, vice versa, if the statnps are lost on their return journey from the customer to the dealer, the unfortunate customer is assessed for their value. In either case, if the customer asserts his innocence from fraud and disclaims responsibility, he is subjected to such contumacious abuse as only some dealers are past masters in the artof. Continuing in his assertions of freedom from wrong doing and declinations to settle, he ends upin the criminal column of some stamp paper to which the dealer has sent his name for publication as a fraud. This may seem to be an exaggeration of such occurences, but it is not. A suppositious case is not alluded to, actual experiences of this kind having recently been brought to notice. To impute such practices to all dealers would be unjust, and such is not the intention, but it is true that there are inany of the clan who hesitate not to force the collector to bear the loss entirely, publicly branding him as a fraud if he does not. This must be said in the dealer's favor: if he does not disclaim all responsibility arter the lot leaves his hands, he encourages crime.

Dealer and collector alike would welcome some system that would prevent such occurrences. There are rogues on both sides-to them an iron clad system of protection would be unwelcome as removing the opportunity for following their nefarious practices. For them, no rule can be made binding, and this is to be regretted, philately suffering much from their association.

To the dealer seeking a preventive of
this ever present trouble, there is one obvious sourse to pursue, and if he mill set the example the collector will follon it without a doubt. Registration of eace lot and a reguirement of the customerto do the same is a common selnse solution of the difficulty. Eminently practiog and inexpensive, this method is given but chary support by a majority of deal. ers A commendable, sensible plan to follow would be as follows: When mail. ing, a selection to his customer the deal. er should register the stamps, and anr deviation from this rule should rende: him responsible in case of loss. When the selection is returned, the collector should likewise register it, beng het responsible if he does not do so. Regis tration reduces the possibility for lossto a minimum. If loss does occur, it shouid fall upon the consignee, the consigno: making proper ohowing that the stamps were forwarded correctly and holding the postmaster's receipt for same. This plan relieves the collector of one half of the burden, and saves both parties :o the transaction much recrimination and bitter feeling. To' arrive at a propet understanding, the dealer should inclos with every lot a printed slip explaining the system and cautioning the collecto not to deviate from it. It would be re" to have this admonishment appear conspiciously on each approval sheet a book as an additional precaution. Many dealers follow this system-wore do nol . That they do not is inexplicable, fit value being so apparent. The slight additional mailing expense is amply equalled by the practical immunity from loss. A case in point is the experiecie of a prominent dealer who found thal his losses during one season when regitration was not made or required as ${ }^{1}$ general rule were nearly double the espense of invariable registration ob practiced the ensuing season. Sox dealers may not suffer greatly from los in the mails, but it would be their gar to adopt the registration system.

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In this connection, it might be well to mention the censurable practices of may of our papers who publish the lames of alleged frauds without careful consideration as to the merits of the case, the dealer's word being taken blindly. In the case of appaoval sheets being selt unsolicited and unregistered, the collector's responsibility ends right there; if the lot is lost, either going to or from the dealer, there is nothing for the dealer to do but accept the collector's siatement that he did not receive it or diid forward it correctly addressed as fanal; even thongl the dealer is unable toobtain a reply from the party to whom the stamps were sent, it is doubtful if he should be allowed to announce that one as a fraud. If he had registered the stamps, he would have some basis to work on, and conld prove delivery, pon settlement in this case warranting Heposure. If the customer has been a regular patron and stamps are lost in transit, the dealer is not warranted in branding the customer a fraud unless beolserved the rules of registering as above suggested and made proper requirement of his client to do the same. Those publications opening their columis to the exposure of frauds would do well to see that no person's name is entered there unless the dealer is known to have taken proper precautions against loss.
"In the September WEST you printed a cut of a collector with whom I have corresponded for years. I never saw him, and I cal tell you that I was delighted to see his picture in your valuable paper. After corresponding with a dealer or collector, one unconsciously forms an idea of the personal appearance of his distant friend. A sight of the person may destroy some ideal-buc the limpse is entertaining. Next best to peeing the friend thus made is seeing his photograph. I must commend your
originality'. This from a collector to the publishers.

We do not illustrate many stampsbut we do illustrate many stamp collectors. The catalogues for stamp pictures -the stamp papers for human pictures. The faces of the most prominent dealers and collectors of the world have or will adorn thefpages of the WEST. The cuts we use are the best procurable, and are uniformly true to the subject. We think that this feature is appreciated, and are painstaking to make it noteworthy. If our readers prefer illustrations of stamps, we will accede their demands if made known.

In altering the style of our foreign review, we do so with one dominant ideato improve the service. As a general rule, collectors are not so much interested in the mere mention of what a publication contains as they are in a reproduction of the articles themselves. The publications given attention in the WFST are those not generally seen or read by American collectors. Mr. Thiele is tho:oughly conversant with the German and Latin tongies, and his translations from papers published in these languages are unique. We feel sure that his work and the change meet with general favor.

The WEST will continue to observe this plan, and readers will be given condensations of the best articles of the foreign press. It might be noted that no other American philatelic paper offers a similar feature-the translation is usually abbreviated or is second hand.

The average press review, as met with in the ordinary philatelic paper, is either a dry chronicle of the papers received and their contents, or is so injected with the reviewer's personal views as to obscure the points of the article noticed. Such a review as the latter is oppressive. It does not fall within the review editor's duties to criticise so much as to separate the wheat from the chaff-the good from the indifferent. He may comment, but may not enter into unseemly discussion. If he is argumentive, be should dispose of the subject elsenhere.


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## Forelgn Papers

In Der Briefmarkenhandiler for Augnst I find the interesting information, based on official sources, that Germatiy has acquired an option on the sole remaining Spanish colony of Fernando Poo. Of course this is only preliminary, but the deal is very likely to be closed. No doubt there will be fewer surcharges under the new owners.
Stamps of the Old German States on entire covers are not collected over here as much as in Germany, though they are decidedly fascinating in this condition Those interested will do well to read the article in the September Philatelist on a number of Bladen Landpost stamps on forged covers, it will be a revelation, how the study of postal documents often aids in the detection of forgeries.

The September number of the Revue Philatelique Francaise contains the important announcement that beginning with Oct. 15 a new paper will be published under the same auspices under the name of Revue Timbrologique Francaise, to appear on the 15 th of each month, while the R. P. F. appears as before on the lst of each month. The new paper will be devoted chiefly to fiscal stamps and illustrated postal cards
and will be written partly in Esperamo.
he new universal language,
The following is of interest:
"In an article in No. 126 of the Rerve
"Philatelique Francase entitled "I
''Lovers of Minor varieties' a writer sars
"that there are two varieties of the post. "age-due stamps of New Zealand: one
"with big D. the other with small D
"fratue and figures being the same in
"both cases. If he had carried his in
"vestigations farther he would have
"'found that there are not Two, but Forr
"varieties of these stamps. These lour result frou the combination of the tro "types of the value (large and small Di
"printed in carmine, with two types of
"the frame, printed in green. In be
"first type of the background, the letters
" $\mathrm{N} . \mathrm{Z}$. are small, measuring $11 / 2 \mathrm{~mm}$. is
"height; the small semicircles with a
"dot in the center forming the innet
"frame of the circle in which the valat
"'is placed are 13 in number; the last
"semicircle at the right is conves to-
"wards the left, thus: (. In the second
"type the letters N. $Z$. are larger, 2 mit
" in height; there are 14 of the stall "semicircles and the last one at the right "turns its convex side to the right thus. " " We have found the following rat "'ieties in our collection:
" Type I. Small D, small N. Z. las semicircle at right (.

## 1d, 2d. 4d

". Type II. Small on pence values. large $N$. Z., last semicircle a: right .) 5d, 6d, 10d, 1sh, 2hb.
Type III. Large D, small N. T. las semicircle at right (. $1 / 2 \mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{~d} .2 \mathrm{~d} . \mathrm{d}$ Type IV. Large I, large N. Z., lat semicircle at right.) $1 / 2 \mathrm{~d} . \mathrm{dd}$.
The $1 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$ has been mentioned in $\mathrm{t} p \mathrm{p}$ "I and the 8d in type II, but we har "not seen them. The stamps with small. " $D$ are the first impressions and thos "with large I) the later ones, according "to S. G. M. J."
The French post-office has introduced canceling stamps on which the hours ar numbered from 0 to 24 , thus obviation the AM. and PM.
No. 9 of the Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser continues the excellent artith on the stamps of Luebeck; the presea? instalment deals with the secret mats of the first issue.

Le Courrier Philatelique Belge for October reproduces three sketches for new stamps for the Sourali Coast, as th French Colony of Djibouti will be knors in the future. They are from the pexd

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of M. Panl Merwart, who designed those "beautiful" stamps for the French Congo. There are three types: one is a borizoutal rectangle with a landscape in the center; another is an upright rect. angle with a camel rider in the center; the third, of much larger size, shows a group of Somaii warriors.
Mr. Melville's valuable article on the stamps of Hayti now running in the Philatelic Referee deals with the issue of 1596 in the September number. The difference betweell this issue and that of 1893 are well brought out by very good illustrations of blocks and strips of these stamps. Attention is called to the variations in the figures of value on the 1 , 2.5 and 20 centimes. A correspondent sars that the Japanese stamps surcharged for Corea were withdrawn last April! This is news indeed. Likewise there is note to the effect that no more Jubilee tatups will he sold in Barbadoes after be end of 1901 ; the remainders will be Pestroved. So hurry up your remittances. The August number of Le Philatelistie francais is almost entirely taken up by a pecription of the treasures shown at br philatelic exhibition held at the tague. The lion's share of attention sappropriated by Count Durrieu's magmincent collection of the stamps of France, one of the world's best collecfions. To show how a great collector ike M. Durrieu goes about it, here isfa ist of the pieces shown on the sheet deoted to the 5 franc stamp of Napoleon.

The fiscal stamps which surve as model for the desigtn.
: Study for the transformation of fiscal stamp into the 5 fr. stamps (original sketch of Mr. Hulot).
First proof of the background before the addition of the greek botder.
second proof of the backgronind after the addition of the greek border.
Proof of the machine-ungraveing of the backeround
Prool of the centerpicce.
Prouf of the evtire block forined by the combination of centerpiece. background and border.
Proof of the completestanp with surcharged figures of value ( 6 copies it black on variuts paperst.
Iwtity color trials in various shades including one in brown with violet figures.
To A rettical pair in.back innpressed frotn the thlire plate.
I daresay there is no collection in the hited Statss, efen of our own coutitty, bat is built on similar lines?-Among C. S. essays shown at this exhibition Mr. Muser there was one of the le 69 in the aclopted type, but having atched at the top a coupon bearing a ctangular border and the inscription:
"Stamp-of no valne-without coupon-coupon-to be removed only by thePostmaster." It is engraved by the National B. N. Co. The coupon was not to be gutnmed and the stamp would be canceled by tearing it off. Similar projects have been tried in other countries (e. g. France and Russia) but the scheme proved impracticable.

Lately there have been chronicled snme stamps bearing the designation "Amazonie" about which there has been considerable doubt. The following will serve to clear up their status; it is from a gentleman at Havre:

These stantps which were by no " means a speculative issue, were made "for account of the Carseveire railway
"company which serves the gold-mining
"company of the same name and the
"numerous gold diggings along the Car-
"seveire river and its branthes. They
"serve to frank correspondence carried
" from tne mines by land to Para and
"from there by sea to Cayenne where
"their prepayment for the Postal Union
"is completed by stamps of French
"Guiana. These stamps are for local
"and provisional use only, since most of
"this territory formed part of the terri-
"tory in dispute between France and
"Brazil and by the decision of the arbi.
"trator rendered last year was given to
"Brazil, and after the postal service is
"organized the Brazilian stamps only
"will be in use. The Carseveire Kail-
"way Company has asked the Brazilian "government for, and hopes to obtain "a concession for the postal service or"ganized by it and will use Brazilian "stamps if the concession is obtained." Articles of interest in other papers:
London Philatelist:
The origin and collectibility of Railway setter stamps.
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Anstralian Notes.

## Chips.

## By E. R. Steinbrueck

Assorting my Pan Americans collected around town I find the tug or lake steamer on the one cents some times at the bottom of the sea and sometimes the funnel scraping the sky, but never found one with the steamer capsized bottom up. And so is there on the two cents, the train running on the level or up on high grade, but never have I found the train ditched. Lucky the man who holds the disastrous.

With the ending of October the sale of the Pan Americans is ended also, the Post Master Gen'l calling in all the unused stamps having failed to serve their purpose. Though printed for postal service they have run shy of their destinatiotion and have becone simply an article for speculation. The charm of a postage has vanished, minus the halo, the postmark.

It is fall again and the leaves are falling. The evenings are longer and the stove becomes our best friend while we are going over our stamps. But the man or woman not a member of any stamp fraternity is like the isolated dry leaf drifted and whirled around at the raw wind's mercy. Nobody cares for him that cares for noborly. Friendless and cheerless is his path.

Whosoever joins a stamp society to make it an instrument for his own materialistic profit is like an irritable odor in the house, better out of it than in it.

The Curio Exchange just hit the condition question of postally cancelled stamps squarely on the bead, very sensibly. I had expressed my opinion long ago, saying that I prefer a postage stamp
even a little heavily cancelled to an un. used stamp' which never did actual set. vice. Of course as soon as possible ] exchange for lighter cancelled or better centered. But a stamp gone through the mails cannot be of firstclass cond. tion like the tinsoldier in Sunday uni. form so admired by the innocent. I an only speaking from the standpoint of a postage stamp collector, and dont know whether I may be classed a philat. elist.

I see the new Catalogue No 61 son will be out. Wonder whether it will be as incomplete as the late one. A mult. tude of stamps were not quoted at all. Why? They are surely worth some thing. And for the convenience of peop:s desirous of trading stamps on basis oif Scott's it would be a very practical ider to set a price, some price, at which Scon himself could furnish them. No prix at all! Great Scott!-Must we look lo other countries' Catalogues for quotations?

The "Metropolitan'’ with a chestra! tree on front cover I take it, has made its appearance. Please, what is the symbol! Are there stamps flying arouad stamps for everybody! stamps from the great supply house of Scott limited aced at 50 per cent off! Is that it?-I won' like to see the new Catalogue first.

## Leewerd Island Shedes.

Phil. Chronicle and Advertiser.
The 5 shilling Leeward slands Stamps may be found in much the same shades as the 5 shilling Lagua which recently commenced to appar with value printed in dull or paleultre marine. We have had an opporturitit of examining a number of the 5 still ing Leeward stamps, and the ralle appears to be in two quite distins: shades, blue or deep blue (similat is that of the 5 shilling $\mathrm{S}_{\mathrm{t}}$. Vincent or: British Honduras)and pale ultramaribe Is the recent appearance of the latta shade due to a new printing or to tr issue of old stock hitherto kept it reserve?

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The Spauish races are accustomed to expressing their likes and dislikes Gcibly. Dr. N. M. Samaniego, Duratngo, Mexico, concedes nothing when he ites: "I used to get many stamp papers, but since I got the first number the WEST I have given them all up. The WEST is my pet-there is no ter paper in the world, and I care for no other. I would subscribe for it if cost was $\$ 2.00$ a year.,'

We, ourselvs, are just conceited enough to believe that "there is no better per in the world'". The best collector's paper-the best dealer's paper.


Certificado being the Spanish term for registration.

Still another envelope with the same blue pencil marks is an official one from New South Wales containing an official return receipt for a registered letter sent by me to a correspondent. It also bears the large $R$ within the oval before described although a fat capital $R$ is already printed in the upper left corner. The postmark reads:

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jy 18
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SYDNEM, N. S. W. enclosed in a circle. At the top the envelope bears the printed heading: On Her Majesty's Service in Gothic letters; then follow these inscriptions: RENVOI D'AVIS IEE RECEPTION, Returned Acknowledgment of Delivery,

BUREAU D'ECHANGED
Post Office of
Pays.
Country.
and in the left lower corner these additional inscriptions:

Bareau d' echanged Post Office of Nouvelle Galles du Sud New South Wales $\qquad$ The blanks are filled out to correspond. This letter came across the Pacific, is shown l,y the entry postmark on the back:

> REGISTERED
> Aug 11 1900
> SEATTLE, WASH

I have a number of similar envelops from various countries, though I hate not in all cases been able to obtain the envelope containing my receipt, as its usually addressed to the postoffice and opened there. Sometimes they ar quite plain, only having Avis dere CsPrion written on them; one, whif came from Germany, is even made fro a report sheet, evidently by some postal clerk. One from Austria bears this in. scription:
Oesterreichische Pastverwaltung (Armsididin ist ration des Postes dं Autriche (Should be German type.)
all in one line, then comes, (in Cothe Type):

Kuckscheine-Avis de Recrption. An das Poftamt int Bureau de Poste de $\bar{j}$
$\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { rand } \\ \text { rays }\end{array}\right\}$
Amelich recommandirt. Recommande d'Office.
The blanks, of course, are properly fill out.

One of these envelopes before me quite plain, without printed inscriptinas but bears quite a number of postmak It came from Frederickshamn in Find and bears this postmark, dated 30.14 (i. e. Jan. 30, for in Furope the dar placed first in abbreviating the dad whereas we usually place the montling The letter then went to St . Petersbry where it was postunarked 19.10. "But," you will inquire, "how do he make this? Surely the $19 t h$ is ealiz than the 30th?" Not in this case.

Finland wes the Gregorian calendar, the same as we do, while Russia still quicks to the Julian calendar and consequently twelve days behind the rest of Christendom. Hence the anomaly. The letter next proceeded to New York, where it was postmarked 2-12. The letter was addressed to me at Port Washington, but the word "Port'' was inadvertently partly covered by one of the fegistry unmbers, hence the bright clerk at Sew York sent it to Washington, D. c., where it was duly postmarked Feb. 11. Here the error was noticed, bnt as the Fimish officials had not given the pame of the state and there are several post offices named Port Washington, an nquiry was instituted, as shown by the postmark:

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trelosed in an oval. The chief clerk's agle eyed assistants discovered the pame Wiscousin on the enclosed receipt nil sent the letter forward, so that it fally arrived at its destiuation on Feb. 9th as shown by the postmark. Not pal, was'nt it, for a letter that paid no cstage whatever (for these receipts are eturned free)?
(To be continued.)

## Che <br> Mrkinkey Postal Card

## By John O. Perkins

Ithas been announced by the officials the Bureau of Engraving and Printing Washington that a new design will bortly be adopted for the national bank pte issue, bearing the likeness of the te President Mckinley, but an anprucement of more particular interest the stamp collecting fraternity is the formation that the Post Office Departent has just decided on a postal mem-

As the present contract for the printing of the supply of postal cards is about expiring, orders have been promulgated directing that the new issue shall contain an entirely different design. The present vignette is to be replaced by one of McKinley, which will be reproduced from the best likeness oblainable, and an innovation in postal card printing will be a clear space at the top of the card for the post mark, this at present being stamped over the words "U. S. postal card", and being often entirely unintelligible.

The words "The space above is reserved for postinark'" will appear below this space, and then follow the usual legends "U. S. Postal Card" and "The space below is for the address only'', as at present. Around the portrait vignette will be printed the name "McKinley", with the date of his birth, and "Series of 1901'' in small type.

The Government supply of postal cards is not printed at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, but is furnished by private contract, and it is expected that the new contract will be le! and the "McKinley cards', as they will be known, will be ready for distribution to the various post offices throughout the country shortly after Decemioer lst.

The new issue will be a handsome and appropriate one, and it will be a matter of rejoicing among philatelists that the Postmaster-General is thus honoring the memory of the martyred President.

## Get This Stamp.

Phil. Chronicle and Advertiser.
The 30 c . rose Chili of the type just obsolete is likely to become rare Two million were printed and of these 1,750 . 000 have been surcharged " 5 ,' most of the remaining 250,000 being used on official forms which are periodically destroyed. Comparatively few, either used or unused, are likely to conte into the hands of collectors. The stamp is now obsolete.

## the philatelic west and camera news.



The reprints of the first issue of Lubeck are rarer than the original stamps. 30
So much trouble has been experienced in Portugal by the sheets of colonial stamps adhering to each other that the scheme is to be resorted to of sending them to the colonies ungummed.

Last May, a Washington collector communicated with some eight hundred post offices of the grade likely to have the Pan-American stamps in stock, with a view of securing any of the inverts that might have escaped. Although the eight hundred postmasters went over their supplies not a single invert was found.

Three years imprisonment and a fine of fifty francs was the punishment meted out to a French stamp dealer who sold "false and faked" stamps.

There is already a noticeable increase in the demand for British Colonials bearing the late Queen's head, Australians and the West Indies take the lead.

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Prince Nicholas I , on the first type of Montenegro, has a well-defined dimple in his chin.

Filt your spaces in the page set apart for Malta. These stamps will never be lower in price. Indications point to their being much higher.

Postage and revente stamps, used and uncanceled, were placed on the free list on our tariff schednle in 1894.

There are three types of the "Contra

Sello, 1874'' surcharge on the firstissue of Salvador. In type I, the letters ate double-lined, and the branches are close to the shield; in type II, the letters are also double-lined, but the branches are further away from the shield and in the third type, the letters are single. lined.

The lowest bidder for furnishing postal cards to the government the for next four years, agreed to furnish $3,000,000,000$ large size cards at the rate of $2175-100$ cents a thousand; the smad sized cards at $1750-100$ cents a thop sand, and the double cards at 42 cents a thousand.

One doesn't hear much about the $t$ cent orange documentary revenue the days, nor see many copies of it.

## Relative to Victoria

Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News
A recent letter explains the sndden appearence of the Victor ia set withth word "Postage" inscribed upon it. ter $1 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. green has been already noted and I believe the whole set, with the exce tions of 2 d . and 5 sh . has been similany treated. The stamps are of the sam designs as those recentfy issued, $r$ the plates have been altered by : tc addition of the word "Postage." It reason for this change is that there4s now seperate sets for postage and ti: reveulue purposes in Victoria, andi was found that the stamps issueder! in the vear, which were intended in postage only were sometimes illegrait used for revenue purposes, because that bore nothing on the face to shom th purpose for which they were intenter All the Victoria stamps insurite "Stamp Duty" are now used for reth nues only, whilst all the postage starf excepting $2 d$ and $5 s h$ now beat to word "postage," and these two racs will also shortly be similarly alterab

## ( Ottings from Old England By Regular Correspondent.

The name of Scott seems to be a disdirguished one in philatelic circles. You have your well known Scotts, and we giso have a Scott-Mr. Walter Scott, of ardiff, who has achieved philatelic disinction. It is related that he has the nucleus of his original collection started n 1855 . In poist of age, this surely entitled to first honors.

South African stamps continue to be pritie favorites here.

Titled personages receive many favors potextended to the ordinary mortal. Royal stamp collector has no trouble :all to secure what he wants; if his muts cannot be filled in any other manere a special printing is made for his Nencfit. Grand Duke Alexis Michaloitch, of Russia, who died in 1895, was menthusiastic philatelist. In 1893 the bar had reprints made of the first isures of Finland on his request.

I notice in the Australian Journal of filately some interesting items abont he $187(1$ issue of Fiji. These stamps tere issued by a newspaper called the "Fifi limes" and were therefore not nofficial issue. They were originally ptended for use as postage on this newsaper. but were commonly used by the phlic. They were thus used for a year efore a regular government set was isped. There were no reprints of these leresting stamps, although imitations te ofter alluded to and sold as such. have learned that no more Barbados itilee stamps will be sold after the close f this year. Those remaining unsold fill be destroyed.
offers to sell stamps on the installment plan. A small amount may be paid down and the stamps selected may be retained and paid for at a stipulated amount per month. This offers additional inducements to those who wish to invest in stamps but cannot command sufficient ready capital to do so.

An immense quantity of Portuguese colonies remainders are soon to be sold at public auction in Lisbon. The total face value of the entire lot is, approximately, 1,400 contos, a sum large indeed. As there has been no stamps issued for these colonies whose face value is over 200 reis, the extraordinary large amount of stamps in the lot can be appreciated.

I notice in a late English paper the following interesting item about the "camel stamps" of Soudan. These stamps were printed on paper watermark ed a cross. The cross being distinctly a Christain symbol, the Native Moslems' repugnance to anything of this character caused bitter feelings. They disliked the idea of applying their tongues to the back of a stamp bearing such a despised emblem. The watermark used was not selected from motives intended to make trouble, but the oversight nearly caused an uprising, so strong is the religious belief of the Soudanese.

A learling English paper, the "Weekly Telegraph," recently offered one hundred prizes for the hundred largest collections of stamps sent them. In all, fifty miltions, were received. Quite a lot of stamps!

I recently mentioned the settling up One enterprising London stamp firm of the assets of the defunct stamp firm
of Harry Hilckes \& Co., then in prugress. The Official Receiver has announced the completion of his labors. lt is interesting to learn that lie received over $\$ 2,400.00$ for his expenses and compensation. This out of about $\$ 8,000.00$ realized.

In imntation of the Australian philatelists, South African collectors talked of presenting the Duke of York with a complete set of South African stamps. To have done this would have cost an enormous sum, and besides, some varieties would have been almost unatainable. So the Duke did not get what would have been a very interesting collection indeed.

A London stamp dealer was recently "worked", as you Americans say, in a very neat fashion. In London, window cleaning is done by men sent out by established window cheaning firms. A man with credentials from such a firm was allowed to proceed with his work in this stamp dealer's windows. In departing, he carried away with him stamps of considerable value. When he tried to dispose of them, however, he was arrested and sentenced to one month hatd labor. 'This much for British justice.

It has been announced that the new Finglish one penny stamp will be printed in black and purple on rose paper. An unusual combination.

The auc:ion season has opened up, and already several large sales have transpired. At one sale, the $1 / 2 d$. , ld., and 2d. Schweiser Reineche provisionals brought from $\$ 2.90$ to $\$ 3.65$ each.

A fine Canadian Jubilee set, accompanied by the Post Master's guarantee that the stamps were taken from the
frst sheets printed, and from which the set presented to the Duke of York Was taken, brought $\$ 18.20$. The same sen, without this mique feature, brought $\$ 17.00$.

## A full ${\underset{B}{B}}^{\text {L }}$ geet of $\boldsymbol{r t a m p s}$ By L. G Dorpar.

A full sheet is a relative term and may have quite a dieffrent meaning when applied to diflerent stamps. The sheet, as printed, may be larger that the sheet, as found for sale at the posit office. One of the smallest sheetserft printed, if not the smallest, was the first issue of the Russian Levante 6kop. it contained but 4 stamps, while the second issue, ship type without ralue. had 63 i.e. 9 rows of 7 stamps each, and the usual number of Russian stamps is 100. The U. S. Postmaster's stamp according to 'Tiffany's History, came as follows: St. Louis 6, Brattleboro ij and Providence 12. Happy man, the possessor of these 28!-From the same source we learn that the $\$$ value of the State Department were printed in sheet: of 10 , the one cent carrier (eagle) and the $15,24,30$ and 90 cents of 1899 at well as the special delivery 10 cents in sheets of 100 . The $1,2,3,6$, and 10 cents of 1869 came in sheets of 1.0030 all the others from 1855 to 1890 in sheets of 200 . The values from 3 cem: up 1890 and the whole Columbianisur came by 200 s , but the 1 and 2 centst 1890 by 400 s . This seems to be tw common number now with the excep tion of the P'an-American issue rhich is priated by the 100 s . When the printed sheet contains a multiple of it is cut and distributed to the pit: offices by half or quarter sheets of 10 each, which are called full sheets. Tw place for the separation in the pintio sheet is marked by colored hines, whit can usually be seen along the urad margins of the post office sheets.

The lower values in earls stampow Great Britain were arranged in lypur of 12 in each, so that each row of the lif
mis worth 1 shilling and the whole sheets A. The stamps of Germany wre ill sheets of 100 each, but in the midde of the sheet is a white band wridins the whole into two panels of iveach. Modena had this arrangewent into panels as early as 1859; a finet contained + panels of 30 stamps anh-120. Other countries have varfins other arrangements.
When each stamp was engraved diret on the printing plate the plate finusas many varieties as there are fanmp. Such plates may be reconstructalifall varieties can be obtained. This owesar, is often very diftizult because Ill stamps so printed, are very old and generally pretty scarce. At present mity one die is engraved, from which pies are taken in a number of ways b make the printing plate; this above msures a unfiform likeness in all the tanps comins from that one die. Then plates get worn, it is along the. Hes and at the comers, where the frar shows the most: so there is somepors a difference whether a certain primen be picked from an inner or an pter row; otherwise the miform likeons of billions of stamps, all derived from one original die, is almost woncer-

## Notes <br> For U.S. Collectors

## E. R. ALDRICH.

I wonder if others have had the same sprience 1 have had and that is findHevenly centred 8 c and 10 c Panmerican. I have met with specimens Fom eight different office and all of entre while the other four values were swod thape. As yet I have to see a filly tinely centred 80.
I suppse most collectors have met ith the $+c$ proprictary cancelled $w i t h$ to ormaments of cog wheel like design fith twelve prints, was used on Dr. Gub's Merlicated Cutaneons Soap, finafacturtd by Chas, L. Niller of ancaster. Pu.
"Yes". he salit, pointing to a speci-
men of lc green proprietary, "That is a fine specimen of a rare stamp, it cost me two dollars to procure it," and after his friend had carefully examined roulette. inscription and design, he acknowledged it had adorned a bottle of "Mumm's" when he bought it. The $1 / 4$ c with E. D. Co. printed on it, came from the Bromoselzer bottle he bought next morning. The 1 cent was cancelled in red S. H. M. $\mathcal{\&}$ Co, - Firance and date.

According to the National Intelligencer of July 7,1853 , the post office would sell no smaller quantity of stamped envelopes then 100 at that date which would have matural have kept most of the ordinary users from purchasing direct, but many stationers "jobbed" them at a profit and the department soon resciuded their action.

Six dollars and two dollars and a half are the prices respectively given by the Standard catalogue for the Reay and Plimpton die of the 2c wrapper of the war department. As far as the statistics of the post office clepartment would show, there would appear to have oniy been 300 of the former issued and 2050 of the latter which would seem to indicate that a larger differential in price should exist.

In its settlement, June 30, 1862, the United States Postage Department owed Great Britian \$6t. 117,72 , France © 31,459 10. Bremen 15, 1661,04 , and Hamburgh 21,601.38 and had a balance in its favor of $32+, 238.83$ with Irusia and S4,185.45, with Belgium. This was before the days of the Universal Postage Union, and each country was obliged to keep it's own accounts under terms: of postal triaties.

For the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1861 there were issued 7300 twelve cent envelopes, 7200 of the 20 cent, 7700 of the $2+$ cent and 3600 of the 40 cent. The next quarter, the issue was 1100 of the 12 cent, 650 of the 20 cent, 1100 of the $2+$ cent and 500 of the +0 cent.

Postmaster, Baumhoff of St. Louis, is already plaming the establishment of a postal sub-station on the Louisana Purchase Exposition grounds and estimates that at least thirty two carriers. (four times the number at the Pan American, ) will be required during the period the fair is open. The station. until the opening, will be purely for the accomadation of the arms of employees.

## DEPARTMENT OF INQUIRY <br> Conducted by

L. G. DORPAT, Sheboygan, Wis.

Questions relative to stamps will be answered in this column free of charge to subscribers. All questions must be sent to the above address. and a 2 c stamp must accompany each letter containing attestions. When stamps are sent for examination. return postage nust be included besides the fee above provided for,

1. What is the meaning of the numbers printed on the back of Spanish stamps, present issue?-The figures on the back of Spanish stamps, present issue, are sheet numbers (not plate numbers), every sheet having a different one and every stamp of the same sheet bearing the same. Why Spain should go to so much trouble, and what good is to come frow it, is difficult to understand. Perhaps one motive is regard for stamp collectors who might want to collect these numbers.
2. A Guam 1 cent stamp with double strike of surcharge. One imprint of the surcharge Guan is right above the other. The upper one being a little to the right and very faint, both of an uncatalogued type. The stamp was found in mixed lot of U.S. and Cuba received from the U. S. in England. Is this stamp genuine? Rather, is the surcharge gen-uine?-Unless some reader of the West con prove otherwise, I would consider this surcharge a forgery; first, because of the double strike, which is easily caused by a hand stamp but not easily by a government press; second, because of the blurred impression in an ink, differing from that used for the regular surcharges; third, because of the cancellation in bars similar to those caused by the electric cancelling machines. It is very easy to set up a word of four letters and apply it by hand stamp to a few stamps that have already been used in the $\mathrm{i} . \mathrm{S}$.
3. What was the first postage stamp cver issued?-The lil of Cireat Britain of 1847.

The names of inquirers will not be published unless they expressly stalt the wish for having it done Question and answers will go by numbers. Id not pretend the ability to answer all questions. Those that I camot answe will be submitted to the readers of the West for answer, and any corrections stb. stantiated by sound reasons or prook shall be thankfully accepted.

## Stamps of Wenezuela.

BY Y $1 / 4$.
(Continued from last month.) The palm leaves are not like thes in the 1866 issue.

The inscription "Dios $y$ federaciog" forms one word. "There is a white spa over the " $y$ ". The " $y$ " is differens'n every stamp in the plate. The lettry cion are larger than the rest, especiait the last two.

The ends of the sciolls are not sph evenly, being open on the left and clow on the right.
The $s$ of los is large and thick.
The stars each side of the valutat poorly formed.

The gum is yellowish and ereet spread. There are twelve tete-beti pairs on each sheet. The colors are to same as the originals. These stamd are found cancelled at Caiacas and Guaira.
To prevent these forgeries being to the postal authorities used a surchaf in 1874.

The following means were takent the postal authorities to prevent is forgeries:-

1. The sheets contained 300 stary in 20 rows of 15 . (2) By the elinims tion of the tete-beches. (3) Bry a very bluish paper. (4) $B y$ the $x$ charge which consisted of an intig tion, in two lines, as follows:-"cof trasena-Estampillas de Comeo" in m small letters. In this surcharge va letters are sometimes large and wor times small and the stamps have lo found even without a surcharge.

In 1875 the surcharge was somp changed reading:-"Contrasena.ES pilla d Correos" in considerably atis letters. There were no errors in ${ }^{3}$ surcharge and it proved to be a bef preventative of the use of forged an than did the 1874 surcharge.

## Ye Caustic Critic's column. <br> Yours Candidly

At this time, when condition is receiving so much attention from cataloguers and scribes, it may be in order to inquire, what is a perfect specimen? That is when does imperfectness ranish and perfectness begin? A knotty problem, rruly. Just how far from center the im. print and just how heavy the cancellation may be is puzzling to many.
It is admitted that the word perfect, in its dictionary sense, admits of little gualification. But, when appiied to a tamp, the rule cannot be so strict. Civen a stamp, inprint a fraction of a millimetre removed from exact center, the tongue of the upper thumb. hand perforation missing, the cancellation leing a beautiful postmark, but in a measure obscuring the beauty of the olor and design-what shall we classfy his?
The cataloguers, having decided on a fied basis for valuation, should furnish - standard rule to guide the poor colector. A rule something like this:"A perfect used specimen is one in which the imprint is in the exact, mathematical fellter of the stamp; postal obliteration obe so light as to be unnoticeable; perforation absolutely correct, the tearmy of the stamp from its sheet leaving ts margins free from flaws: the stamp obe free from dirt, grease and kindred plights." Then, with this, a guide hould be furnished, stating with dePrite exactuess the decreasing value of the stampas its imperfections increase. fike the milimetre scale and the peroration guage, this rule would become houseinold necessity.
All purchases and exchanges would be pade with due references to its prowsions. In these mathematical times, we anmot permit indefiniteness. We must
know "where we are at".
Since time memorial, stamp papers have periodically published long, dry articles in reference to the beneficial side of philately. It would seem more correct to publist these in a publication reaching people unaware of the fact that stamp collecting is a pursuit of knowledge, tinctured with pleasure-a combination rarely met with. Why should a stamp paper give up much space to the informing of stamp collectors that they are absorbing knowledge, geographical. historical, biographical, zoological, piscatorial, avian and otherwise? Is it presumed that the gentle collector is unaware of this? Does he, in his dull, humble way, pursue his philatelic career, unwittingly increasing his store of useful information until made to see by some versatile writer that he has done so and that he is immeasurably indebted to philately for all of this? 'Tis fitting that he should be so advised. Otherwise, he would probably be unaware of how much he knows and how useful and varied his kiowledge is. In other words, it is considered neccessary to tell a man what he knows before he kuows what he knows.

Doesn't it provoke a smile when we see in the editorial column of a $2 x+x+$ page stamp sheei a grandiloquent allusion to "ye editor'? Bow low in awesome reverence, ye infinitessimal atoms of the philatelic cosmology, before this person of high degree. Think of the wakeless nights and sleepless days he spends in gathering from the four quarters of the globe the imposing mass of delectable reading matter for his paper. And remember that, after all, it must be a labor of love-no selfish calculations of sordic gain find lodgement in his cranium-he knows the futility of striving after negotiable profits, and instead, gratefully accepts as payment the gratification of his intense self esteem.

## STAMP COLLECTOR'S Protective -Associn OF AMERICA

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Official Organ-Philatelic West.
C. E. Cooly has started the auction sate in this number. Fe sure and bid and send him some stamps for the next sale. It is a good way to sell stamps quick.

Complaints have been made on E. I. Kook of Decatur. Ill. Any others?
F. Robinson of Betvidere, ItI.. would like to know the address of F. A. Triber, last heard of at Cumberland, Md. Has stamps due him.
J. V. Brandenberg of D. C. reports that the Royce Co of Massachusetts has settled.

Remember to send four cents for each name of complaint that is made ont this way help you get returns sooner.

New Members:-W. larnett San Francisco. o18 Howard strect: H. A. Chapman. Rocky Hill, Ct.; J. $\mathrm{r}^{2}$. Cravens. Galveston. Texas; J. $\mathbf{1}^{\mathbf{1}}$. Hinson, San Juan, Porto Rico: A. J. Pietisht. Baltimore, Md.. 1230 McCulloh sitreet; A. Plingo. Durango, Mexico; E. Steinbrember. 92 Kings: mant. Cleveland. O.; R. F. Arango. Durongo. Mexico: G. Goldstout. Augusta. Ga.. care I.. J. I,chanl; H Lamote, Paris. Firance 12 Pere cland Vellefoux 12.

## IIBRARIAN REPORT.

Received of Safe Stamp Company, Freeport Ill., 40 stamp papers for I, ib. rary. Members, send me a stamp and I will mail you a bunch of papers to be returned in two weeks.

Geo. W. Linn, Librariant.
SAIES SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.
From some cause my last report did not appear. I presume it was delayed enroute and reached its destination too late. I will include the last wo montlis in this report.
On hand last report 25 books....
value. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $\$ 78.35$
Received since 30 books, value. . $\$ 147.05$
Making 53 books value. . . . . . . . . \$225.40
Returned by request 1 book, value \$1.01
Balance on hand 54 books value. $\$ 224.39$

Quality of stamps continues to imprope All who desire to be placed on the cir. cuits please send me their names. Blank books will be urnished at los. per half dozen.

> Joel H. DuBose

Harold Roe-Snith, formally of cincinnati, Ohio, writes as follows:

German stamps bring better prices than in the States. U. S. stamps are very plentiful, especially the hightr values of old issues. The Omahasand Pan-Americans are the only ones there is any sale for. I have been offered strips and blocks of $5 c 1851$ fine copies at 35 marks each-which is a little less than 58.50 in American money. This stamp brings full catalogue price in Anmerica. I have also seen many 90 1869 in fine condition, as are all the high priced U. S. that are held here. If I cant be of any service in securing any special stamps for the readers of the WEST I would be glad to hear from them.

## HAROI, D ROE-SMITH

76 Nicker St. Stuttgart, Germany.

## ERRATA

R. H. Hedrick. St Joe. Mo., writes his mistake Ad should read Cinbe 10 vat 15 C Norway ${ }^{10}$ 25. 35. 50, 60 Ore and not ber
T Hayward. Alamesa. Colo, ad should read is for soo genuine adhesive postage stamps if
C Descims ad of Germinn East Africa should be priced $50 \%$.

Wescott \& Howe's ad should be foc not jor
J Nissely. Ada. Ohio. says change tot No go to $\leqslant 1.70$ and No 9t to $\$ 2.25$
Omaha stanp Co foc Inl Fxchange should $x$ OSc 1860 shoutd be 1890
viller photo co ad on cover should be patented Nov 5 instead of Get. 5
E Tomblin. Imperial. Neb Reference Brodtanc
Le 'I'mbrophile Belge marks the following postal cards as noth-existent: Venezuela 1898 (Miranda) 10 and $10 x^{1 i}$ centimus (catalogued in Maury's cata. logrte) Iceland 1889 (or 1892) 10 aut carmine with first line of inscriptim in one word (Scott No. 107) The officiais
at Revkavik deny its existence. German Levant 1900,10 paras on 5 pf and corresponding double card, not issued, betause there is no such postal card rate for these oftices. Chile 1895, 2c armine on rose (not listed by Scott.
The larger part of the August number of the Argentine Revista is taken upby the opening instalment of an extremely valuable and exhaustive article on those issues of the Argentime Republic made by the American bauk Note Co. It is unfortunately ;uch too long to even review it here; perhaps Mr. Wilkinson may see his way to having it translated for our readers. Pages $85-88$ of the Fiscal Catalogue came with this number; they are still occupied with Buenos Aires.


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Dec. 15 th,
goa.


We have decided to hold open the writers' confor annomeed in the last number of the West mitit the above date. This to give every one an eportunity to compete. see rules and prizes efired it last number.


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Our report was cut short last month iv lack of space. We understand the Omaha Local Society is doing well and thal to hear of any others.

## APPI,ICATIONS.

P. H. Peterson, Omaha, 607 S .13 st.. eff $s$ Moreson.
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F. Remnison David Cits.

Hie ueerl more members, can't you St at least one app. this year? Try it.

J. Resuggy of Australia sends $1 / 2$ penny Victoria stamp. One has the word postage on, which is in use now, and another has the word left out and is rare for it was in use only for a few weeks.
W. Kermen, Jr., of Waterloo, and W. Cross of London, England, send many clippings of stamps. Glad to see clippings from all readers on any stamps.
C. Dodge of Illinois reports precancelled of 1c of Aurora, II1., and shows $1 / 2$ time on each stamp, not seen mention of before. It was used on backs of cards sent out by Butter Co., and so is scarce.

Ewen Weekly reports the printing of new King's head on British $1 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$ has commenced and expect to see other values before Xmas. Color is sagey green and head looks to the left; is made in sheets of 120 each with space between panes filled in with control letter A. First sheet was printed Sept. 26th.

A new stamp country is British Someland in extreme east Africa.

Chile has given contract for 21 million of 1-2-5 of new stamps to the Americall Note Co.
R. Krause of Mexico reports a new kind of Envelope of Wells Fargo 5c.

Bulgaria will issue their new issue on th 13th of Oct.

Chicage Record-Herald says Japan will issme a new three-sen postal stamp in mennory of the late Prince Kitashirakawa. The stamp will have in the center the picture of the Formosa Shrine, which is dedicated to the prince with the imperial crest beside it surrounded by the letters "Imperial Japanese Post." Its size will be almost the same as that of the postal stamp now in tise.

## The Origin of the Pony Express, by H . Tretherne of England.

The Pacific States being separated from the rest by the wild sierra of the Rocky Mountains, cabals, railways, or even good roads, where not practicable in 1860 in that region and communication therefore became a difficulty. This difficuity was however overcome about the year 1860 by the enterprise of Messrs. Russel, Major and Waddell, "contractors for the conveyance of government stores," who determined to establish an express post by which letters could be conveyed in about a week between the two extreme points, depending partly on the public and partly an the government for their profit. They first built stations along the line of route at convenient intervals, stocking them plentifully, then they purchased about 600 ponies and engaged a band of fearless and trustworthy riders providing them with uniforms, letterbags revolvers and rifles. On the 9th of April 1860 or 1861 the post started. Two express riders started, one from Sall Francisco to come east, and the other from St. Joseph on the Missouri to go west. When a pony had done its stage at twelve miles an hour, it was replaced by another. Thus the mail bags were alwaystraveling at the rate of twelve miles an hour. Each mail did the 1900 miles of route in seven days and a half. The men suffered much from fatigue, hunger and the attacks of Indians, but they continued undauntedy, until the construction of railroads in that region, when there was no further use for a pony express.

## Forgeries of the United States Locals

by H . Treherne

## Essex Letter Fxpress 1856.

in the genuine stamp the flag on the ship bears the letters $S$. $X$. but in the forgiery, these letters are found beneath the ship.

Messenkopes Union Square Post Office 1854.

Oval with a lamp in the centre. In the genuine stamp the oval is formed of one line, but in the forgery, of two. one thicker than the other.

McIntires City Express Post. 1860
This stamp has been reprinted, the reprint can be distinguished, by the ab. sence of the little round ormament at the extreme upper left hand corner, other. wise the die is (Intire) entire.
Steinmers City Post. 1850
The genuine stamp has no little third ornament in the center of stamp where the two long ornaments meet. The forgery has a swall device, thus forming three ornaments.
Wymans City Post. 1848.
The genuine stamps have an onter line surrounding the whole design and the stars in the design show clearly. In ths forgery there is no outer line and the stars are blurred.


We expect to make our next number fine one, and it will pay all adrertisers to try an ad. Last year our Derember number was over 100 pages and trust our readers will help us to make this one better yet. Will illustrate lead ing Collectors, one of St. Louis, Mail Carrier who lead the processionat last Mail Carriers' National Meeting. dressed in shirt waist which the P. 0. department adopted. Also one of the leading lady collectors of N. 1. and others, which will make this No. alone worth one year's subscription, let alote the finest M.S.S. yet published.

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GEORGE J. REMSBURG

"Remsburg of Atchison'" is known all orer Kansas, and the West in general. as one of the leading young archaeologists of the day.
He was born in Atchison County Kan*as, Sept. 22 1871, and has resided in that County all his life. A newspaper pan by profession , he has filled many purnalistic positions with credit to himself and the paper he served. A reportfon each of the Atchison papers, City ditor for a time of the Daily Champion, Assistant Editor of the Missouri Valley Farmer. and manager of the Atchison fepartuent of the Leavenworth Times, meach capacity he was a success. He nesderoted much of his spare time to he Study of Archacology and Natural listory, and has been a Correspondent the Smithsonian Institute and several istorical Societies.
He waselected member of the $H$ istoral Society sometime ago on the unsolbied recommendation of Senator Vest of is:ouri.
He is a member of the American Socty of Curio Collectors and has explored most every nook and corner of the issouri River bluffs, and is said to be Her acquainted with the Eastern conor of Kansas and Western border of ssouri than any other man. Remsrg has one of the best archaeological lections in the West, and is thinking taking it to the St. Louis Worlds ir an conjunctio with the "Quivera" lection of I'rof. J. V. Brower of St. ai. Minn, who is the real disoverer explorer of the long lost city of "ivera' which Coronado visited in 1. and which Prof. Brower locates Riley County, Kansas. For several Is Remsburg has been accumulating prmation ou Kansas iniquities, which thopes to bring out in a book on the
snbject soon. He is a pleasant gentleman and an interesting and valuable correspondent.

## Ed. B. HOWF

Born in a small town of the Granite state in 1878.

In 1893 he became interested in stamps and amateur jounalism, and in the summer of 1897, Mr. Howe issued his first amateur paper, consisting of only four pages. He came to Minnesota in the fall of the same year where he learned the printers trade. During 1898-99 he ran a job office at Mankato, Minn. He then entered into partnership with Mr. II. J. Westcott and they have one of the best equipped printing offices in South ern Minnesota, from which they issue a very neat weekly newspaper. During his stay at Mankato, he published, Little Star, which was the official organ of the N. A. P. A. Mr. Howe devotes considerable time to stamp collecting now when he has any leisure time, and is always glad to hear from collectors.

## W. E. IVHEELER

Born in June, 1880, in Pulaski County Mo.

He moved with his parents to Indian Territory in 1893, lived there on a frontier farm nine years then moved to Oklahoma in 1892, soon after it was opened to settlement, and lived in Washita Co.. till present time. His education was acquired in common schools and principally home study. He lived on a farm nearly all his life and taught school two years. He was the founder of the Western Oklahoma Photo. \& Scenery Co,. in 1900 a company. which buys and sells views, Indian pictures and Relics and other photos. of interest. He is at present time collecting foreign scenery.

See his ad in the West.
F. W. ROBINSON

Was born in Boone County Ill.. 1860 and has money in the bank. He is an Odd Fellow and a member of other lodges and has been a crank since he was eleven years of age but always glad to exchange with collectors. He has a fine collection of coins.

## Constitution of Ghe Spanish-American Philatelic

AR'PICIF I. NAME.
The name of the organization shall be, The Spanish-American Philatelic Society-La Sociedad Filatelica Hispano Americana.

AKTICLE II OBJECTS.
The objects of the association shall be for the advancement of the honorabe collectors of postage stamps and fiscals, post-cards and whatsoever pertaining to the science of Philately, to promote the intersts, and bring together into more central union, the philatelists of North, Central, and Sounh Americamd the West Indies.

## AKTICIE III. MTMBFKSHII.

Sec 1. Any honorable collector wishing to become a member, may do soor filing with the Secretary, his application properly tilled out and duly signedbs the applicant; the same to be countersigned by the resident National Secretarn in which country the said applicant may reside.

Sec. 2 The initation fee shall be 25 c for all members. The dues shall be tix per annum. The dues for all members shall entitle him to one year's member ship from the date of his application. The list of applcations shall be published monthly in the official journal of the society, and in case no objection are tiled with the Secretary within fifteen days, the saicl applicants shall $x$ considered elected.

Sec 3 Any member of good standing may at any time tender his resignatios to the Secretary, who will cause the same to be published in the official jounai and if no objections should be filed within fifteen days, said resignation shat be accepted. Members not in good standing whose resignations shall be set. shall not be considered while indebted to the association.

> ARTICIEE IV, FXECUTIVE.

Sec. 1. The officers of this organization elected ammally, shall be as lows: President, Three Vice-Presidents, Secretary-Treasurer, Exchange Sug erintendent, Counterfeit Detector, Attorney, International Secretary, and L brarian. The Board of Directors shall consist of seven philatelists who she have been members of the association for a period of six months or more Ea country having members shall be represented by a National Secretary.

Sec. 2. The President shall send his greeting to the members each masis for publication in the official journal, give his signature to all amendmentit the constitution, order the suspension or expulsion of any undesirable mee bers. The Vice-Presidents shall have the right to organize, or assist in tx branch societies in any locality.

SEv. 3. In case of the absence, resignation or death of the President.tat duties will devolve upon the First Vice-President, the latter's office being tid by the Second Vice-President of the association. The Secretary-Treaure: shall secure and send ont applications for membership and cause the samet be published monthly in the official journal. He shall keep a record of members admitted and those in good standing, and make a tinancial repord all receipts and expenditures of the associations. He shall receive the repati of all the National Secretaries and publish the same in the English oft Spanish languages. The Exchange Superintendent shall receive and cirmbe among the members books of postage stamps, deducting as his the mission a fee of 10 per cent. from the amount sold. He shall have the p"nd to form regulations regarding his department and report any violation of mix rules to the President.

The International Secretary shall cotnintersixn all applications fromapis cants not represented by a National Secretary, and shall be the Secrearti the Directive Board and issue his report as necessity requires. throuth ufficial journal. The Counterfeit Detector shall render a careful examintig of all postal issues to determine their authenticity, charging the nominat of five cents per single copy, and in no case shall he be held responsibid unregistered sendings. 'the legal affairs of the association shall bentor supervision of the attorney elected for the purpose. The Librarian shall

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dive and accumulate among the members philatelic literature and have at all fimes a complete list of the librery for the beneft of the members. The Nainn Secretary in each conntry having members shall receive and counternin all applications for membership. He shall at all times be supplied with a hilatelic literature and all information pertaining of the official organ, list of ender a report of expenses incurred in his locality. which shall be paid in full or the Secretary-Treasurer.

## AKTJCLE V. OFFICIAL JOURNAI. ANID CIRCUIAK.

The society shall publish regularly each month, the reports of the various offiers and the same shall be sent to all members free of charge. said periodical to echosen at the annual election. The Official Circutar shall be issued quarterly He Secretary-Treasurer, under the supervision of Directive Board, receiving, eri, and ersi, and shall send the same to all members free of charge.

## AKTICI,F VI. BENEFITS.

All members of the Spanish-American Philatelic Society, in addition to the enefits heretofore ennmerated, shall receive a handsome Diploma, Certificate Membership printed in two languages and duly signed by the President and ecretary. For the further benetit of the members the President shall apvint a standing committee of three, at the beginning of each year, to purhase new issues and varieties for the distribution among the members.

> ARTICIF VII. EI,RCTION OF OFHICERS.

Sei. 1. The anmual election of officers of the association shall be under conal a Committee on Credentials, consisting of three nembers residing in arcity or town, as approved of the President. At a stated time said comintee shall meet, count the votes and announce the results.
Sec. 2. Prior to the annual election of officers, the nominations shall be at to the Secretary, who shall publish the same in the official journal as well the complete results of the election.
Sic. 3. The election shall take place by ballot on which shall appear the mes of the candidates. The Secretary shall cause these ballots to be sent all members in good standing.

## ARTICIE VILI. AMFNDMENTS.

Sec. 1. This Constitution may be altered or amended only by consent of twoirds of the members entitled to vote. This shall come under the provision ra spectal election ordered by the President.
Sec. 2. The Directive Board shall have power to add new laws which do not milict with the Constitution.
Sec. 3. Should five members object to one proposed alteration or anendent to the Constitution, it shall be submitted to a vote, by order of the Presimt, a two-thirds vote being sufficient to make said alteration or amendment.

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## Counterfeits and Oheir Detection

By Lacus Viridis
(Continued.)
SIERRA One of the very best forgerLEONE iers that has lately come to my notice is one of the $1 d$ rose of Sierra Leone, issue of 1872. That is, 1 suppose it was meant for the 1872 issue, as the preforation is $121 / 2$, but the watermark crown CC is couspicuous by absence, as is usual in counterfeits.) The counterfeit is executed in lithography, but the lithographer was no mean artist and furnished an almost exact imitation of the original; the head is a little masterpiece and differs so minutely that the difference can hardly be described in words. The chief distinction is that the shading at the back of the neck is too thick on the forgery, the ink of the fine lines having run slightly, as it is apt to do on the best of lithographs; at the base of the bust the tine shading lines are also a trifle broken by wearing of the stone The incriptions are not quite asgrood. The S of SIERRA is too tall, so that it nearly touches the sidelines of the label instcad of leaving a clear space as on the genuine. The $A$ of the same word comes too near the top of the label, so that on the counterfeit there is only about : Mm. between the righthand base-line of the $A$ and the top of the label instead of quite $3 / 4 \mathrm{Mm}$. as in the genuine. The A in POSTAGE on the counterfeit is a trifle crooked, so that its top is not exactly above the opening between the two base lines, but a trifle to the right. The ietters of the ONE PENNY are all too thin and marrow; they also plainly show their lithographic birth by showing on indention whatever on the paper, whereas on the genuine specinen before me the word
is quite deeply impressed into the pap er. (No doubt most of my readers know that for many of the de la Rup colonials the frames of all values are printed from the same plate, the so. called " Key-Plate", while the values are afterwards printed at a separate operation from a plate for each value. called the "duty plate". As this plate bears nothing but the word of ralue the type often is quite deeply impress, ed into the paper.) The small orm. ments in the four corners of the forger: are all imperfectly drawn, so that the upper corner is not eaxctly above the lower corner. but somewhat to the left: for this reason also the small cross io the center of each ornament leans somewhat to the left. The color isal. most an exact counterpart of that of the genuine and in general, as before said, the counterfeit is an extremeir prepossessing one, well calculated to deceive. The cancellation is rathe indistinct, but seems to consist of narrow parallel bars. The proper post. mark of Sierra Leone consists of the figures B3I within double pareuthess and three parallel bars above and br. low, growing proportionately shorte outward.

I have another forgrery here, suppheed to be the $1 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$ bistre of 1876 or $189:-$ there is no means of telling which. 23 there is no watermak. It ansref exactly to the description given for be ld above, except that it is not quite is clearly printed. The words Half PENNY are very well imitated, bot the second $N$ of PENNY is a trifle mid er than the first and the righthand down-stroke of the same N is not quits as tall as that of the lefthand stroked the $Y$ adjoining, whereas on the getuine both are of the same height: Still another forgery of the same stis one of the $11 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$ ( 3 halfpence, as it 3 ) expressed on the stamp itself) violeth 1876 or 1884 (here also the watermati fails us.)
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RELOW MLDBERS AND FKIENDS:
finm hase assembled for the 3 rd Anmal Confont of the Kansas Plilatelic society for the combing vear. and it is well for us to do so as it frimgent onm different idens af what is hest for tre sciety and brings us closer together as collethers.
Tlue past yeat has heen one fall of interest to phatelists. There has bern many changes in the recrolat issiles of stamps as well as many bital satues such ats our own Pan Anorican all of whichtends to awaken interest in new and wallectors alike
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atphilatelic societies have done well and out a wictey has gaincd grommd and standing at ne and ahrond. we have not only lield ont own athaturer of mombers and late added several arw hames to our roll who wall prove active and amest workers
fin reveming the work of the year I do so with the knowledge that there mas have been mistok but thes were mistakes which were for ar mon gool. We all learll by experience.
When I entered upon the duties of presiderst I bumb the socieve without a regular official orman a Mr. Cimst. the pablisher of Gratht's Philatelic Monthly was nesertain as to the time of their fres inne and lendered the resignation fot his ; 1 axt as official orgath
I accepted the resigintion and appoisted the Ithilatelic West and Canuera News of superior. Sheraska to fill vacancy and 1 wish to publicly think Editor lorodstome for his kindiness and w!lyghess to publish anm and all matter sent hina and it is a pleasure to know that his will be the official organ firm the next veat
(har last consention in Kansas City voted to increase the anmuad dues to soc per yéar. but as I fumbllye socicty was out of cleint and the old amomint ase jeir teat would be sufficient to ring the weices for the fiext vear. I bronght the mattre frefore the trusteces with the result that the tranner wan instructed to accept 250 as a full war's ducs. I wonlal suggest that this change bee athume tos remain a law hut that the convention andioria the trustecs to order the treasurer to aroph 25 c per rear if the revennes are sufficient th litet the experiser of rgot and 1902.
Whe viee-jecsident. Itr. Hayworth, will have the honor and pleasitre of presiding at this conthion sel ant hot going to say minchabotit hime ohe has in mis opinion. alwass been the right mation the right place doing ill lef conld for the hetlefie rif atr bociety.
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'lhe libmarian Mr. Myers. has only one complaint to file and that is mentbers liave toot taketh the interest in this department that shombl have done, as be has at alf times been ready to either send ont the society's luokes or receive conttibut tionsfor the library. So let us helphim buildup a fine library daring the next year

As the nuction manager wewt to $\mathbf{S t}$ l oouis short Iv after his election. I cannot say much of his department. The trumtees. Messis. Hayworth Ford and Ihatker have ably seconded anv sug gestions I have mate and have ordered all changes made in lave or official acts that have becin deenied best fot the socicty s good

I exceedingly regret that a canmot meet with Sou but sickness prevents my attending.

I wish to thank all officers and meinhers fot the help and assistance they lave rendered? during the past year and to assime son: I shall alway's rennain all active and earnest worker. ready at all times to say. "Iong live the liansas Philatelic Society ${ }^{\circ}$ (), H. IPMINNIEY, Pres. KLPORT OH SEFTING KANEAS PHFI, A

## TFLIC SOCIF'IV'

The 3rd annual aneeting of Kans. Philatelic society was held in rooms of the $t$. S. c. chal, in Wichita. Kans, on Tharsday, Oct. srd. 'The morning session was called to order at as a. 111 by Vice I'resident. IF. K Hayworth who read the president's address in the absence of $\mathrm{F}^{\text {Pres }}$ Phin. nev who was mable to be prescint on acconnt of sickness. Eight metmbers were present including. Messers W. P. Kelley. K. C., Mo. Kev. K Stollenwerk, iehentlal, Ks. F. J. Ford. ©. W* Myers. $F$, D. Delanater, $I$. K. Ilayworth, A. I. Ford ander: R. Barker of Wichita. The chaitman appointed committees on Credentials If ibrary. Sales Dept. etc. The Credantial contmiltee reported 7 ballots received and the fotfowing elected to serve the socioty the conning vear by $1 /$ votes. Pres.-F. J. Ford. Wichita:
 Cumninghami. Ki. C.. Ks: I, ibrarian. - C. W. Myers. Wichita, Supt of Fxchange IDept-W. P Kéley K. C.. Mo; Auction Migr.-F. * Delanmater Wijelita: Connt. Detc.-Rev. K. Stollenwerk.
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sas City, Mo. G. R. BAREER, 145 N Emporia Ave. Wichita, Kans.

SECRETARY'S RIPORT:
As another vear has passed in the histors of the Kansas philatelic society, perhaps a few words from the retiring secretary may be in order before we part. I regret that my absence from the state and attendince at the Fan-American Exposition prevents me from being with you, and personally mecting many more of the members with whom I have solotig corresponded. mathy of whom I almost regard as personal friends. hut I could not attend loothgatherings.
1 betieve that we can flatter ourselves that it has been a stacessfal year for our litue society. even if the progress made has been slight. While we have had only in applications for menbership the past year, and the net gain in membership is small. still since the opening of the present year we have been highly favored with rega. lar isits from our official organ, the Phitatelic West, our president has been in close touch with many of the members and made frequent reports and worked for the good of the sociely. And the exchange department conducted by irs. barker has been a live one, so we have no reason to be despondent. I think the Fxchange Department has also been a success financially as Mr. Barker deserves much credit for his hard work.
One year ago I was able to report twenty paid up meinbers, and we now have thirts on the roll mat sluring this year six of them have not been heard from at all. two of them charter members. while two more have allowed their dues to lapse. jecthaps becausc I hate been matible to write to thempersonally, so may renew. These members I will mention as gls Henderson. WCA Crant. SF. Contelly, Lem Geront Co Selig. JH wagoner, K 1. Thompson, and FJ Bescher. But we have gained several voung and energetic members whom we trust will not soon falter in their devotion to their stamp collections, andakeep up our society foryears to come. I an sorry that many others now collecting stanps in kansas and vicinity are not willing to join our society, and suek to derive the betrefits secured by membership in a due society. Ont finances are in first rate condition as is shown by 5.55 in the treastry-.

In conclusion. I wish to thank my fellow memhers for the courtesy they have always shown me in my slowness to attend to their breiness. and shortcomings in duty the past vear, and expect they will hail my successor with as much kindness.
With best wishes for the future of our society 1 am yours.

FOSTEER A. L,TL,I,

## KEPOKT OF SALFS DEP'T.

6 hooks recejvel during October value S4.49
I shath send out my first circuit on Oct. 20 . All members who wish io buy medim priced stamps. should commanicate with me at once stembers who wish to fill some hooks shouk get books wow and filf them at once. Price a for 5 c positpaid. I canmot rum this department mates I have plenty of looks. Respectfully, WI Kelles, Supt 324 Peety Ave. Ransas City : Mo
PRESIDENT'S RHEDORT FROM LASH MO.
FeI.jow MEMBERS:-
As we now have a new president. I will not have the pleasure of grecting goll officially: through our official orgati. and I wish to take this opportunty to thank you for the many contesies son have extended to me during the past vear. and to ask you one and all to be as loyal to President Ford as yon have been to me Weare on the road to succest as a society and if we continue united as we arc we will go preater success in the future Members, let us mite in wishimg long life and prosperity to our -aciety as it enters oft the third year liong live the Kilntas [hilatelic Societs:
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By Themas L. Elder.
By no means the commonest coins, but of deep interest to all patribuc American Collectors are those pieres which were in circulation in this com. try in Colonial and Revolutionary times The remarkable manner in which mana of them were authorized and the obscm: ity of origin of some of them, lend them a peculiar interest. It is deeply inte. esting also to note the striking contres in the grades the woskinanship shom by the Engravers of these coius: and to those collectors interested particularh in collecting "'varieties" of certain issus. there are few classes of coins, which offe a more inexhaustive field-Take in the latter respect, the New Jersey Coppt: cents, for example, there are at leasi dozen different sizes of this coin, alls which, however, had in eariy times the same scale of value-All collectors art faniliar with the almost numbertes types, and variations iu the style of engraving on this coin. The obverse typs are a horse's head and a plow, with the date beneath, and "NOVA C.FSAREA" above; and the reverse bears a shein and above "F PLITRIBES CWCN". It is fascinating to take 25 or $30 \mathrm{c}:$ these cents, lay them out on a desk of table and compare them. On one west a very large thick horse's head, nith long neck and ears. Picking up ta next one we are surprised at the contat. for on this one the head is small, carles and eyeless, and its attitude is downand instead of erect. On this coin there art to be round a corresponding number of die varteties in the types of the plos and shield. The earliest coins ittend ed for America were those of the Sammer Islands of Bermucla. Iti 1616 be Finglish governor of Bermuda lad it circulation there "a certaine kimde od brasse money, with a hogge on one side: in memory of the albundance of hogs was found at their first landing' ' The limited circulation of these coms is in. dicated by their present extreme rariti. but few specimens being known, ${ }^{3 n}$ did only two varieties the shilling and sis pence, each bearing on the obveres ato and on the reverse a ship.
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Members of the American Society of fario Collectors will take notice that he secretary it now ready to receive manations for officers for the coming ea：－The election will be held in Detember and the successful candidates fill assume their duties in January，All nembers are invited to forward nomina－ bons for one or all the officers at once othe secietary so he will get all by he 2 lst at the latest．The names of andidates nominated，together with that office，will be published next month． po not fail to name your candidate for ath office．RovF．Gremes，President． PRESIDENTSREPORT
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collect．What specimens they have for exchange and what they want in rethrin，include a valuable lot of information and a number of pictures． Everybody get to work．ROyIF．GRFENE

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## Crematory Mounds On the Missouri.

By Gearge J. Remsburg.

On a very rugged hill, locally known as the "Devil's Backbone," overlooking the Missouri river, at the confluence of Owl creek and another smaller stream, six miles southeast of Atchison, Kan., are two sepulchroe or crematory mounds, about to yards apart. They were explored by the writer in the fall of 1891 , being the first Indian mounds ever explored in Atchison county, of which any record has been made. These mounds were 12 feet in diameter at the base and about two feet high, both being exactly similar in construction and contents. At a depth of about two feet, or on the original surface, enclosed by rude stone vaults, the bones of human skeletons in a charred and brokell mass were found. The vanlts were about 6 feet long, 3 feet wide and 2 feet deep. The walls were rudely constructed, with no attempt at geometrical precision. A layer of flat stones cover the remains and on top of this rested a massive pile of stone thrown up indiscriminately. Around the edge of the structures, however, the stones appeared to have been intentionally set in the ground in a perfect circle. The only objects unearthed, aside from the burned mass, was a swall arrowpoint of yellow chert, a broken spear head of a grayish flint, a leaf shaped implement of blue flint, and numerous chips of the same materials.

Similar mounds have been found all along the Missouri river from Omaha to St. Louis. As early as 1830, Rev. Dr. Isaac McCoy, who was employed by the government to survey the boundary lines of the different Indian reservations in Kansas, discovered a group of eight of these mounds on what is now known as the "government hill" at Fort Jeavenworth. He explored one of the mounds, and in his history of the Baptist Indian Mission, published in 1840, he gives an
account of the mounds which stoms that they were exactly similar in con. struction and contents to the Atchison county mounds. Dr. McCoy gave it as his opinion that human sacrifices had
there been offered. The Indians who lived here when Dr. McCoy visited this region more than half a century ago. claimed to have no knowledge of the origin of the strange mounds which be discovered and explored.

All along Owl creek from the sourte to the mouth, have been found numer. ous evidences of a former population. In the creek bottom just west of the so. called "Devil's Backbone", and the mounds described above, was a village of about ten acres extent where the tip. ical village reminders have been fourt in profusion, and the usual workshop: in close proximity. One of these wort shops differs somewhat from the average sites in its production of innumerably tiny arrowpoints of exceptionally fin nuterial and workmanship. Another site nearby yielded large specimens al. most exclusively. At one of these worb shops many chips and slabs of greensose sandstone, quartzite, and catlinite were found. At the south limit of this village site, on a terrace of the creek, on wta is known as the old Thomas place, be skeletons of several Indians were er humed while digging a cellar. Norelis were found with them. Other cawp sites and workshops are located on lte farms of John Delaney, Wm. Turnerad others, on Owl Creek. On the old Far ris farm, near the head of the streal. several fine flint implements, a sandstor pipe and other interesting relics bart been picked up. On the Delaney fard a large quartzite mortar weighing orm 60 pounts, was found by the writer.

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# Curio Notes 

$B_{\text {: }}$ Roy Farrel Greene 1.A.S. of C.C.. No. I.)

The "cigar bean" of Batavia is a Gild Iruit recently discovered in Batavia. the pod is like a cigar in shape and folor, but only an inch long, and when put into water it rests on the surface for everal minutes, then explodes like a orpedo, hurling the seeds in all direcions. If allowed to ripen in a warm lace the pod gradually splits length*ise from point to base. If left to ripen buthe plant it splits open more suddenly.
tecording to the "Mexican Herald" sone persons who have lately returned rom the neighborhood of Huasteca Putosina, where they were in search of cat. report the discovery of a very vinderful cave in the mountainous frims of that country. It is decorated wile in a very elaborate manner and is fiidently the temple of an aboriginal al. In fact, there is now in the cave buge stone image of an Indian idol. from indications it is evident that the dol is still receiving the worship of the atives. It is thought that this worship may have been going on for many years an the same place, and that the natives, then they found that they could not arry on their heathen worship openly, ook the idol to the cave and there fitted pfor it the best and most elaborate guple their facilities afforded.
lt is said that if one forces a toad's routh open, and holds it in that posiion, that it will suffocate. This is bealise he has no ribs, and no way of ilating the chest, therefore he must terally swallow air as though it were borl. Forcilly keeping the creature's Pouth open causes the air to pass into le stomach instead of the lungs. Anther odllity is its tongue, which is hung the mouth just the reverse of the
human tongue, being attached to the front of the jaw, the loose end hanging back and down the throat.

The manuscript of an appeal for funds for Dartmouth College, dated 1781, was recently given that college by the estate of a Miss Hopkins of Northampton, Mass. It is signed by George Washington, T. Lincoln, Livingston, William Moore, Robert Morris and other historical persons.

A dispatch to the New York World, some weeks ago, from Burlington, Vermont, reported J. G. Falcon, a diver, as having visited the spot where the scooner Royal Savage, commanded by General Benedict Arnold, was sunk in 1776 by the British. He found three gun carriages and about thirty cannon-balls and shot. Two of the former were sent to the Smithsonian Institution at Washington and the other was given the city of Burlington. The relics were discovered in about thirty feet of water. The carriages are made of wood and iron, the former being now petrified.

Within the last year there has been opened to the public at the British Museum a new Babylonian room, which is an enormous addition to the memorials of the ancient world. It contains a complete series, unequaled elsewhere, of bricks and tablets of baked clay; with Cuneiform inscriptions ranging in date from over 4000 to 83 years before the Christian era. rhese writings are the very earliest history and literature of Western Asia. As far back as 3800 B . C. the Babylonians had used block printing to stamp their brick records, while on the Assyrian side are earthen documents relating to land measurements and com returns of wondrous detail. There are 4000 years back letters sent by post in clay envelopes, the addresses and seals still remaining. Business transactions,
trials by jury, marriage contracts. divorces, an action in the Probate Court and the like are so faithfully preserved that far more may be known with certainty of ancient Babylon and Assyria than even our ancestors only a few thousand years ago.

The large grosbecks of South Africa live in large societies. They select a tree of considerable size, and literally cover it with a grass roof, under which their common dwelling is constructed. The roof serves the double purpose of keeping off the heat and the rain, and 400 or 500 pairs of birds are known to have the same shelter. The nests in this aerial dwelling are built in regular streets and closely resemble rows of tenement houses.

By far the greatest number of flowers have no smell at all. For instance, of the 4.200 species of flowers in Europe only about 10 per cent. give forth any odor. The commonest flowers are white ones, and of these only one sixth are fragrant. Did our young botanist friend know this?

Mrs. M. J. Pedder of San Diego, Calif. in a letter of recent date advises the Curio Editor that she has in her possession a Chitnese coin, of the Han dynasty, the same being neaaly 1900 years old. Thecoin was purchased by her husband while in China, about the year 1850 . It is of very queer shape and appearance and would make a valuable addition to the cabinet of any curio collector, even thongh he be not a numis. matist. Mrs. Pedder wishes to dispose of the coin and any collector may communicate with her direct by addressing 1765 State St. San Diego. Vice-President. Elder of the American Society of Curio Collectors says the coin is evidentIV a genuine "cash" of that dynasty
from the description furnished him

Speaking of Vice-President Elder re. minds us that the majority of collectors and $\mathrm{A} . \mathrm{S}$. of C. C. members are pe:haps not aware of the fact that Elder is an expert telegraph operator, by occupation, and as such he took a conspic. uous part in the incidents immediately following the assassination of our be. loved President at Buffato the 6th dar of September. After the wounding of Iresident McKinlty it will be remem. bered that he was almust immediater! removed from the Exposition ground to the home of John G. Milburn, wherf for a week he lay between life and dead until the end came on the early morning of the 14 th, During this period of mat ing, when the whole nation watche with breathless interest the reports the President's condition it will be remembered that all bulletins were hedel "Milburn House, Buffalo." Secretar Cortelyo: of the President's househes was onduty in a more or less officiai way at the Milburn mansion, and tor Western Union relegraph Compar: deemed it proper and courteous to phas at Cortelyon's service one of their mos expert operators. Thos. L. Elder. 吸 delegated for that service by the cowpany and within two hours after Elen reached Milburn House he had a diret wire established between there and w White House in Washington. Durox one of the days of anxiety, ere the eat came, Elder handled 700 messag* which is considered at1 extraordiuar? day's work for one operator. Our ch lecting friends and brothers of the $1 . s$ of C. C. can well inagine how maty relics connected with this sad eventi? our nation's history Fider has pian in his collection. It is pleasant to kred that a member of our collecting $2 x$ acquitted himself so creditably on :ath a trying occasion, and when his concict needed him was "weighed in the hastrof
and not fouml wanting."
I rer neat catalogue of Indian pictures and photos of Western scenery has just beell issued by the Western oklahoma Ploto and Scenery Co., of Cloud Clief, Ohlahoma. One hundred pictures are listed and described and the catalague will be of interest to the curio hover as well as the "cameta fiend." Mrite for a cops, mentioning the Wiest.

Many of our collecting friends inclined towarls botany may not know that Reimieer Moss grows plentifully in New England. Though the common name of this little plant of a gray tint is Reindeer lloss. (cladonis ranuifernia), it frally belongs to the family of lichens. These are a little lower in the scale of bie than the mosses, which have roots and leaves, and thay grow fla, upon the sulace of the trees, rocks or ground, or Far, as in the present case grow up in ramerous threadlike parts. The reindiee moss is very common in the old pastures and open woods of New Fingfand where tlie soil is poor. It fairly inges the ground with a whitish gray bur. When diry it is quite brittle and very pretty, its stem-like parts being hollow like little tubes. They branch out and stanl up some four or fice inchFs ligh. After a rain this lichell is soft ot the touch. The reindeer lichen grows in other parts of the world as well as New Englamd. It covers the barren plains of Lapland, and the northern prits of Siberia, growing well where monhing else would. There it forms the ormcipal food of the reindeer, from thich fact it has received the name of cindeen moss.

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Collectors. More benefits accure from a years membership than could be told in a page of the Wrst and the cost is slight. Write F. W. Coning, Maryville, Tennessee for particulars.

## A とOOd About Zinc By G. Le Maire

Zinc is a bluish-white metal, which stowly tarnishes in the air, becoming coated with a film of oxide and carbonate. It has a crystalline structure and is, under ordinary circumstances, brittle. When heated to about 130-150 degrees, Centigrade, it is malleable, and mey be rolled or hammered without fracturing it.

Zinc when thus treated remains malleable when cold, the sheet zinc of commerce is thus made. When zinc is further heated to about 200 degrees, cent $i$ grade, ( 392 degrees Fahrenheit), it loses its malleability aud becomes so brittle that it may be powdered. At 410 degrees. Centigrade, it fuses; and at red heat it boils, Voltalizes, and if air be not excluded it burns with a splendid greenishwhite light, generating oxide.

Metallic zinc is obtained by heating in retorts, the oxide or carbonate mixed with charcoal, when decomposition takes place, the loose metal is Vavorized and distils into suitable receivers where it solidifies. Zinc is found chiefly as sulphide (\%inc blende), ZuS; or as Silicate ( C alamine), $\mathrm{H} 2 \ell_{2}^{11}$ SiO5. It occurs al. so as carbonate and as oxide in combin. ation with the oxides of iron or manganese.

People forget. An ad. may tell the reader where his wants may be filled, or it may create the want. The reader does not act at once, Then he forgets. The ad. as a reminder, may be quite as potent as when it gave the firstinformation, as to keep ad going is the best way.

Dull seasons are shorter for those who plan intelligently to avoid them. The zealous advertiser gets business and de. serves success.

# American Archacology. 

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American Archaeology as exemplified by the remains left by the Mound Builders and American Indians is coming to be more and more of a complete science as new discoveries in this line are constantly made.

Ohio, Illinois and Michigatn, contain very many remains of the Mound Builders. Many of these mounds have been opened and examined and excellent reports made on them. Une of the most famous of these mounds is called F't. Ancient and is in Warren Co., Ohio. This structure served as a a great earth for it's inhabitants during times of warfare with enemies.

Relics of the Indians are found almost everywhere and are prepared chiefly from stone, bone, and metal, the latter chiefly copper. Thesc relics are of all shapes and were supposed to have all manner of uses. They include the common arrow and spear heads, tomahawks, calumets or stone pipes, gorgets, mortars, pestles, idols, ceremonial stones. axes, pottery, etc.

The arrows were chipped from flint and other varieties of quartz by means imperfectly known. They are of all colors from black and white to red,etc. The writer has found many of these points in gullies, on stream-banks and other places, while out on natural history expeditions. Have also found tomahawks, axes, and various pottery.

A peculiar fact about the pipes is that they were all made from a variety of clay-slate called pipestone. found only in Pipestone Co., Minnesota, where the only known quarry of it is 10 cated. As the pipes are found in all parts of the U. S. it is supposed they were scattered thus by exchanges among the different tribes.

With the archaeology of the country should also be included the extinct Cliff-
dwellers. More relics of these vanished races are found in Arizona and Coloralo than any other states, although they are sometimes met with in other Western states. As their cliff-dwellings were al. ways situated in high and dry places they are almost perfectly preserved, up to the present day; and they were Dob. ably built thousands of years ago. From skeletons found in the dwellings, it is seen that they were of very sumall stature comparatively. However, evidences show that they were among the mon nimble climbers in the world. Thr Aztecs of Mexico and the southwesters U. S, are sometimes associated witb cliff-dwellers.

The ancient Indian stone relics are almost passing from use and their place has been supplied by implements of semi-civilization. One of the mos valuable archaeological works yet published is entitled "Prehistoric Imple. ments' and is written by Prof. Warren K. Moorehead, aided by a very able corps of assistants. It is almost a com. plete list of prehistoric relics and has fine illustrations. (Cincinnati; the Robert Clarke Co. $\$ 3.00$ postpaid.)

Among the most prominent dealers in ancient Indian relics are L. W. Stilmell. Deadwood, S. D., Dr. W. U. Emerr. Crawfordsville, Ind., and the Naturalists Supply Association, Chicago, the latter represented by Prof. Thos. Ke. nealy. There are also a great number of dealers in modern Indian relics, among whon may be mentioned H. H. Tam men Curio Co., of Denver, F. W. Kir ball, Boulder, Colo., F. W. Darber. Winnipeg, Canada, etc.

It is sare to say that no other field of science offers so many opportunities at present as a good study of America Archaeology.

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## MAKING GOOD NEGATIVES

Cady Harris Saint,<br>U'uion, Iowa.<br>(Continued.)

When we take into consideration the die range of tones between the sky of well lit landscape and the deep shadft the dark green foliage, is it any wonler that the fast plate with its small aritude in permisable variation from the orrect exposure, should fail to do jusfie to the varying tones; if not at one Nof the scale, then at the other; too anding to reproduce either.
The norice should take his camera fifd and selecting an average landcipe, well lighted and containing all he touss from brilliant high lights to lepest shade, make a series of exposres. numbering his holders so that he pay study the results, giving each plate different exposure, and he will, on onparing the resulting negatives, find ant the difference is great. He will arn enough by this simple experiment repay hitn a thousand fold tor the the and plates employed. It will teach itu more about exposure than the haparard exposing of hundrds of plates. the behaviour of the different plates in be developing solution will teach him lore than the reading of many pages on es subject of development. The prints fon the same series of negatives will $f$ as instructive as the advice of all his botographic friends as to the remedy ribis and that fauit in his pictures. ine the plan a trial.
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## DEVELOPING

Mr. W. C. Stone, Lamar, Mo.

Nearly all instructions issued for the guidance of the beginner, inform him that the proper time to stop development is when the high lights begin to show through on the glass side of the plate. This rule is not to be trusted. Fast plates are not coated as thickly as the slower brands and for that reason the density in the high lights makes its appearance on the back of the plate much quicker in the case of a fast plate than in that of a slow one. Another thing conspires to upset this theory is the fact that with a pyro developer giving an amber colored deposit, much less density is required in order to secure good brilliant prints, than is necessary in the case of metal, and some of the newer developers which give an image of a bluish tint that is much less activic in color.

The proper way to judge of the amount of development required is to hold the plate up to the ruby lamp and look through it from time to time. A very liltle experience will enable one to judge quite accurately by observing the amount of contrast, detail in the shadows, and density in the high lights, just when to stop development. One must understand the behaviour of under and over exposed plates, judging each on their own merits.

It is advisable that all plates, unless known to be over-exposed be started in a weak solutlon of fresin developer. If found necessary, in order to obtain printing density, the solution may be strengthened by adding the strong developer frow the stock solutions. In

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cases of under-exposure, do not attempt to crowd out detail by too rapid develop. ment or you will spuil the plate beyond all hopes of recovery. The image may be coaxed a long way by using a solution diluted with about twice the ordinary amount of water and giving it plenty of time.

Over-exposed plates should be treated with the uorual developer minus a part of the alkali solutiou. If the plate be removed from the developer, rinsed and fixed before veiling of the shadows takes place after intensificatian will give the required density. If left in the developer long enough to altow this veiling of the shadows to take place in hopes of getting density in the high lights; in tensifying will increse this veil as well as the deposit in the high ligts and the negative will be a very slow printer. An undertimed negative that is inclined to gaia contrast too rapidly should be placed in a tray of clear water, covered over, and allowed to soak for some time. Detail will increase while the high lights will become but little denser; thus avoiding the harsh, contrasty negatives so often obtained from under-exposed plates. Development is a stury that hinges on the ability to recognize the behaviour of under, over, and correctly exposed plates.

## MAKING GOOD NEGATIVES

(Continued.)
In the selection of the particular part of the scene before him, the beginner makes his mos! serious mistakes. All nature is beautiful, but like a poem, only particular parts are pleasing when taken alone. Crowding the picture should be avoided. Only that which helps or adds to the picture should be included. Often we find material at the sides, or at top or bottom, that would have been much better left out. The time to do this is when focusing the view on the ground-glass.

Another mistake the tyro makes is in blaming his lens, his camera, his tools or material of some sort for his failure to obtain good pictures. The fault lits in himself, nine times out of ten. Good pictures are made without a lens, a cigar box has been used for a camera milh good results, and the common materia! of today would have been thought pes. fection by the men who produced good pictures twenty years ago. It is his orn haste, and carelessness, his own lack of thought and patience that is to blame.

The main thing then, in making good negatives, another name for good print, is to use a plate no faster than necessar! a large diaphragm, sufficient exposare. and last but not least, care and jude. ment;-for a careless person will nere succeed as a photographer.


Answerr
Queries should be addressed to Fayette J. Clute 16 Marye Terrace, Sut Francisco. California
H. J. F.-Black Tones on Bromid Paper:-You can obtain good black tocts by giving sufficient exposure and ma using so much bromide in the developer. You can alter the prints you have ts toning them in the following:
Sulphocyanide of ammonia

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E. R. P.-Tinted Papers:-The wrir ous tints in which some brands of gloss papers are sold are made to suit the do mand of the public, I suppose. Ther can be wo other excuse for the pint of riety, though it has been claimed iby the mauve tinted paper will not shor the results of the off colored effects age as soon as will the white tintelt riety.
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for $i t$. No fee.

㭗 No reports received from Missouri, Michiganand Iawkeye Camera Clubs.

## Convorging Lines.

Converging lines have always a great attractive power for the eye. It unconsciously follows them to their meeting point, or in the direction in which they would meet if produced. Therefore, avoid converging lines which lead the eye to nothing of any interest, or which tend to take the eye out of the picture.

## Lighting the Head in Portraiture

. A light falling into a depression renders it less visible, but when falling acrossone side of the depression is in deep shadow and the top of the other side well lighted, hence the depression in portrait lighting For example, a full face with many wrinkles, hollow eye suckets, overhanging eyebrows, and angular nose. A side light throws up every wrinkle, and makes the eye deep, black holes, the nose becomes a sharp line, : he general effect is hardness every where. This is very much reduced by a diffused and general front light, care being taken to avoid flatness. On the other hand, a stout person, fat baby, etc., all roundness and few lines or hollows, becomes very flat with a front light, while a soft side light gives relief and brings out the modeling. Fat faces are seldom satisfactory as a front view; while thin, angular, wrinkled faces are seldom satisfactory from a side view.

Small. Circular. Clear
Spots on Negativer.
These are very frequently due to tiny air-bells clinging to the plate and preventing access of the developer ; conseq-
uently these air-protected parts fix out as clear spots. Water drawn from the tap at high pressure is very apt to con. tain air. It is a good plan to fill a big jug with water and let it stand a fer hours in a fairly warm place, when the air bubbles will rise to the suaface $a=3$ pass off. Soaking the plate in waterbe fore development is also liable to gir these air-bubble markings.

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These are usually due to not rockioi the developing dish and contents durin development. A very slight motis only is necessary, in fact just enough prevent the fluid being stitl. Vioket rocking is apt to froth the developetas to discolor it by oxidation.

## Go Make A Fine-Grain Focusing Scmm

Take of ordinary selatine from 100 20 grains, place this in a small beak: and add an ounce of new milk. Le't stand in a warm place for an hour " two, then melt the gelatine in themid by gentle heat in a water bath ? placing the beaker in a cup of wita water and setting on the top of tox stove if not too hot. Stir well withs glass rod until the gelatine is quitedis solved. Then filter quickly throwh previously warmed filter, using to cotton wool in place of filter papy Having very thoroughly cleaned : glass, warm it slightly and coat plate as though using collodion, botid not drain off. Set the plate and mt gelatine coating on a previously ietion ed slab of glass. and protect frombdy by a piece of bent card. The resild a slightly milk-like opalescent suth practically free from grain.

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His successor, Mr. II. F. Maxwell is nold tume photographer having served is time in various galleries, although at be present time he is engaged in the ly gonds business he still claims to be in amateur photographer.
Mr. H. K. Pfaff, the new Vice Presient comes from southern climes, is an rdent camerist, is member of leading tmera clubs and is an energetic worker.

In last month's issue we asked our Rembers to express their ideas regarding circulating album. The responses at bis writing have not been very numtous. probably on account of the lateess of the appearance of the magazine. f. H. K. Pfaff, Jennings, Ala., has onsented to take charge of the album nil members desiring to participate are quested to address him on the subject.

The following appointments are anDenced this month:-
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## Lines And Gheir Expression.

Convex lines generally accompanny or suggest forward movement, whike concave lines suggest retreat. The most familiar illustration of these is perhaps the inflowing convex lines of the tide on a flat shore, and their subtile change to concave lines as each wavelet recedes. A couple of snapshots, one just before the turn of the wavelets, the other just after, are by the curvature of the lines enough to show which way the water was moving at the moment.

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## Line Dratwinds From Photographic

Bromide and printing out papers are both suitable; in fact any paper prepared with silver salts will answer: Goover the print with a pen and water proof india ink, taking care to copy just that amount of the picture that you wish to retain in the fiuished sketch. Use a saturated solution of potassium cyanide in water, two or three parts; saturated solution of iodine in alcohol, one part. Apply with a brush, or dilute it with water and immerse the print. The silver image disappears at once, being completely dissolved array.

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$F$ Gegelke. 116 S Central. Beatrice.
Would like to see our members help chute ont on some MSs. Secretary is alwass glad to $X$ prints with all members. Would like any suggestions and ideas to belp Club more.

## In the Dark Room

When first entering the dark room do not commense operations at once, but wait a few minutes until the eyes become accustomed to the darkness. You will then be able to see better, and more correctly judge the power of your ruby light, which will appear to grow stronger and stronger, as also will any little strea streaks of light coming from niches or cracks.

## Composition

According to many French painters a good composition should have three parts; foreground, width and extreme distance. If the extreme distance be omitted its absence gives a confined, limited, shut-in effect. It need not be more that a very small bit, but should be present if possible. Failing this, a sky showing retiring clouds may do much. If the middle distance be left out, the general effect is artificial
and suggestive of theatrical scenery One is conscious that there must beaser. iesof planes connecting the fore ground with the extreme distance, and if ther are not indicated, a false effect is suy. gested. If the foreground is left ont, all strength, force, vigor, character is ommitted. Plotographers soon leara by experience that the foreground is the part requiring the utmost care in its arrangement. Without a satisfactor foreground it is next to impossible to make even a passable picture; certain! not a strong one.

## Dodging Negatives.

Procure a sheet of white tissue paper and cut it to the size of the negatise. damp it, and place it between bloting paper whilst you brush over the glasi side of the negative with a weak solution of gum arabic. Now place the damped paper evenly in contact with the glass and leave to dry. When dr you can easily work on it with chalko pencil and stump for intensifying high lights. When the high lightsatt already too dence you can either scrax the paper away with a sharp knifed just dab the spot with a littleoil rhere necessary.

## 30 <br> Go Copy Engravings

The following method is said to gire good results where there is much def shadow in the picture. First soak the print in cold water for some little tiox until quite limp. Then place betret two sheets of thin glass, and cop: bt transmitted light as though the prid was a transparency. The engratiry should be dried between cleath sheets $\alpha$ blotting paper under pressure betrat sheets of stout cardboard.

## THE PHILATELIC WEST AND CAMERA NEWS.

## Nesative Making for Advanced Amateurs

By Amando Cespedes. Artist

The Art-science of plootograpliy, as mactisedto-tay is based upon that wonherfal product of chemical science, the turlernplotographic dry plate. Coated af it with an emulsinn itn which is in forporated the most highly light-sensimompound $k$ nown to chemical science onsmsitive in fact as to outstrip the fuman eve; its manipulation becomes art and science in itself. The vital wint the key mote, is the making of the negative. The determination as to mither failure or success will crown be results, hinges on the proper perrmance of this part of the work.
Asreat many photograghers are confat in the belief that the process of de(apment is simply the making visible the latent inake. This does not sat$\therefore$ the progressive and ambitions.
fury must know the why and wherefore at lary may the better adapt the nellad to the emds ifesired.
Development is something more than helringing ont of outline and detait $\because$ the ohtain.uy of density. It is the tinlima. ly the intelligent employst of the proper cllemicals, of those tionte gradations through the entire a of perfect antensity which we find bathinlly reproduced upon the groumdFon focosing soreen of our canmera. is the ohtaining of that effect in the ratire which will grive, in : he finished rim. the mos: perfert interpretation of at tome and texture that is charactertir of and indivintal to the various ras of lise subject photograpled.
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hem. In my own hands, I have found that for all around aplicability, either for positives or negatives, giving perfect detail with softness as well as good printing density, the following leaves little to be desired.

| Water, (fltered) | - | 3 ozs. |
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| Sodium sulphite | - | 20 grs. |
| Sodium carbonate | $-\quad 10 \mathrm{grs}$. |  |
| Pyro - $-\quad$ | $71 / 2 \mathrm{grs}$. |  |

'Io keep this in stock solutions is preferable. 'I'he sodium carbonate st lution should test 40 degrees, the sodium sulphite should test 80 degrees. The pyro solution is made by taking 24 ounces of a sodium sulphite solution, 5 degrees hydrometer test, adding sulphuric acid (two or more drops) till blue litmus paper turns slowly red and then adding olle ounce of pyro. To use, take:

Sodium carbonate solution 2 drs.
Sodium sulphite solution 2 drs.
Pyro solution 3 drs.
Water (filtered)
$21 / 2$ ozs. Develope for the high lights. Addimore water for undertimed negatives, groups containing both white and black draperies, and double coated and backed plates. Do not remove the plate from the tray untid you are sure that levelopment is completed. Development will riguire frotn four to eight minutes. Rinse the plate well to avoid developer stains and then place in the fixing bath. Allow plenty of time for fixing and then wash for not less than 30 minutes in running water and allow to dry. Chemicals are sold by avoirdupois weight, formulae are compounded by apothe: caries weiglits, and fluids are measured by fuid measure. The byrlrometer called for is the common silver-bath hydro. meter sold by the stock houses for about 40 cents. Acis IIrio FiXING BATH. To one gallon of a sodiunn hyposulphite solution, SO hydrometer test; add one ouncé acid hardening solution, 60 hy rlometer test; one pound chrome alum dissolved in 32 ounces of boiling water; and two ounces sulphuric acid.


I hope my friends of the camera carying contingency will not loose interest in their work just because winter is coming on.

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Mr.Amando Cespedes, a finished graduate of Lllinois College of Photography and an artist of renown in his own country, gives us the benefit of his experience and learning on another page. That he is qualified to instruct goes without saying. We have treated rather fully on development of late but Mr. Cesperles' contribution is to valuable to be witheld on this account.

Booklet No. 2 issued by the Wager Express Scale C., should be in the hands of every camera user. Ïnlike most of the "sent free" booklets, its value does not hinge upon the possession of the good adsertised. I have worn out one of the first scales the company placed on the market and am now trying the
same process on the new aluminum an. icle. With the "money back" propos ition that the firm makes, one is miss. ing a good chance to save many doilats worth of plates by not giving the salt a trial.

The promised article from the pen of Mr. Wm. C. Stone, Lamar Mo. apperfis in this issue. Mr. Stone has kindly consented to take charge of the prelim. inary organization of a plotographic club for the amateurs of Missouri, With the assistance of a few of the vast artu! of camera uses that the state conlains this organization can be made a succes. Without their aid, even the unbounded enthusiasm of Mr. Stone can achife but little in the way of results. Wi our Missouri friends kindly conmur: cate with him on the subject.

If you wish to proluce some cham ing effects in clouds or autmmn foliag try a dozen of the Cramer Medium lox plates. If care is used to see that the light is at a safe distance and the plate allowed to remain in the developing sol ution insteart of being lheld up in frost of the lamp too much, there is no rear. on why this medium brand should ax be found as easy to handle in derelopment as the ordinary rapid emulim without the color sensitive qualiture Now that the Cramer output is all dad there is no fear of stale plates, the ox argument against the purchase of iochromatic plates that held good heterfore.

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## THE MINOR VARIETY BUGABOO.

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Kecent editorials in American and English papers demand its relegation to inconspiciousness, on the plea that otherwise a continuation of philatelic prosperity can not be hoped for.

One very biased writer says: "The average collector is worried about the minor variety of which he hears and reads so much; he dislikes it and wants it eliminated from the philatelic horizon; and the importance accorded to it disgusts him with philately-to such an extent that he gives up the hobby, some times."

Thanks for that concluding word. Even that does not relieve the morbid, pessimistic vein of thought that breathes from every line of this illborn sentence. If there is any average collector who is so selfish, so narrow minded, so illogical, so absolutely devoid of fraternal spirit, as to believe and wish for all these things-let him begone. But is a matter of doubt if there is any such. It is inconceivable that one can be found who will deny or restrict another's pleasures when they obtain at noinconvenience or loss to himself.

The same writer takes occasion to - remark that "the stamp student is ornamental to philately, but the plain collector is useful in maintaining the material side of the hobby." Ornamental is a harsh term, when thus applied to one whose work is universally commended as exemplifying that there is something to stamp collecting besides mere amassing and sticking. Have the labors of men like Tiffany, Luft or Capen earned for them no greater title than "ornamental"?

The collectio: of minor varieties is not arbitrary. He who loves them not need not have them. Because his neighbor chooses to follow a course not
altogether to his liking, he need not imitate him; neither is he consistem in censuring him and demanding that he modify his views to agree with his own.

The standard catalogue lists mingr varieties, which is admitted to be proper. Their absence therefore would be an omission of serious moment. But no printed album provides spaces for minor varieties. The aver. age collector may fill the spaces shorn and proceed no further; his album does not advertise the fact that he discards them. Becanse others collea them he need not feel disgruntled. His collecting spirit may be one of love of gain, of possession, of beauty-what you may; if others are imbued wih the love of study, this should not cause him to become discontented or discouraged.

Minor varieties are not luxuries-not in a greater degree than stamp collecting in general. Only a millionaire can aspire to a complete general collection of straight varieties. Multiplication of these varieties incrasis the expense, to be sure, but should not decrease the enthusiasm of the cot lector who may or may not purchase them, as his fancy dictates. Realizing the futility of attempting to maked general collection, a large majority of present-day collectors confine themseves to one country or grouf of countries. Financial limitations may ${ }^{c o r}$ fine their operations, preventing the securing of the more valuable stamps The limit reached, they must, perforte, shelve their collection, start afresh in some other field, or turn to the minor variety. The minor variety is ferile in possibilities, and comparatively is not more costly than the straight rat ety.

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fairly said that minor varieties are coilected solely in anticipation of gain flyrough enhancement of value. The lore of study the pleasure of working ill its complous printings-the zest
ind searching for desired varieties-th of light of tinding some elusive type prochance at the cost of the cheapest rariet!-the satisfaction of viewing the record of past labor and present cumpleteness-all these emotions may be enjoyed by the minor variety colpectur.
Aneditorial in a recent number of Norley's Philatelic Journal is quite felevant to the subject in hand, and we take the liberty of reprinting it. Te are thoroughly in accord with the pentiments expressed therein:
"In the first place-what is a "minor rariety"? Now although we hesitateand perhaps it may be found impossi-ble- to give a categorical reply to this question, yet we may perhaps indicate bra few examples what sort of variefies we consider as indispensable for ren a general collector to take, and in rying to do so it becomes obvious that be term "minor variety" is a misnoner, for a variety may be a "minor" fid yet perhaps all important and ice versa, "conspicuous" but yet "abvimal" or a mere cariosity. Now we hink that the minor varieties in the R. R. I. Orange River colony stamps pught to be recognized by the general ollector, inasmuch as the raised stops epresemt a detinite fact in the history t the Orange Kiver Colony stamps, iz: the fact of a second printing of te surcharge and that therefore a colettion of Orange River Colony stamps which these were unrepresented lould nut fulfil the primary object of oliecting, which shonld be to illustrate he complete history of the stamps of he country collected. On the other and all such varieties as broken letfs, or donble or inverted surcharges reyard as merely minor or abnoral varieties and these may be left to de specialist if he wants them. In ct we see no reason why a special ollection which omitted the latter pould not the regarded as complete, forided it otherwise gave a full and
particular account of the stamps of the country specialized. These latter varieties are merely "abnormalities," and to borrow an argument from another science, although naturalists are always squabbling about what constitute species or varieties, and have divided themselves into two classes, "splitters and lumpers," yet we have never heard that any naturalist was bold enough to make new species or even varieties out of cocks with three legs or calves with two heads and such like monstrosities which occasionally turn up. In the same way philatelic abnormities should be disregarded or merely kept as curiosities. In like manner with regard to perforations when varieties of gange are found arisiug from one machine, we think it is amply sufficient even for the specialist to show merely a specimen from such a machine, and there is no reason to trouble about the variations from the normal."

Most of our contemporaries will undoubtedly issue Xmas numbers. This number of the WEST is just the same as every other number. We want you to compare it with the holiday issues of other monthlies. You will then cease to wonder why the WEST is prospering so noticebly.

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There are several other applications on file which will be included tin our next report. The new Fxchatuge superintendenI has gone to work ithearnest and he expects to thake this department such a success that it will be patronized by cevery member of the society.
T. OCUNXINGHAM, Secretary.

635 Washington Ave. Kansas City, Ks
REPOKT OF SAI.ES DEP"T
9 books in circulation as per last report value $\$ 43.49$ 8 books received during Nov. " $\quad 48.02$ $\overline{17}$ books in circulation 91.51

All books in circulation are doing well. I can, however, use some books of United States stamps, Postage and Rev. Good Foreign are also in demand and the cheaper they are the better they sell. Members should try to get some new members as every new member we get of the right sort is a benefit to the society.

Respectfully,
W. P. Kelley, Sup't.

3324 Peery Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

## Uncatalodued Bosnia Philatelic Bulletin.

The catalogue mentions two types of each of the $2,5,10$ and $15 n$ Bosnia; I have two types of the $1 / 2 n$, viz:

Type I. The $1 / 2$ in upper left corner on the oval is near to the upper outside of the oval.

Type II. The $1 / 2$ is farther removed from the outside at top, being nearly in the middle.

I have specimens of nearly all the values in both the following types:

TyPE I, The bandrol on the crown of the left eagle touches the wing of the eagle.

Tyle 11. This bandrol does not touch the wing of said eagle.

## A Sranded Sreamship Albert Durkee.

In washing out a lot of 200 one cent Buffalos, I found the center of one of these floating around--a lovely steamship adrif from its moorings, cancelled to suit the taste of the most particular. I looked long and assiduously among that 200 for the identical stamp from which it had been soaked, but failed to find the one that would exactly fit, but near enough to enable me to manufacture a fairly presentable fake invert.

## Oottings from Old England ふy Regular Correspondent.

English journats are giving considerable space to the "Droits de la Ftmme"'stamps of France. In the States, where women's is so paramount an issue, this taclt declaration of equality will be regarded with interest. In the recent issue of France, the central figure is a female with the allegorical tablet "Rights of Man"' in her lap. This partiality to the gender masculine so incensed the radical "feministes' ' of Paris, that they caused to be printed a stamp of distinctly feminineI will not say effeminate-type. The woureu's rights stamp is blue and is the same size as the offending official stamp. It, like the official, bears a figure of a woman-but this woman is standing in majestic grandeur, one hand placed on a tablet of laws entitled "Droits de la Femme". This stamp is to be placed on the letter along with the official stamp. As chivalrous as the French are, it will not serve for postal duty.

I spoke last month of the proposed sale of remainders of the Portugnese colonies in Lisbon. It now appears that the vacillating Portuguese government has announced that this method of disposing of the stamps is not to be put into execution-although just how they are to be sold is not given out.

Part I of Stanley Gibbon's cataluguc, recently appearing, has been receiving attention from the Philatelic press of England since my last letter. The opinions of English collectors of what is our standard is well put in the London Philatelist: "In lucidity of arrangement, in clearness of descriptions, in delineation of surcharges and watermarks, and in a large portion of its illustrations, there is
practically nothing to be desired, nor there any price catalogue in the world that can equal it". With such a recom. mendation as this from a tecognized an. thority, the proposed American issat priced in American money, should prone a strong competitor to Scott's. As ras anticipated, a strong advance is made in British Colonals, and there are many noteworthy advances in Great Britain. Three pages are given up the varietiesol Pietersburg Stamps.

A clipping from the Melbourne ing gives what appear to be insuperable of: jections to distinctive issutes for each state of the Australian federation. It is sone. what verbose but may be of interest:

Owing to the book-keeping provisions of the Constitution Act the Postmaster-General states that it will be impossible to have a federal stamp issue before the prescribed per. iod of five years. Each State Postal Department is to be workedas a sep. arate concern. If stamps were wade interchangeable between all parts of the Commonwealth, one state might receive payment for them, whilstanother might have to carry the letters to which they are affixed. thoost \&11,000 worth of stamps are sent 10 Tattersall's (Hobart) annually topar for sweep tickets. If they could be cashed in Tasmania, then that state would derive the whole of the rerence from their conversion into cash. Is it is, they lave to be returned to the sereral states in which they were is sued, so that each secures its prot portionate share of them,"

The Moldavian 81 l'aras broughtil at a recent auction sale in London: stamps from this country broukthtal Some other top prices: British guith 1862, slieet of 24 le black on rose pis visional, $\$ 220.00$; Finland, 1997,
roubles black and yellow, $\$ 150.00$; Tuscall, 1860,3 lire yellow, damaged, $\$ 200$; Cape of Good Hope, ld blue error, $\$ 185$; Canada, 1851, 12d black, $\$ 305.00$.

A well known firm of stamp dealers, recently located in London, have paved their way to popularity by a contest, wherein three Cape "woodblocks'" walferd at $\$ 00.00$ are to be given away. The first prize is the ld blue error, which is ralued at $\$ 460.00$. Contestants are reguired to guess the total amount that will be realized at a certain sale to be held by well known Iondon auctioneer in the pear future. The contest is bona fide, Ind the prizes are worth striving for, fuly.

English stamp papers are entering into crusade against the unbusiness-likeometimes actually dishonest-methods n vogue in many of the numerous Enlish stamp exchange societies and "cluhs". The majority of these clubs re managed by one party, and the term (club'" would appear to be a misnomer. beliere nothing similar exists in the fates. These "clubs" are organized pd conducted by collectors who profit tom the commissions and fees they aford. Of course these parties always fill he official positions, and their terms are ine die, the members having wo vote. toperly coirducted, these "clubs" would -beneficial-but not to compare with te legitimate exchange clubs, of which fere are many. The biggest trouble tems to be experienced with the memErs who are admitted without proper ference to their reliability: thus many these "clubs" have no no end of ouble with substitutors, evadors and llatory members. The publicity these clubs" are receiving will in a measure frect these impertections, and will also a good tonic for the mutual societies,
many of whom have fallen into ruts.
A combination of all the exchange societies has beell prop sed, but it is not probable that this will be effected.

His Majesty King Fdward VIII having retired from the post of Trustee of the British Museum, his son, The Duke of Cornwall and York, has been appointed to the vacancy. Being aware of the enthusiastic philatelic bent of the new Trustee, we all look forward to more attention being given the Tapling collection. His assistance to the two distinguished members of the London Philatelic Society, who are members of the Governing Board of the Museum, will enable them to take such care of this wonderful collection as it deserves.

## Errata.

Globe Stamp Co., Con. - Borneo should read 1 to 24 c , US $\$ 5$, not $\$ 3$; Norway, 7c, not 70c; New Zealand 1c, not 7 c .
C. Tribbett of Ind., wants word "entirely" out of his ad.
C. Stegman, St Louis, wants PanAmericans priced $4 c$ at $1 / \mathrm{c}, 5 \mathrm{c}$ at $1 \mathrm{c}, 8 \mathrm{c}$ at $1 / 1 / 2 \mathrm{c}, 10 \mathrm{c}$ at 1 c .
A. C. Bateman, Ill--Packet 52 unused should be 25.
K.H.Hedrick, St Joe-Philippines 96, 1c at 25 c not 15 c .
C. A. Green, Cincinnati, $\mathrm{O}-$ Greece 5 c should be 3 , Sts Settlements 8 c not 3

20th Century Stp. Co. St Louis -So. African "Rev." should be Rep; British Guiana "Mint" should. be Mount.

Nov. No. ad of J Roberge, Sorel, Can $81 / 2$ NS should be 85 c not 35 c ; Hawaii should be 35 c not 85 c

Parson \& Pendleton, Boston, change their address to F 46 St Germain st, and want names of amateurs.
H.C.Crowell, Cleveland, says change 10 c sets to 12 of Denmark and 3 of Natal.

## NEW STAMPS.

## CHANGES IN DESIGN AND COLOUR.

By W. Kermeen, of England
According to present arrangements, some of the new postage stamps will be issued early in the new year. The original intention was to put them on sale at the principal post offices on the King's birth-day. This, however, was fonthd to be impussible, a sufficient number of sheets not being ready at the time.

Good progress is now being made with the printing, and the work is being carried out under the supervision of officials from Somerset House spesially told off for the duty. The designs of the new stamps have been prepared by Mr. Emile Fuchs the sculptor.

Merely the head of the King is shown, and he has been drawn bearheaded, and without the crown. The likeness of the King has been approved by His Majesty.

## SOME ALTERATIONS

The design of the stamps has undergone changes also in matters of detail, and it has been decided to abandon some of the colours formerly in use. The halfpenny stamps will be green as hitherto, but the design which Mr. Emile Euchs has prepared is of a more elaborate character than that with which the public is familiar, and the effect has been to give the stamp the appearance of being in a green of a deeper shade.

In a penny stamp the existing mauve colour will no longer be used. Its place will be taken by stamps of a dull crimson -a colour which has been found by experiment to be the most suitable for the purposes for which it is required. Indeed, it is in contemplation to use the colour for other stamps of higher value, the price being plainly indicated in figures to prevent confusion.

NOT YET APPROVEI)
The designs of the stamps of highest value have not yet received the King's approval, and it is probable that those
in most general use will be the first is sued. As in the case of the coins, it is not intended to stop the issue of its Victorian stamps until the reverse in hand has been exhausted. These are likely to be on sale at the sub-offices ion some considerable time.


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The paper that carries the most adret. tising is the best ad mediym. Efet count them in the West? Take this $\mathrm{X}_{0}$. and counting the X coll, it has over th ads. and very few this year, if any, hary been under 200. If oxy count the mem bers of societies the West is organ of, it will give you an idea of the circulatios: which shows there is no other collecion paper with as large paid list. Try it and see.

Do you want to save money on mat papers you wish next year? Let us in ure on yours, and see if we can't sam you money. Send list you want and postage. Advise all readers who han never seen the Saturday Evening Post of Philadelphia to send for a copy, bes weekly yet seen.

Advertisers who want to get goodrturns, get in the next West. A mer ago this No. was the largest of ans col. lectors paper got out since the Works Fair of 93 and we hope our readers mill help make it the best yet. The past rad WEST had over 1000 pages and only 0 On No. low as 80 pages is a record. rate. Trade, Buy or Sell, at lea mot 3 times at the price of 2, sure par ront give it a trial. Larger the ad, finer ad more display given and cuts used better it draws.

Will illustrate two leading Collectrar of Canada one far as PE., Id. A leadirg one of Denver who is reported as hation more stamps than any one in Colond excepting Uncle Sam and 3 Nerigy you have not seen published. Espm the best No. yet. Send your ad. or sh
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# Ye Caustic Critic's Column. Yours Candidly 

Collectors do not always purchase a gamp just because it is of artistic design and faulless printing. Neither do they subscribe to a stamp paper just because it is an artistic model of typographical excellence. Fine printing is a delight to the eye-the mind craves something more substantial. I know of a good many 12 page monthlies that are beautifulcreations of printing, but there isn't much in them. One or two short articles, a few notes. a few ads.-just about ten minutes rearling. Now I am not plugging for the WEST particularly, but I want to rematk that it approaches nearer rux idea of what a monthly should be than any other monthly in the world. If the printer does fall down once in a while, the amount and goodness of reading natter, and the uumber and variety of the ads, more that atone for his shortcomings. Fine feathers do not thake fine birds.

I don't pase as an "ad expert," but it does seem to me that it is no wonder that so many men find the stamp business unprofitable, when the kind of advertising they io is considered. There सas all and in the Nov. WEST that read something like this: " 25 var. unused foreign stanos, all fine copies, cat. anywhere from $7 \overline{\mathrm{c}}$ to $\$ 1.50$, for 25 c ." I triss thy guess if there were many ans. wers to that ad. Savors too much of a church fair grab bag scheme, where you don't know what you are going to draw. are afraid of getting sluck-and generalIv are stuck. I have no doubt that this dealer really meant to offer a good bar-pain-but he needs a coach. His case is not isolated, by any means.
Iftwas going to advertise the above packet, I think 1 should give prospective
customers a straightforward talk, something like this: " 25 var. unused foreiegn stamps, every one a picked copy in mint condition, many good ones-no poor ones, cat. value (giving the exact cat. value), including (mentioning some, or preferably, all the stamps included), no "remnants" or fakes, price 25 c . And your money back if you don't feel pleased.'"

If there was any one looking for a packet to buy, that ought to sell this one.

Most sensible people are averse to trading sight unscen. If a man does buy a packet, be ought to know what he is going to get. If the packet is any account, it will stand itemizing. If it is no account, the dealer makes a biunder in selling it. His prosperity depends on subsequent sales. If he sells a man a packet, he should make it good enough to induce more orders. He can't expect a man to feel good and look pleasant when he pays for one thing and gets something else.

Philately is to profit by filial disagree. ment. On the heels of I. A. Mekeel transplanting his Weekly to New York comes the intelligence that C . H . Mekeel will enter the weekly arena. Mekeel's Weekly was for many years a house organ, and the freedom of its editorial views have always been hampered by a material deference to the interests of its advertising clientele. The heralded rival bids fair to be a lusty competitor.

A York State man, sick unto death with the publishing fever, remarked a few months ago that "with a little paper and lots of ink" he could get out a "mighty good stamp paper." After a trying period of expectancy, during which we stood agape at the temerity of this journalistic neophyte, what may be

# Our Cerman Letter. <br> <br> $\mathcal{B}_{y}$ Harold Roe Smith. 

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Wurtembergers rejoice that they are to bave the German stamp. I get this direct from the Pcst-Master General with whom I am personally acquainted. This order goes into effect Jan'y 1st, 1902. I approached him as to remainders; he said there would be none. I must have looked surprised, for he touched a button that brought forward the officer in charge of the stamp department; he had him prepare a list of stamps on hand over and above the number required to see them through to the first of the year "'There,' says he, "out side of the 5 wark stamps, they amount to nothing; even if they did we would under no circumstances sell a single stamp or the lot at less than face value." So holders of Wurtemberg stanips need not be afraid of their depreciating in value-the higher values have advanced in price-especially the l mark.

Dealers and collectors are anxiously awaiting the new English stamp now out but not yet on the market-the first of King Edward VIII.

## Salaries in Stamps <br> Weekly Philatelic Era.

The Haytian stamps that were recently placed on the market are not remainders, neither were they stolen, as a writer intimated at the time. The stamps were given to some of the Post Office employees in lieu of wages due, and they disposed of them at a discount to stamp dealers.

## Chili Wer Provislonals. Curio Exchange.

Some of the common stamps of Chili were used in Peru at the time of the Chilian invasion and are much sought after by collectors, usually in vain. The only method of distinguishing them is by discerning the postmarks of a few peruvian cities upon them.
assumed to be his idealistic conglom. eration of 'paper and ink'' has appeated.

Paper and ink-ink and paper-paper and ink. Voila tout.

If any other article was advertised as extenively as Scott's cataiogue, it would likewise be found in the possts. sion of $13 \cdot 1$ ths of the collecting public. This annual catalogue is a gaeat thing for the small stamp dealing fellows. If they can't sell anything else, they can sell catalogues.

This is an Englishman's little dig at the American Collectors Co. "The coilector, if a shareholder, can experience the delights of robbing Peter to Paul (and Co.), boti gentlemen being repre. sented by himself". 'That is pretty good-for an Englishman

## DOTES

By Jas. S. Whipple.
I came across an oddity the other day in the shape of a book of stamps ont sheet of which was imperforate at top leaving about a $3 / \mathrm{s}$ inch margin at top Don't know whether speciatists would call it a variety. I also have corner of sheet of 2 current on which the corner was turned over when printed so part of design is on stamp and part on back of corner margin. Also have a strip of three (vertical) that are perf. hall wal across each stamp in the middle hor. zontally. I mention these to slow yoo the Bureau of I.. \& P. is not infallable.

You are certainly getting out a great magazine for the price, -worth a doza of the ordinary run of monthlies "and then some." I have been benefitted financially as well as in stamp knowledge since I subscribed. Good luck 10 you.
(1) WC. A. Green, Cincinnati, ohio-West is neatest monthly seen. aull dd is $0 . k$.

## PIIIATELIC WEST AND CAMERA NEWS

## Counterfeits and Gheir Detection

By Lacas Viridis
(Continued.)
It is exactly similar to the two already described in all particulars of the head and frame, but unfortunately the counteffeter has laubed his product so badly with his "cancelling-mark" (probably to make it look more trustworthy) that I cannot give any distinctions for the one inscription that varies: the 3 half pence below. - The last forgery of this set before meis one of the 1 sh . yellowgreen of 1872 or 1876 , the perforation being too poor to say whether it is meant for $12 \frac{1}{2}$ or 14 . III the details of head and frame are like those already described. In the inscription of value the S of SHILNG: hangs 10 much to the left and the small $G$ is rather too wide.-The "cancellations" on all these are like that first describednarrow parallel bars.
GOLD CUAST.
Of the Gold Coast there are only two forguries before me. One is supposed to be the rare 1 d blue, perf. $12!2$, of 1875 , that being the gauge of perforation of the counterfeit also; the Crown $\mathrm{C} C$ is a minus quantity. It is a lithograph. but quite fait; the head is not half badly done. The base of the bust impinges too broadly upon the pearled actagon instead of barely touching it. The G of GOLD has no crossbar; the D is rather angular; the upper label is too hight sothat all the letters of POSTAGE are too tall-especially the $O$ and $G$ appear tall instead of broad. The $C$ of COAST is much too open between the Pxremities: the O OF ONE is an upright pral instead of a circle, as it should be. There are 12 pearls across the border be0w the head instead of 11 as on the genfine; in the short diagonal at the left there are 4 pearls instead of 3 (at the fipht both have 3 ); the perpendicular fine at the left has 17 pearls on both
genuine and counterfeit, but at the right the genuine has 16 , the forgery 15 ; actoss the top the genuine has 12 , the forgery only 10. This ought to be sufficient for identification.-The other counterfeit is one of the 4 d mauve (but don't ask me which one, as there is no watermark and a very indifferent perforation). The color is entirely off, being rather a pale lilac, but as mauve is a very unstable color this in itself would not be a decisive test. But all the faults above described for the 1 penny are found here also, both apparently coming from the same stone. The words FOUR PENCE are very well imitated except that the two E of PENCE have shorter crossstrokes than the genuine stamp. The cancellation is the same one as before described for the Sierra Leone counterfeits. I do really wish the counterfeiters would use a little more gumption about their "cancellations'' ; it is a positive insult to our intelligence that they use the same identical "postmark" for a dozen or fifteen different countries.-The genuine Gold Coast cancellations are of various patterns. The one used at Cape Coast Castle shows the figures 556 between double parentheses, two heavy bars above and below; a similar one with 554 is used at Accra and one with B27 at Quittah. These are all the figures I know of; but the stamps are often found with date stamps such as ADA, WINNEBAH, ELMINA, etc.
(To be continued.)

## A Specialistic Paradise

The Stamp Collector,
This issue of 1873 of Danish West Indies offiers a whole field for the specialist, because not only is the paper varying from thin to thick, but the printing itself supplies inummerable shades regarding the oval center as the frame of both combined. The first printings of the frames are throughout in softer tints of the various inks employed: they got darker with each succeeeding edition, until at last the frames show very dark and prominent.


There are nearly 300 philatelic publications in the world.

These are divided as follows: United States, 78; Fingland, 28; British Colonies, 10; Germany, 37; France, 32; other countries in Europe, 99: South America, 13.

An interesting fact about the recent Burton sale was the price realized for the $\$ 2.50$ Inland Exchange, imperforate. It brought 822.50 and was advertised a short time before by Burton and Burton for $\$ 17.00$.

The current Austrian set is having di agonal lines printed across each sheet. some three lines appearing on each stamp. and apparently used for the purpose of preventing wholesale cleaning.

In the retouched dies of the current issue of Chili the most noticeable differences are in the groundwork behind the head of Columbus. This is now composed of crossed lines almost as hea ry as those in front of the profle. There are also additional lines abont the face, especially near the eye

The first Salvador set of 1895 was supposed to have the likeness of the then Pres. Carlos Ezeta. It bears instead that of the Vice Pres. Antonio Fzeta, his brother. In order to use the set the president had the whole issue overprinted with the coat of arms. Fiell this ridd not please Pres. Ezeta, for the picture of his brother was still there and bothing short of an entirely new issue would answer.

## Che History and the Stamps of Halmaii By L. G. Dorpal

The stamps of Hawaii mark clearly four epochs of Hawaiian history. The issues from 1851 to 1891 belong to the kingdom, that of 1893 to the proviens government, that of 1894 to the repubing and the present to the U. S. territory of Hawaii. The kingdom was founded ard all the islands included therein by king Kamenameha I., the Hawaiian Gernet Washing:on' in 1810. This statue is pir. tured on the 25 c . of 1883 and 5 c . of 189 It is most likely that he met Capt. Cons who discovered the islands 1778 and wey murdered there the year after; possibly Kamehameha was present at or eventool part in the murder. His son Kamera. meha II., whe abolished idolatry ant visited England with his wife, died thert in $\mathbf{1 8 2 4}$, leaves no traces on the kingdons stamps, but his brother Kamehamehalll has the honor of being the first whom. bellisied a Hawaiian stamp with tio likeness; it is found on the issue of losis He had considerable trouble with th French, dectared the independence of the island kingriom and got it acknor ledged by the U.S. and Great Ritita During his reign, Dec. 6th 150, luat constitution was arlopted. He was sty ceeded by Kamehameha IV: whose liar ness appears on the Elua Keneta 1855. This was a wise king and ty rule is uarked by a considerable profnes in the islands. Sonie of this proptrs may he due to his wife Emma Rumb who visited England with her fug husband. After his death 186, it brother ascended the throne as kame hamelha V. (see the 5cts. stamp of lis and the 6cts. of 1871) and occupied until 1872. His reign marks a decidy advance in good taste, the primint, type-set issues for interinsular ant pro visional use giving place to beautiful a gravings from the Americall and by National Bank Note companies of it U.S. Here we have quite a gallerg Hawaian celebrities: let. maute into duces the princess Kamanadic, or aty full name is Victoria Kamamalu kuh mmann, sister of Kamelamela ${ }^{(1)}$. 10 first minister of the satme.
(To be comtinued.)

## DEPARTMENT OF INQUIRY

 conducted by $\begin{gathered}\text { L. Doder, Sheboygan, wis. }\end{gathered}$unestions relative to stamps will be answered this columin free of chatge to subscribers. All in this columinst be sent to the above address. questions stanup must accompany each letter conaidng questions. Wheth stamps are sent for xamination retirn postage must be included gedider the fee above provided for.
t. W\%hy are stamps with invertdadermark not catalogued?一Beanse the inversion (and other misplacements) as a rule is not intenfonal, does not mark a change in lie manufacture of stamps, and figuifies nothing but a little careessless of some workman; it is fierely an accidental imperfection. ievertheless, whoever is pleased ocollect them may do so with equal propriety, as inverted centers, errors ficolor and perforation may be pollected.
5. II'ky did Germany change the prilliug of Pfennige to Pfenuig., -Because of the spelling reform in rogress then (about 1880) with the tendency of simplifying and ropping all that is umnecessary.
6. Why has Austria changed wrency from kreuzer to heller? mhentical information not being hand on this query. the readers f the WEST are asked to supply we might guess at it and get pretty nearly right, but our aim to give reliable information only fithout any guess work abcut it.
7. IThat is the collection of stmanks. such as date stamp imressions and rancellations, good T-They often show where a aup has lieen used, and when all arks on an envelope are consider--as Mt. Thiele has taught usty may give an interesting history the individual stamp on that en-
velope. For instance, when a new colony is started, and, before it gets its own stamps, the stamps of the mother country are used, the post marks are the means by which a stamp may be kıown to have so been used. Post marks are some times the means to detect forgeries or counterfeits, if, perhaps a wrong post mark is applied by the forger. Finally they are always of historical value, showing when and where certain stamps were used.
8. How may the Heligoland reprints be known from the originals? -This can not be told in a few lines, as 43 stamps are involved. It may be sufficient here to say: 1 st, all 2 and 6 shillings perforated are certainly reprints, because the originals of these values were rouletted. As bad company spoils character any lot that contains these two stamps perforated becomes thereby doubtful. Then if the issue of 1873 (white corners) comes on a smooth thin paper, it is sure to consist of reprints, because the originals are on thick rough paper, some of which is watermarked with a grille. In regard to the others a careful study should be made, in which the article from Le Timber Poste, translated in Vol. VI of Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News may be of service.

## Bolivian Counterfeits

Filatelic Facts and Fallacies
Some dangerous counterfeits of the 2 bolivianos, issue of 1897 of Bolivia, are in circulation. The frauds may be detected by measuring the portion printed in black, which is $221 / 2 \times 291 / 2 \mathrm{~mm}$. while in the genuine issue the size is $23 \times 30 \mathrm{~mm}$. Beside this the word "Correos" is smaller than "Bolivia," while it should be the samt size.

## Stamps and Covers of the Confederasy.

 By E. R. Slearns.For some time past I, in common with numerous other stamp collectors in the North as well as the South, have taken a great interest in the stamps of the Confederate States of America. While these stamps may not prove of great interest to the collector living in a foreign country, to the American collector they should be as interesting as the stamps of the United States. In some respects, they interest me more than the other issues of our country, especially when collected on the original envelope, and, sometimes as it happens, on envelopes manufactured from wall paper, writing paper, wrapping paper or leaves of old ledgers. I have quite a fine line of samples of wall paper in wy collection of Confederate entires.

In the last year or so I have accumulated a great many Confederate stamps. Amongst these are many interesting things, both in a philatelic sense and otherwise. Here is one of the pictoral envelopes illustrating an upraised hand grasping a heavy hammet and about to strike, and underneath the words, "Cucle Sam in Earnest'". This was evidently mailed by a Union sympathiser. The recipient has written underneath the words, "Let him be." We would know better the latter's feelings if we knew whether to place the accent on the first or last word. Here is another printed by Stark \& Cardoza, Richmond, Va., picturing a cannon underneath a Confederate flag and the following verse:
> "'stand firmly by your cannont.
> leet ball and grape-shot fly:
> Trust in God and Davis,
> And keep your powder dry."

Much sentiment is to be found in examining these old envelopes of the civil war, sometimes amusing and oft times saddening. One from "Maggie" to her sweetheart in the army of the Tennessee is inscribed by the happy fellow who riceived it, "From my little darling'. I have a number of covers received by a
lady in North Carolina from her husband in the army all of which have a notation on them somewhat as follows: Letter received from John on the loth. June (1864) after the battles at Gaines Hills He was all safe - thank God."
Quite a curiosity is a letter frota one line into the other under a flag of truce. The one before me has a United States, 3c stamp postmarked Columbus, Ohio. in one corner, and a Confederate lor. stamp postmarked Richmond, $\because$ a. seventeen days later, in the other. It is addressed to "Dr. Wm. H. Dennis, bik Lick, Roanoke Co., Va. By Fortress Monroe \& Flag of Truce to Richuond. Va." Another postmark shows that it was examined at Camp Chase. Envel. opes became very scarce during the war. and many are the oddities of home man. ufacture found in a large accumuation. They were especially scarce in the aral! and some were turned inside out by the soldiers and the same envelope sent back home again. Those having United States stamped envelopes on hand when the war broke out pasted a Confederate stamp over or beside the United States stamp in order to make the envelope do service. These are not often met with, howeres. and are considered quite a rarity.

Some varieties of Confederate stampl consider priced altogether too low inthe catalogue in comparison with athess For instance the "TEN" cents No \%os catalogued at $\$ 7.00$ can be boupht lor about one dollar less than the 10 cents with outer line, No. 209, catalogued at 86.00. This difference in the actual valter of these two should be rectifed in the next catalogue. I have purchased a auction and at private sale and know is exists. This latter stamp ( 10 c . surround ed with line) is rarely met with espe. cially in good condition. I have only seen one or two copies with the lite completely surrounding the stamp. and! regard a fine copy worth full calalopit price. Another good stamp, and woth full catalogue price, is the 2 c . greet, so

20, in used condition. This stamp, is hard to pick up, although few collectors will try to secure a used copy when they an get an unused one for half the price. Hy opinion is that this stamp, in both used and unused condition, will advance in price much more rapidly than the nther issues.
Two other good stamps in used condifion are the 2 c . red-brown, No. 207, and the 20c. green, No. 212, and the only reason they are as cheap as they are is on account of the quantity of unused copies to be had. Collectors should be careful in purchasing used copies of the above stamps that they are genuine postally used coples, and not made to orderas the great difference in price between the stamp in used or unused colndition offers great inducement for this kind of nork.
Une peculiar feature I have noticed in regard to Confederate stamps is the value placed upon them by different holders. thave kept a record for about a year of quotations I have noticed in price-lists amb advestisements and give below the range of prices asked within this time for some of the different varieties.
ㄷ. 200. 20, 25, 40c.
201, 35, 40, 50, 75c.
202*. 90c, $\$ 1.50, \$ 2.00$.
203, 22, 25, 50c,
204. $\$ 1.20 .1 .50,1.75,3.00$.

207, 81.00, 1.50.
$207^{*}, 12,15,25 \mathrm{c}$.
208, $8500,3.75$.
212. $51.00,2.00$.

212*, 10. 12c.
21.3. 40, $45,75 \mathrm{c}$.
dro not believe there is as wide a range
frices in the stamps of any other coun-
Pl as the above shows, taken from acttel retail guocations.
Mail Bag. lortland, Maine says :"We ish to call especial attention to as fine slamp. curio. plioto collector's magaine as ever came to our notice. We reTh the Mhilatelic West and Camera

## Pietorsburg Baer Stamps. <br> Phil. Chronicle \& Advertiser.

When the Boers were holding Pietersburg in April last, they succumbed to that extraordinary modern disease philateosis, the symptoms of which are. first, a rabid desire to issue postage stamps whether they can be used or not, and secondly, a sharpening of the secretive faculties, which leads the unfortubate victim to hide away a stock of the labels until the price is suitably renumerative. The authentic stamps were initialed by the Director of Posts, Mr. T. de Villers-Smit. Considering that the place was only held for twelve days the Boers must have used praiseworthy exertions to get out the stamps and have them all initialled so neatly in so short a time. But the British arrived too soon for the proper exploiting of the stamps. The Boers bundled out of Pietersburg, and the new-comers destroyed the printing and everything connected with the stamps-except such as had been signed by the Director aforesaid and these were carefully preserved. It is doubtful whether the supplies now on the market were provided by the "gallant defenders,' or by the "victorious foe," but a continental contemporary put the numbers sent for sale to Europe as follows:-

|  | green |  | +,000 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | rose |  | 15.000 |
|  | orange | - | +.000 |
|  | blue |  | 1,000 |
|  | green | - | 1,000 |
|  | straw |  | 1.000 |

If these are only a portion of the stamps made Mr. Villers-Smit must have been kept fairly busy with his pen during the few days of occupation.

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# Notes For U.S. Collectors 

## E. R. ALDRICH.

The New York Times has the following to say about the first United States postmistress:

Women who hold postoffice positions today owe much, it is said, to the courage and perseverance of Mary Anne Paschall, postmistress of Trenton, Ind, known as the olfest woman officeholder in America. Her bitter struggle to defend the mails in the early days of her appointment to office and her ultimate success forever opened the field to women.

The Chicago stamp robbery has renewed the idea which the postal authorities have several times considered of putting control numbers on the stamps furnished the varinus large offices, so that they may be identified in case of robbery. The idea is similar to which has been.employed in Mexico.

Though I have not seen one, a correspondent informs me he has the lc l'an American precancelled at St. Paul and from another that he had the same from Aurora, 111.

The dating illea on precancelled seems to be spreading. Chicago was the first office to place on the date, starting in March. Roxbury followed suit in June, and possibly Boston did also, also I have not seen one dated so early and recently 1 secured a Lockport, X. Y. which was dated 'll-01'. Chicago evidently dates ahead as I received both October and November before the month had arrived, in the case of the first nearly ten days ahead of date.

The plan has also been advanced in this connection to surcharge the name
of the office on the face or the stamp. which idea the collectors of precancelied specimens are praying (if stamp cramks ever have time to pray) may not be favorably received.

The department has decided to place a portrait of McKinley on the postal card. While more people will undoubtedly see than if placed on any adhesive value sare the one or two cent value, it is not likets that it will appeal as favorably to the philatelist as not one collector in a hun. dred pays any attention to cards and 1 hardly believe the new one will act as an entering wedge.

On the 30th of June, 1896, the mati were being carried on 172,794 miles 0 : railroad in the Uuited States. Posta clerks were employed in the distribution of the same, in steam, electric, or catie cars, on $152,825.51$ miles, service ontt: remaining $19,968.49$ miles hasing beed performed by means of closed pouches carried by lines upon which postal clets were not employed.

The rolling stock of railway post-offie lines consisted of 622 whole cars in wix and 154 in reserve, 1,966 apartalut $3 n$ in use and 546 in reserve, making atetl of 3,318 cars under the control of the Department. In addition to the 45 mentioned above there were 45 electifi or cable cars used in the distribution a the mails on city and suburban liues.

On the 30 th of June, 1896 , thete mete 1,171 railway post-office litues in npetbtion, inclusive of street-car mail bireThese lines covered $152,525.51$ miles 0 railroad, upon which 6.779 postal debs were employed in the distribution of ber mails. In addition thereto there weto 38 steamboat lines, upon witich 15 feq lar and 6 acting clerks were emplord
making a total of 6,830 clerks performat work on railway post-offices. Clerks crews, 169 ralroad lines travelerl, in on steambat lines, $1,865,071$, and thod oneletric and cable lines, 907,863 those

1 understand the authorities of the Louisiana Purchase exposition intend in the near future to ask that a special memorial series be prepared for 1903. Let us hope that the issue will be like the lan American confined to a set of fow values and then they cannot fail to be of material value in advancing the collecting holjoy, and one which coutd harlly be termed speculative. I doubt very much though if another bi-colored set be issued.

And now we hear that Father Scott bas abandoned the idea of issueing an imepenitent catalog on account of lack of support.

CIIPPINES FROM THE FOKFYGN PRESS
The ruler of lihopal, Her Highness the Xawab Shah Jahan Begani, died on June loih after ruling her state 33 years. We beliere that the stamps of Bhopal have beth issued exclusively for postal purposes and that there is no taint of the spectulative about them. Presumably there will be a new issue now.-De Postregelgids.

We are advised from Mozambique that all remainders of the former issues of Passa still on hand at the General Post Office hate heen destroyed by fire, more than $1,000,000$ of them, so that the value of these stamps will no doubt rise. Szekula Rriefmar Kenver Kehr.

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The stampe of Sirmoor are to be disContinued; after Nov. 1st the stamps of he luperial post office will circulate here alson,-Dif Jost.

## The Moral Infl te re

By L. G. Dorpat. U: Philately.
In sight of the many scandals that have from time to timeand but recently again agitated the philatelic world, the question seems not improper: "is philately moral or inmoral?" bome may think there is a certain something in stamp collecting which causes dishonesty, but with the same right they might impute that 'certain somethins' to potato-growing because some potatogrowers are dishonest. It is not philately nor anything in philately that causes dishonesty; the cause is in the individual who is dishonest and who turns to philatelists to make them his prey, because philatelists are not very well protected by law, and becatise a, "little fraud" acted on a 'stampcrank' is by the, wise' people generally considered as pardonable. Philately, in itself, is neither moral nor immoral, and has no influence towards either side. All depends upon who is the devoted to philately and how he devotes himself to it. An honest person may find a useful recreation, proper gain, exercise and pleasure and grow in honesty by the love of stamps, especially when he associates with honest people and deals with persons of integrity. On the other a rascal may grow in rascality by anything he chooses to do, even by sneaking into the U.S. senate or by conducting religious services, especially when he finds other rascals to uphold and aid him, or to follow in his lead. Philately may likewise become the means of immoral influence according to the morality or immorality of persons who connect themselves with philately.
ney J. T. Roberge, Soral, Can,-I consider West best ad medium in the States, barring none. Got 42 orders for $8 \frac{1}{2} \times \mathrm{S}$ and still coming. Ad of last May still bringing orders of $\$ 1$ to $\$ 10$.


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## Forelgn Papers

In No. 14 of El Filatelico Espanol. A correspondent from Switzerland reports that all designs in the late competition for new stamps have been rejected by the Swiss Government and that another competition will be opened between a limited number of artists.

A paper which shows steady improvement is De Postzegelgids. In the October number there is the continued translation of Mr. Hull's paper on the
stamps of the Cook Islands. Another instructive article gives those countries which no longer issue stamps together with the dates when their stamps went out of use. The article by its compen. dious nature admits of no condensation here; it would be worth translation.A long article on the late issues of Sal vador is of interest. The following points are noteworthy. The surchargt 1900 on the le 1898 was at first impres sed by handstamp, later by means of a lithog aphic stone. The otler surcharges 1900 and value ( $1,2,3$, and 5 c) on the stamps of 1898 and 1899 were caused at first by a real shortage of these values. due to the defay of the lithographis plates ordered from an engraver in San Francisco; but later on they became en. tirely speculative. The author givesthe following list of these surcharges:
$\left.\begin{array}{cl}\text { On stamps of } 1898 \text { (allegorical group) } \\ \text { Without wheel } \\ 11 & \text { on } 10 \\ (1 & 13) \\ (2 & 12\end{array}\right)$

Those given in brackets were entirely speculative. Of the first surcharges. those that were necessary, there wre about 80,000 each: of none of the unnecessary ones were there more than 5000. Ths lithographic plates arrived at last and the first impressions from then were delivered to the public Oct. 15,1900 .-Of the Sun sutcharge mith D. G. C. (Direccion General de Correos. General Direction of the. Post Office) there are two types; both were impres sed in violet by a handstamp, in blati by the press.

No less than eight pages of the Sept. enmer number of the Revista de la Sos iedad Tilatelica Argentina are deroted to various documents relative to the first issues of the American Batik Nole Co. of New York made for the Argentine Republic, the 5,10 , and 15 c of 1866 The contract for those was sigued of July 31, 1865, but the first order wis
not sent until March 12, 1867; It was (nit $1.5010,000$ of the $5 \mathrm{c}, 300,000$ of the 10 c 2(0) 001 of the 15 c . These were deliverand Buenus Aires Aug. 16, 1867 and founds sucriug for each plate of 40 anit 7 pound sterling for each 1000100 pressions ( 100.000 stamps) The 1000 . pans-taking philatelists.) They have lape they will continue this document ary history of their stamps.
M. Jaquier's article on Argentine saups is also continued; he deals with the issues 186s, 1873 and 1877. The 1, 430,60 , and 90 c of 1873 were made by the National Bank Note Co. of New York which had unterbid the American Bank Whe Co. of the same city.
Hadrid Philatelics (No, 57) begins an rticle on the stamps of Belgium and continues its valuable papers on reprints fraling in this number with Bolivia, Brazil. Buenos Aires, Cape of Good tupe and Cape Verde. A circular of the Spanish Postmaster General is reproluced which strictly forbids all Spansh postal employees to collect stamps. I was caused by the frequent complaints of collectors that foreign stamps had peen taken off their mail by postal emlovees.

Anewcomer to my desk is Szekula Bremar kenverkehr, published at Pailapest, but written in German (though arther poorly.) It shows up well and romises much for the future; we may th it success-and a German grampar. There are no articles as yet of Pfficient interest to review.
Filatelia for August while grown to spectable dimensions, presents nothof hut briel notes for review, but proises better for the next number.
The Philatelists Monthly Advertiser its second number brings an article the Postage Due Stamps of the Nethhands which is not so bad, though the
author is evidently not widely read in philately and commits several inaccuracies. Still the paper will do well to continue with similar articles.

The September number of the Die Post is largely taken up by accounts of the philatelic convention lately held at Berlin, over 200 were present. The rest is chiefly translated. An item says that the Turkish Government has instituted a city delivery service in Constantinople and suburbs, but for postal cards only, so that the Government may the better control the correspondence of its subjects. A similar service existed formerly, but in 1881 letters were excluded and in 1884 the delivery even of postal cards was discontinued. because someone had sent an insulting card to a high govert ment official.

The new Havanese magazine, Arte $y$ Letras, though chiefly literary, has a page for illustrated postal cards and one for a chronicle of new stamp issues. More may come of the latter; we wish the new contemporary all manner of success.
M. Douchet announces in the October number of the Revue Philatelique Francaise that various circumstances have retarded the publication of the new Revue Timberlique for a short time. Iet us hope that it will favor us with its visits when it does appear. A daily paper reports that for the mail of Sept. 18th the postoffice at Djibouti was compelled to cut 10 r stamps in two for use as 5 c stamps. The old issue was becoming exhausted and the home office would not send out large stocks previous to the new issue which was to have appeared in October, but seems to have been delayed in manufacture.

Every collector of entires should read the Timbrophile Belge, for no other paper devotes so much attention to en velopes and postal cards as this one.

A very interesting article describes a recently discovered secret mark on the lirench stamps of the Lordeanx issue. The impression of these stamps is usually so poor that it is difficult to distinguish this mark; it was discovered on some black proofs. "'lhe ent "sraver of the Lordeaux stamps-ex"cept the 20 e of the so called first type "-was named Yon, as it appears, and "his signature can be read in the right "lower part of the grape leaf "which appears above the bunch of "grapes in the hair of the figure; the "word Yon seems more like part of the "design. it is very small and, although "it is distinctly lerrible on my proofs ", in black, it is unfortunately deformed, "sineared or absent on nearly all "stamps; the values where it is seen "best are the 5 and 4 c , especially the "Sc. As this signature inclines from "left to right, it is best in looking for "it toincline the stamps the same way." The 20c stamp does not show this secret mark.

Another article, too long for condensation here, seeks to discredit the stamp issue made by the Russians at Rethymo in Crete as a purely local one at the best, but even more so a speculative one.

In the October number of Der Philatelist I find several decrees of the Salvador postal authorities which explain the Impuesto territorial surcharge on the stamps of this country. It was made to pay an extra charge on mail sent to Europe and the United States via Zacapa and Puerto Barrios. At first 5 centavos extra was charged on each letter, but a second decree raised the rate to 5 centavos for each 15 grammes. Another circular gives notice that the anthorities of the General Post office will henceforth urt have any-
thing to do with outside orders fur stamps. A sudden fit of virtue, inded? Much of this number is also devited to the late phiatelic convention a Berlin. Als elaborate essay nas tead there on the postal service of Chin the author, Lient. Mans, illustrated fit by his special collection of thindest stamps which has a value of alkst S18,000!

The chief feature of Stanley Gibboris Monthly Journal for September is Mr. Tansens exhaustive paper on the Pietersburg issue of the ' Pransraal. illustrated with plates showing full sheets of the 1 permy. 'lhere is an appalling list of type varieties in this issue. Another splendid article deals with the 1 real blue of Don Carlos the Viscaya-Ginipuzcoa type) and its 12 rious reprints. The Arcrentine artich is brought up to 1885.

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# Curio Notes 

By Roy Farrel Greene (A.S. of C. C.. No. 1)

Copper is not always found in the same formation. The large coppermines of Arizona are nearly all associated with lime-stone; those of Butte, Montana, are ingranite: those of Inake Superior in conglomerate sand-stone and diadase; those of Jucktown, Ienn., in MicaSchist; those of Iron Mountain, Shasta co.. Calif., for the most part in rhyolite; those of Idalo mostly in diorite.

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A copy of the first folio edition of Shakespeare, printed in 1623 , was sold at auction in London not long ago for 5600 . This is the record price for copies of this edition.

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The rarest and costliest of gems, though not always esteemed the most leatiful, are pigeon's-blood rubies, fine opals, and diamonds that are pure but shed a distinct glow of blue or pink. A rery perfect pearl of generous size and lustrous skin, tinted a rarely beautiful golden green, was valued unset at over $\$ 1500$. A fantless green pearl is very rare.

Of ninety-two redwood trees in Calaveras Grove, Ca:if. , ten are over thitty feet in diameter, and eighty-two have a lianeter of from fifteen to thirty feet. Their ages are estinated at form 1000 to 350) years. Their height ranges from 150 to 2.37 feet.

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At an auction sale a few months ago, it Paris, of autograph letters, including sme by Najoleon I, Balzac, Delacroix, Gambetta, Nalibuan, and other famous permons, the highest price- 460 fratios"as given lor a letter by Mozart, written partly in German, and partly in Italian.
The chatr ***
The chalk making up the white cliffs to which lingland owes her nane of

Albion (Latin, albus, white), is chiefly composed of uicroscopic shells closely resembling those now found at the bottom of the sea. liflls and mountain ranges largely made of the chalk extend fronn Britaits and France round the shores of the Mediterranean and away into Asia. Eren more remarkable is the limestone of which the pyramids are built. This is chiefly made up of coinshells (mummulites), partly responsible. no doubt, for eastern legends of magic money. The limestome containing then attains a thickness of several thousand feet, and is the material of which many mountain ranges are largely built.

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The city of Alameda, Calif. is, according to press dispatches, the only city so far as known which is using human bones for paving material. The composite is declared by workmen to make an excel. lent foundation. The sad relics of men who once roamed the Encinal, when ganne was plenty and the whites had not come, were dug out of an ancient Indian mound on the Sather property, on Cenral Avenne, near Mound Street. When work was begun it was supposed that there was nore earth than bones in the paving material. but the teansters soon made the discovery that half their loads were ghastly remains of Imdians. Femurs were as thick in the mound as bones in a herring. The workmensaw nothing strange, it is said, in their laying a good fonndation on the roadway of human bones. so it happens that the island roat is whitened and strengthened with the souvenirs of the vanished race. One of the workmen declares that "there must have been 15000 Indians buried in that mound, to look at the bones we dug out. Bones make the solidest kind of a road, and those we got were of all sorts, cemented with earth and shells, so that they were better than any gravel. There must have been a blooily Intian batte on that nound a hundred or two years ago. and evers redskin killed must have had his head chopped off. for we hardly saw one skull in the lot.",

A curious stone is the Alexandrite. It is a dark green stone that is polished, cut and set, very like a fine topaz or amethyst, in large showy rings, surrounded by diamonds. By the light of day the alexandrite has no special beauty save its fiine luster, but directly a shaft of light strikes the dull stone deep gleams of red flash out of the green, and under the gas or the fire light one iguorant of this vagary would instantly pronounce it a ruby.

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One of the rarest and most wonderful orchids known is a native of the Isthmus of Panama. The early Spanish settlers there, named it Flor del Espiritu Santo, (Flower of the Holy Ghost), and those who have seen it readily understand why. It grows in marshy places from a decayed log or sometimes form the crevice in a rock. The leaf stalk reaches several feet in height, and the flower stalk, which grows from the bulb, bears twelve or fifteen buds. The flower is pure white, and is shaped like our common Jack-in-the-pulpit. Inside the flower, right in the heart of it, is a perfect image of a dove, with drooping wings, snowy brest, gold-tinted head, and crimson back. No effort of the imagination is necessary to see the resemblance. It is a perfect image exquisitely beautiful in tints and giving off an oder that no perfume could initate. The Spanish named it the "Flower of the Holy Gost" and regarded it with superstitious awe, but the native lndians, more superstitions still, worshiped it like an idol and would not let the ground on which it grew be touched.

There is in the British Museun what is probabiy the most venerable piece of furniture in existence. It is the thorne of Queen Hatasu, who reigned in the Nile Valley some one thousand years before Christ and twenty-nine
years before Moses. This now delapi. dated object seems to be of lignum vitae, the carvings of the legs being inlaid with gold, and those of the back with silver.

Miss Helen Gould is a collector of curios. Her hobby is to secure posses. sion of any article which was used by her father in his youth. Whether she has one of the mouse-traps which were the humble beginning of the great Gould fortune I have not heard; but at any rate she has recently becomeorn. er of an old wheelbarrow which was used by Jay Gould nearly a half acentury ago, when he was making road measurements through the State in order todraw maps therefrom. It is not every millionairess, with a $C$ sunt. ess for a sister, who would care to remember the poverty and humble in. dustry of her immediate progenitor.

It may interest collectors of coins and medals to know that during the year of 1900 the Medal Department of the British Army was full empluyed turning out medals on the account of the supposed " early termination of the South African war". Of the medals struck $46,9+1$ were suppiied to the that Office, 921 to the Admiralty, 0000 to the Canadian government, a nd $z 0$ to the Indian office. In addition 12,974clasp were issued. So many medals were wanted by the government that the mint was unable to cope with the mork. Outside firms had, therefore, to assist with the result that by the end of the last year 102,043 medals had been issp ed to Woolwich, to be engraved with the recipients' name.

A family at Warrenton, Va., te thenselves daily iu a large mirror ovfore which George Woshington usedto refularly make his toilet. They hari had it some thirty-five years, havith acquired it at a sale of the personal
fficts of Laurence Washington, a of tortoise shell was sold in London in
"Father of his 1823 for $\mathcal{L} 38$. Honore de Balac had the treat-neplew of the "Father of his combtry'.

The editor at this late date. acknowledges the receipt of an invitation, inrough Brother Thomas Kenealy, of the $A . S$ of $C . C$. to attend a course of nine lectures upon science and travel given on Saturday afternoons through October and November in the Lecture Hall of the Field Columbian Museum in Chicago. The course of lectures included such interesting topics as "The Meglalithic Monuments of Brittany' by Dr. George A. Dorsey, "Through the rizona Canotl and Yosewite to the Glaciers of Alaska'' by Dr. Edward Burton McDowell, "The Ceremonial and Secular Dances of the Papuans" by Dr. Alfred Cort Hadden, "The Economic Geology of Michigan'" by State Geoligist Alfred C. Latne, "Color in Nature" by Prof. Williann H. Dudley, "Recent Dinosaur Discoveries' ' by Mr. Eilmer S. Riggs, and "Crystals" by Prof. O. C. Farrington. It goes without saying that re editor should have liked to have attended the series had time and distance not been barriers. Thanks to Bro. Kenealy just the same!

There is a remarkable shawl in the possession of the Duchess of Northumberland. This was formerly the property of Charles $X$ of France. It was manufactured entirely from the fur of Persian cats. Several thousands of cat skins were utilized in weaving it, and the task occupied some years. The shawl measures eight yards square.

Walking-sticks have frequently been left by will. Franklin bequeathed his frorite stick, with a gold handle shaped like a cap of liberty, to George Wash ington. The g(ld-headed cane used by Drs. Kadcliffe, Meade and others, whose atms are engraved upon it, was beGueathed by IBaillie to the College of Thrsicians. Napoleon's walking-stick

1823 for 438 . Honore de Balac had the mementoes he received from various fair admirers, which consisted in part of precious stones, set in canes. There are many canes which were once the property of noted persons in possession of curio lovers.

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A wonderful old boat that sailed the Nile 3,800 years before Cleopatra's famous barge was built, creaked through the streets of Pittsburgh but a few weeks ago when it was transferred from the Lake Erie freight yards to the sheltering port of the Carnegie Museum. The ancient vessel, according to Dr. Holland, was found, with two other boats, in one of the Egyptian funeral vaults. "Its history spans that of civilization,' said Pittsburgh's noted scientist, "and when you stop to consider the age of its wormeaten planks, our Anglo Saxon civihization seems a thing of vesterday. When you contemplate the architectural, monuments in whose shadow it has lain, the great building of the Carnegie Institute seems insignificant. Only three boats of this character were found, and one went to the British Museum, one to the Field-Columbian Museum of Chicago, while the third was secured by Andrew Carnegie for Pittsburgh. The boat is shaped like the crude dug-outs of barbaric races, and the heavy rotten planks of uneven length are at present held together by iron hoops. The vessel measures 32 feet in length, is eight feet wide and 6 feet deep.

The famous Heigh collection of coins was sold at auction in Boston the latter part of last month (October); and a few of the prices will no doubt be of interest to collectors. The principal item was a group of $U$ S. copper cents, 133 of them, dating from 1793 to 1857, which was knocked down to a Boston collector for $\$ 2.00$. The U. S. cent of 1793 sold separately for $\$ 8$. The half-cents brought still better prices, proofs of 1840 and 1848 going for $\$ 20$ each, and one of 1849 for $\$ 24$. An uncirculated $\$ 3$ gold piece of 1875 went to a Philadelphia dealer for $\$ 155$, a gold dollar uncirculated for $\$ 26.75$ and another gold dollar of 1875 for $\$ 50$. An octagonal $\$ 50$ gold piece. 1852, went to a New York dealer for \$96, and the Miners' Bank $\$ 10$ gold piece went for 48 . while the Morman $\$ 5$ gold piece of 1849 brought $\$ 1.5 .50$.


By Thomas L. Elder.
(Continued)
The exact origin of these coins is doubtful, but it is thought they emanated from Europe, possible being authorized by the "'irginia Company." Massachusetts initiated the manufacture and use of money in the American Colonies and on the 26 th or 27 th of May. 1652, was established in Boston, the first mint put in operation in the territory, now entraced in the United States, The coins issued were the well known "pinetree" and "Oaktree' silver coin bearing the pinetree or oaktree and value.

Of the shilling there were perhaps 50 types, and of the threepences 8 types. Great numbers of these early silver coins were issued. but on account of their antiquity and the hard circulation among the colonists, all have become rate, and a few of the smaller denominations even unique.

## COINS ISSUED FOR CIRCLIATION IN AMERICAIN COIONIAI TIMES.

The Lord Baltimore colony in Mary. land was in great distress from the lack of a coinage, and sought a remedy in using tobacco and furs as a medium of exchange, as had been done in Virginia.

Lord Baltimore, by the charter of Maryland, was granted very liberal rights, and although the power of issuing coins was not directly granted him, he had (in 1659) dies of coins mate in London and samples from those dies were forwarded to him in Maryland. Owing to the political disorders the issuing of coins was postponed until Philip Calvert became Governor. In 1661 an act was passed quthorizing the setting up of a mint, and it was ordered that the coin "he of as good silver as the current coin of Finglish sterling money."

It was further sipnificantly decreeft that "any one should suffer the penatty of death and confiscation of all estate in the colony of Lord Baltimore who would clip, scale, counterfeit, wash, or in ant way diminish the coinage." It is ex. tremely doubtful if the a thint was ever established in the Maryland Colony, and the few varieties, the shilling, sixpenct. groat and penny, were doubtless struck in England and transported by Lord Haltimore to America.

The shilling was of but a single type. bearing on the obverse a bust of his lordship to the left, slightly draped, and the legend, "CAECIKIUS: Dns: TER. RAF: MARIE: \&ct. The Reverse, an escutcheon with the Baltimore arms, to the left the Roman number " X "; to the right. "II', Legend, "CRSEITE: ET: MVLTIPIICAMINI." Border milled. value 16.73 cents.

There is but one type of the sixpence. having the bust of Loord Baltimore, ett. as on the shilling.

Of the groats there are two varieties. No. 1 , having the same types in general as the six pence except in size. No.? bore a smaller head than did No. 1 , and on the reverse the rumerals "Il". The last named variety is very rate. All of the Baltimore coins are now quite rare.

The rarest of the entire Maryland series is the celebrated copper penm. The obverse type is similar to that of the six pence. The reverse bears a ducal crown, upon which are erected tro masts, each having a flying pennant. and the legend is :I FENARILM: IER. RAE MARIE.

Only one or two specimens of this coin are known. The one imported to this country at a cost of $\$ 375.00$ was afterwards sold in Philadetphia for $\begin{aligned} & \text { in } \\ & \text { ol }\end{aligned}$ 00. The writer has in his possestion ${ }^{3}$ flnely engraver imitation in a copper of this cent.-so fine that it certainly must be an improvement over the original

White many of the colonial coins are very rats and command prices which und to kerp them out of reach of the amrage collector. no patriotic boy start. ing out wht a modest collection need gine that an interesting collection of senuine American colonial copper- is a prize that he will hope for in vain. A fow of these interesting prices, such as the Rosa Americana half-pennies and barthings, the St. Patricks farthang, the kintucky cent, and the deorge Washngton "United States", and Washmglu ' Unit S States, 1783 '' cents, can be whatated in fair condition of almost any dealer for 50 e each; A very interesting and varied lot which can be had for from 20 to toe each include the fol lowing: Woods farthing and half penny, lirgina half pentry, the cent of Vermont, Connecticut, Massachusetts. New Jersey. and the celebrated "liughos" *dind "Nuva Constellatios" which with the others will be described hereater. and data and intormation given of their urgin, and history. If I had thy way of it, I would say to collectors of Amer Wan coms, collect first the Colomiat scries, then fif you have aws muney lifi:) collect the regular issites. But let mit suggest here, do not try to col lett evelything or you will boon lecome bewidered and lost in a hopeless hunt dmetuiluportant "varietles andlypes". Sume coilectors magne that they get a lut of pleasure from gatimering together at a great expelise a wide rariely oltypes and shght rariatoons in the dies, but they gan practically no knowletge, and certanly recense bo profit in dong so, even though the "fever" lasts for a lifetwle Be satusfied with a fair sized, interchtig collection of coms.

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It is sail to be only a question of time liflure the Bermuda Islames wall samk mider che weean. The geological theory in that the islands are merely the remi. lamt of one large island. The subsi. dence within a comparitively recent periol has been from 80 to 100 feet.

Prof. Moorhead of Andover, Mass., sends clipping:
ARCHEOIOGIST IS INDICTEDFOR MAKING HISINDMAN REIICS.
sold supplites of axes, pipes and toTEMS TO MUSEUMS AND COLI,EGES-ONF victim exhibiten two trunkfuls.
St. Louis, Nov. 8-An indictment was returned Friday against Daniel Levering. a farmer, clarging him with using the mails for a scheme to defraud. The indictment was found on the testimony of William Warner, Jr. He showed to the jury two large trunks filled with axes, pipes. images and other ancient articles. These articles, Warner declared he had bought from levering as Indian relics dug from mounds in Missouri and milinois. Warner said that Levering made a practice of selling such articles as Indian relics to college professors in various parts of the country. - Pittsburg Dispatch, 11-9.01.

These are other men who need to be watched:-
Mrs. Noel Flag Pond. Va.
G. W. Robinette, Flag Pond, Va.
J. M Robinette, Flag Pond, Va.

Mr. Robinette, Democrat, Va.
lhey are a hard lot.


MOURNING DOVE'S NEST. TAKFN BY HATHORN, CEDAR RAPLIS, IA.

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all honest collectors. whatever be their chosen branch of collecting, except stamps. are invied
to join. We do not solicit stamp collectors as members as there are so many good philatelic societies now in existence, but collectors of stanps whocollect along other lities also are invit. ed to become members.

Free Identification bureau for naming and classifying shells. minerals, fossils coins.th for members obly. in charge of a competent superintendent. will examine and mame doubtol specimens submitted to them by members. A list of superintendents is siven above. nith whom nembers can communicate direct.

Many other benefits accure to collectors through membership. Address the Secrelary foran application blank and fullerdetails or write to the President or any of the following members of the Kecruit Buteat for blanks and information: Howatd E. Bishop, Sayer, Penn; Claterce C. Downs. Box I62, Atlantic City, N. J: Basil G. Hamilton, Collingwood. Ont. Cavada: w. G. Yt Lain, Edison, Ohip; Geo. W. Dixon. Watertown, So. Dakota; C. L. Curren, Fox, Illinos, or Joel h Dubose, Huguenot. Georgia.

PRESIDENT'S REIOORT.
Since last month's report I have been greatly encouraged by the splendid recruit work which is being done by a few of our members. To all such willing workers I tender my thanks, and I trust that ere next month's report there will be many additions to the corp of workers.

It is with deep regret and a feeling of personal sorrow that I learned of the death of one of our fellows, H. K. Mc Lellan, Hamilton Ills. (A. S. of C. C. No. 95) at his home in Hamilton, a few weeks ago. Brother McLellan was a nature-lover, a man of rare taste, splendid culture, and of irreproachable character. The members of our Society join with me, I am sure' in expressing to the widow, our sorrowing condolences.

Prof. Parmelee, Supt. of Schools, Charlotte, Mich. is assisting Mrs. Nettie McLellan in disposing of the splendid Collection of specimens acquired by our deceased brother in his life time. Some splendid specimens are included in the lot, encluding Archimedes screw, buggila monster, fossils of fish, cases of stuffed birds etc. etc. Members of the A. S. of C. C. will please assist Mrs Mc. Lellan in selling this collection, as it necessary that the widow should convert the collection into cash in order to meet her immediate wants.

I am in receipt of a letter from the Denver Chamber of Commerce and Boad of Trade which is self- explatatory and which reads as follows:

Denver, Colo., Nov. 6, 1901 Mr. Roy F. Greene,
Pres. American Society Curio Collectors. Dear Sir:-

The Denver Chamber of Commerce and Board of Trade takes great pleasure in inviting you to hold ypurannual convention in 1902, in this cits. Our committees will be glad to co-oper ate in making your visit to our city pleasant and profitable and we trusthat Denver will be selected as your nest meeting place.

Vours Respectfully
The Denver Chamber of Commene and Board of Trade.
By Chas. F. Wilson, Iresident Arthur Williams, Secretary,

I beg to subinit also the following letter which will be a source of interest as well as gratulation to our many menthers. High Hill, Mo., Nor. 10.01 Fellow Members A.S. of C.C.:-

It gives me pleasure to inform yor that I have been the direct cause of the arrest and conviction of Daniel Leverion of Jonca, Missouri, a notorious counterteiter of Ancient Indian Relics whotor years has been swindling both experienc. ed and young collectors all over the ${ }^{[s}$
and Canada. For months I have gatheret evidence against him which I lately refered to the U. S. postal authorities, who acted on it promptly, with the result that on . .or. Jth, 1901 the matter was lail before the U. S. Grand Jury which body returned an indictment against Levering for using the mails for fraululent purposes. Levering pleaded guilty and was sentenced to jail for six months. I sincerely hope this will be a lesson to Levering and will cause our members toleware of him shonld he again fall froti grace.

## Yours Sincerely Wm. Warner Jr.

High hill Mo. A. S. of C. C. No. 150 Good for brother Warner. The only reqrettable thing about it is that Levering did not get 6 years instead of months Roy F. Greene.
SLCRFTARY'S REPORT.
Applications are coming in nicely now anil hope to see the good work continue. A few hase mabe inquiries regarding the Quarterly Bulletin, and I desire to say that I will not be able to get out same on account of lack of funds. When the full hoard of Directors is organized we will take steps to get out the Quarterly or if this is not deemed adimisable, we will get ont a Year Book which will be something titne.
Another subject which I wish to mention is that the first 65 members' dues are payable soon, some on Dec. 1st. and sonte on Jan 1st, and it will be deemed a special favor if all 65 will kindly remit Ricat once and receive their membership cards, for the whole of 1902, as the society is in need of funds.
When you write, ask for blanks and ly to get in some new members, and newhers sending in dues will greatly oblige by remitting by silver or money Prier if concenient.

Fraternally,
IV. W. Coning, Secy.-Treas. NHW MFMBERS.
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Philatelic West

## ARCHAEOLOGICAL SPECIMENS SOLICITED

A museum and Dept. of Archaeology have recently been established here.
While we have a fairly large and complete collection, yet we desire such duplicates as collectors may be able to spare for study and comparison. We will pay charges on any objects sent us and mount them in the name of the donor. Fragments of pottery, usually considered valuless by collectors, are desired from all parts of the U. S. not represented in our collection. Letters gladly answered.
Warren K. Moorehead, Curator Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass.

2 Western Oklahoma Scenery Co., Clond Chief, Okla.-Ads in West I find to be a paying investment at 81 per inch, and get returns from all sections.

## The Value of Autographs.

G. Lemair, Sec't'ry Michigan Historical Soc'y.

On account of the death of President Mekinley. there has been a sudden and decided jump in the value of autographs, Mr. W. R. Benjamin, an autograph expert of New York, says that in the past few week, following the assassination of the president. he has been receiving a swarm of orders, for McKinley's signatures, and letters. He has sold all he had in stock, and still has a great many orders, waiting to be filled. This does not mean that there has been a phenominal change in prices, but they have been more than doubling in value. An ordinary letter written, at any time of McKinley's career would have brought probably $\$ 2.50$. a few weeks ago. Today they are sold, at from $\$ 5.60$ to $\$ 800$ according to its important references, signatures, and documents bearing his signatures, are worth now from $\$ 1.50$ to $\$ 2.50$ respectively. President Rosevelt's signature, has also, more than doubled in value, documents signed by him, could be had at \$ 50 apiece, and were not in great demand before the Buffalo tragedy. Full autograph letters could be had for $\$ 1.00$, they are now worth $\$ 1.00$ and $\$ 2.50$ respectively, they are not rare or beautiful. President Rosevelt apparently. does not care to shine chirographically. His signature is strong but evidently done in a rush, the Theodore, is not so bart, bat the Rosevelt after starting in pretty decently finishes in an illegible hieroglyphic "velt". It is a cold-blooded way to put it. but assassination is advertising. and it increases the value of a man's aut sraph, but it stop; the production, and, that increases the value of those already in existance. There is unfailing demand for the signatures of Presidents, collectors buy them in sets, and seent to want a complete set of the president's from Washingto: to Rosevelt in entire letters.

Lincoln's autograply is most in de. mand, Washington's connes seond. they bring the highest prices, ton, al. though they are not the rarest The rarest of the presidents are. "raylor and Johnson. Johnson couldn't spell and naturally that made him a litte shy of committing limself on paper. besilles that he had been crippled in his arm. which made it difficult for him to write in consequence he turned his correspon. dence over to his secretaries much mure completely than was common in thexe days. A complete autographic letter br him, therefore, is worth about S 40 m , while for any document bearing his sig. nature. $\$ 5.00$ is a low price. Zachary Caylor wasn't given to letter writing either, he had a plantation and here is, letter written to his manager. It is a fine bold hand and while it isn't histor. ically interesting in its contents it is worth $\$ 3000$. A letter, as long as it treated of important matter would be worth more. Letters of John Adams hand are among the rare ones, and ant worth now from $\$ 20.00$ to $\$ 2500$. d course some of Washington's are the most valuable One of which related to Renedict Armold, was sold for $\$ 100000$, and there are others in exis ance which would bring as much. do ordinary letter in his writing is wort from $\$ 5000$ up, and $\$ 20.00$ is pair for merely a signed document. Buchanoo and Monroe, are the commonest. Fither they had a mania for epistolary commurication or their descendents happerth to have an instinct for preserving letlers At any rate alt ordinary letter, by the promulgator of the Monroe Demind is worth only $\$ 5.00$ to-day, while his signatures bring only $\$ 1.50$, but that ${ }^{5}$, more tifatt is paisl for some of the les common presirlents. but owing to the greater anticuity of the Monree lettes and hisgreater importance historicalli. his autograph would be worth a great deal more, if it were not so plentiful. (To be Continued)

# Dur Illustrations. 

WILIIAM P. KELLEY. Born in Altoona, Pa. Oct. 2, 1879. Nored to Kansas City, in 1889. Educat at in the Public Schools of that city Graduated from Central High School in 1998. Since then has been with Woolf Bros. Lanndry Co., one of the largest stean laundrys in the U. S.
Began to collect stamps in 1993. He. bas now gotten togeather a fine collectjon of about 6000 varieties. His specialties are any countries whose stamps are lenitimate. Began to deal in stamps in 1897, and has built up a large trade in mellium priced stamps.
He is Exchange Sup't, of the Kansas Philatelic Society, one of the most flourishing of our western state societies. He is also a member of the A. P. A; S. of P; S.P.A;C.P.S; and P. S.

He is always interested in stamps, literature, and the sciences.
FIW. P. HENNESSY

Edw. I'. Hennessy, the subject of our sketch was born in St. Louis, Mo. in the year 1872. At the age of 16 he graduated with bonors and a few years after he entered the service of Uncle Sam as a letter carrier a short time afterwards he was assigned to one of the sky-scrapers where he still delivers the mail. He was the first substitute from St. Louis to reptesent the Letter Carrier of St. Louis in the National Convention at Grand Rapids, Mich., since that time he is a tamilar person at the National Convent ions of 15,000 men of the "Gray." The last convention at Chattanooga, Tenn., he headed a delegation of carriers to advertise the St. Louis Worlds Fairin that City and accomplished his errand gloriously
The picture herewith represented shows him in the first offical Shirt Waist ever Worn, it having been patenctted by ${ }^{\text {a committee of } \mathrm{St} \text {. Louis Carriers, and }}$ Postmaster Benwheff-the letter carrier friend-and shorrly afterwards was adripted by the PO. Dept. aid an order.
was issued permitting carriers all over the U. S. to wear same during summer months. He is a new recruit in the field of Philately but in his course of two years he has accumulated some 2000 varieties and is a firm believer that true Philately is an endless pleasure.

## HENRY P. DAY

Born in Grenfield, Mass. Feb.,-55. Came to Illinois in 59 , and was reared at Jacksonville, Ill.. where he graduated from Illinois College in 1974, at the head of his class. Since 1875 he has been engaged it the newspaper buisness in Peoria almost continuoualy, and is now a reporter on the Peoria Evening Journal. He has been in the stamp business several years. He is now serv. ing his tenth term as secretary of the Peoria Old Settlers Union. He was several years secretary of the Peoria Scientific Association, and is Grand Ruler of the State of Illinois of the Fraternal Mystic Circle, and the Post Chief Ranger of Court Glen Oak, Independent Order of Foresters.

## MAUD CHARLOTTE BINGHAM

This lady is one of philatelias most ardent supporters. She is not only an industerous collector of everything connected with the hobby, but is active in other lines-antiques, coins, old books. and newspapers- Her collection of papers published before 1810, numbers over 130 varieties and she has Bibles of 1540 , 1649 and 1694. besides a case of other books printed before 1800 .

Her stamp album is of her own desighing, and the arrangement of the pages is a marked feature, especially with regard to the U. S. Departments. Her stamp literature exceeds 10,000 numbers, among which there are over 150 complete volums. Since 1896 she has been vice-president of the Phifatelic Literature Society.

Miss Bingham has a fine education; after passing through the common schools, she entered the McGrawville (now McGraw), N. Y., Academy, from which she went to the State Normal and Training School of Cortland, where she took a two and a half years' course. Her residence is now in McGraw.

Miss Bingham is decidedly opposed to shaws and pronounced against speculative issues. She is ever ready to assist all to the best of her ability and withal a charming young lady.

## Practical Pointers 1or Photographers

Ellis Chandlee, Rugusta, Ga.

An old fixing bath, charged with silver, has a decomposing effect upon the film and does its work slowiy. Use a fresh bath. It is cool and nice in summer, works quickly and has a slight hardening effect. In winter, let stand a few hours before using or employ water that is slightly warm in order to overcome the lowering of the temperature which takes place in a rreshly mixed solution.

You can dry your films by tacking them up to a wall but the nicest way is to hang them over a line. Fold backward, seeing that the bend comes between two negatives, pin together at botton. Place a plate box lid between to keep the two halves separated. Some fasten with the spring clip form of clothes pins.

If you use glycerine get the best and avoid trouble. Price's glycerine is pure and the best I have found. No sticking of the film to paper results. I use onehalf ounce to the quart of water, shaking the solution well.

A simple toning bath for printing out paper is the gold and borax bath. See your furmulae sheet for proportions, oí add gold till toning takes place in five to eight minutes, keeping the solution neutral with borax. Test occasionally with blue litmus paper.

To make fine squeegee prints, use ferreotype plates. Buy the heavy kind, it pays in the long run. If you punch a hole in one corner and bend the opposite diagonal cormer up about half an inch they can be hung up on a nail with. out their surfaces touching each other or the wall. There will also be less danger
of damage then when left lying around Rub them with cotton cloth saturuted with benzine in which a little parafine wax has been dissolved. Altow the prints to dry spontaneonsly, or, if in a hurs apply only a gentle heat by holding over a coal oil lamp.

A metal-hydro developer can be used for both plates and films as well as most of the developing papers by varging the proportions of water to stock solution Figure out how many grains of the combined developers your stock solution con. tains to the ounce and then dilute with water to suit your plate and paper for. mulae.

If you wish to hurry the drying of you: films, swab them with alcohol aftertack ing or hanging up to dry in a draft of cool dry air.

Speaking of HOLIDAYS the nest number of the WEST will be par excellence. Of course every number of the WEST is as large and as good as most HOLIDAY numbers of the montblies and the next number is where all their talent is enlisted. A handsome souvenit will be given away and this number will be in every respect our idea of what a sik per year paper should be-vide H. A. Chapman. The best of everything-and plenty of it. Quality and quantity. So sample copies of the HOLIDAY numberto get one you must be a subscriber.
50c per year? Not much forapaper of the size and quality of the WEST Everything has gone up, paper, printing ink, and philately. On Jan. 1st the price of the WEST will be Awerica, sich per annum Other Countries 75 c perannum. A topical song once in rogue went like this, "Get your moner's worth." Subscribers to the WEST al 25c per year have surely been getting full value for their small expenditur And at 50c they will have made just 15 sure an investment Usorious interest and the principle itself are receired before the year is out.
Few back numbers of West while the! last 3 for $10 \mathrm{c}, 30 \mathrm{c}$ a dozen.

J. R. H.-Developer for Stnap Shots:There is no secret process or formula for the purpose. A well diluted developer preferably one of the softer working varieties, no bromide, and plenty of patience is the only remerly. The dilution permits of an increase of the aikali in proportion to the reducing agent, pyro, uetal, etc., without increasing its proportion to the amount of solution used. It is the increasing of the alkali in proportion to the amount of solution emploved that has given you fog.

1. T. B.-Old Material:-Old devel. oping paper can be clistinguished by its increased curl towards the coated side. vid plates can best be detected by slight discoloration around the edges and slight fog in the same parts on developing them. Old gelatine paper can hardly be used after a certain length of time with satisfactory results. A good dose of salt in the first wash water will sometimes prevent yellow whites due to old paper.
J. R. H.-Speed of Lenses:-With stops of the same value; for instance, their diameter one-sixteenth of the focal length or distance between stop and ground-glass when the lenses are focused. all lenses are practically of the same speed. This stop would be called 1. 16. Of course if you remove the front combination of your lens and rack the camera out to twice the length the F. 16 becomes $F .32$ because the diamter of the stop is then one thirty-second of the focal length. You then require four times the exposure.
J. A. MeG.-Phosphorus and Flash Light Powder:-Phosphorus is a solid semi-transparent, colorless substance, of a waxy consistance. I can not tell
how to prepare it for use without know ing what to use it for. Flash light powder is a very dangerous thing to prepare. Several have been injured while preparing it, the largest manufacturer in the country wrecked an entire building a few years ago. I will answer your question privately and even then will not be responsible for results.
J. R. H.-To Reduce or Intensify Locally:-To reduce locally, use Farmer's reducer which is simply a fresh bypo bath tinted a straw color with a solution of red prussiate of potash. Apply with a swall brush, tuft of cotton or point of a tooth-pick according to the surface to be reduced. Occasionally while applying, rinse the negative under the tap to prevent stains.

To intensify, use a light wash of "Acme" water color, one of the reds preferred, applying in the same way but not washing. The negative should be well washed after using the Farmer's reducer to remove the hypo which it contains but washing will only remove the "Acme" colors without doing any good.

## Using Iso Plates.

Hardly an amateur but has used at one time or another. a dozen isochromatic plates yet how few continue their use or use them understandingly and when they would prove of most value. Get a dozen med. iso. plates and give them a trial. Those of medium rapidity have more of the isochromatic qualities than the rapid kind and are much less difficult to handle in development, requiring but little more precaution against fog than the ordinary plate. About all that is demanded is that the plate be left in the developer instead of being held up in front of the lamp too often and for too long a time, in order to "see how it is coming out," The improved rendition of the greens and yellows in your landscapes this fall will repay you for the little extra care demanded if you but use these plates.

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# $\mathcal{N}$ The Postal Camera Club 

For Readers of this Paper, Conducted by H. R. Pfaff, Jemingr, Ala
The circulating album, or Postal Camera Club, First album is to contain so prin s not harger than $x_{7}^{*}$. All readers of West are requested to send in print with full particulars. thin th will be thanted on first round as soon as all prints are in. Send on couple of your best prints in at once for it.

Owing to a mistake last months announcemet of the P C. C. was incorrectly printed and part ommitted. In order to pay for the albums, mailing of same and postage for the correspondence of the conductor, all are requested to enclude three tro cent stamps with their print's, and in sending prints give tull particulars regarding same, such as camera, lens, stop, plate, exposure, developer, paper. etc.
As nearly all prints now in, are $4 \times 5$, the first album will cortain this size only; as a swaller album will make postage less an sending from one member to another, so all who have sent $5 \times 7$ size are requested to mail a $4 \times 5$ print. The $5 \times 7$ now in will be reserved for the next album which will contain prints of that size only.
While the interest taken in the Club up to this date is very encouraging. We hope to hear from many others soon, as in looking over the columns of the "WEST" I note their is many ameteurs and picture lovers who have not responded, as our anmouncement read the Club is for "all readers of the WEST" so let all take a lane at once and make the first album an immediate success.

Write for application blanks to Hawkeye Camera Club, L. F. Spurlin Sec. Treas. lowa Palls Ia. or Pres C. Saint, Union Iowa

For particulars of Worlds Fair 1903 Camera Club of Missouri. F. P. Storm,

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## The Stand Camera.

Could the average amateur only realire the solid satisfaction and good servife that the old-style view camera is capable of giving him, he would have more good work to hic credit and less spoiled plates and films in his ash barrel Some of the best work 1 have ever seen done by one of only six months' experience is being done tc-day with an old "New Model" $5 \times 8$ that cost $\$ 10$, all conplete, at a pawnbroker's. The present owner uses a medium plate, gives cap exposuers, and his surprise and disgust at getting one bad negative from a hox of plates would make the average hand-camera worker of double the experience wonder what he wanted for his $\$ 10$.

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August Luft, Secy.

With this number of the Philatelic and the eighty members enrolled th that West and Camera News the Pennsylvania Camera Club Exchange ends its existance to bloom out anew in the Pan-Am. erican Camera Worker's League.

This title has been adopted and the change in name made in order to give the organization a wicerscopeas it seems somewhat limited to one state as its title would indicate yet it has branched out until we have members in eleven different states, and hope before long to enroll them from all the states, Mexico and Canada as well.

The change is not merely in name as the scope of work will be enlarged, new departments will be added from time to time and we will endeavor to cater to the wants of amateur photographers and raise photography from a mere fad or pastime to an earnest study and a means of uplifting the artistic tastes of photographers to a higher plane.

The organization began on Mar. 1st. of this year and while its growth has not been phenomenal it has been healthy
time are all honest, earnest searchers after photographic knowledge. The officers of the organization have made it their principle that the growth of it should be characterized by the benefits derived rather than the number of mem. bers to be obtained.

While the organization is comparatirely new the officers are no longer strange to the photographic worid, they hare pushed steadily to the front until they are known almost everywhere as author. ities in the art of photography.

State Consuls will be appointed lrom time to time and eventually when tbe membership will justify it will be divid. ed into state organizations with the consul of each state at the head of the or ganization in that state.

The following appointments are ant nounced this month.
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The following brief biographical wethes of our President, Vice-Presigentand Secretary will be of interest oour readers. The engravings on opasite payse are good likenesses of hrimi:
Harry Frew Maxwell, president of the P. C. W. L. born in Allegheny, Pa., 655. Learned the science of photoraphy under W. H. Moore of Allegheny. Hosed to (hil City in 1895 and now rewhes there. Mr. Maxwell became idensell dry good firm of Welker \& Maxbll of 1895 and has been with thein mace with the exception of one year (1999) when he was manager of Sires fudio. Was married Nov. 5th 1898 at Lima, O, to Miss Carrie B De'Turk. Mr. Vaxwell is an ardent photographer, an (couplished musician and altogether a fry pleasant gentleman and will be an mportant factor in the development of he P.A. C. W. I.

If. K. P'faff, Vice President and Conal General of the P. A. C. W. I., was orn in Alabama, Dec. 21st, 1879 of German parents. Though southern born he is northern bred having re. tived his early education in Ohio and Pennsytrania. Is an enthusiastic ama*ur photographer and is member of be Auerican Camera Club Exchange. Torid Wide Photo Exchange, and conluctor of the Postal Camera Club noted fsewhere in this issue. Mr. Pfaff is the mle photographer in Jennings county ind is a cotton planter by occupation.

August Luft, Secy and Treasurer of he P. A. C. W. I. . was born in Millvale Boro. l'a.. Aug 6th, 1873 of German parentage. Was educated in the public chools of that town and later attended the tllegheny ligh school. Has written mems and prose for vartous magazines ther the nom de plume of Leo Leonti. has married Nov. $1 \mathrm{st}, 1898$ to Alice Leo Hohe of littsburg, I'a., and is the father lone child. Is manager of the Aspintal! Canera \& Supply Co., Vice Presient of the Atnateur I'hotographer's Sotely of Aspinwall and is a recognized Stotographic authority. Organized the Onna Camera Club Exchange in March Th which iater was changed to the $P$.

## Keeping Dotun Pinholes

Take your plateholders and blow the dust out of them with a pair of bellows. If you have to take them to a neighbor's house or a near-by shop, in order to do so, use the bellows, as it is the only thing that will reach and remove the dust froas the hinged cloth flap that covers the opening when the slide is withdrawn. Wipe out the inside of the camera with a cloth just slightly moistened with glycerine, paying particular attention to the creases in the bellows, Your pinholes will diminish in proportion to the thoroughness with which these two operations are performed.

## A Mending Medium

A sheet or two of black court plaster is a couvenient thing to have along when one goes afield with the camera. A leak in the bellows or around the front board is easily covered. Black paper strips, gummed on one side and sold as lanternstide binding is nearly as good and mach cheaper. I saw a rubber slide containing a crack over an inch long covered with this paper the other clay, and it had been in use in that condition for over six months.

## Tifiles on Velox Prints.

After the print has been exposed. write the title on the undeveloped print in such a position that it will come over some dark portion. Use an ordinary pen and a strong solution of hypo, blotting it off quickly before it has time to spread and form blurred lines. On developing the print the title will come out white on the dark portion of the picture which comes out dark around it. This is applicable to any developing paper.

## Pyra Stains on Hands

Wash the hands in diluted acetic acid, drying them on an old towel. Then rub glycerine well into the hands, drying off the excess. Neither chemical will injure the hands in the least or interfere with the action of the developer. Vinegar, followed by vaseline, is equally as effective, though more inclined to leave the fingers greasy.

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## Over-Printed Btwe Prints

Blue prints that have been overprinted but slightly longer than the required time may be saved by being soaked in hot waters. The process is a trifle slow, but works satisfactorily and does not injure the print or reduce its permanency. A little ammonia added to the last wash water, which should be cold, will add to the brilliancy of the prints.

## Clean Grays

If you must use your developing tray for intensifying, give it a good, thorough
scrubbing afterwards. Nearlyall inten. sifying solutions contain chemicals that wili canse ugly spots and stains if allowed to contaminate the developing solution. This is particularly the case with the common bichloride of mercury solution, the least trace of this mercuric salt caus. ing trouble in the developer.

## Landscape Work

In landscape work whete the scen contains contrasts it is better to avoit the additional contrast which intense son. light gives and make the exposure on one of those days that the sun is occasion. ally slightly obscured by light ciouds Make the exposure during one of the or scured periods and be careful not toone. expose, as the light is nearly as strong as direct sunlight, often casting a fain shadow.

## *** <br> Why the Amareur Fails

Talking about the old style view cam. era, did it ever occur to you that the re. son that the amateur has so little though togive to the important details of arrang ing his subject and making his exposuxt at the right moment, is due to the lat that he has so many other things toclion his attention? The amateur may he 4 better photographer than the prolesional that comes along and makes the sard view with such improved results, but be latter handles his old view box metbet ically. He never gives it a thougta Had he been supplied with one of the new style, compact folding, reveritit back, adjustible this and swinging that he would have been as bad off as th poor amateur-possibly more so.

## camera <br> Ilotes. "TIIT

an unventiated dark-roon is not a pratalise in hou weather. It will give sull leadaches in any season Better venlilate it some way.

Her an experience of a few months wilh a ruby lamp burning oil in a small dark -room. I abandoned it for a ruby aindow. Do likewise and improve your bealtil.

The best thing to clean a lens with is bin of old linen. Dampen it with alcofolo and rub it dry. Be sure there is no fust or git in the linen before using.

Don't miss the fine cloud effects this fill. Take your camera with you wherfer yougo. You will be sure to see mething that will cause you regret if tuleave it at home. Increase your xposures as winter comes on.

If you havn't a camera, or the one gollave is unsatisfactory you had betfrluy one this fall. Prices are low Fith large discounts in some cases. Fhen the trust once does get control of he market. prices will be steady. Prices an hardly go lower than they are tinis 8asou.

The newspapers are again reviving he story of an automatic apparatus to * used in la*ge stores and banks; plooographing people without their knowdge as they enter the door. Those of swo have tried to make instantaneous aroures indoors will wonder how it is one hut this does not daunt the news. pres writers.

Mumay photography is the latest fad inad. All up-to-date photographers "preparet to execute this class of
work. The subject is wrapped and swarthed with the bandages aṇd clothes of the regulation mummy cut, placed in the style of coffin used in those days and so photographed. This style of picture is said to be very unique and interesting. The fad had its origin with the society people and actresses in Paris. No actress feels her reception room is complete unless it contains the pictures of herself and friends taken in this manner.

Drying negatives quickly is best accomplished by first blotting off as much of the surface water as possible with a piece of lintless blotter or a linen towel; then placing it for five minutes in alcohol and fnally fanning it with a sheet of cardhoard or a palm-leaf fan. If an electric fan is at hand, so much better. After the alcohol has been used a few times it will contain so much water that it will be almost useless. Placing a quantity of carbonate of potash in the bottle will absorb the water which will be at the bottom of the bottle allowing the alcohol to be poured off. The potash can be dried and used over and over.

King Edward of Eugland has a great dislike for the camera fiend. It is impossible for either himself or any member of the royal family to go out riding or attend any public gathering without having shutters shapped at them from every direction. This is the more annoying as the pictures so obtained are sure to be reproduced in the newspapers and it is needless to say the pose and expression does not always meet with his approval. Latest reports have it that detectives are employed on such occassions to follow amongst the crowd and any one found trying to use a camera is promptly fined. Amezican visitors sloould take warning and not attempt to photograph the King.


Our leader this month, by Mr. Ellis Chandlee, embodies the practice employed in the large 'Kodak Fiuishing'' establishment which be conducts in con. nection with his business as dealer in confederate currency, stamps etc. That his advice is practical and of great value goes without saying.

Next month we will have an illustrated article on Home Portraiture reprinted from the Photo Record of Germantown Philadelphia, Pa. This new magazine is making a "record', that will be hard to beat. The first three issues contain a serial on retouching that should be in the hands of every amateur.

I have been running a department in Western Camera Notes the last few months. Outside of this department it is a very good magazine. It is one of the few photograplic publications conducted by men who are themselves enthusiastic amateurs knowing what their fellow workers want in a magazine. See Mr. Broadstone's offer on another page or write them direct for a sample copy.


One of my correspondents wrote me last week that he feared to take my advice as to taking up platinum printing for the reason that the recent rapid advance in that metal would soon make its use out of the question. In answer to my query Mr. Bradley writes the that he has a contract with a Russian firm to run fise years longer, which gives him
practically an unlimited supply at the old price.

This must be a rather large contrac! Months ago Mr. Bradley wrote tue that their output for 1900 would have carpet. ed a strip twenty mehes wide from Maing to Califormia: In this later letter he tells me "Mrs. Bradley and I are bend. ing our efforts this year to sell ellough papers to encircle the world with a stripl of the same width," I sent hin one of our advertising contracts and assured hitm our readers would help him all ther could.

The head of the firm is known as" $\mathrm{Pap}^{2}$ Cramer'' by the entire profession. The gentleman who originated this term of endearment, told me, on a recemt mist to San Francisco, that they used on an average, about 3,000 ounces of nitrate of silver per week, or say 150,000 ounce per year. The daily output is abor 24,000 eight by ten plates per day. Sose of my reaters kindly figure out bor wide and how long a strip this move make.

I forgot to mention the genteman name, F. Ernest Cramer, Mr. Cramer' eldest son. If personal popularity inster, of the merits of their grods gormed their sales the factory would be ruster still more than it is.

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The new multiplying slides adsertixed on another page are a good investuret they are more; they wil, open posisibitd ies to the camera worker that will gin his camera a new source of interest 04 dreampt of before. I wish I could show each of my readers some stamp phom I have made with a set of them. a fancy border out of a magazine $x$ vertisement and use as a wat on ${ }^{0}$ picture being copied, gull on the bix and perforate on a sewing machite They are fine.

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