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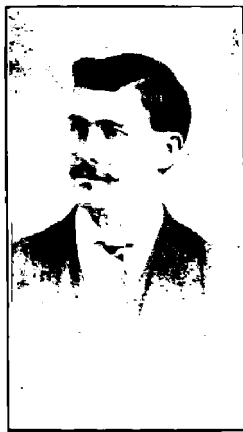
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PUBLISHED MONTHLY, SUPERIOR, NEBRASKA, U.S.A.

5 Cents
A Copy

50 Cents
A Year

Following Paper Money and Coins are Offered for Sale at Low Prices

South Carolina 10c bill	\$.03
Same, 25c bill	.04
Same, 75c bill,	.05

(Above three bills are printed in three colors: red, blue and black and are dated Feb., 1, 1863.)

Confederate States Bills, 50c, \$1.00 \$2.00, \$5.00 \$10.00, \$20.00, \$50.00 and \$100.00, face value \$188.50, good condition, only

Same, \$5.00 Bill, fine

Same, \$10.00 Bill fine

Same \$2.00 Bill, fine

Brazil, 1000 Reis, Black and Green

1882 Austria, Golden, Blue and Yellow

1894 U. S. Postal Note, issued at Waukesha, Wis., for 1 cent and now valuable as a curiosity, as they have been long since withdrawn by the Gov't., new and crisp

U. S. 1862, \$1.00 Greenback, bran new, never folded nor soiled, printed in three colors and a beauty,

U. S. 1862, \$2.00 Greenback, same as above

COINS.

Kentucky cent, plain edge, good 90c fine

This coin is never dated

1773 Virginia 1/2 Penny, good,

1794-5 Talbot, Allum & Lee Cent, fine

1783 Washington Cent, good

Canadian Token, Ships Colonies and Commerce, bright red, Uncirculated,

1852-70 France, 5 centimes, good

1852-70 France, 10 centimes, good

1863-6 Hong Kong, 1 Mil value in English and Chinese, round hole in center, good, small and curious

1832-87 Belgium, 1 centime, fine

Above coins are copper. Postage extra on orders under 25c.

Oct., 6th 1902 we will hold our first mail auction sale of coins. This sale will include the very rare U. S. Silver Dollar of 1794 and other desirable coins catalogue free, no commission charges. Our price lists are also free.

St. Louis Stamp & Coin Co.,



1003 Pine St.,
ST. LOUIS, MO.



A 16x20 Picture of

President Roosevelt In Color of Life Tint

(Giving a beautiful mat effect)

—to—

Every purchaser of our Popular
Stamp Packet at 50 cents.

NOTE:—This packet contains no for-
gn revenues, no counterfeits or trash
of any kind, but extraordinary value.
We will not allow you to be dissat-
isfied. Satisfaction guaranteed or money
refunded.

Why Not Write Today?

THE SHIPPING CITY STAMP CO.,

Dep't E., Bath, Maine.

1,000

OMEGA HINGES

Postfree!

Stamps on approval
at 60% discount.

'That's All'

LEO F. FAGAN,
P. O. BOX 90
Springfield, Ill

Old Fire-Arms

WANTED for cash (or in ex-
change for stamps, copper, brass, or china
antiques,) old guns and pistols.

Give full description and lowest
price.

C. N. DALY,
Guelph, Ontario.
CANADA

Parks' Pants Creaser

is the best thing on the market. Just
what is wanted to keep the pants creased.
Enough for four pairs for a month. It is
used by tailors throughout the country.
It is only sold by the company. Price 10c

Frank E. Parks Mfg. Co.,
76 Summer St.,
Stoneham, Mass.

It is Desirable To Have Stamps on Approval!



The collector who has a col-
lection of 500 or over will find
the most desirable way to pur-
chase stamps is from approval
sheets. In doing so you know
just what you get.

We have an excellent line of
approval sheets and if you
will send us reference we will
send you a selection at 50 per
cent discount.



The Marble City
Stamp Co.,
Knoxville, Tenn.

OCTOBER SPECIALS

	uncut	cut
1c Surch small I. R.	per 1	06
1c " I. R.	" 5	03
2c " "	" 5	02
½c orange	" 1	07
½c black	" 5	03
1c blue	" 50	03
2c red	" 50	02
3c d blue	" 50	15
4c rose	" 50	10
5c lilac	" 50	03
10c brown	" 50	05
25 r brown	" 50	10 02
40 lilac	" 1	03 01
50 v brown	" 50	25 08
80 bister	" 1	10 04
1.00 green 1898	" 20	10 07
1.00 gray	" 20	06
1.00 red	" 5	10
1.00 blk & gr 1902	" 10	10
2.00 " " "	" 1	05
2.00 gray	" 20	10
3.00 brown	" 1	08 04
3.00 gray	" 1	10
5.00 orange	" 1	12 07
5.00 gray	" 1	06
5.00 bl & green 1902	" 1	20
10.00 black	" 1	30
Transvaal 1 py 1902		02
" 2 py "		05
" 6 py "		12
New Zealand 1 py univrs ¹ pr 100		30
" ½ py 1901	" 100	35
" 1 py 1898	" 100	50
" 3 py 1900		05
" 6 py "		08
" 5 py "		15
" 1 sh "		15
British So Africa 1 py red 1901		02
" 1 sh bister "		15
" 4 py 1898		05
Peru 50c		05
" 1 sol		10
Hungary 3 fl		06
25 blank approval sheets		05
1000 stamp hinges		07

We give away a stamp cat 10c with each order.
We send out stamps on approval—buy them.

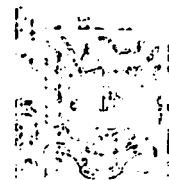
C. W. ARNDT & CO.,
332 Park Ave
Chicago, - - Ills.

This Month We Offer

A Collection of 800 Var.

Mounted in a 1901 edition Scotts \$1.50 album, all postfree for \$2.25.

U. S. 1c	Scotts No 31	..... \$ 12
" 10c	" "	35 32
" 1c	" "	42 07
" 10c	" "	50 15
" 10c	" "	68 07
" 3c	" "	88 02
" 5c	" "	179 04
" 15c	" "	238 14
" 30c	" "	239 20
Canada 20c	" "	46 06
" 50c	" "	47 12
" 5c	" "	54 05
" 10c	" "	57 10
" 10c	" "	81 04
Gt Britain 4½p	" "	117 03
" 1sh	" "	122 03
Gold Coast 1sh	" "	19 06
Guatemala 1887 1-5-6-10c		04
" 1897 1-2-6c		05
" 1900 1-2		02
Shanghai 1893 ½ to 20c comp und		25
" unpaid comp unused		35



Transvaal ½p
No 204 10
Orders under 50cts
postage extra. All
the above stamps are
in fine condition.
Please Remember.
we guarantee satisfac-
tion on everything

we sell or we will refund your money.
Unused stamps taken at face as payment.
Fine approval selections sent to respon-
sible parties.

Miller's Stamp Co.,
1230 Alabama St,
San Francisco, Calif.
Formerly P. O. Box 2246.

PLUMMER *of* DENVER



Wants to send you
STAMPS ON
—A P P R O V A L
at 50% discount.

Are Y o u Willing?
Stamps for Beginners a
SPECIALTY



Ed Plummer,

Box 1029

Denver,

Colo.

Coins & Stamps

1820 U. S. cents uncirculated Bright red	-	-	35c
1856 " half cents unc	-	-	30c
1857 " " " " " " " "	-	-	35c
5 " Colonials 1785-1788 Mass, N. J. Conn, etc	-	-	\$1.00
5 " Cents prior to 1813	-	-	50c
10 " half cents, different dates	-	-	\$1.00
4 varieties of Jackson Hard Times tokens	-	-	25c

S T A M P S

60 varieties U. S. postage stamps, no cut envelopes or cards	28c
25 " " Revenues, 1861-1870	18c
10 " Columbian postal cards unused	55c

Silk Presidential Campaign Badges with portraits of Millard Fillmore, John C. Fremont and James Buchanan 10c ea or 3 for 25c
 Abraham Lincoln silk badges - - - - - 50c

Robert K. Idler,

265 South 11th St.,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Look These Up in Your Catalogue

Philippine Islands

1889 No 352 2 4-8c on 2c rose	03
" " 353 " " 5c gray blue	04
" " 355 " " 2 4-8 ultramarine	06
" " 356 " " 50c bistre	04
" " 357 " " 1/2c green	02
" " 360 " " 2 4-8c brown	05
" " 361 " " 5c blue	02
" " 363 " " 10c green	03
" " 364 " " 20c lilac	06

Guatemala

1897 No 68 100c blue green	10
" " 70 200c magnetia	10
" " 41 500c yellow green	10

Venzuela

1900 No 137 10c grey	02
" " 139 50c orange	03
" " 140 1 Bol. red violet	05

Above stamps are all unused

The following are used

Austria 1900 1 krone	01
" " 2 krone	05
Greece olympian 1 dr blue	04
1901 50l maroon	05
" 1 dr black	04
Jamaica 1901 1d red & blk	01
Netherlrnds 50c green and brown	02
Sweden 1900 1 krone	02
Wurtemberg No. 64 2 marks	05
U. S. Postal Tel 1900 blue	01
" " " green	01
" " " official No 3139	02

Our Price Lists are interesting and free Send f o r them.



Taylor Stamp Co.,

66 West Tupper St

Buffalo, N. Y.

STAMPS! - - STAMPS!
500 All Different \$1.50

- Guatemala Jubilee issue.....08
- Romania 1876 per set05
- 500 mixed (special).....10
- 1000 fine hinges (perfect)....10

T. H. MORTON,

Forestville, **Box 253,** Conn.

F R E E !

One old postal card entire to all who apply for my approval sheets at 50 per cent commission.

R. H. BUTZ,
 Breinigsville, Pa.

\$2.50 for 27 cents

Send 27 cents and name and address of a collector for special packet number 77 which contains 100 varieties of choice stamps from South and Central America and the British Colonies also old U. S. postage and U. S. Revenues having a total catalogue value of over \$2.50. We have prepared this packet as special advertisement and only a limited number will be sold at the above price. A rare snuff stamp will be given free with each packet. Send for our special bargain list No. 1. The following are but a few of the bargains that are now offering in cheap sets.

- 5 var. Cuba unused.....10c
- 5 var. Philippine Island unused....10c
- 10 var. Peru unused.....15c
- 10 var. Porto Rico cat., 85c.....30c
- 4 var. Nicaragua 1869 cat 95c.....30c
- 3 var Venezuela 1900 ncog cat 65....25c
- 5 var Venezuela 1896 ncog cat 79....25c

Agents wanted everywhere for our fine approval sheets, big commission and handsome album free. Write for particulars.

Sterling Stamp Co.,

23 South 8th St.,

Richmond, Indiana.

"How to Deal in Stamps"

A Complete Manual for Young Dealers
 Only 5c.

Can we send you Approvals?
 Hamlet Stamp Co., Freeport, Ill.

Damaged Stamps

Having had numerous orders I have a new supply (just as good as the others) of them 100 cat. \$3.00 to \$10.00. Price 15c, 2 for 25c.

Approval Sheets.

Classified by countries. I particularly want collectors having 3000 var's or less to try these sheets at 50 per cent disc as they contain a fine assortment to build up a collection at small cost as most of them list up to 10c. If you desire higher priced stamps have them also at net prices.

With every 50c purchase from sheets you get a ticket good for 5c worth **FREE** Reference required. Free. A packet of 25 stamps cat. 50c to all sending 4c and the names of 3 collectors.

Ready Made Sheets

Not the cheap kind generally offered but good saleable stock. A dealer can double his money selling at 50 percent discount. Very useful to the collector for trading purposes. Each sheet contains 25 diff stamps.

1 sheet cat 50c pr 12c	1 sheet cat \$2.00 pr .50
1 " " 75c " 18c	1 " " \$3.00 " .75
1 " " 1.00 " 25c	1 " " \$5.00 " 1.25

The WEST 1 year and a package of 100 damaged stamps (as adv) price 50c "Ad" space in exchange for stamps; send 2c stamp for particulars.

I want good agents everywhere, schools etc. Will send samples of sheets, etc. Allow very liberal comm besides 50 per cent Send 2c stamp.

Bargains. Postage extra on everything

U. S. Rev. 1898 40c uncit	cat .06	Pr .03
Bolivia 1897. 1-2-5 & 10c	.. .12	.. .05
Chile 1883-92 15, 20 & 25c	.. .11	.. .05
China 1897 5c 1898 5c	.. .11	.. .05
" 1898 1/2, 1, 2, 4, 5, & 10c	.. .22	.. .10
Cuba on U. S. 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3 & 5c	.. .24	.. .15
Guatemala 1886. 25, 50, 100, 150	.. .50	.. .20
Uruguay 10 varieties	.. .20	.. .10
Dom. Rep. 10 "	.. .30	.. .12
Peru 10 "	.. .20	.. .08
Jamaica 1900 1p 1901 1p	.. .04	.. .02

Entire lot for 80c P. O. money order. Anything not satisfactory may be returned. Raf. Brodstone.

C R Tarver,

1010 East 133 St
 NEW YORK.

Do You Need U. S.

	Cat pr	Our pr
10c green 1861	.12	.10
3c red	grilled 9x13	.02 .01
3c red	" 11x13	.04 .02
2c bl ck	" 11x13	.20 .10
6c carmine	'70 to '71	.10 .06
1c ultramarine	'70 to '71	.15 .07
12c dull violet	'70 to '71	.40 .25
12c blk "	'73	.40 .30
40c brown Inland Ex		.07 .04
25c red Life Insurance		.20 .10
25c red entry goods		.10 .05
10c blue For. exchange		.40 .20
\$2 red mortgage		.15 .08
\$2 red probate will	1.00	.50
\$5 red mortgage		.90 .46

Above stamps all good condition.

Approval sheets good stamps 50 per cent discount. Don't forget reference.

Lancaster Stamp Co.,

224 W. Orange St.

Lancaster, - Penn.

New Found- land

One or more copies in stock at time of writing ad. All fine copies unless otherwise stated.

	cat pr
*means unused	
'66 2c green off center	.60
" 10c black little off center	1.00
" *12c pale red brown	.60
A beautiful copie o. g. and fine	
'66 *24c blue o. g. & fine	.50
'76 5c blue rouletted	.30
'87 10c black o. g. & fine	.30
'90-'95 12c pruce brown	.35

COOK ISLANDS

'93 *10p green o. g. & fine	.35
'99 *1/2p on 1p sur on '94-1p	1.00

PORTO RICO Jubilee

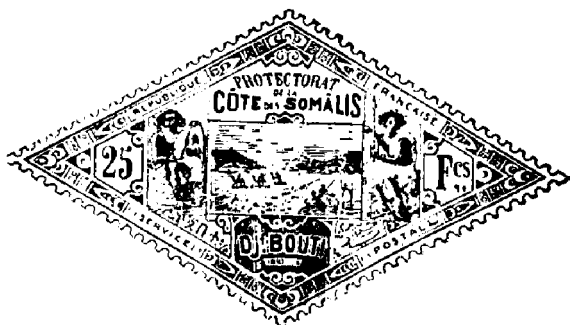
'93 *3c dark green	1.00
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Stamps on approval at 50 per cent discount. Higher class such as above at prices. A good reference required in all cases, Price List FREE.

Reginald H. A. Green

386 Dearborn Ave

Chicago, -



Free! a fine list set of three that catalogue
60c. To applicants for approval
Commercial Reference

100 var U. S.	.26
50 " "	.10
10 " Egypt cat .26	.10
9 " Peru '95-9	.06
24 " Italy	.08
Philippines No. 62	.04
No. 63	.03
No. 64	.06
No. 65	.06
No. 81	.08
No. 97	.11
No. 108	.08

50c Omaha	.15
50c Omaha (better copy)	.10
30c Due 1895	.10
50c " "	.25
2c Philippine '98	.04
8c " "	.04
1c Hawaii '83	.04
2c " '93	.04
10c " '94	.03

Orders over 20c Postfree. Mention September WEST

C. E. HOBBS,

NELSON, NEBRASKA, - -

U. S. A.



DENVER STAMP COMPANY

1477 Knox Court
Denver, Colo.

BARGAIN
BARGAIN

100 varieties.....	06
200	15
300	35
500	1.10
1000	3.35
2000	15.00
(U. S. 1879, 30c due	35
" " 50c	80
*Cuba 1877, 25c green	03
Jamaica 1889 2½ p.....	02
Mexico, Scott No. 13, used.....	7.50
" No. 16 used.....	35.00
Nova Scotia 1851, 6p green.....	12.00
*Venezuela, 190 , Scott No 152.....	05
British Honduras 5c ultramarine	04
*Newfoundland, Scott No 58.....	08
* " " " " 59.....	15
* " " " " 60.....	15

On orders under fifty cents post-
age extra.

WE ARE BREAKING UP

a collection begun 25 years ago.
Many specially good stamps are
now to be found on our approval
sheets. Why not send for some to-
day? We also buy and exchange
stamps.

\$100 Given Away.

We will give away stamps to value of \$100 to those estimating nearest to the vote that will be cast for governor of state of New York on Nov. 4th next. To one making nearest estimate, stamps to value \$15, second nearest \$10, third nearest \$5, next 5 nearest \$3 each, next 10 nearest \$2 each, next 20 nearest \$1 each, next 30 nearest 50c each in stamps. You are entitled to one estimate for each article ordered from following list:

Scotts 1903 catalogue.....	58c
Stanley Gibbons 1903 catalogue.....	60c
Sheet of 25 stamps cat value \$1.50 for.....	60c
" " 25 \$1.00 and 2000	
stamp hinges for.....	60c
100 calling cards your name.....	50c

In case of a tie or that two or more estimators are equally correct prizes will be divided equally between them. As a guide to you in making estimate we give following: The total vote for governor in New York at several recent elections has been as follows:

In 1896 it was 1434046
In 1898 " " 1359190
In 1900 " " 1556520

The official certificate of the Secy of State will determine who are the winners and awards will be made within 20 days after official vote is known. The contest will close at midnight. Nov. 3, 1902. Address.

Pan-Am. Stamp Co.,

Dept. C., Station B, Buffalo, N. Y.

1902 --Kings Head-- 1902

England ½, 2, 1½, 2, 2½, and 4d \$ 55	
" 4, 5 and 6d.....	60
Transvaal ½, 1, 2 and 2½d.....	23
Gambia ½, 1, 2, 2½ and 3.....	36
Grenada ½, 1, 2, 2½ and 3.....	36
Straits Settlements 3 and 8c.....	12
St Helena ½ and 1d.....	07
Queensland 1 and 2d.....	11
Cayman ½, 1, 2½ and 6d.....	35

This Month's Special

Scott's	
76 1862-66 5c brown.....	18
77 " 15c black.....	25
78 " 24c lilac.....	15

UNION STAMP CO.,

Back Bay,
Boston, Mass.



PHILATELY EDWARD L. WARNER

DEALER IN

Historical Paper Curio
48 Morris Ave.,
Grand Rapids, Mich.,
100 Old Newspapers, stamps,
coins, curios, etc.
A few fine retail sheets against
Al Ret
Lots of stamps at wholesale.
To dealers on approval

Omega Stamp Hinges 7 Cents Per Thousand

Beautiful Malta 1 farthing
stamp with view of harbor
½d green; 1d red; the 3, 3c.

ARNO NELL,
2558 West 32nd Ave.,
Denver, Colorado.

STAMPS WANTED!

I am anxious to buy large or
small lots of stamps. What
have you?

The Cash is Ready

FOREIGN DEALERS

Please Write. I want to
open correspondence with all
foreign dealers and collec-
tors. Will pay cash or give
good exchange.

Reference L. T. Brodstone.

Fred C. Lange,
Stamp Jobber & Publisher
of the Philatelic Visitor.
575 Wells St.
Chicago, Ill.

"THE FRAUD REPORTER"

appears in every issue of the PERFORA-
TOR, the paper that's up-to-date; sub-
scription 30c per year. One sample
copy free. THE PERFORATOR, 106 East
111th St., New York City.

STAMP COLLECTORS

Add to your collections without
cost by taking an agency for my
approvals in schools. Send early
and get a selection, not forgetting
a good reference. Postmark Col-
lectors. See my September adv.

A. R. BUTLER,
1816 8th. St., N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

A CLOWN

might stand on his head to read this
but a wise person would turn the paper.
If you are wise you will send for our
approval sheets at 50 and 60 per cent
commission and get a rare stamp FREE.

GLOBE STAMP CO.,
239 Walnut St., Freeport, Ill.

Exchange Mixture

For many years I have maintained ex-
tensive foreign exchange in all parts of
the world. As a result I now have
several hundred thousand mixed postage
stamps from Europe, Asia, Africa, North
and South America, and the islands of
the sea. This mixture is made up of se-
lections sent to me by collectors who
expected desirable stamps only to be
sent in exchange. It therefore contains
no U.S. cut cards or rubbish, such as
usually found in pound lots and mis-
sionary mixtures and is very much
better than ordinary continentals.

Every 1000 contains many varieties,
including some unused.

To close out quickly I will sell this
superb mixture, while it lasts, at 50c
per 1000.

T. A. HAYWARD, Alamosa, Colo.

L. A. Beebe, Yonkers, N. Y. My
brought a reply before I got the WEST
I don't know what more one could
in way of response of prompt or satisfac-
tory response to ads.

Dealers

Wholesale Price-list.

We have just issued our large 32 page wholesale price-list which prices a great variety of stamps by the 10, 100, 1000, also packets, sets, mixture dealers supplies, at prices which are at rock bottom. Write today for a copy it is mailed free.

Marks Stamp Co.,
526-528, Euclid, Ave,
Toronto, Canada.

Largest Wholesale stamp dealers in Canada.

Wanted to purchase for spot cash. stamps of every country in large quantities.

Send us QUOTATIONS, consignments, and Pricelists.

Collections and Job lots also wanted
 Highest prices paid, Settlements prompt.

FINE U. S. AND FOREIGN

Stamps on approval

- France 1849 1 Franc used.....**40c**
 - Curacao 1873 3c bistre unused **45c**
 - Dutch Indies 1870 2 gld 50c used **13c**
 - Niger Coast 1894 2½d blue " **25c**
 - Rhodesia 1896 1 shill blue&grn **15c**
 - U.S. 1865 5c large newspaper stamp.....**1.30**
 - " 1865 10c large newspaper stamp.....**2.50**
 - " 1857 12 blk fine **40c**
 - " 1869 15 brown & blue " **90c**
 - " 1872 24 purple " **75c**
 - " 1890 90 carmine " **30c**
 - " 1895 1.00 black " **30c**
 - 2 Certificate blue perforated... **30c**
 - Pan American 1c to 10 6 var... **10c**
- Send for our U. S. Price List, it is free.

Chesapeake Stamp Co.,
 212 W. Saratoga St
Baltimore, - - Md.

FREE! FREE!

Send me names and addresses of all good earnest stamp collectors you know of in your locality and receive free a stamp cat 10c to 1.00 according to number of names sent. This is a desirable offer as stamps to be given away are in good condition and not trash. This offer is made in order to secure names for my "mailing list". My new price list will be out in December. You had better get your name in and get a copy when issued.

Bargains Every One

With each order of 25c or more from this ad nice cut copies \$1.00 and \$2.00 green and black 1902 free.

	U. S.	Pr	Cat	Spel	Pr
1855 3c outer line.....	\$	.25	\$	.09	
1873 3c ribbed paper.....		.50		.15	
" 3c double paper.....		1.00		.15	
1879 15c orange (cheap).....		.15		.05	
1c Post Office.....		.40		.15	
1c red Playing Cards.....		3.00		1.25	
50c Passage Ticket.....		.20		.08	
5c Agree, 50c Orig. Proc (silk).....		.20		.07	
3c For. Ex. (silk).....		.25		.10	
50c Conveyance P. P. ....		.25		.07	
5c Cert. Imp. ....		.25		.07	
5c Ex. .... " ....		.40		.12	
3c Telegraph.....		2.00		.60	
15c In. Ex. "		1.00		.35	
50c Lease..... "		1.25		.40	
50c Orig. Proc. " ....		.40		.12	
50c Life Ins.		2.50		.80	
1.00 For. Ex. .... " ....		.75		.25	
25c Protest..... " ....		.75		.25	
25c W Recpt.....		1.00		.30	
1878 1c Prop rouletted.....		1.00		.35	
" 2c " ".....		5.00		1.50	
" 3c " ".....		3.50		.90	
" 4c " ".....		5.00		1.70	
" 6c " violet.....		1.50		.55	
1898 80c, bistre, uncut.....		.15		.12	
" 10.00 black cut.....				.30	
1900 1.00 red uncut.....		.25		.09	
1900 3.00 red uncut.....				.90	
(colors slightly run, but cheap.)					
1900 3.00 red cut.....				.45	
" 3.00, 5.00, 10.00, gray cut		65		.20	
1902 5.00 green and black cut				.20	
Salvador Nos. 6 and 9 (fine).....		1.75		.50	
" Nos. 218, 219, 275, 276 278		1.25		.45	
Canada 1892 50c.....		.25		.09	
Porto Rico 1892 8c blue.....		.15		.05	
* Ecuador Jub 1896 7 var. (fine).....		1.25		.27	
* " 1897 Pror. 1, 2, 5 10c		1.00		.35	
* " 1899 Official 2 10 20 50 (fine)		1 05		.35	
Hawaii 18c rose (no gum).....		1.25		.35	
U. S. 10.00 black 1890 uncut (fine).....				.10	
Ecuador 1894 2c 100 for.....		3 00		.50	
" 1894 5c, 100 for.....		5 00		.80	

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2c ".....	1/2c
4c ".....	.01
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2c ".....	.01
10c ".....	.03
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Lot No	U. S.	No in Lot
1	1883 & '87 2c on covers	160
2	'93 2c	500
3	'94-'95 1c	1000
4	'64 2c wrapper uns (.50)	1

REVENUES

5	'61 2c bk, ch, p. p. blue (\$5)	5
6	" 2c of five issues asst	300
7	" 3 var asst	110
8	'98 Doc 1&2c "	300
9	" " 1c Sur I. R.	85
10	" " 4, 5, 10c asst uncut	142
11	" " 25 & \$1.00 "	82
12	" Prop. 9 var asst (cat 4.90)	170
13	" pkt postage var	50

FOREIGN

14	Can on covers & entires fine var.	23
15	" same 4 var as	100
16	No Can Foreign only, fine, coll. in itself of covers & entires var of 70	
17	C. G. H. & Queensl 12 var ast	100
18	Can. 20 var	asst 135
19	Chil. & West Aust 11 var	" 150
20	Cuba '96 5& 10c str&blks, o. g.	" 74
21	" same, no " asst	50
22	" & Rico 20 var	" 125
23	Costa R '63 1/2 r strips & blks	09 49
24	" '89 1 & 2c "	" 112
25	" " 10 & 20c "	" 98
26	" '63 & '89 5 var asst	" 84
27	Gr Brit on covers, 3 var obsolete	105
28	Netherl & Neth Ind 25 var asst	164
29	New So. W.	10 " " 80
30	Mex	22 " " 200
31	" '90, 3&5c blocks o. g.	115
32	" " 1&10c "	121
33	" " 1,5 & 10c	56
34	P Rico Set post cards uns var	6
35	So Aust 2c orange & few others	115
36	Roumania 16 var	70
37	Sweden 14 "	125
38	Servia '64 1d o.g. (No 49) cat 1.50 blk	10
39	New Zealand 5 var	125
40	Beardsley's address book 12000 names	1
41	Stamp papers 5 years old var	25

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5	varieties	\$ 05
7	"	10
*1889,	1,2,5,10, 20, 50c and 1p 7 var	15
1892,	1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 5 var	06
*1889	Official, 1,2,5,10,20c, 5 var	12
*Guanacaste,	1, 2, 5, 10, 50c 5 var	25
*1887,	Official, 40c blue, No. 223a	13

1901

*1c	green and black	02
*2c	orange and black	01
5c	gray blue and black	02
10c	ochre and black	03
20c	lake and black	04
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14	"	10
20	"	2
1873,	90c blue	08
*1878,	16c green	07
"	50c blue	15
"	24c "	05
"	23c lake	27
*1884,	1c red No. 53	05
1888,	10c brown No. 63	02
"	15c orange	05
"	30c chocolate	03
"	40c slate, No 66	15
"	50c blue	12
1888-89,	3c gray green	02
"	6c blue black	05
"	20c green	04
*1890	2c violet	02
"	10c brown No 78	08
"	25c purple	20
"	40c olive green No 80	02
"	50c orange	04
"	60c blue black	09
"	1/4 on 12 blue, black surcharge	04
"	1/4 " " red	03
*1892	Centenary 2c light blue	18
"	" 5c dark blue	18
The 2	" stamps	35
*1892-98	2c yellow green	02
"	10c carmine rose	01
"	12c blue	01
"	16c gray	02
"	1 peso lake	09
"	2 peso, dark green	20
*1899,	1-2c brown	01
"	1c green	02
"	2c slate blue	02
"	5c carmine	05
"	10c green	10
"	12c pale blue	12
"	12c pale blue (used)	03
"	20c claret	16
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	price	price		price	price
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" " \$5.00	4.00	1.10	*Peru, 10 var old and new	.35	.12
* " 2 on 3c maple leaf	.04	.03	Rhodesia, 1896 1s	.20	.08
* " 2 on 3c numeral	.04	.03	*Shanghai 1893, 7 var	.51	.25
" 2c reg orange	.03	.01	* " H unpaid 7 var	.74	.32
Chile 1900 50c brown	.09		*Soudan, 1898 1 to 5m	.14	.10
" 1901, 30c orange	.07		" " 10 pia	.60	.30
Cuba 1901, 1, 2, 5 and 10c	.12	.06	*So. Nigeria, 1901 1/2d	.03	.03
Cyprus, 1882 1 pi	.12	.05	*Servia, 1894 1d blue green	.15	.06
*Ecuador, 1896 complete	1.25	.17	Salvador, 1867 1/2 & 1r	.20	.10
Gold Coast 1884 1s	.12	.05	*Timor 1885 200r	.30	.12
Guatemala, 55a (cat unused)	2.00	.40	*Venezuela Nos 136, 137, 138,		
* " 1897, 1, 2, & 6c	.10	.04	139 and 140	.68	.32
* " " 100c	.30	.10	*U. S. P. O. Dept. 1c black	.40	.15
* " " 200c	.30	.10	" 1895 unpaid 30c		
* " " 500c	.30	.10	" " " 50c	.60	.25
*Hayti, 1896 6 var	.36	.25			
* " 1898 2x5c	.10	.06	U. S. REV.		
Jamaica, Jubilee 1d	.02	.01	50c Conveyance pp.		
Labuan 1896 25c, 50c & \$1	.93	.30	50c Mortgage pp.		
" 1897 I to 24	.78	.40	50c Surety bond pp.		
" " 18c	.15	.04	60c Inland exchange imp.		
*Liberia, reg Monrovia black			1d Inland exchange "		
*Malta, 1900 1 far	.02	.01	1d Power of attorney "		
Netherlands, 1898, 8 var	.11	.05	5c black and orange		
*Nicaragua 1869 4 "	.29	.12	3/8 Piso		
*Nyassa 1897 10 "	1.88	.60	3/8 Emerson		
* " 1898 complete	1.88	.60	1/4 "		
" 1901 10 var		.40	1 1/4 Fletcher		
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1 3d red laid paper		\$ 2 00	\$ 1 00	164 24c bluish purple	6 00	2 50
4 3d		30	20	159 6c dull pink ribbed	3 00	1 35
5 6d violet		5 00	2 25	242 \$2.00 red brown	5 00	2 00
9 7½d green		15 00	7 00	243 \$2.00 Col	1 75	90
11 1d pink perf		7 50	3 50	10c P O Dept	3 50	2 00
12 3d red		3 50	1 75	30c	1 35	60
14 1c pink unused		75	30	24c " " gray paper	1 00	35
15 5c vermilion		40	15	27 2c pale rose	5 00	2 00
16 10c violet		45	30	46 12c red lilac	15 00	5 00
17 10c purple black		4 50	2 00	46 12c red lilac	2 50	1 00
25 6c brown		20	10	Cape of Good Hope		
35 10c rose lilac		30	14	3 1d rose	1 00	60
45 10c rose		12	06	21 1d on 6c violet	6 00	2 50
46 20c vermilion		12	7c	22 1d on 1s green	1 25	50
47 50c blue		25	12	Bahamas		
Nova Scotia				16 1s green C. C	6 00	2 00
1 1d red brown unused		12 50	6 00	2 Antigua 1d Lillie rose	1 75	75
8 1c black		60	35	1 Turks Islands	1 85	90
9 2c lilac		60	35	Hongkong		
11 8½c green		1 50	1 00	25 16c on 12c blue	75	30
12 10c red		1 50	90	14 18c lilac	5 00	2 00
13 12½c black		2 00	1 10	Victoria		
British Columbia and Vancouver's Island				1a 1d red brown	5 00	1 75
4 2½d dull rose		5 00	2 10	3 3d blue	85	35
5 5c rose		4 00	2 00	12 3d blue perf	11 00	3 50
8 2c brown		1 25	55	26 2s green	3 00	1 25
9 5c red		5 00	2 25	28 2s blue	1 00	50
Leeward Island				107 1s blue	1 50	70
1890 Complete set ½d to 5s P O state		\$2.25		New Zealand		
Great Britain				21a 6c red brown	1 00	40
77 2s pale brown, 2 perfs missing, otherwise extremely fine		16 00	6 50	58 5s gray	3 75	1 70
United States				Denmark		
31 5c red brown		10 00	5 00	24 48c lilac brown	2 50	1 00
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	cat price	my price		cat price	my price
2s brown unused		\$ 25	Canada		
R I cat	\$25 00	2 00	No 11 ½d pink perf	7 50	1 25
Ceylon			Wurttemberg		
No 15 ½ lilac, bluish p	10 00	1 50	No 6 18kr violet	6 00	1 00

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5	1869, 24c, mended	5 00
6	1887, 3c vermilion, unused	12 00
7	1887, 100 lc blue env cut sq	20 00
8	1887, 1000 2c green env cut sq	10 00
9	1895, 100 special delivery	2 00
10	1898, \$2.00 Omaha skillfully re- paired	2 00
11	1898-9, 1000 lc green	10 00
12	1899, 100 lc green env. cut sq	1 00
13	1867, essay, 3c brown grilled	1 00
14	40 varieties United States	3 00
15	10 Postal Telegraph, No 2119	3 00
16	Agricultural Dept 2c unused damaged	1 00
17	Int Dept 30c, used, fine	1 50
18	Justice Dept 1c, unused, o g	1 50
19	Justice Dept 3c, used slightly damaged	3 00
20	Navy Dept, 1c, used	1 50
21	Navy Dept, 2c used	3 00
22	P O Dept 12c, used	5 00
23	P O Dept, 30c, used	10 00
24	Registered seal green	5 00
25	P O Dept card proofs comp	5 00
26	Treas Dept, 1c, 6c, 12c, all dam	2 00
27	Treas Dept 6c used	1 50
28	Treas Dept 24c used	5 00
29	Treas Dept, 90c used	5 00
30	War Dept, 1, 2, 3, 6, 10, 12, 15c used	5 00
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PHILATELIC WEST AND CAMERA NEWS.

Admirers of President Roosevelt—and who is not an admirer?—can secure a magnificent photograph of him as he appeared while in a carriage with Col. Green in Hartford, Conn. during his visit there recently. A very true to life 5x7 photograph is being presented by My Mouthrope, the enterprising secretary of the Natural History Photo Society, to each new member joining this month. We esteem the photo sent us highly and would advise all eligible camerists to not miss this opportunity.



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Two items of news of more than usual interest have been made public since our last issue. One of these, and perhaps the most interesting, is the announcement of Stanley Gibbon's that the American edition of their catalogue will be published in one volume and will be sold for the uniform price of 50c. Now anyone who has ever had the pleasure of seeing and the satisfaction of using Gibbon's catalogue will hail this announcement with joy, for the price of the first American edition was almost prohibitive to many collectors. In its unabridged form Gibbon's catalogue is indispensable to the collector who makes any pretense of collecting intelligently. It places information within easy access that heretofore could be obtained only in catalogues for the advanced collectors, and then the valuation would be missing. This mass of information is given in such a perspicuous manner that the

tyro can understand it readily. In placing this catalogue within the reach of all, Messrs Gibbon's will have the thanks of those who are believers in intelligent collecting, for here is a guide that makes this possible. This great price reduction will bring the English catalogue into direct competition with Scott's. While we all reverence our good old "Scott," sentiment cannot be permitted to stifle good sense. The ultimate result will be the immediate improvement of the American catalogue (Scott's), or, if no change is considered necessary, a reduction in price. One or the other is inevitable. So there will be another thing to thank Messrs. Gibbon's for.



The second of these news items likewise relates to publications. The Scott Co. have announced that the old International album is a thing of the past—literally speaking. For some time it has been apparent that at the rate new issues are coming in, a general collection, if kept up to date, would become unmanageably bulky. The Scott Co. seem to have met the difficulty successfully. The new plan will be the cause of hundreds of collectors becoming specialists in one century or the other, the nineteenth or the twentieth, as this is the line the new albums are to follow. But we will let the publishers speak for themselves.

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Fayette J. Clute, editor of that department of the WEST known as the Camera News, has entered the ranks of publishers, his venture being a neat paper called the Photographic Exchange. To know that Mr. Clute is also editor of the new candidate for patronage is a sufficient guarantee of the high quality of the reading matter.



FOREIGN PAPERS

The Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidskrift in its September number gives some date of interest relating to the new postal law of Denmark, which goes into effect on October 1st. The chief charges are such as raise the rates. I quote as follows:

The Postoffice surplus of late years had been growing smaller. For the fiscal year 1899-1900 it was only 78, 212 Kroner and for the last fiscal year 1900-1901 it had become a deficit of 34,196 Kroner. As the postal employs had moreover made a strong plea for a raise of salaries, the rates had to be raised to procure a larger revenue. The chief of these changes is no doubt that by which the rate of 4 oere for local letters and that of 8 oere for letters from one office to another was raised to 5 and 10 oere, respectively, the same as in Norway and Sweden. The rate for domestic printed matter remained the same: 4 oere. The registration fee was lowered from 16 to 15 oere, so that a domestic registered letter under a half pound will in future cost 25 oere (instead of 24 oere). Letters with declared value are reduced so that a letter declared up to 200 Kroner will hereafter only cost 20 oere (instead of 24 oere). Likewise the packet rates are reduced, so that packets under 2 will cost 15 oere (now 16 oere) from 2 to 5 pounds 20 oere (now 24 oere), from 5 to 10 pounds 30 oere (now 32 oere). Packets over 10 pounds, 5 oere per pound. The new rates are expected to increase the postal revenue by about 1½ millions Kroner per

“ year.”

The new rates are expected to greatly increase the use of postal cards and printed matter.

“ As to the philatelic aspects of the changes, it will be apparent that these will be use mainly for stamps which are multiples of five, that means stamps of 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 50, 100 oere. The 4 oere value may be retained for printed matter. The 8, 12, 16, and 24 oere and the 8 and 32 oere service stamps will probably disappear, if not before, then upon introduction of the new stamps. By way of compensation there will be use besides the present 5, 10, 20, 22, 50 and 100 oere stamps, for 15 and 30 oere stamps, the same as in Sweden for the present there will be a new 15 oere stamp in the type of the 10 oere and also a value of one oere value, to be used as a complementary stamp during the transaction period. There will also be 5 and 10 oere service; also 5 and 10 oere envelope.”

From another source I learn that these new stamps in the old type will be issued on October 1st as follows; 1 oere orange, 15 oere violet, service 1 oere orange, 5 oere green, 10 oere rose, envelopes, 5 oere green, 10 oere rose, lettercards, 5 oere green, 10 oere red. If the new series in the type described last month comes out soon, some of these may not be any too common. Our Scandinavian contemporary intimates, by the way, that possibly none of the prize designs might be adopted (the article was written in August).

Another newcomer greets the editorial vision. It is El Anunciador Filatelico hailing from San Jose, Costa Rica. It has not yet reached adolescence, but we wish it all prosperity and a long life.

PHILATELIC WEST AND CAMERA NEWS.

El Filatelico Espanol in its September number brings an interesting article on the Puerto Principe provisionals of Cuba, but as it is reprinted from El Curioso Americano, I refrain from making extracts. Perhaps if Bro. Wilkinson sees fit, the article might be of interest, translated in its entirety. With this number come pages 41 to 48 of the monograph on the postal cards of Spain—a valuable little work indeed.

From La America Postal of Iquique, Chile, I quote the following of interest:

“On November 15th next a competition will be opened to postage stamp designers for the design of new postage and telegraph stamps which are to be placed in circulation on July 1st of next year, with the motive of celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the introduction of stamps in Chile. Every design adopted by the government will receive a prize of \$300.00.”

M. Maury of Paris is no friend of the so-called “New Art” (Art Nouveau) and in No. 262 of Le Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste unmercifully scores the designs for the new Danish stamps which one and all are in this new, indescribable style of art. As other examples of this fad he holds up to ridicule the new Bulgarian Jubilee stamp and the new Italian set. France some years ago came near adopting a design in the same style of art, drawn by M. Grasset; M. Maury tells us that we may shortly see this design in use, as it is to be adopted to a new series for Indo China.

In this number a contract is copied which was entered upon in December 1901 by A. M. B. Rebollo, National postmaster at Barranquilla, De Francisco Valiente F. for the manufacture of a new set of stamps for Colombia (or only for the Department?). This was to be a pictorial set. The 1 centavo was to have a view of the hill La

Popa near Cartagena; the 50c portrait of Bolivar; the 1 peso a portrait of General Prospero Pinzon; the 5 and 10 pesos the arms of Columbia; the 5c was to bear the letters A R and the 2½c the word retardo. The total quantity of all values called for by the contract is 2,500,000 stamps. The contract seems to have been approved by the president, but nothing seems as yet to have come to light.

A correspondent writes from Guatemala that the new stamps had arrived (this was in August) but would not be issued until September 15th. So there may be an end to the surcharge misery by this time. The designs of the new stamps are said to be as follows: 1c, quezal; 2c, statue of Rufine Barrios; 5c, building of La Reforma; 6c, Minerva Palace; 10c, Lake Amatitlan; 20c, the Cathedral; 50c, Municipal Theater; 75c artillery barracks; 1 peso, Columbus monument; 2 pesos, another institution. I suppose they are out by this time.

M. Maury has seen proofs of a new set for Servia, presumably being made in Paris. They somewhat resemble the new Bulgarians. At the right of the large portrait is a laurel branch, at the left an oak branch; below the doubleheaded eagle. The king is in uniform loaded with decorations.

A deluge is coming; the new stamps for the French offices in foreign countries are nearly finished and there are three hundred varieties of them!

It appears that our bureau engraving and printing is not alone with its Pan-American inverts. Some months ago the current 1 peso stamp of the Argentine Republic was found with inverted center and a great ado was made about it. But now in its July number the Revista de la Sociedad Filatelica Argentina reports the discovery of a strip of five 20 pesos stamps of the present issue; all with inverted centre! As the

editor of our valued contemporary remarks: "This class of novelties causes us a veritable pain."

Because of fraudulent private use the new Argentine official stamps are to be retired.

Der Philatelist in No. 293 describes the newly founded Bavarian Postal Museum at Nuernberg. Its stamp collection at present is confined to the stamps of Europe, which are quite complete; the foreign section is to comprise only the issues from 1875 one., i. e. since the foundation of the Postal Union, since when the postal administrations exchange five copies of each new stamp. Mr. Reinheimer continues his article on essays and proofs, dealing with Russia, Schleswing-Holstein, Sweden, Servia, Two Sicilies and Spain. To be sure, but little attention is paid to these over here, except proofs of the United States. As to the discovery lately made by Mr. Bartels (of Boston) of two types of the German 25 pf stamp, 1895, this number brings an illustrated article which proves that Mr. Bartels' discovery is not really a distinct type, but merely a variety produced by poor impression on worn plates. At least twenty varieties of the 1875 and 1880 issue are shown all of which differ in the three circles before, between and after Deutsche Reichsport. Some have thin circles, some thick ones, some both ends, some large circles, some small ones, others have dots in the circles, still others have broken circles, etc., etc. quite a field for the minor-variety find, who can here indulge himself fruitfully without expense.

In the Schweizer Briefmarken-Zeitung the article on the varieties of the Swiss Jubilee issue of 1900 drags its weary length along. 'Tis a very painstaking piece of work, but I doubt whether many of us will plate these stamps accordingly. A curiosity is reported as the winding-up of the celebrated Champion forgery case. Champion's stock of forgeries—two satchels full—were sold at public auction by order of the court and brought 5500 francs! Seems a rather queer proceeding for a court of justice, doesn't it?

Our Costa Rican colleague, El Filatelica Comercial, occupies nearly all of its No. 76 with an article by the editor, Sr. Cespedes, which forms a veritable cyclopaedia for beginners. He deals

exhaustively with paper, watermarks, perforation, impression, surcharges and other peculiarities. The article is really very instructive and would repay translation in full; I cannot do justice to it by extracts.

La Revue Philatelique Francaise for the information of the French postal authorities, gives in its No. 137,138 a list of French possessions which have not yet been favored with postage-stamps. They are the following five:

1. Kerguelen Island—uninhabited.
2. Cheik-Said, on the Arabian coast, in dispute between France and Turkey.
3. Clipperton Island (I thought this was an American island?)
4. Adelia Land and Louis-Phillipe Land both in the Antarctic ocean and uninhabited.
5. St. Paul Island and New Amsterdam, about 3000 inhabitants.

Several of these have no inhabitants to use postage stamps, but a little thing like that is not apt to bother the French postal authorities, so we may perhaps expect a few new sets of stamps, now their attention has been drawn to it.

A curious French postal card of the present issue has lately been discovered at Chalons. It bears two impressions on its face, one of them is upside down! Sixteen of them were found at Chalons among six thousand common cards; as the French cards are printed in sheets of 25, there must be at least that many of these curiosities. Ten francs apiece was offered for them by Chalons collectors.

The whole stock of the late Tunisian surcharge 25 centimes on 15 centimes has been sold en bloc to a speculator. There were thirty thousand of them and the speculator is said to expect to make a profit of fifty-thousand francs on them. I hope that he may be disappointed; this kind of deals should be discouraged.

In No. 23 El Filatelico Espanol states, on authority of La Lucha, a newspaper of Havana, that the new series for Cuba, with portraits of Cuban statesmen and generals, has already been ordered at Washington, but is not expected to be ready under six months. If it has been ordered from the Bureau Engraving and Printing, it seems to me the Washington correspondent should have heard of it before this.

Clippings from the Foreign Press. * * *

The Chinese Post Office is able to record a great success. Until now their stamps were not recognized by the countries of the Postal Union, except Hong Kong, Macas and Formosa, and these only for local reasons. If anyone posted a letter with Chinese stamps, either in Shanghai or any other treaty port, for Europe, the Chinese Post Office stuck the necessary Hong Kong stamps also on, for which they did not charge. Since the 1st of January Chinese mail matter with Chinese stamps only (no Hong Kong stamps being necessary) is forwarded by the French Post Office of any treaty port to countries of the Postal Union. The French authorities have arranged with the Chinese Post Office to forward their mails for a lump sum. The sum is said to be rather large, but China now actually belongs to the Postal Union, even if as yet only partly. We understand that the German authorities are negotiating with the Chinese on the forwarding of Chinese mail matter to Foreign countries.--Stamp Collectors Fortnightly.

LA REVISTA DE LA SOCIEDAD FILATELICA ARGENTINA for June is graced by the foremost philatelist of South America, Tr. Jose Marco del Pont, the author of several exhaustive studies on various South American issues. He maintains his reputation by beginning in this number of the Revista an article on the Mexican surcharges, but as no doubt few of my readers take much interest in these I refrain from quoting therefrom.

De Collectionneur de Timbres Poste in No. 261 describes and illustrates a new set of stamps for Corea which has been manufactured by the French Government Stamp Factory at Paris and is now on the way out. The stamps are very

large upright rectangles and show a heraldic falcon in the central circle, the European inscription this time is in French. The values and colors are given as follows:

2 rin grey, 1 cent brown, 2 cent green, 3 cent orange, 4 cent carmine-5c bistre, 6 cent violet, 10 cent blue, 15 cent brown on yellow, 60 cents carmine on green, 1 dollar violet on lilac, 2 dollars violet on orange.

The Schweizer Briefmar Ken-Zeitung is still occupied with the minor varieties of the Swiss Jubilee Stamps; as these are of comparatively interest, it is hardly worth while to enter on these minute descriptions.—A correspondent, himself a lithographer, claims that these Jubilee stamps were produced by lithography, whereas it has heretofore been commonly accepted that they were produced by some etching process. The question is of considerable technical interest.

The Norwegian postal cards have appeared with the words "Side" and "Adressen" printed with small initials ("side" "adressen"). There have so far appeared in this type the single 3 oere and the double 5 x 5 oere cards.—Nord. Fil. Tids. Kr.

From and after July 1st Crete entered the Universal Postal Union. As long as it formed a part of the Turkish Empire, it was in the Union, Turkey having joined it as its inception. But when Crete in 1898 was severed from Turkey, it became necessary to enter on separate conventions until its entry into the Postal Union, which came into force on July 1st. Therefore the international correspondence of Crete has been handled by Greece and by several French and Austrian post offices at Canea, Candia and Regino and an Italian office at Canea. These will now be closed.—Nord. Fil. Tids. Kr.



Revenue Dep't.

Conducted by
Charles H. Nast

In my last month's article by an inadvertence of the types, the sense of my remarks in respect to the Dr. Kilmer surcharge on postage stamps was somewhat marred. The point at issue was whether these stamps could be regarded as provisionals anymore than those of Jones Bros.' Chewing Gum Co., the latter being precancelled while the Kilmer stamps, as is well known were always type printed. I decided that one was entitled to the same status as the other, neither one being authorized or permitted by the Government. However there is much to be said in favor of type printed cancellations, since they show upon the face of it that the surcharging has been undertaken by the firm itself and the overprinting has been done in a not inconsiderable quantity, on the other hand pen cancellations no matter how genuine, are too easily imitated to inspire the confidence which the holder of the printed stamp entertains.

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The complaint of J. W. Scott against the intolerable red-tapisan of the Government in regard to the redemption of Documentary and Proprietary stamps not only varies the sentiments of stamp men but the commercial world as well. In this district the banks who made their returns over a year ago are still out their money. Of course Uncle Sam is good for the

amount but everybody cannot wait an indefinite time. Dealers can make a good percentage if they "stand in" with the Revenue Officers by buying at a discount, and turning them in. From ten to twenty-five percent discount is the rule.

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A correspondent in Slater, Mo., has sent me a block of four Anti Kamnia surcharged consisting of the lozenge and wreath on the $\frac{5}{8}$ cent. I have had a number of inquiries from eastern collectors in regard to the company's use of this value in this way, there having been one other block reported from Birdsboro, Pa., some two years ago. This is never seemingly a settled point. Of course the date, July 1st 1898, is the same in both cases.

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From Frank Beasher, Kansas City, I received a pair of the 1 cent blue documentary which presents to me a new problem. The pair is from the center of the sheet on the right side an inch of white margin is still intact. They are rouletted in the new style except on the right hand side, here are hair pin hole perforations. Can anyone explain it? I cannot.

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Walter Morley has just issued a history of the Revenue stamps of Spain and her colonies. It is edited by Fulcher, and so far as the revenues of Cuba, Porto Rica, and the Phillipines are concerned these have more or less interest for collectors of U. S. revenues. It is beyond doubt a valuable work.

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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 2c stamp must accompany each letter containing questions. When stamps are sent for examination, return postage must be included besides the fee above provided for.

29.—Mr. I. P. Meyer, manager of the cabin department, Hamburg, American Line, writes. These stamps were used in the West Indies for mail sent by our steamers from St. Thomas to Venezuela, Porto Rico and Curacao, from St. Thomas to Domingo and Hayti and from St. Thomas to Curacas and Maracaibo, i. e. the stamps were used by the steamers of our West Indian Intercolonial Services. At that time these places had not yet been adopted by the international Postal Union. Later on when the International Post accepted mail for ports, our stamps were no longer sold.

24.—Mr. J. A. D. Park of Buffalo, N. Y. writes. "The Philatelite Francaise for Febr. 1899 contains, beside a (very full) description of the Aguinaldo stamps a short paragraph and cuts of both the postage and telegraph stamps". Mr. Park translates the paragraph as follows: "These stamps were circulated in the interior and also in all the archipelago, for it is known that except Manila the Islands were entirely occupied by the Indian (Filipino) rebels. They are then true stamps and not at all fantastic figures. It appears that the revolutionary government has made several postage and telegraph stamps". This shows what the French know about it.

60 —ARE REPRINTS CONSIDERED GOOD OBJECTS FOR COLLECTION?—Certainly, when they are made from the original plates or dies. These alone deserve the name, "reprints". When new plates,

or even new dies are made the reprints will not be reprints, but counterfeits. Then there is a difference according to what materials are used for a reprint, paper, color and gum, the nearer to the original the better.

61—WHY DO STAMP CATALOGUES NOT ILLUSTRATE U. S. STAMPS, WHILE SOME NON-PHILATELIC MAGAZINE DOES? The publishers of the magazine either do not know U. S. laws regarding the counterfeiting of government securities (money, stamps, etc.) or may have thought the government would not notice their infraction of the law. By special arrangement with the officers a publisher may, however, obtain the concession of non-persecution when two things are guaranteed: 1st That the types be strictly guarded and used for illustration only. 2nd. That the illustrations be made that they cannot be used by fraud.

Such concession, of course, depends on the good will of the officers, and another officer with less good will and more vigorism steps in, a persecution may follow nevertheless. The safe way is not to illustrate U. S. stamps (or any other treaty government), and publishers of catalogues rather take the safe side. It would be quite desirable that the laws be amended to permit illustration but to guard against any abuse.

62.—WHERE MAY A LIST OF PRECANCELED STAMPS BE OBTAINED, AND WHAT IS THE USE OF COLLECTING THEM?—A list By A. Lloyd Jones may be found in the current volume of the New York Philatelist.—The use of collecting these stamps is to illustrate a new departure in postal procedure. It is about on the same plane with the use of collecting any special line of postmarks, when a study of the whys and wherefores go hand in hand with such collecting. Otherwise the use would be to satisfy whim, and to find pleasure in doing something because one has a will to do it.

Inscriptions on Stamps

By **L. G. DORPAT**

Note:--In the August number I made a mistake regarding the stamps of Modena. "Poste Estensi" does not mean extended post, plausible as it may seem, but Posts of Este; the family of Este ruling over Modena from 1288 to 1859, Modena was also known as the Stati Estensi. This reminds me of a similar beautiful error perpetrated by Mr. O. Kausch, who translates the motto on the stamps of Geneva "Post tenebras lux", by "Post enlightens darkness" instead of "After darkness light". Well, nobody can know everything and a little humor will not do much harm either. I shall always be glad to have my errors pointed out to me in a friendly way.

To save space and expense we shall not print any more foreign alphabets. The Sanscrit has lately been given in an article by Mr. Rich Geoghegan in Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, and if we understand right the Arabian is soon to follow. This may also be found in some edition of Webster's dictionary. We will therefore content ourselves by simply giving the transcription and translation of what we find on stamps. The next instalment is to treat the stamps of Persia, Turkey, Egypt, etc.

On the first Russian Levante stamp we find "BANDEROLUOYE OTPRAWLEN-
IYE NA WOSTOK-6 KOP SS LOTA"; Wrapper (German Krenzband) sending (Consignment) to the East-6 kopeks per lot. The following issues have the letters "РОПИТ" for Rusokoye Obshtshestvo Parochodtwa i Torgowli: Russian Association for steam-navigation and commerce. The issue of 1868 has "WOS-
TOTSHUAYA KORRESPONDENZIYA": Correspondence to the East. The numerals are:

5: pyat
6: shesht
7: ssyem
8: wossyem
9: dyewat
10: dvesyat
11: odinnadsat

30: tridsat
40: ssorok
50: pyat dyessyat
60: shesht dyessyat
70: ssyem dyessyat
80: wossyem dyessyat
90: dyewyanosto
100: sseto

Russian (kyrillian) letters we find again on the stamps of Bulgaria, East Rumelia, Montenegro, Servia and Moldovia. Bulgaria has "BULGARSKA POSHTSHA": Bulgarian Post. The first issue has the value in centimes, the later issues have it in stotinki and leva. "2ti February 1896" is the 2nd of February 1896. "TAKSA DOPLATSHANNI" is tax to pay (due). "ISTOWAYA RUMELIA" is East Rumelia.

Montenegro has "BILETA POSHTE": Postage stamp. "TSERNAGORE" or "TSRNEGORE", which on some stamps is abbreviated "TSR. GORE" is the country's name. "TAKSENA BILETA" is due stamp. The value is in "NOWTSHIYA".

Servia has "K. SERBSKA POSHTSHTA": Royal Servian Post. Later we find "SERBIYA": Servian. "PORTOMARKA" is due stamp. The value is in para and dinar. Moldovia has "POSHTO SKRISORRI": Letter Post.

The numeral, where they are not given in figures, can easily be recognized by comparison with the Russian.

(To be continued.)

Principality of Trinidad.

New York Philatelist.

A rich man by the name of Harden-Hicky made a voyage in a sailboat in foreign seas and one day in the year 1894 landed on the rocky Islands of Trinidad. Finding them uninhabited, he at once took possession of the group and notified the powers of the world that he had proclaimed himself "Prince of Trinidad!" He mailed official notification of the fact to every government in the world.

To be exact in detail to other powers, the new prince ordered a series of postage stamps to be made in New York. The issue is finely engraved and show us the rocky islands with the prince's ship at anchor.

Immediately after the issue of stamps had appeared, Great Britain and Brazil claimed the islands while the prince stuck in his fingers for a piece of pie also. In 1896 Brazil obtained them by arbitration.

1: odna, odin, odno
2: dwa, dwye
3: tri
4: chetire

12: dwewyadsat
13: trimadsat
20: dwadsat
21: dwadsat odin



BOILED DOWN

ORIGINAL AND OTHERWISE

Chili does honor to Columbus, the explorer, by depicting him on all of her stamps from the first issue to the present date.

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The 1-penny queens head envelope of Great Britain in the long period of sixty years has shown no decided change, although there was a time when the date plugs were inserted in the oval frame.

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Sir Daniel Cooper, Bart., G. C. M. G., the first president of The Philatelic Society, London, died on June 5, at Kensington, in his eighty-first year.

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The stamp and publishing business formerly conducted by Mr. H. L'Es-trange Ewen, London, has been taken over by a stock company which will be known as Ewen's Colonial Stamp Market, Ltd. Mr. Ewen still continues at the head of and in control of the business.

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Mr. E. J. Nankivell will soon issue a very timely and valuable little book, "Stamp Collecting as a Pastime". 25,000 copies are to be printed. Mr. Nankivell remarks that the book is issued for the information of those who cannot see anything in stamp collecting and who are inclined to think that any time and money spent on it is merely wasted.

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A considerable number of French stamps were lost by fire at the Paris works occurring on July 27th.

Loss Impossible.

Metropolitan Philatelist.

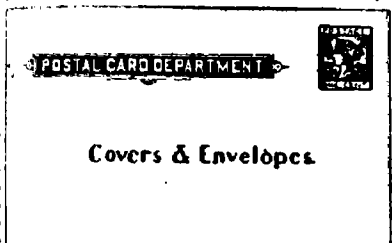
I believe that the collector who has secured the new British and Colonial stamps as they appeared, paying but a trifle over face value for them, will, one of these days, find himself considerably ahead financially. Upon these purchases there is no possibility of any loss whatever. On the other hand, it is sure to develop that certain issues of certain colonies will be found to be scarce, and the wise collector will find himself in possession of stamps worth in open market several times the original cost to him.

Another German Variety.

American Journal of Philately.

A quiet hunt is being made, just now, for copies of a variety in German stamps of the first issue of the head of Germania series that is said to be a great rarity. Mr. Franz Reichenheim, a well known specialist in the issues of his fatherland, thus describes it in a paper read before the Philatelic Society of London: "Of the 25, 30, 40, 20 and 80 pf a few sheets were first printed showing the word, "REICHSPOST" in the same size and thickness of the letters as in the one colored values (3, 5, 10 and 20pf.), but this size of print turned out to be too large for the tablet accorded to it, and was therefore reduced.

Many young stamp collectors are at a loss to understand the meaning of the coupon on the stamps of Belgium. The inscription on the coupon reads; "Do not deliver on Sunday". The idea was that those who favored Sunday observance would leave their coupons attached, and their letters would not be delivered on that day, while anyone desiring immediate delivery, even if it should come on Sunday could secure it by tearing off the coupon.



**Observations on
Some Original Covers**

By R. R. THIELE.

(Continued from August Number)

The first postmark is that of the Imperial Post Office at Shanghai, similar to that of Soochow, but dated July 23rd. At Shanghai the letter was turned over to the French office there, as shown by the postmark of this office:

SHANG-HAI
7 | 24
CHINE

between two concentric circles, the date in the inner circle. As the Chinese stamps—until lately—had no standing in the Universal Postal Union, the Chinese authorities had an arrangement with the foreign offices, whereby the latter placed the necessary stamps on letters turned over to them, the Chinese Post Office paying for them and thus doing its own work on such letters for nothing. Accordingly this letter bears a French 5 centime stamp, black and rose and purchased CHINE in red; this is cancelled with the same postmark as already described. From Shanghai the letter went forward by French steamer which took it as far as Singapore; here it was turned over to the postal agent maintained there by the Dutch government, as shown by another postmark on the back of the letter:

N. i. AGENT SINGAPORE
5
8
1901

in two concentric circles. the date in the inner circle, the corners being squared by curved lines. The N. I. stands for Nederlandsch Indie—Dutch India. From Singapore the letter was probably sent forward by a Dutch steamer, though there is nothing shown; the next postmark is that of Weltevreden, the wellknown Javan port. This is dated Aug, 9th. Next comes the postmark of Maos, the capital of the province of Bagelen in which Poerworedjo is situated, dated Aug. 10th, and finally comes the arrival postmark of Poerworedjo, the destination of the letter, dated Aug. 11th. Considering the number of times the letter was handled and the connections it had to make, the time is fast enough.

In former notes I have described quite a number of registration labels: to these I wish to add a few others that have lately come to me. One is on a letter addressed from Hong Kong to a Japanese correspondent of mine in Hiroshima, Japan. The letter bears two yellow 5c and one blue 10c stamp of the current issue of Hong Kong—ten cents for international postage and ten cents for registration. (The Hong Kong dollar is worth about fifty cents.) On its face the letter bears this registration label:



printed in black on white and perforated. The registration number is printed from type at the same time as the label. It is curious by the way, that on this official label Hong Kong is described as being in China, which is geographically, but not politically correct. (To be continued)

The Stamps of Roumania

Authorized Translation from the
French of Count d' Assche in
"Le Philatelliste Francais"

BY R. R. THIELE.

(This issue was produced by lithography at the Government Printing Office Bucharest. The sheets contained 100 stamps each, arranged in 14 vertical rows of 7 each, two extra stamps to make 100 being added, sometimes at the top, sometimes at the bottom of the eighth vertical row. This peculiar arrangement is probably caused by technical considerations, e. g. the size of the stone or the like. As before stated there are four distinct varieties of each value, not to mention minor ones. These four varieties are arranged consecutively horizontally across the sheet; thus any horizontal strip of four contains the four varieties (though, of course, not necessarily in the order as given here). As you will notice on observation, the fine shading in the two side labels, above and below POSTA and ROMANA respectively, consists partly of heavy lines, but tapers into fine dots. From wear of the stone, these dots have disappeared on many specimens and only the heavy lines of the shading remain. Of the 15 bani there is a variety known on laid paper, printed in blood red. This is known unused only and probably came from the remainders of this issue, but Kohl nevertheless prices it at about \$35. I have neglected to call attention to this issue being imperforate. Please observe also, that Prince Charles on this portrait has only side whiskers.

Up to this time the Roumania Post Office had only handled domestic mail, foreign letters being received through or turned over to the foreign (chiefly Austrian) offices established in the larger towns. The issue just described was meant for international use also, as on

January 1st 1869 the Roumanian Government took over the foreign mails also. This accounts for the higher values included in this set. Mr. Duerst states, though, that domestic postage was still prepaid by the previous issue.—Translator's Note.)

SCOTT
TYPE
A 8

ISSUE OF 1870

Type of the stamps of 1868, lithographed on thin paper.

- I. On white wove paper.
66 2 bani bright orange, Type I, (Scott No 33.)
67 2 bani, bright orange, Type II.
68 3 " lilac pale mauve. (Scott No 34.)
69 3 bani " " " perf 12½.
II. On yellowish wove paper.
70 2 bani bright orange, Type I.
71 2 " " " " II.
72 3 bani lilac violet.
73 3 " " " perf 12½

The 2 bani is that of the preceding issue retouched; the hair and the beard are more complete and the stamp in general is lighter. The same characteristic may thus serve to reconstruct the plates.

The 3 bani was printed from the plates of the 4 bani. The 4 was taken out and replaced by 3s by hand; for this reason all the 3s differ, even on the same stamp. The rest of the design is exactly the same, except on the first stamp of the block, where the line joining the cross to the Greek border has been slightly corrected. In speaking of the 4 bani I have given some varieties of this stamp, but a printer's mishap caused the line relating to the reconstruction of the plate to drop; I therefore again mention that the plate was divided into blocks of 8 stamps, ranged like this:

1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8

and I give the particulars serving to recognize for the 4 bani blue the place of each stamp in this block.

(To be continued.)

SWITZERLAND.

A Remarkable Collection of
Stamps and Original Covers

By **FRANK S. YOUNG**

If the writer is enabled to give any information on the stamps of Switzerland and he wishes to give advance credit not only to the magnificent collection of Mr. John F. Seybold of Syracuse, N. Y. but to that genial philatelist himself.

Switzerland as a stamp-issuing country should be especially interesting to us as the birth place and home of the Universal Postal Union at a convention held at Bern, Switzerland, in 1874, called the unification of German postal authorities. The Union is governed by a Director appointed by a Swiss government with office at Bern.

Mr. Seybold undoubtedly has the finest collection of the stamps of Switzerland in America and one of the largest and best in the world, containing pairs, blocks and strips, and very many rare ones on original covers.

The rarest and most valuable of these stamps are those issued under the cantonal administrations, prior to the formation of the Swiss Confederation in 1848 and the first issue of the Federation, which were virtually cantonals, from the fact of different terms for money values in different cantons precluding the use of stamps priced in centimes in cantons using the term rappen and vice versa.

Prior to the formation of the Federation each canton managed the postal affairs in its own territory and only such uniformity existed as was obtained by those agreements between the different cantons.

As each canton was more of financial than the social success of the venture, the postal service of those days must have caused even the phlegmatic Swiss to say things.

As the time space, and ability allotted to this article will only allow us to scratch the surface of Mr. Seybold's collection, we will only attempt to pass in review a few of the more remarkable pieces, mostly original covers, in which the collection is especially rich. The numbers given refer to the Standard Catalogue. Basle (No 1)—A pair on cover, thought to be the only pair of this stamp in America. Also single stamp in fine condition on cover.

Two copies of the very rare Geneva 10c (No. 2) on covers.

A pair of 5c Geneva on cover. These very seldom travel in pairs and a collector who would feel proud of a single one would not be hard to find.

An extra fine copy of the Geneva envelope, used. Said to be a thousand times as rare used as unused.

Several fine specimens the rare 4r black Zurich showing the different types.

Of the earlier issues of the Federation Nos. 12 and 13 were usually assigned to Vaud. Mr. Seybold has two copies of the exceeding rare 4 centimes, priced by Scott at \$125.00, one on cover and one off, and a pair of 5c on original and entire cover. It is very doubtful if this can be duplicated in America. At the recent large exhibition in Geneva Switzerland, not one pair of 5c Vaud was shown on cover.

Of No., 14 (Winterthur) a pair on cover.

Of No., 19 (Neuchatel) several copies showing different cancellations, both black and red, a pair on cover and on another cover, three beautiful copies.

This cover, although probably not so valuable as some of the others, is, owing to its fine condition one of the gems of the collection.

Of the Poste Local without the frame around the cross (No. 18) a very fine specimen.

Of the Rayon issue a large number of copies showing different varieties, cancellations and postmarks.

Of the subsequent issues there are page after page of stamps and blocks of stamps and original covers, all in elegant condition and artistically mounted.

I would have wished that every philatelic student might have enjoyed with the writer a recent afternoon spent among these stamp treasures from the little republic, although among the smallest of the European nations, has the grandest scenery, is the source of four of the best known continental rivers and has for centuries been the especial abiding place of democracy and freedom.

Unfortunately though nature has been lavish in the matter of scenery and grandeur of prospect, towering peaks and snow clad mountains make but a sorry breakfast and pinnacles of amethyst and chrysofrase are likely to prove indigestible. Though these may bring wealth in the form of tourists this does not compensate for the lack of fertility and so Switzerland, however rich from a philatelic stand point, is still comparatively poor in worldly goods.

PHILATELIC WEST AND CAMERA NEWS.

Notes From Europe

BY J. C. AUF DER HEIDE, S. H. D.
AMSTERDAM HOLLAND, EUROPE.

In my former letter is a mistake and will in the note of the 11000 kilogrammes of German stamps that have been burnt and not as printed "current" in Berlin.

Another surcharge was brought into use in the Dutch Indies. The new post rates want a stamp of $\frac{1}{2}$ cent. So there are about 2,000,000 of the current 2 cent stamp surcharged with $\frac{1}{2}$ all over the figure 2. There is also issued a new set of stamps for printed matter in the same design which have the current Holland stamps of $\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cent. Only the word Nederland has been replaced by "Nederlandsch Indie". The colors differ by two stamps the 1 and the 3 cent from those of the Dutch stamps.

- 1 cent, olive (Holland red)
- 2 " brown
- 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " green
- 3 " orange (Holland olive green and Queen's Head)
- 5 " red (Holland Queen's Head)

Mr. Ewen's Colonial Stamp Market has been altered into a Limited with a share capital of £20000 at 6 per cent divided into 20000 shares of £1 each. Director is Mr. Herbert L'Estrange Ewen, the well known London specialist.

The new third edition of Messrs Gelli & Tani's catalogue of all postage and telegraph stamps has just come out. There is much in this catalogue which is not to be found in another. The prices are generally correct. For paper and perforation distinctions there is no better one. Price of this catalogue (in French) in fine blue, gold pressed linen is only 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ franc (50 cents American)

and to be had from the publishers Messrs Gelli & Tani, Ruedes, Fripiers 10, Brussels, Belgium.

Announcement is made of the appearance within a few weeks of catalogues Senf and Kohl.

A local dealer bought these days a 20 ore figure stamp, Sweden with the inscription "tretio" (30) instead of "tjugo" (20). He paid 5 cents for a lot of 25 of these stamps among which he found one copy of this very rare stamp. The following week he sold it to a Norwegian dealer for two hundred marks. \$40.

Mr. P. Hartmann one of the largest view card publishers of London is also an indigo dealer; which trade only is done from November to February. The rest of the year he employs his time in post card publishing, and he says it pays well.

All dealers here buy for the coming season, of course the stamps of Holland and colonies bring the best prices.

Postmark collecting is rapidly advancing on the continent and many a collector who has his collection of shades and perforations nearly complete, starts now a collection of different postmarks.

My ad in the WEST brings me with every mail 2 or 3 letters from America and many relations have been founded with American dealers and collectors. May they be, as I hope, of long duration.

I will send my following letter about the 25th of Sept. next, which I hope will contain plenty of news for the new season.

The Bordeaux Issue of 1870

By E. R. STEINBRUECK

We have in our country, specialists, persons who collect but one thing, adhesives, revenues, match and medicine, precancelled or some other branch in the stamp line, and make this their particular study. This is commendable and no doubt such persons find pleasure and satisfaction in so doing. But the specialists of France in general are of a different type. They are fairly possessed of a strong desire to dissect, so to speak, every stamp in their hunt for the slightest differences—often but an occasional blot of color common with lithographic prints.

Still the secret marks of the Bordeaux issue have remained a mystery to them all as well as the world until lately when A. Maury, editor of the *Coureur des Timbres Postes*, really a strict opponent to the overdone specialism craze of that particular class of stamp dissectors, has dared to undertake the difficult task. He may have done this to enlighten the world, or solely to satisfy his readers, or to surprise and confound that by him despised body of stamp surgeons. After encountering many difficulties, his admirable perseverance has finally brought success.

What started him on the trail was the resurrection of an old document treating of the manufacture and issue of the Bordeaux stamps, and which in fact did mention certain secret marks somewhere, but was nevertheless devoid of any particular description of these marks. Any way, the existence of them was thus ascertained. Then for the hunt.

The next step then taken was a search for the men employed in the manufacture of the stamps. Here Mr. Maury met with a serious disappointment, the engravers as well as the chemist Pelligot

and the manager of the printing a certain Delebesque, being all reported dead. It was also found that the stones (this issue was lithographed) and everything else in connection with the manufacture of the stamps had been destroyed.

Every other source of information being exhausted, there was nothing left to do but to take magnifying glass and dividers in hand. This undertaking also proved to be discouragingly difficult as the stamps being lithographed were not equally plain in print and the patient investigator found himself after all his labor nearly at the verge of despair. Still he did not give up. He chanced to get hold of some neatly executed specimens printed in black on white paper. By aid of the magnifying glass he detected the word "Yon" was engraved in the lower part of the grape vine leaf on the head of Ceres. He then ascertained that "Yon" was one of the engravers. Luckily, Yon was found in Bordeaux. But here another disappointment was encountered in the statement of this man that the appearance of his name on the stamp was not a secret mark at all, but was executed by him merely to satisfy a whim, this being a common practice of engravers. So the chase with the magnifying glass had to be resumed, for the old document was there bearing witness that some secret marks were there beyond the shadow of a doubt.

After many days of fruitless labor the specimens above mentioned enabled Mr. Maury to crown his efforts finally with success, and at last the secret marks were indisputably recognized.

The denominations from the five centimes upwards, having undergone the inspection first, show the lack of some of the cross bars in the net work surrounding the medallion of Ceres. In the right corner all the little cross bars but the upper ones have been erased between the fourth and fifth horizontal wavy lines, counting from the heavy inside line. This is not a miss print, as all the higher value stamps of the same issue show the same lack of cross bars. So far is good. Now for the lower denominations.

(To be continued)

WASHINGTON NOTES .

By C. M.

As the West caters to all classes of collectors the notes this month may well give a partial list of the various government publications dealing with the different lines of collection. The documents named have been published since January 1, as there is little use in giving prior publications, in that the editions are limited and must be written for now if wanted. Those starred must be obtained by writing to the Congressman or Senator from the applicants state, the others while in print can be procured gratis by a letter addressed to the head of the department by which they are published.

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Annual Report of Smithsonian Institution*

Annual Report of National Museum*

Annual Report of Fish Commission.

Fishes of Japan —National Museum.

Annual Report—Geological Survey*

Fishes of Mexico and Central America — Fish Commission.

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These are extremely minute and accurate, and are well illustrated. The reports of the Smithsonian and National Museum deal with practically all lines of collection which appear in the West, are illustrated in colors and well bound. These reports for past years can sometimes be procured from a Congressman, but generally immediate application is necessary. The "last" report should be asked for, not the report for this year as the bureaus are generally a year or two behind in their reports.

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The stamp collectors have proven such easy marks that the Government is now

going to have a try at coin collectors on a large scale. \$250,000 in gold dollars is to be coined, 125,000 with the head of Jefferson and the remainder with the head of McKinley, to be sold at a premium in accord with the demand the first offer to be at \$2 per coin or \$4 for the set. Early application should be made to the Director of the Mint, Washington, D.C.

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The 4, 8, 13 and 10 cent special delivery designs are well under way.

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The Washington correspondent of Mekeel's Weekly states "Your correspondent was informed some months ago by a very high official in the (Postoffice) Department that the Department had received advice that a sheet of the 4 cent inverts had been received in due course by a postmaster". In view of the specific statements with names and dates that have been cited to prove that the error was a bogus one, the name of the postoffice and the subsequent history of the sheet or any part of it are in order.

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What firm in East Clarindon, Vermont used pre-cancelled stamps? So far as I have been able to find their manufacture was not authorized by the postmaster there.

One Point of Difference.

Metropolitan Philatelist.

There is not much difference between a coin and stamp collector, both are actuated by a love of the beautiful and a desire to preserve the historical work of those who have preceded us.

Both are suspected of having cast an anchor to the windward in securing desirable duplicates "as traders" and both enjoy securing a bargain, but there is this difference, the philatelist will not sit in an auction room in the middle of summer, in the hopes of picking a rarity for one-tenth of its value.

CHIPS

By E. R. STEINBRUECK

I found another black copy of a stamp on back of the original. Last time I asked for somebody to explain. Now it begins to dawn upon me that the stamps in question once may have adorned some other album with spaces illustrated or descriptive and that these stamps had been pasted flat instead of on hinges and afterwards were simply cut out. As I am now remounting a collection from a spacious scrapbook to one of A. Krassa's interchangeable blank albums, which, by-the-way, I like exceedingly well, I am cleaning every stamp of all paper and rubbish and sometimes of a half a dozen old hinges on back.

A description of all kinds of thieves in connection with philatelic business sales or exchanges which I have seen in one of our philatelic papers, comes to my mind and makes me bless the man, who has furnished me lots of stamps for good money, and whose name I might immortalize and deliver to posterity. Lots of his stamps after cleaning off adherent stuff prove to be torn, damaged, patched up copies. I think that is the worst kind of a thief, who takes for worthless ware, good money from an unexperienced trusting person. I call him a sneak-thief and know him by his peculiar hinges.

In the picture of the P. S. of A. meet in Denver reproduced in the Daily News of that city Brody fully answered to the call: "Now look pleasant."

The results of the P. S. of A. convention are pleasing beyond expression.

The P. S. of A. was once a flourishing society bearing bountiful fruit until a maggot nested in its core and destroyed the vitality of it. The maggot got rotten and its surroundings were affected till now the cancer and its cause is cut by the doctors in Denver and there is hope for a speedy recovery.

The postage due stamps 1895 of Belgium show in the corners of the upper label with the words "a prayer" (to be paid) four letters P. L. and A. D. The latter are the initials of the engraver A. Doms, while the first two may be the initials of the designer.

The Dukedom Montenegro has issued new stamps with the change of its money standard from Novitch and Florin into Heller and Krone in accordance with Austria, whose money it is using.

Mail service was opened in Yap on the German Karolinen islands Nov. 3, 1899. Not having any of their own stamps at the time of opening, the postmaster used the stamps of the Marschall—Inselu and cancelled these stamps by pen mark, not having even a proper stamp, thus:

Jap

Carolinen

This pen cancellation is worth a good deal more than the later properly stamped Karolinen island stamps.

The stamps of Abyssinia render a good profit to dealers. These stamps uncanceled could be bought far under face value, because they were stolen. To make them worthless for postal use and for protection the government surcharged the remaining supply and the following issue. Hence the surcharged Abyssinia stamps properly cancelled are the genuine postage stamps of Abyssinia.

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Notes for U. S. Collectors
By E. R. ALDRICH

A new set of precancelled from Northampton, Mass., appeared recently and were employed, I am told, by one firm only and by this one only in sending catalogue to postmasters.

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Lloyd Jones is authority for the East Clarendon precancelled being an unauthorized issue. They, like the Lynn issues to some extent were, maybe, of speculative issue but that some were actually used is undeniable as I received both the one and two cent values franking mail matter.

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Three hundred dollars is the price of a western firm places on a fine pair of two cent Pan American inverts. If two purchasers apply together they are willing to sever the pair. The one cent variety seems to remain stationary at from \$17.50 to \$25.00 according to condition.

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The influence of the Springfield meeting on precancelled collecting is beginning to be felt. I know of nearly a half dozen of those in attendance who have started a collection since the meet.

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It was a trifle singular, but less than a week after I clipped the piece from the old report which I quoted last month, the Washington press dispatches contained a half column from the postal authorities on the same subject.

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The old Gerinan fac-similes of the newspaper stamps are again being pushed by several of the European dealers and some will probly reach this side of

the pond, so younger collectors should beware of whom they purchase any newspaper stamps as it is easy to remember the printing showing falseness.

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A Washington correspondent writes me that the design are at work on the new five can't die and that he has been informed that the portrait of Lincoln used is a more faithful likeness than the one used in the current set. The engravers are at work now on the one cent stamp with Grant's face.

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We are so accustomed to consider our own postal system so superior that I can not refrain but clip the following comparison with the English service which the noted newspaper correspondent, Frank G. Carpenter, makes: "There is one thing, however, which I find much better here than in the United States I refer to the postal and telegraph services. These are under the general government, and are excellently well managed. If I remember correctly our postal service is run at a loss. The English postal service makes a profit of about \$18,000,000 a year, and gives better mails at lower rates. You can send a letter weighing four ounces to any part of the United Kingdom for a penny or 2 cents and overweight costs a half penny or 1 cent, for two ounces. You can send parcels which weigh as much as eleven pounds for 6 cents for the first pound and 2 cents for each additional pound and the book post is about the same as ours.

The telegraph service is lower than in America. The cost of a dispatch to any part of Great Britain and Ireland is 1 cent a word, the lowest charge being 12 cents, and both address and signature being paid for. In the general postoffice in East London there is a telegraph room where 500 men are employed receiving and sending dispatches, while in the basement there are four steam engines which supply the pneumatic tubes by which the telegrams are forwarded for delivery to the different parts of the city.

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Our Illustrations

D. J. SNIDER

"A Missouri Collector"

The subject of this sketch was born in 1881 in one of the most beautiful parts of Missouri namely "The Platte Purchase" where he is engaged in the drug business and has continued this business up to the present time.

Began collecting when a boy hunting Indian relics at the camping grounds of the Indians that passed from the south to the north in the hot summers of the seventies, then returning south in the fall making two camps some twenty five miles apart.

Began collecting coins and fractional currency a few years later, of which he has a nice collection at present.

Have been a member of the A. S. of C. C. about one year and can heartily recommend WEST as the best paper published for collectors.

LOUIS G. RODRIGUES

Is 20 years of age and was educated at the "Catholic Grammar School Association" Georgetown, B Guiana, S. America. Started collecting in 1892 and acquired a collection of about 3000 varieties, has since disposed of them and is now collecting stamps issued from 1900. He is also interested in shells, coins, and unmounted prints. Only recently started collecting view post cards and has about 3000 varieties. Is a member of the Malta Philatelic Society, Stamp Collectors Protective Assoc'n of America, Am. Society of Curio Collectors, Am. Camera Club Exchange and will be sending applications for the following societies, Sheffield Philatelic Society, American Fiscal Society, International Stp. Collector's Assoc'n and Phil. Sons of America. Will be pleased to hear from collectors of the above hobbies.

MR. A. D. BLAIR

The subject of this sketch was born in 1883 at Elmira, New York, and at this time resides there. While attending college during the winter of 1900 he commenced collecting postage stamps and now has a general collection of several thousand varieties.

He is well known in philatelic circles as Nat'l Sec. for U. S. A. in the Spanish American Philatelic Society in which society he will be a candidate for Secy-Treas at its fall election. He is also a member and an officer in the E. P. S., D. P. A., J. P. A. and C. P. C.

He is a friend both to the beginner and the "old timer" as well and has a

host of friends both in stampic and social circles.

J. S. DAVIS

Is a leading collector and writer and has been a member and officer in most of the leading societies, and was editor of the Rocky Mountain Stamp. He was the first to plea for simplified methods of collecting for the beginners and his article on same was copied by many papers.

CLARENCE P. DEKAY

Is a stamp fiend and as side lines collects coins and postmarks. As a writer he is known to many philatelists.

How Stamps Are Made.

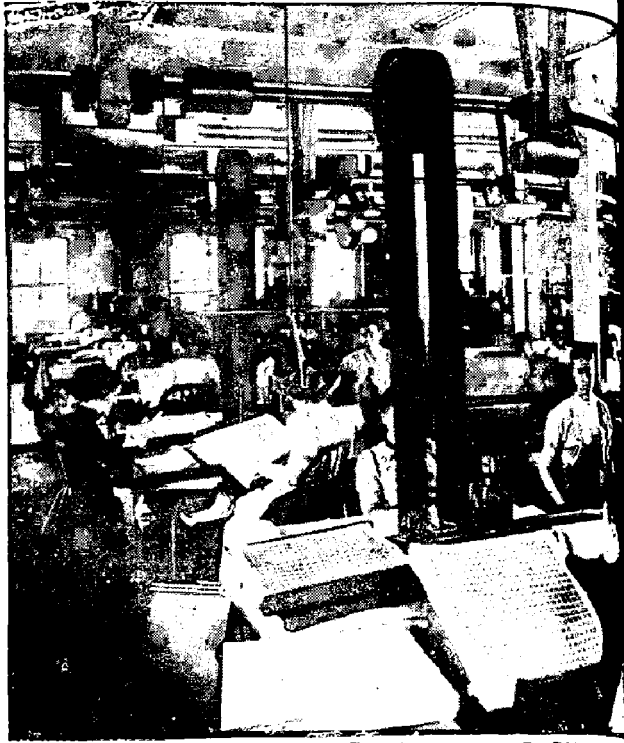
Through the courtesy of the Postmaster's Advocate we are enabled to publish three interesting interior views of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. The first view illustrates the operation of printing, a short description of which may prove of interest.

"The presses upon which stamps are printed are queer looking machines, different from those used in any other line of work. In the center of each stands a printer completely surrounded by an endless chain continually moving and carrying with it four stands. Upon these stands four of the plates—each bearing the engraved lines of 400 stamps—will be placed. In other words, these plates set horizontally, will occupy the four sides of the square, surrounding the printer. Carried by the endless chain, they will move at a moderate rate of speed, stopping, one after another, first beneath an ink roller, then under a mechanical rubber, removing most of the ink, next under the hands of the printer, whose palms polish the plate, leaving only the ink, which is within the engraved lines, and finally beneath the fair hands of a pretty girl, who deftly spreads a sheet of the white, dampened paper over the sheet and allows a dry, cloth-covered roller to travel across its face and do the actual printing. Another girl takes out the printed sheet and places it in a pile. One sheet is thus printed from a plate in an eighth of a minute. In other words, 3,200 stamps a minute will be turned out by each press".

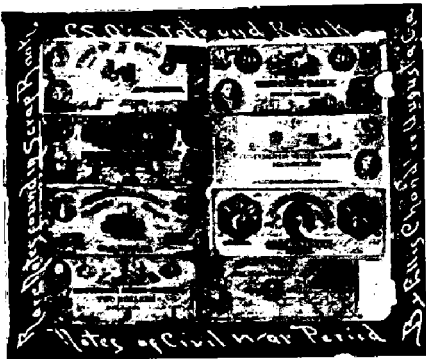
The other two views carry us farther along into the life of the stamp, showing the operations of perforating and gumming.



Erma Eddleman, Cherokee Indian, Muskegee, Ind. Ter.



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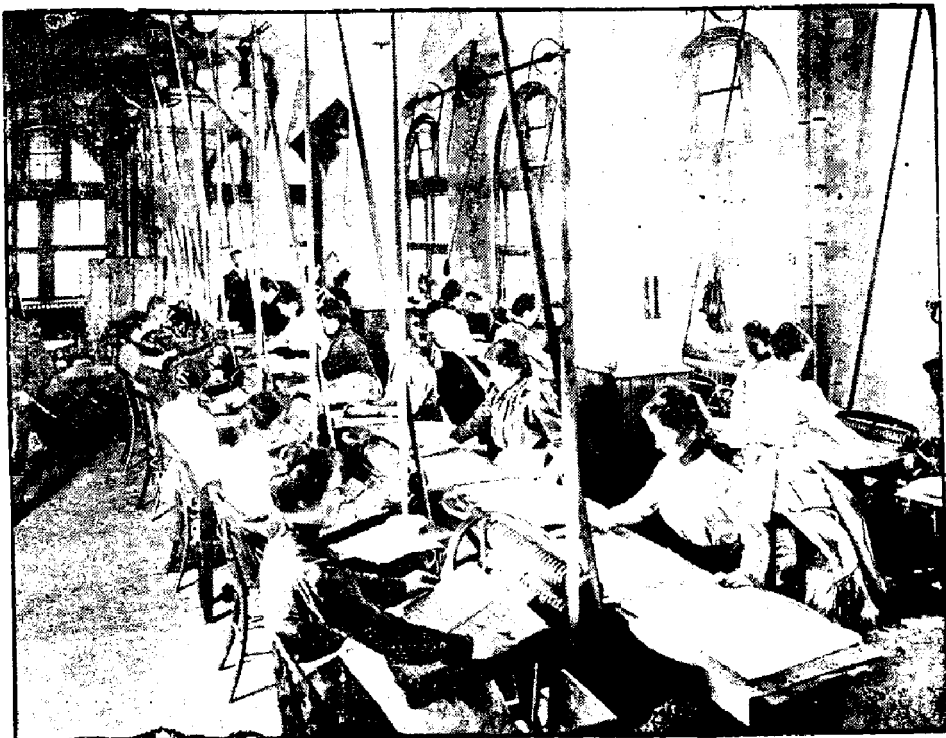
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We have given mention of the Scott Williams Co., of Seattle, Washington and hear that it is no other than the famous Brassington from Michigan and one that it will be well to leave alone, for Du Bose of Ga., writes that they got him for over \$22, and many others in the list. Send your complaints to P. O. inspector at Spokane, Wash. University or Union Co, of Biltmore, N C has been complained of by S J Jones of Calif., R. Morauz of Phila, Rev. Stoner, of Wis., and others.

E. Smith of Ill speaks of Star Stamp Co of Pontoosuc, Ill.

H Dickey of Kansas warms us on L. Sikorsky, of Riga, Russia, who I see

English papers mention and say to write Chief of Polic who can help you out on him.

Dickey also sends others; J. E. Edwards, N Y City c-o Snap Hook & Eye Co., and Arthur Blake of Sacramento Calif whom I have given warning of before. Says he is pastor of M. E. Church and writes on letter head of saloon—looks odd. Owes publisher for printing more than a year.

We are always glad to hear compliments, but be sure and send 4c for postage with each name and we'll do all we can to help you. Try the P O inspector or Chief of Police of his city and let us know how you come out on your case and we may have others to help you on same party.

We have a good list on Bracket of Lewiston, Me, Brewster of Ohio says send compliments to P O Insp-ctor of Maine.



CHECK LIST OF NEW ISSUES.

(Adhesives only.)

For the Month Ending Sept., 25th.
 Compiled by Albert H. Hall

Belgium. Regular issue. Railway Parcel Stamps.

- 10 centimes, brown and dark blue
- 15 " gray and violet
- 20 " blue and sienna brown
- 25 " carmine and green
- 30 " orange and blue
- 40 " emerald and mauve
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1 centavo, green

Cook Islands Regular Issue

2½ pence, blue

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25 centimes, blue

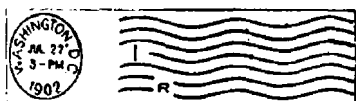
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NEW VARIETIES.

It is very interesting to watch the new forms and designs of postmarks which the postal authorities are often bringing out.

These figures show the most important varieties that have come out during the last year or so. As will be seen they are all machine cancellations, from the larger offices. In the line of hand stamped postmarks, there are very few new things, and they will be described later on.



The first illustration shows a design which came into use in the latter part of 1901. Although the idea of wavy lines for postmarks has been used before, yet this particular design is new. New York was the first office, probably to use it, but since the spring it has become very common and is now used in most all the large offices.



Fig. 2. This postmark is only used in Atlantic City, but its design is so odd, combining both vertical and wavy lines that it makes a decided "hit," and it ought to be extended to other offices.

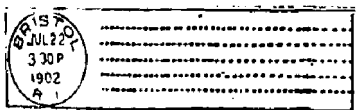
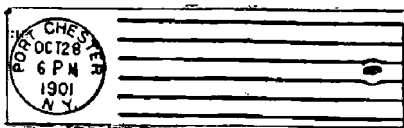


Fig. 3. This post mark has been in use for some time, nearly two years. It is used in a few large 2nd class offi-

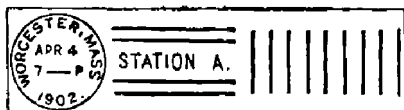
ces. Another variety very much like this has the spaces at longer intervals thus making dashes instead of dotted lines as here shown.



The next figure shows a style which is used in a number of the smaller 1st class offices. The state is always at the bottom of the circle, unless the mark is from a station, in this case the station is at the bottom. While the variety shown has six bars, there are two other varieties, one having five and the other seven.




No. 5 shows a new variety, the earliest at hand shows January, from Brooklyn. In this variety the year is placed at the bottom of the circle with the state after the office.



This postmark has several combinations one of which is shown by No. 6, in the shape of a station mark. There is also a received postmark in which the word "Received" takes the place of "Station A." Some of these postmarks from Brooklyn have the station inside the circle instead of in the dauber. Nos. 5 and 6 are growing rapidly in numbers, and have already cut out both No. 3 and No. 4.

The St. Louis Worlds Fair postmark shown in Fig. 6 of the June issue has been changed by omitting "1903" from the scroll in the canceller. This will make a new set as the numbers run from 1-8 in both varieties. When the government puts in "1904" (the new date decided on) there will be still another set.

In next issue "Received Postmarks" with nine illustrations.

**Souvenir or Illustrated
Post Cards** 

By MISS M. KELLER

Card collecting can be made a very instructive as well as interesting pastime. It is a very intellectual sport when pursued scientifically. Its various forms of instruction make it a highly recommendable hobby. Especially taken geographically, and historically. Our enterprising and flourishing "Atlas" Society has a well chosen name—a title very approximately given to its gigantic card exchangers club because "Atlas" was the giant supposed in Greek mythology to bear the earth on his shoulders. Even tho the society hasn't as yet got the entire world on its shoulders, yet well deserves the title since the Atlas memberships extend to all continents and and to nearly all countries. It has branched out even to China "The old time forbidden country." Tringtan is one place from where I have just received a beautiful embossed card, beautifully printed, showing progress made there under German occupation. The sender of card is not a member as yet to any American club, but I luckily gained his whereabouts thro the WEST stamp and card fiend, I was very grateful, since it was my first China exchanger. Since then there are one or two others from China, who I believe are regular members of the Atlas society. The Atlas extends to other far away countries such as may be worth while mentioning on account of of the difficulty in gaining cards from such countries; Açores, Bosnia, Brazil, Egypt, Bulgaria, British India, Cuba, Chile, British Guiana, Servia, Finland, Hungary and others. The most important places of these countries, are beautifully depicted on some of the

richest cards, and makes it worth their having if only on account of the long distance the various cards travel, being postmarked and stamped from the various places, and a greeting, or few words of interest on same certainly aid in making them a real souvenir. Most collectors value foreign cards more than others. This is easily explained. Each collector wants at least every continent represented if only to small extent and foreign cards are of such variety in subject and style that they are sought for on that account. The chief reason is no doubt this. We learn something about the place each card is from, or each place or anything it represents. An article seen in one of our chief dailies telling about Countess de Rochambeau has one room set apart at her mansion for the arrangement and display of souvenir cards, collected from all parts of the world. She is said to have one of the finest collections. They are displayed in twelve mammoth albums, bound in Russian leather each with a capacity for a thousand cards; also in great glass cases extending from floor to ceiling, accessible by movable steps. It is stated that she not only exchanges but also secures cards in every town she gets, or visits samples of all its art post cards, writes interesting accounts of her travels each day thereon in consecutive order according to the nature of her itinerary, and mails them home. These are arranged in great books so that at the conclusion of her trip she has a complete and beautifully illustrated history of the event. Not I think if any ordinary collector had his various cards, each country and places thereof nicely assorted and arranged in some convenient or accessible manner; each collection, even only numbering hundreds of cards would prove a fine illustrated history of the various places. We can not all be so fortunate as to visit the various places and write accounts thereof, but why not make the best of it at least, and enjoy what we can for some cards are a history in themselves, especially when a note regarding design on card

A TRAMP AWHEEL

An Amusing Experience
Of a Young Naturalist.

By A "YOUNG NATURLIST"

It was in the early autumn that the first thought of tramping came to my brain. I loved nature and longed to see more of her than I could find around home, so I decided to try the experiment of tramping. The leaves were just turning to those bright colors that are seen only in Autumn and the loud howling of geese overhead, as they flew southward told that winter was near at hand. The farmer was husking his corn and the woods were full of purple clusters of grapes.

All summer I had been thinking of the Pueblos and the great petrified forest of Arizona and as chilly November drew near, like the birds, I decided to emigrate, so I started.

The wind, the cold shivery wind was moaning and sighing through the trees; no bright sun was shining to cheer me on my way; instead the sky was cloudy and damp mist filled the air, certainly not very propitious time to start on such a journey. But now or never so I thought, and oiling my wheel, I rode off toward the southwest with the firm intention of seeing the sandy wastes of Arizona before snow flew. Sandy wastes I saw, but far from Arizona.

The first day all went well. Starting late in the afternoon, I rode thirty miles to the Missouri river, sleeping that night at an old backwoodsman's place, doing chores for my board. After choring was done we sat around the fire and I listened to him tell of his adventures with the Indians. I retired early and the next morn saw me fairly on my way before the sun, rising from out it's fiery bed, opened the reign of day and the de-thronement of night.

I crossed the river on the White Swan ferry boat, though little of the grace of the swan could I see in the sluggish

awkward movements of the craft. Arriving on the other side I found myself in old Fort Randall, an abandoned military post that figured in the Indian wars of the northwest. It was in charge of a custodian. I had heard of it before in the papers as having been built to keep peace between the Ponca, Yankton, Lower Brule and Crow Indian tribes—whether true I do not know. Be that as it may, it was a beautiful spot, more beautiful than any other spot on the Missouri river, far outranking St. Joe, Missouri, the pride of the old French voyageurs. With its long white buildings used as barracks and messrooms, armory surrounded by the officers' fine quarters, and the cathedral looking old church, reminding one perhaps of some ancient fendal castle, situated as it were on the banks of a tumultous flood, amid grand old elms and towering cottonwoods, with a carpet of the softest of grass, all tended to make a scene of indescribable beauty.

It filled the onlooker with awe that the crusader had after Climbing the Eternal Hills that lay round about the Sacred City, to behold from their tops for the first time, the consecrated valley of the Holy Shrine.

I yelled and halooed, my cries at last bringing forth a little old man with wizened face and pinched features and a pistol in each hand—a true Hiberian said I as I gazed at him. He kindly brought me a drink of water and I rode on.

The birds were nearly all gone, except for an occasional whir of a grouse's wing, as he hurriedly flew past me, or perhaps now and then a quail called from the bushes. "Bob White", to his mate across the way, when he found some thing good. The nighthawk was occasionally seen at dusk in small flocks going on foraging expeditions, and now and then a red hawk was seen lazily flapping his wings as he went in search of his supper, but altogether the woods had lost one of their most pleasing allurements. (To be continued)



CURIO NOTES

By ROY FARREL GREENE, A. S. of C. C.

The Curio Editor has received a recent letter from J. M. Robinette, one of the notorious and well-exploited Robinette family of Virginia and Tennessee. In his letter Mr. Robinette kindly offers to sell us good and perfect arrow-points from Lee, Scott, and other counties in Virginia at 3 and 5 cents each. He can furnish from one to ten thousand. We have not answered Robinette's, letter nor shall we do so, save in this public way. It is well-known that Robinette, or some of that family, is engaged in the manufacture of flint and stone implements. We are at present collecting indian relics and prehistoric implements. When we add the side-line of Robinette relics we may do business with him. The present letter is dated Blackwater, Virginia and it appears that this is the present base of operations. In times past the family has operated on unsuspecting collectors from Democrat, Va., Flag Pond, Va and several other towns of unknown size and location in both Virginia and Tennessee. Unless you want to fill your collection with home-made specimens and totally worthless on that account, collectors will buy or exchange with others than any of the Robinettes.

C. E. Walter of Michigan Agricultural College, informs the editor that he is exploring some old burying grounds in Northern Michigan, and is, finding some very interesting relics, consisting largely of pipes, caskets vases and tablets on which appear quaint hieroglyphics. Walter is making a series of photographs of the relics and hopes in this way to find means of reading the inscriptions.

Philadelphia is now unrivaled with its various collections of coins deposited in the new Philadelphia mint, in the museums of the University of Pennsylvania and in several other local institutions. The University collection now fills 48 huge cases and is so arranged that the curator of the museum can find any coin instantly. The principle feature of the system employed in classifying the coins is their division by countries, states, rulers, and in the order of their dates and denominations.

At Washington's Headquarters in Newburgh, and at Trophy Point at West Point, are links of an iron-chain that was stretched across the Hudson at West Point during the Revolution, to prevent British vessels coming up the river. They were made, as the story goes, at an old forge near Greenwood Lake. A few days ago E. L. Green and T. McCabe, of New York, who are summering at Greenwood Lake, while rambling over the Ramapo mountains came across another of these large links, firmly wedged between two rocks. It was near the old forge where the chain was made and the presumption is that the link was either a superfluous or a defective one, made at the time the others were constructed. Of course it was not used, but it may be classed as a Revolutionary relic, and is closely allied, in its value as a reminder of the event, with the historic chain that did such excellent service. The strange thing about it is that the link has been there all these years and has not been discovered, although not far from a point where

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picnic parties formerly spent pleasant hours.

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There are whole forests of leafless trees in Northern Australia. These bleak trees breathe through a little stem which answers the same purpose as leaves. The tree is called the "leafless acacia."

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D. R. Myers, of Cement City, Mich., writes the Curio Editor that six years ago his father and uncle were digging a hole in which to bury potatoes on his grandfather's farm near Cement City, and at the depth of two feet they discovered the skeleton of an Indian. The skeleton was in perfect shape and was surrounded in the grave by numerous flint arrows. Around the neck of the skeleton was suspended, by a very stout thong, a locket of curious workmanship. This locket is about 1 1/4 x 3/4 inches in size and 1/2 inch thick, and opens lengthwise. It is of silver and has carvings on its surface of puzzling characters to all those who have seen and examined it. Around the wrists of the skeleton were two silver bracelets, very heavy and measuring two inches across. These also bore mysterious carvings or etchings. The skeleton in question was unearthed on what was known to be an old burying ground of the Indians, but this one had evidently lain in a much deeper grave than its fellows since hundreds of others have in past years been thrown up by the plow.

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One of the interesting relics to be seen by the visitor to the Oldroyd Lincoln Museum in Washington is Nancy Lincoln's bible. Its paper, printing, binding, and general make-up are much the same as other books publish-

ed 100 years ago. This volume came from the press in 1799. On the inside of the first cover is the name of the great emancipator, written by himself prior to the death of his mother, which occurred in his tenth year. It is a valuable curio and one well worth seeing by any of our readers who visit the capital city.

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C. M. Douglass of Matthews, Va., writes that he recently found on the Plankitank River a bed of shells about twenty-five feet below the surface of the surface of the earth. "Each shell," he says, "has a hole drilled through it. In the early days of the country the Indians used shells as money, called wampum. They used to put holes in them and string them on their belts. The place where I found these shells was owned by, or was the camping ground of, Old Powhatan, father of Pocahontas. This shell fish is now extinct, and none like them can be found on the Virginia coast. I have about 3000 of the shells, and would like to know whether there is a market for them. The shells are white as chalk, some slightly tinged with yellow, finely marked, and range from 1 to 1 1/4 inches in diameter." What do our readers know about the market value of such wampum? The editor finds no price set on such in Curio dealers' catalogues. Can Brother Seay, Deitrick or any of the Virginia members of the society tell us whether like finds have been made there?

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"Gabriele D'Annunzio's right hand is injured, and therefore he regrets to say that he cannot write his name in albums or on postal cards" is the way which the author's secretary answers all requests from collectors.

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The European International agree-

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which was concluded at Paris recently provided for the protection of birds useful to agriculture. Belgium, France, Greece, Austria-Hungary, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland and Spain are all parties to the agreement, besides several smaller provinces. Among the birds accounted useful and therefore to be protected are certain nocturnal birds of prey, as well as bee-eaters, swallows, and several birds of the sparrow species. Ravens, magpies, jays, and a few others are branded as mischievous. In Italy the capture of northbound birds has become a regular trade, and as a natural consequence she does not appear among the signers to the agreement.

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Mrs. Ida Belmer Camp of Caro, Mich., has the largest private collection of cacti in this country. She produces many new varieties by grafting, and has collectors in nearly all the cactus-producing regions. She is looked upon as an authority by botanists, and her specimens are sold not only throughout this country, but abroad.

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An interesting discovery is reported from Norway, bearing upon them both Norse and Anglo-Saxon history. Three hundred feet from the sea shore on the coast of North Fjord there has been dug up from a hillock remnants of a burned ship, and the bones of a female skeleton and of a horse, with a weapon and parts of armor, and objects of adornment. The style of them all indicates that they belong to a later period than the iron age, when the Viking raids were chiefly directed toward the west of England and Ireland. Thus it is once more proved that in the Viking epoch women lived as warriors, and that it was the custom for the Norse Vikings to burn the corpse

of a prominent warrior on his ship.

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Evidence was found recently that the crucifix found at the Frankfort, Mich., last summer, by workmen excavating for the foundation for the Ann Arbor summer hotel there, was the property of Father Pere Marquette, the famous Indian Missionary. Its possession has been disputed since its finding, but it has now been turned over to the Ann Arbor Railroad company. The rust was cleaned from its pedestal and the date 1664 was found on one side, while on the opposite side was found the inscription, "M. and C. Quebec." Marquette left Quebec for upper Michigan in 1668 and was buried at Frankfort.

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It will interest our botanist friends to hear that the Connecticut legislature has passed a law forbidding any person to uproot an arbutus plant under penalty of \$50 for each offence, and the public there is urged to co-operate with the officers of the law in preventing the extermination of the historic blossom. The Hartford fern has been similarly protected.

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The hind legs of a herbivorous dinosaur have just been mounted in the Peabody museum at Yale. The rest of the prehistoric reptile was omitted because there is not a room large enough in the museum for the entire specimen. Professor Edward Beecher, who has had the restoration of the animal in charge, said recently; "We have in the cellar of the museum the entire animal, but as he would be over sixty feet long when completely restored we have'nt space enough in the building for him, that is, unless we put his head out of the south end of the building and let his tail protrude from the north end of the museum. If restored

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he would weigh about twenty tons.' When alive this huge creature, according to Professor Beecher, must have stood about twenty feet high. On each of his feet he had five toes. Each footprint would measure about a square yard. If he should raise himself on his hind legs he could look with ease over the museum, a five-story building. His neck was long and flexible. The body was short and the abdominal cavity of moderate size.

The head of this specimen is particularly small, in fact, smaller in proportion than in any other vertebrate known. The entire skull is less in diameter and weight than the fourth or fifth cervical vertebra. The hind legs and pelvis, as they stand in the museum now, are sixteen feet high. The hind legs are larger and heavier than the fore and weighs two tons. Each thigh-bone or femur weighs 500 pounds. The measurement across the feet is thirty-four inches and the middle toe is about two feet long. The femur is about five feet in length.

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A society for the protection of native plants has been recently formed in New York which has the endorsement of botanists of that state. It seeks to educate the public in the matter of indiscriminate gathering, and to prevent the extermination of species for commercial ends. This is a step in the right direction for, be it known, ten or fifteen years ago laurel and arbutus abounded in Bronx park, New York City, where now there is not a root of the latter left in the park, and but little of the former. The disappearance of these from Bronx park is typical of all the wood flowers in and around Manhattan, and in fact of nearly every large city in the Union.

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One of the finest crystals in the world was found in 1876, and was cut into a magnificent crystall ball for the late Governor Ames of Mass. It is

now in possession of the Boston Fine Arts Museum. The ball measures seven and one quarter inches, but the original crystal from which it was cut was some 18 inches high and 2 inches thick. This crystal was not found in the United States, although a five inch crystal ball found in Ashe county, N. C., and another near the summit of Mont Alero, Colo., were nearly as handsome as the one in the Boston Museum. The former is cut in a ball five inches in diameter and the latter six inches.

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A copy of the first edition of "Robinson Crusoe," and a second edition of "The Father Adventures," dated 1719, sold recently in London for \$1225.

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Of all rare plants in America the most rare is the Buckleya, which has disappeared from all known localities save two—Paint Rock, in North Carolina, the refuge of plants in hiding, and Wolf Creek in Tennessee. Its foliage is delicate and graceful, and it bears oily little nuts of a rather agreeable flavor. As for its flowers, they are rather odd, having no petals and being of two distinct kinds, one growing at the ends of twigs, and the other in tiny clusters between a pair of leaves. Its fruit is a queer long-ridged drupe, dotted with bright orange and sometimes with a long fringe at the end. Dr Asa Gray carried it to Cambridge, Mass., and it seemed to thrive, but he could never raise any more from it. After a long while its secret was found out. It lives usually on the Carolina hemlock, a perpetual guest to this host plant, and doing no work for itself. In other words is a secret parasite, as the mistletoe is an open one. It is named after Dr. Buckley, who loved flowers and sought them under all kinds of difficulties.

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We want every reader of the Curio department to feel a personal interest in this work which the Editor is trying to do, and we trust everyone will favor us with items having to do with any curios of particular interest which have been found in their localities. We are always glad to have personal letters from collectors. Be friendly!

Notes on Coins and Paper Money.    

By T. L. ELDER, A. N. A.
 ❧ ❧ British Tradesmen's Tokens. ❧ ❧

This class of tokens, issued principally during the seventeenth, eighteenth, and nineteenth centuries, probably furnishes a wider variety as to size, variety, degrees of workmanship, etc., than any other class of tokens. We are surprised often at the fine workmanship of the early engraver as shown on these tokens, particularly on those issued between 1780 and 1800. Some of these are of such fine copper and had so little circulation that we frequently come across them in very fine condition, occasionally uncirculated and bright red. The inscriptions are as varied as they are interesting. Not a few of the merchants illustrated the tokens with portraits of their goods, stores, etc., and we see very many rare portraits of institutions, public buildings, bridges, churches, ships, and other objects executed in a fine style. On these tokens mottoes, patriotic and otherwise often are seen, such as "Brittania Rules the Waves," "God Speed the Plow, it Feeds All," etc. In view of the fact that these fine tokens can be obtained for from 5 cents each upwards we wonder why they are not more generally collected by numismatists. If you wish to improve your collection of coins, if you wish to add something old, yet interesting, and do not wish to make a large outlay, buy a dozen of the old British tradesman's tokens and you will not regret it.

Roman Coins are Interesting

The American collector seems a little loth to either take up the study of Roman coins or to have them in his collection. We see no reason why he should not take an interest in these pieces, in view of their important historic value, their cheapness and the

artistic beauty many of them have. The inscriptions, too, while in Latin, yet are composed of English letters, and only a little study is necessary in order to become familiar with the commoner ones. One interesting point about Roman coins is that even on the smallest pieces you generally see the name and portrait of the Emperor or Empress who issued the coin. If the coin is in fair condition or better, where there is not much difficulty in tracing the monarch's name. Gods, Goddesses, Soldiers, Standards, etc., generally decorate the reverse sides of these. On some we see Love, on others Genius, with the inscription "Genio Populi Romani," meaning "Genius of the Roman people." When we hold one of these little pieces in our hands and plainly see the Emperor's name and portrait we are struck with surprise as to how this coin could have been preserved so well for eighteen long centuries, and a little imagination helps us to conjure up wonderful pictures of where it might have been, what great soldier might have carried it, (perhaps a Cæsar or a Nero, or a Tiberius) and we wonder where it might have been laying during the burning of Rome. There is one little copper coin of Rome of especial interest, with Roma on one side and on the other the traditional she-wolf suckling Romulus and Remus. This coin is not at all rare, and can be obtained in very fair condition for about twenty-five cents.

The As, the oldest Roman Copper coin originally weighed 12 ounces, but although it had a standard value, varied greatly in weight, often weighing but a few ounces. The "familvo" and "imperial" silver denarii can be obtained at from 50 cents upwards. Some of the early silver coins of Rome were engraved by Greek artists and many are very beautiful in design. The portraits of Hadrian, Trajan, Antonius, Tiberius, Faustina, Marcus Aurelius and Commodus are strikingly life-like on some of these coins. Some of the smaller bronzes can be had classified at as low as 10 cents each, and in view of their great age and historic value, they should be found in every collection.

(To be continued)

✻ An Interesting Find ✻

By OSWALD A. BAUER,
A. S. of C. C. 325

The unearthing of old coins in out-of-the-way places has become quite a common occurrence in recent years. Although not common to the locality where I live several coins of considerable interest and some value have been found from time to time. A very interesting little find came to my notice a few months ago which may prove entertaining to collectors in general.

In the nearby town of Nyack, about six miles from my home, there is an old stone quarry which formerly supplied stone to various points in what is now Greater New York.

The quarry itself is, more properly, situated in the section known as Upper Nyack, and is on the banks of the Hudson river. At the time I write of there had been a heavy rain and the bank in several places had washed out. For some reason or other several boys went into the quarry and scraped around in the dirt without any particular aim. At last they stumbled, as it were, upon an old copper coin. A few single coins had been found from time to time nearby, and actuated by this remembrance the boys were induced to look farther. Their search was soon rewarded by finding a cache of about 30 coins, copper mostly, with a few silver ones intermingled. Though unaware, at the time it occurred, of the find, I was informed of it a few days later by a friend, who was so kind as to present me with a few of the coins which he had been able to secure. Of these which came into my possession only two were very old. One of these I should take for a copper penny of Great Britain. It bears the profile of George III. and is dated 1746. Considering its age and the time it had probably been

there it was in good condition. The other one was a silver piece of Spain dated 1775, and bearing the name of Charles III, King of Spain and the Indies. Evidently a Spanish real.

The other specimens were copper cents, dated prior to 1850, and common. I was later informed that some of the other coins were over 200 years old and quite rare. Up to the present time I have been unable to locate the remainder of the lot. The strangest part is that coins ranging in date from 1600 down to 1850 should be found together in such a manner. The quarry itself has been abandoned since the Revolution.

One theory advanced is that the coins were lost by a workman while taking out stone, and that the storm had washed away the dirt which had covered them. A small washed-out hole was indeed found just a few feet above the coins and this seemed to bear out the theory. But if this were the case, and no workman had been in the quarry for a hundred and twenty seven years, how are the cents of the 1850 period to be accounted for? They were not coins ahead of time! It is a mystery indeed, but of the genuineness of the find I can have no doubt as I am well acquainted with some of the finders.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Everything has been moving along prosperously with the society since my last report. While we are enrolling many active, honest members each month in the society's work there are still hundreds, and thousands, of fellows who would be glad to join if their attention was but called to it. Can you not interest one or two of your collecting friends or correspondents by a personal appeal, and get them to join? Some of our members are doing splendid recruit work, but there should be more. Will you do your part? Blanks may be obtained from the secretary, and it must be remembered that all collectors are eligible to membership be they 12 years old or 80, if they be honest. That is the sole requirement. Since my last report complaints have reached the official board regarding the honesty and fair dealing of two of our members, after careful investigation the complaints were found to be well-grounded and these two members have been dropped from the rolls. Be it known that every member of the A. S. of C. C. is fair and square

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There are a number of members still delinquent in their dues. Look up your cards and if they have expired send renewal to Secretary at once.

Roy F. Greene.

REPORT OF A. S. C. C. FOR OCT. Fellow Members:—

I regret that the Society must drop those members whose numbers appeared in last month's report except No. 245. No organization can exist unless all dues are kept paid up. Our society is becoming more and better known, there is not

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Meeting called to order by President Estes at 9 P. M. On account of the inclemency of the weather but few members were present. As there were no communications presented, after the reading of the Secretary's report upon motion of Wilkinson, the regular routine work of the Society was suspended to nominate officers for the ensuing year. Upon motion of Benson "as there was only one ticket in the field, that the members cast a unanimous vote for the ticket as presented and recommended by the Secretary, Mr. Brodstone. Motion was adopted. Motion by Wilkinson to instruct the Secretary to make Editors of all Philatelic Papers 1 year old or over Honorary members was adopted. Nothing more before the meeting it was adjourned.

The report of the Secy-Treas shows balance in Treasury of Receipts and paid of \$5.90. Secretary wants and will be glad to hear any suggestions for the better or benefits of the society.

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The time for our Fourth Annual Convention is near, let all members who can possibly do so attend the Convention at Kansas City on the afternoon of October 8th, 1902 at the Midland Hotel. The feast of good things to be seen in the stamp line, and the congenial society of the resident members, will make all visiting members feel that Conventions are a good thing and will fire their Philatelic souls with zeal enough to last a year at least, and send them home more than ever convinced that the K. P. S. is "well centered, O.G. and without any perforations missing" and our membership be increased as a result.

Yours very truly, F. J. Ford, Pres.
Official ballots and proxies have been mailed to the members of the K. P. S.

It is hoped that all who can will come to the Convention. Arrangements are being made to give all who come a touch of high life and we want a large enough representation to make it interesting.

Will all who intend coming please advise the Secretary not later than Oct. 5th.

SALES DEPT.

11 Books in circulation Aug. 21 value \$196.82

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Don't forget to attend Convention here on Thursday, October 9th. Plenty of Amusement and every member will receive a warm welcome. Low rates on every road as it will be held during the Fall Festivities. Let me put your name on my circuit list for this season. You will not regret it. Blank books 2 for five cents.

Respectfully Yours, W P Kelly, Supt.
3324 Peery Ave, Kansas City, Mo.



Camera & News



Editor, F. J. CLUTE, San Francisco

A New England "Picture Club."

By MISS M. KELLER
Manchester, Wisconsin

There came under my observation a few years ago the workings of a certain so-called "Picture Club" in a New England town. The idea was so good and the results so productive of good that I have thought it worth the while to describe its methods for the benefit of the readers of the WEST.

The first thing done was the enrollment of a number of enthusiastic camera workers as members. It was agreed that each should devote the next few months to taking as many photographs as possible of interesting scenes and familiar spots in and about the town. Still more desirable were pictures of little known beauty spots such as only an amateur photographer knows the existence of, as well as snap shots of such town characters as could be secured. Not only was this to be done but each member promised to secure the cooperation of as many others as possible outside of the club.

On a certain day all the negatives that had been taken were to be handed in to the club. These pictures were not to bear the name of the photographer and were to be submitted to a committee who selected the best and from them made a set of lantern slides. An evening being selected, announcement was made that on that date the pictures were to be thrown on a screen at the town hall, and a small admission fee decided upon. When the evening came, the entertainment proved a

great success. The familiar spots took on a new attractiveness, the less known bits of natural beauty at the very threshold of the town were revealed for the first time to many of those present, while the various pictures of well known townspeople were interesting and often amusing. As a source of fun as well as inspiration to the audience in its value was great. The ease with which the plan can be carried out is such that the idea should commend itself to the residents of other towns as a pleasant and profitable method of entertainment.

'Camera' and 'Photographic Clubs' are formed with other objects and aims but the carrying out of this idea need not conflict with them, or prevent the adoption of the same methods as those which I have described. Such a feature would certainly prove most popular and do much to stimulate the interest in the work of the "camera fiend." Successive exhibitions will be found still easier of arrangement and ever increasing interest assured if care is taken to maintain a good standard in the work shown. As years pass by, the town grows, old residents join the vast majority, and changes are made in the familiar locations through the erection of new buildings, these slides will become of historic value and be capable of furnishing at any time a most entertaining and instructive object lesson to the rising generation.

The plan is a most excellent one, and its adoption by this New England town is but an example of that elertness and originality for which the so-called "yankee" is famed. These dyed-in-the-wool specimens of what is said to be a pie-eating nation are by no means "Eastern Materialists;" the adoption of such plans and their results in carrying them out rather prove the reverse.



Answers

Queries should be addressed to Fayette J. Clute
16 Marye Terrace, San
Francisco, California

E. H. Using a Copying and Enlarging Lens.—If your camera has no ground glass upon which to focus your picture you will not be able to use your "Nehring" copying lens to advantage. It is intended to be slipped on over the front of the regular lens and the image then focused on the ground glass. Copying is best done indoors with the illumination made as uniform as possible upon the picture being copied. In using the front lens alone you will have to extend your camera front about half the distance from the plate that you do when employing the complete lens. If your camera is not one of the long focus pattern you will hardly be able to use the single combination as you propose. The next time you write, please send full name and address as I often find that I can answer questions more fully by mail than space in WEST allows.

G. E. H.—Shutter Speed for Street Parade.—The speed required depends upon the distance from which the view is taken as well as on the angle at which they are approaching. If you take them at an angle of less than 45° and with the nearest figures more than 50 times the focus of your lens distance from the camera you should secure good results with the thirty-fifth of a second exposure. This means with your shutter set at the 50 mark. If you desire larger figures and photograph them from a point at right angle to their travel you will require up to the one-five hundredth of a second.

G. E. H. Photographs of Lightning.—Pictures of lightning flashes are made at

night. Use a rather large stop, set the shutter open after pointing the camera in the direction in which the flash is expected. If the flashes are not too far apart you may be able to catch several on the same plate. If the camera has not been pointed at any other light or there is no other light in the direction in which you have pointed it in order to obtain the flashes; you should have no trouble in developing up a good printing negative of the flash. I have secured good negatives of fireworks giving the plate fifteen minutes exposure while they are being set off. Develop for contrast by using less alkali than usual.

C. R. W. Platinotype Effect on Bromide Paper.—You cannot get the effect on ordinary bromide paper as well as you can on the platino-bromide sold for the purpose. It can be done, however, by rubbing the mounted print when quite dry, with powdered pumice stone applied with the palm of the hand. Metol is about the best developer for the purpose; prolonged development gives the blackest tones.

Including Figures.

In cases where figures form prominent objects of interest in any view care must be taken to space the margins in the picture with reference to the direction in which the figures appear to be moving. If, for instance, a figure appears prominently in the foreground of a landscape composition it is almost invariably better to arrange and trim such a print so that more space remains in front of the figure than behind it. In this way the figure will seem to be entering the field of vision. The same rule holds good in figure work in interior, figures appearing to enter a room having always more of grace and dignity than if placed nearer the edge of the picture toward which they are facing.

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Address all communications to Geo. E. Moulthropo, Sec. - Treas, Bristol, Conn.

Do You Want a Fine 5x7 Photo of Pres. Roosevelt?

It was taken by the Secy., of this Society on Aug. 22, 1902 at Hartford, Conn., and is worth much more than 50c the fee charged for becoming a member of our society, and is highly indorsed by Pub. Brodstone and all seeing it. We are going to give one to all joining the society this month, and we will also give you the agency for the photo in your city.

You can sell hundreds of them, and there is 100 percent profit for all agents selling them.

Join at once and secure an agency for the photos

We will give a new Wizard Camera valued at \$15 to the first one sending us 25 new members for our society. Address the Secy.

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40. Mr. John W. Koenig, 905, 1st. Ave. Altoona, Blair Co., Pa.

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42. Mr. Chas. D. Lehmkuhl, 1st.

clerk to the Commandant, U. S. Naval Station, Agana, Island of Guam. We are very glad to receive a member from Guam one of our new possessions. Mr. Lenmkuhl, writes a very interesting letter about the island, in which he says there are no photographers there, and it is impossible to obtain photos.

He is very much interested in photos and we know any he received from the members would be very much appreciated. We are sending him a collection that we think will please him and we hope others will also.

43. Mr. Philip B. Keeler, Jr., Cambridge, Henry Co., Ill.

State Capitol Prize Contest.

We wish to secure photos of every State Capitol Building to reproduce here with a few lines of information describing same giving briefly as possible the style, size, height and cost of the building, and any other interesting points.

For the first received from each state that is suitable to be reproduced we will give the sender of same a fine print album valued at \$1.00 also a fine 5x7 print of our Conn. Capitol Building at Hartford.

No. 24 Lr. W. H. Sedgwick, Midland.

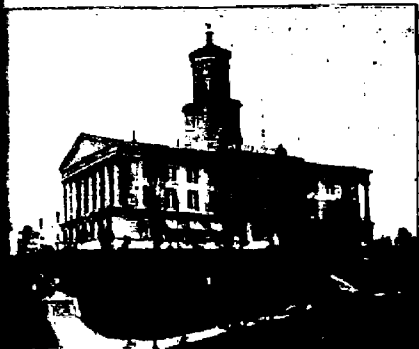
PHILATELIC WEST AND CAMERA NEWS.

Tenn. is awarded the prize for his illustrated article "Tennessee Notes."

He would be pleased to exchange 5x7 Velox Prints from these negatives with all for 5x7 Velox Prints (unmounted preferred) of their state capitol, historical buildings or battle-hips.



"The Polk Place," the homestead of



Tennessee Notes.

"The State Capitol" at Nashville is a parallelogram 112 by 239 feet. Its height from the ground to the top of the tower is 206 feet. The plan of the building is a Greek Ionic Temple erected on a rustic basement.

The 28 Ionic columns are 4 feet in diameter and 33 feet high. The model of the tower is patterned after "Demosthenes' Lantern," of Athens. The material of the building is stratified limestone. It was built 1845-1859. The total cost has exceeded \$1,500,000.



James Knox Polk, 11th U. S. president, was located at the corner of Union and North Vine Streets Nashville until torn down in 1900. The Tomb shown in the picture was removed to the Capitol grounds.

Being greatly interested in the collecting of photos of this line of work, I take pleasure in submitting the above and recommending same to others who desire a valuable and interesting line. Yours Resp.

No. 24 W. H. Sedgwick, M. D.
Midland, Tenn.

We know all the readers will be much interested in Dr. Sedgwick's "Tenn. Notes" and the 5x7 photos he sends of these places are very fine indeed. Surely there are many, who could with a few moments time send intensely interesting illustrated historical articles from every state in our Union and secure one of our prizes. Who will be the next? THE SECV.



"The Hermitage" the old homestead of Gen. Andrew Jackson, 7th U. S. president, is located at Hermitage, Tenn., 12 miles east of Nashville.

It is owned by the state, but is under the control of the Ladies' Hermitage Association.

The Nebraska Camera Club

Any reader in Nebraska can become a member, a membership card free for the postage.

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Many contests and prizes are offered by daily papers like two in New York City, Cincinnati, Ohio. The Record Herald of Chicago has a contest in each Sunday paper and many of the weeklies hold contests, I will give a list for postage to any that so wish. I would like to see many of our western readers follow Miss Keller's idea that she speaks of on the 1th page and I am sure it will help out more.

Photographing Lightning.

Of course, lightning can only be successfully photographed at night, but at this season of the year the opportunities are so numerous and most of the lightning flashes so brilliant and spectacular that this field of operation should open up a very interesting line of work. The main points to be remembered are these: That a position should be selected in advance, facing the direction from which most of the thunderstorms appear, and the camera focused upon a point in the extreme distance. A mark should be made upon the bed of the camera so that this focus may be found at any time, even in the dark. When the storm is seen approaching the camera should be placed in position and focused by this mark, taking care that it is so placed as to show a bit of the horizon line, or line of buildings, which will form the base line of the picture showing the flash, and aid in location of direction, etc.

Let the worker then wait until the flashes seem to have reached their maximum of intensity, at which time a plate should be exposed by drawing the slide of the holder and unclipping the lens.

Each flash will act as its own shutter, and as soon as the flash has gone the slide should be replaced, the lens covered and a new plate inserted. Unless the flashes are of extreme brilliancy the lens should be worked with a stop of about F. 8 or F. 16 and the plate developed for full detail without reference to the shadows. It is not unlikely of course that a number of plates may be exposed in this way without obtaining the result sought, but two or three good negatives as the result of a summer's work should well repay one for the labor and material expended in obtaining them.

Copying Old Manuscript.

It not unfrequently happens that in the copying of old manuscript or legal documents, the yellow stain resulting from old age renders it almost impossible to distinguish in the negative, between the writing and the paper on which it is written. The use of isochromatic plates, sensitive to the yellow rays, will prove of great assistance in work of this kind. In some cases the application of a color screen in conjunction with the isochromatic plate will also be found of great advantage, it must be remembered, however, that the time of exposure where a color screen is used is very much longer than where the same exposure is made without it. In cases where work of this kind is to be done, the amateur is advised to experiment with or without the screen and carefully make notes of the results obtained. Too little attention is made to experimenting and recording results of such experience in the field of photography.

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These numbers are those of the International Photographic Exchange as well as those of the W. W. P. E. where so indicated. Full details of matter connected with the Exchange will be found in the society journal.

W. W. P. E. 754 John M. Leaser, 38 N. Jefferson St, Allentown, Pa. I wish to obtain by exchange or for cash,

unmounted, untrimmed, 4x5 or 5x7 Velox or Solio prints, from good clear negatives, photos of figure studies, draped and undraped, bathing places, etc., in short anything peculiar or remarkable. All prints sent subject to return if not satisfactory. Send me up to a dozen of your prints for which I shall make you prompt and just returns.

Our New Zealand Division is getting out an album. We wish them all success. They have a secretary that is enthusiastic and full of energy, and he should make it a success if it be possible.

I was very much pleased with the last circulating album which passed through my hands. The pictures from Hawaii, Alaska, Russia, Holland and England were more than interesting.

The Italian scenes contributed by No. 103 are most excellent.

Mr. John Tyler, of Teheran, Persia, is doing good work for our Exchange in that far-away country, and we hope to have a number of members shortly enrolled from there.

The Holland and Finland members have not as yet received the Correspondence Number Code, it being in the hands of the reviser. They have been requested to correspond in German until further notice.

It is the desire of the president that all the members do their share of the work in contributing prints for the General Albums. It is not such a herculean task to get out a dozen or two prints and mail them to him for insertion therein. Remember that it is only by having prints in any certain album that you can secure a place on the route list accompanying that album. Several members who sent a few prints for one of the earlier albums have since seen one of them and are now re-

greeting the fact that they are not represented in those sent forward while they were awaiting the one in which they were represented. Another thing; by seeing as many of the albums as possible, you are enabled to see the work of the other members, and can the better form an opinion as to the most desirable exchanges.

The route list of Album No. 5, which started July 15, is as follows: 1, 218, 206, 146, 164, 42, 94, 181, 98, 77, 50, 7, 58, 173, 96, 87, 247, 97, 249, 63, 2, 145, 53, 171, 153, 183, 3, 37, 222, 182, 6, 47, 150, 242, 24, 158, 205, 29, 93, 27, 198, 215, 254, 252, 36, 186, and 102.

Choosing the Point of View.

Too much attention cannot be paid in landscape and photography to the point of view from which the exposure is made and the composition of the picture itself. A little attention to this matter will show the beginner how much difference results in the pictorial value of the photograph from correct or incorrect point of view. The composition should be carefully studied on the ground glass, or in the case of film cameras, on the finder and the position of the camera changed from right to left or from a lower to a higher point until the picture until the picture is found to compose of the best advantage. This matter of selecting a view should have the most careful study, it being fully as important as any other part of the process.

Out Door Portraiture.

In making portraits out of doors, as in the backyard it is often a great help in lighting up the heavy shadows on the face to spread a few old newspapers on the ground in front of the side of the sitter. These heavy shadows are caused by the excessive amount of top light.

The light reflected upon by the paper

will in a great measure overcome the fault. Never attempt to make portraits except in the shade and learn to select a place where the lighting is more from one side. Where the light all falls on the sitter from the front, the results will be disappointing as relief will be entirely wanting. Choose a background as plain as possible and use the lens at full opening of single figures. Where groups are essayed some stopping down will be required.

Dressing For Leather Covered Cameras.

The leather covering of the camera which often becomes rusty and black with constant use, may readily be renovated and made fresh and black by rubbing it with a soft cloth dipped in neat foot oil, into which has been thoroughly mixed enough lampblack to make a good deep color. After allowing it to dry it should again be gone over with a coat of shoe blacking such as is used on the finer qualities of leather.

Platinotypes.

It is always a matter of disappointment that the vigor and shadow detail shown in a platinotype print while it is dried. A remedy is: After the complete process has been gone through the print dried, to varnish it with ordinary negative varnish; the tint obtained will be slightly warmer, and it should therefore not be used when the color tones are desired; but with every other point it is a distinct advantage.

S E Moore, East Brady Pa. West is the hottest puller for ads I ever ran and I still get returns from my ad ran last year.

The Scope of View.

To find the scope of view, to find your picture, to decide what you want to take is a difficult problem for the amateur. To my mind it is difficult because I believe by my own experience it is one of the hardest things to successfully accomplish in photography.

The average amateur is in too much of a hurry to get his picture; if he sees a pretty subject, or at least he thinks it is pretty, and it may look very pretty through the finder, but I believe that it will pay him to make a study of his subject before taking it, and make a good study.

There is a great fault among amateurs that use a film. They are desirous of taking a lot of pictures and using up the films and when they are developed they get about two or three good ones from a dozen. For my part I would rather take my camera and travel mile after mile and come home with one good one than a dozen poor ones. This might be called, by some, poor policy, but it is not. For every subject contains a good deal of study and should not be taken at random. It requires a good point of view, a good prospective to make a good picture, and this can only be done by making a good study of the ground glass. A picture taken on a city street, the perspective will oftentimes look quite funny but oftentimes this is the best one can do on a busy street, and one does not give much thought to background or surroundings if there is a chance for good work. I always give a deal of thought to this but I have noticed lots of pictures taken at random where the subjects in the foreground, perhaps a child, will look like a giant to the surrounding buildings in the view. This is all true to nature, and for all that makes an amusing picture. Speaking of landscapes, I have always

tried to take a figure in the foreground if possible. To give life to the picture one must. When I cannot get a figure I always try to have something in the foreground, if it is nothing more than a rock, or roots of a tree protruding above the earth.

The question may be asked, why does one pass a good subject without taking it? It is either you do not know it is good or you are looking for something better. It is really hard to decide on a subject from a mere look with the naked eye. I think the scope of view is the greatest difficulties in mastering the art of Photography.—H. T. Mitchell, in *Camera and Darkroom*, New York

Interior Photography.

When it happens in photographing an interior, that the camera has to be pointed directly toward the window, it is almost impossible to avoid halation in a greater or less degree, even with the use of backed plates. If the following plan is followed, not only is halation entirely avoided, and all the detail about the windows beautifully rendered, but the view outside is also secured, correctly exposed, and perfectly sharp.

In the evening the room is photographed by magnesium flashlight. The lens is then capped and the camera left in position until the next morning, when the lens is very much stopped down and an exposure made on the windows. This second exposure, while long enough to secure the detail about the windows and the outside view, is too short to have any perceptible effect upon the image formed the evening before by the magnesium light. In photographing the interior by the magnesium light' the flash lamp is placed directly over the camera and in this way no shadows are cast, the cross shadows from the two exposures are thus avoided.



Our readers will find on the page just turned over an article from the pages of that progressive publication, The Camera and Darkroom, published at 108 Fulton St., New York. I would advise all our readers to send for a sample copy and see if they are not making a mistake in not subscribing for it for the coming year. Practical articles by competent writers have made it one of the most popular of our photographic magazines.

Miss M. Keller of Manchester, Wis. favors us with the description of a thoroughly practical and profitable method of employing the camera which graces the first page of this department this month. That the idea will prove of value to other workers whose location in towns too small to permit of the maintenance of a regular Camera Club, there can be no doubt. We would like to have a few more of our readers come forward with ideas of this description so that the others may have the benefit of such information. We will print all such as are practical.

OUR DENVER FRIENDS.

Mr. Brodstone visited Denver last month and not feeling able to do the subject justice has asked me to say a few words in my own impassioned way concerning the magnificence of the Colorado Camera Club's headquarters, the geniality of its members; the high rank of our Revenue Editor as a professional portrait photographer; and the elegance and superb appointment of his studio. The idea Mr. Brodstone has is this: It having been some time since I visited that city, I am more fitted to calmly

compliment these two important factors in the upbuilding of photography their achievements, than is one who but so recently has studied them at close range.

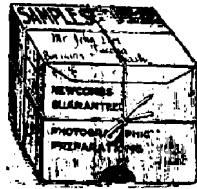
That Nast's Studio is one of the finest in the west there is no question. The art temperament and good taste displayed in its fittings would alone attract the enviable patronage which he enjoys. Then this is coupled with the reputation which he bears as an artist in photography, the irresistibility of his claim upon the patronage of the people of Denver and vicinity is made understandable.

The Colorado Camera Club, since its organization in 1891, enjoys an unprecedented popularity. Its influence as an upbuilder of all that is best in amateur photography can not be overestimated. The support that it has received is flattering as it has been, only in a measure testifies to the value of its influence upon the devotees of the camera in this city. Its large and commodious quarters, the convenience of arrangement and variety of its equipment, as well as the fact that there is always an excellent attendance, explains the large enrollment of enthusiastic amateurs that it enjoys. There is not a more progressive camera club in existence today.

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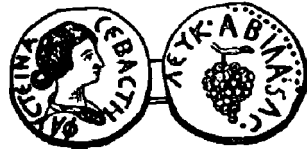
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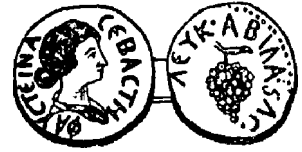
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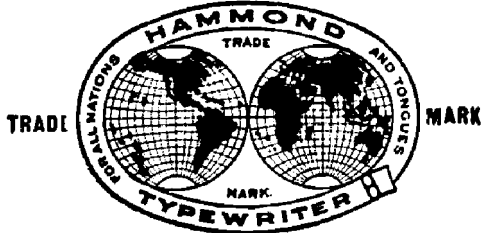
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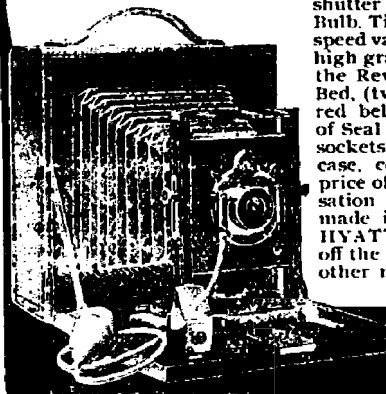
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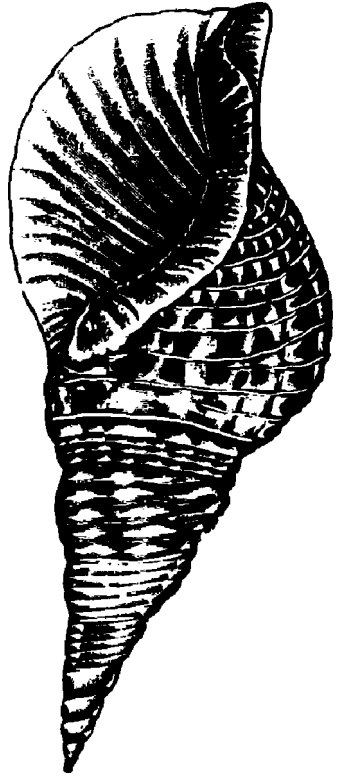
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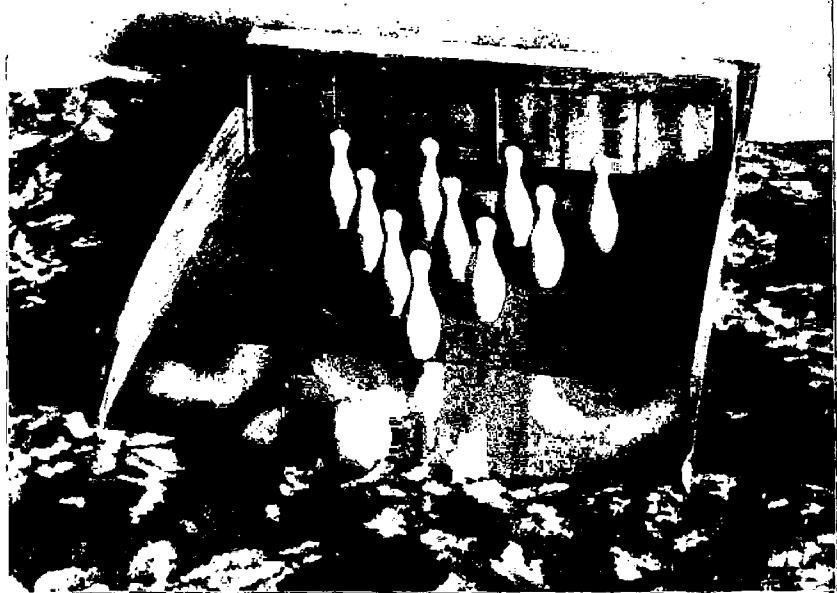
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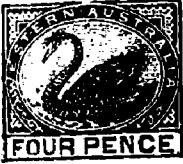
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	cat	our
	price	price
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" " " 2 on 3c maple leaf.....	.04	.03
" " " numeral.....	.04	.03
Guatemala, 1897 1, 2 & 6c.....	.10	.04
" " " 100c.....	.30	.10
" " " 200c.....	.30	.10
" " " 500.....	.30	.10
Haiti, 1896 6 var.....	.36	.22
" " 1898 2 & 5c.....	.10	.05
Jamaica 1901 1d.....	.05	.03
Liberia sec. Monrovia.....	.07	.07
" " 1900 1c.....	.03	.02
Malta 1900 1 far.....	.02	.01
Newfoundland 1/2c fair.....	.04	.03
Nicaragu 1869, 1, 2, 10 & 25c.....	.29	.12
Nyassa 1897 10 var.....	1.88	.60
" " 1898 complete.....	1.88	.60
Obock 1894 1 & 4c.....	.08	.04
Paraguay 1887 15c.....	.10	.06
" " 1892 14c.....	.08	.05
Portuguese Col. 10 var.....	.31	.10
" " 28 ".....	1.44	.60
Pera 10 var diff issues.....	.36	.12
Shanghai 1893 7 var.....	.51	.20
" " unpaid 7 var.....	.74	.22
Soudan 1898 1 to 5m.....	.14	.10
So. Nigeria 1901 1/2d.....	.03	.02
Servia 1892-94 1d.....	.15	.05
Timor 1885 200r.....	.30	.12
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	cat	our
	price	price
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10 Belgium.....		.03
8 Bavaria.....		.05
Canada Jubilee \$5.00.....	4.00	1.10
" " 2c regis orange.....	.03	.01
Chile 1900 50c brown.....		.06
" " 1901 30c orange.....		.07
Cuba 2 1/2 on U. S. 2c.....	.05	.03
" " 1900 1, 2, 5 & 10c.....	.12	.06
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Labuan 1896 25c, 50c, 1dd.....	.93	.30
" " 1897 1 to 24c.....	.78	.40
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Netherlands, 1896 1/2, 1, 2 1/2, 3, 5, 10 12 1/2, 20.....		.11 .05
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Soudan 1898 10 pia.....	.60	.30
Salvador 1867 1/2 & 1r.....	.20	.07
U. S. 1869 3c.....	.02	.01
" " 1862 24c.....	.30	.20
" " Columbian 1 to 10c.....	.26	.10
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5	" Malta	"	.16	.08
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" " " 12c	.04	1901 Malta 1 farthing unused fine	.04
" " " 15c	.05	Orange River Colony 1/2 Py (rare) fine	.05
Canada 1/2c black	.01	Philippines 6 vars cat 20c unused	.01
1c yellow	.01	50 different foreign stamps	.01
2c red	.01	1000 " " " fine	.01
3c	.01	1500 " " " "	.01
1/2c black (numeral)	.01	2000 " " " "	.01
1c green	.01	1000 Omega Stamp hinges	.01
1c red	.01		
2c violet	.02		
2c " (maple leaf)	.02		
Cape of Good Hope 1 penny	.01		
1900 " " 1 penny	.01		
Ceylon 5c blue	.01		
Chile 5c	.01		
Telegraphs postally used 2c	.01		
" " " 5c	.01		
" " " 10c	.01		
1000 Cuba 1c green unused	.02		
" " 2c red	.03		
" " 3c violet	.05		
" " 5c blue	.06		
" " 10c brown	.12		
" " 10c orange special delivery unused	.12		
1800-95 Cuba 4 vars unused	.03		
1900 " " 2c red used	.01		
Denmark 4c	.01		
" " 8c	.02		
" " 10c	.02		
" " 20c	.03		
Ecuador Jub comp set 7 vars cat \$1.25 set unused	.24		
Egypt 5c	.01		
Finland mourning stamp 1c black unused fine	.05		
France 1c, 2c, 5c, 10c used	.02		
" " 15c	.01		
" " 25c	.01		
" " 50c	.02		
" " 75c	.04		
		1894 4c blue	.01
		" 95 2c red triangle 1, 2 & 3	.02
		" 95 1c Postage due	.03
		" 95 2c	.05
		" 95 10c special delivery blue	.06
		2c green Inter Revenue	.12
		1895 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 6c, 10c set	.12
		50c orange	.03
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3c telegraph, grn " 25c " ..	10	6 Pan Am.....	12
6c Inland ex yel " 18c " ..	08	6c Omaha's.....	12
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3 Chil. Telegraph.....	\$ 02	3 Cuba War stamp.....	05
3 Egypt Salt Tax.....	05	9 Labuan 1897, complete.....	39
3 China.....	03	9 N Broneo " ".....	50
10 Portugal.....	03	9 Labuan 1894.....	50
12 Doc Revs, 1898.....	05	9 N Borneo 1894.....	50
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10 Long revenues.....	10	6 Russia China Complete.....	30
20 Russia.....	10	Honduras 1891, 11 var.....	40
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100 Cuba 5c 1891.....	\$ 10	10 sets Nyassa Giraffe 2 var.....	15
100 " 5c 1896.....	10	10 " 12 doc 1/2c to \$1.00.....	30
10 set Chili Telegraph.....	10	10 " 20 U S Revs, cat 29c.....	30
10 " Sardinia, 6 var.....	15	100 Black app sheets.....	19
10 " Roman States, 10 var.....	19	10 sets Mexico 1899-1 to 10c.....	30
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" " 2b green.....	03
Bermuda 1892 ½ p green.....	03
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Cameroons 1900 5pf green.....	02
Cape Verde, 1877 20 r bistre.....	02
" " 1881 25r violet.....	02
Foochow 1896 ½ c dark blue.....	02
Shanghai 1893 2c verml. & black.....	02
Corea 1895, 10 pouns blue.....	03
Costa Rica 1863 ½ r blue.....	01
" " 2r scarlet.....	02
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" " 10 l red.....	04
Cuba 1864 ½ r green.....	02
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" 10 sh "	.35
Cuba 10c special Delivery, orange	.07
" 20c 1891 blue	.20
" 40c 1868 rose	.10
" 40c 1868 dull violet	.15
" 10c 1890	.03
" 1c on 3c 1902	.05
France 2 franc 1900, small	.10
Canada 20c 1892	.02
" 50c Jubilee	.07
" \$2.00 "	.40
Danish West Indies 1c unused mauve	.08
" " 4c 1873	.07
Netherlands 1 gulden 1891	.05
Malta 1d yellow buff CC 1863	.10
Chile 1 peso	.09
U. S. 1c grill 1870	.10
" \$1.00 black & green Doc Rev uncut	.07
" 2.00 " " "	.07
" 1, 2, 5 " " "cut, 3 for .09	.09
" 1, 2, 3, 5, 10 gray " " 5 for .15	.15
1000 Perfect Hinges	.05
Cuba 2 real orange red used, not pen- marked 1855 blue paper	.03
U. S. 1851 to 1902 10c a pound	

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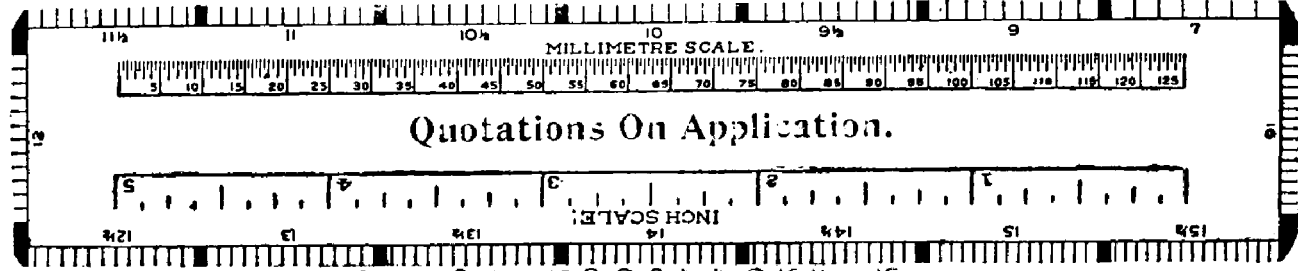
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*7 " " Env., R.....	5c
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6-3c " " 1853 Nesbitt Bap	
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21-11 Stamps of New York	
22-25 Stamps of England	
23-100 Indian arrow points, very ordinary	
24-100 Ditto	
25-1 lb. Decorated pottery fragments, found near Ootelicoothee's mound.	
26-1 doz Civil war bullets from battle field, as also the following	
27-2 Bayonets points gone	
28-1 10 lb, long bombshell, fine	
29-1 5 lb, ditto	
30-3 old gun barrels	
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U. S. Pan American Set Comp. fine	12
U. S. Rev. 1st Issue perf.	
50c Passage Ticket	fine cat 20 07
70c Foreign Exchange	" " 12 05
2.00 Conveyance	" " 10 03
2.00 Mortgage	" " 15 06
3.00 Charter Party	" " 15 07
3.00 Manifest	" " 20 08
2nd ISSUE	
20c blue and black	" " 15 06
2.00 " "	" " 60 25
3.00 " "	" " 1.25 55
5.00 " "	" " 75 30
3rd ISSUE	
1.00 green and black	" " 06 02
1898 ISSUE	
3/8 Proprietary Part Roulette a pr	60
1.00, 2.00, 3.00, 5.00 gray cut	10
10.00 gray cut	20
\$30.00 red cut fine	16.75
1000.00 cut fine	24.00
FOREIGN	
CHILE 30c orange 1901 issue used	06
" 50c brown 1900 " "	09
" 5c on 30 rose used	05
	unused cat
COLUMBIA REP 50c violet No 153	40 15
" " 1 peso blue	" 155 75 20
" " 5 pesos red	" 156 4.50 90
" " 10 pesos blue	" 157 9.00 1.50
" " 6 var	.37 10
" " 3 var Tel. stamps,	
10 20 50 unused	05
CUBA 1890 2 1/2 green	.20 08
" 15 var unused	.52 10
" 1-2-2 1/2-3 on U. S. used	08
CURACAO 1900 issue 25 carm, blue uns	18
DANISH W. INDIES	
8 on 10 first printing unused	20
8 on 10 pair showing flat 2 "	50
Unpaid set comp unused	60
DUTCH INDIES	
1900 issue 10c on 10c used	02
" " 50c " 50c "	06
DONINICAN REP	
1900 map issue 5 and 10 used	04
Official set unused	55
ECUADOR No. 266 used cat 10c	03

Fernando Po 1901 complete unused	7.75
Finland last issue 2. 5, 10, 20p used	.06
HAYTI	
1896 set unused complete	15
1898 issue No. 46 unused	38
" " 48 " "	50

HONG KONG	
10c green C. A. used cat 10	03
500 on 10.00 No. 116 used fine	1.65

ORANGE FREE STATE	
1/2c on 3d No. 40 unused	04
PHILIPPINE No 70, 81, 83, 84 unused	
cat. 16	05

PORTO RICO 10 var used	10
QUEENSLAND No. 69 used cat 6	03
" No. 70 " " 12	05
" No. 92 " " 5	02
" No. 113 " " 12	05

REUNION 1892 5 & 15 used cat 6	03
SALVADOR 1891 1 on 2 No 57 unused	10
" 1 on 20 No 73 unused	04
" 1899 No 199 to 202 used	08

SOUTH AUSTRALIA No. 117, 108, 109	
110, 111 used	09
TRANSVAAL, 4 var used cat 12	05
TRINIDAD, 1902 1d unused	03

VENEZUELA No. 105, 108, 109, 110	
111 124, 125, 126, 133, 136, 137,	
139, 140, 251 unused cat \$1.85	30

Official 1898 set unused	30
VICTORIA 8 var. used cat 16	05
" 2 1/2 dark blue used cat	03

WESTERN AUSTRALIA,	
1901 2 1/2 blue used	02
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58c postpaid.	

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AUCTION

No. 51 Dec. 16, 1902

Any lots not satisfactory may be returned.

Lot No.	U. S.	No. in Lot
1 '51	10c fair	1
2 '51-'68	3c 4 var ea	20
3 '69	3c fine	85
4 '70	3c grill	45
5 '71	24c fair	1
6 '73	90c "	1
7 '79	2c	150
8 '82, '87	1c asst	150
9 '87	2c	500
10 '90	Compl set var	12
11 "	4 & 10c ea	100
12 '94, '95	3c	200
13 "	3 & 4c asst	200
14 '98,	4, 5 & 10c asst	200
15 "	Omaha 1 & 2c well asst	150
16	Buffalo's 1 & 2c well "	100
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Mr. Brodstone has recently returned from an extended eastern journey. His absence accounts for the delay in mailing this number of the WEST. He combined business with pleasure, securing a number of advertising contracts from well known dealers.

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According to the Boston Transcript, the United States is reaping some revenue on letters from Italy on which the postage has not been paid, no less than six hundred of these letters being that after the death of King Humbert, about two years ago, postage stamps bearing his features were declared obsolete by the Italian government, and though the

poor peasants may have paid out their hard earned cents for the old issue, this is repudiated''.

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There is no doubt but what the catalogue comes far from indicating the correct values of United States postage stamps. While the demand for them in this country is not as brisk as in the past, collectors abroad are paying considerable attention to them. And British and continental dealers are making sales on a higher basis than Scott's. The wise collector who looks at the financial side of the transaction will do well to fill up his collection of these stamps at the present figures. We note that

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our opinion is fully coincided in by no less an authority than Mr. John Walter Scott, who writes as follows:

"Complete your sets of U. S. stamps, and if you have not commenced a collection begin at once to get a complete set of the postage stamps of your own country. United States stamps are now selling at much less than their value. They have been arbitrarily reduced in price in the catalogues when all indications showed that they should have been advanced. An investment of ten thousand dollars in fine U. S. stamps will show an enormous profit in a few years, while the smallest sums carefully laid out in Americans will show profit far greater than can be secured in any other market in the United States. Buy United States stamps while you have a chance."

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We have received the syllabus of lectures of the Barbades Y. M. C. A. showing the list of lectures for May, June and July, 1902. Three lectures on philately are provided for, the lecturer being Mr. R. I. Payne, a well known former Nebraskan. The ability of this gentleman to perform this work is unquestionable. No doubt the attention to philately was secured through his influence. This may serve as a hint to members of the numerous similar institutions in America. Publicity is desirable, if the right kind of publicity. The subject is of such a novel nature to the uninitiated that there should be no great difficulty encountered in having one or two dates allotted for attention to stamp collecting.

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Mr. E. R. Holmes of New York City sends us a clipping from the New York Times that is of interest as demonstrating that auction sales are most excellent mediums in advertising philately. We will reproduce the clipping for the benefit of those who may not have seen the original. The matter of course manner in which it is written and absence of any attempt to be facetious, as many writers are when referring to philately, is noticeable and gratifying.

HIGH PRICES FOR STAMPS.

A SET OF CAPE OF GOOD HOPE WOODBLOCKS OF 1861 SELLS FOR £350.

LONDON, Oct. 20. — Some very high prices for South African stamps were recently paid at auction sale recently held here. Lot 323, consisting of a set of Cape of Good Hope woodblocks, 1861 1d. scarlet, a splendid unsevered block of four, containing the 4d. red error used on entire letter, brought, after excited bidding, no less than £3 50. The set is unique, and is said to be as valuable as the Post Office Mauritius.

Another set of four, 1d. scarlet, realized £50, while a pair of 4d. blue sold for \$55.00. A beautiful specimen of 4d. blue uncancelled, with margin all round and of fine color, brought \$200. A cancelled stamp of the same class went for \$20.00

At another sale in this city the following were among the highest prices obtained: Cape of Good Hope, 1853—58, 1d., dark green, an unused block of eight £20 10s.; block of eighteen, 4d., dark blue, 1863—64, £17 5s., and an unused block of eight, 1d., emerald, £24. Transvaal, 1878—79, Queen's Head, 1 penny, in red, on 6d. black, a vertical strip of five £39.

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Although the American edition of Gibbon's catalogue is sold for fifty cents the price for the same book in Great Britain is nearly double.

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We dislike turning the editorial columns of the WEST into an advertising department, but when anything unusually deserving comes to our notice we consider it our duty to inform our readers of it for their good. The duplicating apparatus known as the "Schapiro-graph", advertised in several numbers of the WEST, is one thing that is worthy of praise. Stamp dealers in general have frequent use for just such a device as the schapirograph. Through its use they can get out small editions of price-lists etc. and save printers bills. We would advise every dealer who reads this to get the descriptive circular. The cost of the apparatus is nominal.

**Counterfeits and their De-
tection.**

By LACUS VIRIDIS

(Continued)

BERMUDA. I have here a forgery of the 2 d blue of Bermuda, Scott Type A 2. It is impossible to say whether the maker meant it for the 2d watermarked Crown c c of 1865 or for the 2 d watermarked Crown c a of 1884, as he has not attempted to imitate any watermark. Neither stamp is rare, but even common varieties are not safe from the forgery, in fact, they offer all the safer a field for his operations as they are largely bought by beginners who lack the knowledge requisite for their detection. Hence it may be well to describe these common forgeries also.—This counterfeit is a lithograph, like so many. The lettering of Bermuda on the original is very thin and graceful, but on the counterfeit it is thick and clumsy. The cross-stroke of the E is nearer to the base of the letter than to the top, whereas on the genuine it is a little nearer to the top than to the base. The color in the upper part of the A is too small, being a mere dot instead of a distinct triangle as on the genuine. The Queen's head is well imitated, but there are various small differences in hair and in the crown. For instance in third line or point of the crown, counting from the left and not counting the thistle and the trefose or shamrock, there is a line running from the pearl perpendicularly to the ring of the crown. In the ring there is a small line directly under the former line, forming a diversion between two jewels in the ring. In the genuine, as remarked, this short line is directly under the line in the point; in the forgery it is quite a little too far to the right, so that the lines would not meet if prolonged. The foremost point of the crown on the genuine points towards the interval between E and R in Bermuda on the counterfeit, whereas on the genuine it points directly to the vertical line of R. Around the lined background of

the central circle there is a white space; this is narrow on the genuine and of even width all around, but in the forgery it is much too wide and wider at the right than at the left. The lettering of Two Pence is incorrect also. The stem of the T is not quite perpendicular to its top, as it should be; the O of Two is slightly oval instead of being circular as on the genuine. The stem of the P is a little too long, so that it touches the thin line below, whereas on the genuine there is a distinct interval here. The middle stroke of the last E on the genuine is nearly as long as the top stroke, but on the forgery it is very much shorter. The stem of the T on the genuine points directly to the angle of the little v shaped ornament below it, but on the forgery it points far to the left of the angle.—There are various differences in the ornaments in the lower corners, but it is quite impossible to make these clear without illustrations. In the upper corners there is a heartshaped ornament containing five leaves. In the genuine these five leaves all spring from the same central point, but in the forgery the two middle ones — i. e. the second and fourth—spring like branches from the central one, at a point somewhat above the common center.—There is a curious flaw in the lined background of the forgery, it is above the Queen's head just under the u and looks like a fly buzzing around the Queen's head. It is almost unnecessary to say that there is no such thing on the genuine, it is also possible that not all counterfeits from stone show this flaw.

The forgery shows the usual fake cancellation consisting of parallel bars above and below an open space in the center, bounded by double brackets at each end. Genuine Bermudan stamps are sometimes cancelled with the date-stamp of Hamilton or St. George and other offices on the islands; more frequently with a canceller similar to one formerly (and even now) used in this country.

It has three heavy lines growing shorter above the central figure and three below; at each side of the figure there are double brackets. I have stamps bearing this postmark with large figures 1, 2 or 3. Presumably the number designates the post office, but I have no list of offices at hand that would serve to verify this.

(To be Continued)

Notes for U. S. Collectors

By E. R. ALDRICH

The United States Government recently placed an order with a New York manufacturer for a dozen automobiles for use in the Philippine mail service. This is not the beginning of auto mail service in the colonies for it has been employed for some time in Porto Rico, the route from Juan to Ponce being thus supplied. Five machines are required by the contractors, two trips being made each way each day, from nine to ten hours being required to make the run.

One of the rarest of precancelled's is the one cent, 1902 Northampton, Mass. with colon after the state name. There was one stamp of this variety in each sheet and as the entire issue was sent out on circulars to different post masters it is not likely that very many of this scarce variety will ever reach collectors hands. In fact the entire set can be set down as among the scarcer precancelleds.

In 1897 there were twenty-two post-offices in Alaska, one of which paid a compensation of over five hundred dollars, three paid between two hundred and five hundred, two paid over a hundred, and the sixteen paid less than a hundred and half of these even less than fifty dollars.

Under twenty different administrations has Roswell Beardsley of North Lansing, N. Y. served that community as postmaster. In 1828 Wm. H. Seward, after the celebrated republican leader who unsuccessfully attempted to capture the presidential nomination in 1860 and whose portrait adorns the dollar value of the State Department

was associated with Nelson Beardsley, the brother of our now oldest postmaster, in the practice of law and used his influence, which resulted in John McLean the postmaster general under John Quincy Adams to appoint the North Lansing man. Beardsley has ever since held the office and today at the age of ninety three has held it for nearly three quarters of a century.

The most recent precancelled which I have seen is the ten cent surcharged St. Paul. It was used in connection with a one cent to frank the fall catalogues of the supply house of G. Sommers & Co. of that city.

The introduction of the domestic registry service into Hawaii and Porto Rico has resulted in an increase in the business in Hawaii during the fiscal year 1900 of 38,258 and in Porto Rico of 27,524 articles registered.

Much has been said of the excellent character of the registry service in the Hawaiian Islands prior to their annexation. The enormous increase in the registry business, however, since that time, compels the belief that the people find our domestic registry service a decided improvement, as testified by a largely increased patronage.

The same increase of business and general improvement in the service is noticeable in Porto Rico—so says the third assistant postmaster general in his last report.

During the time that the American Army was in China, registry stations were maintained at Peking, Treutsie, and Tong Ku, the first of which dispatched 8509 pieces, the second 2440 and third 690. The offices were established Sept. 17, 1900 and abolished on May 25, 1901. The service was under the direction of Mr. Grenville Hunt with headquarters at Peking,

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ORIGINAL AND OTHERWISE

A correspondent writes: "The other day when I was examining some stamps under a microscope I discovered that in the new 15c French stamps the figure of Liberty has six toes on her foot."

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Kings Heads are spreading. In Natal alone seventeen different values have appeared, from ½d to £20. The latter stamp seems to be a pretty expensive affair, and leads one to wonder what it is used for.

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Number stamps is what the new postage stamps are called, which are soon to be supplied to the different officers in Prussia. They will be used by all officials who send their official reports "frei laut avers."

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It has been decided that the color for the new thirteen cents stamp will be orange, no other changes in colors will be made in the series.

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It has been decided that the color of the new series ten cents special delivery will be changed from blue to orange, the shade being that of the special in use at the time of the use of the Columbian series.

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An interesting collection may be made of the different stamps of Queensland and Victoria cancelled with the big black "R" in an oval showing their use on registered letters. Are they not as collectible as the registered letter stamps of the Colombian Republic?

J. Hubel, Detroit, I must say the WEST is the best ad medium for philatelic advertising I have ever used, and I have tried most of the American paper.

The Bordeaux Issue of 1870
By E. R. STEINBRUECK.

(Continued)

As these are of a different design the search had to be taken up again, this time in better hopes. Around the rim of the medallion there is a circle of little beads and it was detected that the beads exactly opposite the point of the nose of Ceres were connected by a small link or bar on one as well as on all the one centime values, to the next lower bead, while, futhermore, the two and four centime values have the upper bead connected in the same manner with the center bead.

And there we now have the secret marks of the Bordeaux issue of 1870 for a certainty. Herein we have a relation of the difficulties and the satisfactory reward of one of our true philatelists, one who looks not solely at the advance of stamps, or labors in any way in the philatelic field for the sake of material gain, for there was no money in research for Mr. Maury, and lots of trouble and expenses for him besides.

Nearly everybody has a desire to own a previous thing and to see a rise in value instead of a decline. That is human nature and it may be very difficult to draw the line between the collector for science only—the true philatelist—and the one collecting for all purposes. I believe the majority of collectors are floating in midair, enjoying their collection, studying and speculating at the same time and that is the second grade, while the lowest grade of collectors are looking for gain only, making stamps their tools often unscrupulously abusing fools. While the first class, the noblest, consider their collections objects for study, nourishment for the brain and find their satisfaction and pleasure undisturbed by the rise or fall in prices, the middle class is not devoid

of such disturbances and many drops may embitter their chalice of joy. Of the third class I will not speak at all. They are under the surface of philately, digging after grubworms like the mole, keeping shy of the rays of the sun of wisdom. They are more miserable than the "innocent", who don't meddle at all in stamp matters. Dealers are not at all considered in the above tirade.

By the way, speaking about the older French Stamps adorned with the head of Ceres, the Roman goddess of agriculture, I wish to draw the attention of philatelists to the fact that the 30 centime brown of the first imperforated issue shows plainly three berries in the upper row of the grape, while all the other stamps of the same design of 1849-50 as well as of 1870-71 bear only two berries instead.

Our general agent for the WEST in Spanish-American countries, Mr. Charles Willard Myers writes us that the WEST has a more complete circulation in different Latin-American countries than any other philatelic publication. Mr. Enrique Mendez of Camajuani, Cuba, tells him that the WEST is very popular in Cuba, while Mr. A. Vazquez of Havana says that the WEST is always full of interesting reading matter and illustrations which count for much. Mr. Regnio Farias of Mexico City and A. Cespedes of San Jose, Costa Rica, say they could not be a pilatelists without the WEST.

Remarkable.

Metropolitan Philatelist.

A collector shows me a letter mailed in the Philippines, at Catbalogan, a small town in Samar Island, addressed to a senator, bearing a two cents current U. S. stamp, and a similar U. S. stamp surcharged "Philippines." The stamps are side by side, and the surrounding conditions indicate there was no philatelic sheme in the transaction.



In No. 263 of *Le Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste* M. Maury gives us another example of the way in which curious discoveries are sometimes made on stamps supposed to be exhausted. For years it has been commonly accepted as a fact that M. Hulot had printed all French stamps from the beginning up to the time the Government undertook the printing. More, M. Hulot never indicated anything else. And now it suddenly develops that for three years, from 1848 to 1851 the French stamps were printed by M. Tacquin—that is, under his direction and by workmen furnished to him. The lithographic impression on the safety background was made by Marie; M. Tacquin did the rest furnishing colors and gum himself and receiving 7 francs per 100 sheets for his work. The paper was furnished by the Government. As contract was terminated in 1851 because he wanted a higher price for printing the 20c in blue instead of in black.—Considering how thoroughly the stamps of France and their history have already been studied, this discovery is curious indeed.

The *Svensk Filatelistisk Tidskrift* for September illustrates the five prize designs in the late Danish completion of postage stamp designs on which I reported heretofore. They are unmercifully dealt with in the description. One of them, it is reported, will be adopted for the new issue.

A few of the results of the late unpleasantness between Spain and ourselves have been so interesting to us Philatelists as the provisionals issued at Porto Principe. They have already

been extensively written up but new matter is still turning up relating to them. This has led Dr. A. Barreras, the author of the article in the *Curioso Americano* for July 1899 which has formed the basis of all later researches, to rewrite his article, incorporating all new data and documents. His new article appears in No. 6 of the *Revista de la Sociedad Filatelica Cubana*. It is fortified by a letter from General Carpenter, by whose order these provisionals were issued, vouching for their status. The quantities issued are given for most of the varieties and formidable lists of typographical errors are given—more than I should like to see in the catalogues, priced up to the handle.

De Postzegelgids in its Nos. 10 and 11 continues and concludes the exhaustive article on the stamps of the Seychelles. While not giving anything new, the article is full of valuable information; for instance the exact quantities issued are given for many of the stamps and provisionals.

The following from *El Filatelico Espanol* is of prospective interest:

“ We have received information that
 “ the National Stamp Factory there is
 “ in preparation an issue of stamps for
 “ the Spanish offices in Marocco. The
 “ same values which we have in Spain
 “ form the new issue, with the word
 “ Marruecos. The issue will be sold at
 “ Tanger, Rabat and Mazagan. We
 “ have not been able to learn whether
 “ this will be an entirely new issue of
 “ stamps or simply a surcharge.”—
 Spain is evidently trying to make all it
 can out of its outlying shreds of territory. —

Spanish view card collectors demand the issue of a 1 centime stamp in the current type for greater convenience in franking view cards.

This number (October) reproduces

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the text of the call for competitive designs for a new set of stamps to be issued in Chile. The 5, 10 and 20c are to bear the bust of Columbus, the others to represent celebrities, monuments, public buildings, etc. 300 pesos are to be paid for each design adopted. The competition is to be closed Nov. 15 so we may soon expect to hear more of the results.

Still there is no end of that compendium on the Swiss Jubilee issue that is the *Schweizer Briefmarken-Zeitung*; another continuation is to follow. Thanks be to that but few issues receive such thorough attention. I note the following:

"In the report of the Post Office Department to the Federal council it is said that a new competition for a postage stamp design is to be opened. We know nothing of the conditions, but we suppose that this is to be a restricted competition on a prescribed subject."

From *Szekula Briefmarken-Verkehr* for September I take the following:

"There is to be a new issue for New Caledonia. The idea originated with the Consul-General (? what one?) and the postmaster is delighted with the chance to increase his income at the expense of the collectors. The values are to be 5, 15 and 40 c, but are not to be issued until 1903, as it is the intention to commemorate in this way the 50th anniversary of the occupation of the island. In the meanwhile local talent is drawn upon for a competition for designs, prizes of \$20 and \$10 being offered." Competitions and no end! Thanks be that we do these things differently over here.

An interesting curiosity is described, relating to the blue 5 cents inland reply card of the Dutch Indies of 1889. A

correspondent mailed one to the editor and not heretofore anywhere described, as far as I know. The value 5 cents, is the inland rate, the international card rate being 7½ cents; nevertheless the card bears the inscription 'Union Postale Universelle' and I therefore request you to pay no postage due, as the post office is obliged to carry cards with this inscription without additional payment." Sure enough, the editor on receipt had nothing to pay. This is rather a new category of error.

Dr. Szalay, a Hungarian collector, in a sensational article formulates the programme of the new era of philately. I wish that I had the space to reproduce his entire article, as there is much of value in it. Some of his chief demands are the following:

1. A central exchange bureau, through which dealers and collectors could do trading without risk, the bureau to be under the management of the great societies.

2. A reduction of the scope of general collections: no more watermark, perforation, paper, surcharge varieties.

3. All catalogues to be written for general collectors only; minor varieties to be left to the specialists.

4. Prices to be fixed accordingly; main types full prices, minor varieties nominal prices.

5. A revolt against the dictation of prices by the great dealers.

6. Stamp papers not controlled by dealers (we have one in the WEST.)

7. A philatelic Review of Reviews, giving extracts and reviews of all notable articles.

8. A cyclopaedia of philately, containing everything, especially quantities issued for each stamp.

9. A normal catalogue with real prices.

10. No more exchanging on the basis

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catalogues, but strictly by market prices.

11. Strict definitions by the societies of the terms describing condition: perfect, good margins, lightly cancelled, a piece of letter, mint, off center, damaged, etc.

12. More attention to be paid to the study of the oldtime cancellations and postmarks.

13. A central bureau for the sale of new issues at about 10 per cent above price.

There is a platform for you! It must be conceded, though, that there is a good deal of reason for many of his demands and that several of them are apt to be realized in the future.

Our sister republic of Paraguay is reworking this new-issue deal. The *Revista de la Sociedad Filatelica Argentina* brings the welcome (?) information that by the end of the year Paraguay will issue a new set of stamps, comprising 23 values, from 1 centavo to 10 pesos, a total nominal value of \$26,01 (actual gold value about \$3.00). The *Revista* offers up thanks that the values do not run up to a million pesos, but if Paraguayan currency depreciates at its present rate, we stand for nothing.

From *Le Timbrophile Belge* I quote the following:

The following may explain the use of the Russian high value stamps. As in other countries, letters may be sent unpaid in Russia; in this case the receiver pays double the amount. As the Russian post office has no special stamps for this purpose, it proceeds as follows to recover this amount.

The amount due from the receiver on receipt of a letter insufficiently paid is collected by the mail carrier; by him it is turned into the post office and there entered into a special register kept for the purpose; the

“ amounts are added up at the end of the trip. The total is then converted into stamps pasted into the register. To simplify the work, high values are employed in preference, at the end of each week these registers are sent to the central office where the stamps are cut in two.”

No. 67 of the *Madrid Filatelico* contains an interesting article on the reprints of Ecuador. Of the 1865 issue reprints were made in 1890. Those of the 1 real on quadrille paper are printed on paper much thicker than that of the originals. Those of the 1 real on white wove and of the $\frac{1}{2}$ real differ in size from the originals; the original $\frac{1}{2}$ real measures $19 \times 22\frac{1}{2}$ mm., the reprint $19\frac{1}{2} \times 23\frac{1}{2}$ mm.; the original 1 real measure $18\frac{1}{2} \times 19 \times 23$ to $23\frac{1}{4}$ mm., the reprint 20 or $20\frac{1}{4} \times 24\frac{1}{4}$ mm.—Another reprint was made in 1893 from electro-types specially made for the purpose, so that they do not even properly deserve the name of reprints. The colors differ considerably from the originals. The 1866 issue was reprinted in 1890 on thick instead of semi-transparent paper.

An exhibition of postage stamps was held in Copenhagen from Sept. 7—14. The October issue of the *Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift* describes it at length. The Danish Post Office Department assisted it with all kinds of postal relics and curiosities. Among them was an entire double-sheet of the Danish 16 skilling greygreen, imperforate, of 1864, valued at 10,000 Kronor (\$2700). The total value of the stamps exhibited was over 100,000 Kronor \$27,000.

This paper is the first to illustrate the new issue for Iceland. It was designed by Prof. Hans Tegner and is printed by H. Thiele, who prints the Danish stamps. The design consists of a portrait of King Christian IX in a rectangle. The values are as follows: 3 aur orange, 4 aur rose, frame gray, 5 aur green, 6 aur graybrown, 10 aur red, 16 aur red-brown, 20 aur blue, 25 aur green, frame brown, 40 aur lilac, 50 aur steel blue, frame gray, 1 Krona brown, frame blue.

DEPARTMENT
OF INQUIRY ?

Conducted by
L. G. DÖRPAT, 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 2c stamp must accompany each letter containing questions. When stamps are sent for examination, return postage must be included besides the fee above provided for.

63—WHERE AND WHEN WAS STAMP COLLECTING FIRST STARTED?—That is hard to decide. It is said that it started in England shortly after the use of postage stamps begun, that is shortly after 1840. It certainly did start before 1860, when it was practiced in England, Germany and France. The first albums are said to have come from France. One legend states that a school teacher in England to interest his pupils in geography, presented them with stamps of various countries to affix to the maps in their text-books. The scholars became so interested that they surpassed all others in geography and kept on collecting stamps until their death. They are probably all dead now, and we cannot ask them to find out whether the story is true or not.

64—WHERE MAY BE COPIES OF THE FOLLOWING BOOKS BE OBTAINED EITHER BY PURCHASE OR BY LOAN?—J. K. Tiffany, "The Philatelic Library", St. Louis, Mo. 1874, "The Stamp Collectors' Library Companion", Chicago, 1889, Dr. Thebussem, "Literatura Philatelica en Espana", Seville, 1876; Ph. de Bosredon, "Bibliographic timbrologique de la France et de la Belgique", Bruxelles 1878; Ginseppe Leoni "Bibliographia timbrologica dell' Italia", Bologna, 1877.

65—WHAT DOES THE DESIGN ON THE CURRENT 3c OF CUBA REPRESENT?—"La Cubana", an allegorical figure of Cuba, a statue of which stands upon the plaza in Havana.

66—WHAT DOES THE SURCHARGE $\frac{1}{4}$ ON EARLY CUBAN STAMPS MEAN?—"Ynterior $\frac{1}{4}$ ": Interior $\frac{1}{4}$ real See Mekeel's Weekly, Vol. 15, p. 192.

67—A CANADIAN 3c ISSUE '69-'72 SURCHARGED MANITOBA, THE SURCHARGE BEING IN BLACK, SMALL CAPITALS, 15 MM. LONG AND 2 MM. HIGH. WHAT IS IT?—A precancelled stamp? A revenue? Or what?

68—WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THE THREE KS ON THE PHILIPPINE REVOLUTIONARY STAMPS?—They stand for KATIPUNAN, the secret revolutionary society, which instituted the last revolution against Spain at the time of the Spanish-American war and two years before. It is of a Masonic character and its name is said to mean about as much as Union.

69—WHERE IS NIVE AND PENRHYN ISLANDS?—Nive or Savage Island lies about 1000 miles N. N. E. of New Zealand and 300 miles S. S. E. of Samoa. Penrhyn or Tongarewa or Mangarongaro is one of the group of six islands known as the Manihiki group lying about 10° S. Lat. and 150° -160° W. Long.

70—WHO ARE THE MEN DEPICTED ON THE STAMPS OF ECUADOR?—On the issue of 1892 we have Juan Jose Flores, general and president with intermission from 1830 until 1864. His son Antonio Flores caused his father's picture to be put on the stamps. The issue of 1894 bears the likeness of Rocafuerte who temporarily drove Flores out of the country and became the second president 1835 to 1839. In 1896 we find three faces on one stamp: Vicente Roca, the negro, president 1845 to 1849, above, Diego Noboa, president in 1850 at the left and Jose Joaquin Olmeda, Ecuador's representative in the Spanish Cortes, a poet, at the right. The single portrait on the 2, 10 and 50c values of this issue is Elizalde, about whom some of our readers may be so kind as to tell us something. On the 1 cent of 1899 we find Louis Vargas Torres, one of the leaders of the Liberal Party, shot 1887; on the 2 cent Abdou Calderon revolutionary hero, fell in battle 1822; on the 5 cent Juan Montalvo, literary agitator; on the 10c Jose Mejia, orator and first representative in the Spanish Cortes; on the 20 cent Francisco Javier Eugenia Espejo, journalist and liberal agitator; on the 50 cent, Petro Carbo, head of the Liberal Party; on the 1 sucre Olmeda, same as above; on the 5 sucres Petro Moncayo, author, representative and ambassador to France.

A Canadian Error.

BY FRANK D. MURPHY

Have you seen a 5 cent current issue of Canada printed on white paper? The other day when I was arranging some stamps in an album for a collector, did I make the discovery. I was turning over the pages when I came to the ones containing Canadians. At first I just gave it a fleeting glance and was passing on when I felt something was amiss so I turned back the page and fixed my eyes on the 5 cent stamp of the current issue. What was wrong with the stamp and why was I gazing at it? For a minute I stared at it in a most stupefied manner, when like a flash my brain cleared, and I saw that the stamp before me was printed on white instead of blue as is the regular method. Did you ever notice any of those stamps printed on white paper?" my friend asked.

No, I can't say that I ever did." I gave the answer. Then I asked: "Will you trade or sell that stamp?" He told me he had two of them, and I was lucky enough to get one for a stamp valuing 4 cts. What luck! Is it a variety or an error? It is what I would call an error, and I think my statement will be verified by the following extract from a letter received from the Superintendent of the Postage and Stamp Branch of the Dominion Post Office Department:

Ottawa, 5th-May, 1902.

Sir:—I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 1st instant, asking to be informed * * * whether any 5c. stamps of the present series have been printed on white paper. As to the printing of 5c stamps on white paper, I am to say that the Department is not aware, nor does it think that such has occurred.

Your inquiry on the subject is the first that has been received by the department. I am, Sir

Your Obedient Servant,

(Signed) E. H. Stanton,

Superintendent.

The above letter shows that the stamp is certainly an error, and I think it will be a rare stamp.

The only explanation, as to the cause of error, is that in some manner a sheet of white paper became mixed up with the regular paper (i. e. blue paper) used for the five cent stamp, and the printer has passed it unnoticed. Perhaps there was only one sheet of the white paper used; at most two or three, for it would be impossible for more to pass the eagle eyes of the officials.

The stamp bears the Toronto postmark.

I have not seen this error chronicled elsewhere, and it is doubtful if any other collector beside my friend and myself have been lucky enough to run across this stamp.

Watermark Freaks.

Mekeel's Weekly Samp News.

George D. Weeks, Jr., of New York has submitted for my inspection copies of the 1-shilling and 5-shilling Victoria, without "postage" and without any watermarks. These can only be accounted for in the use of unwatermarked paper or in the use of watermarked paper with a wide margin of unwatermarked. Some of the current Falklands show this same peculiarity, and I note in a foreign paper that the 2c Sarawak, just issued, watermarked with a flower, has a row on some of the panes in which the flower is missing. The new 9d. South Australia rose-lilac has a row in which, instead of "crown S. A.," are the straggling letters of the words "South Australia." Printer's carelessness would appropriately describe many of the watermark freaks and curiosities.

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WASHINGTON NOTES

By C. M.

A very interesting report for students of the habits, implements etc., of the American aborigines is the report of the Bureau of Ethnology, just out. It can be procured through application to the Congressman from the applicants district.

A report just issued by the Treasury Department for the year ending June 30, 1902 gives some interesting philatelic scraps. The Bureau of Engraving and Printing delivered Philippine overprinted stamps as follows:-

1 cent	1,500,000
2 " in	1,000,000
2 " (books)	3,000,240
3 "	200,000
4 "	500,000
5 "	450,000
6 "	250,000
8 "	250,000
10 "	250,000
100 "	1,000
200 "	1,000
500 "	500
1 " due	250,000
2 " "	250,000
3 " "	100,000
30 " "	50,000
50 " "	2,000

The total cost for making these was \$1,111.73.

The total cost of the Cuban stamps printed during the year was \$721.09.

The numbers issued were

1 cent	2,000,000
2 "	8,000,000
2 " in books	564,480
5 "	1,000,000
10 "	200,000
10 " Sp. Del.	50,000
10 " due	50,000

It will be noticed that no 3 cent stamps were printed.

For Porto Rico revenue stamps costing o make, \$2,719.06 were delivered.

Denominations as follows:-

Of the 1, 5, 10, 25 and 50 cent 1,000,000 of each. Of the 1, 3, 5, 10 and fifty dollar 1,000,064 of each.

Of the War Revenue series of 1898 the following documentary stamps were delivered

1 cent	156,500,000
2 "	8,200,000
5 "	1,000,000
10 "	3,600,000
25 "	1,800,000
50 "	800,000
\$1.00	1,984,000
2.00	2,816,000
5.00	128,000
10.00	64,000
50.00	38,400
100.00	2,400
500.00	800
of proprietaries	

1 cent	13,000,000
2 "	23,500,000

It is interesting to note during this year that of the Pan-American stamps one sheet of the 1, 2, 5, 8, and 10 cent values were delivered as "specimens" to the Third Assistant Postmaster General, but FOUR of the four-cent value. Does this mean that there are three sheets of inverted four centers to come on the market? As full specimen sets had been delivered to him during the year 1901, it may be that all these values are inverted, having been ordered after the value of the "error" was realized.

The engraved plates for the McKinley Postal cards cost \$401.00 and the 280 electrotypes from this for printing the cards cost \$203.50.

The 10 engraved plates for the Porto Rico Revenue stamps cost \$1,181.50.

The 20 invitations to the banquet given to Prince Henry of Prussia were printed from a plate the engraving of which cost over \$100.00.

The Postmaster General has called attention to the number of complaints

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souvenir card and postal card
vers that the cards are stamped on
back, thereby rendering the picture
message illegible. He directs that
be taken in future in this regard by
employees.

and now the reviewer for the N. Y.
philatelist criticizes the use of "Go.
Washington" on the ground that this
abbreviation for George is not according
to the rules of orthography" and that
the first president "was not a very good
speller". In this she differs from the
many biographers of Washington, who
state that he deliberately adopted as a
personal signature the "Go.", not-
withstanding the fact that "Geo." was
at that time the usual abbreviation for
George, as evidenced by the numerous
documents which appear on contem-
porary documents. A name is personal
property and subject to the will of the
owner, as regards spelling and
abbreviation (unless restrained by statute).
The "rules of orthography" gov-
ern language in general, but not the
spelling of proper names. A form hav-
ing been adopted by a person becomes
his correct form to use in identifying

abundant paper on the back? I find
that paper was to serve to cover up
defects or blemishes. Be very carefull
young collectors. Buy for your good
money stamps only which are perfectly
clean of any adherent stuff.

It seems to me that there are more
reprints out, or may be counterfeits, of
the Danube Steamship Co. than is good
for a philatelist's health. The 10 s. green
has a grayer green and all reprints are
printed in stronger or coarser design,
compared with the originals. I notice
the figure 0 of the 10 s. green as well as
of the 10 c. red in the reprints is slightly
open at the bottom while the originals
show a complete O.

Unused Foreign Postage Stamps.

In the show window of many dealers
in postage stamps may be seen complete
sets of stamps issued by the different
governments of South America, uncan-
celled, and marked for sale at an ex-
ceedingly low figure. Frequently the
face value of the stamps is far in excess
of the price marked. The explanation
is that most of the Central and South
American governments have their stamps
engraved in the United States. The
engraving companies make an agree-
ment with the governments by which
they furnish for almost nothing, as many
stamps as they want, on condition,
that as soon as the issue is "retired"
the engravers shall have the privilege of
printing as many more stamps as they
choose to sell to dealers. The stamps are
genuine in every respect, being printed
from the same plates, the only difference
being they never saw the country they
purport to come from. This is the rea-
son why most collectors prefer cancelled
stamps for their albums.

CHIPS

By E. R. Steinbrueck

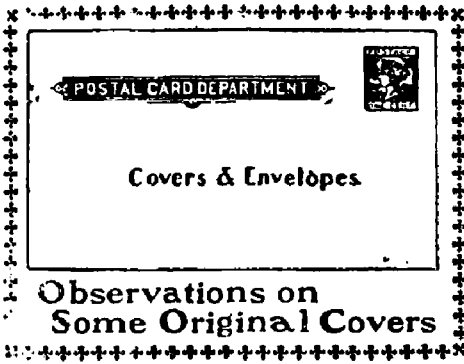
There are two distinctly different types
of Queen's head on the 4 anna red
Scott's. The one shows
the forehead straight down
to the rim of the diadem, cutting in
above the nose, while the other
comes out from the diadem and runs
to the point of the nose without
intersection.

Every U. S. stamp surcharged "Phi-
ladelphia" gives a black eye to the Monroe
line.

A stamp collector is not permitted
blindness. His eye is to be sharp,
hand to be steady and a long thumb-
of great usefulness.

Would you wish to hear the pious
remarks when cleaning stamps of super-

International Stamp Co., N. Y. City
—WEST is o. k. and last number was a
good puller for our ads.



By **R. R. THIELE.**
(Continued)

The sender of the letter gives his address in the upper left corner as Kowloon, Hong Kong; Kowloon lies on the mainland opposite the island of Hong Kong and is also British.) The stamps are cancelled

REGISTERED
(date)

G. P. O. HONG KONG

in two concentric circles, the inscriptions being between the two circles and the date within the inner circle. I do not know whether the general post office at Victoria is not also the only post office on the island; there are two other towns, but I have not so far seen any other cancellation than Hong Kong. The letter is further marked as a registered one by red crosslines on the face and back, no doubt put on by the sender. On the back the letter bears the transit postmark of Kobe, Japan, with these two words in a heavy single line circle and the date in the center, and the arrival mark of Hiroshima in Japanese lettering. The date on this, to be sure, I cannot read, but the date of the Kobe postmark shows that it took the letter sixteen days to go from Hong Kong to Kobe—a delay no doubt caused by waiting for a steamer.

Here is another registered letter, one that came from British Guiana.

It bears four 2c brown and black on red of 1901 and one 1c green of 1891—five cents for international postage and four cents for registration. The letter came from Georgetown, but the stamps are cancelled

REGISTRATION G. P. O.

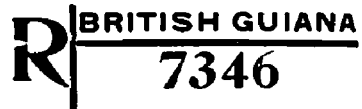
(date)

B. GUIANA

is a singlelined circle. To be sure, the general post office is at Georgetown so this answers as well. At the same place there was struck on the face of the letter this mark in black:



which is common to many British colonies as a sign of registration. The face also bears the registry number of the New York office in blue ink. The registration label proper is on the back of the letter and looks like this:



printed in red and perforated by means of wavy rule, also inked in red; only the number is in blue, printed by a numbering machine. The label belongs to the comparatively small class bearing no office-name, only the name of the country. The back of the letter also bears the well-known mark of the Registry Division at New York; there are no other postmarks, though the letter went beyond New York.

And here is still another letter of interest. This one came from St. Petersburg, the capital of Russia. It is paid by a block of four 5 Kopek stamps of the current issue; oddly enough the writer of the letter covered its face with the address to such an extent that he had to put the stamps on the back.

(To be continued.)

The Stamps of Roumania

Authorized Translation from the French of Count d' Assche in "Le Philatliste Francais"

BY R. R. THIELE.

(Continued.)

1. The small St. Andrew's cross of the left upper corner is joined to the Greek border by a thick white line.

2. The circle surrounding the effigy is broken over the n of Bani.

3. There is a white dot in the Greek border of the right upper corner.

4. A hairlike line is found in the Greek border of the right upper corner.

5. There is a dot of color between the n and i of Bani.

6. A small oblique line cuts the beginning of the Greek border in the right lower corner.

7. There is an additional line between the circle and the frame at the right.

8. There is a small dot of color after the second 4.

After this parenthesis devoted to the 4 bani, let us continue with the note devoted to the 3 bani. Here are the varieties serving to reconstruct the block.

1. A part of the white line is still visible.

2. As on the 4 bani.

3. do

4. do

5. do

6. do

7. do

8. A small dot of color under the first 3.

As the figure of value was added by hand, there are varieties which may be described as follows:

3 with long and thin curl.

3 " short " " "

3 " " " thick "

3 " break at foot of lower curl in centre.

3 " " near end of curve.

3 end of curl bent obliquely.

3 " " " vertical.

3 line instead of curl at bottom.

3 end of curl broken.

The 3 bani cut in two diagonally, served to prepay newspapers.

(To be continued.)

The 25pf 1900, Germany.

The Adhesive

A stamp which seems rather unsettled in price is 25pf of Germany, 1900 issue. Catalogued by Scott at 2c and sold by some dealers for half that amount, it is yet described by others as "rare," and marked up to 10c. The wholesale price in a list recently received was given as 30c per ten or \$2 per hundred, so indications are that those who lack the stamp had better call on those who are now selling it for a cent, and fill the space before it is too late.

So There You Are.

The Perforator


A local dealer once received a peculiar letter from a party who had retained his sheets and did not seem over anxious to return them. After having sent this party a number of letters requesting the return of his stamps the dealer received the following reply:

"Dear Sir:—I never sent for your stamps. If I did you never sent them to me. If you sent them I never received them. If I received them I returned them, and if I didn't, I won't!"

Who Does?

Fortnightly Philatelist.

Don't believe implicitly that all illustrations of stamps portray the originals precisely as they are any more than all the pictures of Roosevelt are as "natural as life."



Revenue Dep't.

Conducted by
Charles A. Nast

Lately I was shown some real varieties of the early stamp period. A package of envelopes which were mailed severally from time to time to a senator in Washington have recently passed into the hands of a Kansas City collector. They bear date of cancellation "Eutaw, Ala. 1848" and consist of a fac-simile of the U. S. coins of the period, viz. half dime in blue and the one dime in brown. They were undoubtedly used as a local or provisional stamp, prior to the advent of postage stamps in that far south section of the country.

Has it ever occurred to my readers that certain private proprietary stamps are worth more when cancelled and others again when uncanceled; the supply of either determining the price. Take for instance the three values of Lauman & Kemp $\frac{3}{8}$, $1\frac{1}{4}$ and $1\frac{1}{2}$. I have an idea that the last of these is the rarest of all in the uncanceled state. On the other hand the $3\frac{1}{8}$ Warner is much scarcer with the surcharge in green ink "Warner Safe Cure Co." Johnson & Johnson is also much rarer when cancelled with the date of use. Emerson's four values without the type-printed letter is also very scarce.

Talking about Emerson stamps. Does anyone know just what these letters mean? I once wrote to the company asking them for the key to the same, but they sent a very politely worded reply stating that they were not at liberty to divulge the scheme as

it had been designed especially for themselves and simply indicated the date of manufacture of the goods. This was really all no harm could come from publishing the secret. I am of the opinion that it does also, in some way indicate the number of packages or rather the quantity put upon the market. Certain it is that the goods now made and which bear no stamps on them, still have the cobalistic letters imprinted on the wrappers.

What is the price of the \$100 and the \$1000 U S Rev stamp is a question often asked. Recently the two in excellent condition but otherwise fine were sold for \$75.00. This would be about \$25 and \$25 each as the \$500 is much scarcer than the \$1000 stamp. Again I saw a beautiful uncut stamp of the \$1000 value offered for \$35. The hundred dollar stamp in uncut condition is very rare indeed and it is difficult to name an approximate price.

A very interesting lot of Newspaper stamps were sent me lately issued by the American Express Co, to be used to prepay parcels of newspapers in the Middle and Middle Western States. They are issued in denominations from 5 cents to 55 cents. I lack the highest numbers but I will chronicle what I have. Each value has a color of its own and the letters "AM. EX. CO." are left in white in engine turned ornamental scroll. There is one which has no numeral, simply the word whatever it may be under five points indicated. Six varieties follow.

- 2 lb Pea Green, Chas G Clark, Treas
- 5 cents Blue " " "
- 10 " Crimson " " "
- 15 " Grey Alex Holland, Treas
- 25 " Orange, " " "
- 35 " Green, " " "
- 45 " ——— ——— ———
- 55 " ——— ——— ———

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The name "Alex Holland" on these stamps gives them a peculiar philatelic flavor.

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B. Y. Drew of Boston has been here in Denver showing the stamps to be auctioned off on Nov. 25-6-7. The lot contain many rare U. S. Revs, among them being a block of four unused of the 1 cent green Brown & Durling. There are part perforates in vertical pairs, surely a good way to collect these. Essays of the \$3.00 manifest in grey and brown colors. He states the trip across the continent has paid him and that interest in stamps everywhere is on the increase. He was headed for San Francisco.

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A San Francisco firm recently purchased at public auction several tons of public documents the accumulations of the Custom House located there. Of course the Civil War Revenues still attached to many of the instruments was the incentive to buy. It seems very probable that Civil War U. S. Revs, low as they are at present must take a further drop, except in the case of the rare denominations. There is hope in this reflection that even the rarities of the Spanish American series will soon be in sight of the many who still lack the \$30.00 red, \$50.00 grey and a few others.

The Distinctive Method.

The Perforator

It is the careful examination and study of our stamps which furnishes the distinction between a philatelist, a scientist, a stamp accumulator, a miser or speculator. A boy with a ten cent packet may be a true philatelist while the proud owner of a collection worth thousands of dollars may be a mere stamp accumulator.



CHECK LIST OF NEW ISSUES.

(Adhesives only.)

For the Month Ending Sept., 25th.
Compiled by Albert H. Hall

- France** (Offices in the Levant) Provisional Issue
"2 piastres" on 50 centimes carmine, type
- Great Britain** Regular Issue King's Head
1 pound, green
- Guatemala** Regular Issue
20 centavos, brown
25 " green
- PROVISIONAL ISSUE**
- 6 centavos on 25 centavos, carmine revenue
Surcharged in three lines "Correos 1902
Seis 6 cents"
- Hayti** Provisional Issue Surcharged "Mai Gt
Pre 1902"
20 centimes, black
50 " rose brown
1 gourde, lilac
- India** Regular Issue Kings Head
3 pies, gray
½ anna, pea-green
1 " carmine
- Japan** (Offices in China) Regular Issue
½ sen, gray surcharged in character
- Leeward Islands** Provisional Issue
"One penny" on 4 pence, in two lines
" " " 6 " " " "
" " " 7 " " one line
- Mauritius** Regular Issue
8 cents, green and black, on straw paper
12 " gray, black and red
"Arms" type, surcharged "Postage and
Revenue" in black
4 cents, brown and red on yellow
6 " green and red
15 " orange
Queen's Head stamps, surcharged "Postage
and Revenue" in black.
25 cents, bistre
50 " green
2 rupees, 50 cents, brown-purple
- Montenegro** Regular Issue
1 heller, blue
2 hellers, mauve
5 " green
10 " rose
25 " dark blue
50 " blue gray
1 kruna lilac brown
2 " brown
5 " yellow brown
- UNPAID LETTER STAMPS**
- 5 heller, orange
10 hellers, olive
25 " lilac
50 " emerald
1 kruna, grayish green
- RETURN RECEIPT STAMP**
- 25 heller, carmine edges

Postal Cards--Collect Them.

BY EDWIN EWELL

The postal card branch of philately seems to have waned in some minds, but there is just as much in a postal card as ever, and it only remains for the observant eye to discover and the person will become interested. Still there are many ardent collectors of postal cards and it is most likely there will be more as the years roll by. It is our purpose to point out some of the reasons why postal cards should be collected.

Every postal card either has a stamp embossed, printed or stuck on so that it usually carries a type of the adhesives the country of issue. Often this stamp is more finely engraved than the adhesive and the printing being done on a more substantial substance, is better. The stamp in itself is small and easily lost or injured, but not so when it appears on the card.

But this suggests an objection which has been raised against the card i. e. it is bulky, but on the other hand we must remember that while even small countries have many varieties and types of stamps, there are comparatively few cards. I believe this is rather in favor than against the card. A pair of tweezers are not needed to handle it.

Many cards also carry the coat of arms of the nation which must be of interest to the observant and studious. The emblem of true historic significance stands there to prompt to study which will open an interesting field of historic knowledge.

At the present time there seems to be considerable interest in postmarks, but that is a detached affair, cut and mutilated. But the card is subject to the same stamping and postmarking as a

letter and a collection of cards may also be a collection of postmarks. The boy or older person who learns to locate not only the country but the mailing place by aid of the post mark will soon possess a wide knowledge of geography.

As a rule cards are written upon and signed with a pen and even where the message is printed, the signature is with a pen, hence a collection of cards becomes a collection of autographs. It is not merely a signature but a message. Quite recently the writer while looking over an auction catalogue of autographs, noticed how an illustrious name W. E. Gladstone would secure for the owner good returns, for it was upon a postal card. At the present time, it is quite easy to collect cards and in the future you may look to a threefold market for your possessions. It may be sold for the card itself, or because of the postmark or because of the autograph.

The postal card is multum in parvo and worthy of our close attention.

A Good Good Bye.

Metropolitan Philatelist.

Vale, documentaries. You have been with us now full four years. There have been plenty of you—most of you—and you have been favored in all the latest styles and “fixtures” even to a set of three colors. We will be happy without you, but would not object if we had a few more of you, of the \$30 red and \$30 gray. You have done well by Uncle Sam. You have handed him about \$300,000,000, and we have not particularly noticed the weight and bother of your presence. Farewell! Hope you may never see you again.

Would you with profit advertise? Then let your ad. be terse and wise. So folks of every rank and station Will read your ad with admiration.

Notes From The European Continent

By J. C. AUF DER HEIDE, S. H. D.
AMSTERDAM. HOLLAND, EUROPE

The well known stamp expert, Mr. Waldemar Herrmann of Berlin, died at the age of 75, on Sept. 26th.

His knowledge about stamps was admired all the world over, and every stamp, Mr. Herrmann had declared to be genuine, was sold or exchanged without any further guaranty. Mr. Herrmann's expertise was sufficient.

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This cattle may be considered as the foundation of Bulgaria's independency.

This set has only 3 values; 5 Statinki, red; 10 Stat. blue green and 15 Stat. blue.

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Mr. H. Nuopl, has first edited a new book on the stamps of the (Austria Hungarian Monarchy). This book consists of 455 large pages and is illustrated with almost 1000 reproductions of postage stamps of Austria.

Mrs. Senf's catalogue from 1902 made its appearance and brings us many raises in prices, as well as some new notes for specialists. In this catalogue are no ad-

vertisements of other dealers, but a warning of the "Verein Demtscher Briefmaker Handler", in which german collectors are warned to buy postage stamps only, their own country because abroad, gives no particular profits, nor quantity for authenticity. Looking from this point of view, all german dealers are supposed to be angels, contrary to stamp dealers abroad, who are considered as devils.

One of the daily papers of this city, brings philatelic news in his Sunday number. This is the first paper in Holland that does so. We hope many may follow in the near future. There is no better thing to introduce philately than little notes of philatelic news in the daily papers.

NOTES AND CLIPPINGS FROM AUSTRALIA

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The two-sixth brown "Counterpart" Fiscal, of which only about 5000 were issued, is likely to be a very rare stamp, especially used postally; used fiscally it is also worth holding on to, as the fortunate few who have them will doubtless do.

Cupid Is King.

This not an attempt to connect cupid with philately. It relates to a book of poems written by the philatelic poet laureate, Roy Farrell Green. "Cupid is King" is a book of unusual attractiveness and will be the nicest Christmas gift imaginable. The book is finely illustrated with pen drawings artistic illuminations and decorative borders. The binding is tasty. The poems are Greene's best work. People who never read poetry because they do not care for it will find their attention held fast. And people who like poetry will surely appreciate "Cupid is King". It is sold for \$1.25. As a matter of fact it is a two dollar book.

KING'S HEADS

British Colonials

Gambia	½d King	02c	England	1sh King	
"	1d "	04c	"	2sh 6d "	
"	2d "	06c	"	5sh "	
"	2½ "	08c	"	40 paras "	
"	3d "	10c	Gold Coast	½ & 1d King	
"	4d "	12c	"	2d "	
"	6d "	16c	Grenada	½ & 1d "	
"	1sh "	32c	"	2d "	
"	2sh "	65c	"	2½d "	
England	½d "	02c	"	3d "	
"	1d "	03c	St Helena	½ & 1d "	
"	½d "	04c	St Vincent	½ & 1d "	
"	2d "	06c	Straits	3 cents	
"	2½d "	06c	"	8 "	
"	3d "	08c	"	25 "	
"	4d "	10c	"	30 "	
"	5d "	12c	Transvaal	½ & 1d "	
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Our Illustrations

Harold Roe Smith's youthful appearance is accounted for by using a cut made two years ago for the Commercial Tribune, of Cincinnati, while Exchange Superintendent of a Stamp Society, connected with that paper.

He is now just twenty. Not only is he a stamp enthusiast, but a pianist, having commenced with both stamps and music when he was but ten years old. "Chopins" compositions are his favorites. His stay in Germany last year was to study music. He, however, became acquainted with the large stamp dealers, and secured a stock of stamps. He is now a dealer and will have the only ground floor store in Cincinnati, a city of 300,000 population.

Mr. Antonio Rincon, Vice President of the Spanish-American Philatelic Society, is a native of Bogota, Columbia, South America, born in that city 33 years ago. Being one of the most prominent in philatelic circles in Bogota, he has a vast amount of work for the association of which he is an officer, and has also done considerably large business with such firms as Arthur Maury of Paris, Scott Stamp Co., and others, and in addition to having a stock of thousands of stamps, has an elegant collection of general issues.

Notice has been given before on renewals. To those sending less than regular price credit will be given for same, but will not be credited with a full year's subscription. If you send other papers or agents you can see why a full year is not allowed. After this year we do not recognize any advertising contracts made by agents or others. Notice was given in the last number. Ad copy and Society reports should be sent at once for December number, so it will be here by 5th or

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C C Brackett of Lewiston, Me., seems to be a "Nothing Heard From" and would advise all to send their complaints to the Post Office Inspector of his district.

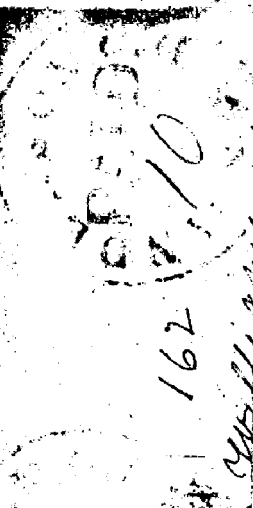
Scott Williams Co of Seattle, Wash seem to have ads in English papers and claim to be incorporated, and the New York dealers say it is a fraud of the worst kind.

Collectors Co of S C reports from some of the readers that they have got their orders filled and Co say they have been away and will be glad to hear from any others that were so got by them.

Sir A. de Rutzen has ordered the Commissioner of Police of London to restore to Mr E F Weber, of Hamburg, a collection of stamps and coins valued at £10,000, which was stolen by a private secretary and sold in London for £382.



Wm. H. ...



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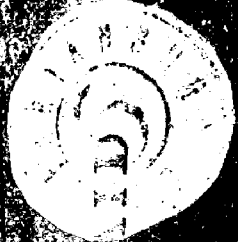
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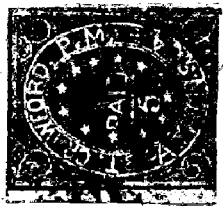
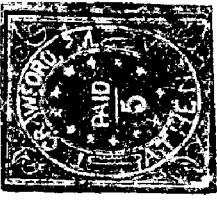
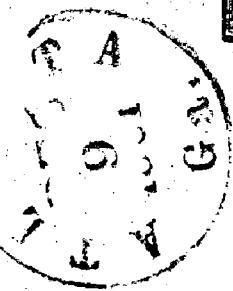
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Rare Confederate States Provisional issues from collection of Club of New York by W. F. Gregory. See his ad on another page.



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Nothing Succeeds Like Success.

We are now coming to the close of our third year, and each of our last few months have been characterized by a general activity and especially good cooperation on the part of our national Representatives in the various Latin-American countries. This will be observed in the list of applications below and Senores Rincon of Colombia and Menendez and Steegers of Cuba are to be congratulated for their loyal activity to the Society.

APPLICATIONS

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Elicier Q Suarez, (30) Merchant, Bogota, Colombia. References, Antonio Rincon and Leon Bernard of Paris.

Rafael Barberi C, (17) Student, Calle 9, No 211, Bogota, Colombia. References, Antonio Rincon, Scott Tamp Co.

Augusto Merchan (18) Dealer, Apartado 160, Bogota, Colombia. References

Antonio Rincon, Arthur Maury, Paris.

Luis Rosas, (20) Merchant, Bogota, Colombia. References Antonio Rincon, Rodolpho Neuman.

Alfonso C. Quijano, (17) Ornamentier, Caso Del Teatro Colon, Bogota, Colombia. Reference, Antonio Rincon.

Focion Soto U, (19) Apartado 106, Bogota, Colombia. Referencias Antonio Rincon and Luis Soto.

Javier Tavela, (21) Merchant, P. O. Box 8, Culiacan, Mexico. Recommended by Eduardo M Vargas, Pres of Society

Miss Juana Gonzalez, Stenographer, Municipal Council, Camajuani, Cuba. Reference, Chas. Willard Myers.

Jose Miguel Nuno Steegers (48) Notario Publico, Reina 26, Havana, Cuba. Reference J. F. Steegers.

Ramon Seipas y Garcia, (40) Empleado, Colon 30, Havana, Cuba. Reference, J. F. Steegers.

Let us all make one grand effort to secure new members before the New Year and give our new Secretary-Treasurer for 1903, Mr. Blair, an extra good big treasury to start out on. The member who sends us the biggest list of new

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members during December receives a prize of \$5.00 worth of fine unused stamps. Those ahead in the contest are Senores Antonio Rincon, Enrique Mendez, A. D. Blair, Felipe Naveda and J. F. Steegers.

CHARLES WILLARD MYERS, Secretary.

EXCHANGE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

Fellow Members: Never since the beginning of our Society has there been so many fine stamps in my Department and at such ridiculously low prices! We have considerably over \$1000.00 worth of unused and used of all issues of Colombia, superb sets of Argentina and Paraguay; Cuba from the first issue till the present time, errors, half stamps postally used, habilitados, and rarities of every description. This magnificent assortment of postage stamps is priced at from 50 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ and 75 per cent below catalogue value! Think of it—stamps seldom, if ever seen in dealers stock practically given away at from $\frac{1}{3}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ of their real value.

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Cordially Yours, ROBERT C. EDGAR,
Director of Sales and Exchanges.

PHIL. NOTES FROM HONDURAS By Servio Tullio Romero

On the 1st of January 1903, we shall have a change in postage stamps and cards in this country. size of stamps, 35x25 millimeters. They will bear the bust of General Santos Guardiola, ex-

president of this republic, in the center and this inscription on top and sides: "Correos de Honduras. U. P. U."

POSTAGE STAMPS

1c green	10c brown
2c red	20c light Blue
3c dark Blue	50c Vermillion
6c violet	\$1.00 orange

POSTAL CARDS

Measurements 9x14 centimeters

- 2 varieties for interior service
- 2 " " exterior "
- 2 " double cards, with prepaid reply

M. A. Massa, Buenos Aires sends a clipping that shows a cut of the inauguration of Del Puerto Del Rosario stamp issued the 26th of October, 1902. the 5c value gives a view of the harbor.



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Ref. Brodstone

We can use many more members, and is a good time to form a local society in your town. See more new dealers and collectors this year than for some time. See Lincoln Daily Star gave a half page stamp write up recently. F E Ellis, of St Louis Stamp & Coin Co. sends Secy 1st US 13c stamp; they received there Nov. 17th. Thanks

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PHIL. NOTES FROM HONDURAS By Servio Tullio Romero

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An Amusing Experience
Of a Young Naturalist.

By A "YOUNG NATURALIST."

(Continued from last number.)

Riding on, walking at intervals where it was very hilly, on, on, up hill and down hill, through valleys where antelope were wont to graze, and where the Indian had hunted the coyote and buffalo in bygone days. On through prairie-dog towns, whose inhabitants numbered thousands, and who turned out to welcome me with their yip-yaps. The burrowing owl stood guard at the door of his home and the rattlesnake lay basking in the warm sunlight. Somehow, these three, bird, animal and viper, all living together, each having a deadly hatred for the other, reminded me forcibly of some scenes I had seen among the human family. I remember visiting a place once where three brothers lived together as snake, bird and mammal did, year after year, fighting to the end of their existence I suppose.

As I went on by fields of waving maize, which old Jack Frost had taken the greenness cut of, just as hazing takes it out of a new student, at last the setting sun behooved me to hunt a place of rest.

I went into three places which didn't look exactly right, so I made some trivial excuse and went on. Finally I found a place. "Yes, I could stay all night" the man said. I helped him do his chores, and as the next day was Sunday, we sat up late listening to the music of a phonograph.

Next day about noon, I crossed the Ponca, a small stream in Northern Nebraska, particularly noted for the excellence of its wild plums. It was a beautiful sight, a valley about a mile wide, covered with trees and grass,

with a silver stream winding through its centre. All the valley, unlike Missouri was melodious with bird music. From a clump of plumb brush nearby came the call of the quail; on yonder knoll a prairie chicken cackled, also the mournful coo of the turtle dove was heard and overhead some crows were cawing while the chirping of sparrows was everywhere.

As I emerged from the Poncian hills, three rocky eminences rose in the distance, and nestling at their feet, as a child to its mother, was the town of Butte, the county seat of Boyd county.

From Butte the country became sandy and I was forced to walk the eight or nine miles to the Niobrara river. I found the Niobrarian woods full of berries; the red and yellow haw, grapes, acorns and other berries were plentiful.

After crossing the Niobrara, the country became dreary in its appearance, and it was then I had my first introduction to sand and sand burrs. I soon found I couldn't ride, so walking, wheel before me, I made my way. The country wore a desert-like look, was bare of habitations, and was a dreary stretch of boundless plain, broken here and there by wavelike mounds of sand, as far as the eye could see. The barrenness was partly concealed by the yucca or soap-weed plant, whose sword-like leaves gave to the country a tropic-like appearance. The yucca (*yucca glauca*) grows here about one half foot high, stays green all winter, and in July it sends up a flower stalk about a foot high, covered with pendant bell shaped blossoms of a white color. The Indians use the leaves to make a rope resembling sisal hemp in appearance.

Even here nature has been kind, as at certain seasons of the year, there are places where the ground is black

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with the fruit of a little bush one foot in height, called sandcherry. The fruit ripens in August and found them very palatable raw, but hardly fit to eat when cooked. When raw they are only slightly puckery and furnish food for thousands of birds. Away in the northeast, silhouetted on the sky, could be seen the twin buttes of the Keya Paha. The dreamy purple haze of Indian summer blurred the sky line to the east and south, while in the west, the setting sun shown through a mass of dense black clouds. The stillness as I walked was as intense as that which comes from awful heat. Only the rustle of the sandsnake, a reptile about five inches long and the lizzard could be heard. Pushing my wheel on before; wearied, thirsty, tired, hungry and sick of life, cursing myself all the while for being such a fool as to go on a trip like this, suddenly the sun set and it rapidly grew dark.

I came to a haystack and lay down to try to sleep, with the hideous howls of the coyotes ringing in my ears, while I gazed at the stars. It reminded me of a description in the "Century" of a Syrian night. "The stars shone out brightly from the smallest nameless, orb, to the red light of the planet Mars. The jackalls held wild orgy among the hills, and below this could be heard the soft rustle of the olives as the wind gently stirred them." Only the olives were absent. Such a night I never care to pass again.

Before daylight I was off again, pushing my wheel as before. I walked till about noon, when I stopped at a ranch house and quenched my thirst. That day I reached St. Athol where I had friends, but was informed that they had gone to California in the spring. Homesick and tired I decided to turn my steps homeward.

Going another road from the one on which I came, where the sand would

not be so bad, I struck down the railroad track to Atkinson, a growing town of about 3000 inhabitants, on to Oneill, reaching the outskirts of the latter before night. That night with "my heart in my boots" I asked for lodging. "Yes, I could stay" and on entering I was dismayed to find it was a hotel. I explained that I thought it was a private house, and as I had very little money left, I asked to be allowed to sleep in the barn.

I crawled into a hay-mow, and the night being cold, I found it hard work to keep warm. Sleeping was almost out of the question as the dogs and coyotes kept up such a racket. Next morning I proceeded very early on my way again. I hadn't ridden my wheel to Oneill and could only use it about half the time in going from Oneill to Niobrara City, on account of the sand.

That day I got within ten miles of Niobrara city. I stayed all night with an Irishman and got the best meals I ever ate, it seemed to me.

Next morning after grooming my wheel, I found I could ride most of the way, though it was hard work, as the sand was still bad in many places. But as I came nearer the Missouri river the ground became harder. Quail and grouse became plentiful, large coveys flying from my pathway as I rode along. The country through which I now traveled was dotted with dells and clumps of trees, making an ideal place for game.

About eight miles from Niobrara City, I came to the Niobrara or Running Water river, as the white man calls it, following to where it enters the Muddy at Niobrara City.

The woods along the river were glorious in their autumn robes. To the right of the road were the hills covered with dense masses of autumn vegetation; sumac in scarlet and gold, and the white foliage of the buffalo-berry covered with red berries about the size of small currants, showed in abundance.

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Souvenir or Illustrated Post Cards By MISS M. KELLER

Most collectors are real congenial and its not a rarity to often get cards scrawled from top to bottom, telling and explaining things most interestingly; sometimes destroying the beauty of the very card itself as though the writing on same were their chief aim. So it is perhaps, at least one might think so. The Countess Rochambeau has kept up this card custom for many years and the result is that she has a unique record of every place she has visited both in her own country and abroad. The Countess must be a perfect enthusiastic collector of cards. No price is said to be too great for her to pay for an art card, the finer the picture the more eagerly she seeks it. Together with the count she paid a visit in June last to the headquarters of the International Post Card Exchange at St. Louis, Mo. and spent an hour there inspecting the souvenirs on exhibition there. Secretary A. Selige extended her an honorary membership in the organization which she accepted most graciously. Now collectors be on your look out. The countess will certainly recognize the honor thus conferred by sending fine cards upon her return home. Most collectors take a trip now and then to different places, sometimes perhaps even to different countries abroad and it would be nice if they remembered their fellow collectors with a card now and then giving interesting accounts of their traveling, etc, same as Countess Rochambeau did only that she sent hers home. Amongst my collection are a good number of such sent from friends, relatives and exchangers too, who sent them when abroad or when away on a trip in our own country during summer vacation,

etc. I have one set of California cards sent by my sister when there during Jan., Febr., March, 1901. Another good lot of various cards where sent by her in 1900 from Paris, London and various other important places in England, Scotland, France, Germany, Switzerland. Each card being mailed and stamped and postmarked from each place visited by her. Still others are sent by relatives who reside abroad who take trips during summer and send fine cards from their various stopping places giving full account of place, etc. Cards received in this fashion are a source of pleasure and interest and valued more highly than one of the most artistic art cards sent merely for the sake of gaining one in exchange. The most beautiful illuminated card ever seen yet is one in possession of a friend of mine whose sisters have spent a month in Riga, Russia and sent same immediately upon her arrival in that city, the card showed a certain street in Riga by night, appearing lit up when held up to the light. Various collectors are found in Riga as seen by Atlas exchange list Russia being another place the society has reached. Its headquarters are at New York extending from there to every civilized part or country in the world as has been mentioned before. Mark Twain has also come in for his share of attention by Souvenir card publishers. Cards have been published in Hannibal, Mo. showing the cave, the old printing office and other remembrances of his youth. Swell ideas crop up now and then by various collectors here and abroad who announced the date of their respective birthdays and ask the various collectors to send a souvenir card on that date. Undoubtedly these are recipients of hundreds of cards bearing expressions of good wishes.

(To be continued.)



CURIO DEPARTMENT

BY ROY FARRELL GREENE, A.S. of C. C.

Professor C. L. Webster of Charles City, Iowa, has notified Mrs. May Woodard Tuttle that one of the important species of Brachipods recently discovered in the Devonian Rocks is to be named for her, and thus her name will be forever perpetuated in connection with Geology. "This honor," the professor says, "is given only to those who have done commendable work in the advancement of science." Mrs. Tuttle lives at Osage, Iowa, and both she and Prof. Webster are members of the American Society of Curio Collectors.

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The eyes of the snail are the little black spots on the ends of its horns. Its range of vision is limited to an inch or so. Objects at a greater distance than two inches cannot be distinguished.

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The most interesting feature of the Giant's Causeway is the "giant's organ." It consists of a group of pillars of different lengths set aside on one part of the main cliff. The larger columns are in the center, and the smaller ones taper off on either side, after the fashion of organ-pipes. This gives the appearance of an immense organ.

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There is not in all Europe a more interesting tree than the venerable locust in the garden of the museum of Paris. The first of its race to grow in the soil of Europe it has survived for

more than two centuries and a half the wars of the elements and the social cyclones which have swept over it. The seed from which it sprang was planted in 1635 by Vespian Robin, gardener of Louis XII, in the Jardin du Roi, now called the Jardin des Piantes. Little is left of the old tree but the shell of the trunk and a few feeble branches which clothe themselves year after year with leaves and flowers, testifying to the wonderful vitality of the locust tree and to the care which has been bestowed upon this specimen by the authorities of the garden, the most interesting in the world, perhaps, in its historical associations with men famous in the annals of botany.

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In the Superstition mountain, Arizona, engineers have found an artificial gorge four miles long and 100 feet deep, cut down through solid rock by prehistoric irrigators and leading into 120 miles of ditches, which irrigated nearly 1000 acres of land, now only a desert waste covered with the ruins of the ancient people.

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An untoward result of the recent volcanic eruption in St. Vincent, according to an ornithologist on the island, will probably be the extinction of the Soufriere bird, a very rare species known as Guilding's Amazon parrot. This bird was formerly found only on the Soufriere itself. The great eruption of 1718 drove many of them

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to the other mountains of St. Vincent, which he pleasantly describes and makes note of in his book. The volume can be ordered through any bookseller or direct from the publishers.

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The coinage of gold dollars by the United States Government to commemorate the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, or St. Louis World's Fair in 1904, seems to be meeting with great demand. Secretary Stevens is being swamped with orders already, and the coins will not be out until late fall or early winter. The issue will be limited to 250,000 according to the instructions of the act of congress authorizing them. It is said that there will be two designs, one having the bust of Jefferson, the other the bust of McKinley. The coins are to sell at two dollars each. The first hundred issued of each design will be numbered as minted, and a certificate issued by the director of the mint for each coin stating that it was minted in his presence and numbered in consecutive order. These two hundred coins will be sold to the highest bidders.

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A few centuries ago much ingenuity was expended in the construction of queer and elaborate drinking vessels. Many of these are yet to be found in museums. In Berlin there is one which represents Diana mounted on a stag, surrounded by hounds and hunters. The hollow body of the silver stag forms the cup, the head is movable and the piece is fourteen inches high. It was made at Augsburg in 1610. In the early part of the seventeenth century, trick cups which drenched the unsuspecting victim were very popular. Another kind of cup contained wine and water in separate compartments. The person unaccustomed to them filled his mouth with water, although the cup was apparently full of wine.

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"The Meditations, of an Autograph Collector" by Adrian H. Joline, published by Harper Bros., New York at \$3. net, is something that every autograph collector, in our society and out of it, should possess himself of. There is a wealth of information as well as reminiscences that scintillate and sparkle with interest. Mr. Joline, the author, goes on to say that he began his collection with signers of the Declaration of Independence, old congressmen, Presidents, cabinet members, and others of that ilk. Later he turned to the literary field, and gathered an abundance of autographs, manuscript and like things of interest

In Australia grows a curious tree which is dangerous as well as wonderful. In the old trees the stem is grayish white and red berries grow on the top. The leaf is nearly round and jagged all around its edges like a nettle and has a point at the top. The tree emits a very disagreeable odor. This tree when touched stings one like a hornet. A traveler says: "I have seen a man who treats ordinary pain lightly roll on the ground in agony after being stung, and I know a horse so completely maddened after getting into a grove of these trees that he rushed open-mouthed at every one who approached him, and had to be shot,

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Dogs when stung will rush about whining piteously, biting pieces from the affected part."

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A collection of Egyptian antiquities, which excited a great deal of curiosity in London, where it was on exhibition for several months, lately arrived in Chicago and was placed in Haskell Oriental Museum at the University of Chicago. The objects were found recently at Abydos and in the Fayum. The collection was unearthed by Professor Hinders-Petrie in his recent excavations. Among the curios are some Graeco-Roman objects, such as primitive jars, frying-pans, kettles, and other cooking utensils used by the early Egyptian housewives, and excavated in the Fayum by Drs. Grenfell and Hunt. More than 60 pieces are in the lot.

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The Brookville (Indiana) Democrat recently contained an account of the visit to that section, of Professor Aug. F. Foerste, of Dayton, Ohio, on a geological hunt. The Democrat says that "it has been claimed by several that there was an out crop of Upper Silurian rock on the Bell Hollow, north of town, but Prof. Foerste showed plainly that this was an error, for there is a thick layer of Lower Silurian rock far above the supposed Upper Silurian." While in Brookville, the Democrat adds, Professor Foerste was ably assisted in his work by Guy Bogart. Bogart is one of the prominent Indiana members of the American Society of Curio Collectors.

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General Brisbin has a chapter on famous trees of the world which is full of curious information. The African baobab is known to reach the age of

over 5000 years. At Chapultepec, Mexico, is a large cypress under which Cortes and his troops rested. In the garden of Semiramis, at Babylon, is a willow supposed to have been there when the queen was alive. The Nevstadt linden was 800 years old when it was wrecked in 1832. England has oaks 3000 years old. A walnut tree at Balaklava, 1200 years old, is owned by five families, who gather from it annually about 100,000 nuts. The Wadsworth oak at Genesee, New York is 500 years old and twenty-seven feet in circumference at the base.

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Col. Isaac Washington Brown, who is called "the bird and bee man" of Indiana, is doing a great and good work which all naturalists will appreciate. He never loses an opportunity to say a good word for the birds and plead for their protection. In a recent conversation with a Chicago reporter he said: "There are 200 varieties of native birds. Two hundred varieties of birds that want to live with us, and serve man according to God's original plan. They are of three kinds, or classes, and their Maker—and mine—provided for each after its kind. He never embodied a life without providing a dinner for it. One class of birds finds its food on the ground. They are the quails, the meadow-larks, snipe and such. Another class gets its food while on the wing. These are the king-birds, pewees, swift swallows, and all the martins. They are the scavengers of the air, as quails are the scavengers of the earth. The third class finds its food on the tree, in the wood or under the bark." Col. Brown is eccentric, devoted to birds and bees, and is engaged continually in teaching that they are the farmers' friends. He is an untaught naturalist, with a laughing contempt for Latin

ames, though his classifications are as accurate as Audobons, and best of all he is convincing the Indiana people. Hats off to Colonel Brown!

The Rothschild expedition to the Galapagos Islands, under the command of Prof. Chas. M. Harris formerly of Augusta, Maine, but now of Los Angeles, Calif., which reached those islands on July 25, 1897, accomplished a great work for natural history which is told of and pictured from photographs, in a book lately published in London of which Prof. Harris is the author. Frank Blake Webster, of Hyde Park, Mass., arranged for the expedition, though the backer was Walter Rothschild of London, a member of the famous family of bankers, who in this way intended to add to his valuable collection in his private museum at his English country home. Among the valuable finds and acquisitions of Prof. Harris and his party were two varieties of turtles, thought to be extinct. The *testudo ephippium* and the *testudo Vicena*, land tortoises found in the craters of extinct volcanoes on the Albemarle Islands. The big fellows weighed from 100 to 200 pounds each. Some varieties were found on the Galapagos Islands that weighed from 600 to 1100 pounds each.

The Rothschild or Harris expedition also brought from Galapagos and adjoining islands 3500 specimens of birds. Sixteen new species or sub-species were found the most remarkable of which is a hitherto absolutely unknown species of cormorant (*phalacrocorax Harris*) named after Prof. Harris. These birds were found only in one place, on the coast of Marlborough island. Another newly discovered sub-species was Webster's Gannet, named in honor of Mr. F. B. Webster.

The Galapagos Hawk, very similar to Swenson's Hawk, and a new species of Albatross, the *Dioneda Irrorato*, were also brought back by the party. There are few insects on the Galapagos Islands, not even a mosquito. The party took over 3000 bird skins, as has been said, covering every known species on the islands, but there are probably a few more somewhere back in the almost inaccessible hills.

How to Add to Your Collection Without Expense.

BY F. E. HALBERT

A good many collectors are not aware of a little trick which will put them in possession of many a coveted article without any monetary outlay; this too with the full consent of its former possessor. There are a large number of people who do not collect anything, yet own some valuable article which they seem to think would be sacrilege to sell, or worse yet, give away. Now just tell them how well it would look, or help to fill out your collection, and how neglected it looks all by itself; now ask leave to place it in your cabinet with the full understanding that its owner can remove it at any time they see fit. This is just where the point is made. Not being a collector themselves, they will feel that the article is safe and will leave it with you; perhaps forgetting it entirely, or more often passing away from this life without ever asking for the article's return. Then "possession is nine points of the law." Use a little tact and you will find this plan to work in most cases admirably.

E. Fisher, Fisher, Ill.—Have taken WEST less than a year and am more than pleased with it for it is just such a paper as I have been looking for, and I never want to be without it.

From a Naturalists' Note-Book.  A Precursor of the View Card. 

BY B. M. DENNY A. S. of C. C. 376.

One very cold day some winters ago a prominent doctor of my acquaintance stood overlooking Niagara Falls, that famous American cataract, and watching the leaping, tumbling waters as they poured over the precipice. He noticed far up the river, as he stood watching, a something borne upon the swift current, which, as it approached nearer, he made out to be the carcass of a sheep, floating closer, ever closer to the great waterfall. As he looked almost with fascination on the wool-coated body hurrying onward to the plunge, he saw perched upon the carcass an American Crow, (*Corvus Americanus*), which seemed to be contentedly feasting upon the remains, oblivious of the danger to any living thing in the mighty falls just ahead.

The sheep floated nearer and nearer the cataract, and still the crow held his place and pecked away, until almost on the brink of the falls, when seeming to realize its danger it flopped its wings and attempted to fly.

The attempt proved a vain one, however, and in the twinkling of an eye (*Corvus Americanus*) was carried over Niagara to death and destruction in the seething maelstrom below. My friend, the doctor, puzzled over the matter for a moment ere he arrived at a solution of the crow's inability to escape. At last he figured it this way: the crow had perched so long on the sheep's carcass, and ridden through the mist, spray, and bitterly cold air, that even while satisfying the cravings of his appetite his feet had become frozen in the wool covering of the carcass as it became sheeted with ice from the accumulating spray. Did any of our Naturalist brothers ever know of a case like this, where a bird helplessly rode to death?

In the "Gartenlaube", a prominent German illustrated magazine, I find an account of a precursor of the present day illustrated postal card. A contributor has an old autograph album dating from 1806, in which are mounted small views of various German localities, engraved in copper and quite in the manner of our present view cards. A publisher named Wiederhold at Goettingen, Hannover, had hit upon the idea of publishing quite a large set of views of pictures of the capitals and other interesting points of Germany, somewhat in the form our present postal cards and with room for writing on them. These views were sold in various cities as autograph sheets, the purchasers wrote a dedication on them and sent them to distant friends and relatives by mail in an addressed envelope or presented them in person.—The contributor to the "Gartenlaube" has collected forty-nine of these cards, all finely engraved and some colored by hand by the senders. There are views of Hamburg, the Hadsburg Castle, the Wartburg, Jena, the Loewenburg, Tresdan, Muentzen, Goettingen, the Library there, the Bueger monument, Castle Wilhelmshoehe near Cassel, Leipzig, and even private resorts. The inscriptions, chiefly poetical, are decidedly quaint and old-fashioned. The former possessor of the album at that time traveled extensively in Germany and thus gathered these souvenirs. A reproduction of one of them in the "Gartenlaube" shows that in shape and get-up they almost exactly resemble the illustrated postal card, so widely circulated in these days.

G. Barker, Wichita, Kans. is back from his trip over Kansas writes that Dickey of Newton and Wilson of Hutchinson say that WEST is the best of all papers for good results.

The American Society Of Curio Collectors.

President—Roy Farrell Greene, Arkansas City, Kansas

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Cost of Membership.—Initiation fee, 10 cents; annual dues, 25 cents. Members receive a copy of the official organ each month. The secretary will furnish application blanks.

All honest collectors, whatever be their chosen branch of collecting, except stamps, are invited to join. We do not solicit stamp collectors as members as there are so many good philatelic societies now in existence, but collectors of stamps who collect along other lines also are invited to become members.

Free Identification Bureau for naming and classifying shells, minerals, fossils coins, etc. for members only, in charge of a competent superintendent, will examine and name doubtful specimens submitted to them by members. A list of superintendents is given above, with whom members can communicate direct.

Many other benefits accrue to collectors through membership. Address the Secretary for an application blank and fuller details or write to the President or any of the following members of the Recruit Bureau for blanks and information: Howard E. Bishop, Sayre, Penn.; C G Moehling, Des Plaines, Ills.; Basil C. Hamilton, Moose Jaw Ass'n Ont. Canada; J. J. Price, 1322-7 st Des Moines, Iowa; W. G. McLain, Edison, Ohio; Geo. W. Dixon, Watertown, So. Dakota; W. C. Aiken, Angwin, Calif.; Joel H. Dubose, Huguenot, Georgia; or Guy Bogart Brookville, Ind

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Everything augurs well for the society's growth the coming months, and your president sincerely urges every member to renewed and increased activity. It has been necessary that we drop a few delinquent members, yet quite a number of these have sent in their dues and been re-instated. We hope all of them will do so. The Board of Vice Presidents are now investigating charges against the honesty of two or three applicants and unless their record seems clear they will not be admitted. None but honest fellows are wanted in the society.

R. F. GREENE.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Upon the earnest solicitation of several prominent members of our Society, the officers have decided to carry the delinquent members a short time longer, quite a number have and are now remitting their dues to the Sec'y and Pres. and there is no reason why all could not pay up, as the benefits derived therefrom are certainly worth the sum of 25c, if not we cannot af-

ford to carry them on our rolls, and will not

Have recently changed my residence to 1731 Division Ave., East St. Louis, Ill., a few irregularities have arisen, but these will soon be adjusted, and everything will be in prime shape.

I desire to call special attention of all members of this Society to the recruit work. If every member will secure two new members our membership roll will thereby be greatly increased. Some splendid work is being done by a number of our members. In your efforts to secure new members I request that you impress on your prospective applicant, that they are not to be admitted immediately upon the receipt of their application but that their name must first be published in the Official Organ the month following the receipt of their application. I receive so many inquiries from parties, who have recently sent in an application, asking why they have not received their membership cards, journal, etc., by doing this it will save me from a great deal of extra writing.

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The following members whose numbers are herewith published will hereby take notice that they are delinquent in their dues to this Society, you will kindly remit to the Sec'y at once, who will forward you a new card by return mail.

The delinquents now appearing on the rolls are numbers:—4, 6, 9, 13, 14, 17, 20, 22, 24, 31, 33, 39, 42, 43, 47, 48, 53, 54, 58, 62, 66, 67, 70, 71, 75, 81, 83, 86, 92, 98, 99, 109, 110, 112, 115, 117, 118, 120, 122, 123, 127, 131, 132, 137, 138, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 147, 148, 150, 152, 157, 160, 162, 165, 166, 168, 169, 171, 174, 175, 178, 180, 183, 184, 187, 188, 190, 191, 192, 193, 197, 198, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 210, 213, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 233, 235, 237, 238, 239, 240, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 250, 251, 253, 256, 257, 258, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 266, 269, 270, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279.

NEW MEMBERS

424, E. E. Eisengardt & Son, Pittsburg, Pa. Station C. old coins.

425, Howard L. Wood, Groton, Conn. Birds eggs and nests, minerals, old china.

426 Clifford C. Hartman, Gettysburg, Pa. c-of College Prehistoric Indian relics.

427 Alfred Treganowan, 1322 Walnut, McKeesport, Pa. Prehistoric Indian relics.

428 Jno. H. Clay, Marietta, Ga. Indian and war relics, coins, stamps.

429 Frank K. Hills 109 E. Main, Ft. Wayne, Ind. Indian relics, autographs and gold coins.

430 Mrs. Mary H. Noell, Hodel, Va. Shells, fossils, coins, metals, nat. hist. specimens arch.

431 Harry M. Clark, Dana, Kan. Coins, Ind. rels, stamps, shells, autgths

432 R. H. Rice, 215 Evans St Pueblo, Colo. General Collection.

433 Clyde West, Belding, Mich,

R. F. D. No. 2. Everything in curios.

434 Gus N Steinman, Mexico, Mo. Prehistoric Relics, U. S. Coins.

435 Warren de Ross, Carson "The Davidge" Omaha, Neb. Souvenirs, cards, minerals, coins.

436 Lorraine S. Frierson, Frierson, La. Shells, Indian relics.

437 W. B. Silver, 425 Dupont, San Francisco, Cala. Philippine curios, coins, and relics.

APPLICATIONS

438 C. A. Damon, Fenton, Michigan.

439 Walter L. Brown Worcester, Mass

440 J. J. Gasell, Piermont, Rockland Co., N. Y.

441 Albert S. Teed, 608 Ave. A. East Hutchinson, Kan.

442 M. Shydlar (Miss) Hopkinton, Del. Co., Iowa.

443 Owen T. Brewer, Arcadia, DeSoto Co. Fla.

444 Fred A. Fair, bx 95, Boulder, Colo

445 G. Wyatt Smith, Winters, Yolo Co. Cala.

446 C. J. Price, Lemon Cave, Cala.

447 Dr. Mac Lennan, Tonga, Friendly Isles, South Sea.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

36 E. L. Warner, from Pablo Beach, Fla. to Jacksonville, Fla.

150 Wm. Warner, Jr, from High Hill, Mo. to 1731 Division Ave, East St Louis, Ill.

345 W. E. Tharp from Poncho Springs, Colo. to Stuart, Ia.

DROPPED FROM THE ROLLS

145 Maude Charlotte, Bingham, McGraw, N. Y.

199 D. E. Paunepacker, Philadelphia, Penn.

Wm. Warner, Jr., Sec'y-Treas.
East St. Louis, Ill.

Wake up, Mr. Mail Order Man! Now is the time to hustle for business. There's plenty of business to be had, if you'll only go after it. To-day is the time to "git busy."

We'd be tickled to death to add your name to our list. Send us along 50¢ for a year's subscription and we'll fulfill our part of the contract.

NOTES ON COINS.

By THOMAS L. ELDER, A. N. A.

The Civil War Tokens make an interesting series for the coin collector. They were issued in most cases by merchants. Small change became very scarce and to meet the emergency the merchants, etc. issued tokens in large variety which passed for cents. There were issued nearly 4,000 varieties of the tokens the size of the small U. S. cent, so if anyone were lucky enough to be able to get every kind of a war token that was ever made he would have an extensive collection. There is a great variety of mottoes, types, etc., to be found in these tokens. Many bore on the obverse the head of Liberty and "1863." And the following amusing and interesting inscriptions appear: "I O U 1 Cent"; "Horrors of War"; "Knickerbocker Currency"; "Not One Cent"; "20 Premium on Copper"; "Death to Traitors"; "United States Copper"; "Beware of Copperheads"; "Little Mack"; "If anyone attempts to tear down the American flag shoot him on the spot." (On latter token some are found with the word "Spoot.") Money makes the Mare Go" "Our Little Monitor"; "Union Forever" "United We Stand, Divided We Fall" "The Federal Union Must and Shall Be Preserved"; "Millions for Contractors", etc., etc.

These tokens bear pictures of flags, statesmen, monitors, cannon, helmet-heads, drums, shields, etc. Any boy can have a collection of them without much outlay as they only cost from 3c to 5c each generally. There are rarities among them which of course command higher prices.



One of the most beautiful coins that has ever appeared in America is the

Isabella quarter, issued for the Board of Lady Managers of the Worlds Fair, Chicago, 1893. These coins have been wrongfully neglected for some years, but new interest has been awakened in them during the last year until now they are very much in demand. They can still be obtained in new condition for from 75 cents to \$1 each and they are selling readily at these prices. They bear a beautiful portrait of Queen Isabella. This coin will make a fine addition to anybody's cabinet.



It is interesting to note how the Columbian half dollars issued for the World's Fair have fallen in the esteem of American Collectors, due of course to the immense numbers coined. Very fine ones can readily be obtained for 75 cents, while those of 1893 commonly pass in change for 50c. These are coins that were issued at \$1.00 each.



We are pleased to note the increase in the demand for ancient coins. These coins have been sadly neglected by American collectors heretofore, but Americans are beginning to realize what a deep interest lies around these little discs of the ancients. The silver and copper coins of Corinth made between 336 B. C. and 280 B. C. present exquisite portraits of Pallas, and it is interesting to compare one of these with the "culture of the early Britons" and yet the latter coin was struck over 1200 years later than the Corinthians and should naturally show finer work than one antedating over 1,000 years. It is a fact that "enlightened" nations are not issuing as pretty coins as the people of Corinth did.

In view of the almost limitless amount of knowledge and pleasure to be gained by numismatists in the study of foreign coins, one feels like inquiring why it is that this class of coins has been so neglected.

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Credentials made the following report. They had received 24 ballots and 14 proxies. Each officer on said ticket had received 24 votes, so were elected as follows: F. N. De la Mater of Wichita, President; T. O. Cunningham of Kansas City, Kans., Vice President, F. A. Lilly of Sabetha, Secy-Treas; W. P. Kelley of Kansas City, Mo, Supt of Ex. Dept; F. R. Hayworth and G. R. Barker of Wichita, Auction Manager; E. G. Stevens of Kansas City, Kans, Librarian; Rev. R. Stollenwerk of Liebenthal, Kans, Counterfeit Detector; C. W. Myers of Wichita, International Secy; H. W. Broadbent of Kansas City, Kans, Attorney; O. G. Maurer, T. C. Stephens and F. J. Bescher of Kansas City, Trustees; The WEST, official organ. Of the 14 proxies reported W. P. Kelly had 7, Barker 4 and Phinney, Broadbent and Stollinwerk one each. It was ordered that the newly elected officers take charge at once.

Mr. Phinney spoke on the plan for increasing our membership which was followed by remarks from other members.

Mr. Broadbent then read the farewell address of President Ford, also letters for Rev, Stollinwerk and H. S. Dickey.

Our Counterfeit Detector, Rev. Stollenwerk reported that he had only received stamps from two members, one of whom sent good stamps, the other rank counterfeits. On motion of Bescher, a vote of thanks was given Mr. Ford for his efficient services the past year. Report of Counterfeit Detector accepted.

The report of Exchange Supt. W. P. Kelley was then read and accepted. Mr. Phinney reported that the new Librarian would print and send out a catalogue of books in library and send to all members. Mr. De la Mater as Auction Manager reported that he had

had nothing sent him to sell and owing to business pressure could solicit no business so had done nothing. Mr. Phinney for Trustees reported no complaints had been made so they had done no business.

A discussion was held about having Auction sales this winter and it was ordered that at least two be held the coming winter.

The secretary was requested to write up a full report of the meeting and have it published in Official Organ for November headed by the photo of members present (if it is a success) taken by Mr. De la Mater (have here).

Plans for increasing interest in our society were discussed by Phinney and a circular letter was talked of, but the O. O. was decided to be all right and a was good inducement for every wide awake stamp collector to join our society.

Mr. F. R. Hurst of Kansas City, Mo. being present, his application for membership was acted upon at once, he was voted into full membership and given a seat in the convention.

As another inducement to join the society it was moved by Mr. Bescher that the trustees be authorized to buy priced catalogues of the leading Auction sales the coming winter, and let each member have the use of them in pricing their sale catalogues and \$5.00 was appropriated to pay for same.. It was passed. A recess was then taken and during this recess Mr. F. J. Bescher showed his interest in the society by donating and selling at auction a 24 cent 1869 stamp and 1 and 2 cent stamp on original wrapper, the proceeds going into the treasury of our society. At 7 p. m. an elegant banquet was served in this parlor to the members who could remain for the evening which was a feast of wit and reason. The genial F. J. Bescher acted as Toast Master and at the close of the

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banquet he spoke on the subject "Our Convention, O. H. Phinney spoke on the topic "The Kansas Philatelic Society", T. O. Cunningham on "Stamps and Their Educational Advantages" and Pres. F. N. De la Mater on "Stamp Collecting and Its Advantages". The guests left at a late hour, feeling under many obligations to their genial hosts. Mrs. Phinney and little daughter and Mrs. Cunningham had joined their husbands when the convention adjourned and were an agreeable addition to the party.

Adjourned to meet a year later at call of President.

F. A. LILLY, Secretary.

FAREWELL ADDRESS OF PRESIDENT.

Fellow Members of the Kansas Philatelic Society:—As I address you for the last time as president of our society, I wish to again thank you for the honor and hope that the pleasant relations that have existed between us may continue and that my successor may enjoy the same hearty support that has been given me.

We have increased our membership very materially and may well be proud of our roll of members. Our official paper improves with age—Brother Brodstone is a hustler for members, as well as a hustler for news. Brother Kelley has made the Exchange Department just what it should be, the best and strongest feature of the society, attractive to both buyer and seller. Brother Cunningham's duties have been attended to with accuracy and dispatch, to these and each one of my fellow officers, Brother Hayworth, Myers, De la Mater and Stollenwerk, I extend my thanks for Official courtesy.

With regrets that I cannot be with you, I remain, yours for the good of the society.

Frank J. Ford, President,
Wichita, Kans., Oct. 6, 1902.

SALES DEP'T ANNUAL REPORT

90 Books received during year	\$962.11
84 " retired " "	887.31
(From which was sold \$135.87 or 15 per cent)	

6 Books in cir'tion Oct. 2, 1902	74.80
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17 Books in circulation Sept. 25	\$271.50
21 " received since	86.91
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38	358.47
11 " retired during October	
(from which had been sold \$46.75 or 23 per cent)	
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17 Books in circulation October 27, value	161.63
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This is the time of year to be placed on circuit. Circuit now out contains 1500 varieties marked at low prices. Beats buying off approval sheets as you have more variety and you get better grade of stamps.

Respectfully,

W. P. Kelly,
Supt. Sales,

3324 Peery Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

Tree Albums.

A novel and instructive collection is that of bark, leaves and blossoms of trees. There are very few boys who have more than a passing acquaintance with the trees growing in their own neighbourhood. Most boys know an oak tree when they see it; but if they were to take a walk through the woods and attempt to name the trees they would not go very far before discovering their ignorance. One way of learning the trees is by collecting specimens of bark, leaves and blossoms and studying them. Suppose you get some pasteboard or stout paper and cut it into sheets, say eight inches long five wide. Give one sheet to each kind of a tree and upon it paste a piece of bark, a leaf, and a blossom. A piece of bark about three inches long and two inches wide would be of good size. The blossoms should be pressed and dried before they are attached to the sheet. If the leaves are small, a little twig of several leaves may be used. If there is anything remarkable about the under side of the leaf, one leaf should be placed with the under side upward. Sheets so arranged can be sent through the post, so that boys scattered over the country may supply one another with specimens.



Camera & News



Editor, F. J. CLUTE, San Francisco

Prize Winning Photographs.

F. E. HALBERT, Dover, N. H.

Anyone who has ever been interested in photo contests, must have noticed one element in the make-up of the winning pictures—simplicity. Amateurs are apt to strain after effect, and to think that unnatural posings, light and shadow with plenty of detail are essential. Detail is of course a prime necessity, but simplicity is the most noticeable feature of prize-winning-photos. There is also a nameless something about them which for want of a better name, we call, "atmosphere". It is that same nameless something which in literature we speak of as "reading between the lines".

The writer recalls to mind a photograph which won a large cash prize offered by a prominent paper published in western New York. This picture was of a young lady of perhaps 18 years of age very simply dressed, seated in an easy listless attitude by an open window. In one hand, which hung idly at her side, was part of a letter; the rest of it and the envelope lay on the floor beside her. There was a thoughtful expression on her face as she gazed on the distant hills. The whole picture was so perfectly natural that it seemed to banish the thought of its being anything but a genuine snap-shot.

Instead of posing subjects, try to take snap shots of similar situations. There are plenty of them and if you are ready, you will soon have a far better lot of

photos than if you posed a number of subjects. There are always a number of simple situations occurring every day around you which might make excellent pictures, although some of them may seem too simple to bother with. Remember that some of our most famous paintings were of extremely simple scenes.

Portraiture is seldom in the prize-winning classes unless there is something quite striking depicted in the face. Interior views of homes are good; but remember that richness of drapery and furnishings with details well brought out are not the prime requisites. They should, above all, look home-like, comfortable and inviting.

Reducing Density.

A negative that is too dense may be improved as follows: If negative is dry immerse in clean water for thirty minutes, and then placed in a solution of hypo of about half strength in which it should remain for fifteen minutes, then this solution should be poured off and to it should be added a few drops of a solution as follows: One oz. of potassium ferricyanide dissolved in 10 oz. of water. Now flow over the plate watching carefully as this acts very rapidly, and the plate must be removed while it still seems too dense as the solution continues to act in the rinsing bath. It should be thoroughly rinsed in running water about 30 minutes.

J. Whitmore, Ralston, Ia. Take out my ads I get inquiries most every mail and goods all sold.



Answers

Queries should be addressed to Fayette J. Clute
16 Marye Terrace, San
Francisco, California

R. F. A. —Hydrometer Tests. —Were I in your place I should not bother with any "hydrometer tests." It is entirely unnecessary for a beginner in photography to confuse his mind with such things. Measuring liquids by the hydrometer test, especially hypo fixing baths, is totally unnecessary, because the proportions which are given by standard formula are so plain.

W. C. M. —Acid Clearing Bath. —A good formula for an acid clearing bath, which was devised by a Philadelphia manufacturer, is as follows:—

Hypo.....	16 ounces
Sulphite of soda.....	2 ounces
Sulphuric acid.....	1 dram
Chrome alum.....	½ ounce
Warm water.....	64 ounces

Dissolve the sulphite in 8 ounces of the water. Then mix the sulphuric acid with two ounces of the water and slowly add to the sulphite solution. Dissolve the chrome alum in eight ounces of the water, and the hypo in the balance. Then add the sulphite solution, and finally the chrome alum. This is a good bath and will clean the negative as well as any clearing bath I have ever used. It can be repeatedly used and does not discolor. The only disadvantage about this, or any clearing bath, is that it works somewhat more slowly than straight hypo, mixed 16 ounces of hypo to 32 ounces of water. This is not a real disadvantage, however, except to the amateurs who value time more than results.

your plate is undoubtedly fogged, I can hardly imagine that the fogging could have come from your red glass. If you are using a combination of red and orange, as you state, no fogging could have occurred unless you left your plate in the full glare of it for a long time. Better look to the slide of your plate holder, as very frequently it loosens and admits light.

T. C. C. —Transferring Prints. —I have examined all of the standard processes for transferring prints to glass or porcelain, many of which have been published in this department, and I find none which in any way corresponds with the one you describe. This is probably a secret process.

As far as hardening the film is concerned, however, you can easily do that with a weak solution of formaline or formaldehyde. This preservative will make a gelatin or collodion film so hard and insoluble that it will hardly melt in boiling water.

Submarine Camera.

One of the most interesting of new inventions is a camera for taking photographs in the depths of the sea. It consists, more correctly speaking, of two cameras, which are so arranged as to focus upon a common point. Each is enclosed in a large steel bulb to protect it against the pressure of the water.

In the middle of the apparatus is a glass fronted chamber, which contains a powerful electric light. When the light is turned on it shines through the glass and illuminates the water for a considerable distance.

Thus the object to be photographed is brightly lighted up, and it only remains to expose the plates, which is accomplished by the help of electric wires that run up through rubber tubes to the surface of the water above.

Miss. B. W. —Cause of Fog. —While

The American Historical, and Natural History Photo Society.

R. H. WOODFORD, Bristol, Conn., Pres.; GEO. E. MOULTHROPE, Bristol, Conn., Sec. Treas.

An association of those interested in the collecting of photos of all American Historical Buildings, Events and Places of a Historical Interest, including State Capitols, Public Buildings, Residences of Noted Americans, Sites of Battle Fields, Monuments, Memorial Arches, Etc., also Photos of Natural History Subjects, including all Wild and Domestic Animals, Birds and Birds' Nests, and in the photographing of same.

Membership Fee 50c which entitles you

To

a year's membership in the society, a year's subscription to the WEST, enter all prize photo, and prize literary contests, accept all combination offers for members, one Free Exchange Sale or Want Ad Notice and many other advantages as announced monthly.

Present Subscribers 10 & 155 on Dec 31, 1934

By joining our Society it is possible to secure a collection of photos of historical places and events which would cost thousands of dollars to visit.

Address all communications to Geo. E. Moulthrop, Sec.-Treas, Bristol, Conn.

Do You Want a Fine 5x7 Photo of President Roosevelt in an Automobile?

What more interesting could the American Historical Society offer those joining it than a 5x7 photo of Pres. Roosevelt, taken during his visit to the Connecticut Capital City on Aug. 22 1902 by its secretary?

The photo shows the president as he just entered one of the largest Victor Autos from the train, and being taken very near, he is large and distinct, his head measuring nearly $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch. Sitting with the president is Col. Green of Hartford, and on the ground Hartford police, and the unfortunate Secret Service Man, Craig who met his death in the collision at Pittsfield, Mass., a few days later.

Mr. Bradstone, speaks very highly of the photo; Mr. Wilkinson we are pleased to note, mentioned it in the most flattering terms in the October Number and Mr. Clute says "it is certainly a particularly good photo." Is not the verdict of these three gentlemen sufficient to induce all reading this to join our society and secure one of these

photos?

We will also give you the agency for the photo in your city, and you can sell hundreds of them.

Present subscribers of WEST can join the society for 25c and secure one of these photos. THE SECY.



State Capitol Prize Contest

We wish to secure photos of every State Capitol Building to reproduce here with a few lines of information describing same giving briefly as possible the style, height, cost of the building, and any other interesting

points.

For the first received from each state that is suitable to be reproduced we will give the sender of same a fine print album valued at \$1.00.

We will also give a fine 5x7 photo of our Connecticut Capitol Building at Hartford to all sending photos of their Capitol Building.

MEMBERS MONTHLY DIRECTORY

44 Ira Fisher, Box 4, Fisher, Ill. wishes to exchange prints of scenery, home scenes, etc. with all members. His are 4x5 and made on developing paper.

45 Fred Hill, Woodbine, Iowa has for sale one Eastman Cartridge kodak No 4, with plate adapter, 3 double plate holders and complete outfit, good as new.

46 J. H. Stambaugh, 60c E. Farchild St., Danville, Ill. has for exchange about 500 stamp papers, a lot of magazines, books, etc., for stamps, historical engravings, and wood cuts, also wants bird and nature pictures and curios.

47 "Whowell", 375 Albany Ave., Hartford, Conn will exchange fine diamond stud for first class 6½x8½ Anasigmat lens.

48 Miss Ora V. Eddleman, Ind. Ter. Editor and proprietor of "Twin Territories" the Indian magazine a fifty page illustrated monthly the only magazine in the United States that is owned, edited and published by an Indian girl, a Cherokee, notice ad in this journal.

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49 Mr. J. Ray Koontz, Bremen, Ind. will print 250 circulars of not over 60 words, and send them postpaid with a

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Who will No. 50 be?

Secretary wishes a good Type-writer in Exchange for Camera.

Capitol of Colorado.

This superb building is built of Colorado granite obtained near Gunnison. It is 383 feet in length by 313 feet. Entrances at each side, while the approach from the west is particularly fine. It is surmounted by a dome 256 feet high from which the view of Denver and the Rocky Mountains is unsurpassed. It contains a total of 160 rooms, some of which are very spacious including State Library, Law Library for the Supreme Court and Historical Museums. A great deal of bronze enters into the finishing of the interior. The wainscoting being of marble and onyx, all obtained within the state. It was begun in 1887 and is still being decorated and furnished in different parts of the building. The architect was Meyers of Detroit, Mich. and has cost to date two and one half millions. It is estimated that a quarter of a million more will be needed to complete it in its minutest details.

A little historic romance is connected with some of the trees in the grounds. When Admiral Bainbridge in the early part of the last century visited the island of St. Helena he took from Napoleon's grave a small willow tree and transplanted it in front of the Capitol at Washington, D. C. where it thrived well. A few years ago Custodian Dean of the Colorado Capitol took several slips from this tree and to the surprise of all, these have thrived well in Colorado soil. Two trees about six feet high is the result.

We think we can confidently predict that the next number of the WEST will be far and way ahead of any issues that have heretofore appeared. It will contain more and better matter than ever before. In short it will be the best collectors magazine in the wide, wide world.

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286 John Maloole, 194 Pacific St., Paterson St., Paterson, N. J. Has Premo, Long-Focus camera. Wishes to exchange 4x5 and 5x7 prints on Solio, Vindex, and Aristoplattino

287 [W. W. P. E.] John Stuehrk, Cedar Bluffs, Neb. At present in class 2

288 [W. W. P. E.] W H Cook, Salem, Ore. At present in class 2.

289 (W W P E) E A Strange, box 62, Salem Ore. At present in class 2.

290 Marguerite J. Gookins, 2966 Vernon Ave., Chicago, Ills. Editor camera page "Pluck." Would like to have all amateurs send for particulars of monthly competitions in "Pluck." 1st and 2nd prizes won by W. W. P. E. members in September competition.

291 (W. W. P. E.) J. F. Hinton, 5 East Main St., Troy, Ohio. Will exchange with good workers. Write first.

292. C. Frederick Potter, 13 South Seventh St., Minneapolis, Minn. Ed-

itor Western Camera Notes. Several of our members have won prizes in its monthly competitions. At present in class 2.

293 Ira Fisher, Box 4, Fisher, Ills. Has 4x5 home scenes, park views, U. of I. buildings, landscapes, etc., to exchange for other 4x5 prints on developing paper.

294 Wright Shaw, St. Augustine, Fla. Will exchange by arrangement. Has not the time to give unsolicited prints attention. Has a good collection of 5x7 negatives from which to print.

DEPARTMENT OF DIVISIONS

Below is given a full list, to date, of the various divisions. Members as yet unassigned to any particular division will kindly send the nearest director a few prints for insertion in the albums, and in that way become identified with their proper division. The benefit of so doing is twofold. You will be placed on the route list of the albums and have an opportunity of seeing the work of the various members, not only of your own division, but that of others, as the albums will be sent from one division to another. By seeing the work of those represented in the albums, you can select the exchanges most suited to your tastes, without the necessity of doing a great amount of correspondence; in fact, if your own work is good, you will have many requests from other good workers for exchange.

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Division No 7 is in charge of Mr. W. A. Taylor, Dapper Street, Richmond, Christchurch, New Zealand, and consists of the New Zealand and Australian members.

Division No. 8 is not organized yet, but will be in charge of Mr. Bowman, of the Hilo Photo Company.

Other divisions will be organized as soon as members desire them. We hope to get the albums started out this month, and wish members to contribute prints as soon as possible. Those in Russia, Scotland, Japan, England, Holland, and Siberia will contribute to the general albums, in charge of Mr. Kirkland.

Photographing Buildings.

In photographing buildings where the light will not permit of a shutter exposure, and moving objects will give a blur, use a very small stop and give a time exposure, with lens cap. Should any light object pass between lens and building, recap lens while

object is passing, then finish exposure after it has passed. Moving objects will not show and you will get a good exposure. In cases of this kind it is better to use a slow plate than a rapid one.

Drying Negatives.

Drive into a convenient wall a number of iron nails in pairs, the two nails being driven in at a distance apart about equal to the shorter side of the negative. The negative is then laid on these nails, film cut. This will be found much better than the racks sold for this purpose, and especially so if the racks are anywhere near being loaded.

Pyro Stains

Pyro stains are not as universally a trade mark of the amateur as they were a few years ago, but pyro as a developer has still many advocates and users, and its stain is always an objectionable feature on the hands and nails of the user. These stains may be removed by the application of a paste made of ammonium persulphate mixed with water and rubbed carefully into the stained parts. If the stains are old and of long standing chloride of lime may be applied in the same way mixed with vinegar. Either of these applications should be equally useful in the removing of stains from most of the newer developing agents, as well as from pyro.

The Right and Wrong Light

The making of many a landscape picture is in the lighting. Few photographers appreciate this matter at its true importance. The direction of the light usually receives some consideration; but the quality of the light is equally important—in many cases, most important of all. Every one has doubtless noticed that the bright light of high noon gives unsatisfactory results in negative making. It is apt to be an empty hole in the world, and the shadows are solid, black and opaque. The light of the late afternoon or of the early morning is very much better.

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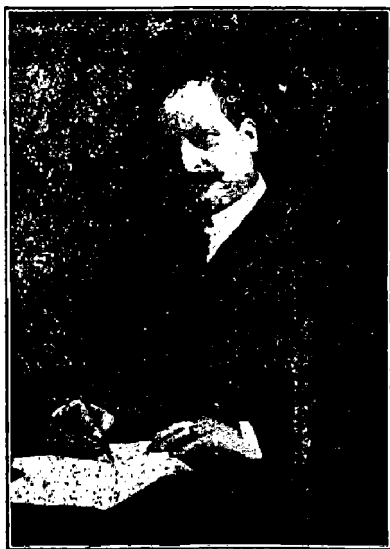
APPLICATIONS.

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We have seen many kinds of flash lamps, but the one offered by the Mohawk Mfg. Co., of Chicago, is the neatest and best of its kind ever offered for the money and you will not regret trying it.

It will pay any reader to get a copy of "Why my Photographs are bad?" Published by G. W. Jacobs & Co., of Philadelphia, Pa., 104 S. 15th st. It is one of the best books we have seen of its kind and is well worth the price asked. Below is cut of the author.



C. M. TAYLOR, Author of "Why My Photographs are Bad, and Bits of Travel with Brush and Camera,"

Foreground Studies.

The study of the foreground compositions in photography offers some the most delightful possibilities to be found in its entire range. Groups of grasses, ferns, brakes and individual forms such as the common mullen stalk present endless possibilities of pictorial reproduction and very excellent material for enlargement and decorative work of many kinds. Such subjects as these must, of course be photographed only when they are at perfect rest and not disturbed by winds. To the student of photography who has not experimented along these lines a trial will be of interest.

Thorough Fixation.

The mistake is often made of supposing that a plate is thoroughly fixed in the hypo bath just as soon as all traces of the silver or creamy white appearance noticed in the plate when removed from the developing bath has disappeared. Plates that are removed from the hypo bath immediately after the disappearance of this cream color are very apt to show, a little later on, a crystallization, which indicates that the silver was not wholly cleared from the plate before its removal from the hypo. It is always well to leave the plate in the fixing bath at least five minutes after all indications of silver have been cleared away, or better still, to use two fixing baths, and, after the plate appears to be thoroughly fixed in the first, remove it to the second bath, where it had better remain five or ten minutes, with a certainty of being thoroughly fixed, than to hurry the operation and lose, in a short time, what would otherwise be a good negative.

Mounting Photographs

By GEORGE ALFRED SMITH

Many thousands of photographs have failed to prove the success their maker wished and designed because the uninteresting portions had not been cut away. Other thousands, perhaps well trimmed, have been spoiled by inharmonious mountings. Many another has been sacrificed to unsuitable framing. Many a good negative has been abandoned as wholly bad because the maker did not understand it or could not conceive of the harmony necessary to bring out its good points.

There are certain admitted rules to be observed, though these are often proved by the exception, and to learn these rules and exceptions one has but to study the pictures of good artists and then experiment upon his own spoiled points, of which every photographer has a sufficiency. When necessity requires, do not hesitate to trim a horizontal print to a vertical shape or vice versa, regardless of the final size. It was but recently I was looking at a charming bit of a water view, size 7x3 inches. It was a dainty thing of the most artistic conception, but its odd shape led me to believe it had only been found after considerable study, and that this was true I learned later from the artist, who told me that it was all there was left of an 8x10 picture.

In connection with trimming, it may be well to remark, that at times there seems to be a fad for oval trimming, but while occasionally this may prove beneficial in removing some spoiled corner, yet there is not one picture in a thousand adapted to this method.

The implements best fitted for trimming pictures I have found to be a draughtsman's triangle, a close grained hardwood board and several shoemaker's knives, and these same knives must be sharp and kept sharp. With the square

lines in the picture may be made true in the trimming, a matter but little thought about by the many. The triangle is best made of transparent celluloid so that we may see the portions of the picture being cut away as well as those remaining.

Cutting away undesired portions of the picture by means of masks is very desirable sometimes, in that it gives a white line around the print which may be needed to emphasize the effect. The width of this line may be regulated in the final trimming and is a matter that requires good judgment in its execution.

With the introduction of other than albumen prints came the use of mounts different from the bare white card. The infusion of art principles into photography gave us a host of rich tints for mounting surfaces and one has but to study harmony in shades and colors to get the required effectiveness in the mount, and here again nature may be the teacher for there is no better place to study harmony of color than in the woods and fields. But a safe rule, though like all rules it has its exceptions; is that a mount is safe to use that continues in its color the predominating tints in the picture. The question of position on a mount is largely a question of taste, though it has come to be accepted by the best amateurs that a position slightly above the centre is the correct thing.

The framing of pictures rests upon the same principles as does that of mounting—harmony, and all that may be said in relation to the frame, whether it be of wood, or made at home of cloth or paper.—*Exchange.*

Over-Printed Photographs.—To use these employ the paper print as a transparency, rendering it translucent by waxing or other means. All that is required is a good deep print, and the tining not carried too far.



Editor SAYS

Our leader this month is from the pen of an amateur who knows whereof he speaks. That he offers the soundest of advice is clear to any one who has watched the results of the many competitions recently held. Though his article is short, it contains a great deal of material for thought and I feel that our readers will join me in thanking him for the good suggestions therein.

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I am running a little magazine myself. It is only about one-third the size of WEST and is only of interest to those who desire to exchange photographs. In it is noted all the renewals, changes, and the like of the membership of the International Photographic Exchange and the World-Wide Photo-Exchange. It also contains the rules of the joint societies, the correspondence system used by the foreign members and particulars concerning the Circulating Albums that are such a feature of the Exchange. I would be pleased to send to all my friends of the WEST sample copy and application blank. Yearly dues, 25c. With WEST one year, 50c. if subscription is sent to me or one of our applications for membership enclosed when subscribing through Mr. Brodstone.

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This man Newcomb has taken the page following this department in order to become acquainted with our readers. His preparations are good, I have used them myself, but he is a little too proud of this "money back"

proposition that he makes. I would like to see some one find a sample of his stuff that is not up to his brag. To the first one that will find cause for the return of some of it, I will send one of my best yacht pictures I have a few hundred such, six by eight negatives. The only condition attached is that they will write a short letter describing their failure so that I may print it in this department.

Shadows

The life and interest of a landscape view frequently lies largely in the shadows, and many an otherwise fine picture has gone into the second class because the shadows were not carefully managed. Good strong shadows give life and color and perspective to a picture; but heavy, black, opaque shadows throw it into mourning at once. To get transparency of shadows—to have shadows with detail visible through them—adequate exposure is essential.

Rural Scenes

A rural subject offering many pleasing compositions, especially delightful to city visitors, will be found in the harvesting fields where the typical work of the farmer presents phases of life both unusual and picturesque. In compositions of this kind enough of the landscape or surroundings should be included to give to the larger objects in the foreground a suitable setting and explanation for their existence, as well as to establish a scale of relative size and proportion

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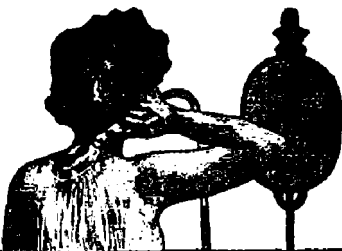
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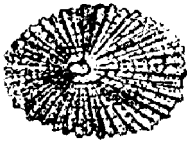
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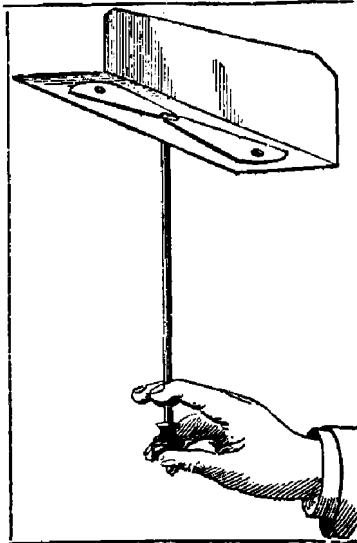
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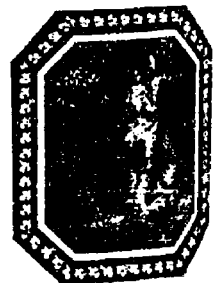
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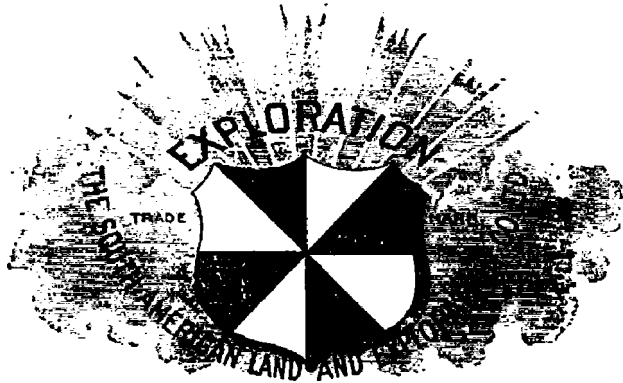
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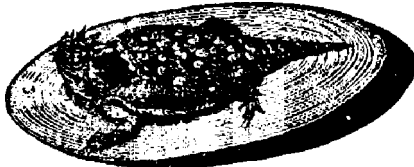
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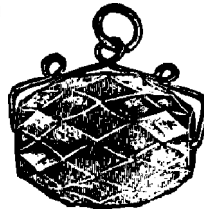
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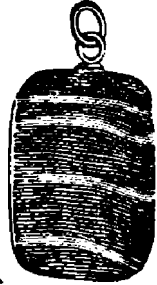


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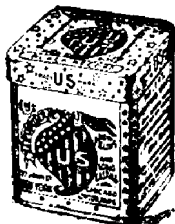
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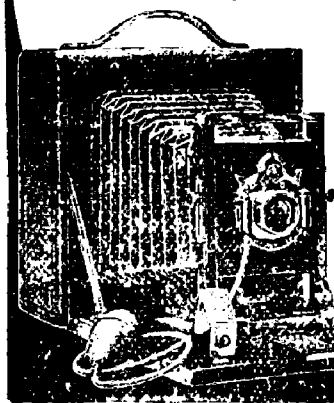
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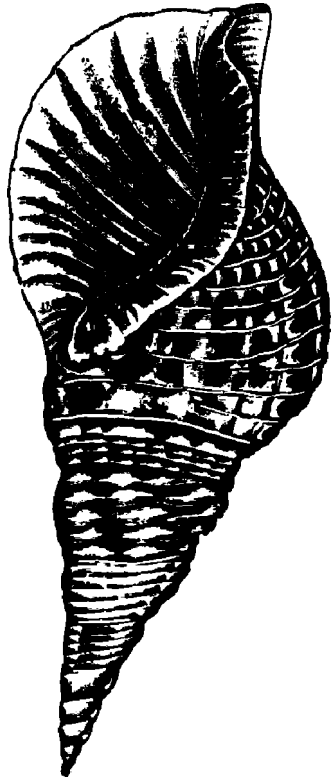
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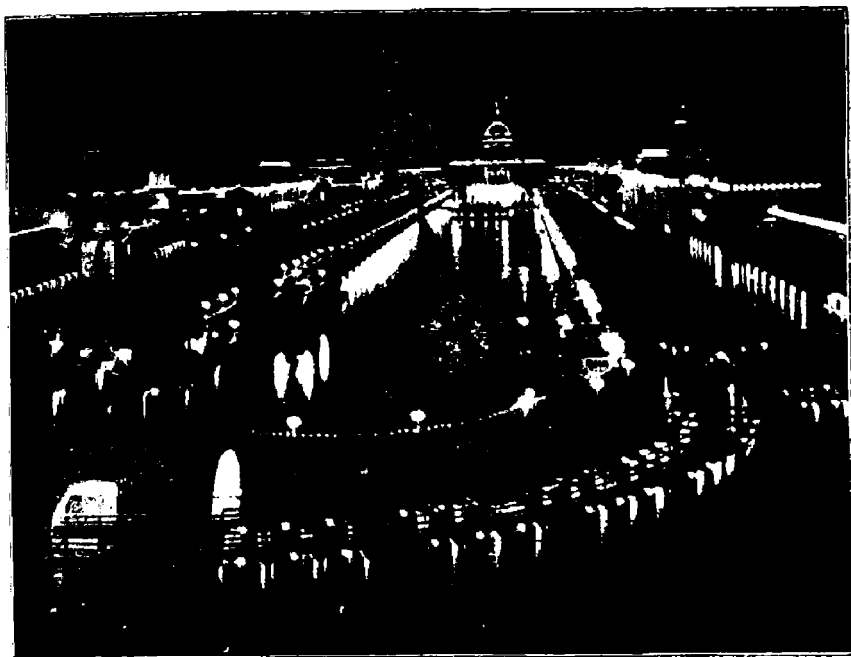
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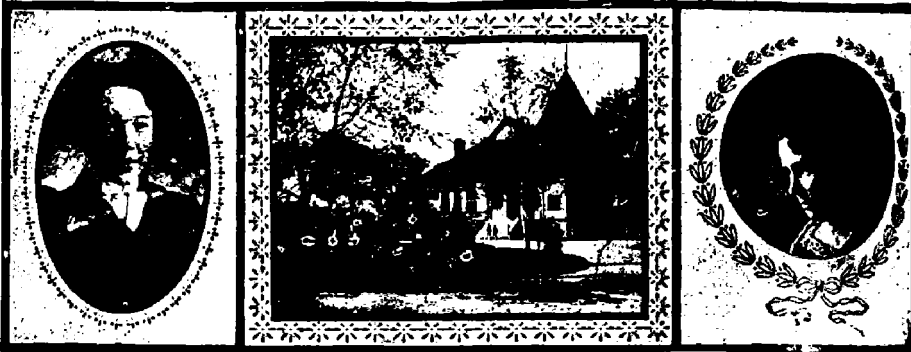
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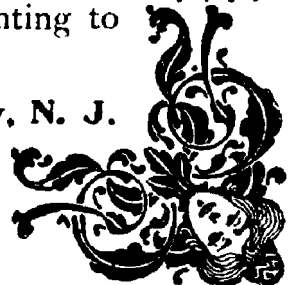
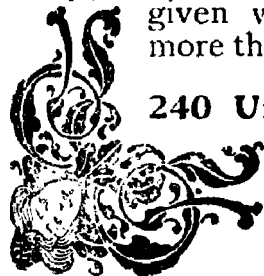
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9	Postage Due, 2c to 24c complete.....	35	3 00	24 00
5	" " 2c to 8c.....	18	1 30	10 00

Sets of Unused stamps.

14	Abysinia complete.....	60	5 10	40 00
4	Columbian Republic, 1892-97, 1c, 7c, 5c and 10c.....	08	60	4 50
7	Niger Coast, C. A. ½, 1, 2, 2½, 5 and 1 |.....	1 00	11 50	
6	Orange River Colony, V. R. I, ½, 1, 2, 3, 6 and 1 |.....	75		
3	" " " " ½, 1 and 2, thick V.....	30	3 50	
8	Persian, 1889, 1 to 5 k.....	25	5 50	18 00
6	Servia, 1889, 5p to 1d.....	08	70	4 50
7	Transval, V. R. I, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4 and 6 d.....	65	7 20	

Used Stamps by 12, 100, 1000.

	12	100	1000
Barbados, 1893, ½d and 1d, assorted.....	06	35	3 00
British Guiana, 1c and 2c, assorted.....	06	25	2 50
British South Africa, 1898, 4d blue and mauve.....	45	3 50	33 00
1900, 1d red.....	15	1 10	10 50
" " " 2d brown.....	36		
" " " 6d lilac.....	95		
" " " 1 | - olive.....	1 20	9 00	
Columbian Republic, 1 peso 1897.....	1 75		
Costa Rica, 1892, 5, 10 and 20 assorted.....	08	40	3 60
Jamaica, Jubilee, 1d red waterfall.....	06	36	3 50
1d black and red waterfall.....	08	48	4 75
Selangor, 3c Tigers Head.....	12	85	
Perak, 5c Tigers Head.....	12	85	
Straits Settlement, 5 kinds assorted.....	08	48	4 50
9-10 kinds assorted.....	12	75	7 00
United States 1895 \$1.00 black.....	1 75	14 00	
50c Omaha.....	1 25	9 50	
Holland 1899, 1 golden green.....	75	6 00	
2½ golden lilac.....	2 40		
Trinidad 1884 ½ green.....	08	48	
1d Rose.....	04	24	2 00

Unused Stamps by 12 or 100.

	12	100
Columbian Republic, 1895-7 1c red and yellow.....	\$ 08	\$ 60
" " 2c green.....	12	1 00
" " 5c brown or buff.....	18	1 50
" " 10c brown or rose.....	25	2 00
" " 1 peso blue green.....	2 00	16 00
Costa Rica 1892 2c.....	08	
Bolivia 1891 20c blue.....	1 00	
50c green.....	2 50	
Gwalior 3 pesos red.....	14	1 50
Hayti 1898 2 to 5c equal of each.....	25	2 00
Hawaii 1864 18c (cat \$1.25 each).....	3 75	
Orange River Colony V. R. I. ½d.....	30	
" " 1d.....	30	2 40
" " 2d.....	60	
" " 3d.....	90	
Transval, V. R. I. ½d.....	24	2 00
" " 1d.....	40	3 00
" " 2d.....	60	
" " F. R. I. ½d.....	1 00	
" " " ½d or 2d brown.....	20	1 60
" " " 1d.....	35	2 75
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20c Foreign "	1.00	.35	5.00 Probate of Will	.85	.37
20c Inland "	.02	.01	SECOND ISSUE		
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25c Insurance	.03	.01	25c " "	.02	.01
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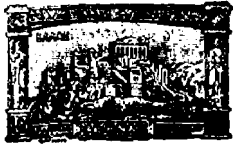
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- 5 China 1898, ½, 1, 2, 4, 5c, fine set 8c
- 6 Finland 1889, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25p, 1m, obsolete. 7c
- 3 Greece unpaid 1902 1, 2, 3 unused. 4c
- 9 Guatemala 1886-1900 Jubilee, 1, 2, 5, 6, 10 on 5, 1, 2, 6, fine 12c
- 6 Japan, 1876-79, 4, 8, 10, 15, 50, old issues. 13c
- 10 Montenegro, fine lot used & und 15c
- 8 Persia, scarce 9c
- 10 Phil'ne, '90-97, 2, 2-4 | 8, 2-4 | 8, 8, 10, 12-4 | 8, 25, 2, 2, 10 und & fine 16c
- 5 Porto Rico, 1898-99 unused. 6c
- 20 Turkey, 1892-1901 very fine lot. 16c
- 5 " 1901, 5, 10, 20pa, 1, 2pi. 4c
- 10 Venezuela, unused, obsolete. 12c
- 5 " 1900 unused surch. 10c
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Peru 10 var.	.10	" " 2c	.04
Portuguese col 10 var.	.08	" 2 on 3c, M. L.	.03
Venezuela Nos. 136-137-139		" 2 on 3c Num	.03
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Canada, \$5.00 Jubilee,	\$1.00
" 2c register orange	.01
20 var Australia,	.06
10 var. Belgium,	.03
8 var. Bavaria,	.04
Cyprus 1882 1 pia,	.05
Cuba, 2½ on U. S. 2c	.03
" 1900 1 to 10c complete,	.09
Labuan, 1896, 25, 50 and 1 dollar	.30
Nyassa, 1901, 10 var. 2½ to 100,	.35
North Borneo, 1893, 1 to 24c,	.35
Netherlands 1899, 8 var,	.04
U. S. 1869 3	.01
" 1871 7c	.30
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2c black " " "	10
2c " " " 12x14	2.50
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7c vermilion '70-'71	30
10c brown " " "	07
12c purple " " "	20
24c bluish purple " "	1.50
12c purple '73	25
15c orange " "	30
30c black " "	30
15c Treasury	10
90c " "	35
7c War	1.10
12c " "	10
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50 different stamps, all foreign	04
100 " " " " "	09
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Hinges 1000	06
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*Montenegro 1902 1 heller blue	.08	.08
* " " 1902 2 heller, mauve	.10	.10
*Sarawak 1892 1c purple and black	.25	.25
* " " 1900 1c blue and carmine	.10	.10
*Bermuda 1901 1 farthing grey	.10	.10
*Turks Islands 1900 ½d green ship	.15	.15
* " " " 1d red	.30	.30
*Mauritius 1895 1c violet and blue	.08	.08
*Mauritius 1901 1c black and grey	.08	.08
*Virgin Islands 1899 ½d green	.15	.15
* " " 1899 1d red	.30	.30
*Dutch Indies 1902 ½ on 2c brown	.10	.10
*Denmark 1902 1 ore orange	.08	.08
*Soudan Camel 1m rose & brown	.10	.10
*Somali Coast 1894 2c claret & blk	.15	.15
*Shanghai 1893, ½, 1, 2, 5c sets of 4	.30	.30
*Ecuador Jub 1896 1, 2, 5c sets of 3	.40	.40
Austria 1900 1 krone rose	.10	.10
" " 2 kronen lilac	.20	.20
*Malay 1901 1c green and blk tiger	.10	.10
" " 3c brown and blk	.10	.10
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Tasmania 1900 1d and 2d assorted	.10	.10
*Guatemala 1902 1c green and violet	.10	.10
" " 2c lake and black	.15	.15
*Npassa 1901 giraffe 2½, 5, sets of 2	15	15
*Malta 1901 1 Farthing harbor view	.10	.10
*Jamaica 1900 1d red, Falls	.05	.05
" " 1901 1d red and black Falls	.05	.05
Germany 1902 1 mark	.15	.15
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.50 "25	.10
.50 " Jubilee30	.17
2.00 " "	1.50	.60
.01 U. S. A. 186960	.25
.15 " "	1.50	.75
.96 " 1871 carmine	1.00	.45
.24 " " lilac	1.50	.70
.50 " 1895 .....	.10	.05
1.00 " " .....	.45	.20
.50 " 1898 Omaha .....	.30	.15
.01 Navy	1.25	.45
.02 " o. g.	1.00	.40
.07 Treasury	2.50	1.10
.18 Hawaii	1.25	.40
.5k Hungary.....	.60	.17
.40 1898 Doc Rev Uncut.		.04
.80 " " .....		.12
1.00 " " green .....		.01
1.00 " " gray .....		.05
1.00 " " red .....		.15
1.00 " " blk&gr .....		.12
2.00 " " gray .....		.10
3.00 " " brown .....		.07
5.00 " " orang .....		.12
3, New Zealand 1900.....		.05
5p " " 1900.....		.12
6p " " 1900.....		.08
1-shil " " 1900.....		.15
5Var French Col Unused		.04
3 "Antioque Col Rep1900	.43	.15
25 " British Colonials ..		.05
4 " Hawaii .....		.10
15 " Porto Rico.....		.15
20 " Cuba .....		.15
Imperial Postage Stamp Album		.30
1000 1898 Doc Rev cut fine.....		.30
Scotts Latest Catalogue.....		.58
.01 15 1890 U. S. ....		.12
.01 15c 1895 " .....		.10
.01 10 Columbia.....		.12
.01 10c Omaha .....		.12
100 Var Stamps.....		.09
200 " "25
300 " "50
500 " "		1.25
1000 Var Stamps.....		4.25
25 Blank Approval Sheets05
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" 1857 12 blk fine	40c
" 1869 15 brown & blue "	90c
" 1872 24 purple "	75c
" 1890 90 carmine "	30c
" 1895 1.00 black "	30c
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U. S. 50 variety packets.....	\$.05	
100 " "20	
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3 vermilion unused o. g.05	
\$10.00 green and black Doc. Rev punched.....	.50	
5.00 " " " " " " " "07	
	per 100	
1.00 & 2.00 " " " " " cut .....	.35	
1.00 & 2.00 gray " " " " " .....	.10	
1.00 red " " " " " .....	.35	
.40 Documentary " " " " " .....	.25	
3.00 brown " " " " " uncut each .....	.04	
1 00 green, \$3.00 brown, \$5.00 red, cut—3 for....	.04	
1.00, 2.00, 3.00 & 5 00 gray, cut 4 for....	.04	
1.00, 2.00, 3.00 5.00 & 10.00 gray, cut 5 for....	.15	
½c to 80c Doc. Rev. 11 varieties .....	.04	
\$30.00 red Doc. Rev. uncut.....	12.00	each
Mexico 12c 1890 unused o. g. ....	.05	"
U. S. 1.00, 2.00 gray Doc. Rev. cut	6.00	per 10,000
U. S. 1.00, 2.00 green & black Doc. Rev cut	3.00	" 1,000
3.00 brown Doc. Rev. cut.....	1.25	" 100
5.00 gray " " " " "	1.50	" "
5.00 gray " " " " "	2.00	" "
10.00 gray " " " " "	10.00	" "
2c Revenues 1861 7 varieties	4.50	10,000
2c Columbians 1892.....	.70	" "
1c " " " " "	4.00	" "
1c 1890	1.00	" "
1c 1894 to 1895	1.00	" "
2c green	1.00	" "
2c claret.....	1.00	" "
2c red 1890 to 1900	2.00	" 100,000
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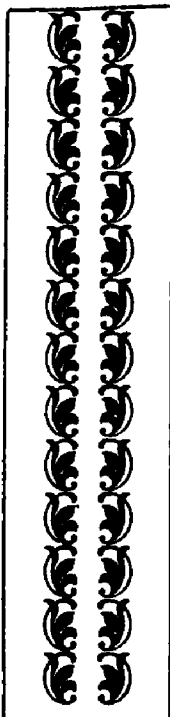
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Postage extra under 50c * unused.

Bolivia		My Price	Cat	My Price	Cat	My Price		
1897 1c	02	01	1887 6c	02	01	1900 1c		
" 2c	03	1 1/2	" 10c	03	01	" 5c		
" 5c	03	01	1897 1c	03	1 1/2	United States		
" 10c	03	1 1/2	" 2c	04	02	1890 15c	06	02
Brazil			" 6c	04	02	1893 8c Col.	04	02
1890-3 200 R	03	1 1/2	1901 1c	02	01	" 4c Omaha	03	02
" 1000 R	12	05	" 6c	03	02	" 5c	05	04
1900 200 R	03	01	" 10c	02	02	" 8c	06	03
Chile			1898 1c	03	02	" 10c	05	03
1897 15c	05	03	" 2c	05	02	1901 8c	05	04
" 15c	04	02	" 5c	03	1 1/2	" 10c	05	04
Scott's No 19 used	08	08	" 6c	04	02	Sp. Delivery 10c	15	07
China			Iceland			Revenues		
1897 5c	05	02	1882-92 3a.	02	01	2c Express	05	03
" 10c	10	05	" 5a	02	01	3c Forn. Exch	10	05
1898 1c	02	01	" 6a	04	02	4c Inld.	06	04
" 2c	02	01	" 10a	02	01	3c Prop	20	10
" 5c	06	02	Mexico		01	5c Express	06	03
" 10c	06	03	1899 1c	02	01	25c P. of Atty	01	01
Costa Rica			" 2c	03	02	25c Insurance	20	1 1/2
1901 1c	02	01	" 3c	03	01	25c Life Ins.	03	10
" 2c	03	1 1/2	" 10c	03	1 1/2	30c Inld. Ex	05	05
" 5c	02	0 1/2	Nicaragua		01	50c Surety Bond	10	05
Dom. Rep.			1896 1c	03	01	\$100 P. of Atty	08	05
1885 1c	03	1 1/2	" 5c	03	01	1898 40c	06	03
" 2c	03	1 1/2	1897 1c	03	01	1900 \$1.00 gray	02	01
" 5c	06	03	" 2c	03	01	" 2.00	02	01
1895 1c	03	1 1/2	1898 1c	03	01	Cuba		
" 2c	03	1 1/2	" 5c	03	01	0n U. S. 1c	02	02
" 5c	03	03	1900 1c	03	1 1/2	" " 2c	03	02
1899 2c	05	03	" 2c	03	1 1/2	" " 2 1/2c	05	05
1900 2c	04	02	" 5c	03	01	1899 5c	03	02
1901 2 1c	03	1 1/2	Uruguay		01	" 10c	05	2 1/2
" 2c	03	1 1/2	1891 1c	02	01	Jamaica		
Guatemala			" 5c	03	1 1/2	1900 1p	02	01
*1886 Provisl 25c	08	04	1895 1c	02	01	1901 1p	02	01
" 50c	12	05	" 5c	02	01	Newfoundland		
" 100c	15	07	1807 1c	02	01	*1897 1c o.g.	08	05
" 150c	15	07	" 5c	02	01	" " 2c	08	05
1887 2c	03	01	1899 1c	03	01	" " 4c	08	06
" 5c	03	01	" 5c	02	01	" " 5c	12	06
" 5c	02	01	" 5c	02	01	1898 1c used	03	1 1/2
" 5c	04	02	1900 5m	02	01			

The Prize Winners

of the puzzle below are those who buy the bargains we offer.
There are no blanks, you win every time



B olivia, 1894, 5 var.	.07
A byssinia, 14 var, complete unused	.06
R oumania, 10 var.	.05
G uatemala Jubilee, 3 var. unused	.20
A rgentine Republic 10 var	.05
I taly, 25 var.	.07
N orway, 20 var,	.10
S weden, 35 var.	.15
I celand, 7 var.	.16
N yassaland, 1901, 2½ to 50 r, 7 var	.16
S hanghai, 1893, 4 var, unused	.08
T urkey, 1901, 7 var	.10
A ustralia, 25 var.	.15
M exico, 10 var	.05
P hilippine Is. 10 var, unused, cat 33c	.08
S an Marino Jubilee, 3 var comp't unu.	.20



Never put off until tomorrow what you can do today. Order now

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AUCTION No. 52

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JANUARY 14, 1903.

Offers
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return stamps.

Lot No.	U. S.	No. in Lot
1	Precancels 1-10c, Var.	33
2	postage no Rev. & env. on sheets	75
3	'70-'79 1c (\$4.)	100
4	old 3c green	500
5	" 2c brown	500
6	'83 & '87 2c on cover ass.	60
7	'87-'90 " " "	60
8	'93 Col 2c	500
9	'94 no wmk. 2c	200
10	'95 1- \$1.00 Var.	10
11	" 1c	1000
12	'87 env. cut sq.	1000
13	" " " 40 Var ass.	60
REVENUES		
14	'61 1c prop. p. p. (1.50) good	1
15	" 2 Exp. blue p. p. (\$4.) "	4
16	" 2 prop. in p. (\$10.) "	1
17	" 4 " p. p. (\$3.) fair	1
18	" & '98 (over 1.50) fine lot Var	45
19	'98 40c doc cut	35
20	" doc & prop. (2.30) 19 Var ass.	80
FOREIGN		
21	Austria (1.25) fine Var.	75
22	" & Belg. Var. 14 ea 100.	1400
23	" " France " 10 "	1000
24	Arg. 22 Bavaria fine Var	45
25	Belg.	48
26	Abys. Unp. o. g. Var.	7
27	Braz. & Den.	26
28	Bosnia & Bul.	26
29	Canada fine	25
30	" '97 & '98 compl. both sets	
31	Cuba (\$1.00) fine Var.	35
32	Germany " "	37
33	" 1900 2 of. 2 M. fine	12
34	Phil. & P. Rico (\$1.)	36
35	Mex. 64-84 (\$1.)	16
36	" '84-'98 " "	25
37	Demn. '74 & Jam. '89 3 Var. ass.	200
38	France fine Var.	56
39	Servia '94 1 d o. g. blk.	4
40	Europe, Rev & locals Var.	65
41	Phil. West Vol. I rare res 40	
42	Price List, new, some 12 years old Var.	50
43	Auction Cat. Var.	29
44	Lt. papers 10-20 years old Var.	17

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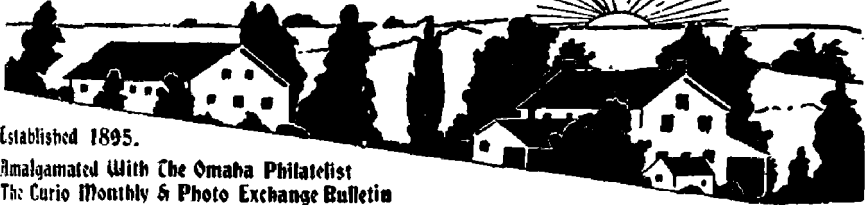
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New Year of 1902 and 1903 be merry and replete with good cheer and the year 1903 one of good health, happiness and prosperity for all.

Success, a well and favorably known magazine published in New York, will soon add a stamp department. In the January number an announcement will be made of a competition, the prizes to be awarded to the writers of the best short articles, the subject to be "Why I Collect Stamps." Success has an enormous circulation and the content-

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plated department cannot but be beneficial to philately in general. We understand that the new department will be in charge of Mr. E. R. Holmes, formerly of Lincoln, Nebraska, and well known to western collectors. Mr. Holmes is well posted on the subject, and under his charge the department will be interesting and authentic.



Various English dealers are reaching out for the U. S. Stamp trade. Stanley Gibbons, Inc., under the able management of Mr. F. B. Power, are making their presence felt. The latest firm to enter is Stanley Baldwin & Co., of Worthington, England, whose advertisement in this number of the WEST will be followed by others all next year. Stanley Baldwin & Co., were established in 1870; a ripe old age for a stamp firm, to be sure.

The only thing to do is to retaliate by entering their own preserves. American dealers, with their progressiveness, should experience no great difficulty in obtaining foothold in England, and should be able to build up a profitable branch of their business there. Observation seems to indicate that prices in England exceed those in America, and this should prove an advantage to the American dealer.



We acknowledge receipt of a clipping from the London Express of September 18th, reporting the prices obtaining at a stamp auction held at Berlin. While inaccurate, it doubtless serves the good purpose of drawing attention to the financial side of philately.



After many months of patient or impatient probably, waiting, the members of the Philatelic Sons of America welcome the number of the new official or journal, Robinson's Review, containing the report of the conven-

tion and other matters pertaining to the organization. Unfortunately, the Review's printer omitted the list of members, numbering over five hundred. Unable to obtain or gain access to the books of the society, the board of directors decided to adopt as the official list of members that list furnished the convention of 1901 by the secretary. These to be considered in good standing until the close of 1902. The omission of the report of the board of vice presidents and of the president is also regrettable.

The editor of the Review remarks editorially that "This society (The Philatelic Sons of America) was organized in Chicago in 1893 and through the enterprise of its charter members soon rose to great prominence in philatelic circles, and took its rank as third among the American societies. "Now if our memory is not at fault, the society mentioned as third in rank was second in membership for several years, and, although we cannot make the assertion positively, at one time had the largest membership of any American society. The labor of reconstruction has begun, and there is no doubt that in time the society will regain its former prestige. But Rome was not built in a day, and the work will be slow—but sure.



Printed in English, the catalogue issued by Paul Kohl, of Chemnitz, Germany, will be given a warm welcome by those in this country who appreciate a catalogue as complete and thorough as it seems possible to make a catalogue. The third edition, lately received, contains 812 pages. As an example of the complete character of the book may be noticed the cataloguing of forty four perforations of the 1890 Austria. This may be confusing to some, but if you are going to pay

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any attention to perforations at all, such information is of value. Another entertaining and valuable feature is memoranda mentioning the various accounts of certain stamps that have been published and stating where they are found.



The following is culled from a letter received from an advertiser in the WEST. It is apparent that the gentleman has some familiarity with Greek, at least:

"By the way, the writer is unable to determine the meaning and the correct pronunciation of the word "Philatelic WEST." Will you please explain this to us? Pardon our ignorance, but the word "Philatelic" is entirely new to us and while the word indicates to us that it is from two Greek Roots "Philos and Tilos," yet we are not quite certain. The import from our analysis of the word would infer that the WEST serves as a medium of communication between societies and brothers who are distant from each other. May we ask if this is correct?"

So it would seem that "philatelic" is a word to conjure with.



Canadian postmasters do not receive stamps requisitioned unless the post office department considers it necessary that they have them, the necessity occurring according to the needs of the office. The following reason for not supplying the postmaster at Upper Stewiack, N. S., with one half cent stamps may be of interest:

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exists at his office, to obtain any quantity of them he may desire it is only necessary to send in a requisition therefor, bearing in the margin of the form a brief explanatory note that postal necessity for them exists at his office. This requisition he can send in as soon as he wishes, by return of post if preferred."



You May Get Left!

Readers who join a society or club and expect to get the WEST every month "may get left" for the reason that many of the societies and clubs pay by the month and if no report is sent in you get no paper. The only societies that pay by the year are the Kansas Socy., Natural History, Collectors Protective Ass'n, W. W. P. E. and Nebraska Socy.; the others pay by the month so you see the best and safest way to do is send to the WEST direct. Send us 50c and the name of any society you wish to become a member of and if it does not cost over that amount we can give you membership to the one you may desire and you will then be sure of getting every issue. We give you this notice in time for there may be a change with the next number on some societies and it is well to know this in time so that you may not miss a number for back numbers are scarce and hard to get.

Condition Discounts.

(Mekeel's Stamp Collector.)

A stamp otherwise perfect but imperforate on one side should be discounted about 20%. Every other defect makes the discount greater by an other 10 to 20%, so that a stamp with five or six defects would be about worthless, while one with but two or three defects may yet be considered desirable, when it can be obtained at 50 to 60% discount. Perfect specimens at such discounts are cheap.

The Stamps of Roumania.

Authorized Translation from the
French of Count d' Assche in
"Le Philatelite Français"

BY R. R. THIEL.

(Continued.)

Issue of January 1871

Scott's
Type
A 10

Preceding type; effigy to left with full beard. Lithographed in color on wove paper.

1. On white wove paper.
- 74 5-bani vermilion, carmine, rose. (Scott 43)
- 75 10 bani bright and pale yellow. (Scott 44)
- 76 25 bani brown, dark brown. (Scott 48)
- 2 On white laid paper.
- 77 10 bani yellow. (Scott 44 a).
- 3 On pinkish paper.
- 78 5 bani rose-carmine. (Scott 43 b.)
4. On yellowish wove paper.
- 79 5 bani vermilion.
- 80 10 " yellow.

These stamps were arranged in blocks of 10, in 5 pairs, like this:

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| 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 |
| 9 | 10. |

Here are the characteristics which distinguish each of these ten stamps:

5 bani red, carmine, vermilion.

1. A small dash of color in the left upper ornament joins the rosette to the circle; sometimes one can only distinguish three points and the lower half of the first leg of the M in Romana is missing.
2. The T of Posta is broken at the left.
3. The lower part of the rosette at the right is composed of three dots in-

stead of a line and the vertical stroke of the B in Bani cuts the horizontal line.

4. A heavy red dot 1 mm. in front of Posta. In the last printings (notably the issue of 1872) a small line proceeds from the A of Bani.
5. The Greek border is joined to the label containing the word Romana by a white line between the A and the N.
6. The outer vertical line of the frame hangs to the left at the top and the stamp thus seems narrower above than below.
7. The left half of the bar of A in Posta is missing, the second i of Cinci is not of the same thickness as the first and the rosette at the right is broken.
8. A red dot in the left rosette.
9. A small dot over the lower part of the rosette of the left corner.
10. A small red circle in the right rosette; in blurred specimens one sees only a dot.

10 bani yellow.

1. The S of Posta is broken in the lower curve, but the O is well formed.
2. The S of Posta is broken, as in No. 1, and the O is also broken at the foot.
3. The T of Posta is badly drawn and the rectangle containing the figure of value in the left corner has no ornament in the middle at the left.
4. The upper line is thickened two mm. from the end at the right.
5. Two small dots of color between the lines under the 10 in the right corner.
6. A white dot in front of the nose.
7. The upper curve of the S of Posta and the inner line under the B of Bani are broken.
8. A dot of color before the 10 in the right corner.

(To be continued.)



Revenue Dep't.

Conducted by
Charles H. Nast

The editor of this department wishes to apologize for the dearth of matter in this department this month as he has been out of the city and besides is driven pretty hard just now with his own private business and affairs. However a few things have happened which are interesting generally.

I received a letter from Sisson of St. Louis and he tells me that he has at length uncovered a few of the Antikamnia Provisional illustrated in the present number of this journal. They are stained and discolored some but in other respects are perfect stamps. It seems strange that of the many thousand used scarcely half a dozen are known to exist.

In Chicago I met Charlie Severn and he told me that a third firm had used these same provisionals. If I can procure this I will illustrate it next month in this department. W is the stamp of the Van Dyke Bitters Co.

A friend of Beriningham, Alabama sends me a beautiful copy of the \$2.00 blue tax stamp issued by the Auditor's Office of the State of Alabama. The design consists of the state insignia of tree and scroll and is a very fine piece of work. In looking this State revenue up, I find that Sterling catalogues it in 1883 and prices it at \$5.00. The present owner holds this at \$10.00 and considering condition and rarity it does not seem out of place.

From the far east I have had sent me some cancelled proprietaries which

bear the imprint of the Emerson Drug Co. and bear date 1901. At first glance they looked like the regular well known typeprinted variety but on closer examination it was plain to any one that the surcharge had been put on with a rubber hand stamp. As these have passed through several collectors hands and been looked upon as genuine I wrote to the Emerson Drug Co. and asked them if they had ever cancelled any of their stamps with a rubber lettering machine in imitation of their well known type-print and whether it had been done at any time in 1901. In answer to this they state that they did use a hand stamp in the beginning 1898, leaving the inference that they did not hand stamp their goods in 1901. It would be curious indeed if some enterprising individual would not start in and supply all kinds of surcharges on proprietary stamps. However I have no fear as the types now catalogued and in the hands of collectors are well known and it would be a very difficult matter to counterfeit them at this late day.

Much interest of late has been shown in foreign revenues. When we consider how many of the British colonial revenues are listed in our catalogue as having been "postally used" there is little wonder that collectors prefer to buy these stamps in the fiscally used state itself is the same, while the difference in the cancellation is in favor of the latter form. The Victorian revenues in this respect offer many fine things for the collector of fiscals and now since we have a society whose object is the collection and classification of foreign revenues we may expect to see a revival of interest in this branch of philately never before equalled. In this connection I wish to call attention to Morley's "Revenue Stamps of Spain" recently issued. Under the head of colonies, the revenues of Puerto Rico, Cuba, Phillipines and other recently acquired American possessions are treated of at length in a very comprehensive manner.

In the future we shall in this department from time to time call attention to noteworthy facts in respect to foreign as well as U. S. revenues.

Stamp Prices of Long Ago

By FRANK C. YOUNG

While we of the stamp collecting fraternity would score the imputation that we make our acquisitions with an eye solely to a possible or probable increase in value, to few of us indeed is not the matter of price an urgent and ever present consideration, aside from any modicum of the natural spirit of speculation with which we may be endowed.

As is well known, the prices of obsolete postage stamps vary greatly from time to time, following the inflexible law of supply and demand; and, again, it cannot be gainsaid that makers of catalogues, being dealers and humanly fallible, have at times "jobbed" the market, making up prices on certain stamps which were on hand to sell and subsequently lowering prices as a basis for buying.

Having lately been shown from the large and valuable philatelic library of Mr. John F. Seybold a copy of one of the very earliest English price lists, it seemed, in view of the issuance of the new catalogues, a dissertation on the prices of forty years ago might be of interest and value for comparison.

The price list is that of Stafford, Smith & Smith, Bath, England, of the date of 1863, and will well repay a careful comparative analysis, not only as showing the prices of a generation gone but for indications as to what classes of stamps are the more likely to increase in value.

The most pronounced examples of appreciation in desirability are to be found among the stamps of those states which have since through absorption or otherwise, ceased to have a stamp-issuing existence, and, as a general proposition, the advances are more marked in unused than in used copies;

but we find exceptions to this to thoroughly prove the rule.

The total absence of reference to perforations, watermarks or minor varieties of paper makes comparison in many countries, notably Ceylon and the British West Indies, utterly meaningless to the modern student of philately, but enough may be gleaned to make sure that prices are considerably higher.

The highest quotations in the catalogue obtain for the first issue of Brazil, the large straight figures, 31s 6d for each of the 30 and 60 reis and 4s or two guineas for the 90 reis, which prices do not vary greatly from those of the present.

The 5 pesos of Buenos Aires (steamship) looks like a good thing at three shillings, but as the color is given as blue, while that of the genuine stamp is orange, it was probably one of the essays so prevalent in those early days or an out and out forgery.

Among the stamps of British North America even the most insatiate bargain hunter could have found his desiderata as instance the two pence half penny pink 1861 of British Columbia at one shilling and three pence and Canada 10d blue at double the money, or half crown. Choice being given between 7½d and 12½c Canada, both used and of equal value in sterling, at one shilling, the buyer endowed with the gift of clairvoyance or prophetic foresight would certainly have chosen the former.

The absence of a differentiation of paper used makes the list of Newfoundland of no value for comparative purposes, but there can be no two ways about the New Brunswick shilling, used at double face value.

Although ten shillings was a long price to pay for a stamp in 1863, the unused Nova Scotia shilling would well have repaid holding and many of our oldest collectors must have often regretted their neglect to take the advice of Mrs. Means in "The Hoosier School Master", to "git a plenty while you're gittin'".

(To be continued.)

Washington Notes

3 3 3 By C. M. 3 3 3

Some interesting reports for philatelists will be submitted at the present session of Congress. The report of the Postoffice Department covers very thoroughly all details of the sale and distribution of postage stamps. It is usually out in bound form about January 1, and can be obtained through a congressman. While this report tells of the distribution of stamps, the report of the Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing tells of the making and cost of them, and can be obtained from the Secretary of the Treasury on request.

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A publication just out is "The fishes of Porto Rico" illustrated with colored plates.

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The Danish West Indies deal has fallen through, but not much surprise is felt here. It is only a matter of time when the question will be up again. The papers lately have discussed the possibility of Hayti falling into our hands, but officially there seems to be no ground for the rumor.

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Congress has to discuss this term the question of one cent postage and second class periodical rates, both of some interest philatelically.

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I am informed that the Boston Philatelic Society has issued a report announcing that they have secured the confession of the dealer who put on the market the counterfeit surcharges, but that they do not feel called on to make his name public. If this is true, the report is rather valueless, there are a dozen or so of well-known stamp

dealers in that city, the report leaves each open to the imputation of having swindled, and the customer who sees the report has no means of knowing which one to avoid. If the society is sure of its ground, the name should be given out. The public knew before, sometimes to its sorrow, that counterfeits were being sold by a Boston dealer, and the only useful result of an otherwise unnecessary investigation would be to ascertain who the dealer was, thus clearing other firms from the suspicion and satisfying the customers.

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The new issue is plodding along, the 13c is out and the 4 and 8 centers may be out before 1903.

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I wonder if at any time a postmark collector of proofs will arise. Each time a new die is made the factory sends to the Post-office Department a sheet of the impressions. They are of course exquisitely plain, and a collector who secured them would have no trouble in deciphering. They, of course, contain no date, and are destroyed after the die is accepted.

The colour of the new £2 Victorian stamp (viz. dark blue) issued last month is disappointing. Although the design is somewhat similar to the £2 stamp issued some months ago (in carmine) it is not nearly so effective. The £2 value is only intended to be used for departmental purposes, postmarked copies are not likely to find their way into the hands of collectors in large quantities.

It is reported by various contemporaries abroad that other Tasmanian Pictorial stamps besides the 2d and 1d values have been printed on N and Crown paper, but we have not yet seen or heard of any, and very much doubt the truth of the rumour. We shall however be glad of reliable information on the subject.

JAMAICA.

In view of the fact that the past few months have witnessed a remarkable revival of the American annexation idea in Jamaica, a few remarks on this colony and its stamps may not be out of place.

So strong has the feeling of annexation to the United States become that mass meetings have been held in the various parts of the island, being promoted and attended by the planters and business men, the most influential classes of the island, and the newspapers have almost unanimously concurred in the sentiments of the people.

The chief cause of complaint is that the British colonial policy has destroyed the sugar industry and, with the present low price of coffee, that crop is not profitable, leaving only the first trade with the United States as a means of subsistence for the entire population. The depression over the colony has arrived at an acute stage. Taxes are daily becoming harder to collect and many thousands have within the past few months been prosecuted for non-payment.

Jamaica, like some other British colonies, is cursed with a superfluity of officials and official salaries. The governor receives \$25,000 a year besides various exemptions and privileges, which is distinctly out of proportion with the size, resources and revenues of the island.

A recent Jamaica newspaper says editorially of the situation: "Depression on every side, sugar and coffee estates going out of cultivation, the people without money and with only sufficient to eat, large numbers leaving for America and elsewhere and among all classes the gloomiest anticipations for the future."

On the other hand the agitators point the finger of prophecy at the growing prosperity of Porto Rico under American rule (and postage stamps) and say that

such might be Jamaica's lot if annexation were accomplished.

But this is not philately.

Previous to 1858 prepayment of postage in Jamaica was indicated by the use of the hand-stamps, as in other British West Indian colonies, evidence being at hand that postage could be prepaid in cash as early as 1864. In 1858-9 and until March 1860, the current stamps of Great Britain were used, which can only be distinguished by the obliterations, each cancelling stamp bearing a different number. Much discussion has ensued as to whether these should be collected as stamps of Jamaica or Great Britain, but as, unfortunately, some of the obliterating numbers were duplicated in the mother country, little importance can be attached to these stamps unless found on the original covers.

The first colonial issue, watermarked pineapple, was in 1860, since time a noticeably small number of varieties have been issued.

Only two provisionals have been authorized, the surcharged 2½d on 4d in 1899 and the half of one penny as half-penny, the latter by the following decree, signed by Alex. Bryner as postmaster at Jamaica, Nov. 20, 1861: "His Excellency the governor has been pleased to authorize the recognition of one-half of the present penny postage label in prepayment of the half penny rate of postage. The label must be divided diagonally so as to render the half-penny triangular in shape in which it will be recognized in payment of postage."

Some apparent misunderstanding brought further elucidation from Mr. Bryner, August 28, 1862, as follows: "The attention of the public is requested to the fact that the penny stamp is the only one which the government has permitted to be made use of in a divided state (thus forming the half-penny label.) All letters, etc., upon which a portion only of any other denomination are al-

fixed will be treated as unpaid."

This provisional was superseded early in 1872 by the half-penny dark claret stamp, watermarked Crown C. C., the first of this value issued, but the use of the provisional was not formally forbidden by the postal authorities until Dec. 1, 1872. Although this split stamp was the only one of half-penny value procurable for nearly eleven years not many appear to have been used as they are very infrequently met with.

The fact that only one surcharged issue has ever been made speaks volumes for the probity of the postal administration.

Among the very latest issues, two very popular stamps with young collectors are the 1d red of 1900, officially known as the jubilee issue, but alliteratively styled by some "the penny postal poster," and its prototype of 1901, in red and black. The red stamp was the subject of much adverse criticism on its introduction into the colony. A Jamaica newspaper the Tri-Weekly Gleaner, thus describes it under date of May 31, 1900: "The center peice is a representation of Llandoverly Falls in St. Ann, showing both vegetation and water. The name is comparatively unknown. The view may illustrate one of the many aspects of Jamaica, the land of wood and water, but it certainly gives no idea of the wood with which nature has endowed Jamaica scenery. The view might very well depict a scene—one of many—in Wales. The photograph is one of a series sold by local photographers and in the original the charm of light and shade and almost perfect delineation of tropical wealth of foliage never fails to impress. But these charms have been lost in the representation the engraver has given us."

The philatelic fraternity narrowly missed a Columbian issue for Jamaica, which was petitioned for by the Jamaican Philatelic Society in 1894, but the prayer was not granted, and so another

colony resolutely refused to travel the smooth and easy way which leads to speculative issues and endless surcharges. For all of which let us be thankful.

How Do You Hinge?

Metropolitan Philatelist.

Satin shoes are very nice for a ball room but are scarcely suitable for street wear in muddy weather. It is pretty much the same with stamp hinges, there are two classes and hundreds of varieties. If you have a valuable collection use the peelable hinge. If an ordinary album use ordinary hinges. If you are sending stamps away to be examined by an expert use peelable hinges. The good, old-fashioned, fast sticking hinge is the only proper one to use on exchange sheets or for album pages that are to be turned by many people.

Morocco Locals.

Mekeels Stamp Collector.

Some of the worst rubbish that disgraces the pages of a catalogue of Government postage stamps, are the lists of Locals for Morocco, published in three pages in Scotts' 61st edition.

Why these labels retain space in a catalogue that omits Russian rural issues and other more legitimate local postal issues is a mystery to all but the publishers.

The Morocco stuff is almost all speculative and of the lowest order, cancelled to order supplies being sold to collectors almost as soon as new issues are chronicled.

Have You One?

Canada Stamp Sheet.

The rare stamps of the Spanish American War Revenue issue are the \$30 and the \$50 grey. Collectors having them are to be congratulated,

DEPARTMENT
OF INQUIRY

Conducted by
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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 2c stamp must accompany each letter containing questions. When stamps are sent for examination, return postage must be included besides the fee above provided for.

WHAT DOES THE CENTRAL FIGURE ON THE FIRST ISSUE OF TURKEY REPRESENT:—It is the so-called "Tugra," the seal-mark of the Sultan. It is said that Mevrad I. (1360-1389) being unable to write, dipped his hand into ink and pressed it on the documents he was to sign. His secretary then wrote the Sultan's and the Sultan's father's names, as well as his station and the words "el muzafor diama" (the eternal victor) between the marks of the 3d and 4th fingers. Out of these words the Tugra was formed, a monogram of Arabian letters.

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THE SURCHARGE ON JAPANESE STAMPS USED IN CHINA DURING THE WAR:—The one commencing with a character somewhat like a square topped A with two cross strokes reads Shina and means China. There is another surcharge having a similar character at the end and something like a 4 paned window on two legs at the beginning, this reads Tehossen and means Korea.

WHERE ARE THE STAMPS OF NICARAGUA MADE NOW?—In New York by the American Bank Note Co., however not by direct contract with the Nicaragua government but by contract with Dr. Maximo Assenjo who has a similar contract with the government (for 10 years) as that of the late F. N. Seebeck. We may therefore speak of "Assenjoes" now side by side with the "Seebecks."

WHAT COUNTRIES HAVE SEEBECK'S?—Nicaragua 1890-1899, Salvador 1890-1899 and Ecuador 1892-1897.

IS THERE AN ERROR OF THE 2c U. S. PRESENT ISSUE IN THE DARK BROWN COLOR OF THE 4c, FIRST PRINTINGS?—Hardly. Most likely the stamp in question had its color changed after printing by some chemical process. Such changes occur quite often, and are very apt to deceive, unless very careful examination be made.

WHAT IS THIS OR THAT STAMP WORTH?—That is a question very frequently put to the editor of this department, but very hard to answer. To begin with: The market value is continually fluctuating according to supply and demand. Then too the condition of each individual stamp must be taken into account. And finally, the question must be considered: Worth how much to whom? To one collector who wants a particular stamp, that stamp may be worth \$5.00, while no dealer would pay more than \$2.00 or \$3.00 for it, and many a collector, who does not want it, will not pay anything for it at all. Most editors will not answer questions about value" but a beginner may often want an answer. The only way to satisfy both, is to give an approximate value, an average or a minimum and maximum and to explain at the same time why a definite valuation is impossible. It is much like giving the value of a horse. That may be worth a hundred dollars today because there is such a bid for it. In ten years there may be no bid and then it is worth hardly anything. On the contrary, if to-morrow 5 or 10 bids are made on it ranging up to two or three hundred dollars, the horse will be worth that so long as the bids are upheld, but no longer. When there is no bid, the only way to do, is to guess what bid is likely to be made. That would indicate a probable or approximate value, but may yet be quite wrong and may vary according to the guesswork of the various appraisers.

PHILATELIC WEST AND CAMERA NEWS.

CHIPS.

By E. R. Steinbrueck.

In October WEST under "Chips" you read an error in print that the 1865 due stamps of Belgium show*** with the words "a prayer" etc. This ought to read "a payer". No doubt that the fellow who has to pay postage due often shoots off "a prayer" besides.

A counterfeit Japan 20 sen dark blue came to hand, where from I cannot tell. It is so clumsily executed with an abundance of coloring that everybody can easily denounce it a falsification if told so by experts. I must have received it as a new rare specimen I suppose. Oh world, where are ye coming to! But then counterfeits of Confederate locals have been sold in Germany at wholesale time ago, and other countries don't want to be beat on that score.

There are 10 Pfennige of 1902 "counterfeits in circulation. The color of them is a darker dirty red and the numbers 10 are larger as well as the inscription" Deutsches Reich.

A certain Gustov Roth, private secretary to Consul Weber in Hamburg Germany has evaporated together with the latter's stamp collection worth \$3500. Rumor says that he has shipped for New York. Watch advertisements and watch your own collection.

The prices for stamps in all the catalogues of the present time do not give us the proper value of the stamps. Some prices are too high, some too low. Catalogue prices may serve only as a basis for trading purposes amongst collectors and come very useful in this respect while dealers are enabled to figure their discounts on a general footing.

Some philatelic papers advocate the purchase of the older issues of stamps. They say that the prices for that class of stamps is pretty well adjusted for the

present but that naturally the price must rise the more young collectors join in our hobby. With the daily increasing number of collectors and consequently with the increasing demand the limited number of older stamps become scarcer and the price must rise. That is very true. According to this calculation I have myself tried to accumulate as many stamps of older and first issues as possible. But now I am following a somewhat different speculation. Buying new issues I figure that we can get them at a reasonable price now, but that some of them will be scarcer and later on demand a higher price. This is not done with the intention of speculating for a gain, as I do not hoard up stamps for that purpose, and for the making of money. The idea is that I can obtain these new stamps now at a lower figure, than later on, when I would have to pay an exorbitant price to get them or—do without them.

Guatemala has a new series of beautifully executed stamps in two colors. 1, 2, 5, 6, 10, 20, 50 centavos and 1 and 2 pesos. They resemble more the Uruguay fashion than their own. It seems countries now a days vie in their postal decorations. Anyway they pay more attention to designing their stamps, than in olden times, when numerals were good enough to mark the value of postage paid.

A little piece of information about the 1 penny black V. R. of Great Britain 1840 might be in place. These stamps were a first trial to have a certain difference in design between official or Department stamps, for which purpose the ornament or Maltese cross in the upper corners was substituted V. R., and the general issue. These black pennies with the V. R. were nothing but a trial, soon abandoned and hardly used. Only, as this always happens with errors or oddities, a few sheets have run astray. The first regular issue of Great Britain are the 1d black and 2d blue of 1840 with Maltese crosses in upper corners on white unwatermarked paper.

The Philatelic Cynic.  

BY THUSEY

The various journals which monthly, weekly and semi-occasionally perambulate into our sanctum, bring to our ears the news that as a rule the manuscript now submitted by the hapless philatelic scribes is emphatically on the bum. Indeed matters have come to the joint when our editors are really worried over the prospect, and while we do not possess the fertile imagination of Stamp Hunting Robie, we can nevertheless without straining our optical lens, see the remorse which must surely have overtaken some of our authors for having in the past inflicted such mangle-mangle efforts on the philatelic public. Our editors are so vexed that some of them are crying for mercy, and some of them vie each other in a vain attempt to out do the other in declaring that our literature is going to the dogs. O, shades of departed Tiffany! What fools these mortals be!

We lay down this broad statement and we challenge any yonker to disprove it. Philatelic literature is precisely what our editors make it. If the literature of today is rotten, it is because our editors have by their stinky incense rottened it. Gentlemen, we say that you make our literature! You, perhaps, do not sit down and unceasingly toil two or three days at one article; you, perhaps, do not look up fact after fact, and weave it into an acceptable and a presentable whole; you, perhaps, do not post yourselves with every fact to be learned in our science, and reserve it for future use. You are not the producers! No, and we thank the All Wise that some of you are not! We have enough tarra didde as 'tis? But Gentlemen you are the presenters! It is you who after the

author has finished his labor who must present it to the public. It is you who must put into type the written thoughts of the scribe's mind. It is you gentlemen—you knights of the blue pencil—who must encourage the author!

It is after all encouragement that makes the world move. Some fellows whose think-tank is half contaminated with bug-juice speak very beautifully of the benign advantages of adversity. For our part it is not adversity that this world wants, to bring out the best that lies latent in the creatures who trot about on it, but it is the hot rays of an encouraging sun that accomplishes the great, the good, the glorious things of this world. Without encouragement, the battle of Bunker Hill would never have been fought and the granite which composes the monument marking that historic spot would still lay undisturbed among the rocky hills of Connecticut and Massachusetts. Without encouragement the arts languish, science becomes an unknown factor, and studies a practical nothingness. The world does move and encouragement moves it.

But what is the encouragement offered the average author? After having spent three nights thinking over his subject when he ought to have been asleep; two more in looking up the facts, statistics and data; and then three in burning the midnight oil in writing and polishing his manuscript, he is at length offered a measly dollar or two for his effort, by the greasy curmudgeon, called an editor. Some of these generous misers even consent to give an inch of advertising in exchange for an effort of this kind! But its not often that two dollars is offered and when it is; keep your eye open: he's either a Bishop or a Tucker. And when you get the cash, be sure you examine it, for most likely it will consist of unused U. S. revenues; Canadian two "centers," and United States four, six and eight "centers." And is this what ye call encouragement? Is this sufficient to keep ablaze the flaming genius of the adventurous scribe? Encouragement consists not in paying for the oil consumed, but for the intrinsic worth that the production itself bears. The keynote of improvement in our literature lies in properly encouraging the efforts of our authors.

We said that the men who handle

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the blue pencil—some of them do, others can't—are responsible for the literature we have, and we meant it. The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world—and the hands that guide the course of philatelic journalism are the hands that must account for the condition of that journalism. Cease, ye scribblers, from reviling the author. If blame is to be placed, let it be placed where it belongs. Murat died not for Bonapart's sins but for his own; and if any one is to be placed in the Iron Maiden let it be the fellow who can rock the cradle, but who can't run a stamp paper and at the same time give encouragement that encourages. We are tired, aye weary of the goose-talk of the intellectual chumps who wisely claim that the author is responsible for the low-ebb of our literature. In fact after all, our literature is not so poor. If some who pose as reviewers, and who do not review would remove their green glasses, and look the world straight in the face they might be able to do some good. Our literature is really good considering, of course, that nothing new can be said in our line, except on rare occasions. And if our literature is not up to the standard then let us blame the right man—the man who runs a paper and who thinks he can run authors to the extent that they will fill his manuscript box for nothing. Hereafter let no editor bewail the paucity of meritorious manuscripts and then blame the producer. Rid thyself of thine eye's own beam and then jirk the mote out of thy neighbor's eyes!

New Year Leaves. 3 3
By N E M O

WRITING AN AD

Now is the time when dealer and customer renew old acquaintance and make new acquaintance. This is done almost wholly through advertising. The dealer who does not now begin to advertise again, I speak of those who were foolish enough to quit for the summer, not only loses his last year's customer whose collection is just being resurrected from its grave beneath a

pile of books of summer sports, but he makes no new customers.

This dealer has no money to pay some one else to write ads for him as many large firms do, employing an experienced person at a salary of several hundred dollars a year, but he has time to write them himself, all dealers who do not advertise have plenty of time, so let me give him a few points that have proved useful to myself.

Not every one, however, can write a really good ad as a glance at the advertising columns will show. Else first class ad writers would not command such salaries. But many can write better ads if they try hard. Now, you busy dealers need not listen unless you wish.

Whenever something good that may be used in your ad suggests itself to you jot it down at once. Don't wait to find it has escaped you. Undoubtedly many suggestions occur to you, as they do to me, while reading the ads of others. Much material will be accumulated from which a catchy headline may be selected and a good showy form made up. Of course your stock must determine what to offer but the way to offer it may be gleaned from your notes. After written put your ad aside for a few days and then revise in all its parts, headline, body, form, etc. Get it in as good shape as possible and give it another rest. Again take it up and, although you may see no improvement that can be made, rewrite it very carefully in a better hand and usually a change will present itself before you are through. Continue in this way until the ad is as perfect as you can make it. Give your best time to this work, the early morning before you commence your day's work or when not busy. You see this plan cannot be carried out if you wait till day of publication before putting pen to paper.

If two or three trials prove to you that your time and patience have not been profitably spent, it would be advisable to go out of the stamp business and engage in something that needs no advertising if such a business can be found. If Ms. writers would use this same plan in getting up articles our whole philatelic press would be improved.

Inscriptions On Stamps.

By L. G. DORPAT.

Arabian letters (See Webster's Dictionary) are used by all Mohamedans, though their languages may differ widely. The Persians use the Arabian alphabet with the addition of 4 letters of their own viz: Pe, Che, Ghaf and Zhe. Pe is the Be with three dots below instead of one, Che the same as Ha but with three dots below, Ghaf the same as Kep but with 3 dots above. Zhe the same as Re but with three dots above. Zhe is pronounced like the soft French J.

With this and the Arabian letters in mind we may attempt to read Persian, which, however, will prove to many a one a difficult task yet. It must be remembered that vowels are as a rule not expressed and can be supplied by those only who know the words they are going to read. Then too, fancy or careless writing will cause an equal or even a greater amount of trouble than in any other language. I have tried pretty hard to read the inscriptions on Persian stamps, but without the help of others have succeeded only in deciphering one syllable, namely: "POSHT" It appears on the issue of 1879 and on every succeeding one to the present time. By careful comparison (always beginning at the right and reading toward the left) we find that even this one syllable differs considerably in appearance. From a Persian missionary I got the information that the inscription in full reads: POSHTUMA MOK MACHROSIA ERAU", i. e. Postoffice of the Persian Empire. From the same source I learn the words on the official set to be: "MACHROSE CHEDMAT POST-CHAN DOLAT ERAU MAHSANA FRESTA-NOH SHUD" i. e. Object and Service of the Postoffice of the Kingdom of Per-

sia. It has been sent.

This seems to be right, but it takes more than my knowledge of Persian to verify its correctness. Regarding the numerals, I am a little more fortunate. They are as follows:

1: yek or yak	10: dah
2: do or doo	11: yasadah
3: seh or sih	12: dwasdah
4: tshar or chahar	13: sizdah
5. pautsh or pauj	14: tsahasdah
6: shash	15: pausdah
7: haft	20: bist
8: hasht	50: paudshah
8: nah or nuh	100: zad or sad

For the Persian numeral figures see Scotts Catalogue 1902 p. 685. The values are in Shahi, Keran, Toman and Pennies or Farzingo. So far for Persian.

Turkish is again a distinct language for itself. It is written in the same letters as Persian with the addition of but one letter: the Saghir-noun, i. e. Kef with 3 dots on it, the same as Ghaf but pronounced like ng "song". What has been said about the difficulties regarding Persian applies here as well. Subject to criticism I read as follows: On the first issue in the crescent (again from right to left) "DAWLET OSMANIYEH" i. e. Osmanish Service. On the succeeding issues "DAWLAT" (Service) above, "OSMANIYEH" (Turkish) at the left (downward) and "POSTAH" (Postiyeh?) at the right (up). Below the centre is always the value and varies of course with every denomination in Parayeh (Paras) and Ghrush (Piastre).

It will be noticed that the four types of surcharge, though spelling the same differ considerably in execution. The issue of 1876 has again the same inscription with some variations: 1st line STAH, 2nd line PO-DAWLET, 3rd line OSMANIYEH. It is queer that part of one word should be found joined to another but such things must not surprise us in oriental script.

(To be continued).



FOREIGN PAPERS.

La Cote Reece, which heretofore has been only a pricelist published by Th. Lemaire, Paris, has now become a full-fledged philatelic paper and has added a chronicle and good articles. One of these describes the known tete-beche varieties of France. The author adheres to Dr. Valor's idea that they represent a sort of control-mark, though it is difficult to see how such a mark would have served its purpose, as it would not be perceptible on any single stamps. Another article describes the late Venezuelan provisionals issued at Campano, but brings nothing new.

Dr. Szalay, a frequent contributor to the Szekula Briefmarkenverkehr and an authority on stamp values, has a long review of Senf's new catalogue in No. 14 of the S2. B. V., in which he makes the following revolutionary proposal:

"We would place emphasis on the duty of the catalogues to prevent speculation by taking no account of artificially elevated or depressed prices. For instance, we suggest the following. The catalogue should say: Dominican Republic, No. 172, unused \$100, used £75. N. B., Market value at present much higher, but unwarrantedly so, as there were 25,000 issued.' As this sentence would be of frequent recurrence, one could use a symbol after the stamp, e. g. } . . and everybody would know that the market value is momentarily unwarrantedly high, or } . . . that the market value is too low. We believe to have rendered a service to philately by this idea. This simple method, if followed out, would be of great ser-

vice in the fight against villainous speculation. Further we would have the advantage of being freed from a great number of unpleasant undulations in prices, for it is certainly unpleasant to compare the prices of the last 8 years and find two distinct bull and two distinct bear movements. The catalogue should not blindly take the momentaneous, often artificial, condition of the market as their guide, but should rather look at the objective, so to speak: inner value of a stamp."

I think there is much in Dr. Szalay's remarks, but his proposal is not apt to be realized in catalogues issued by dealers—witness the reply made by Mr. Senf (of Senf Brothers) at a German philatelic convention, when much complaint was made of the unnatural reductions in price of many stamps made in one of his catalogues—I forget the year. "Well," was his answer, "don't you suppose we have to buy also once in awhile?" And so the prices are fixed accordingly as the publishing firm wants to buy or sell. Oh, for a standard catalogue of collectors and FOR collectors! But we are still far from it.

No. 21 of Filatelia, our lively little contemporary of Buenos Aires, illustrates the elegantly engraved postal notes lately issued by the Argentine Republic. They are of interest to stamp collectors because they bear impressed a stamp of the current Argentine issue in denominations equivalent to the fee. A Paraguayan correspondent reports that 66,000 were issued of the late Paraguayan surcharge 20 on 24 blue.

Collectors of fiscal stamps—and their number is growing—would find much of interest in an article in El Filatelica Espanol for November which deals with certain fiscal stamps issued by the college of Notaries at Barcelona! giving extracts from the Laws and

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regulations concerning them. Such articles would do much to shed light on the vast labyrinth of European fiscals; I am sure that it is largely lack of information about them which prevents many collectors from entering on this fascinating field. But, there, I am entrenching on Bro. Nast's department. It is more within the scope of my office to call attention to the excellent little book on the postal cards of Spain which is issued in parts by the *Filatelico Espanol* and which has already reached page 56.

Stimulated by the proposal our Third Asst. P. M. G., Shallenberger, for an international envelope with return coupon, a contributor in No. 59 of *Le Timbrophile Belge* comes with a plan for return coupons, to be printed in four denominations and to be exchangeable in other countries for the corresponding stamps representing those rates, the accounts to be made on a gold basis between the various countries. It is not probable that at the next Postal Congress something tangible may result from all these proposals; it would certainly be hailed with joy by stamp collectors.

Mr. Shallenberger's project is also criticized very favorable in an article in No. 11 of the *Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidskrift*. The rest of the paper consists almost entirely of the chronicle— one of the fullest, though not always the earliest.

Our new contemporary from Iquique, Chile, *La America Postal*, is increasing in size and appearance; if it would have more original matter, it would be quite an acceptable paper.

De Postzegelgids reprints Mr. Gregory's article on the provisionals of Rio Hocha, Colombia and adds some remarks on the second issue described by him as reprints. They seem to be

equally original as the first issue and *DePostzegelgids* reproduces a letter from a correspondent down there: "The first issue consisted of 800 stamps, "of which 300 were sold to the public "and 500 to Mr. N. N. (an American). "The second issue consisted of 4000 "stamps; of these one of my friends "bought 2300. The remaining 1700 "were placed on sale at the postoffice at "Rio Hacha and according to the latest report the supply is but small." My! if one of us could only be on hand at the issue of such a provisional!

I cannot but allude to the first review of a magnificent monograph on the stamps of Austria-Hungary which I find in No. 10 of the *Vertrauliches Korrespondenz-Blatt*. The well known Austrian philatelist H. Kropf, is the author and there is none better able to write such a book than he. He, moreover, had access to the official records of the Austrian P. O. Department which have never before been at the disposal of philatelic writers. The book appears in large quarto size and has 455 pages with 938 engravings. There are four divisions: A-Austria (including Levant after 1863). B-Lombardy-Venice; C-Hungary; D-Bosnia and Herzegovina. The book is not yet on sale; as soon as I have been able to procure a copy, I shall describe it at greater length for the readers of the WEST.

The September number of the *Revista de la Sociedad Filatelica Argentina* gives the full text of the conditions for the competition for new Chilean stamps, about which I have heretofore written Sr. Laass, the president of the South American Bank Note Co. of Buenos Aires, adds a few remarks regretting that section of the conditions seem to indicate that Chile intends to use the typographical process of engraving for the new set—the

same used by Great Britain and most European countries. As Sr. Laass' company does very fine work in LINE engraving only (the process used by our own country) the motive for his remarks is obvious.

M. Maury in No. 264 of *Le Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste* describes at length the various reprints made of the French stamps. The first one was made in September 1862; it comprised 20 sheets (of 300) of each of the following: Republic, 10c bistre, 15c green, 20c black, 20c blue, 25c blue, 40c red, 1 fr. carmine. Presidency, 10c bistre, 20c blue. Empire, 25c blue. One sheet of each value was sent to Mr. Rowland Hill, 14 of each went into the archives; the others were all burnt. In February 1863 the 1 franc carmine of the Empire was also reprinted in 20 sheets. In 1887 a lot of Colonial stamps were reprinted, being those of the eagle type, those of the Emperor laureated design (lacking the 5c, 30c, 80c) those of the Liberty type (lacking the 1c, 2c, 4c, 5c, 15c, 30c, 40c, 80c and the 10c and 15c with large figure), those of the Group design (this included the 3c yellow, 3c gray, 15c yellow, 20c blue, 25c black on rose and 5 fr. lilac, which were never issued for the Colonies). New plates were made for these: the Eagle stamps, the Imperial and the Liberty stamps in sheets of 12, 4 horizontal rows of 3, the Allegory stamps in sheets of 25, 5x5. In 1900 the Allegory design was again reprinted, perforated, in both type-varieties. This was a very small reprint and no particulars of it have as yet become known.

The committee charged with preparing for the new Chilean issue has recommended to the P. O. Department a new series (postage, official, unpaid, advice of receipt, envelopes, cards, letter cards) to bear the portraits of celebrated Chileans; their list comprises

just fifty names!!! I hope they will issue a Cyclopaedia of Biography with the set.

M. Maury gives us some particulars as to the battles commemorated by the new Bulgarian issue. The most important one was that of the Shipka pass. Pleona was besieged by the Russians and the Turks tried to rescue its defenders. To do this they had to force the Shipka pass, but this was defended by one Russian regiment and five battalions of Bulgarian volunteers, all under Gurko. For five days the Turks again and again attacked the pass, but the defenders hung on, though they had to resort to Rocks as weapons at last, as shown on the stamps. The Turks could not relieve Osman Pasha at Pelvena; he had to surrender and that ended the war; the peace of San Stefano gave Bulgaria its independence. Thus these stamps really commemorate an event of great importance to Bulgaria and we may well excuse the issue.

A French paper has had a patriotic fit because the idea of printing the three main Postal Union values in green, red and blue originated with Germany. This gives the *Schweizer Briefmarken-Zeitung* in its No. 10 cause to review the growth of this idea. It began with a proposal by Prussia to the other German States to print corresponding values in the same colors; this was first made in 1861 and gradually adopted by the German States. The same idea was proposed at the first Postal Congress in 1875 at Bern, but rejected. In 1885 at Lisbon the proposal was renewed, but again rejected, nevertheless thirty six countries had already adopted it. Here the proposition was made by Belgium. At Vienna in 1891 the idea would have been adopted except for the violent opposition of France. At last at Washington in 1879 the color scheme was made obligatory for all states. Thus it is hardly fair to blame the Change on Bismark, as the French paper did.

From Our Australian Friends.   

Mr. Jas. Welsh, North Fitzroy, Victoria, Australia, Vice president of the Philatelic Society of Victoria, writes as follows:

We are looking forward with some impatience to a Federal issue and in the meantime are being treated to various make-shifts. Following the Tasmanian 1d and 2d pictorials on Victorian watermarked paper, "postage due" stamps have appeared for the first time for the states of Western Australia, South Australia and Tasmania. These are from the plates of New South Wales issue, with the initials N. S. W. removed from label at bottom, leaving a blank space and are practically a first federal issue.

Western Australia 2|- and 5|- values are out. 2|- being red on yellow paper from current type 2|A Victoria, and 5|- dark green, from current type 2½d Victoria, as title instead of "Victoria."

New Zealand. An error has arisen in connection with the 2|6 brown, (type 53, Stanley & Gibbons 1902) the wrong die, that of the "counterpart" stamp being used for copies of documents only and differ from regular issue in having the word "counterpar" in label under the Queen's Head. The mistake was detected by a provincial postmaster soon after issue, but not before the "Cognoscenti" had scented the prey, and cornered as many as possible before withdrawal.

The Postal Rates Act came in force here on the 1st of November and the Post Office being a Federal Institution, the time-honored franks of the State Departments ceased to be recognized, each now paying its postage direct, ordinary adhesives being affixed until perforated adhesive and embossed

stamps for official use, in preparation by the Government Printer are available. What further infliction these are to impose on collectors can only be conjectured, and in the meantime that longsuffering class who have combated "Hospital and war fever" issues of the golden fleece order of merit, and prayed earnestly and long for a Federal issue, can only hope for tender treatment.

New State issues still bob up serenely, from old dies fixed up to meet the exigencies of altered circumstances, the latest being from South Australia:

9d Carmine, watermark Crown and S. A., perf. 11½, and type of the high values, "Postage instead of "Postage and Revenue" in top label and on white instead of colored ground.

An 8d, similar type; also issued but have no particulars regarding it.

Mr. Ressegu, of Avoca, Victoria Australia, sends this clipping from the Melbourne Argus.

"The Postmaster-General has been presented by a firm of London engravers with a handsomely mounted complete series of the first stamps issued in each of the Australian States. Mr. Drake, knowing the interest exhibited by Victorians in philately, has presented the exhibit to the Melbourne Public Library, where it can be viewed by connoisseurs.

Nonsense.

Weekly Philatelic Era.

A few days ago a party called upon one of the Boston dealers and desired to purchase some stamps. He produced a Scott's catalogue of the 25th edition and expected to buy with this as a basis for prices, and this modern Rip Van Winkle was much disappointed when he found the dealer would not do so.

Notes and Cuttings from
Australasia and New
Zealand

H. W. Mackisack, Bx 108, Dunedin, N Z

NEW ZEALAND

There are further changes to chronicle in the paper used for this colony. Mr. Sanderson sends us specimens of the current 6d on new paper, without official watermark, slightly thinner than the previous issue. The sheet is watermarked "superfine", so that a few of the stamps will show portions of the lettering. The 3d has also appeared on paper watermarked asingle line star and the letters N Z., with the additional inscription "postage" on one side and "New Zealand" on the other, therefore we will have a great variety of watermarks appearing on these stamps as well.

Adhesives: 3d perf 11 wmk single line star and N Z

6d perf 11, on new paper

Since writing the above we have been shown the 3d on the new paper watermarked sideways, and a block of four of the 6d showing the watermark in two lines of inscription instead of one as described above. We understand the 6d paper is called "Lisbon" paper.

We have been shown some interesting stamps of New Zealand, being varieties of the current series surcharged O. P. S. O. These stamps have until quite recently been looked upon as doubtful, and so far only one or two varieties of the '82 issue have been catalogued. The surcharge appears to be made by a hand stamp, a block of four of the 1d stamps showing the surcharge to be in four different positions.

NEW SOUTH WALES

We have been informed on good authority that when the present stock of 7½d and 12½d stamps are exhausted

no more will be issued. This will be the first step towards equalizing all the various values of the States of the Commonwealth. The 1d card is now printed on buff as before. Three varieties of card were used during the provisional issue on white card, the first issue being on very thick, the second on medium, and the last on thin card-board.

TASMANIA

A new die or block has been made of the 1d. stamp. The process used in the reproduction of the stamp has given it a much coarser appearance; many lines of shading have been added, and others deepened, giving the design an overcrowded appearance; the color has also been changed to a duller shade of red. It is printed on paper watermarked V and Crown. We can not compliment the Victorian authorities on their production; the possibility is that they have aimed at cheapness, and no doubt they have succeeded. We have also seen some very distinct shades of the 2d. purple, every successive printing being a different shade. There can be no question but that it shows carelessness on the part of the printer. Mr. W. F. Petterid has also shown us this stamp printed on the V. & Crown paper, on both sides.

Adhesive: 1d. dull red, re-engraved, wmk. V & Crown.

AUSTRALIA

Quite lately the old and tried 9d stamp of South Australia has been suddenly superceded. Why, we can not tell. The die in use for the Postage and Revenue values from 2-6 upwards has been altered, the word "Revenue" taken out, and "Nines pence" inserted at foot, and the public are expected to accept such an ordinary postage stamp!! It is almost twice the length of the usual size.

Stamps not being obtainable at time of sale and shipment of this package, will be paid on sworn returns thereof to Collector of Internal Revenue, 1st Dist. Mo.

LAMBERT PHARMACAL CO., ST. LOUIS, MO.

Internal Revenue Tax, 2½c

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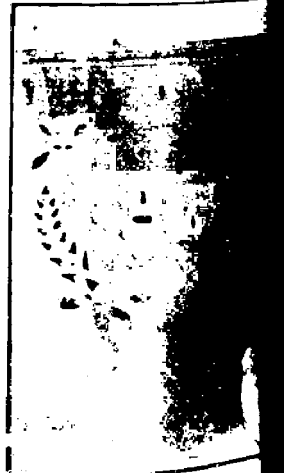
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ST. LOUIS, MO.

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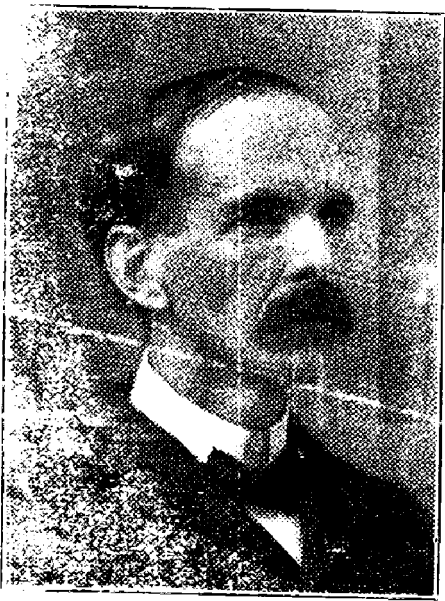
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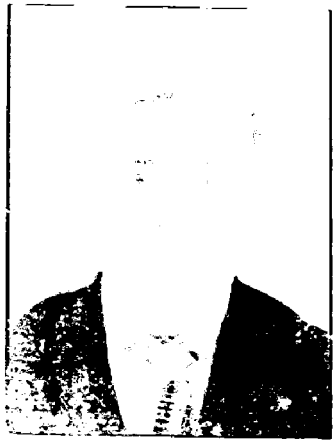
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J. T. ROBERGE

F. T. Roberge was born at Sorel Canada in 1871 graduated from the Christian Brothers Academy in 1887 and has since been connected with D. Finlay and Son Dry Goods stores for 15 years.

A collector and dealer since 1895 has a collection of 1500 varieties coins and 2300 varieties of U. S. and British Colonials also including a few choice countries.

MR. FRANK R. HAYWORTH

Mr. Frank R. Hayworth of Wichita Kansas, Assistant Secretary Treasurer of the Spanish American Philatelic Society is a native of the Hoosier state but at an early age his family moved to Pueblo Colo. where they resided several years afterwards moving to Kansas.

Mr. Hayworth has been a collector for over ten years and has a splendid collection of 3000 varieties. He is a charter member and Vice President of the Kansas Philatelic Society.

At present he is a reporter for the R. G. Dun Merc. Agcy and is always glad to meet any of the "fraternity" when they stop off at Wichita.

MR. R. MCINTYRE

Mr. R. McIntyre of So. Berwick, Me. is a collector of knowledge as well as a collector of curios. A musician, all round athlete; and it is not necessary to hit him with a club to make him "catch on" when there is a joke in the air. His curio collecting instinct seems to be inherited from his mother who has a fine collection of rare and valuable articles. He is not at present a stamp collector, but talks of talking up that branch later. Just now, he seems to be most interested in collecting photos of his female friends.

The photo of map shows the arrows and other tools from the different states. It shows the different kind of stone also of the work done by the different tribes and from collection of D Kinney Waseca Minn.

Our next Months Number will give Illustrations of his Indian axes, Celts, Scrapers etc. Very large one.

T. P. GALLAHER

T. P. Gallaher was born at Wheeling W. Va. Oct. 16 1866 he is a collector naturally and has been interested in many branches of the cult from coins to manuscripts and historical matter.

About twelve years ago while living at Canton Ohio he occupied desk room in the office of late president (then Governor) McKinley at which time and place he started in the historical line.

At present Mr. Gallaher has many priceless mementos of Pres. McKinley besides a few autographs of the period before he dropped the (Junior) Jr. from his signature.

Besides being head of the company at Columbus O. bearing his name, he is a mechanic working at assembling on registers and is for several years secretary of his local Union and actively interested in church and Sunday school work. Picture loaned by Columbus O. Dispatch.

INDIAN GIRLS

Two Creek Indian girls in native dress taken from an Indian Magazine run by an Indian girl. Rare U. S. Prv Revenue stamps. For information write C. Nast Denver if you have any. He wants to buy. We want to see any photos of your collection either of Stamps, Coins, Curios Relics etc. an will make cut of same, if suits. Send photographs unmounted clear and bright as possible with short description of same will be glad to use it if subject is of general interest will give 1 years subscription or an space of same value for any that we can use.

Some Rare Curios.

By Forest Gaines

The following is a description of some prehistoric Aztec and Toltec relics which were recently added to my archaeological collection. The articles were collected by a journalist and merchant, residents of the locality.

The locality is eastern Arizona and western central New Mexico and the articles came from the ruins located there. The collection consists mostly of pottery but there are also a few other articles. The exact localities are Jaralosa, Valencia County, Arizona. Jaralosa is just twenty miles south of the modern Indian village called Zuni. The members of the latter tribe as is well known make a specialty of selling hand made relics to tourists.

The pottery in the lot consists of the

following unbroken pieces: bowl, pitcher, olla, jar, and jumate. I give the names of the articles as they have been applied by various archaeologists. Nearly all of them had to be excavated from ashes and earth. A short description of each will now be given: The bowl is a flat vessel some four inches high and eight inches across. Is plain in construction but the outside is decorated. This vessel was probably used for ordinary house purposes of the Aztecs, as were also the other pieces.

The jumate or dipper consists of an oval bowl, terminated by a semi-hollow wide handle. The bowl and handle are decorated with black stripes on the white back ground.

The pitcher has an oval base with a narrowed neck and a semi-circular handle. It has no funnel device however for pouring.

SAMPLE CATALOGUES

A number of our customers were disappointed in not receiving Part 2 (Foreign countries) of our 1902 catalogue as supply was exhausted.

We now have 500 more from London, and will mail a copy (450 pages) on receipt of

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The olla is an oval piece with the opening at the top slightly bent in. This piece was probably more for ornament than common household use. It has stripe decorations on the exterior.

The jar has a flat bottom which rounds up to a rather wide mouth. All the outside of this vessel has corrugated lines. It also has a good deal of a coating of oxide. This corrugation is a feature of a great amount of prehistoric pottery.

A stone axe is also included. It is of greenstone about five inches long and three wide and is of the universal variety of Indian axes.

Some primitive bone awls also forcibly reminds one of the disadvantages which these vanished people had to overcome so long ago.

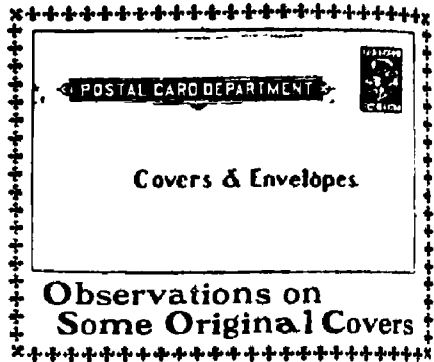
The relics in these ruins are nearly all found buried with skeletons, as it was evidently the custom of these people to bury a person's pottery and implements with him.

In locating a ruin the cemetery is the place looked for as the relics are found buried with skeletons. The cemetery is always situated on the side of the ruin toward the rising sun. The greatest care must be exercised in the excavation work, as a great deal of the pottery has deteriorated a good deal from the ravages of the years and moisture. So it would be easily broken.

The bowl mentioned in the above was taken from the Jaralosa ruins. The rest of the collection came from the Coyote ruins.

In the opinion of many archaeologists the Aztec and Toltec ruins furnish the most interesting study on the continent, and it is indeed absorbing to pry into the habits and customs of this race, once powerful, but now vanished forever.

A Baltimore paper states that Mr. Henry Walters has bought the great Marcello art collection at Rome for a million dollars. A special steamer has been chartered to take the collection to America.



By R. R. THIELE.
(Continued)

They are cancelled with a datestamp showing this inscription:

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TOP. ТЕΛΕΓΡ. КОHT. N° XX
in a single lined circle. The figure 1 at either side probably is the number of the canceller; the name at the top is "St Petersburg" and the lower inscription is abbreviated from Gorodskoi Telegraphskoi Kontora, meaning "City Telegraph Office No 20." Postoffice and telegraph office in Russia are under one administration. This postmark is also impressed on the face of the letter. The back bears another datestamp reading:

C. ИЕТЕРЪУРЪ
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in a double circle, the date arranged in a straight line across the center similar to the Swiss postmarks. This postmark is probably that of the main postoffice and 8 is the number of the canceller; the lower inscription is abbreviated from 5 Ekspediziya, meaning "fifth forwarding", i. e. of the mail for that day. Besides these, the back of the letter bears the New York registry postmark.

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see more new members.

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Ref Brodstone.

Dr L Michael, Shelton, Ref Brod-
stone

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Would advice all members to send to
Wendt, Sales Supt, for Blank Books.
It will sure pay you.

REPORT OF SALES DEPT

Thanks to all members electing me
as the Supt of our Sales Dept. This
Dept is already in running order.
Kindly advise me at once if you wish
to be placed on circuit. Fine stamps
can be bought very cheap—or if you
have anything to sell order our blank
books (5c each or 3 for 10c). We re-
quest the help of all. It is our desire
to make this Dept the best on: in the
WEST. Rules upon application

H. Wendt,
Sterling, Neb

You can tell where an American coin
of twenty-five cents or over was made
by looking at it. There are four places

of coinage in the United States—Phil-
adelphia, San Francisco, New Orleans
and Carson City, Nev. There are no
distinguishing marks on the Philadel-
phia coins. The first mint was estab-
lished there. On coins made in the
other mints are certain marks placed
below the eagle or the bunch of arrows.
Coins made in San Francisco bear the
letter "S"; in New Orleans the letter
"O" and in Carson City the letters
"C. C."

When Coins Were First Made.

Certain passages in the "Iliad" of
Homer would lead to the inference
that coins of brass were struck as early
as 1184 B. C. Tradition affirms that
the Chinese had bronze coins as early
as 1120 B. C. But Herodotus, "the fa-
ther of history," ascribes the "inven-
tion" of coins to the Lydians, about
nine centuries B. C., and there is no
satisfactory evidence that coins were
known prior to that date.

Foreign Coins.

This particular field is so wide and
the chances for the collector to add to
his collector so many that we believe
no coin collector who is interested in
the world's history, her peoples and
her work, can neglect them. Natural-
ly one turns first to the coins of his
own country, but when one specializes
on one country the interest can only
be narrow. With most collectors the
cost of coins is a first consideration,
and here is another reason why the
collector should have foreign coins in
his collection, for good ones can be
bought for as low as a cent each.
While the writer is not a stamp collec-
tor, he wishes to say regarding the
collecting of stamps that it may be
considered one of the most useful as
well as instructive and pleasurable
"hobbies" to be found, largely because
of the almost endless variety and small
cost of beautiful, artistic and multi-
colored foreign stamps. So it can be
said that no coin collection is really
complete unless it is partly made up of
coins from foreign countries.

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F Perkins, Chicago writes: The notice WEST gave the Scott Williams Co, Seattle, Wash, stopped him sending a lot of stamps on their request and we see this Co has ads in several papers of Europe and some few American papers and we wonder how many got paid in full for their account. Ours is for sale cheap.

Another ad seen in the American papers is Wortman of Paris, France and one that don't pay ad bills and any claims that others have against this party Secy would be glad to hear.

Calvin C Backett of Lewiston, Me is still in the dark and several say they have sent to the P O Dept their claims.

H Norris of Mass and Preston of Ind

report that Geo W Le Mar of Bay City and other parts of Mich is a bad one and does not do as he agrees and has their goods which they are unable to get.

Excelsior Stamp Co, N Y reports that R L Bell, Lansing, Mich and C A Fearey, Madison, Minn got stamps of them last March and April and are unable to get any returns.

G Volger, of Florida reports O T Hiser, Spencer, Iowa for lot sent him last May.

F Robinson, Belvidere, Ill says Snider of Trenton, Ontario, Canada is unreliable, with him.

SALES SUPERINTENDANT'S REPORT, S.

C. P. A.

7-20 On hand last report 6 books	
value	68.26
10 20 Received since 28	126.85

Total 34	195.11

I have very good books on hand and would like more names on my buying list. I can also use more good books. Please read article in Sept. West on what stamps sell best. Brother Chapman also gives good advice along this line in his magazine the Adhesive. I would like for each patron whenever practicable to prepare several books at a time so that they may be registered each way, and the additional 8c not cut such a figure.

This department is badly in need of purchasers. Several good books and not enough purchasers to send out on circuit. Kindly let me have responses.

JOEL H. DUBOSE,
Sup't Sale Dept.

Some remarkable lace from the collection of Mrs. Alfred Morrison was offered at Christie's on June 10th. A point de Venise flounce a la rose, 4 yards long and 11 inches deep, reached £350 (Agnew).

Some Collections I Have Seen. & &

< By F. E. HALBERT. >

It was with intense interest that the writer recently viewed the fine collection owned by Mrs. J. A. McIntire of South Berwick, Maine. She has been collecting since early girl-hood, and has an eye to the beautiful as well as historic articles. Her parlor is nearly entirely furnished with mahogany furniture of fine design and ancient manufacture.

The following are a few of the many curios in a special cabinet: Teapot: Silver-luster finish. This manner of decoration is now a "lost art;" there was only one man who did this kind of work, and when he died, his secret went with him.

Beside this interesting bit of table-ware were a couple of plates which were nearly a couple of hundred years old.

The writer was then shown a colonial bill of the denomination of two-thirds of a dollar. This is said to be a rare specimen of our ancestors small change. This bill was placed between two pieces of glass of equal size and shape, then tastily bound round the edges with a ribbon. This allowed anyone to examine it on both sides without damaging the bill in any way. A 50 cent Liberia "shinplaster" was treated in like manner.

Did you ever see a brazil-nut, not on, but in, the "original cover?" The outside of this one was about the size and shape of an ordinary cocoanut, but the shell is considerably harder. The nuts, which we sometimes call "nigger-toes" were arranged by nature in a spiral manner around the inside.

The next were a couple of small plates of ancient design; one having in the centre this inscription: "The path of virtue is the path of peace." The other: "When the well is dry, they know the want of water."

A small, worn slip of paper was shown us on which was the following: "Fort McCleary, Jan. 20th 1815. The guard has my permission to have one glass of rum each out of the canteen. (signed)

Jas. Mason, Ens. & Off. Day"

Another order reads: "Mr. Place has my permission to git one pint of ~~xx~~ rum to carry home. J. Bunnell, Capt." It appears that the holders of these bits of paper used them more than once.

Here was an ebony stamp box which was just as the original owner left it long ago. There was a couple of unused stamps in it which are now worth several times face value.

There was a number of relics of some of our famous battle-ships which long ago were destroyed because they were unfit for further service.

Our lady collector friends would just fairly revel in the most beautiful hand embroidered silks from the Phillipines and China which Mrs. McIntire proudly showed us.

A peculiar bonnet of pine-apple fiber was also interesting.

On the wall was hanging a fern-like aquatic plant about eight feet long which a Harvard professor had failed to name even after a careful examination. This plant was brought from the shores of Cuba.

Another relic which has a history, is a cast-iron lamp made for burning tallow, which was one of four that lighted the hall in which Governor Endicott first met the people of Boston. The history of this relic is authentic.

Time and space forbids further mention of the many interesting things in the proud possession of this genial collector.

E. Edwards, Springdale, Mo. My little ad in WEST brought me over 500 letters and I have disposed of all my Indian Relics and Curios, etc., and collected by exchange over 1000 nice photo prints,

The Coinage of the British West Indies and Neighboring Colonies. * * *

By **WAYTE RAYMOND, A. N. A.**

The study of British Colonial Coins is an extremely interesting one, and when the coins can be procured in un-circulated condition they make a very beautiful display. There are none of them very rare except the very early ones, and can be procured from any dealer.

Most of the British West Indian colonies have been secured from the Spanish or French. Others have been added by right of conquest. Jamaica, the largest island, was annexed in the seventeenth century. The Bahamas were colonized in the latter part of that century, and the Bermudas and Barbados in 1605 and 1609. The Spanish eight real piece, or Mexican dollar was the recognized standard in these colonies up to the early part of the nineteenth century. These coins were cut into quarters, or the center was punched out, and that and the rim became two separate coins. These portions were stamped with the name, or abbreviation, of the island from which they were current. Beginning with Jamaica we take up the West Indies first. The first authorized coinage for Jamaica was begun in 1870. They are penny, half-penny and farthing, and are notable for being the only nickel coins in the British colonies. They bear on the obverse the head of Victoria, to left, within a circle of dots, surrounded by Victoria Queen. The reverse—the arms of the island and the legend—Jamaica-one penny. Half-penny, or farthing. This represents the coinage of the island to the present day. There were also several tokens current, struck by M. Howard, William Smith, and Thomas Lundie & Co., and

others.

Barbados begin their coinage in 1788 with a copper penny, having the head of a negro with a crown of ostrich feathers, and the words I serve, characteristic of the race, on the obverse, and a pineapple with Barbadoes-penny 1788, on the reverse. A later type has Geo. III driving Neptune's chariot and date 1792 on reverse. A farthing and halfpenny token also represent these islands, issued by Moses Tolanto. The island of Trinidad has no recognized coinage, but tokens were struck by H. E. Rapseys and J. C. D'ade & Co.

A farthing represents the sole coinage of Antigua. It has the date on the obverse divided by a tropical palm—18 | 36—and the name Antigua. On the reverse, a laurel and oak wreath surrounding the value—one farthing, in two lines.

In the Bermudas we come to the most widely known of English Colonial coins, the Somner Islands shilling sixpence, threepence, and twopence, all in brass. They were struck by Sir George Somners, an English nobleman, who was wrecked off these islands in 1669. They bear on the obverse,—a very fierce looking hog, with value over his back, surrounded by the words—Somner Islands. On the reverse—a typical ship of the time in full sail. In 1793 a very pleasing coin, a penny, was circulated, having on the obverse a laureate bust of Geo. III, with Georgius III. D.G.Rex. The reverse presents a ship in full sail with Bermuda above and the date 1793 in exergue.

One coin only bears the name Bahama, that is a copper halfpenny, with a laureate bust of George III, surrounded by Georgius III. D.G. Rex. 1806. on the obverse. On the reverse—a ship in full sail, with land in distance, Bahama above, and Expulsis Piratis Restituta Commercium in exergue. This motto translated broadly means: "To commemorate the defeat of the pirates and the restoration of commerce."

(To be continued.)

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An Amusing Experience
Of a Young Naturalist.

By A "YOUNG NATURALIST."

(Continued from last number.)

On the left the river bank clothed in coverlet of red and green. The red berries of the bitter-sweet were everywhere, and the still more delicate berries of the wahoo were in abundance. Other climbing vines were also plentiful, the moonseed especially with its dark blue berries resembling grapes in appearance. The linden or basswood tree was seen in profusion, while here and there, hugging the bank, was the red cedar, straight and trim, standing as it were a lone sentinel, as if to guard the river as it went on its course.

About one o'clock I crossed Verdigris creek, and soon found myself in Niobrara City, the county seat of Knox county, Neb. I passed rapidly through the town so did not notice its appearance. After leaving the town and walking three miles through slush and mud I came to a ferry landing. The ferry is a large steam affair having room for over twenty rigs. It took the last cent I had to pay my fare. Soon we were across and the gangplank was let down. I stepped ashore and found myself in the little village of Running Water, S. D., the terminus of the C. M. & St. P. R. R. The town is situated right across from where the Running water enters the Missouri.

I was glad to get on Dakota soil again. It seemed almost like a new country as I rode along past the fine farms of thrifty German population. There were hardly any trees at all on the Dakota side of the Missouri.

That night I walked (it was too dark to ride) thirty miles to my home, passing through the new town of Avon on my way. About 4 o'clock, just as the first grey streaks of dawn could be

seen, I rode into our place, after having been absent just five days—tired, weary and sleepy and vowing to myself that when I tramped again, I would go prepared. I slept all day and part of the night and when I awoke, the first words I heard were those of my father, 'the wanderer has returned'

This is a true story of a tramp awheel, which I took when I was sixteen years old, in the autumn of 1901. My advice is to never tramp—the experiment wasn't a success.

Some Curious Notions.

Plinius considers the Bay-tree a protection against lightning and states that the Emperor Tiberius used to wear a laurel-wreath during thunder showers as a protection. Others have used the hyacinth, the amethyst and the skin of the sea-calf or seal for the same purpose.

Garlic has been recommended as a preventive of the bubonic plague and as a cure for snake-bites and gravel, as well as many other diseases. A magnet rubbed with garlic was thought to lose its power of attraction and a diamond moistened with garlic-juice its value.

The lungs of the fox (not a plant called Fox-lung) was once used as a cure for consumption and lung troubles in general.

It does not appear that occult power was credited for such supposed effects. It seems rather that natural qualities were believed to exist in many things which today nobody would seek in them except a Chinese doctor.

Several of the younger Royalties have fallen victims to the craze for collecting picture postcards, and during their visit to London have added largely to their stock. The Prince of Wales has now one of the finest and most complete collections in the country.



CURIO DEPARTMENT

By ROY FARRELL GREENE, A. S. of C. C.

"An arrow studded with the most costly of stones, tipped at both ends with pure virgin gold and headed with the feathers of the rarest birds." Such is the description of the "Polonzelo arrow" which, in 1434, was presented to Sir John Dalcourt by a Spanish gentleman. This wonderful arrow was made in 1204 by an ancestor of the Spaniard's, and every stone and jewel with which it was set was said to represent a human life cut short through its instrumentality. The stones indicated the number of men to whom it had carried death, while the curiously fashioned gold and silver jewels represented the women who had fallen under its poisoned point.

Birds do not eat fireflies, it is said, and even bats, which seem to eat everything else that they can chew or swallow, never touch a lightning-bug. There must be something distasteful in this insect to the feathered world, and thus the species is preserved, for, if it were not so, lightning-bugs would soon become extinct, as the torch they carry would only serve the purpose of attracting their enemies. It may be that the uncanny appearance of the insect, giving forth, as it does, a brilliant flash of light every moment or so, deters birds and bats from attacking it, but if a lightning-bug were a toothsome morsel to a bird's bill any number of the feathered world would soon overcome their repugnance to the little living torch and go hunting

for lightning-bugs.

A very large deposit of white onyx has been found in the Baca land grant in Yavapai country, Arizona, recently purchased by an English syndicate, headed by Lord Thurlow. Several specimens of the onyx have been removed from the mines, one of them weighing fifty pounds is of solid creamy white, another block is of the usual variegated type common to that section. This is said to be the only bed of white onyx known. It is without a flaw or crack. Slabs of almost any marketable length can be taken out. In some places the deposit is eight feet thick and is known to extend 800 feet in one direction and 1,000 in another.

The largest meteor known to the world has been discovered by a former Rochester, N. Y. man. He is Prof. Henry A. Ward now of Chicago. Prof. Ward's name is widely known on account of his connection with the famous Ward's Natural Science establishment in Rochester, and founded by him. The discovery of the meteorite was described by Prof. Ward who some months ago returned from his journey into the heart of Mexico on this errand. The meteor weighs fifty tons, and it would have cost \$50,000 to remove it. Prof. Ward satisfied himself with chipping off a few specimens and left the great mass of it in its original

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grave, which it dug itself. The great stone was found in the mountains in the state of Sinaloa, on the west coast of Mexico, about 350 miles northeast of Mexico City, and a comparatively short distance northeast of Mosorito. Prof. Ward had heard legends and rumors of the existence of this wonderful meteorite, and at last determined to see for himself if they were true. Last April he made the trip, setting out from Mexico City and passing under the shadow of huge Colimo, the volcano which overhangs the Mexican capital with its clouds of fleecy vapor. Guides led to the place where the meteor was lying, deeply imbedded in the earth. Twenty-five Mexicans, hired by Ward, succeeded by hard work in unearthing the monster. It lay against the solid rock, with very little soil beneath it, showing that it had plunged deep into the earth when it struck from its aerial flight. The great stone was thirteen feet in length, six feet in height and five feet four inches in width. It was of almost solid iron, like all of the Mexican meteorites, and weighed about fifty tons. Its outer surface was pitted and seared. Prof. Ward dug under it and tipped it over. He then blasted off small specimens, and left the remainder where it had fallen. He succeeded in taking several fine photographs of it.

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H. F. C. Todt, of Brattleboro, Vt., has in the collection of curios which he gathered in his trip around the world as paymaster's clerk in the United States navy, a piece of tile which he took seventeen years ago from the room in which Empress Josephine was born, in a small house in St. Pierre, Island of Martinique.

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Ceylon is the home of the largest

spider in the world. This web-spinning monster lives in the most mountainous district of that rugged island, and places his net, measuring from five feet to ten feet in diameter, across the chasms and fissures in rocks.

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A French Naturalist asserts that if the world should become birdless man could not inhabit it after nine years time, in spite of all the sprays and poisons that could be manufactured for the destruction of insects. The insects and slugs would simply eat up all the orchards and crops in that time.

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The Ashbury Park, (N. J.) Press recently told how under the direction of Prof. Frank Meeks of Interlaken, several Indian mounds were being excavated, in the rear of his grounds. It is well known that Interlaken was once the abode of a tribe of the East Jersey Indians. The professor has been studying much about the peculiar nature of the soil around these mounds. So far only a few arrowheads had been found, but the bottom of the graves had not yet been reached.

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A problem for ornithologists to solve is provided by A. M. Mumford in the Chicago tribune of October 5. He makes the assertion that there has been a marked tendency in the last two or three years on the part of several of the feathered species to change their travel-time from darkness to daylight when bound on their southern autumn journey. This change has been especially noticeable along the east coast of Lake Michigan, which has been a guiding line for the birds in spring and fall for years unnumbered. Some Chicago observers have called the matter to the attention of the biological survey of the agricultural department at Washington and it is prob-

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able that a close investigation will be made by the ornithologists attached to the survey. The night-hawks, for instance, that are almost strictly nocturnal in their habits, have been noticed lately to pursue their journey south in the daytime. This change in their migration habits is puzzling students of ornithology, and it is said that the number of birds that are killed by contact with the heavy glass of the light-houses on the coasts is not as great a formerly. This is taken as an indication that the birds are either diminishing in number or that, to some extent at least, they are changing their migration habits, and the question is "Why?"

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Not long ago the Editor ran across a clipping from the Chicago Chronicle which was of great interest, if true, but from the first the reliability of the item was questioned in our mind. It sounded too much like a newspaper reporter's pipe-dream, and so we began at once to investigate it. Although we have corresponded with several Indiana collectors on the subject we have as yet been unable to find anyone who knows about the find. If any collector who reads this column knows anything about the matter we would like to hear from him. According to the Chronicle: "An unusually perfect fossil of a member of the falcon family has been discovered at Crawfordsville, Ind., is one of the huge blocks of stone awaiting being set in the walls of the new Masonic temple. The outlines of the fossil are remarkably distinct. The figure is two feet high and the details of the eye-sockets, feet and the sweep of the long tail-feathers are extremely clear. The block of stone will not be used in building now, but will be preserved with care and eventually will find its way into some museum.

Scientists say this fossil is extremely rare." How about this Dr. Emery, Guy Bogart or Allen J. Reynolds?

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In looking over a volume by John Ruskin, the other day, ye Editor came across a pretty bit of word-painting which will please all botanist readers of these notes. Ruskin says: "You will find that, in fact, all plants are composed of essentially two parts—the leaf and root—one loving the light, the other darkness; one liking to be clean, the other dirty; one liking to grow for the most part up, the other for the most part down, and each having faculties and purposes of its own. But the pure one, which loves the light, has, above all things, the purpose of being married to another leaf and having child leaves, and children's children of leaves to make the earth fair forever. And when the leaves marry they put on wedding robes, and are more glorious than Solomon in all his glory, and they have feasts of honey, and we call them 'Flowers.'" Isn't this a pretty thought?

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Manuscripts written by Robert Burns command prices that very few authors of today could afford to refuse for the production of original work. "Scots, wha hae," for instance, sold in May, 1890, for \$350, and three years ago last June his "Commonplace Book" fetched a sum equal to about \$45 a page, or probably over 25 cents a word. Those collectors who aspire to possess Scott manuscripts must at the same time be prepared to dip somewhat deeply into their pockets. Certainly \$310 purchased an introductory essay in his own handwriting some little time ago, but 840 square inches of £5 Bank of England note paper, or \$500, was required for a portion only of "Tales of a Grandfather." This sum was only \$70 less

than was paid for a seat used by Shakespeare. For the manuscript of "Old Morality," which was sold on the first occasion for a column of sovereigns only two inches high, or \$165, ten and a quarter pounds of gold avoirdupois, or \$3,000 was given recently. What will it bring a century from now?

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In the town of Hildesheim, in Germany, is a rose bush said to be 1000 years old, and sprouts from its branches have realized enormous sums. Some years ago a rich Englishman offered \$50,000 for the entire tree, but the sum was indignantly refused. This wonderful plant clings amid thickly grown moss against the side of the famous old church of St. Michael. It is claimed that it has bloomed perennially since the days of King Alfred.

A Visit to the Hackberry Grove Clay Bank.

By F. MAY TUTTLE, A. S. of C. C.

Alice and I had driven across the Iowa prairie for thirty three miles to attend a convention at Mason City in order that on our return trip we might visit this famous clay bank of which I had read and dreamed for years.

It lies seven miles east and three miles south of Mason City in the north-west corner of section 35, Portland twp., Cerrio Gordo county. When within sight of this escarpment, seventy feet high, we enquired at a farm house of the best way of approach, and a gentlemanly little lad whom I shall never forget, gave us very exact directions and then followed us on his wheel to see that we did not miss the way. Our way led us up a hill into a field which the road skirted and thence along a densely wooded road that looked as though it might abound in snakes

and tramps. It ended at the edge of the bluff and here we hitched our horse to the same tree that other scientists horses had knowed off the bark. Down the same slippery, clayey path we went and turning to the right, at a short distance, found all the fossils we could take care of. At our feet lay the little stream called Lime Creek and in the distance, I suppose, lay a beautiful scene of Iowa prairie, but we weren't there for scenery, but for fossils and had only an hour to spend. In that short time we secured nearly two hundred perfect fossils besides hundreds of fragments worth keeping. Among them were: *Pachyphyllum woodmani*, *Spirifer whitneyi*, *Spirifer hungerfordi*, *McGeeea solitaria*, *Heliphyllum*, *Productus*, *Strophodonta*, *A trypa rectilaris* several new species to be announced in the forthcoming Monograph of the Devonian Rocks, by Webster and two species I have never seen before.

It was with great reluctance we tore ourselves away and if it hadn't been for my little sister I should have been there yet. But after considerable urging on her part that seemed to make no impression on me she said: "May Tuttle, it's as much your affair as it is mine, whether or not we get to Osage before midnight." The dangerous tremolo in her voice was all that I needed to bring me to my senses, for she was my driver.

The ride home across the prairie by way of Nora Springs was one never to be forgotten. Roadsides bordered by beautiful autumn flowers, the sense of possession of an addition to my collection valued at \$25.00, and the motion of the carriage over our fine roads was a dream for a poet and when our carriage rolled into Osage at 5:30 P. M. I was tempted to go back for at least an hour.

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Florida Curios. By OWEN T. BREWER

No part of the world has more interesting animal remains than this section of Florida, in which marvelous phosphate discoveries have been made. Phosphate is a kind of rock and bone conglomeration, which is pumped up out of the bottoms and banks of rivers, bayous, and small streams, separated from sand by screening, and when the product goes through a drying process it is ready for use in the manufacture of fertilizers. The phosphate consists of bone, rock, teeth, shells, claws, etc. of countless varieties, shapes and sizes.

The bones vary in weight and size from small to large and among them can be found the back and thigh-bones of small and large extinct animals. There are also many varieties of fish bones, and hollow bones, as well, that have belonged to birds.

The rocks are, in sizes, from that of a pea to that of a grape-fruit. Some of the larger bones and rocks are too heavy and large for mining and manufacturing. The teeth and claws are in most all shapes and are of different colors, being black, yellow and white. Some teeth are serrated, some of them giant molars, while others have two, three and even four points. Horns are also found to some extent, being mostly deer, and generally petrified. The shells are terrapin, turtle, mussel, various kinds of sea-shells and a few barnacles. The latter, however, are seldom found and never in large quantities. These show some origin of salt water, perhaps thousands of years ago.

There is a tooth, owned by a party in this vicinity, which is supposed to be a molar, though a small one. It weighs only 24 pounds, but is perfect in nearly all respects. There are many bones found measuring two to eight

inches in diameter at largest points, these mostly being too rotten to move. Two bones of this kind that I have located near here are sound enough to be moved.

These curios that I am mentioning may be found near Arcadia, Florida in Peace River, DeSoto County. There are still more curios to be unearthed along the Peace River's banks, which, no doubt, will help to throw light upon the past ages.

Out of Peace River are mined large pieces of flint and some arrowheads, as well as a few spears. These are seldom found in first-class condition, the stem or base being generally broken off. The pump injures them some no doubt, in bringing them to the surface.

We may readily account for arrow and spear heads being found in this river when we remember that the Seminole Indians used to haunt this river and kill fish by means of bow and spear.

The discoveries have opened here a wide field of investigation for the geologist, the paleontologist, the naturalist, the antiquarian, and the curio lover in general. Here are the links which connect the pre-adamite world with the Twentieth Century. The bones of the mastodon, glypdon, megatherium, and countless hundreds of beasts, birds and reptiles that lived and died before man appeared upon the stage of life.

In this vast antedeluvian sepulchre one may give free rein to the imagination and in weird fancy resurrect the strange forms of animal life that walked the earth when this beautiful peninsula was but a stragglng line of sand-dunes and coral reefs.

I, being a curio collector, have many Peace River specimens in my cabinet and, being the only one at this place, I have been able to secure good specimens, which have made me a nice collection, yet new things abound and countless discoveries may yet be made on this beautiful peninsula—Florida.

The American Society Of Curio Collectors.

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Special Notice:—Notice is hereby given all the members of the A. S. C. C. that are in good standing, that there must be an election of new officers, and you are therefore requested to write on a postal card your choice for President three Vice Presidents and Secy-Treasurer and mail this postal card to the Secy before January 10th, 1903 on which day the voting will close.

Every member should manifest interest enough in this matter to cast a vote for his or her choice for the persons to fill the aforesaid offices: attend to this at once, write the names plainly so as to avoid any errors. The names of those who were duly elected and the number of votes each received will appear in February number of the WEST
Wm. Warner, Jr., Sec'y

A. S. C. C. REPORT FOR DECEMBER

Fellow Members:—It is with profound regret that I must again call the attention of those who are delinquent in their dues to this Society, if you will give this matter a few minutes thought you will come to the conclusion that no society can give "Some-

thing for Nothing", our official Journal, the WEST alone, is worth the price of dues besides the protection you receive against the unscrupulous collectors who are on the lookout for the Inexperienced collector.

If those who are delinquent do not send their dues to the Sec'y or Pres on or before Jan 1, 1903 they will be barred from further benefits to this Society. This is final.

NEW MEMBERS

438 C A Damon, Fenton, Mich, American Fire Arms.

439 Walter L. Brown, Worcester, Mass, minerals, fossils, shell Ind relics

440 J. J. Gassell, Piermont, N. Y., stamps, minerals

441 Albert S Teed, 607 Ave. A East, Hutchinson, Kan, stamps and curios

442 Miss M Shydler, Hopkinton, Ia, everything in curio line

443 Owen T Brewer, Arcadia, Fla, relics, coins, min, fossils, eggs, etc

444 Fred A Fair, Bx 95, Boulder, Col, lithographical spems, minerals, fossils

345 G Wyatt Smith, 725 Olive St, Los Angeles, Calif, Indian relics, etc

446 C J Rice, Lemon Cave, Calif, Gen'l Collector

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447 Dr Mac Leman, Tonga, Friendly Isles, South Sea, sea shells, war clubs, canoes, spears

APPLICATIONS

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452 Earl K Metcalfe, Ft Thomas, Ky
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Richest Life Region

Taking into consideration both variety and peculiarity, as regards the forms of life, the Neotropical region (including South America, Central America, West Indies and Mexico) is undoubtedly the most remarkable of the great divisions of the lands recognized by zoologists and botanists.

Of ordinary terrestrial quadrupeds (mammals), thirty-seven families are represented, of which no fewer than eight are absolutely peculiar. Of birds no fewer than seventy-three families are represented, twenty-three of them peculiar, these including more than four hundred sorts of humming birds, the brilliantly colored macaws and toucans and the South American ostriches

There are thirty-five families of reptiles (six peculiar), those limited to this region being all of the lizard kind. Huge snakes are characteristic, the boa constrictor and the even larger anaconda (the largest known species) being found nowhere else. Frogs and toads are represented by sixteen families (four peculiar) and fresh water fishes by fourteen families (four peculiar).

Notes on Coins. BY THOMAS L. ELDER, A. A.

In the present scramble for modern issues of American paper money there is a most interesting field of paper money collecting left neglected, the kinds I refer to are the Colonial and Continental bills. I have no doubt this is because only a few collectors collect because of the historical interest which gathers around coins and bills. Many collectors are interested principally in making hair-splitting discriminations in coin-types, dates, millings, etc., which may be interesting enough, but collecting from such a standpoint does not materially enrich his mind or imagination. Of course there is the argument that one does not collect to educate but to divert the mind, but I wish to come back with the assertion that by collecting the way one should there is not only pleasure to be gained, but something more lasting and beneficial, a knowledge of history, and training of the imagination. But I was speaking of Continentals. Most of our readers have seen them. They were the bills that after the close of the Revolution depreciated so in value that they became worthless and in these late days even "Not worth a Continental" is not unheard. But they "are" "worth a Continental." They are steadily increasing in price, until now one in good condition commands from 15 to \$5 each, according to scarcity. In this particular line of bills the collector finds the most unheard-of denominations, such as "half a pound" "three pence", "thirteen dollars", "nine dollars", "four pence", etc. Benjamin Franklin once printed the old Colonials. The writer recently had one in his possession with the following legend on the back: "Printed by B Franklin." Most of these bills bear

this reading on the back: "To counterfeit is death," a rather sinister notice. Most of these bills bore the seals or coats of arms of the colonies or states issuing them and all bear the original signatures of men prominent in those days. Why not hunt for a few of these early Revolutionary signatures instead of paying immense prices for a "Red Back" U. S. fractional currency bill bearing the signatures of "Colby and Spinner." The collector answers "because the latter is the rarest." But coins and bills not quite so rare should be just as interesting to the student of history and art as the "rare ones and more so, at least, than the plug ugly rare ones.

The California Gold $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ dollars have come into immense popularity and are now rare and much sought after. The writer recently sold 25 inside of about a week. The demand for Gold \$1 and \$3 also is very strong at present. As the busy season has not yet begun there will likely be a great boom in coin collecting during the coming year, and lookout therefore for high prices.

The King's Books.

By His Majesty's command, Mr. R. R. Holms, the King's librarian, is busily engaged in arranging and putting into thorough order the books, etc., at Kensington Palace. He has already arranged the books and MSS, at Fogmore House.

The Royal Library at Windsor Castle, which has recently been visited by many of the King's Coronation guests, now contains most of His Majesty's books, some of which are of almost priceless value. The drawings of old masters number over twenty thousand, and there is a collection of a thousand of the finest miniatures. The collection of prints is the richest and most extensive in the country. The volumes of books total over one hundred thousand, and the whole are catalogued.

☞ ☞ Souvenir Cards ☞ ☞ BY MADELINE KELLER

It is a good plan for all exchangers to keep a correct record of all the cards sent and those received in return. It is a great advantage to keep an exact record of all such exchanges and to preserve the lists of all the names of the various collectors. Some who send a second and third card have been found guilty of not putting their full address on the card. Sometimes even the name is not signed, instead on some is found a mysterious initial or two, closely resembling a character of the Chinamens script. Time and trouble can be saved by keeping full list of all exchangers when your turn comes around for return exchange no card need to remain unanswered, on account of having no address or clue of any kind to refer to. Every collector runs across a duplicate now and then which could be avoided also if a record were kept of the cards sent to each individual. A good many exchangers take duplicates, also the headquarters of the various clubs will dispose of same and send others used or unused in return.

Most collectors prefer cards through the mail addressed and postmarked, while many collectors prefer unused cards. These are generally exchanged in series of views of a certain city or place. New ideas in philocartie are constantly cropping up here and abroad. Certain collectors announced the date of their birthday and ask the various fellow collectors to send a souvenir card on that date. Undoubtedly these are recipients of many fine cards bearing greetings and good wishes.

Post cards bearing congratulations

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C R I T I C I S M

By H. F. OLIVER, Marblehead, Mass.

True criticism, helpful criticism; does not lie in the finding of every flaw and the holding of each particular fault up to ridicule. Some of the work turned out by the most famous artists of the world contain faults that are apparent to the most superficial student of art. No painter but occasionally violates one of the so-called rules of composition. Criticism to be helpful should not neglect the points that are good in a production. These are more liable to be unsuspected by the maker than the faults which he so often sees all too plainly with his own eyes. In noting the good points of a picture, they should be given all permissible praise; a patronizing tone being entirely avoided. By pursuing this course, the helpfulness that should be the motive of all criticism, is secured.

Opposition too often invites a strengthening of the matter placed at variance. Illuminate only the faults and you will find them too often growing and multiplying. Point out the good in a line of work and you will lead the producer to strengthen it only along such lines. The faults will become less and less in number; his thoughts give them no place; he is occupied only with good and striving to learn whereby their influence may be multiplied and made more evident in his work. The surest method of avoiding the repetition of a fault is to be-

come so fully occupied in the business of making our work better that there is no time left for the contemplation of former faults and early errors.

We are inclined to laugh and even sneer at the person who so complacently believes in himself and his work, but the fact remains that while we are laughing, he is working towards success. Though we may not recognize it, the joke, after all is on ourselves. The one whom we have so thoughtlessly ridiculed is by far the wisest. If we but respect our work, those whose opinion is of value will respect us for so doing. If we express in our productions the best that is within us at the time—we are not sincere workers if we do otherwise—we have achieved all that can be accomplished. For that reason, our work can not be wholly bad. Expressing as it does our best ideas, our only course is to argument the truth and beauty our ideals and success is made the nearer.

In conclusion, when you see in the work of another that which you recognize as good, tell him of it. He will strive all the harder from knowing that the beauty which he has sought to express has been appreciated. This does not imply that faults should not be mentioned, but that less fault finding and more hearty praise will be beneficial in a greater degree than the all too common condemnation leavened only with perhaps a little patronizing praise.

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Notes From the Illinois College of Photography.

By H. C. JENNINGS of Nebraska.

The advanced students are turning out some fine work.

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Over thirty new students enrolled last month. Prof. Bissell is kept busy in his office.

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A new book, one on retouching, is being prepared by Miss Weisman and will undoubtedly be of the greatest value.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams left last week to open a studio at Mattoon, Ills. The best wishes of all accompany them in their new venture.

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The first volume of Prof. Cook's "More Light on Negative Making" has just arrived and is certainly a great addition to photographic literature.

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The annual Coon Hunt took place Friday evening, Nov. 22nd, and was well attended. All voted it a huge success and reported a roaring good time in general.

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"Papa" Cramer and Mr. Straus of St. Louis, were expected to join in the "Coon Hunt" and the attending jollities but rush of business prevented. They will be with us another time.

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Dad Guton, the oldest student of the college, left for his home in Indiana recently. His familiar face will be missed by the many friends he has made while here.

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Miss Green of Kearney, Nebraska, left last week to accept a position as all-around worker in a leading studio

in Parkerstown, Iowa. Knowing her to be fully competent in all branches of Photography, we have no fear of her failure to succeed.

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The reception given the I. C. P. students by the Austin College was well attended. A most enjoyable evening was spent by all present. Those having the affair in hand deserve the highest praise for its success.

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Prof. Felix Raymer's new book "Poto Lighting," is meeting with the large sale which its merit demands. It should be in the hands of every one interested in photography. It is published by H. A. Hyatt of St. Louis, one of the WEST'S advertisers. That alone is an assurance of its value.

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The lectures on retouching, given last month by Mrs. Bissell and Miss Wiseman were much appreciated for their value. Prof. Dudley's Printing and Toning department has turned out their usual high quality of work, some of which is on display. The carbon Department under the supervision of Prof. Howe, while doing some fine carcon work, has also been furnishing instruction in the finishing of Bromide enlargements in Crayon. All in all, the past month has been one of more than usual activity.

Ten Per Cent. Solutions.

The photographer is often told to use a 10 per cent. solution. Now, this means that every ten drops of each solution shall contain one grain of the chemical. To help him to do this the components of his developer should all be kept in 10 per cent. solutions, in dropping bottles—thus, one for the pyro one for the ammonia or other alkali, and one for the bromide retainer.

For example:—

Developer per ounce

Pyro Ammonia Bromide

grs minims grs

Thos' Ammonia 1.08 2.40 1.08

Using this formula, take ten drops

from the pyro bottle, twenty-four drops from the ammonia, and ten drops from the bromide bottle, and fill up with one ounce of water. SUN ARTIST.

The American Historical, and Natural History Photo Society.

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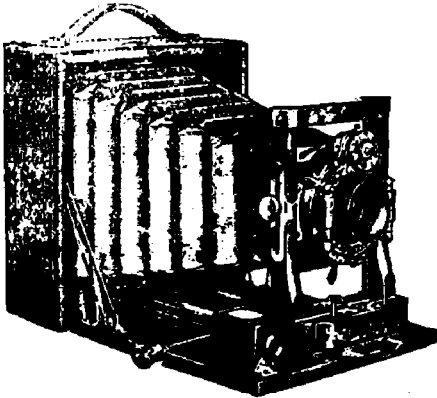
a year's membership in the society, a year's subscription to the WEST, enter all prize photo, and prize literary contests, accept all combination offers for members, one Free Exchange Sale or Want Ad Notice and many other advantages as announced monthly.

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To every one sending us 30 new members for the society we will give a new \$15.00 4x5 Camera FREE.

Start a branch of the society in your city and get your friends to join, tell them about our Camera Offer, and that they can all own it with you.

If you are not interested in photography, we will give you full instructions for using the Camera and finishing Photos.

The names will not all have to be sent in at one time, as we will give you credit for them as received and as soon as you have sent 30 we will ship you one of the Cameras. All names to be sent to Secretary of the Society.

Secretary wishes a good Typewriter in Exchange for a New Camera.

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State Capitol Prize Contest

We wish to secure photos of every State Capitol Building, to reproduce here with a few lines of information describing same, giving briefly as possible, the style, size, height, cost of the building, and any other interesting points.

For the first received from each state suitable for reproduction we will give the sender of same a fine Print Album valued at \$1.00, also a 5x7 print of our Conn. capitol at Hartford to all sending.

It seems almost impossible to secure the State Capitol Photos, as so few take advantage of our prize offers.

Those already successful in our contests are No. 7 Mrs. F. M. Jerome, New Britain Conn., No. 16 B. G. Nichols, Bristol, Conn., and in our State Capitol Contest, the following, who would be pleased to exchange Capitol Photos of

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their respective states with all members, No. 34 B. H. Mead, Hartford, Conn., No. 22 W. E. Howard, Philmont, N. Y., No. 24 W. H. Sedgwick, M. D., Midland, Tenn., and this month No. 52 Mabel I. Doliber, 165 Myrtle Ave., Fitchburg, Mass., is awarded the prize for an elegant 5x7 Photo, and Description of the Mass. State Capitol which we reproduce.

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Monthly Directory.

50. Edw. K. Butler, Jr., 938 Centre St., Jamaica Plain, Mass.

51. E. A. Hill, Lock Box 12 Catoosa, Ind. Ter.

52. Miss Mabel I. Doliber, 165 Myrtle Ave., Fitchburg, Mass. sends elegant 5 x 7 Historic prints of interest and is awarded the prize this month in our State Capitol Contest.

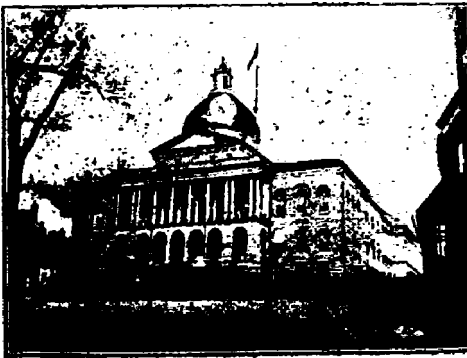
53. F. D. Aurand, Tekonsha, Mich.

54. E. L. Bassett, Notary Public, Room 12 No. 85 Church St., New Haven, Conn., has a Photograph Gallery for

rent furnished,—Established in 1862. This gallery is supplied with all the accessories necessary for carrying on the business, no capital required—operating room has the best light in the city. For further particulars address the owner of the building.

55. A. W. Dunning, Newton, Mass. A curiosity of historic interest. Genuine and original ballots cast Nov. 6 1861 for Jefferson Davis. Each ballot has the name of the voter who cast it written across the back. Unsurpassed as a relic of the "Lost Cause!" Every G. A. R. Post should have one framed. Price \$1.00.

The American Historical & Natural History Photo Society The WEST Official Organ Souvenir Card Department



State Capitol, Boston Mass.

Photo By

Miss Mabel Doliber,

165 Myrtle Ave., Fitchburg, Mass.

Who would like to exchange historic prints of Boston, Lexington & Concord

The State House, Boston, Mass.

was built on Beacon Hill, on land purchased of the heirs of John Hancock for £4000. The cornerstone was laid July 4, 1795 by Gov. Samuel Adams, assisted by Paul Revere, Master of Grand Lodge of Masons. The stone was drawn to the spot by 15 white horses representing the number of states at that time. The building is 173 ft. long in front; height including dome is 110 ft. and the foundation is about that height above the water in the Bay. The gilded dome is 53 ft. in diameter and 35 ft. high and being surrounded by electric lights by night can be seen from a long distance. The original cost of the building was estimated at \$1,333,333.33 The building has been enlarged in 1853-1854 and again in 1901 at a cost of \$6,185,000.

Geo. E. Moulthrop, Bristol, Conn., Sec.-Treas. of the above society is desirous of having all interested in Souvenir Cards address him.



Answers

Queries should be addressed to Fayette J. Clute
16 Marye Terrace, San
Francisco, California

E. H.—The Liquid Lenses.—The invention of the fluid lens by Mr. E. F. Grun of England has been treated quite exhaustively in several of the Photographic journals. The oil employed as a part of the lens is held as a trade secret, the lens being about to be placed on the market. In case it was known, one could hardly avail himself of its advantages without the assistance of a lens grinder, as specially constructed lens combinations are required in order that allowance may be made for the "index" of the fluid cell which forms a part of the lens. The Photographic Times Bulletin for November gives its first few pages to a description of its work with numerous illustrations. In its perfected form, the lens does much more than was claimed for it in the article which you quote. Send 20 cents to the above journal, 122 Fifth Ave., New York and ask for the November issue.

L. M. R.—Sympathetic Photographs.—These are obtained as follows: A sheet of paper is coated with a 10 per cent solution of gelatine, and when dry this is floated on a 10 per cent solution of bichromate of potash. Again dry and expose beneath a positive transparency. The print thus obtained is then immersed in a 10 per cent solution of chloride of cobalt. The parts unacted upon by light will absorb the solution. Wash and dry. We then have a faint image which will alter its color according to the state of the atmosphere. In damp weather it will be almost if not entirely invisible, but

when the weather is fine and dry, or if the image be heated before a fire it will turn to a bright blue color.

Miss L. M.—Sensitizing Plain Paper.—It is not necessary to mix the sensitizing solution for your plain paper in a dark room, but gas or lamp light is better than day light. After mixing the bottle containing the solution should be kept in a dark room or wrapped in some non-actinic paper. Rives paper and Clemon's matt paper are considered the best for salting and sensitizing. Clemon's matt paper can be bought already salted costing less than a dollar for a dozen large sheets.

E. S. V.—No-Gold Toning Bath.—A toning and fixing solution, without chloride of gold, may be made by the following formula: Hyposulphate of soda, 7 ozs., washing soda, $\frac{1}{4}$ oz.; lead acetate, $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.; water one quart. Dissolve the two sodas in the water, then add the lead acetate. Let it stand overnight to settle, then filter. Prints should be made rather darker than for gold toning. Place them in the bath without previous washing, and tone till of the desired color. Wash and dry as usual.

To Photograph Glittering Objects.

Under ordinary circumstances the shiny places of irregularly shaped bright objects produce very objectional high lights on the negative. If the article is painted or varnished and quite dry it will often suffice to dust the shiny places with finely powdered starch, arrow-root, flour or any such (innocent) powder. In the case of bright steel, etc., the shiny places may be dulled by daubing them with putty. In the case of glass objects, care will be needed in applying the putty so as not to leave patchy marks. In the case of solid silver, gold and plated objects, gently breathe on them, and then with a tuft of cotton wool dust the parts with very fine powdered whiting.



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NEW MEMBERS

The monthly list of new members at this writing has not been made up, owing to the rush of other business under which the secretary has been laboring. It will be inserted in the next issue and in the future will appear in WEST and the journal of the joint society, The Photographic Exchange, simultaneously. As the opportunity is now presented, I will insert the rules governing the members of the society. All wishing to form a collection of prints that will increase in value as the years pass, will do well to join the society and share in the benefits to be derived from an active exchange of prints as well as in the pleasure to be derived from the circulating albums. These are only available to the members of the society.

Rules for the Guidance of the Members of the International Photographic Exchange and the World-Wide Photo-Exchange.

To avoid as much as possible the diffi-

culties under which former photographic exchanges have labored, we have drafted the following rules, which must be strictly adhered to, under penalty of dismissal from this exchange:

1. A member must not forward prints for exchange to another member without first ascertaining if an exchange is desired. Where a member advertises for prints to be sent him, this rule need not be observed.

2. Prints received by a member from any other member complying with the above rule must be acknowledged at once, unless arrangements have been made otherwise. Prompt returns must be made.

3. Should sickness or other cause prevent returns being made, a request for time for time should be sent. If the request is not granted, the prints received must be returned at once.

4. A member failing to receive either prints or the required request for an extension of time in return for prints sent must report the fact to the secretary, who will at once investigate the matter. To avoid doing an injustice through a fault of the mails, it is advisable to send a tracer, in the shape of a postal card, before reporting such member as delinquent.

5. A member must always enclose a stamp or use a return postal card in writing to another member in regard to exchanging. The latter is preferable in addressing foreign correspondents.

6. A complete record of all prints sent and received must be kept by each member exchanging. Reported delinquency of any member will receive no attention unless full particulars are given.

7. Members must always be prepared to return prints should their own not be acceptable to the party from whom the original exchange has been received.

8. Members must not address those in Class 2 in regard to exchange, and members in Class 2 need not answer communications in regard to exchanging.

I would like to exchange prints of Boston capitol for prints of all state capitol, also have for exchange prints

PHILATELIC WEST AND CAMERA NEWS.

of the homes of Longfellow, Lowell, (which also was the home of Elbridge Gerry vice pres. of the U. S.) Hawthorn, Emerson, Thorean and Louisa M. Alcott, many of the graves of the above and other historic prints in Concord, Lexington, Boston and vicinity, seashore and yachting views, etc. The exchanges to be on Cyko, Velox or Rotox matt paper, and subject to return if not satisfactory.

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Breadth.

Artists of all schools are practically agreed that two essentials for fine work are breadth and truth of tone. Breadth, however, may be of two kinds: that which arises from annihilating the smaller truth of nature (this is entirely bad), and that which unites "the truths of nature with her harmonies;" this is greatly to be desired. Similarly, we may have breadth of mass of two different kinds: that resulting from the obliteration of detail and form this is destruction, not composition), and that which comes from the blending of detail in due relationship tone; this is impressive and beautiful.

View Includes Too much.

One of the photographs sent in last week reminded me of the following incident: A friend of mine once said she would like to have me come to her summer home and make a photograph of the view from the front piazza. She said it was magnificent. To begin with, there were the lawn and flower beds, with the country road beyond. There was a meadow beyond the road, and a thin grove of trees, through which the lake was visible for five or six miles; and beyond the lake were the mountains. Lawn, flower bed,

country road, meadow, forest, six miles of lake and a range of mountains! Rather a large order for a 5x7 plate. Yet this sort of thing is repeatedly attempted by the beginner, who sometimes tries to include a sunset view with the other details.

Hydrometer Tests

Errors in the reading of hydrometer tests often result from failure to keep its surface perfectly clean. Grease or dirt adhering to it may easily throw it out several degrees. Immerse it gently a little deeper than where it first comes to rest, so that it may be wet above its scale reading, and examine it when making your reading, with the eye at the same level as the surface of the liquid.

Flat-Lying Aristo-Platino Prints

It is sometimes desirable to make a platino print lie perfectly smooth and flat, so that it can be mounted by the edges to a pliable mount, or handled without mounting. This is easily accomplished by taking fresh sheets of paper and putting them through the fixing bath and wash waters, and mounting the toned print on this paper, putting them back to back. When dry they will be found to lie perfectly flat and smooth. A very beautiful velvety surface can be had by drying the prints on a piece of plate glass, as with squeegee plates, and some fine novelty effects can be obtained by treating the Aristo-platino paper in this way.

Bubbles on Plates

Pour the developer over the plate in one sweep along the edge. If poured in the middle of the plate towards one side, the developer will form a line of developing bubbles on its return flow and these are hard to get rid of without rubbing the film. There is also danger of these bubbles forming when a small quantity of Developer is used, as the film is apt to become partly uncovered for a few seconds, and bubbles form on the film when the developer flows over afterwards. Do not wet the film before development.

The Nebraska Camera Club

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NEW MEMBERS

- 583 Dr. Michael Sheldon, Premo Camera, wants to buy prints, send samples and prices.
584 W. Smelser, Rockville, western views to exchange.
585 F. F. Rickard, Avoca.
586 J. Kahn, Cedar Bluffs.

APPLICATIONS

- 587 S P Hughes, Omaha, Box 22, Premos and pocket camera, many western views, Omaha Expos
588 H. C. Jennings Rushville Neb now at Photo College, Effingham, Ill.
589 C. L. Rinker, Lincoln, 1743 P. St.
590 B. L. Morgan, Fremont
591 J. Benson, Omaha, 715 S 9 St.
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593 W Erickson, Omaha, 3816 N 18 St.
594 J V Harmon, Moomaw Premo camera and other makes, have many western views to trade of Bad Lands

Black Hills and Pine Ridge, etc, send prints exchange inch for inch. Also make stamp photos at a very low price, send for prices before trying others.

We want to start out with our January number better than ever and have had talk for a year or more of making a weekly camera paper. Secy. would be pleased to hear from all readers that favor such for there is no weekly camera paper known and the field is large and we ask if there are any that wish to help on same.

Perhaps the latest application of photography is in tailoring. This appears to be a Parisian invention. The person to be measured is photographed in several positions while standing behind a network, which is photographed on the same plate, and serves as a standard of reference. By means of a kind of harness indicating the location of the arm-pits and other concealed points of the figure, the necessary accuracy is obtained

A New Intensifier.

M. Helain suggests in a recent issue of *La Photographie*, the use of stannous chloride as the blackening agent after bleaching the negative with mercuric chloride, as the most suitable agent to obtain a more permanent image than is given by the usual blackening agents, and which has the advantage of being readily prepared, and following is his formula. After bleaching with mercury, wash the negative well and immerse in:

Tartaric acid.....2 parts.
Stannous chloride..2 parts,
Water.....100 parts.

When blackening is complete, which will be in a few minutes, wash well and dry.

Length of Development.

Just how long development should take is a matter of individual taste. Some photographers talk airily about half an hour to an hour, but this is surely erring in the other direction. Few have the patience to sit and rock a covered dish for that length of time and it would be folly to leave the dish uncovered and watch the details "coming out" as a pastime. The alternative of leaving the plate and going on with some other work, we think is not to be recommended. Anything under two minutes is not well under control, and we should be inclined to advise those who are hesitating on such a point to aim by preference, at a developer that will give the "average negative" in some five minutes. This is not long enough to be tedious, while being at the same time sufficiently gradual to be under control.

The Importance of Pains-taking Printing. ❧ ❧ ❧
❧ By EDWARD W. NEWCOMB ❧

To say that printing the negative properly is quite as important as developing it is putting it mildly. No one knows, till the work is tried, how much patience and care is required to make the best print that can be had from a given negative. There are thousands of variations possible, and while the man of artistic tastes can usually avoid trying over many schemes with his negatives (because he knows what his scene looked like in nature and hence knows what he wants the negative to yield) he may make from ten to thirty prints ere he obtains just exactly what he is looking for. One may under or over print, lose in the tonning or fixing bath or may obtain a wholly incorrect and out-of-place tone. The high-lights may print too light, the shadows too deep, or there may be spots to touch out that were unnoticed.

To make pictures that can be sent to salons or be framed and hung in the dining room, one has to take one negative, a considerable amount of paper, some tissue, persulphite reducer, water colors, black lead, retouching fluid and a sharp etching tool or two and spend any part of a day that may be necessary to produce what is in that negative. It may also require a different kind of paper entirely from that which one started with—certain papers are unsuitable for certain densities in negatives—as, for instance, if one has quite a strong negative a good print may be more easily obtained on platinum paper than on aristo, for if the latter is used, reduction and other operations are not unlikely, while the quality may be at once nearly right for platinum paper.

It may take a few hours, it may take a week, but remember, in a pretty fair negative, the whole charm of the scene taken exists and it can be brought out on paper and, further, the effort is richly worth the while, as all know who have expended considerable time, thought and patient labor on some of their best productions.

To describe the various means of securing a correct picture from a negative containing the correct picture somewhere under its surface in parts would be impossible here. My book, "How to Improve Bad Negatives," describes all the necessary operations and is the only work of its kind in this country. It may not be necessary to many who already know how to overcome most of the ordinary obstacles in revealing hidden beauties in a negative. It may only be necessary to appeal to the reason of such people and urge that a good, a really good picture, fit to frame and hang, cannot be obtained by slapping ten or twenty frames out in the sun and reading the paper while they print to various degrees of lying results from negatives just as they come off the drying rack. No, no; printing is an art in itself, and thousands who read this have negatives that could be made to yield prints that critics would pause long before if time and patient work were expended upon their proper, careful studied printing. Take it to heart and try the slower but far superior way of working.—Photo-American.

New York Camera Club Pyro Developer.

A. Sulphite of soda (crystals), 1440 grains; citric acid, 60 grains; bromide of ammonium, 30 grains. Mix in order named in about 8 ounces water (distilled), then add: Pyrogallic acid (Schering), 480 grains; or make solution up to 10 fluid ounces. B.—Sulphite of soda (crystals), 960 grains; carbonate of potash, 1440 grains; in water to make up to 10 fluid ounces. For use, take 1 dram of each (A and B) and water to make two ounces. For soft effects, dilute to four ounces.



Our leader this month, one that contains much that should be taken to heart by all who attempt to criticise the work of others, is contributed to our columns by a writer on photographic subjects whose work; both with the camera and the pen, is sought for by the most pretentious of our photographic magazines. Any praise of Miss Oliver's work in which I might indulge would but seem superficial in the face of such evidence of its high merit. To the readers of the photographic magazines her name is associated with all that is hopeful and inspiring in photography.

This man Newcomb who advertises on the next page is the editor of a Photographic Magazine. I suppose it is modesty that keeps him from mentioning the fact. At any rate, the magazine is called *The Photo American* and as he must have obtained a pretty fair opinion of our readers by this time, he will no doubt send any of them a sample copy on request if they will but mention the fact that they read the *WEST*. They should not neglect to do this before sending in their subscriptions for the next year's supply of reading matter.

I can not too strongly advise my amateur friends to try Isochromatic plates the coming months while longer evenings and a less busy time will allow of more careful experimenting than they perhaps could afford a few months ago. Cramer's Iso plates are now quite gen-

erally stocked by the dealers and none better can be obtained. That the crying evil of photography as a medium of truthful delineation lies in its lack of correct tone rendition where ordinary plates are concerned, there can be no doubt. I only wish I had the space at my disposal to quote from the pen of an English authority on this subject in the last issue of the leading English annual. It would open the eyes of photographers to the falsity which they have learned to accept as a matter of course.

H. A. Hyatt, St. Louis, Mo. has just published a much needed book on portraiture. While intended mainly for the enlightenment of those working under the ordinary studio light; the author devotes several full and comprehensive chapters on the subject of portraiture employing only the light from an ordinary window. He explains fully, employing diagrams to assist the text, how six different styles of lighting can be secured with such a window. Plain, Rembrandt, Sarony, Hetherington, and a few other lightings are fully explained. While the cost of the book, \$2.50 may seem a little high to some of our readers, I can assure them that the difference in value, fully compensates for the difference in cost. There is perhaps not a book on photography published today that contains a greater wealth of specially made illustrations: engravings not gathered from other sources but made to illustrate the object treated.

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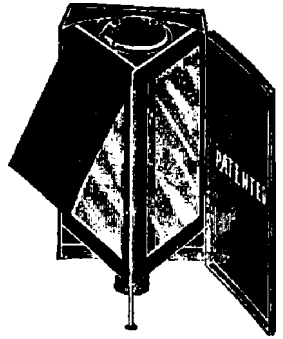
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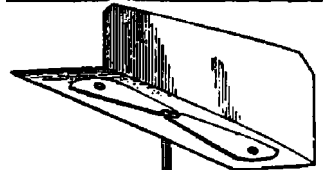


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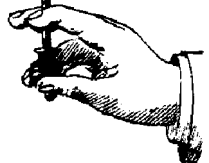
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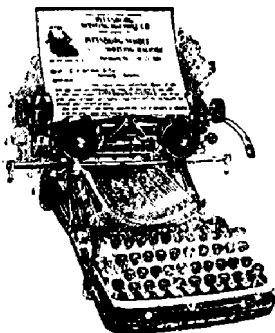
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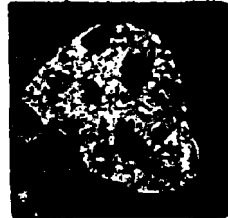
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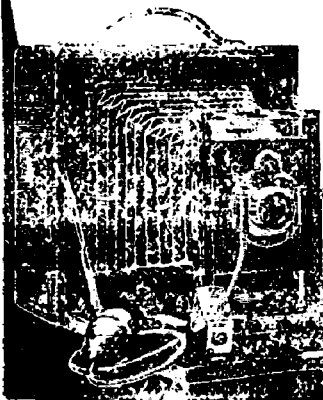
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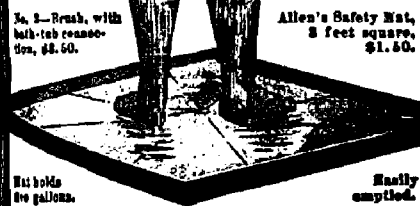
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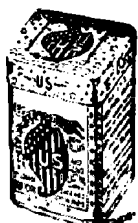
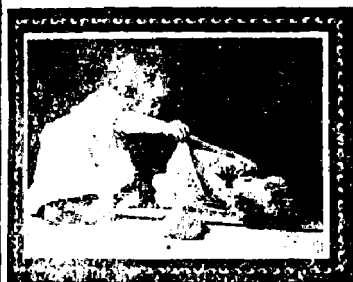
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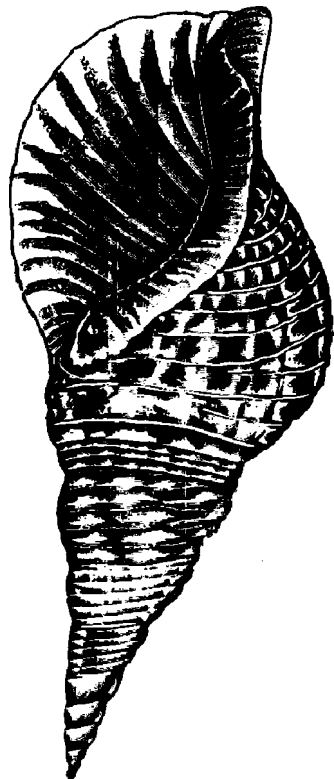
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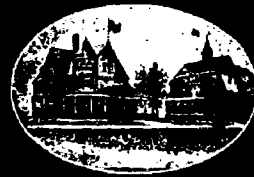
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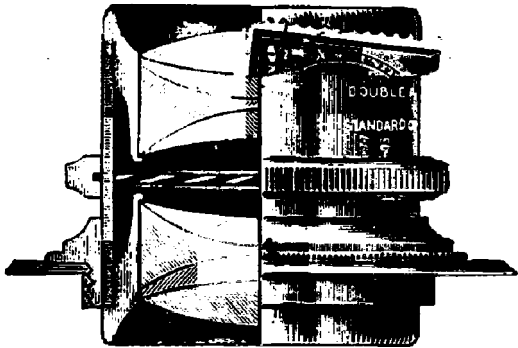
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